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President Ruto Issues Title Deeds To Changamwe Residents

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Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

President William Ruto presided over the issuance of 802 title deeds to residents of Chaani Ward, Changamwe Constituency. The President also inspected the ongoing construction of the 1,932-unit Nyali VOK Affordable Housing Project in the area.



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Children in Narok County are set to benefit from free eye screening, aimed at minimizing cases of vision impairment and avoidable blindness. The exercise is sponsored by Christian Blind Mission (CBM), and implemented by Tenwek Mission Hospital; with a target of reaching to all children aged below 18 years old in a period of five years. Speaking during the first County Eye Care Technical Task Force meeting, Narok County Director of Health Dr. Francis Kiio said the taskforce will provide strategic leadership, technical guidance, and coordination for eye care initiatives. He reiterated that the program will align with the county's commitment to enhancing primary healthcare and achieving equitable access to quality eye healthcare services.



Residents of Kajiado North Sub-County held peace and consultative meetings to encourage harmonious living among the communities in a build-up gesture, ahead of celebrations marking the International Day of Peace. Starting with a peace caravan that snaked through Ongata Rongai and Kiserian townships, the colourful event complete with pomp, attracted youthful participants, who went round ululating and dancing, as they encouraged the cosmopolitan society in the visited areas to embrace peace. The procession, which included members of the civil society and government officials preached for peace building and virtues of harmony and tranquility, making several stops before holding a baraza in Kiserian. The joint baraza discussed a range of issues including peace and security, development, alcohol and drug abuse, open-door policy, unity among the citizens and improved collaboration between the two sub-counties.



Tharaka Nithi County Director of Adult and Continuing Education, Samuel Kabita, has urged residents who missed out on formal schooling to seize the opportunity offered by adult education programmes before the current system is phased out in 2027. Speaking to journalists at Muringa Adult Secondary Education Centre in Chuka, Kabita explained that the Accelerated Education Programme, which enables adult learners to cover the syllabus in a shorter period, will be discontinued as Kenya fully adopts the Competency-Based Education (CBE) system from 2028. Kabita said 57 adult learners have already registered for KCSE this year in Tharaka Nithi, terming it a sign of growing interest in continuing education.



The Football Kenya Federation (FKF) and SportPesa have launched the SportPesa League 2025/26 Season, as the 10-year partnership of the top-tier football league in Kenya kicks off this weekend. Coming weeks after announcing a major boost to Kenyan football, the landmark agreement worth Sh1.12 billion will see SportPesa affirm its support for the growth and development of football in Kenya, offering an opportunity for the participating teams and players to showcase and explore their full potential. The long-term commitment that starts with Sh85 million in year one, growing steadily to 145 million by year 10, will see the 18 participating clubs receive 60 percent of the sponsorship funds, while the federation will receive 40 percent to run the top tier league. SportPesa CEO Ronald Karauri, while speaking during the launch at a Nairobi hotel Tuesday, reaffirmed the company's commitment to supporting the SportPesa League.



The Court of Appeal has allowed Nairobi Hospital board members to resume meetings after overturning an order that had barred them from convening since July. The three-judge bench led by Justices Patrick Kiage, Jamila Mohammed, and Weldon Korir on lifted the freeze pending the hearing of an appeal lodged by the hospital and three senior officials, among them Chief Executive Officer Felix Osano. The appellate judges also suspended contempt proceedings facing Osano, board chairperson Dr Barclay Onyambu, and company secretary Gilbert Nyamweya.

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Policyholders Compensation Fund Takes Sensitization Forums To The Grassroots

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In a move that is aimed at increasing public awareness, the Policyholders Compensation Fund (PCF) has intensified grassroots sensitisation forums with various groups to educate them about its' mandate and functions.

The Fund's Corporate Communications Deputy Director, Rosemary Kavili, says that PCF is keen on ensuring that Kenyans regardless of their location, understand how to seek redress from the agency without encountering barriers.

