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Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, Kenya's founding father and first president, is widely remembered for his iconic speech delivered during Kenya's first Independence Day celebrations, in which he identified the nation's greatest challenges as ignorance, poverty and disease, and called for concerted efforts by all Kenyans to eradicate them without delay. Page 18

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Caucus Of Government Appointees From Mt Kenya Region And Its Diaspora Holds 3rd Public Engagement Forum In Embu

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Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

Senior government appointees from the mountain region have formed a caucus for championing the interests of the Kenya Kwanza administration.

The caucus has drawn a roadmap that will see them traverse the region, highlighting the progress and various initiatives undertaken by President William Ruto since ascending to the highest political office in the country.

So far, the team, working under the auspices of “Jamii Imara Mashinani” with the theme, “Tukutane, Tujadiliane na Tushirikiane”, has held three public engagement meetings in Murang’a, Kirinyaga and Embu counties.

The caucus comprises of Cabinet Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Chairpersons, Directors, and Chief Executive Officers of State Corporations drawn from Mt Kenya region and its diaspora.

It is headed by Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary Ms Mary Muthoni. Other senior officials in the caucus are Kenya Biovax Institute director Harrison Wangoro and Kenya Highway Authority (KeNHA) chairperson Ms Winfrida Ngumi. On Saturday, the team met at Kangaru near Embu town for the third meeting where they were hosted by area governor Cecily Mbarire.

The team outlined various milestones that the government had made in addressing the needs and aspirations of the citizens.

The team emphasized the need for residents enrolling with SHA so as to get easier and free access to medical attention.

PS Muthoni led her colleagues in the government in urging the area residents all register with SHA saying it was offering far better service than the defunct NHIF. The leaders also urged the locals in particular and mountain residents in general not to be hoodwinked by cheap political propaganda to concentrate on opposition politics at the cost of development and their wellbeing.

Various government departments and agencies had tagged along experts who had pitched tents where they addressed various concerns raised by the locals.



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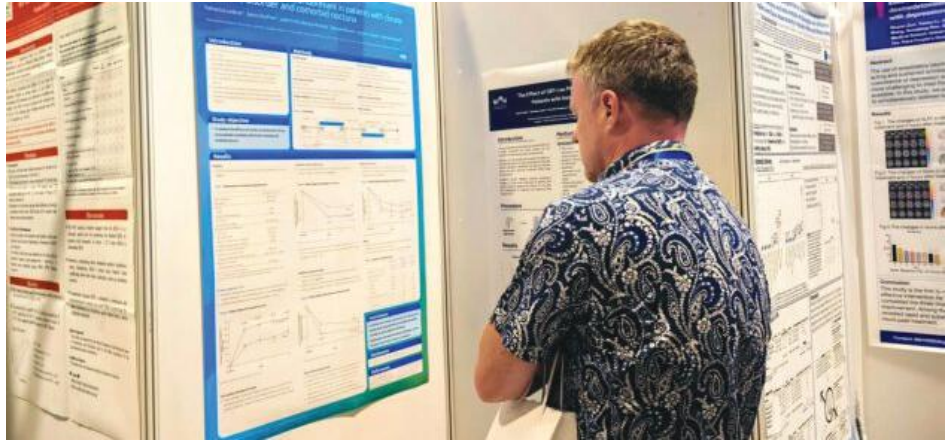
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The Principal Secretary for Water and Sanitation last week chaired a management meeting with the North Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency, led by the Chief Executive Officer, Edwin Rotich, and the contractor implementing the Moi’s Bridge–Matunda Towns Water Supply Project. The meeting focused on reviewing progress of works and identifying measures to fast-track implementation to ensure that the project is delivered within its set timelines. Once completed, the project will significantly boost access to clean and reliable water for households and businesses in the two fast-growing towns, contributing to improved health, livelihoods, and economic opportunities in the region. The State Department remains committed to ensuring that all ongoing projects are implemented efficiently, transparently, and with the intended impact for communities.



Kwale County seeks to invest more in irrigation farming to enhance food security and promote economic growth. The coastal county seeks to maximize its arable land to promote year-round agriculture. Governor Fatuma Achani says the devolved unit is focused on irrigation farming in arid and semi-arid areas to secure Kwale’s agricultural future. To achieve this, Governor Achani says the county has been providing support to local farmers by distributing certified seeds, improved variety of crops, fertilizers and irrigation equipment. Achani was speaking during an assessment tour of the Nyalani Dam Irrigation project in Vigurungani village Puma ward, Kinango Sub County.



Siaya county government has sacked more than 380 workers who reported to the health department early this year using forged employment documents. According to the Chief Executive Officer of the Siaya County Public Service Board, Wilfred Ouma Nyagudi, the board was forced to carry out an authentication exercise targeting over 500 people following a hue and cry that those engaged this year had gone without salary for close to eight months. Addressing the media in his office, Nyagudi said that the Board only employed 120 workers who were issued with authentic letters after a rigorous interview exercise and was surprised that while reporting, the number all of a sudden ballooned. He said that a criminal syndicate appeared to have taken advantage of the situation and forged letters which were issued to unsuspecting youth.



Turkana County Government has in collaboration with the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) through the PREPARE Project concluded a five-day training on epidemic preparedness at the grassroots level. The training brought together 30 community-based workers including Community Health Promoters (CHPs), Community Disease Reporters (CDRs), Community Health Assistants (CHAs), environmental and climate change champions, as well as KRCS volunteers from Lokichoggio and Lokiriamia cross-border sub-counties. The programme focused on three core areas: Epidemic Preparedness and Response in Communities (EPiC), Community-Based Surveillance (CBS), and Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA). Using the Epidemic Control Toolkit (ECV) — a mobile USSD code (38460#) — participants were trained on practical approaches to detect and report potential diseases and disasters.

Hong Kong-listed, Nanjing, Jiangsu province-based Simcere Pharmaceutical Group Ltd said that Quviviq, a new-generation anti-insomnia therapy developed in collaboration with Swiss company, Idorsia, has garnered widespread attention from domestic and international experts at the World Sleep Congress, one of the most influential academic conferences in the field of sleep medicine, which concluded in Singapore on Wednesday. A real-world study led by Claudio Liguori, an expert in systems medicine from Italy, showed that over a 12-month period, the medicine not only improved nighttime symptoms associated with insomnia, but also enhanced daytime functioning in patients.

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JSS Teachers In Murang'a Push For Autonomy, Better Facilities In Their Institutions

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Worth Noting:

- The teachers led by the officials of Kenya Junior School Teachers Association, Murang'a branch argued that JSS level should not be treated merely as an extension of primary education but recognized as an independent entity with its own leadership, resources, and curriculum focus.
- One of the educators, Mr. Ronald Atamba stated that autonomy of JSS would help strengthen both curricular and co-curricular activities tailored to the needs of learners.

Junior Secondary School (JSS) teachers working in various schools within Murang'a County have called for the full autonomy of JSS.

In a press conference held on Friday, the teachers demanded for a distinct administrative structure separate from that of primary schools where JSS are currently hosted.

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"Junior secondary schools should be viewed as a separate entity with its own administration. All this is for the good of learners," noted Atamba.

He further emphasized the urgent need for improved infrastructure, particularly science laboratories, to support teaching of science subjects adding that many schools don't have equipped labs and mostly learners miss crucial opportunities for practical training.

"Most CBE subjects are practical. Without proper laboratories and equipment, students cannot fully benefit from the system," He added.

On his part, another JSS teacher Mr. Henry Otieng'ino echoed the call for independence of JSS and highlighted the shortage of skilled teachers.

"Every subject needs a qualified teacher, but many schools are struggling with gaps. Unfortunately in some cases teachers of humanities are subjected to teach science subjects.



A section of JSS teachers from Murang'a County led by their leaders during a press conference.

There is a shortage of science teachers in many of the JSS. We need enough trained staff so learners are not disadvantaged," He said, urging the government to address the staffing crisis.

Ms. Julien Mwangi, also speaking during the press conference, criticized the internship terms under which many JSS teachers are currently employed. She noted that most of them had already completed teaching practice during their training and therefore deserved permanent and pensionable

positions under the Teachers Service Commission (TSC).

"It is unfair to treat us as interns after we have already gone through professional attachment. We are calling on education stakeholders to absorb us fully into the system," She remarked.

Another tutor, James Munene, faulted the habit of buying exam papers to assess JSS learners.

Munene observed that most bought examination papers of low quality and don't align with the CBE syllabus.

