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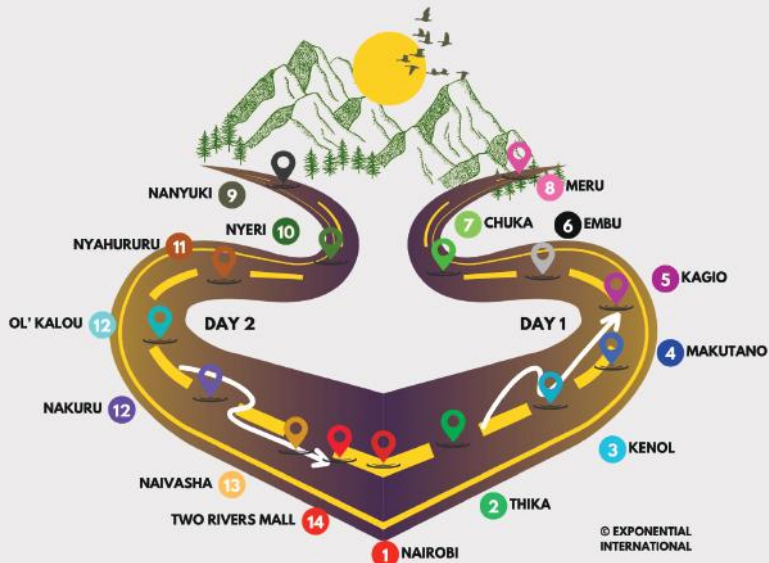
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Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki addressing the forum. Photos/Courtesy.

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Mount Kenya University Students Off To Germany

By: MKT Reporter
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Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

Mount Kenya University's 5th Cohort headed for nursing apprenticeship in Germany were flagged off on Wednesday. They consist of 29 student from Thika, Mombasa, Nairobi and Eldoret Campuses. See detailed story inside this publication



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Makueni Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr has pledged to support the accreditation of South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU)- Wote Campus to be a fully-fledged University or college. Mutula said the accreditation of the Wote Campus to a university will be a milestone in advancing research, innovation and academic excellence in key areas like agriculture, healthcare, and economic development. The Governor said this at his Wote office when the SEKU University Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Douglas Shitanda and some members of the Commission of University Education (CUE) paid him a courtesy call on Wednesday.



Murang'a County, Africa's first to adopt an agro-ecology policy and Act, has established itself as a pioneer in sustainable farming. The bold move has now attracted the attention of international organizations keen on investing in food systems transformation. County leaders say the two laws, adopted in 2023, have created a strong legal framework that places Murang'a ahead of other regions in integrating environmentally friendly farming practices. Global partners, impressed by this step, are now engaging the county on areas of collaboration ranging from farmer training to market integration. According to County Executive Committee Member for Devolution, Kiringai Kamau, Murang'a's progress has shown the world that agro-ecology is not just a local experiment but a viable pathway to achieving sustainability.



Gatundu Water and Sanitation Company has received 2000 new water meters, under the Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) 2 Intervention 11 Project, marking a significant milestone in the company's efforts to enhance water service delivery and ensure accurate billing for customers across the constituency. The modern water meters, which are currently undergoing engraving processes, represent a major investment in upgrading the area's water infrastructure and addressing long-standing challenges related to billing inaccuracies and service inefficiencies. The primary objective of this comprehensive project is to replace old and faulty meters that have been contributing to billing disputes and revenue losses for the water company, while ensuring customers receive fair and transparent billing based on actual consumption. The replacement exercise is set to begin in strategic locations around Kamwangi town, Gatukuyu, Mang'u, Ngorongo center, Igegania, Kanyoni, and Gituamba, targeting areas where meter malfunctions have been most problematic. The advanced meters come equipped with unique tracking codes for identification purposes, providing enhanced security features that make them virtually impossible to resell if stolen, addressing a common challenge faced by water companies across the country.



The Deputy Head of Public Service (DHOPS) Amos Gachecha has called on Kenyans to embrace a united, community-driven approach to protecting the country's natural heritage, reaffirming government's commitment to an integrated approach in the conservation of natural resources. Speaking during a meeting held at Harambee House, Nairobi, with a team from the Integrated National Resource Management Secretariat (INRMS) led by Prof. Julius G. Tanui and the Head of Nature Conservancy (TNC) Dr. Ruth Masha, Gachecha described the discussions as "a strong step towards ensuring that our ecosystems are safeguarded not only for today, but for future generations." He noted that forests, rivers, wetlands, grasslands, and wildlife form the backbone of livelihoods and must be managed in ways that put communities at the centre.

Four activists have moved to court to challenge President William Ruto's decision to form a panel of experts to oversee compensation for victims of demonstrations, arguing that the Head of State has no constitutional authority to establish such a body. In a petition filed at the High Court, the activists want the proclamation and Gazette Notice that created the "Presidential Panel of Experts on Compensation of Victims of Demonstrations and Public Protests" declared unconstitutional, null, and void. They contend that by creating the team through a presidential proclamation on August 6, 2025, and Gazette Notice No. 12002 of August 25, 2025, President Ruto usurped the roles of independent constitutional commissions and state agencies already mandated to handle human rights violations, reparations, and cohesion matters. "The President does not have powers to establish any compensation, reparation, or cohesion panel whatsoever. The so-called powers are just 'imaginary mirage powers' which do not exist in our progressive Constitution," the petition reads in part, citing Article 132(4). The case has been filed by Dr. Magare-Gikenyi B., Eliud Karanja Matindi, Philemon Abuga Nyakundi, and Dishon Keroti Mogire, who argue that the functions given to the panel duplicate those of bodies such as the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR), the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), the Victims Protection Agency, and the Judiciary.



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Gatundu North Parents Protest Planned Closure Of School, Rue MP For Failing To Consult Them

By: John Kamau

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Worth Noting:

- The lawmaker has in previous functions within the constituency announced that the government is planning to put a technical Institute, which would be the first of its kind in the region, and that funds for the project are intact.
- He argued that the location at St Francis Primary school is convenient for a technical college since it has adequate land and is easily accessible as it nears the busy Thika-Mang'u-Flyover road.



A section of St Francis Primary school in Gatundu North.



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Parents of St Francis Primary School in Gatundu North, Kiambu County have protested plans to close the institution to pave way for construction of a technical Institute in the area.

The irate parents barricaded the Gatukuyu-Mang'u-Flyover road with twigs and bonfires, moved learners out of classes in protest against the plans orchestrated by area MP Elijah Njoroge Kururia.

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He also noted that the institution is only 100 meters away from Mang'u primary school adding that it is not

cost effective to run the two institutions separately.

"More classes will be built at Mang'u to accommodate more students. Learning will be effective and levels of performance will improve as more teachers will be hired and capitation allocation will be adequate. This will go a long way in saving the parents monies that they contribute," Kururia said.

The MP also quipped that building a technical college in Gatundu North will improve accessibility to higher learning for Gatundu learners noting that they have endured strenuous years seeking higher education in institutions in far-flung areas.

Parents however claimed that the lawmaker, in a meeting with parents' committee leaders, 'arrogantly' told parents to look for other neighboring schools where they'd take their children from November this year as their 9-acre school land would be used to put up a technical college.

He allegedly asked parents to look for slots at Mang'u, Muirigo, Mwea and Mutuma primary schools, which have no enough facilities to handle the high number of pupils. St Francis primary school currently has 600 learners.

"We were shocked after our children were told to inform us that the school would be shut. We have never been involved in any plans to move the school as key stakeholders and we won't allow the plans to progress," said Willie Menja, a parent.

The parents asserted that the institution is run by the Catholic church and that the Church has not communicated to them over the matter.

"All stakeholders must be involved in crucial decisions affecting the institution. We are waiting for communication from relevant authorities and institutions including the Ministry of Education and the Catholic church," Menja noted.

Francis Njuguna, another parent said that it's an ill-timed decision to shut a

school with over 600 learners adding that the college project can be undertaken at institutions that have shut or are in the verge of closing due to lack of learners including Barigito and Mbichi schools.

Njuguna said that the move to shut the institution will disrupt their kids' learning and put many parents into quagmire noting that neighboring schools are not accepting new learners due to inadequacy of facilities.

The parents also took issue with their MP accusing him of using abusive language while addressing them over the matter. "He said that we are all poor and that the school must be moved. This is disrespectful to us who voted him in and insensitive to our pursuit for good education for our kids," said Sarah Wanjiru, a parent.

They vowed not to allow the institution, that has been there for decades, to be shut at the expense of their children's education.

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ODPP Launches Guideline To Strengthen Prosecution Of Corruption And Economic Crimes

By: MKT Correspondent
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The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) has unveiled the Guidelines on the Prosecution of Corruption and Economic Crimes, 2025, a landmark step in Kenya's fight against graft and abuse of public resources.

Speaking at the launch, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Renson Ingonga said the guidelines reaffirm the ODPP's commitment to prosecute corruption cases with firmness, fairness, and fidelity to the Constitution.

"Corruption and economic crimes have for too long undermined our country's progress, eroded public trust in institutions, denied citizens critical services, and entrenched inequality," he noted.

"These guidelines are not just technical documents; they are a framework to guide decision-making in the prosecution of corruption cases across the country."

The guidelines set out uniform standards and principles for prosecutors, particularly on the critical decision to charge. They also respond to the growing complexity of economic crimes, including the use of technology to conceal illicit activity, and corruption within both national and county governments.

Ingonga stressed the importance of inter-agency collaboration—one of the pillars of the ODPP Strategic Plan 2023–2027. He emphasized that effective cooperation across the justice sector must be built on "partnership over prestige and cooperation over competition."

He also commended the European Union (EU) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for their support in developing the document, describing the initiative as "a collective effort that demonstrates our shared resolve to fight corruption together."

Beyond setting prosecution standards, the guidelines also introduce a structured framework for reporting on anti-corruption cases, enabling the ODPP and stakeholders to track progress, identify gaps, and strengthen accountability.