Speaking at the commencement of a five-day sensitization forum in Nyeri, Ms Kavili told journalists that the agency also wants to use the forums, which have been dubbed PCF Mtaani, to increase the public's confidence in the insurance sector.

"Through PCF mtaani we are able to educate people on our mandate because we are majorly in Nairobi and nobody will hear us, nobody will see us, nobody will know the mandate that is bestowed on us as an agency by the government if we remain in the capital city," she said during a journalists' sensitization forum held at the Nyeri National Polytechnic on Tuesday.

Nyeri becomes the 14th county for PCF to pitch tent. During their stay, the fund is set to engage boda boda and matatu operators. They have also organised an engagement session with National Government Administration Officers, teachers' unions; Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers and the Kenya National Union of Teachers.

They are also scheduled to meet

with special interest groups, religious groups, Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, farmers' co-operatives and insurance agents who are the intermediaries between the clients and the insurance.

Ms Kavili said, among the topics that the participants will be sensitized on, is how to lodge claims for insurance compensation in the event that an insurer is placed under statutory management or the insurer's license is cancelled.

She said that some of the reasons for collapse include poor governance practices, insurance fraud, and under-pricing of insurance products by setting premiums that are too low to cover the expected costs. Economic downturns and global shocks have also been cited as a reason for the collapse of insurance companies.

"There are about 20 listed collapsed insurers in the country, some dating back to the late 90s. We also have more recent cases like Resolution Insurance (2022), Xplico Insurance (2023) and Invesco which collapsed in 2024. We discovered that despite being in existence since the year 2005, people are not aware of what steps to take when such events occur while others do not know that they can actually pursue compensation," noted Ms Kavili.

The fund's asset base stands at Sh24 billion with the maximum compensation amount per claim being capped at Sh250,000. According to Ms Kavili, PCF commenced the process for compensating policy holders and claimants of insurers under statutory management or whose license has been cancelled, in the financial year 2020/2021.

A report by the fund shows that a total of 1,426 claims amounting



Rosemary Kavili

to Sh240 million have been settled so far. The report shows that in the 2020/2021 fiscal year the fund paid out some Sh5.6 million to 25 claimants while in the fiscal year 2021/2022 some Sh18.5 million to 91 claimants.

In the fiscal year 2022/2023 the fund paid out Sh65.9 million to 624 claimants and in the subsequent year, the fund made compensation to 44 claimants amounting to Sh8.5 million.

Over the last financial year, the PCF released Sh108 million to 494 claimants. During the current fiscal year, the fund has already disbursed Sh32.9 million to 148 claimants.

The report further shows that as at June 30 this year, the fund had

managed to settle nearly half of the claims lodged to the fund for seven insurers under statutory management or liquidation.

Out of 896 claims regarding Resolution Insurance the fund had settled 767 claims amounting to Sh90.86 million. The fund has been able to settle all 45 claims relating to Concord Insurance amounting to Sh9.03million. Policyholders Compensation Fund has so far made compensations amounting to Sh4.63 million relating to Standard Assurance for 21 out of the 31 claims lodged.

The fund has also processed compensation valued at Sh14.44 million regarding 77 claimants from BlueShield Insurance. For United Insurance, the fund processed 6 claims valued at

Sh 772,000.

Whereas 896 claims regarding Xplico were lodged, the fund made compensations amounting to Sh77.56 million concerning 342 claims. For the recently collapsed Invesco Assurance a total of 372 compensation claims were lodged but the fund made compensations for 185 claimants valued at Sh42.82 million.

Ms Kavili said that as the time frame for processing payment is two years, some of the biggest challenges the fund is hoping to address through PCF Mtaani will be enlightening the members of the public on the timelines and procedures to be followed when lodging a compensation claim.

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Sanlam Kenya Prepares For Proposed Rebrand Ahead Of Next Month's EGM

By: MKT Correspondent

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Listed non-banking financial services company Sanlam Kenya has announced that it will hold a virtual Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Thursday, October 9, 2025 to seek shareholder approval for a formal name change to Sanlam Allianz Holdings (Kenya) PLC.