"JSS teachers are qualified to set exams for their learners. Some of the papers sourced elsewhere are outdated and don't factor changes in the new

curriculum." He added.

The teachers maintained that granting JSS autonomy and strengthening resources would not only improve the quality of teaching and learning but also give dignity to the teaching profession at this crucial stage of education.

Education stakeholders in Murang'a are now waiting for an official response from the Ministry of Education and the TSC regarding the teachers' concerns.

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ODM To Mark 20 Years With Grand Celebrations In Mombasa

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The Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) is gearing up for a historic milestone as it prepares to celebrate its 20th anniversary this October with a series of colourful events in Mombasa and across the country.

ODM Deputy Party Leader and Mombasa Governor, Abdulswamad Nassir, who chaired the planning committee in Mombasa, said the celebrations would honour two decades of resilience, sacrifice, and unyielding commitment to democracy and the people of Kenya.

The anniversary festivities will include build-up events in Wajir and Migori counties, with major activities slated for October 11 and 12 in Mombasa.

Among the highlights are a women's convention on October 10 at the Jomo Kenyatta A.S.K Showground in Nyali, a swimming gala, and a football tournament featuring Kenya Premier League giants Shabana FC, AFC Leopards, Bandari FC, and Gor Mahia.

On the eve of the anniversary, a mega concert will rock Tononoka Grounds, setting the stage for the

main celebration at Mama Ngina Waterfront on October 11, where founding members and departed heroes of the party will be honoured. An inter-denominational prayer service will crown the events on October 12.

"These celebrations are going to be celebrations not just on the life of a political party but on the life that Kenya believes in. It is going to be an array of activities that will be going on at the same time," he stated.

Junet Mohammed, Suna East MP and ODM Director of Elections and Campaigns, affirmed that the 20th celebration is important to the party because "It reminds us where we came from, where we are and where we want to go".

He termed the celebrations a rebirth of the party in readiness for the 2027 General Election, saying that the party is keen to prepare itself as it assesses its achievements and plans for the future.

"We want to prepare ourselves for the coming election as a party because as you're aware, we are the second largest party in Parliament. We have the highest number of Members of Parliament and we want to make sure that our party becomes bigger than it is today," he stated.

He further noted that the 20-year-old party has participated in the democratisation of Kenya, and made an im-



mense contribution to the country's development and also encountered electoral injustices.

"It has a history and something to celebrate, unlike other parties that have nothing to celebrate. We want to celebrate because of the journey we have travelled in this country," Mohammed said, urging Kenyans to join the celebrations.

ODM Chairperson, Gladys Wanga, urged the party members to prepare for the celebrations. She said an event

for Persons with Disability would also be held and that the event would also bring together the founding members of the party.

"We are pleased that this is going to be a big reunion of those who began ODM and who still exist," she stated.

"We will also use it to remember those who have been in this struggle but have left us in the leadership, but also those who have fought our battles alongside us. The young people who have come out on the streets

many times that we have come out to fight injustices. We will also be using this occasion to relive their memory and remember them," Governor Wanga said.

ODM Secretary General Edwin Si-funa said they would be on a celebration galore, and thanked the Governor for accepting to host the celebrations.

Limuru Pastor Urge Politicians To Stop Divisive Politics

By: George Mugo
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Politicians were yesterday cautioned from making tribal statements, as the campaigns for 2027 draws near.

Pastor Zipporah Njoroge decried that all news of the day in the media are having an element of political disagreements.

She warned that if they do not control themselves, they will divide Kenyans, something which is very unfortunate for the country.

Njoroge noted that young people who are energetic and are also hit by the unfavorable economy, are easily to be divided.

"When youths who are hungry are subdivided and then they disagree with different groups supporting a person or an idea, violence and chaos will automatically occur," she says.

She castigated political leaders for

playing their games as if President William Ruto represents several tribes within the country.

"They should stop seeing Ruto as if he was representing his tribe of origin alone. He represents the whole country, all people regardless of sex, gender, race and tribe," she said.

"The constitution is very clear, that the president is the symbol of national unity. I have never seen or heard of him having violated it," she said.

She was speaking at Limuru town in Kiambu county yesterday during a youth mentoring programme at Kirathimo social hall, Njoroge where asked people not to be misled by others but support the government of the day.

She said that, "While people decide to take a walk, they have agreed on some issues, just as the way the President sought for the seat, so that we can walk together and develop this country"

Njoroge cautioned leaders to also

stop making statements out of allegations which forcibly accuse Ruto of corruption, killings, mismanagement of state affairs as well as tribal, but asked them to speak issues that have facts

The cleric also faulted Ruto's former deputy Rigathi Gachagua for insinuating that the president had mismanaged the government.

"We were so angry when we heard Ruto's former DP speech when he was visited the US" she added.

"He tainted the name of the country. It was very unfortunate and of bad taste" she said.

The cleric also appealed to church leaders to embark on praying for the country, and preaching peace especially at this season when politicians are realigning themselves in readiness for the upcoming general elections.



Pastor Zipporah Njoroge at her office in Limuru

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- Speaking at a church service held at PCEA Ruring’u near Nyeri town, Gachagua emphasized the importance of unity and support from his constituents in his quest to lead Kenya.
- During his address, Mr. Gachagua outlined his motivations for running for the presidency, citing the need to restore the dignity of the Kenyan people.
- He expressed concern that the current administration, under President William Ruto, has implemented policies that have adversely affected ordinary Kenyans, leaving many feeling marginalized and run down.
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Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and other leaders at PCEA Ruting’u church near Nyeri town...

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“If given the opportunity to serve, my first task will be to root out the criminal elements that have made Nairobi and other parts of the country unsafe.

No one should live in fear,” he af-

firmed.

He also contrasted his approach to governance with that of President Ruto, criticizing the administration’s alleged involvement in abductions, extrajudicial killings, and rampant corruption.

“My government will focus on service delivery, transparency, and fighting corruption, rather than self-enrichment,” he declared.

Gachagua further asserted that he is the best candidate to lead Kenya into a new era of development and stability.

“I believe I am the most suitable

person to steer this nation towards progress,” he said confidently.

In response to recent remarks by President William Ruto questioning his educational background, Gachagua retorted that despite former President Mwai Kibaki being one of Kenya’s most educated leaders, he never used his academic credentials to boast or lecture Kenyans.

“While the President claims to be highly learned, he has nothing tangible to show for it three years after being sworn in,” Gachagua remarked, implying that actions speak louder than words.

He was accompanied by both local and national leaders, including Deputy Party Leader Cleophas Malala, Nyeri Deputy Governor Kinaniri , and other prominent leaders who included MPs Jayne Kihara, Geoffrey Wandeto, John Kaguchia, Karungo Thang’wa and Joe Nyutu.

After the Sunday Service, on his way to Nairobi Gachagua and his team addressed public meetings in parts of Murang’a and Kiambu counties.



The Democracy for the Citizens Party Leader Rigathi Gachagua addressing a public meeting at Gacharage in Kandara, Murang’a County..

Former Garissa Governor Ali Korane Joins UDA, Endorsed For 2027 Race

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Former Garissa Governor Ali Bunow Korane defected from the Jubilee Party to the ruling United Democratic Alliance (UDA) as he prepares to contest the county's top seat in the 2027 General Elections.

Korane was formally received into the party at an event held at Mnara Primary School in Garissa, attended by UDA Secretary General Hassan Omar, Deputy Party Leader Issa Timamy, and Chairperson Cecile Mbarire, among other officials.

During the gathering, Korane also received an endorsement from clan elders, led by Abudwak Grand Council of Elders who selected him as their preferred candidate from among four individuals who had expressed interest in the gubernatorial race.

In his remarks, the former governor said the endorsement and his decision to join UDA where he was also issued with the party's Silver membership certificate would strengthen



Ali Korane showing the UDA Silver membership certificate as the party officials and supporters look on..

his campaign, pledging to focus on unity and inclusive leadership in Garissa.

Senior UDA leaders present at the event welcomed his move, saying it would boost the party's presence in Northern Kenya. They also highlighted ongoing government programmes in the region, including infrastructure projects and reforms to identification processes.

Korane served as Garissa governor from 2017 to 2022 before losing to the incumbent, Governor Nathif Jama, in the last general election. His latest move sets the stage for a

fresh contest as he seeks a return to office in 2027.