The DPP further highlighted the increasing use of alternatives to prosecution, such as plea bargaining, as innovative ways of handling corruption cases. Chapter Nine of the guidelines underscores the importance of such approaches in enhancing efficiency within the justice system.

"These guidelines are binding standards that must guide our daily work," he told ODPP staff. "They remind us that prosecution is a public trust, not a personal pursuit, and that every action must reinforce pub-



Stakeholders with a copy bearing the guidelines. Photos/Courtesy

lic confidence in the justice system. No individual, however powerful, is above the law, and no citizen, however ordinary, is beneath its protection."

Representing the Chief Justice, Lady Justice Lucy Njuguna commended the DPP for his leadership, noting that corruption is a global challenge requiring comprehensive solutions.

"As we celebrate this milestone, we must reflect on the broader need to deal with corruption," she said. "Justice is only possible if all the institutions in the chain play their role diligently. We must also invest in capacity building to equip agencies with the necessary skills to combat corruption."

Faith Odhiambo, President of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), hailed the launch as a critical tool in the war against graft. She warned that corruption remains "one of the gravest

threats to our Republic", undermining development and denying citizens essential services.

"Corruption in Kenya is not an abstract vice—it is the ghost in every stalled project, the shadow behind every inflated tender, the silent hand that denies a child a classroom and a patient a hospital bed," she said.

Odhiambo praised the guidelines for bringing clarity, consistency, and courage to corruption prosecutions, while serving as both "a shield against selective prosecution and a sword against impunity." She emphasized that they align with Article 27 of the Constitution, which guarantees equality before the law, and Article 157, which entrusts prosecutorial authority to the ODPP.

She further noted the significance of the timing—coming just a day after Katiba Day, marking 15 years since the promulgation of the 2010 Consti-

tion. "This launch breathes life into Chapter Six on leadership and integrity," she said. "But the ODPP cannot win this fight alone. Investigators must be thorough, courts must be efficient, the defence Bar must be ethical, and citizens must remain engaged."

Mark Mugonji of the Assets and Recovery Agency echoed these sentiments, warning that corruption and economic crimes threaten Kenya's sovereignty and governance. He underscored the need for agencies to invest in technology and research to keep pace with increasingly sophisticated corruption networks. He pledged support for ensuring that every economic crime case results in the recovery and forfeiture of ill-gotten assets.



Those who graced the event in a group photo.

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Kindiki: No Retreat, No Surrender On E-Procurement

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Deputy President Kithure Kindiki has said the government will strictly implement online procurement of goods and services to enhance accountability and transparency within its ranks.

The DP said rolling out of e-procurement at both national and county governments will not be reversed, affirming the Ruto administration's unwavering determination to ensure the system's successful implementation.

While appreciating the teething challenges in the formative stages of implementation, he stated that this will not be an excuse to revert to previous platforms prone to manipulation.

"E-procurement increases accountability and transparency in the use of public resources. We must overcome the challenges and implement e-procurement fully because we will not revert to the manual procurement system whatsoever," he said.

The Deputy President spoke yesterday during the 13th Development

Partnership Forum at the Official Residence in Karen, Nairobi.

Similarly, the DP said the use of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) for national and county governments funds aimed to get rid of misuse of public resources by unscrupulous individuals who had developed the habit of depositing them in commercial banks to earn interests that was unaccounted for.

"These are important reforms we are pushing in the finance sector. The Treasury single account is important because the Government of Kenya's resources must be kept at the Central Bank. Many agencies have been keeping public resources in commercial banks earning interest which is not accounted for," DP reiterated.

Last year, the Cabinet approved the reforms tasking the National Treasury to oversee their implementation to the letter.

The Cabinet decision was informed by the need to simplify government banking, creating visibility of government resources, increasing transparency in cash management and minimizing operation of several accounts in commercial banks.



Some of the forum's participants

"We will not go back on them. No retreat, no surrender. No amount of push back will make us review these policy decisions approved by the Cabinet," Prof. Kindiki noted.

The Forum was attended by senior representatives of various develop-

ment partners, respective Cabinet Secretaries and members of constitutional commissions and offices.

National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi said he will not waver in spearheading e-procurement and use of a single account despite opposition

from some quarters.

"I committed to bring e-procurement to the government. I have issued a circular to all government officers to procure through e-procurement and that position remains until the Cabinet revokes it," he noted.

Othaya MP Hosts MPs For An Outreach And Empowerment Programme

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Othaya Member of Parliament Wambugu Wainaina yesterday hosted his colleagues for an outreach and empowerment initiative.

The lawmakers, from the Senate and the National Assembly had an engagement with community leaders, opinion shapers and general public at Witima Trading centre in Karima ward where they were informed of the residents expectations from the Kenya Kwanza administration.

While the locals praised the government for various initiatives and development projects that has been undertaken and others were going on, they demanded that the issues of water, both for domestic and irrigation, electricity connectivity to some residents as well as rehabilitation of some roads must be addressed.

Led by former Cabinet Secretary and MP for Laikipia East constituen-

cy Mwangi Kiunjuri, the lawmakers promised the Othaya constituents that they would liaise with the relevant government officials to ensure that their demands were met.

However, they will only be made possible through their support for a second term for president William Ruto, an issue they pledged to adhere to.

The residents also raised issue with SHA saying it was not serving its purpose and needed to be relooked at in terms of payment model and services it catered for. They also raised the issue of delayed disbursement of elderly and vulnerable members of the society with some saying they had reached the beneficiaries age but were yet to be enrolled.

They further called for an amendment to the mean testing instruments for Higher Education funding model so that fairness and opportunity may be secured for all.

Other leaders present were Nyeri Senator Wahome Wamatinga, Kabete MP Githua Wamacukuru and his Kangema counterpart Peter Kihungi.



From Left: Senator Wahome Wamatinga, Laikipia East MP Mwangi Kiunjuri and his Othaya counterpart Wambugu Wainaina in Witima, Karima ward yesterday. Photo/Courtesy.

They urged kenyan to practice politics with decorum which is issues based and not full of rhetoric.

Kiunjuri noted that through the outreach programmes, leaders were able to pick what ails citizens in different parts of the country and have them addressed by the relevant agencies and authorities.

"We remain committed to speak-

ing with one unified voice, one that acknowledges both the progress achieved and the challenges still weighing heavily on our people. Through our outreach programme, we continue to listen deeply, especially where frustrations have long taken root," Kiunjuri who is the team leader noted.

He added, "as leaders, we carry these

concerns not as our own but as the voices and burdens of the people we represent and of the nation at large."

On his part, the host told his constituents that much more development initiatives were on the way as he rooted for his and President Ruto's two term.

CoG: Ministry Wants To Transfer UHC Staff Strikes From Nairobi To Counties Headquarters

By: Alex Njeru
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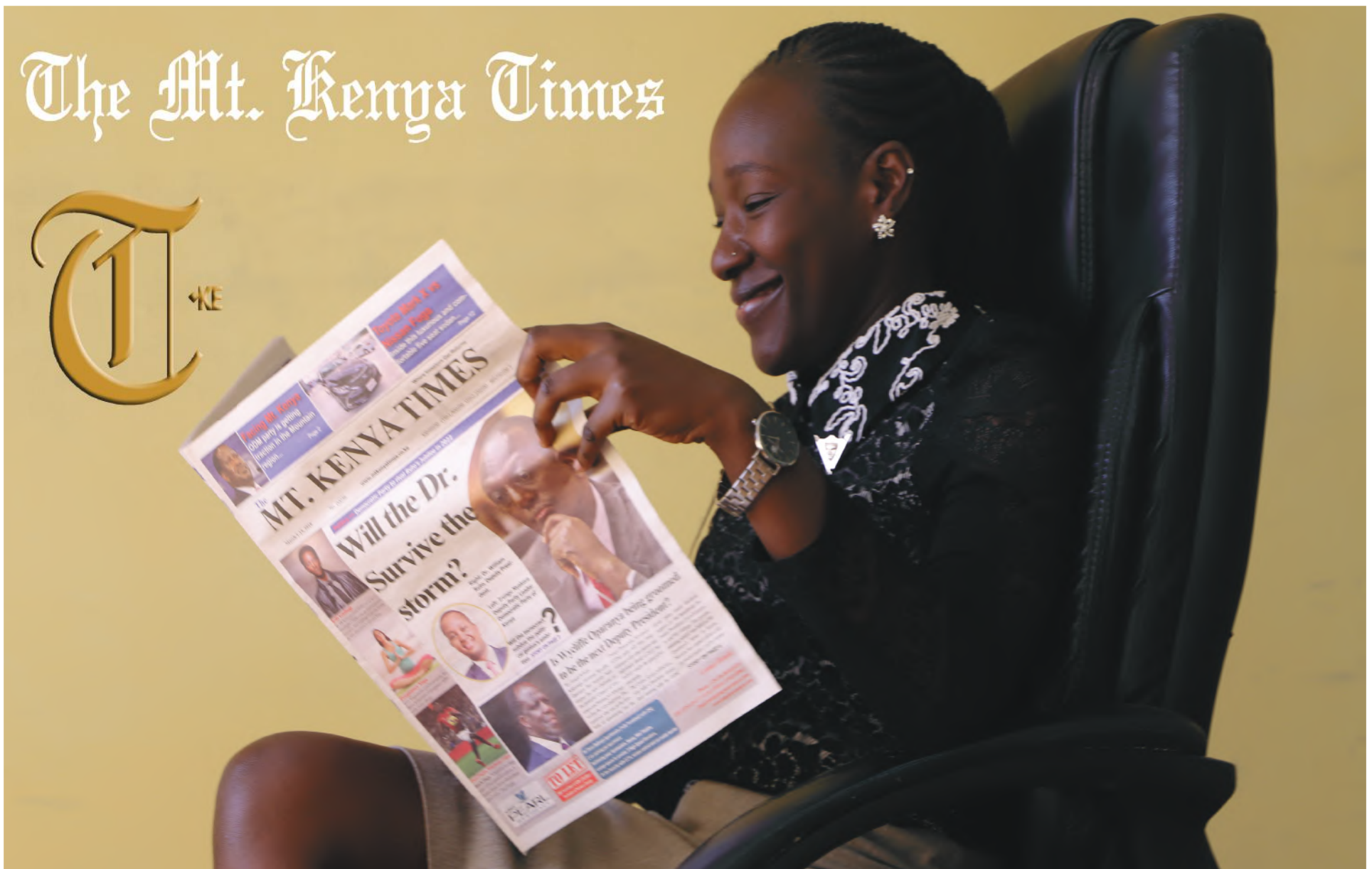
The Council of Governors (CoG) has cautioned the Ministry of Health (MoH) against rushing to issue appointment letters to Universal Health Coverage (UHC) staff without adequate financial support, warning that doing so would only shift staff unrest from Nairobi to county headquarters. Speaking yesterday, Council of Governors Health Committee chairperson and Tharaka Nithi Governor, Muthomi Njuki, said the counties were not opposed to absorbing the 8,700 UHC staff into permanent and pensionable terms, but insisted that sufficient resources must be made available to cater for their salaries. "We will absorb them, but we don't want them to be absorbed by sweeping statements. We want resources to