The proposed name change is part of a larger, continental business growth strategy following the newly formed joint venture between Sanlam and Allianz, called SanlamAllianz. This partnership combines the two companies' operations across Africa to form the continent's largest pan-African non-banking financial services entity. "The proposed name change is a key step in our alignment with the new SanlamAllianz brand," said Dr Patrick Tumbo, Group CEO of Sanlam Kenya PLC. "By formally establishing ourselves as Sanlam Allianz Holdings (Kenya) PLC, we are moving to leverage the combined

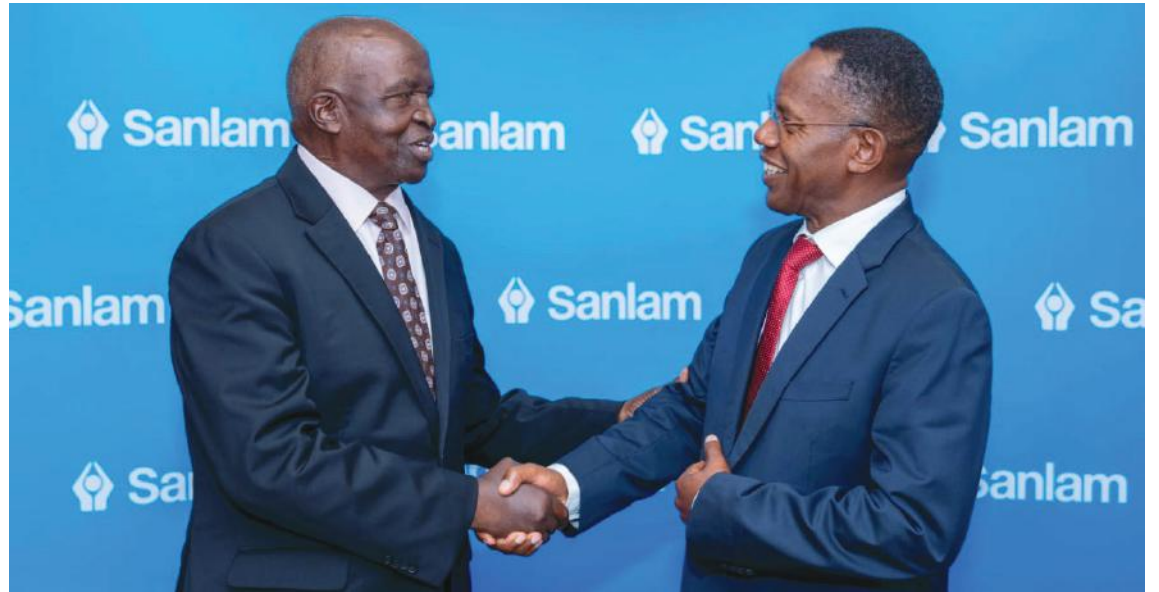
expertise and financial strength of two respected and well-known global brands."

Dr Tumbo said that, ahead of the proposed formal rebrand, which is subject to regulatory and shareholder approvals, Sanlam Kenya will continue to strengthen its foothold as a client-centric business that is both resilient and well-positioned for sustained growth.

"Across Africa, Sanlam and Allianz are leveraging their mutual strengths to unlock synergies and provide clients with best-in-class, innovative insurance solutions and technical excellence. This creates value for its stakeholders through greater economies of scale, broader geographic presence, larger combined market share, and a more diversified product offering," he said.

SanlamAllianz operates in 26 countries and holds a combined total group equity value of over 33 Billion South African Rand (approximately 2 Billion Euros).

Ahead of the proposed formal rebrand, Sanlam Kenya has demonstrated steady insurance revenue growth in recent months. As of 30



Sanlam Kenya PLC Chairman Dr John Simba (left) shares a light moment with the company's Group CEO Dr Patrick Tumbo (right) at a past event..