Other leaders who attended the event included Tana River Senator Danson Mungatana, Belgut MP Nelson Koech, Mbalambala MP Abdi Omar Shurie, Tana River Woman Representative Amina Dika, EALA MP Falhada Iman, Lamu Deputy Governor Dr Mbarak Mohamed, and Nakuru MCA Hassan Duale.

Korane thanked residents of Garissa County for showing confidence in his leadership saying he would not let them down.



Ali Bunow Korane



Ali Korane addressing the meeting. Photos/Courtesy.



Central Kenya Counties Urged To Boost Participation At Nyeri’s Agricultural Fair

By: MKT Reporter
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Worth Noting:

- This is after it emerged that a majority of the over 90 exhibitors during this year’s show were from the host county, Nyeri despite the region comprising Nyandarua, Kirinyaga, Murang’a and Kiambu. However, Nyandarua was represented by Nyandarua National Polytechnic who joined the list of first-time exhibitors at the 57-year-old fair.
- “I would like to take this opportunity to thank governors in the region for showing great interest in the central Kenya show. And for us to make it a really Central show, we need more participation from other counties and county governments and from county assemblies in our region,” Kagwe said.

Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary, Mutahi Kagwe, has asked counties in the central region to take advantage of the annual regional Agricultural Society of Kenya show to tap into new farming innovations being exhibited during the fair.

Speaking during the official opening of the 2025 agricultural fair at Kabiru-ini showgrounds in Nyeri last Friday, Kagwe also challenged more county government agencies to utilize the show as a platform to market products, innovations and services as a way of marketing the counties to the show goers.

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“We need more participation from agricultural organisations, we need more participation from organisations that are interested in reaching the farmers’ market. Of most importance, we would like to see many more farmers attend these shows so that they can benefit from the products that are being offered in farm and animal husbandry,” added Kagwe.

Kagwe, however, acknowledged the Central Region and Nyeri County in particular, as a breadbasket and hub of innovation.

He noted that with the favourable climate, rich soils, and modern agro-processing systems, the region continues to be a vital pillar to the country’s food security adding that his Ministry will continue to support it as it plays a leadership role in agricultural transformation.

This year’s show was staged under the theme Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth with the CS noting that it underscores the Government’s commitment to sustainable innovation in the agriculture sector, as captured in Kenya Vision 2030 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The CS also reiterated that the Government is committed to sustainable, climate-smart agriculture while ensuring farmers are cushioned through market interventions and subsidies.

Kagwe also pledged to ensure that Kenya complies with the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) within set timelines so that local produce remains competitive and sustainable in international markets.

“Climate smart agriculture calls for responsible stewardship of our natural resources. We encourage the planting of



CS Mutahi Kagwe with ASK officials at Kabiruini, Nyeri last Friday.

tree cover in steep areas to prevent soil erosion and to protect our rivers. In addition, to keep river water clean for both people and livestock and to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases, we must only use proper, approved pesticides,” he said.

Agricultural Society of Kenya national chairperson, Edith Onzele, said that the society remains committed to providing platforms that drive innovation, collaboration and progress in the agricultural sector.

She said that the show had provided a forum for ASK to foster climate resilience, enhance market access and en-

courage knowledge exchange, tipping the country for a thriving and sustainable agricultural eco-system.

“We reaffirm our commitment to working closely with the national government, county governments and all relevant stakeholders to create an enabling environment that supports the realization of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda,” she said.

Central Kenya ASK show chairman, Patrick Munuhe said that the fair had served as key venue for promoting agriculture and trade in the central region.

He noted that the exhibitors and the visitors had also benefited from knowledge exchange and business linkag-

es that they could utilize to open new markets and contribute to regional and national economic growth.

“We are happy to witness new strategies, technologies and climate smart practices on display, all aimed at promoting sustainable agricultural production and resilience. This year’s show has attracted over 90 trade exhibitors alongside participation in the livestock and farm and dairy section. This participation reflects the confidence in our platform and its relevance to development both regionally and nationally,” said Munuhe.



CS Kagwe at one of the exhibition stands at Kabiruini. Photos/Courtesy.

Kirinyaga Central MP Gitari Hands Over Modern Science Laboratory To Waigiri Comprehensive School

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Worth Noting:

- Gitari said the new facility will provide learners with a proper space for scientific experiments and research, which had been a major challenge for the institution.
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Education standards in Kirinyaga Central is set for a major boost after the area Member of Parliament, Gachoki Gitari, officially handed over a modern science laboratory to Waigiri Comprehensive School.

The Sh4 million project, financed through the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF), will primarily benefit Junior Secondary School (JSS) learners, especially Grade 9 students who are preparing for their first national examinations.

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“Anyone proposing the removal of NG-CDF might not be aware of the effects it would have on millions of learners and ordinary Kenyans. Without this fund, projects like this laboratory would never have been possible,” he said.

The legislator pointed out that through NG-CDF, his office has initiated and completed numerous projects ranging from classrooms, laboratories, water projects, and road infrastructure. He emphasized that the projects are implemented based on the needs of residents and promised to remain responsive to community requests.

School Principal Mrs. Lucy Wachira lauded the project, describing it as a game-changer for both learners and teachers.

“Science requires practical exposure, but for years we were forced to convert one of the classrooms into a makeshift laboratory. This facility will give our students a good working environment, boost their confidence, and improve their performance. We are now better prepared to handle the Grade 9 exams and beyond,” she said.

The principal added that the school,



Kirinyaga Central MP Gachoki Gitari addressing stakeholders during the handing over ceremony.

which has an enrollment of over 1,000 learners, had long been in need of such an investment to match with the growing population.

Florence Wangui, one of the parents, said the laboratory would inspire students and motivate teachers to deliver quality learning.

“This is a milestone for Waigiri Comprehensive School and a big relief for parents. We are grateful to the MP for listening to our requests, and we urge him to continue supporting education because it is the best inheritance for our children,” she said.

Gitari reiterated his commitment to continue prioritizing education, infrastructure, and youth empowerment projects, saying these sectors form the backbone of development in Kirinyaga Central.

“As I promised during my campaigns, I will continue to ensure that the wishes of Kirinyaga residents are met. Our youth must have opportunities, our learners must have facilities, and our farmers must have roads to deliver their produce to markets. That is my contract with the people,” said the MP.



At the new laboratory



New laboratory

Africa Rallies To Eliminate Trypanosomiasis At The 37th ISCTRC General Conference

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The African Union Commission, through the African Union InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), in partnership with the Government of Kenya and the Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council (KENTTEC), will host the 37th General Conference of the International Scientific Council for Trypanosomiasis Research and Control (ISCTRC) from today to Friday in Nairobi.

This year's theme, "Harnessing One Health Technologies and Innovations Towards Eliminating Trypanosomiasis in Africa," underscores the urgent need for cross-sectoral solutions to address the disease, which remains one of Africa's greatest constraints to socio-economic development.

The conference will be officially opened by the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Mutahi Kagwe. Other speak-

ers will include Dr. Huyam Salih, Director of AU-IBAR, Prof Joseph Ndung'u, chairperson of ISCTRC, and Mr. Jonathan Mueke the Principal Secretary, State Department for Livestock Development.

The ISCTRC has convened biennial conferences since 1949, serving as a platform for scientists, policymakers, field control workers, and partners to exchange knowledge, review progress, and chart pathways for trypanosomiasis research and control.

At the 37th Conference over 100 scientific papers will be presented, spanning Human African Trypanosomiasis (HAT), Animal African Trypanosomiasis (AAT), tsetse fly biology and control, and environment, land use and socio-economic impacts of the disease.

Reports will be presented from AU Member States, the Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Campaign (PATTEC) initiative, Research Institutions, Universities and international partners including FAO, WHO, IAEA, WOA, ICPE, Find, DNDi, GALVmed and Gates Foun-

ation.

The conference will culminate in the adoption of recommendations to guide research, control and elimination strategies for the next two years.

Trypanosomiasis continues to impact both human and animal health across Africa, limiting livestock productivity, agricultural development, and rural livelihoods.

Progress is being made, with Kenya being declared by the WHO in 2025 to have eliminated rhodesiense human African trypanosomiasis as a public health problem. However, African animal trypanosomiasis remains a significant challenge, and 38 African countries still face substantial challenges with both the human and animal forms of the disease.

Dr. Huyam Salih, Director of AU-IBAR and Chairperson of ISCTRC noted: "The ISCTRC Conference is Africa's scientific heartbeat in the fight against trypanosomiasis. It is here that science and innovations meet policy, ensuring countries have the knowledge and partnerships they need to overcome this disease."