be availed," Governor Njuki stated. According to the CoG, the programme requires Sh7.7 billion to pay the medics under permanent and pensionable terms. Currently, only Sh6.2 billion has been allocated in the budget, of which Sh4 billion goes into paying the staff under their existing contractual terms. This leaves only Sh2 billion, which Njuki said was far below the required figure. "If the Ministry of Health goes ahead and issues letters to the staff without addressing the resource gap, it will have simply transferred strikes from its doorstep in Nairobi to the 47 counties' headquarters," the CoG Health Chair warned. Governor Njuki acknowledged that the UHC staff had contributed greatly to strengthening healthcare delivery in the country but said their employment should not be politicized or implemented cunningly. He also pointed out that accord-

ing to the current contract terms, the UHC staff currently earn almost half the salaries of their colleagues in the same job groups and perform similar duties. "In 2023, after serving for three years, a summit resolution was reached that they would be absorbed into permanent and pensionable terms after three more years, because at that time, both national and county governments had no resources to employ them. That plan must be respected and implemented with proper funding," he said. The CoG has now urged the national government to allocate the remaining funds to ensure a smooth and fair transition of UHC staff into permanent positions without plunging counties into industrial unrest.



Governor Muthomi Njuki addressing a meeting in the past. Photo/File.



Stop Blaming The Gov't For Your Internal Mismanagement Of SHA Monies, Mudavadi Tells Health Facilities

By: OPCS Press Service

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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has dismissed critics who continue to propagate falsehood that the Social Health Authority plan is not functioning.

Mudavadi said a number of hospitals eligible for the SHA program are mismanaging their operations and apportioning blame to the Ministry of health and the government.

He was speaking in Manda Shianda ward in Malava constituency during the burial of UDA Malava Parliamentary seat aspirant Dr. Enock Andanje.

"I am here to set the records straight. Those politicians using podiums to say that the government is behind the troubles facing St. Mary's Hospital in Mumias are misleading the people. The hospital put forward a claim of Ksh 117 Million under the SHA program, and so far, they have received Ksh 82 M in payment," said Mudavadi.

He said some politicians have continuously castigated the program without proper facts.

"The government through the Ministry of health has the records and I am a witness. I have a copy of the records. If they want to dispute and bring on an argument, I am ready to produce the evidence of what they received in November and December last year and the



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi in Malava yesterday.

subsequent payments under the SHA program," he explained.

Mudavadi assured Kenyans that the government is continuously looking into shortfalls in the Social Health Authority (SHA) to ensure all Kenyans have access to quality medical care.

He cautioned that misappropriation and mismanagement by individual hospitals and health facilities should not form a basis of condemning the program and pointing fingers at the government.

"I am giving Kenyans these figures because I know people are malicious, they don't want this program to roll out in full. If the management of St Mary's hospital is unable to demonstrate accountability, then they carry their own

cross." Mudavadi regretted.

"When politicians for lack of knowledge and without any substantiated facts stand up and accuse the government claiming that SHAH is not working, they should ask the hospitals are they accountable?" Posed Mudavadi.

Adding that "The SHAH claims have to be verified first and what we are putting across as government is that everybody must be accountable from bottom to up and from up to bottom."

He accused a number of health facilities that are hiding crucial evidence on the SHA program giving room for downgrading the program.

He added that the government is cognizant of the challenges Kenyans are en-



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi with Speaker of the National Assembly Moses Wetangula in Malava yesterday.

countering with the new health scheme and reaffirmed that every effort was being made to streamline the scheme.

"Some cartels were using the previous scheme to swindle funds and cripple the health sector. Now, with accountability we are demanding the listed beneficiary health facilities to produce evidence. Don't just shout that the government has to be accountable, President Ruto has to be accountable, Mudavadi and Wetangula have to be accountable, and when you are asked to produce your evidence as a health service provider for the money you have received you begin wagging your tail," he further cautioned.

SHA is designed to provide healthcare

services from empaneled and contracted healthcare providers and healthcare facilities on referral from primary health facilities. The Social Health Authority ensures that every resident in Kenya can access a comprehensive range of quality health services they need without the burden of financial hardship

The benefits under the Social Health Authority include Preventive, Promotive, Curative, Rehabilitative and Palliative health services. These are provided at level 4, 5, and 6 health facilities under the fund.

KWS Seeks 10 Days To Days Conclude Investigations In Rhino Horn Trafficking Case

By: MKT Correspondent

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The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) yesterday sought an additional 10 days to conclude investigations into a wildlife trafficking case against Feisal Mohammed Ali (58), alias Feisal, and his accomplice, Mohammed Hassan Kontoma (75), at the JKIA Law Courts. The two suspects were arrested on Tuesday at Mama Ngina Drive, Mombasa County, while in possession of two pieces of rhino horn weighing 2.2 kilograms. They were allegedly seeking a buyer for the trophies at the time of their arrest. Following their apprehension, the suspects were transferred from Mombasa to Nairobi to face charges at the JKIA Law Courts, which has

jurisdiction over cases of transnational organized crime.

During yesterday's proceedings, KWS informed the court that investigations are at an advanced stage, having applied specialised covert techniques.

The prosecution noted that the offences are complex, with a cross-border dimension that requires forensic matching of the seized exhibits against international wildlife crime databases in collaboration with INTERPOL and other enforcement partners.

Senior Principal Magistrate Njeri Thuku scheduled a ruling on the prosecution's application to hold the suspects for a further 10 days to allow completion of investigations for today.

Feisal's name is synonymous with global wildlife trafficking. In June 2014, he was linked to the seizure



of 228 pieces of ivory weighing 2,152 kilograms at a motor vehicle warehouse in Tudor, Mombasa. Described then as one of the most wanted poaching syndicate leaders in East Africa, Feisal escaped arrest, leading to his placement on an INTERPOL Red Alert Notice.



He was later arrested in Tanzania in December 2014, extradited to Kenya, and in 2016 sentenced to 20 years imprisonment and fined KSh20 million by a Mombasa court. However, he was acquitted on appeal in 2018 by the High Court on technical grounds.

The latest arrest with rhino horn underpins Kenya's determination to combat wildlife crime and dismantle trafficking cartels. Rhino horn remains highly coveted in illegal markets abroad, posing a grave threat to endangered rhino populations and global biodiversity.

Kenya-Germany Skilled Labour Migration Partnership Hailed As MKU Commissions 29 Students To Work And Train Abroad

By: James Wakahiu
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Bilateral relations between the Kenyan Government and the Federal Government of Germany have borne fruits with hundreds of Kenyans including students working and training abroad.

Kenya and Germany signed the Migration and Employment Agreement in 2024 in Berlin which has facilitated migration of Kenyan students and skilled workers to Germany for the last one year.

Mount Kenya University (MKU) has played a pioneering role in implementing agreement through the University's collaboration with Hochschule Koblenz and AG Career Hub which has seen successful training and deployment of three cohorts of nursing graduates to Germany.

Speaking during the second edition of MKU's German Career Fair and commissioning of the fourth cohort of 29 nursing students who are set to depart for Germany next month, the institution's Vice Chancellor Prof Deogratius Jaganyi said that the partnership between the two countries has created more opportunities for jobs, skills trade as well as cultural exchange.

"On behalf of Mount Kenya University, I express our sincere gratitude for selecting the institution as a showcase institution in the Kenya-Germany skilled labour migration partnership. This recognition reflects our shared commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for our young people while strengthening bilateral ties between our two nations," Prof Jaganyi said.

In attendance were Mr. Joachim Stamp, Special Federal Commissioner for Migration Agreements, Germany and your entourage, Kerstin Pffirmann, Head of the Culture Department, Germany Embassy Kenya, Prof. Christian Lebrecht, Hochschule Koblenz of Applied Sciences, Anja Bengelstroff, German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) and Carol Mwangi, AG -German Career Hub.

The VC reiterated that the university has invested heavily to ensure that the training offered meets global standards noting that they have redesigned the curricula to align with industry needs, introduced comprehensive German language proficiency programs, and adopted competency-based education models that equip graduates with the skills

required to excel in international markets.

"These initiatives ensure that our students are not only academically prepared but also culturally and professionally ready to integrate into the German labour market," he quipped.

Beneficiaries of the programme have to undergo German language training which was introduced by the University in 2023. Also, an AI-enabled German Language Training Program has been pioneered to significantly enhance learning efficiency and ensure that even more students qualify for international apprenticeship programmes.

"Today's career fair provides an important platform for our students to engage directly with German employers, government representatives, and professionals already working in Germany. I encourage all our students to take full advantage of this unique opportunity to seek guidance, explore career pathways, and understand the requirements for successful careers in Germany," noted the VC.