June 2025, the company reported the following key highlights;

Insurance revenue growth: Reaching KSh3.73 Billion, up from KSh3.52 Billion, Solid solvency rates where Sanlam Life Insurance and Sanlam General Insurance reported solvency rates of 220% and 194%, re-

spectively, at the end of the period and Increased total assets Rising to KSh41.3 billion from KSh39.2 billion as of December 31, 2024.

Additionally, a recent Rights Issue successfully raised the company's issued share capital to Ksh3.22 Billion, with shareholders' funds more than

doubling to Ksh 3.85 Billion. This has significantly strengthened the company's capital base and solvency, positioning it for continued growth and innovation.

Waititu Loses Another Bid To Overturn 12-Year Prison Term

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Former Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu, who is serving a 12-year prison sentence, has lost yet another attempt to have his sentence reviewed.

In a ruling delivered on September 16, 2025, Lady Justice Lucy Njuguna dismissed an application filed on August 28, 2025, in which the former county chief sought to overturn his conviction on corruption-related charges.

Waititu was convicted in February 2025 and ordered to either pay a fine of KSh 53.5 million or serve 12 years in prison.

The court found that Waititu had violated the principles of good governance and failed to protect public funds after irregularly receiving KSh 25 million from Testimony Enterpris-

es, following the award of a flawed tender.

Justice Njuguna ruled that the sentencing would stand, pending the hearing and determination of Waititu's appeal.

She further directed that the appeal be concluded within 120 days, warning that any delays by the former governor could result in the case being struck out.

Meanwhile, Waititu will continue serving his sentence at Kamiti Maximum Prison, having failed to meet the strict bond terms, which required a bank guarantee of KSh 53 million.

The matter will be mentioned in court on October 1, 2025.



Former Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu

IPOA Unveils KSh.13B Blueprint To Reinforce Police Oversight

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These limited personnel are spread across nine regional offices, far below the 3,000 police facilities in 1,450 wards the authority is mandated to cover.

"We have 77 investigators against a need of 400 investigators and that is where the core of public complaints are that we take too long to investigate complaints and prosecute any complaints arising from those investigations," said Issack Hassan, chairperson of IPOA.

Hassan said other challenges in resolving public complaints include the lack of cooperation from the National Police Service (NPS) and overlapping mandates between IPOA and NPS, issues they plan to address with stakeholders as they have reportedly hampered the effectiveness of investigations into police misconduct.

"We are accused by the public of not doing enough to hold the police accountable, we are accused of being part of the police covering up for them. On the other hand, we continue to face resistance and lack of cooperation from police command and police officers in terms of investigating misconduct and criminal action by police. It is important for police command to embrace transparency and accountability," said Hassan.

"We will continue to treat IPOA findings and recommendations with the seriousness that they deserve, ensuring where disciplinary action



Chairperson of the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) Mr. Ahmed Issack Hassan with the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja. File Photo

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is recommended it is undertaken promptly, fairly and transparently. This is the only way to break the cycle of impunity," said Dr. Amani Komora, chairperson of the NPSC. IPOA, which aims to successfully prosecute all valid complaints, says that out of more than 700 case files submitted to the DPP over the years, only about 40 police officers have

been convicted.

Chief Justice Martha Koome, who hailed IPOA as a key player in the administration of justice, has called for increased funding to strengthen its mandate.

"When IPOA is underfunded it is the Kenyan people who are denied their constitutional right to seek accountability in policing. Oversight

is not an act of hostility towards the police, it is an act of encouragement," said Koome.

During the event, police were encouraged to embrace technology in dealing with graft, not just from digitizing the occurrence book but also in the expected recruitment exercise for 10,000 police constables.



Police brutality

KMTC Strengthens Health Training With New Vehicles And Expanded Student Intake

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The Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) has received a major boost in its training and outreach capacity following the flagging off of eight new vehicles by Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale at the KMTC Headquarters.