Mutahi Kagwe

Kagwe noted: "Kenya is proud to host the 37th ISCTRC Conference at a historic moment when we have been declared free of human African trypanosomiasis as a public health problem. This is both a milestone and a responsibility, and we look forward to sharing our experience with other African nations while learning from theirs."

The International Scientific Council for Trypanosomiasis Research and Control (ISCTRC) is a statutory body of the African Union Commission. Since 1949, it has convened biennial conferences to facilitate scientific exchange and guide continental policy on trypanosomiasis research, control, and elimination.

Government To Resolve Land-Related Historical Injustices Against Minority Group

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The government is committed to resolve historical injustices associated with land and promote equitable development for minority and marginalized communities across the country, including the Ogik community found in nine counties.

Traditionally the Ogik Community lived as hunter-gatherers and beekeepers in forests dispersed currently in Narok, Kericho, Meru, Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi, Uasin Gishu, Suba, and Moyale counties.

The Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit led by Secretary, Josphat Lowoi Lodeya, has announced that the government is processing title deeds for 1,600 Ogik families who are living alongside the Soget Forest in Londiani Sub-County, Kericho County.

Lowoi, cautioned members of the Ogik community against selling off

the pieces of land they will receive from the government and instead till and develop the lands to improve their livelihoods and educate their children, and also participate in other government programs such as recruitment exercises for them to receive equal opportunities like the rest of other communities in the country.

"The National Land Commission conducted thorough investigations which has now been concluded to establish the real identity of the Ogik community in Soget Division which reveals where they originally lived within the Soget Forest before independence, where 1600 families were identified as the genuine Ogik dwellers," said Lowoi.

The Secretary Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit spoke on Saturday after meeting the Ogik Community and challenged them to educate their children so they can qualify for employment opportunities adding that the government is keen to employ qualified individuals from the minority and marginalized

groups.

Lowoi observed that the Minorities and Marginalized policy is yet to be gazetted but noted that the document will be launched officially on the Minorities Rights Day which will be observed on December 18, 2025 which is expected to be graced by President Ruto.

This will be the first time Kenya will officially observe the day despite the UN declaring December 18 for Minority Rights Day since 1992. The day is meant to give visibility to minority and marginalized groups in the society such as Ogik, Endorois, Sengwer, Talai, Aweer, Boni, Elmolo, and others.

Lowoi said, Article 56 of the constitution (2010) allows the state to protect minorities and marginalized groups through affirmative action, representation and economic support.

Ogik community leaders led by Mr. John Sironga, who is national chairman Ogik, urged the government to speed up the process of resettling them permanently saying they have



lagged behind for many years and lost property and livelihoods owing to the constant evictions of their families from the forest land.

Sironga noted that the Ogik population is not growing as expected due to the instability of their families but reiterated that now with the resettlement their numbers will increase.

According to the Kenya National

Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), the 2019 Census enumerated a total of 52,362 persons among the Ogik Community countrywide.

Lowoi was accompanied by a team of senior officials from the Executive office of the President through the Minorities and Marginalized affairs Unit.

Rise Beyond The Horizon



It grows when hope refuses lies.
No chain is strong, no wall too high,
For wings of will, were made to fly.

Each stumble is a step you take,
Toward the destiny you'll make.
No storm can last, no night can stay—
The dawn will always find its way.

So rise, beyond what fear has shown,
The world will shine when you have grown.
Your voice, your soul, your guiding flame—
Will carve a path, will write your name.

Smita Naidu

When shadows fall and doubts appear,
Lift your heart, let courage steer.
The road is long, the climb is steep,
But dreams awaken those who leap.

A spark within can light the skies,

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



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.

Brinda D
CREATIVE WRITERS
GRADUATE TEACHER,
GOVT HIGH SCHOOL,
MELPATTAMPAKKAM
CUDDALORE,
Tamilnadu India

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

Today's Youth Is The Creators Of Tomorrow



young people are opened in our country, the
doors of a wide range of opportunities were
opened to young people. Modern education,
study abroad, various grants, startup projects
and initiatives – are also responsible for the
future: to be loving the Motherland, to strive
for it, and serve the nation. Because the future
is in the hands of young people who are cooking
their dreams today.

Today of today is like birds flying. The thirst
for their courage, labor and knowledge are
the future of our bravery. After all, if the
knowledge and patriot, we are so bright and
strong.

Nodira Jo'rayeva

The future, progress and power of every nation
depends primarily on its age. After all, young
people today are the creatures of tomorrow,
the creatures of the people, and the creators
of the people. They live with new ideas, look for
the news, and set great goals. Therefore, the
role of young people in society is invaluable. The
country needs educated, potential and selfless

What Is Yours Will Always Find You



True heart and hard work, added with Fortune,
pay.
Let us be showered by the Almighty's ray.

Disappointments shake us a little, with a frightful
voice.
Be confident and choosy in the choice.
Let the things that are yours reach you—and
rejoice.

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GRADUATE TEACHER -ENGLISH
VKGHSS AYYANKALIPALAYAM TIRUPPUR
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What is yours will always find you;
My heart often desires for the new.
Trust the journey, and be true.

The universe aligns ours in our way;

Strength In Small



of things,
From tiny beginnings, the grandest results
spring.
Whether protecting Earth or working in
teamwork,
Victory lies in the tiniest acts, the smallest
quirk.

Threads intertwine, and together they weave
the strong,
From each note and whisper, there forms a
song.
Alone they are small, but together they belong.
Unity and courage carry them along.

It's not the mighty, but the small that build
tomorrow,
It's the tiniest act of comfort that eases
every sorrow.

Each little deed a miracle brings...
Is it not the smallest things that carry the
weight of everything?

– K.A. Santhoshi,
4th Std,
Government Model Girls Higher Secondary
School, Komarapalayam,
Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, India.

The colossal trees sprout From infinitesimal
seeds,
Everything great begins with the smallest
deeds.
A drop of water together makes oceans, calm
and ethereal,
A single grape makes the bunch, without a
quarrel.

A pebble in still water shows how far circles
travel,
A star is a speck that carries eternity in its
glow, mysteries unravel.
A thread alone is fragile, but together it is
strength,
A tree stands tall from roots whose hidden
length is immense.

The smallest of everything makes the largest

Behind Every Seemingly Perfect Person, There's A Mess You Can't See.



Ships sail in the tidal waves.
Waves glitter in the golden sunrise.
It appears cool and calm
Who knows the inner intense storm?

The unsaid outburst of chaos
Anxiety, fear and hopelessness
It's not visible when you witness the face
They curtain behind the sweet smiles

A perfect person outside
He shows the world his brave face
The mess you can't see
Like the calm deep sea

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There are suppressed explosions
Cause of the pressure of the eruptions
Tsunamis and Submarine storms
They're hiding behind their masks

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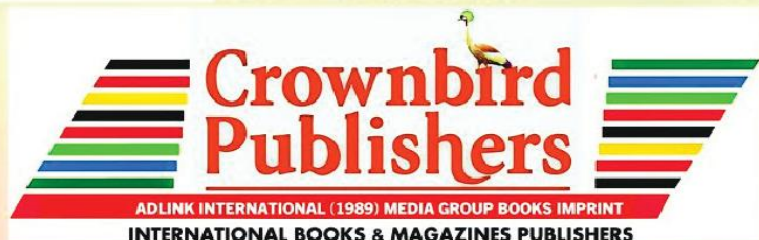
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Banks Exceed KSh 150 Billion Annual Target To MSME Lending

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Banks have surpassed their annual lending target to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by 2 per cent to issue KSh153 billion up from their KSh150 billion target.

Speaking during the launch of the Nature Positive Financing Assessment Report, Kenya Bankers Association (KBA) Chief Executive Officer Raimond Molenje reaffirmed the banks' commitment to financing nature-related enterprises in an effort to create a resilient green economy.

"From a macro-level perspective, we are doing well in the economy. We promised to support MSMEs with Sh150bn every year for the next year and I am happy to report that we have surpassed this target to issue out Sh153bn which I hope will be sustained in the remaining months of the year," stated Molenje.

The report seeks to quantify nature-related investment opportunities available in Kenya and advance the industry's commitment to sus-

tainable financing models. Some of the innovative instruments highlighted by the study include green bonds, blended finance, and de-risking mechanisms.