Prof Jaganyi also revealed that the University is set to expand the collaboration beyond nursing profession and introduce skilled labour migration opportunities in ICT, Engineering, technical trades and other sectors critical to both Kenyan and German economies.

"Furthermore, our vision includes establishing German language as one of the foreign languages taught at MKU, and deepening partnerships with German institutions for cross-border training and digital learning programs to enhance global employability for our graduates," Prof Jaganyi said.

He underscored the importance of skilled labour migration noting that it not only creates jobs but also contributes towards economic growth through remittances, skills transfer and knowledge exchange.

The VC reiterated that the partnership between MKU and German institutions resonates strongly with Kenya's Vision 2030 and the National Development Plan, which prioritize youth employment and Diaspora engagement as key drivers of economic transformation.

"As a University, and in alignment with our Council's governance framework, we are committed to ensuring that all our international partnerships are built on compliance, transparency, and sustainability," he said.

Her divulged that the university is committed to fostering international partnerships that creates skills, jobs,



MKU Vice Chancellor Prof Deogratius Jaganyi presents an award to Mr. Joachim Stamp, Special Federal Commissioner for Migration Agreements, Germany.

and economic opportunities for our youth.

"We remain dedicated to contributing to Kenya's development agenda while strengthening the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Kenya and Germany," he asserted.

Mr Joachim Stamp averred that through the Migration and Employ-

ment Agreement, more opportunities will be created for skilled Kenyan youths to work in German firms and institutions.

"The number of young people working or studying in Germany is increasing, the numbers are not high yet but they are rising and we are creating more opportunities because

we need qualified people to be part of our society in Germany," he said.

Some of the beneficiaries led by Lewis Kamanga, Rose Wahuthi and Margaret Waingo were elated with the noble opportunity presented to them saying that they will utilize it to enhance their skills and grow their careers further.



Mr. Joachim Stamp, Special Federal Commissioner for Migration Agreements, Germany and MKU Vice Chancellor Prof Deogratius Jaganyi present a certificate to one of the students set to depart for Germany.

Kindiki Urges Development Partners To Back Bottom Up Economic Transformation

By: DPCS

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Deputy President Kithure Kindiki has called on development partners to align their financial support to the administration's Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

Prof. Kindiki said this will boost collaboration and ensure faster implementation of ongoing and future projects.

"We are requesting our development partners to align existing and future programmes with priorities of the Kenya government especially the Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda spearheaded by this administration and the Kenya Vision 2030," he said.

The Deputy President spoke yesterday when he hosted the 13th Development Partnership Forum (DPF) at the Official Residence in Karen, Nairobi.

The DP acknowledged the crucial



role played by the partners in disbursement and absorption of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) outlining key achievements already realised.

Some of the multi-billion-shilling projects jointly undertaken with partners are Isiolo-Mandera infrastructure project and the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) program among others.

"We do not take for granted that with the collaboration with Development Partners, the Government of Kenya has made impressive

achievements in terms of socio-economic development as well as the management of our environment and natural resources," he said.

The Forum is co-chaired by the Deputy President and Germany ambassador to Kenya Sebastian Groth and United Nations Resident Coordinator Stephen Jackson.

It aims to strengthen coordination among the partners and to keep track of co-funded programmes and projects.

Prof. Kindiki said the Forum is important in addressing sticking issues such as faster release of funds, coun-



terpart funding by the government, off budget support, stalled projects, improving the legislative environment to remove stumbling blocks and others.

"The absence of clear, predictable counterpart funding requirements embedded within financing agreements continues to pose a serious impediment to project implementation.

We have also identified the chal-

lenge of uncoordinated off-budget support, whose lack of centralized visibility presents risks such as double allocation of resources to similar projects, ineffective planning and resource allocation, and possible lack of accountability," he noted.

The Forum was attended by senior representatives of various development partners, respective Cabinet Secretaries and members of constitutional commissions and offices.

The Significance Of The Disabilities Act, 2025

By: ICPC

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The new Persons with Disabilities (Amendments) Act, 2025 provides a comprehensive legal framework for the promotion, protection, and advancement of disability rights, aligning with Kenya's constitutional commitments under Articles 2(6), 27, 54 and 260 of the Constitution of Kenya and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

It affirms that disability rights are a fundamental component of overall human dignity, fostering an inclusive society that recognizes and respects disability as integral to human development.

The Act is a transformative step towards upholding the dignity, rights, and well-being of all Kenyans, particularly persons with disabilities. For too long, disability has been neglected, leading to stigma, discrimination, and inadequate care for some of our most vulnerable citizens. This Act directly responds to these challenges, aligning Kenya's legal framework with the Constitution and international human rights standards.

This legislation gives effect to Article 54 of the Constitution by providing for a comprehensive legal framework for Persons with Disabilities, ensuring their rights are enforced. It has restructured the National Council for Persons with Disabilities not only by providing for its functions and powers but also the institutional framework for protecting, promoting and monitoring the rights of persons with disabilities.

The Act also provides for various incentives and reliefs, for persons with disabilities and caregivers can be wholly or partially exempted from paying income tax on employment income. Initially, caregivers could not apply for a tax exemption. Also permanent registration of persons with disabilities is now recognized thus doing away with having renewal and re-assessments of disability.

Key Highlights in the Act

1. Inclusivity: The government is mandated to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the public service and put in place measures to ensure that at least five percent (5%) of the employment positions are filled by persons with disability in National and County governments.

2. Enhanced Accessibility to Services: The Act recognizes the right to access services as an essential pre-condition to enable a person with disability to independently participate fully in all aspects of life. Persons with disabilities are entitled to a barrier-free and disability-friendly environment to enable them to have access to buildings, roads and other social amenities, and assistive devices and other equipment to promote their mobility.

3. Improved Quality of Life: By addressing discrimination, ensuring accessibility and promoting participation, the Act aims to improve the overall well-being and quality of life for Persons with Disabilities.

4. Use of dignified Language: By emphasizing dignity and respectful language, the legislation seeks to combat stigma and discrimination associated with mental health conditions. It calls on all sectors to foster a culture of acceptance and understanding.

5. Disability Mainstreaming: The Act encourages the integration of disability considerations into all aspects of government and public life. For instance, law enforcement agencies and institutions shall take into consideration the disability of a person on arrest, at detention, investigation,



trial or confinement. Further, every national or referral health institution shall employ at least two (2) Kenya sign language interpreters with gender consideration in their institutional structure. The legislation also instructs learning institutions to take into account the needs of persons with disabilities with respect to the set entry requirements, pass marks, curriculum examinations, auxiliary services, use of school facilities, class schedules, physical education requirements and other similar considerations.

6. Funding and Enforcement: Any donations, bequest, subsidy or financial aid which may be made to institutions or organizations involved in the programmes of persons with disabili-

ties and registered with the Council are allowed as deductions for the purposes of computing taxable income of the person giving the donation. Furthermore, the Cabinet Secretary responsible for finance may provide incentives to local manufacturers of assistive devices used by persons with disabilities on raw materials, inputs and imported capital equipment.

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If A Door Doesn't Open, Think It's Not Yours



If a door doesn't open, think it's not yours,
Wait for your right door, with patience and
patience

God never makes locks without keys,
Some doors are for others also

Don't force it to open, it's not worth
Move on, and find your own door
There'll be doors that open, with opportunities
And chances that await for you
with a helping hand

Your problems too, have solutions
No use in worrying, just wait dear
In due time, you will get the answer
And your path will be clear,

So keep moving ahead, don't get stuck in the
past,

Your right doors are waiting,
with opportunities for you
Trust the timing, and have faith in the plan,
Your doors will open in right time.

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What Happened? You Seem A Bit Sad...



We will go in search with your siblings tomorrow
Can't grow our minds to overcome this sorrow

Though we know where our path will end
No one find way to recover your lost fund
Many are trying hard with theories to mend
And, save the remaining grants as a friend

Trying hard to see your face with your beauty
Together we will do for sure, it's our duty
We took million years to leave with clootie
Surely, truly you will be back with your boodie

Still!
What happened? You seem a bit sad ...
My dear mother " EARTH " !!!

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PUDUKKOTTAI DISTRICT
TAMIL NADU

I wonder on seeing you with a subtle face
We heard for a long time about your grace
You are filled with a great source under glaze
No one will rebuilt or grow your downtrace

Why don't we learn to overcome our needs
By trolling ways to be happy with many heeds
Don't forgive us for exploiting the energy you
breeds
We are moving away from you by our own deeds

How shall we learn to read your changes in row
Now we get all things from you, not to borrow

Art Of Patience In Teaching



Patience is the greatest magical wand
Though the students are twinkling stars, the
teacher changes them fragrance sand
All have a unique talent, calmly wait for their
sound mind

Teaching is not a completing progress
Reaching the concept is mutual access.

Teaching is not a work, it is a passion
Crucial view is finding our wards various vision
Stress free is a wonderful tradition
Giving a load of information is simply burst out
From their queries session
Such a point, we are neither motionless nor
motion

Observe each and every to grant the victories
gurus, we must read their mind which is chaos
factories

Rocky as well as fluffy heart need to share
their worries

Listen and listen their dark or bright
sometimes fun stories

We have the solutions to shape their glistening
mind as the beautiful teddies

When we enter into the temple of learning, our
service to the children as God
This is the wisest place of feed
Calmly follow everyone's deep mind
Helping them to go the next fine grade
Our aim is always best to each and every
soulful ward.