The vehicles, which increase KMTC's fleet to 158, will expand student access to clinical placement sites, rural training areas, and community health programmes, while also supporting medical camps, environmental sustainability initiatives, and social outreach projects. The move is expected to provide students with hands-on experience and strengthen service delivery, particularly in underserved communities.

Welcoming both new and continuing students to the 2025/2026 academic year, CS Duale reported that 11,058 students have already reported out of the expected 15,000. With 91 campuses spread across 45 counties, KMTC continues to serve as a cornerstone of

Kenya's health sector. By December, the College is projected to graduate 22,000 health professionals, further bolstering the national and global health workforce.

The CS reaffirmed government's strong support for KMTC, noting that 57 campuses have been included in the Affordable Housing Programme to provide hostels and student villages, ensuring a conducive learning environment. He further highlighted reforms to modernise infrastructure, recruit more lecturers, and equip campuses to meet both current and future health challenges.

Equitable access to health training remains central to KMTC's mandate. Admissions continue to be managed through KUCCPS to guarantee fairness, while financial support through HELB ensures opportunities for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

"KMTC plays an indispensable role in building the health workforce, which is the most critical pillar of the Taifa Care Model and Universal Health Coverage (UHC)," CS Duale said, urging students to embrace diligence, empathy, and innovation as



CS Adan Duale during the flagging off event.

they embark on their training.

He commended the KMTC Board, Management, staff, and partners for their visionary leadership, including plans to expand facilities and procure more vehicles to support training and

community service.

Those present at the event included Director General for Health, Dr. Patrick Amoth; KMTC Board Chairman, Mr. Joseah Cheruiyot; CEO, Dr. Kelly Oluoch; Secretary Administration,

Adan Halakhe; Dr. Daniel Mwai of the President's Council of Economic Advisors; KMTC Board Directors; staff; and students.



PS Muoria Champions Modular CBET To Drive Kenya's Skills Agenda

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PS Esther Muoria.

Worth Noting:

- The PS lauded the TVET Act of 2013, which created a unified governance system and established the TVET Authority for accreditation and quality assurance and policy frameworks which positioned TVET at the heart of realization of Vision 2030 goals on industrialization, job creation and youth empowerment.
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Principal Secretary for the State Department for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Dr. Esther Muoria, has urged TVETs institutes in Universities to fully embrace Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) as Kenya deepens reforms to align education with industry needs and global labour market trends.

Speaking while officially opening a Capacity Building Workshop on Modular CBET Delivery for University TVETs, Dr. Muoria said the reforms are anchored in strong legal and policy frameworks that continue to shape Kenya's transformation into a skills driven economy.

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also employable.

Since the adoption of CBET in 2023, the PS said TVET institutions have witnessed exponential growth in both enrollment and assessments. Currently, over 100,000 trainees are pursuing modular CBET curricula, with 80,000 in public institutions and 20,000 in private TVETs, Vocational Training Centres (VTCs), and university based TVET programmes. During the July–August 2025 assessment series, 45,000 candidates were examined, with results expected soon, she revealed.

These assessments, she added, are coordinated by the TVET Curriculum Development, Assessment and Certification Council (CDACC) alongside national polytechnics serving as Qualification Awarding Bodies.

Dr. Muoria acknowledged that the initial rollout of CBET faced challenges, including delays in programme completion, inconsistencies in training delivery, and weaknesses in assessment planning. However, she said these gaps had informed the launch of the Modular CBET Curriculum, which has streamlined delivery, reduced duplication, and enhanced progression pathways across institutions.

“Currently, 311 curricula have been modularized, standardized guidelines for assessment tool development introduced, and training schedules disseminated to ensure alignment with approved occupational standards,” she explained.

The PS underscored that capacity building workshops are critical for ad-

ressing persistent challenges, including lack of standardization in training plans, reliance on traditional teaching methods, limited resources, and inadequate industry involvement in curriculum development and delivery.