The report which was commissioned by KBA, World Wide Fund for Nature-Kenya (WWF-Kenya) and German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ), reveals that Kenya's manufacturing, water resource management, environmental services and agriculture sectors would hold a combined nature-related investment and financing opportunities valued at Sh19.4 trillion in the next 5-10 years.

According to the report, the four sectors also present the most viable opportunities for nature-positive financing.

Molenje said that the findings would provide banks with options to contribute to Kenya's sustainable economic development, curb nature loss, and strengthen resilience to climate change.

In addition, he said that the findings would help banks align their policies with the Green Economy Strategy, National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), and other

climate change policies.

"As we configure our survival and the survival of our day-to-day business operations, we aim to integrate the existing opportunities in the economy with nature-financing to sustain this growth as we aim to attain the global target of full biodiversity recovery by the year 2050," said Molenje.

The launch of the report also coincided with KBA unveiling of the Centre for Sustainable Finance and Enterprise Development (CSFED). The centre is expected to rally banks to develop interventions that advance sustainable value for society and the environment.

It will also serve as a hub for supporting MSME transformation through capacity building and enhance their access to finance.

Molenje, said the Centre would be instrumental in greening the financial system while bolstering enterprise development in Kenya.

"We are committed to supporting the industry in advancing the sustainable finance agenda in the country while also promoting financial inclusion for underserved segments, and enhancing MSMEs' access to af-



Raimond Molenje

fordable finance," he said.

WWF-Kenya CEO Mohamed Awer noted that Kenya's prosperity is deeply tied to nature-based sectors, including agriculture, tourism, forestry and, fisheries which he said contribute approximately 42 per cent of the country's gross domestic product.

Awer underscored the importance of close collaboration between the financial sector and players in the nature-based sectors to accelerate

the growth and scaling of Kenya's nature-financing market.

"This report showcases the intersectional role the financial sector plays in driving a nature-positive economy and how we can close the biodiversity finance gap. Together, we can continue to chart a transformative pathway to economic resilience, climate stability, and inclusive growth for people and the planet," he said.

Ongoing Upgrading Of Kenya -South Sudan Link Road Programme In West Pokot County

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Upgrading is ongoing on the Kenya -South Sudan Link Road Programme in West Pokot County.

The project began with the crucial construction of culverts and bridges to ensure proper drainage, accessibility, and the overall functionality of the roadways.

It is an ambitious infrastructure initiative implemented as a joint collaboration between the Government of Kenya and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

The road project is part of the broader multinational Kenya -South Sudan Road Corridor Lesseru -Kitale and Morpus-Lokichar Road upgrading project phase 1, which aims to enhance transport connectivity between the two nations.

As a mega road, the Link Road is designed to promote economic

growth and regional integration by connecting West Pokot and Turkana Counties to South Sudan.

The programme aims to improve cross-border connectivity, reduce transportation costs, boost trade and commerce, and enhance access to markets and essential resources for local communities and businesses.

It is also expected to stimulate economic activities in the region and is viewed as a strategic infrastructure link that supports broader regional development objectives.

The road will connects to major transport corridors, including the Northern Corridor via the Kitale-Lodwar-Nadapal (AI) Road, and the Kitale-Endebes-Suam-Kapchorwa Corridor.

Ultimately, the Turkana-South Sudan Mega Road is expected to contribute significantly to the regional integration efforts of Kenya, Uganda, and South Sudan, supporting the broader goals of the East African Community (EAC).



The Classroom That Never Was: Africa's Silent Education Crisis

By: Evans Asikoyo

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Worth Noting:

- In Kenya, slums like Kibera and Mathare symbolize this crisis. Children study in makeshift classrooms built of iron sheets or mud, often without desks or books. A Uwezo Kenya report revealed that only three out of ten pupils in Nairobi's informal settlements could read a Grade 2 story, compared to six out of ten in wealthier neighborhoods.
- Poverty forces many children to drop out, either to earn a living or because their parents cannot afford exam fees. In rural counties such as Turkana, long distances to schools further discourage attendance, particularly for girls.
- Nigeria faces an even greater challenge, with UNICEF estimating over 20 million children out of school—the highest number worldwide.

Across Africa's slums and neglected regions, children sit in crumbling classrooms—or none at all. Poverty, insecurity, and neglect are stealing their right to learn, raising fears of a generation left behind.

Africa is often celebrated as a continent of promise, blessed with youthful energy, cultural diversity, and abundant natural resources. Yet in its slums and marginalized regions, millions of people live in neglect, poverty, and systemic exclusion. The most devastating casualty of this reality is education, which holds the key to breaking the very cycle of deprivation these communities are trapped in.

The statistics are sobering. UNESCO estimates that sub-Saharan Africa is home to more than 98 million children and youth who are currently out of school. Globally, the region bears the highest exclusion rates, with one-fifth of children aged 6 to 11, one-third of adolescents aged 12 to 14, and nearly 60 percent of youth aged 15 to 17 denied access to school. In Eastern and Southern Africa alone, 46 million children remain out of school. Worse still, the World Bank reports that 87 percent of 10-year-olds in sub-Saharan Africa cannot read and understand a simple text—a crisis described as “learning poverty.”

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Nigeria faces an even greater challenge, with UNICEF estimating over 20 million children out of school—the highest number worldwide. In the north, insecurity and the threat of abductions, such as the infamous Chibok incident, continue to discourage parents from sending their daughters to school. In Lagos, sprawling slums like Makoko suffer from severe overcrowding and underfunded schools, this is according to the research done by Dr. Juma Ignatius, creating little chance for children to escape poverty through education.

South Africa's inequality is just as striking. Elite private schools rival international standards, yet township schools in areas like Khayelitsha and Soweto are under-resourced, overcrowded, and plagued by violence. Equal Education reported in 2023 that more than 70 percent of learners cannot read for meaning by age ten. For many township children, the classroom is no safe haven but a place overshadowed by gangs, drugs, and despair.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, despite the abolition of primary school fees in 2019 which boosted enrollment by 3.7 million children, conflict and displacement continue to erode progress. Schools in North Kivu are often turned into refugee shelters, while teachers remain unpaid for months. UNICEF estimates that more than seven million Congolese children are in urgent need of educational support.

Uganda struggles with similar issues. A UNICEF study found that one in four children of school age is out of school, with girls disproportionately affected by early marriage and child labor. Even in Kampala's slums, schools lack toilets, desks, and basic teaching materials, leaving children crammed into overcrowded classrooms where meaningful learning is nearly impossible.

The consequences of this neglect are devastating. Education should be the great equalizer, the bridge out of poverty, but in Africa's slums and marginalized regions, it is failing. Children who drop out too soon are trapped in cycles of joblessness and despair. Girls without access to school face early marriage and exploitation. Insecure and violent environments rob children not only of learning opportunities but also of their safety and dignity.

Yet glimmers of hope remain. In Kenya, the Tusome program has helped improve literacy rates among

primary pupils. In Nigeria, community-based schools supported by NGOs are giving girls a second chance at education. In South Africa, advocacy groups are pressing for government accountability in township schools. Across the continent, technology is also beginning to bridge learning gaps, with digital platforms offering low-cost lessons even where teachers are scarce.

Still, change demands more than isolated success stories. Governments must invest deliberately in schools for the poor, ensuring infrastructure, teachers, and resources reach those who need them most. International partners should focus support on the most vulnerable communities, while communities themselves must embrace the value of education, especially for girls.

The stakes could not be higher. If Africa continues to neglect education in its slums and marginalized regions, it risks raising a generation condemned to poverty, unemployment, and hopelessness. But if it chooses to invest in every child—whether in Kibera, Makoko, Khayelitsha, Goma, or Kampala—it will unlock a future where the continent's promise finally matches its potential.

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We Must Champion Devolution As A Catalyst For Accelerating Kenya's Socio – Economic Transformation



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Worth Noting:

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- Further, recent World Bank data revealed that about 38.5% of Kenyans are illiterate, while the national literacy rate is estimated at 61.5%, representing a significant increase compared to a decade ago.
- It is uncontroverted that tremendous progress has been made not only in different sectors of the economy but also across various regions of the country. This signifies a paradigm shift from the conventional modus operandi, where development was previously concentrated in only a few regions.

Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, Kenya's founding father and first president, is widely remembered for his iconic speech delivered during Kenya's first Independence Day celebrations, in which he identified the nation's greatest challenges as ignorance, poverty and disease, and called for concerted efforts by all Kenyans to eradicate them without delay.