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Panruti, Cuddalore Dt

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: Pathogenesis, Diagnosis, Treatment, And Prevention



Clinical Presentation
T2DM is often asymptomatic, especially in
the early stages. Sometimes the following
symptoms may occur:
Increased thirst (polydipsia)
Frequent urination (polyuria)
Unintentional weight loss
Blurred vision
Fatigue and weakness

Diagnosis
According to ADA (2023), the diagnosis is
made based on the following criteria:
HbA1c \geq 6.5%
Fasting plasma glucose \geq 7.0 mmol/L
2-hour OGTT plasma glucose \geq 11.1
mmol/L
Random plasma glucose \geq 11.1 mmol/L (if
symptoms of diabetes are present)

Treatment
Lifestyle modification:
Healthy diet (low-fat, low-glycemic index
foods)
Increased physical activity
Weight management

Pharmacotherapy:
Metformin is considered the first-line
medication
Additional drugs if necessary: sulfonylureas,
DPP-4 inhibitors, GLP-1 analogues, SGLT2
inhibitors
Insulin therapy only in advanced stages or
with severe hyperglycemia

Complications
Microangiopathies: retinopathy,
nephropathy, neuropathy
Macroangiopathies: cardiovascular
diseases, stroke

Prevention
Promote healthy eating and physical activity
Prevent obesity
Early detection and management of risk
factors

Conclusion
T2DM poses a significant burden on
healthcare systems worldwide. Prevention
and effective management are essential for
improving public health outcomes.

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Introduction

Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) is a chronic
metabolic disease caused by a decrease in
insulin action and an inability of pancreatic
beta cells to produce sufficient insulin.
It is one of the most common endocrine
disorders worldwide, and its prevalence has
risen significantly over the past decades.
According to the International Diabetes
Federation (IDF), in 2023 approximately
537 million people worldwide were living
with T2DM, and this number continues to
increase every year. In Uzbekistan as well,
the prevalence of this disease is growing,
becoming a major public health concern.

Pathogenesis

The pathogenesis of T2DM is based on two
main mechanisms: insulin resistance and
beta-cell dysfunction.

Insulin resistance – a condition in which
muscle, liver, and adipose tissues become
resistant to the blood glucose-lowering
effect of insulin. As a result, blood glucose
levels rise.

Beta-cell dysfunction – pancreatic beta
cells produce less insulin or cease
production. Initially, the body compensates
by producing more insulin to lower
blood sugar, but over time this capacity
diminishes.

These processes are influenced by genetic
predisposition, excess body weight,
poor diet, physical inactivity, chronic
inflammation, and other factors.

Risk Factors

Genetic factors: a family history of diabetes
(parents or close relatives)
Obesity, especially abdominal obesity (BMI
 \geq 30 kg/m²)

Physical inactivity

Age: more common after 40 years
History of gestational diabetes
Metabolic syndrome and hypertension

Animation



A drawing comes alive with breath,
On wings of dreams it soars beneath.
One picture speaks a thousand words,
Awakening hopes in hearts unheard.

The glow of colors – a magic way,
Each frame with life begins to play.
Even a toy will smile once more,
Brighter than magic, rich in lore.

Animation – the light of dreams,

Childhood's joy and heart's bright gleam.
Pictures unite to tell a tale,
Opening hearts where wonders sail.

Biography

The daughter of Muqimova Nazora Nurillo, I
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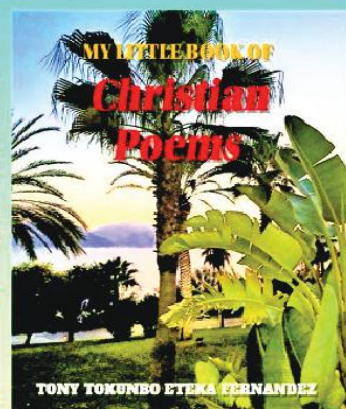
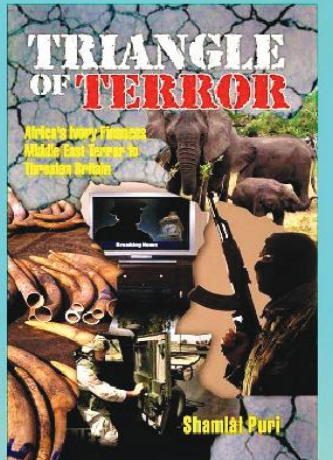
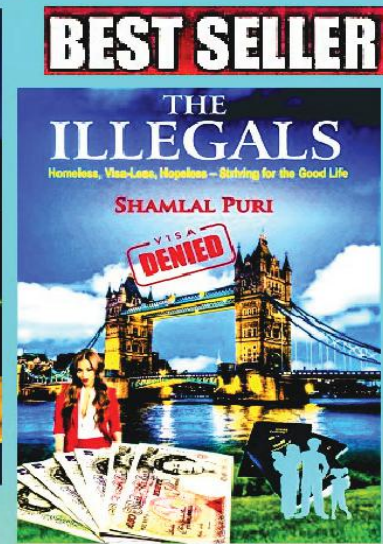
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BUSINESS

NCBA Group Reports Profit After Tax Growth Of 12.6% To KSh11.1 Billion

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NCBA Group has posted a profit after tax of KSh11.1 billion in its first half of 2025 financial results, which is a 12.6 per cent increase compared to KSh9.8 billion reported during a similar period in 2024.

The group's strong performance enabled the Board of Directors to recommend an interim dividend declaration of KSh2.50 per share.

Commenting on the results, Group Managing Director, John Gachora remarked,

"I'm pleased to announce our H1 2025 financial results which highlight a rebound and positive momentum on business performance. The income growth of 13 per cent was driven by a combination of operational excellence and prudent pricing management despite a challenging economic environment."

He added, "Our focus on maintaining high quality assets and enhanced recoveries was evident with the NPL ratio of 11.9 per cent and cost of risk at 1.4 per cent. We maintained a capital adequacy ratio of 22.4 per cent, well above regulatory requirements and sufficient to meet our lending requirements and invest in strategic growth opportunities."

Further, he observed, "In our mission to make customers' lives easier, NCBA Bank Kenya Shillings Base Lending Rate (NBLR) since August 2024 has dropped by 4.02 per cent while over the same period, the CBR has dropped by 3.50 per cent."

Key Business Highlights

The Kenya Bank subsidiary delivered strong performance in H1 2025, recording a notable year over year profitability growth of 7.4 per cent to reach KSh11 billion profit before tax (PBT) which was a contribution of 81 per cent to Group profitability driven by improved cost of funding and better Net Interest Income which grew 32 per cent.

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Notably, the NCBA Investment Bank surpassed 50,000 clients through digital onboarding and cross-sell wins



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with assets under management growing to KSh86 billion. The NCBA Insurance business profitability grew 68 per cent year on year post full acquisition signaling successful integration into the Group.

To improve customer accessibility, the Group grew its network to 122 branches across the region with Kenya crossing the 100 branches mark post launching the Nord Ruiru branch.

The combination of innovative retail banking services including digital account onboarding, digital lending products, diaspora and SME banking activations and the continued waiver of monthly account fees resulted in growing the core bank customer base to 412,000, while the overall customer base approached the 70 million mark.

The Group retained its Asset Finance Leadership of 31 per cent market share through expanded dealer partnerships and innovations.

The enhanced "CarDuka" digital platform now offers customers improved functionality such as insurance products and has a revamped user experience and seamless user interface powered by AI.

NCBA's upgraded "ConnectPlus" online corporate banking platform saw robust adoption by over 90 per cent of active clients who now have

access to faster transaction processing, expanded payment options, enhanced reporting tools, cash liquidity management and integrations with other financial services platforms.

In its strategy to develop a High-Performance Employee Culture, the Group officially welcomed the newest cohort of 50 young, driven, and ambitious interns to the 3rd edition of the NCBA Go-Getter Internship Program.

This marked the beginning of a 12-month journey filled with learning and networking designed to shape their careers.

NCBA made progress in its Change The Story Sustainability commitments by; Mobilizing and steering KES 9.5 billion of Green and Sustainable Financing, Nurturing and planting a total of 396,459 trees together with multiple partners, Empowering 55,335 women and youth with targeted skills building and mentorship, Engaging 8,420 participants through golf, cycling and national sports partnerships and Creating 9,238 direct and indirect jobs through stakeholder impact collaborations.

Others were deploying over KSh90 million to support community initiatives and golf sponsorships and overall impacting 743,768 livelihoods through ongoing community engage-

ments.

Awards

In recognition for being a Distinguished Brand Known for Customer Experience, NCBA was awarded for Exceptional Customer Experience by the KBA 2024 Customer Satisfaction Survey, Excellence in Asset Finance by the International Center for Strategic Alliance, Second Best participating Bank in the 2024 Training Programs by the Tanzania Institute of Bankers, Best Overall Banking Experience by Banking on Women Awards and the 6th most valuable brand in Kenya by Brand Finance.

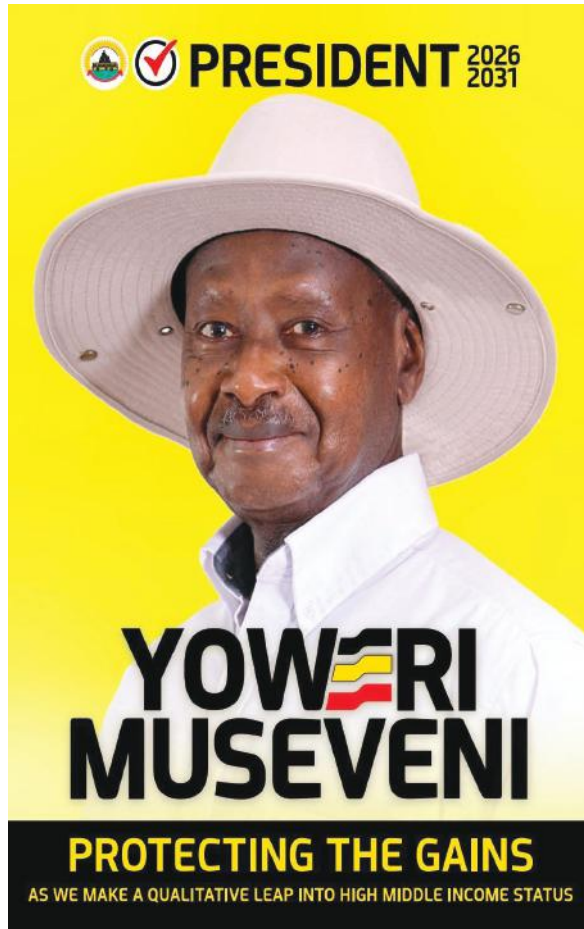
To conclude, Mr. Gachora observed, "The operating environment indicators are positive including global growth outlook of 3.0 per cent, stable KES/USD currency at KES 129, inflation within target at 4.1 per cent and the latest Kenya CBR downward revision to 9.50 per cent. The interventions by the Government are expected to stimulate economic activity and accelerate credit uptake by the private sector whose growth is at 3.3 per cent," as he noted that the bank remains committed to delivering strong financial performance backed by continued strategic investments in people, technology and brand while fostering a customer obsessed culture to drive sustainable growth.