“The CBET journey is one of bold reform, resilience, and innovation. It is transforming TVET institutions into centres of excellence, equipping our youth with the skills to thrive in a competitive labour market,” she observed.

She further acknowledged the growing role of universities offering TVET courses, saying this had helped shift public perception and reduce the stigma that has long branded vocational skills as inferior.

“The responsibility now rests with all of us. I urge you to be champions of this transformation. Consolidate the gains of CBET, scale up best practices into university curricula, and above all, build an education system that produces competent, innovative, and employable youth,” she added.

The PS also highlighted the strong demand for Kenyan skilled workers abroad, particularly in Europe and the Middle East, where opportunities continue to expand.

“The world is hungry for skills. Kenya must rise to the occasion by equipping young people who can deliver quality work anywhere,” she said.

In support of her remarks, Prof. Kisilu Kitainge, CEO of the Curriculum Development, Assessment and Certification Council (CDACC), underscored the importance of modular training in

broadening opportunities for learners.

He explained that CDACC develops competency-based curricula, conducts assessments, and issues three levels of certification: full qualifications, partial qualifications, and micro-credentials.

“The essence of modularization is to give people tangible skills they can use to sustain themselves within months of training,” Prof. Kitainge said, citing practical courses such as catering, tailoring, and hairdressing which have already enabled young people to earn a living and contribute to their communities.

The Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) Director General, Dr. Alice Kandie, reaffirmed the Authority's role in safeguarding quality through the National Qualifications Framework. She explained that the framework provides progression pathways and recognises all skills and knowledge acquired in credible ways, whether through formal, informal, or non-formal learning.

“It is about consistency, credibility, and recognition of qualifications across all training levels. This framework ensures learners are not locked out of opportunities and that their competencies are valued both locally and globally,” Dr. Kandie said.

During the workshop, stakeholders agreed that collaboration among universities, TVET institutions, industry, and regulators remains essential to sustaining transformational momentum in the country's skills development agenda.

UK Soldier To Face Murder Charges

By: MKT Correspondent
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Worth Noting:

- Justice Alexander Muteti set the stage for the extradition of the former British Army Training Unit in Kenya (BATUK) officer.
- He issued the orders following an application by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), who disclosed that the accused was in the United Kingdom and such orders were necessary so that he could be extradited Kenya so as to face the trial.
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After more than 13 years of waiting, a family in Laikipia county was relieved on Tuesday after the High Court ordered for charging of a Briton soldier over murder of their kin.

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The soldier is accused of killing Wanjiru on the night of March 31 and April 1, 2012 at Lions Gate Hotel Nanyuki town. After the murder, the soldier was flown out of the country as the family sought justice in courts.

The judge directed the media not to publish the suspect’s name for now to safeguard the integrity of the court process.

“The offence of murder in Kenya is an extraditable offence and the same is satisfied in the provisions of dual criminality under cap 77 of laws of Kenya. It is so ordered,” said Justice Muteti.

According to the Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Act, dual criminality is satisfied when the offense in the requesting Commonwealth country also constitutes an offense under Kenyan law, with similar penalties. Both the UK and Kenya are members of the Commonwealth.

The DPP stated that although some of the witnesses are based in the UK, they would be made available to the court during the hearing.

The warrant is the culmination of joint investigations by authorities in both countries. The process was triggered by findings of a November 2019 court-led inquiry that established that Wanjiru was murdered.

The inquiry file was later forwarded to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations and the DPP to tighten the case. Kenyan investigators flew to UK and met witnesses.

The case was fixed for mention on

October 21 for the prosecution to inform the court on the progress of the extradition process.

Wanjiru’s family welcomed the news with their lawyer Kamau Wa Mbiyu terming the move as long overdue.

The lawyer said he hoped the government’s of Kenya and United Kingdom would speed up the process of extradition so that the murder trial could start as soon as is practically possible.

“This issue has taken over a decade to reach here. It was long overdue and we believe that the late Wanjiru’s family will eventually get justice,” the human rights lawyer said.