Notably, six decades later, we are yet to realize the dreams and aspirations of our founding father. A recent World Bank Human Poverty Index revealed that Kenya's poverty rate stands at 49.8% and projected that by 2030, about 30 million Kenyans will be living below the poverty line.

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This is largely attributed to Sessional Paper No. 10 of 1965, which prioritized government investment in high-potential areas to maximize returns on investments. Consequently, development was concentrated in select regions, thereby marginalizing the rest of the population.

The promulgation of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 ushered in a new constitutional dispensation which, inter alia, established devolution whose main objective was to bring power, opportunities, resources and development closer to the citizenry.

It has been a game-changer, as evidenced by the rapid economic growth in regions previously perceived as low – potential regions across the country. Schedule 4 of the Constitution delineates the functions of the national and county governments with the latter particularly responsible for agriculture, health services, pre – primary education, water and



Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, Kenya's founding father and first president

sanitation services and disaster management.

Since the inception of devolution in 2013, approximately Ksh. 3.59 trillion has been disbursed to the counties, while the national government has retained about 22.5 trillion. The Commission On Revenue Allocation, which is constitutionally mandated to propose an equitable revenue sharing formula between the national and county governments based on parameters such as population size, poverty levels, land area, road network coverage, financial management and administrative costs, has annually recommended an average allocation of 8.62 Billion to each of the 47 counties.

Despite the limited resources and delays in disbursement by the National Treasury, the development witnessed in the counties - from road construction projects to landmark healthcare projects, ECDE centers, markets and industrial parks - has been unprecedented and transformative.

Significantly, neighboring counties, driven by the pursuit of collective

well – being and shared prosperity, have formed associations commonly referred to as county economic blocs, to harness their potential by leveraging available resources, assets and opportunities to drive substantial change and accelerate their development agendas.

Additionally, several counties have taken bold steps to tap into their underlying potential and unlock hidden opportunities that have long remained untapped. In Laikipia County, for instance, HE Governor Joshua Irungu has been at the forefront of rallying locals to embrace crop diversification to improve productivity and increase profitability by growing coffee, which is projected to produce future millionaires in agribusiness.

The devolved system of government has however faced numerous hindrances including political interferences, duplication of functions, limited resources and delays in the disbursement of funds by the National Treasury.

Subsequently, the enforcement and full compliance with all devolution

laws, coupled with an increase in county allocations from the current 15% to 30% of the national government's revenue from the last audited accounts will significantly contribute to addressing these challenges.

Further, it is of the utmost necessity that devolved systems develop and implement county-based solutions tailored to their unique needs and circumstances in order to accelerate the realization of the objects and principles of devolved governments as encapsulated in Articles 174 and 175 of the Constitution.

In the light of the foregoing, it is irrefutable that devolution has been revolutionary, having achieved monumental strides in promoting inclusivity, enhancing public participation in decision-making and fostering sustainable development. Therefore, we must concertedly join hands to protect, defend and safeguard this constitutional imperative.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Message From The Elders And Seers Of Mount Kenya To The Nations, Especially To America

From the sacred heights of Mount Kenya, the holy mountain where the prayers of the land rise like incense to the Creator, we the Elders and Seers, send this solemn message to the nations of the earth. Our hearts are heavy. Our eyes see beyond what is seen. And what we see demands truth, courage, and prayer.

America, Do Not Poke Your Nose Into the Fires of War

You have placed your hands where they should not be. You have fueled fires that are not yours to light. You have stirred nations into chaos, not for peace, but for power. In lands far from your own, you plant seeds of conflict, and yet your own house is trembling.

We speak with broken hearts, not with hatred.

America, do not continue to involve yourself in the wars of the world, especially not to support one side over another for selfish gain.

You were blessed with greatness to uphold justice and liberty, not to manipulate regimes and entangle yourself with those who seek to destroy the rising of Africa.

Support Africa, Don't Undermine It

Africa does not need puppets. Africa needs partners. You cannot claim friendship with Africa and yet work with her enemies in secret. Supporting regime changes for your own interests is a betrayal, not just of African nations, but of the Creator who watches over them.

We warn you: the rising of Africa is written. You cannot stop what God has ordained. You should nurture it, or be found fighting against the Most High.

Prophecy Speaks: Read Obadiah and Isaiah 11

You who claim to know God, have you read the words of the prophets?

Obadiah warns of the downfall of a proud nation that betrayed its brother and rejoiced in the day of his trouble. America, look carefully. You are walking that path. Do not be found guilty of the sins of Edom.

Isaiah 11 speaks of the Root of Jesse the coming reign of justice and peace, and of a time when the outcasts of Africa (Cush) will be gathered and restored. Africa's time has come. Do not resist the hand of God upon this continent.

A Call to Prayer Before Chaos Consumes the World

People of the earth, wake up. This is not just politics. These are spiritual battles. The chaos that is building will not spare any continent if it is not stopped. If America continues on this path, it will be struck in ways not seen in a hundred years. It will become a lesson in history, not a leader of it.

But there is hope.



Let the people pray. Let repentance rise. Let leaders turn from wickedness. Let nations choose peace. The chaos can be cancelled, but the window is short.

This message is not of hate, but of love, a love that warns, that weeps,

that watches the storm on the horizon and cries out: "Prepare. Repent. Return."

Importance Of Learning Social Values

By: Irfanullah Tareen

It is true that students can face serious issues as a result of not teaching social and moral values in schools. When it's time for them to make decisions about their future, students frequently argue. The dearth of social values among students may jeopardize their future. By instilling social values in students at school, many incidents can be prevented. This article aims to demonstrate the significance of teaching and learning social values in education for students' future.

According to several sources and educators, a lack of social values sometimes encourages students to become young offenders and pregnant adolescent mothers, particularly in the younger generation; For instance, they are being forced to believe that what they are doing is right because they are not showing respect for other people, are not tolerant of people who think differently from them, or simply lack the self-discipline to make the right choices.

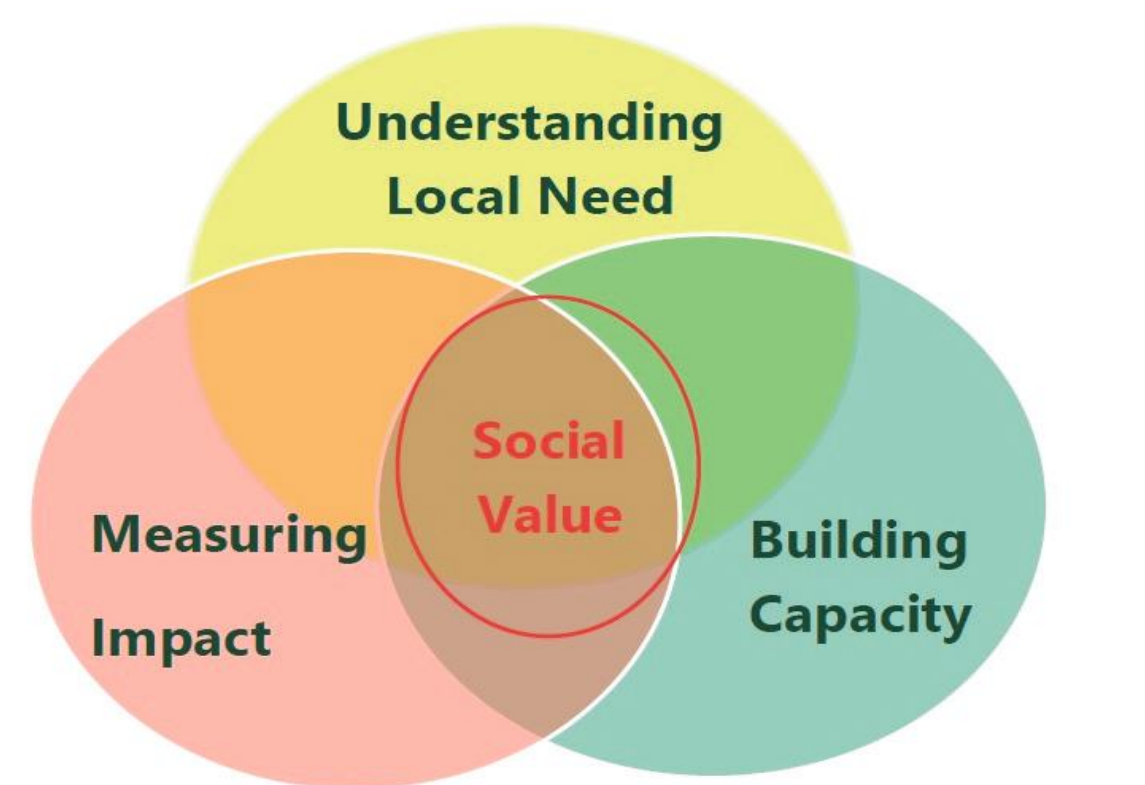
In the same way, we witness almost every day how a scantiness of social values badly influences our children's development and ability to succeed in life. Respect, tolerance,

equality, and honesty are a few examples of social values that contribute to a person's strong and secure personality. As a consequence, any individual's life can suffer severely if these values are not upheld. These outcomes include homicide, drug use, and teen pregnancies.