Museveni Endorsed As Ruling Party's 2026 Presidential Candidate

By: Xinhua
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Uganda's ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) has endorsed incumbent President Yoweri Museveni as its flag bearer for the 2026 elections, cementing his bid for a seventh consecutive five-year term. More than 23,000 delegates at the NRM's fourth national conference on Wednesday in the capital, Kampala, unanimously approved the 80-year-old leader to head the party for the 2026-2031 term. "I thank you for putting trust in me to be your chairman of the NRM for the period 2026-2031, and for electing me as the party flag bearer for the presidential contest," Museveni said in his acceptance speech, amid cheers from thousands

of supporters. "The NRM has been able to keep peace here for the last 40 years. This may be the first time in 600 years that this area has had peace continuously," he added. Museveni, in power since 1986, said the NRM had delivered four decades of peace, urging Ugandans to focus on household wealth creation, stability, and the party's vision of building a modern, high-income society. The Electoral Commission said more than 100 aspirants have so far collected nomination forms, which require signatures from at least 100 registered voters in 98 of Uganda's 146 districts. Presidential nominations are set for Sept. 23 and 24. The conference also elected nine members to the party's Central Executive Committee, its top policymaking body.



Trump's 50% Tariff On Imports From India Takes Effect



By Xinhua
 A 50 percent tariff on imports from India, imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump, took effect Wednesday. India now joins Brazil in facing a 50 percent U.S. tariff, one of the highest rates set by Washington. By doubling the tax on imports of Indian goods, Trump is punishing India for buying Russian oil. The tariff went into effect at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time. Earlier this month, India denounced Washington's additional tariff on its exports as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable," saying that its oil purchases are intended to ensure predictable and affordable energy costs for domestic consumers.

Scientists Trace Earth's 2-Billion-Year Oxygen Rise

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An international team of researchers has revealed how Earth's atmosphere transformed from oxygen-poor to oxygen-rich over about 2 billion years. The team reconstructed the rise of atmospheric oxygen and its dynamic interplay with the oceans by analyzing high-resolution oxygen isotope records preserved in ancient sulphate minerals, according to a statement released Thursday by the University of Western Australia (UWA). Their study revealed three major episodes of atmospheric oxygen increase, during the Paleoproterozoic (2,500 to 1,600 million years ago), Neoproterozoic (1,000 to 538.8 million years ago), and Paleozoic (538.8 to 252 million years ago) eras, culminating in stable, modern-like levels about 410 million years ago. "The rise of oxygen in Earth's atmosphere

is fundamental to the emergence of oxygen-breathing complex life, planetary habitability and the creation of vital natural resources," said Matthew Dodd from the UWA's School of Earth Sciences. The study, led by China's Chengdu University of Technology in collaboration with the UWA and published in Nature, showed that following the Neoproterozoic oxygen rise, Earth's largely oxygen-poor oceans experienced periodic oxidation pulses. The events resulted in synchronized carbon, sulphur and oxygen isotope shifts over hundreds of millions of years, which suggests that increasing atmospheric oxygen repeatedly triggered transient ocean oxidation. "The findings provide an environmental framework for understanding the origin and evolution of life on Earth, as well as the formation of mineral deposits and petroleum resources," Dodd said.

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The Impunity Shield: How Decisional Independence Has Become A License For Judicial Incompetence In Kenya



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Kenya's 2010 Constitution was heralded as a watershed moment in the nation's judicial history, promising to transform a judiciary once characterized by executive interference into an independent, accountable institution capable of delivering justice to all citizens. The Constitution enshrined judicial independence as a fundamental principle, allowing judges to make decisions based on law and conscience, particularly given the historical context where the Executive controlled judges' appointments, career progression, and budgets, abandoning the Judiciary's mandate. Article 160 categorically states that in exercising judicial authority, the Judiciary shall be subject only to the Constitution and the law and shall not be subject to the control or direction of any person or authority. This constitutional guarantee was expected to usher in an era of judicial excellence, where decisions would be grounded in legal principle rather than political expediency. Fifteen years later, however, a troubling paradox has emerged: the very principle designed to protect judicial decision-making has morphed into an impenetrable shield that protects judicial officers from accountability for manifestly incompetent decisions.

The concept of decisional independence, while noble in its original conception, has been stretched beyond its constitutional limits to create what can only be described as judicial immunity from professional scrutiny. The Judicial Service Commission (JSC), mandated under Article 172 of the Constitution to promote and facilitate the independence and accountability of the judiciary and ensure efficient, effective and transparent administration of justice, has adopted an interpretation of decisional independence that effectively places the quality of judicial decisions beyond reproach. When confronted with complaints about patently erroneous judgments, procedural violations, or decisions that fly in the face of established legal principles, the JSC's standard response has become as predictable as it is unsatisfactory: they cannot conduct a merit review of judicial decisions, and aggrieved parties should seek redress through appeal or review mechanisms. This position transforms what should be a delicate balance between independence and accountability into a one-sided equation that favors protection over performance.

Consider the absurdity of this position through a satirical lens: imagine a surgeon who consistently operates



on the wrong limb claiming "surgical independence" as a defense against disciplinary action, arguing that only peer review through medical appeals can assess their work. Or picture an engineer whose bridges routinely collapse invoking "engineering independence" to avoid professional consequences, insisting that structural failures can only be addressed through technical appeals processes. Such scenarios would be laughable in any other profession, yet this is precisely the logic that has come to govern Kenya's judicial accountability framework. The medical profession understands that clinical autonomy does not shield practitioners from responsibility for gross negligence; the legal profession should embrace similar principles regarding judicial competence.

The constitutional architecture itself provides no support for this expansive interpretation of decisional independence. Article 159 establishes that judicial authority is derived from the people and vests in courts and tribunals, emphasizing the delegated nature of judicial power. This delegation comes with inherent responsibilities and expectations of competence. The Constitution's framers could not have intended to create a system where judicial officers, entrusted with the people's power to adjudicate disputes, would be immune from accountability for the quality of their work. The distinction between protecting judges from external pressure and shielding them from professional accountability represents a fundamental misun-

derstanding of what decisional independence truly means.

International jurisprudence and comparative constitutional law reveal that decisional independence has never been understood to preclude accountability for judicial incompetence. In mature democracies, judicial independence coexists with robust accountability mechanisms that distinguish between inappropriate external pressure and legitimate professional oversight. The English system, from which Kenya's common law tradition derives, maintains judicial independence while ensuring that gross judicial misconduct including persistent incompetence can result in removal from office. The American federal judiciary, with its strong independence traditions, nevertheless maintains impeachment procedures for judicial officers who demonstrate unfitness for office. These systems recognize that independence and accountability are not mutually exclusive but rather complementary principles essential for judicial legitimacy.

The current interpretation of decisional independence has created a perverse incentive structure within Kenya's judiciary. Judges and magistrates operate with the knowledge that virtually no decision, however flawed or incompetent, will expose them to meaningful professional consequences. This assurance of immunity inevitably influences decision-making quality, as the natural human tendency to maintain high standards diminishes when external accountability mechanisms are absent. The

result is a system where legal practitioners and litigants have become accustomed to expecting a certain percentage of manifestly wrong decisions, treating judicial lottery as an unfortunate but unchangeable feature of the legal landscape.

The JSC's rigid stance on merit review has effectively institutionalized a two-tier justice system. Wealthy litigants and well-resourced parties can afford multiple appeals to correct judicial errors, while ordinary citizens who constitute the majority of court users are left to bear the full weight of incompetent decisions. While judges must be accountable to legal and ethical standards, judicial conduct review must be performed without invading the independence of judicial decision-making, but the current approach fails to strike this balance, erring too heavily on the side of protection rather than accountability. When a magistrate issues a final order at an ex parte stage without proper notice, or when a judge fails to grant timely injunctive relief to prevent ongoing illegality, the consequences extend far beyond the immediate parties they undermine public confidence in the entire judicial system.

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German Cabinet Passes Draft Law To Reform Military Service

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The German federal cabinet on Wednesday approved a draft law to modernize the country's military service model, introducing measures for mandatory registration and assessment.

According to a statement from the federal government, this move aims to strengthen both the active troops and the reserves of the armed forces. Germany suspended compulsory military service in 2011 and since then the Bundeswehr has been transformed into a volunteer army. According to the draft law, Germany's military service will remain voluntary. However, the government can make service compulsory with the approval of the Bundestag, the lower

house of parliament, if the security situation deteriorates or if voluntary recruitment proves insufficient. The draft also reintroduces mandatory registration measures. Upon turning 18, all German men will be required to complete an online questionnaire about their willingness and ability to serve in the military. Also, starting from July 1, 2027, all men born in 2008 or later will be subject to a mandatory medical assessment. The draft law needs to be passed by the Bundestag to take effect.