Even though the amount of signs proves that these dangerous causes are the effects of not revealing social values, we still have people that are against promoting social values in schools. If society does not want to keep seeing these deceitful results because of the lack of social values, we need to consider implementing social values in school.

Moreover, the consequences of avoiding teaching values in schools can create grave problems for students. Students tend to get in conflict when it is time to make choices that it can be regarding their future. The future of students can be compromised by the lack of social values in them. Many incidents can be avoided by educating students social values in educational institutions.

Of course, if society does not want to keep seeing these deceitful results because the lack of social values, we need to consider implementing social values in school. Teaching



social values in schools will ensure in students to have a stronger self-esteem, to have self-respect and respect to others, and to be tolerance; consequently, it will prevent students from undertaking wrong decisions. Teaching social values in schools can

be achieved through a combination of direct instruction, modeling, and experiential learning. Integrating social-emotional learning (SEL) into the curriculum, fostering a positive school climate, and engaging students in community service are effective strategies.

Indeed, the more we strive to improve social values in children, the better we can shape a healthy and prosperous society.

New Nepal PM Vows To Follow Protesters' Demands To End Corruption

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Worth Noting:

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- Young activists who toppled Nepal's government now picking new leaders.
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- A fifth of people in Nepal aged 15-24 are unemployed, according to the World Bank, with GDP per capita standing at just \$1,447.
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Nepal's new leader yesterday vowed to follow protesters' demands to end corruption as she began work as interim prime minister, after "Gen Z" youth demonstrations ousted her predecessor.

Sushila Karki, the 73-year-old former chief justice, has been tasked with restoring order and addressing protesters' demands for a corruption-free future ahead of elections in six months.

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Karki held a minute's silence yesterday for those killed in the unrest, before meetings began in the key government complex of Singha Durbar, where several buildings were set on fire during mass protests on Tuesday.

At least 72 people were killed in two days of protests, and 191 injured, the government's chief secretary Eaknarayan Aryal said, increasing an earlier toll of 51.

It was the worst unrest since the end of a decade-long civil war and the abolition of the monarchy in 2008.

The appointment of Karki, known for her independence, came after intense negotiations by army chief General Ashok Raj Sigdel and President Ram Chandra Paudel, including with representatives of "Gen Z", the loose umbrella title of the youth protest movement.

Thousands of young activists had used the Discord app to name Karki as their choice of leader.

"The situation that I have come in, I have not wished to come here. My name was brought from the streets," Karki said.

Parliament has been dissolved and elections set for March 5, 2026.

"We will not stay here more than six months in any situation, we will complete our responsibilities and



Sushila Karki

pledge to hand over to the next parliament and ministers," she added, in a speech to the nation.

Workers put up a new signboard for the prime minister's office in a building within the complex but which was not torched.

Paudel, who swore Karki into office, said late Saturday that "a peaceful solution has been found through a difficult process".

Paudel called it a "very difficult, complicated, and grave situation" in the Himalayan nation of 30 million people.

"I sincerely appeal to everyone to make the most of this opportunity... in making the election on March 5 a success," he said.

Soldiers have scaled back their presence on the streets, where they had been deployed in large numbers after the protests.

But more than 12,500 prisoners who escaped from jails during the chaos are on the run, and present a daunting security headache.

Regional leaders have congratulated Karki, including Nepal's two giant neighbours, India and China.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said New Delhi supported "peace, progress and prosperity" in Hindu-majority Nepal, while Beijing's foreign ministry said it wanted to "push China-Nepal relations steadily forward".

Buddhism is the country's second-largest religion, and the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, wished Karki "every success in fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of the people of Nepal in these challenging times."



Protesters last week.

Environmental Education And Sustainable Development In Preschool Education



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Worth Noting:

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ABSTRACT:

Today, preserving nature is the most important condition for giving a decent life to future generations. Forming the ideas of ecological and sustainable development in preschool educational institutions means, in fact, building our tomorrow. This article highlights ways to instill in young children such qualities as love for nature, a careful attitude to the environment, and appreciation of a green lifestyle at an early age.

KEYWORDS: Ecological education, sustainable development, nature conservation, waste sorting, preschool education.

INTRODUCTION

In today's era of globalization, environmental education is a pressing issue not only for adults, but also for the youngest generation - children of preschool age. Because if the culture of nature conservation is instilled from an early age, it becomes an indispensable value for a person throughout his life. By focusing on the process of environmental education in preschool institutions, strengthening children's love for nature, and instilling in them a sense of responsibility for the environment, it is possible to contribute to the ideas of sustainable development.

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Preschool education is the golden age for the formation of environmental awareness. As psychologists note, children are most actively developing environmental sensitivity between the ages of 3 and 6. Unfortunately, today in many kindergartens, environmental classes are not systematized, teaching aids are not enough, and parental participation is weak. The solution requires a simple but systematic approach: Practical experience areas - creating a small green corner in the kindergarten, vegetable gardens, mini greenhouses,



es, interesting games and projects - role-playing games on waste separation, water conservation, interactive activities such as building bird nests organizing activities, strengthening environmental culture in the family through parent-child cooperation, organizing eco-flash mobs and walks together; Media and technologies - through cartoons, animated textbooks, and digital games for children, environmental topics can be made interesting; covering local problems, explaining local initiatives to restore the Aral Sea ecosystem and conserve water resources in children's language. It is also important to enrich professional development programs for teachers and develop methodological guides adapted to local conditions. Studies show that in institutions where environmental education lessons are regularly and creatively organized, children's positive attitude towards nature increases by 40-60%. The article reveals the advantages of these approaches and develops proposals for deeper integration of sustainable development ideas into the preschool education system. As a result, the younger generation will grow up as environmentally conscious, nature-loving, and responsible citizens for a green future. Today, environmental problems have become one of the most pressing issues facing humanity. Environmental protection, rational use of natural resources and the creation of a healthy living environment for future generations are the main requirements of sustainable development. Therefore, it is important to start the process of environmental education from an early age, that is, from the preschool education period. If a child is instilled with love

for nature, thrift, and a sense of responsibility from an early age, he will become a conscious citizen in the future. Below we will consider effective ways to provide environmental education in preschool educational institutions. Children are first taught to love nature by showing them the beauty of nature, such as caring for flowers, planting and caring for trees, and showing kindness to animals and birds. Through these, children learn to appreciate nature. Teachers conduct small experiments with them and explain the role of nature in human life. The culture of waste recycling should be instilled in children from an early age. Teaching children to separate waste into plastic, paper and organic types from an early age forms an ecological culture. Organizing this process in the form of a game increases efficiency. Teaching children to use water economically and not waste electricity is also an important part of ecological education. Simple habits such as turning off the light and closing the door strengthen ecological responsibility in children's minds. Educators can instill this in children through various fairy tales or songs. By conducting ecological education in preschool institutions in the form of practical classes, it is possible to achieve high efficiency. Such classes develop not only knowledge in children, but also practical skills. Through ecological education, children develop a love for nature, a culture of environmental protection, and rational use of resources. Skills are formed. This will form the basis for the future generation to grow up conscious, responsible, and ready for sustainable development. Also, holding events such as environmental holidays, Nature Day, Clean Air Week, Let's Save Water,

and Transport-Free Day in preschool educational institutions will help further develop and strengthen environmental awareness. Recommendations are given to strengthen educational work through practical experiences, interesting games, cooperation with parents and modern pedagogical approaches. The article discusses how the concept of "sustainable development" can be adapted to the upbringing of children, and presents current issues in the upbringing of the younger generation to the general public in a simple and understandable language. **CONCLUSION** In conclusion, the introduction of environmental education in preschool education is one of the most important steps towards sustainable development. This is an important process not only for the current life of children, but also for the future of the entire society. A child who loves nature and is accustomed to preserving it will become a responsible citizen in the future. Therefore, educators and parents should jointly form an ecological culture. After all, every small step taken towards sustainable development serves the great happiness of future generations. Teaching children to protect nature is a noble seed planted for the future.

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Chapa Dimba Stars Treated To Spanish Experience



Safaricom Chapa Dimba All-Stars players during a tour in Spain, September 2025.

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The hard-fought match was decided in the dying minutes, as Liberto Beltrán struck in the 94th minute to give Huesca a 1-0 win. Ahead of the match kick off, the All-Stars were given exclusive tour to SD Huesca's facilities, including the team's dressing room, before being hosted for a VIP lunch with officials from the SD Huesca Academy and a

representative from the Kenyan Embassy in Spain, giving them a taste of the professional football environment.

The memorable afternoon came just a day after the All-Stars enjoyed a meet-and-greet with SD Huesca's senior team, where they interacted with the pros, asked questions, and listened to motivational talks about the realities of professional football. The players shared their personal journeys, offering the young stars encouragement and powerful lessons on what it takes to become a professional footballer and succeed in the game including discipline, sacrifice, and relentless hard work.

"It's truly amazing here in

Spain. We are really enjoying our training, and personally, I have learned so much over the past six days. One of the most exciting moments was getting the opportunity to interact with the SD Huesca senior team. They spoke to us about what it takes to become a professional footballer. "The biggest lesson I took from that conversation was the importance of discipline and always giving your best. Beyond football, we have also had the chance to visit many interesting places around Spain, experiences I never imagined I would have, especially on my own. But thanks to Safaricom Chapa Dimba, it has all been made possible for me," said Patience Kasichana, a Cha-

pa Dimba All-Stars player.

The All-Stars are in Spain for a week-long elite training camp, where they are not only sharpening their football skills but also broadening their horizons through cultural experiences.

Off the pitch, they have toured Zaragoza City, Canfranc Estación, Podoactiva, the leading podiatry and biomechanics centre in Europe and the historic Casco Histórico de Huesca, giving them a blend of football and culture.

Up next, the action shifts back to the pitch as the All-Star Boys' team takes on SD Huesca, U-23 in their fourth and final friendly clash today at the Huesca Academy Grounds.

GET THE BEST OF WORLD

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They triumphed over the team of Lady Captain Perister Gaithe, David Maina, Daisy Mumbi, and Newton Wambugu, who returned 150 points to be named the second-best team at the tournament that 148 golfers attended. Speaking after the prize-giving ceremony, Serah Githaiga said:

“We had a tremendous four-ball. We pushed each other to do well, and that is exactly what we did. Now, we will go back to the drawing board to prepare for the tour’s grand finale on December 5, 2025.

We hope that we will fly the Nyeri Club flag high during that competition.”

Handicap 28 golfer Daisy Mumbi, who had an excellent display on the course, returned 41 stableford points to clinch the overall winner, beating a huge field.

Felix Kibicho, who plays off handicap 6, returned 39 points to be crowned the runner-up.

David Maina emerged as the Men’s Division 2 Winner with 45 points, while Patrick Mwaniki claimed the Men’s Division 3 Runner-Up slot, also with 45 points.

Among the ladies, Margaret Mweru stood out as the Division 1 Winner on 41 points, with Jane J. Muthoni finishing as the Division 2 Runner-Up on 45 points. Guest participants also impressed, with Mercy Wanjira taking the Guest Winner slot on 42 points.

In the staff category, Peter Mwaura was crowned Winner with 35 points, while Scola Onsongo followed closely as Runner-Up with 34 points.

Other standout performances included Fr. Kimani, who clinched the Gross Winner title with a score of 80, while also securing the Longest Drive Men award.

Mercy Wanjira added to her tally by winning the Longest Drive Lady KCB Bank Kenya Limited Directors: L. M. Njiru (Chairman); P. R. Russo; C.S.– National Treasury; S. K. Rono; Ms. N. Onyango; Mrs. C. Okongo; J. W. Muigai; Ms. E. Nyala; Ms. D. K. Ntwiga; Mrs. A. C. Kimtai www.kcbgroup.com category.

In the precision contests, William Kagia won the Nearest to Pin Men, while Jane J. Muthoni topped the Nearest to Pin Lady challenge. Beyond the tournament, KCB extended its support to the game’s future and community.



Amateur golfer Mbugua Macharia follows his tee shot during the 19th leg of the KCB East Africa Golf Tour at the Nyeri Club on September 13, 2025.

On Sunday, the bank hosted a junior golf clinic at the same venue, introducing young players to the sport and nurturing the next generation of golfers.

Looking ahead, KCB will host a caddie tournament on Monday, expected to attract more than 100 caddies, further demonstrating its commitment to inclusivity and development in golf.

The next leg of the KCB East Africa Golf Tour will be held at the Kitale Golf Course on September 20, 2025.

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Empowering Women Through Kingdom Stewardship The Lexi Johnson Story



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Lexi Johnson is a name synonymous with financial empowerment, Kingdom stewardship, and unapologetic truth. As the founder and Chief Stewardship Officer of Money Mastery 4 Her Enterprises, Lexi has dedicated her life to equipping women entrepreneurs with the tools and strategies necessary to take radical ownership of their finances through the lens of godly stewardship. With a bold and unrelenting passion, Lexi challenges Kingdom citizens to stop living beneath their inheritance and start stewarding like the dominion-minded heirs they are.

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The Birth of Money Mastery 4 Her Enterprises

Lexi's vision for Money Mastery 4 Her Enterprises was born out of a recognition that many women entrepreneurs were struggling to manage their finances effectively, often due to a lack of knowledge, resources, or support. Through her ministry, Lexi provides women with the tools, strategies, and community necessary to achieve financial mastery and live out their faith in the marketplace.

A Kingdom Financial Coach and Prophetic Strategist

As a Kingdom financial coach and prophetic strategist, Lexi brings a unique perspective to the world of finance. Her approach combines prophetic insight, unapologetic truth, and real financial strategy rooted in scripture. Lexi's teaching style is both convicting and liberating, challenging women to confront



Lexi Johnson

their financial fears and limitations while empowering them to step into their inheritance as Kingdom stewards.

The Radical Godly Stewardship Podcast

One of Lexi's most notable platforms is her podcast, Radical Godly Stewardship. Through this medium, Lexi shares her insights and expertise with a wider audience, tackling topics such as financial management, stewardship, and Kingdom advancement. The podcast has become a powerful tool for Lexi, allowing her to connect with women around the world and equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve financial mastery.

Stop Begging God for Money: A Best-Selling Book

In addition to her podcast, Lexi is also the author of the best-selling book, Stop Begging God for Money. This book is a reflection of Lexi's passion for financial stewardship and her desire to see women empowered to take control of their finances. Through the book, Lexi challenges readers to rethink their approach to money and stewardship, providing practical strategies and biblical insights to help them achieve financial

freedom.

The Kingdom InPowered Network (KIN)

Lexi is also the visionary behind the Kingdom InPowered Network (KIN), a smart TV platform amplifying Kingdom voices in media. Through KIN, Lexi is able to connect with a broader audience, providing them with access to Kingdom-focused content and resources. The platform has become an important part of Lexi's ministry, allowing her to reach women and men around the world with her message of financial empowerment and Kingdom stewardship.

A Call to Action: Produce. Multiply. Dominate.

At the heart of Lexi's ministry is a call to action: Produce. Multiply. Dominate. This mantra is more than just a slogan – it is a reflection of Lexi's passion for seeing women empowered to take control of their finances and live out their faith in the marketplace. Through her teaching and coaching, Lexi challenges women to produce wealth, multiply their resources, and dominate their financial fears and limitations.

A Legacy of Financial Empowerment

Lexi Johnson's legacy is one of financial empowerment and Kingdom stewardship. Through her ministry, she has equipped countless women with the tools and strategies necessary to achieve financial mastery and live out their faith in the marketplace. As a Kingdom financial coach and prophetic strategist, Lexi continues to inspire and challenge women to take control of their finances and steward their resources with wisdom and integrity.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Lexi Johnson is a true pioneer in the world of financial empowerment and Kingdom stewardship. Through her ministry, she has challenged countless women to rethink their approach to money and stewardship, providing them with the tools and strategies necessary to achieve financial mastery. As a Kingdom financial coach, prophetic strategist, and divine disruptor, Lexi continues to inspire and empower women around the world, helping them to produce, multiply, and dominate in their finances and in their lives.