The Impunity Shield: How Decisional Independence Has Become A License For Judicial Incompetence In Kenya

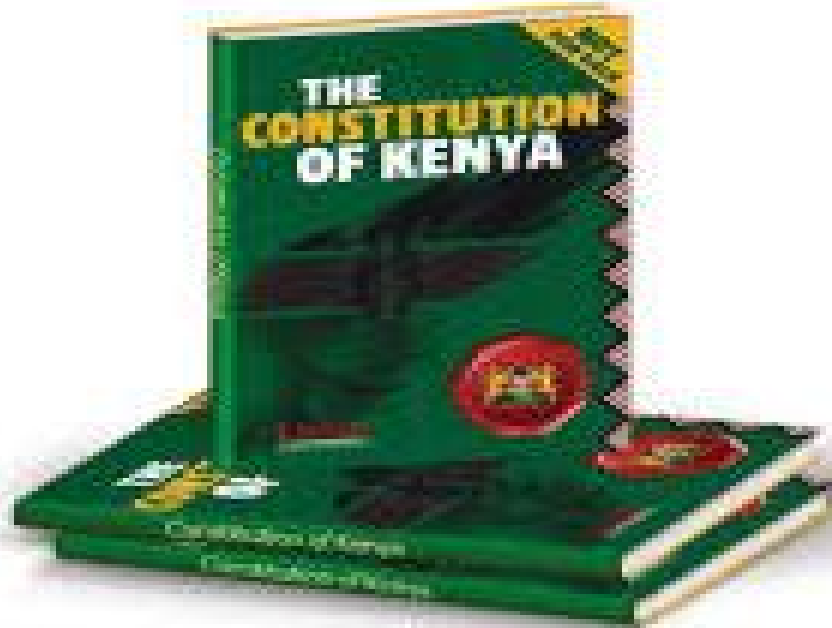
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misunderstands both the practical limitations of appellate review and the nature of justice itself. Appeals are expensive, time consuming, and often come too late to remedy the harm caused by incompetent first-instance decisions. Moreover, appellate courts review only a fraction of trial court decisions, meaning that most judicial errors escape any form of correction. More troublingly, the JSC's logic suggests that appellate judges also enjoy the same decisional independence shield, creating the possibility of compounding errors at each level of the judicial hierarchy. This creates a surreal scenario where incompetence begets incompetence, protected at each level by the very principle designed to ensure quality decision-making.

Here lies perhaps the most satirical aspect of the current system: the JSC has essentially created a judicial performance evaluation system where the only criterion for success is showing up to work. A judge who

consistently misapplies basic legal principles, ignores procedural requirements, or demonstrates fundamental misunderstanding of their role faces no professional consequences as long as their misconduct remains within the broad boundaries of "decision-making." It would be akin to evaluating teachers solely on attendance while ignoring whether their students actually learn, or assessing doctors purely on punctuality while disregarding patient outcomes. Such an approach would be considered professionally negligent in any other field, yet it has become the accepted norm in Kenya's judicial accountability framework.

The long-term consequences of this approach extend far beyond individual cases or personal grievances. Public confidence in the judiciary the foundation of any legitimate legal system erodes when citizens perceive that judicial officers operate without meaningful accountability. The Constitution's promise of access to justice becomes hollow when that justice is delivered incompetently and without recourse. Independence empowers judges to uphold justice without fear or favor, while accountability ensures they remain ethical



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and responsible, but Kenya's current system has achieved only half of this equation. Unless the JSC recognizes that decisional independence must coexist with professional accountability, the judiciary risks losing the very public trust that constitution-

al independence was designed to protect. The donated power of the citizenry comes with expectations of competence and responsibility expectations that the current interpretation of decisional independence systematically undermines. The time

has come to recalibrate this balance before the shield of independence becomes a sword pointed at the heart of justice itself.

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Upgrade From Artificial Insemination (AI) To Artificial Intelligence (AI) Requires Alacrity

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Worth Noting:

- Now, that could only be mind-bogglingly to someone like me who had all along associated his worldview with an AI that only ensured that animals progeny became upgraded through specially identified breed whose gametes would be collected to ensure that a more acceptable trait of an animal was realised.
- To scientifically explain it without butting my eye lids, the AI I knew and still know is where sperm is introduced into a female animal reproductive tract, typically the uterus, to facilitate fertilisation. It's a less invasive option compared to in vitro fertilization because, even though it is still artificial, the fertilisation still happened inside the female animal unlike the in vitro fertilisation which I explained in the opening paragraphs.

Until recently in this artistic language of abridgement, I had known that the only AI existing is the artificial insemination having been a good student of animal husbandry in my formative education. Having spent the better part of my youth in the analogue village in the Chulu hills, I didn't know that intelligence could be artificialized to a point that the world is currently seized of the AI that is artificial intelligence. But what I'm still grappling with, even though I've started learning the ropes of the new AI, is how intelligence could be harnessed and artificialized.

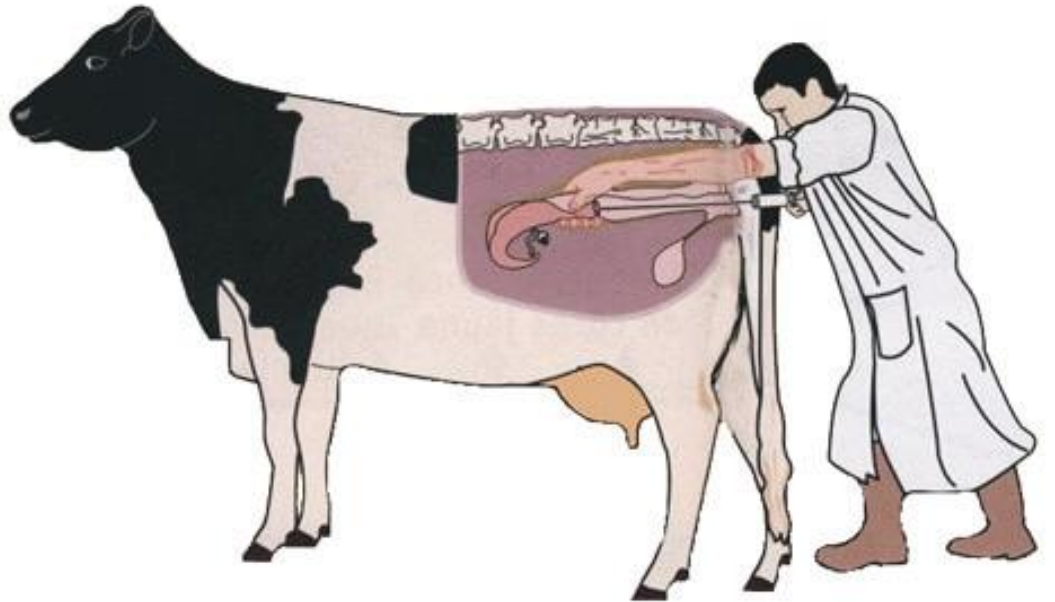
On a second thought, I've come to realise that the advancements of scientific technologies have reached a staggering threshold with such an awesome admirations. While babies can now be "manufactured" in a laboratory through a petridish procedure (what technicians call in vitro fertilisation - IVF) whereby two viable gametes of male and female donors are subjected to a conditioned fertilization before introducing the fertilised egg into a surrogate's womb for a gestational care.

This is what I'm now slowly learning and can comfortably equate synonymous with the artificial intelligence whereby humans, or rather, scientists have developed "brain outside the body" in a laboratory and called it AI. The advanced computerization of machines can easily pass as a brain outside the body because, among other things, simulates human learning, comprehension, problem solving, decision making, creativity with great autonomy that can only be enjoyed by humans only.

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Artificial Insemination

to as intrauterine insemination (IUI) has also revolutionised the medical field at an admirable level, so much so, that it has been often used as a first step in treating infertility.

As the sperm is placed directly into the uterus. It means that it's a procedure that needs a perfect timing with precision of military because the insemination must coincide with the woman's ovulation to maximise the chances of fertilization. Just like the artificial intelligence needs the precision of a scientist to bring a de-

sired result.

It still baffles me, a layman, that AI applications cannot only learn from new information and experience, but can as well make detailed recommendations to users and experts. To spice it all, see and identify objects; can act independently, replacing the need for human intelligence or intervention (a classic example being a self-driving car); and even can understand and respond to human language.

These sounds like the scientists

have decided to pluck the hippocampus part of the brain out of brain that primarily serves to form and retrieve long-term memories, particularly declarative memories (facts and personal events). It is the part that acts as a librarian for new information, consolidating it from short-term to long-term storage by creating cognitive maps of experiences and the environment to aid in navigation and decision-making. This is reflective of the article intelligence!



Artificial Intelligence

The Freedom You Have Been Waiting For

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Worth Noting:

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- You will learn from the strangers who become friends, from the roommates who test your patience, from the campus leaders who organize, and even from the mistakes you make along the way. Join a club, volunteer in a society, try sports, theatre, debate, or journalism. Every experience is part of your education. Your degree will be your certificate, yes—but your character, your networks, and your experiences will be your true legacy.



University is unlike high school. Here, there are no roll calls in the morning, no prefects to keep you in line, and no bell to announce every move. For the first time in your life, you will have the freedom to shape your own days. That freedom can feel intoxicating.

You can choose to attend lectures—or not. You can decide whether to spend your pocket money on food, fashion, or fun. You can stay up late, wake up late, and live as though the world has no rules. But here lies your first test: freedom without discipline is destruction in disguise.

The choices you make in your first semester will set the tone for your years here. Choose wisely.

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The Temptations of Campus Life

Allow me to be frank: university is also a place of temptations. The bright lights of campus parties, the allure of new freedoms, and the influence of peer pressure will always be within reach. Some students come with dreams of building their futures, only to lose themselves in alcohol, drugs, or reckless relationships.

Do not let the noise of distraction drown out the voice of your purpose. Have fun, yes—but remember why you are here. Success in university is not about avoiding fun, but about balancing it with discipline. Let your choices reflect the person you aspire to become.

Money, Survival, and Sacrifice

For many, this will also be the first time to manage money. Some of you come from families that have stretched themselves to see you here. Others will survive on loans, bursaries, or small allowances. Money will never seem enough and sometimes it won't be.

Learn to budget. Learn to sacrifice. Learn the difference between wants and needs. Remember that wealth in campus is not measured by trendy clothes, smartphones, or flashy lifestyles. True wealth is in knowledge gained, friendships formed, and character built.

The Struggles You Will Face

It would be dishonest to paint university life only in bright colors. There will be challenges. Some of you will sit through lectures you don't understand. Some will wrestle with loneliness, heartbreak, or homesickness. Others may even struggle with mental health or the pressure to fit in.

Do not carry these burdens alone. Seek support from your lecturers, peers, or the university counseling centers. Speak up. Reach out. You are not alone in this journey, and asking for help is never a weakness, it is wis-

dom.

Failure Is Not the End

In campus, failure may visit you. It may come as a disappointing grade, a project gone wrong, or a relationship that breaks your heart. But failure is not final, it is feedback. Learn, adjust, and rise again. Some of the most successful people stumbled in university, yet their resilience turned their setbacks into stepping stones.

A Call to Purpose

So, dear freshmen, remember this: you are not just here to earn a degree—you are here to discover who you are. University is the time to dream, to dare, and to define your path in life. Write boldly. Walk courageously. And when you graduate, may you carry not just a certificate in your hand, but wisdom in your heart.

Welcome to university. The journey begins now.

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Nothing For Free: Ruto Tells Harambee Stars Chan Squad As He Pledges Deposit For Affordable Housing



President William Ruto visiting Harambee Stars players at their hotel this morning after beating Morocco in CHAN

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Speaking yesterday at State House, Nairobi, when hosting Harambee Stars to a luncheon, the Head of State lauded the team's effort despite falling short at the hands of Madagascar following a 3-4 post-match penalty loss in the last eight.

"You have an opportunity to choose a two-bedroom house in any town of your choice. Every team member here, we are going to pay for you one million shillings, and you will pay the other one million, or through a mortgage plan spread over 20 years, which would translate to payment of 2,000 or 3,000 shillings per month," Ruto announced.

"There is no room for exchanging the house for money. You only get the chance to choose which town you want it," he added.

The President clarified that the

initiative is not about giving out free houses but encouraging responsibility and sustainability. "We must be a responsible country. There is no bending of rules, no free lunch, except this one," he added.

The President urged the players to register with Bom Yangu Platform, assuring them that their sacrifice on the pitch would be matched with tangible support off it.

The gesture, Ruto noted, was a token of appreciation for the team's contribution and commitment despite the early exit from

CHAN 2024.

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Ruto On FKF's Hussein, Mariga: If They Ever Mess Up Report Them To Me



CAF boss Patrice Motsepe (left) signs a visitor's book after arriving in Kenya, and welcomed by FKF boss Hussein Mohammed and VP MacDonal Mariga. PHOTO/ FKF

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Ruto speaking yesterday while hosting the Harambee Stars Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) squad for a luncheon at State House, the head of state exuded belief in their administration to steer Kenyan football to glory.

Earlier this week, on Monday, Hussein downplayed any rift, insisting that relations within the federation remain cordial, explaining that each official has well-defined responsibilities un-

der the FKF constitution and statutes.

Hussein stressed that while he has no personal issues, Mariga, as vice president, is best placed to clarify his own position.

"The concerns that we have had in the past is the governance around FKF. I can now tell the country that we have confidence. I know the current president very well, and I know my good friend Mariga very well. These two gentlemen are people of integrity, people of honor," Ruto said.

"If they ever mess up, please report them to me. I know what to do with them. But I know they will not," Ruto added

Meanwhile, Ruto appealed to

corporates to come on board and partner with FKF in building the game ahead of the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations that Kenya is co-hosting alongside neighbors Tanzania and Uganda.

To create an organized partnership framework, the President said he would convene a meeting next week bringing together FKF, the Sports Ministry, and corporate sponsors to align contributions.

"We want corporates to know where they can plug in, in an organized manner, so that we support the whole ecosystem from the bottom, as other countries have done," Ruto stated.

The Head of State assured that the government would commit

public resources to football but stressed that long-term success requires collective effort.

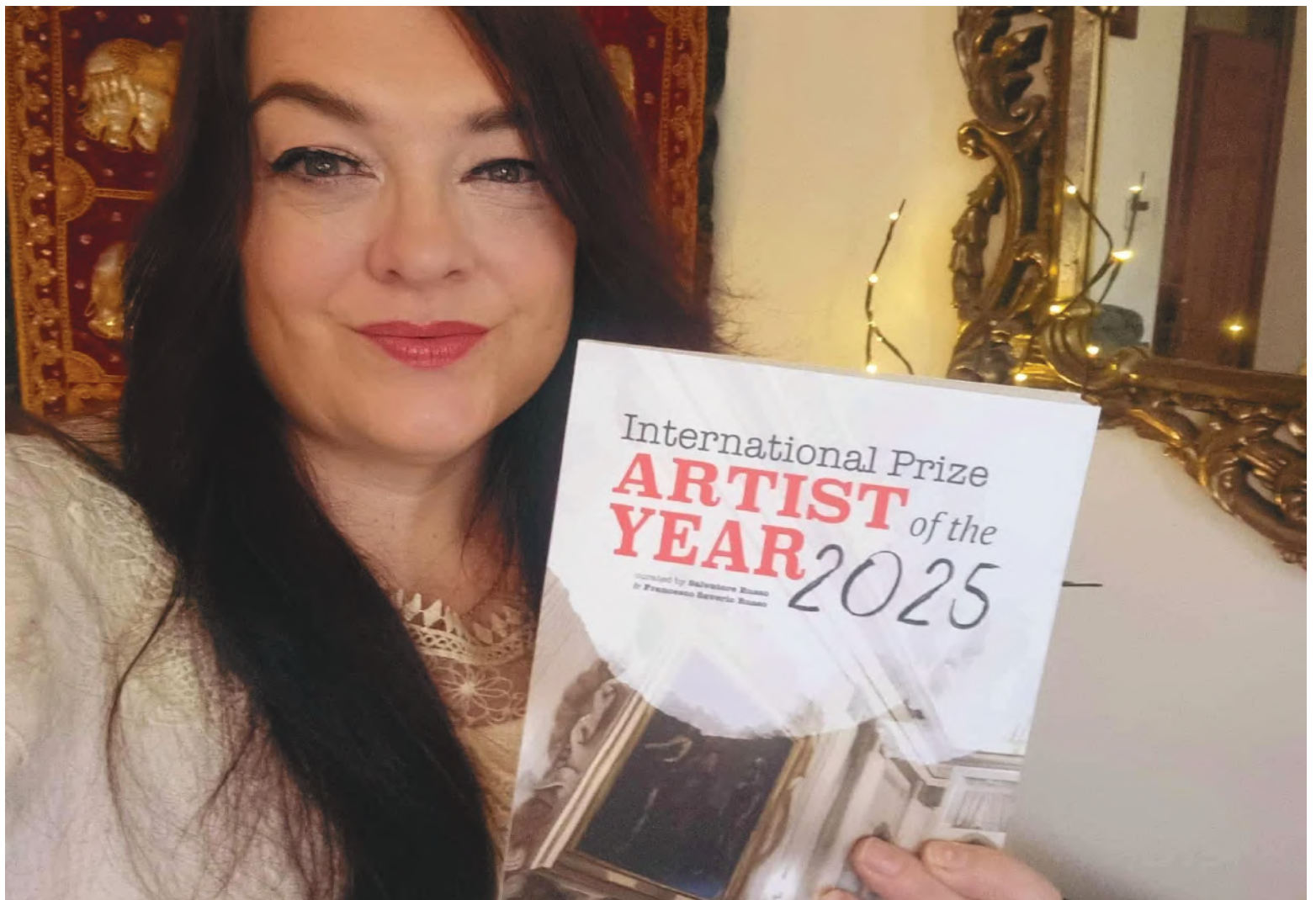
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The Inspiring Journey Of Self-Taught Artist Trudy Wright



Worth Noting:

- Trudy's early life was marked by self-doubt and uncertainty. With minimal academic achievements and wavering motivation, she struggled to find her place in the world. However, as she navigated the challenges of her youth, Trudy began to discover her creative voice.
- During the lockdown, Trudy turned to YouTube, immersing herself in tutorials and insights on abstract art. With each video, she felt a connection to something greater, a divine spark that coursed through her veins. The act of creation became a dialogue with the universe, an exploration of the divine within.
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Biography

Trudy Wright, a self-taught artist born in London, England, in 1980, has emerged as a vibrant storyteller through her art. Her journey, which began in the stillness of lockdown, is a testament to the transformative power of creativity.

Early Life and Challenges

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Achievements and Recognition

Trudy's artwork has been shown in art fairs and museums around the world, giving her recognition in several prestigious awards, including

- Meam to Luxembourg Art Prize

- Women of Art in Biennale London

- Leonardo da Vinci Award held at the Museum of Science and Technology

- International Artist of the Year awards 2025 held at the historic Palazzo Pucci in Florence

A Legacy of Creativity

Trudy's legacy extends beyond her art. She inspires others to embark on their own journey of self-discovery, to cherish every moment, and to find solace in the act of creation. As Trudy continues to paint, she reminds us that the journey, not the end goal, is what truly matters.

The Power of Creativity

Trudy's story is a testament to the transformative power of creativity. Through her art, she invites others to embark on their own journey of self-discovery, to find solace in the

act of creation, and to forge connections that transcend time and space. As we look to the future, we are reminded that creativity can be a powerful tool for transformation, a reminder that within the silence of isolation, we can discover the rhythm of our souls.

Conclusion

Trudy Wright's journey is a shining example of the power of creativity to transform and inspire. From lockdown to legacy, her story is a testament to the human spirit's capacity for growth, resilience, and hope. As Trudy continues to paint, she inspires us all to cherish every moment and to find solace in the act of creation. With each pour of paint and tilt of the canvas, she paints not just her past but the boundless possibilities of the future, a future where creativity reigns and the spirit of self-discovery continues to flourish.