When Wanjiru was killed, her daughter who was her only child was then five months old.

Sources said intense investigations had pointed out at the British soldier as the one who committed the heinous crime.

Her body was discovered in the hotel’s septic tank, However, Investigations took around five years before their findings were sent to the DPP.

The DPP recommended that an inquest should be conducted 22 months after he received the file and in November 2019, the magistrate’s court found that Wanjiru was murdered.



Agnes Wanjiru.



Justice Alexander Muteti.

Over 1,500 Nakuru MSMEs Set To Receive Support

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Worth Noting:

- Sports, Youth, Gender and Social Services County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Ms Elga Riaga said the initiative was designed to tackle youth unemployment through skills and enterprise development, by focusing on the socio-economic empowerment of young people.
- She explained that the undertaking was expected to facilitate increased access to trade finance and capital for MSMEs through Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled platforms that facilitates onboarding and access to data from multiple sources to build-up data repositories that will enable reliable borrower behavior-based credit scoring as an alternative to physical collateral.
- According to Ms Riaga, the strategic objective of the partnership was to connect the MSMEs to money, markets and mentorship adding that they will be striving to connect MSMEs to key stakeholders to scale up new entrepreneurial heights.

Over 1,500 Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) in Nakuru County are set to benefit from enhanced access to capital, business skills training and mentorship programme aimed at unlocking their untapped potential.

The venture is being implemented by the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) in partnership with the Nakuru County Government on behalf of EASETRADE Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprise (MSME) Digital Infrastructure Lending Project.

The initiative seeks to equip and empower MSMEs in Kenya to capture opportunities within Africa and the global markets, while advocating for digitised trade and networking mechanisms as well as the inclusion of youth and women in the entrepreneurial space.

Sports, Youth, Gender and Social Services County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Ms Elga Riaga said the initiative was designed to tackle youth unemployment through skills and enterprise development, by focusing on the socio-economic empowerment of young people.

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Speaking during a meeting with a delegation from Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), the CECM said the participants will be informed of possible trade opportunities in different sectors including agriculture, ICT, manufacturing and financial services among other sectors.

EASETRADE MSME Digital Infrastructure Lending Project, a three-year inclusive finance and capacity development project currently being implemented in Kenya is aimed at empowering Micro and Small Enterprises (MSMEs) with a particular focus on youth and women.

The project is financed by the Trade and Development Fund (TDF), the Mastercard Foundation and the Trade Catalyst Africa (TCA). Two addition-

al countries from Africa set to benefit from the initiative will be selected by the end of the first year of the project.

Ms Riaga said MSME owners and managers will be trained to package their businesses better in order to be more competitive, profitable and sustainable in their respective ventures adding that the project aligns with Governor Susan Kihika's agenda of promoting economic growth particularly among the youth and women.

IIRR is an 80-year-old rural development organisation headquartered in Silang, Cavite, Philippines, although it is a U.S.-based organisation with a New York office and branches across Asia and Africa. It promotes people-centered development through participatory capacity building for vulnerable populations and their communities.

The initiative aims to train the targeted youth and women on business resilience, digital sales and marketing, financial management, customer care, access to markets and new value chains as well as legal and compliance requirements.

Ms Riaga said the programme was an important step towards inclusive trade, economic empowerment, and sustainable job creation for women and youth in the MSME sector within Nakuru County.

"With this collaboration, the MSME sector will be better positioned as a pathway for economic growth, food security, and poverty alleviation in Nakuru," stated the CECM.

She said the initiative was deliberately offering practical skills and entrepreneurship training mentorship through partnerships with various industry titans as well as extending start-up capital.

The CECM indicated that the initiative was aligned to the recently launched Enterprise Funds which aim to economically empower small scale entrepreneurs.

She noted that in the wake of unprecedented challenges brought about by the post Covid-19 pandemic period, Kenya's micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) had found themselves at the forefront of economic resilience and recovery.

As the lifeblood of the nation's economy, Ms Riaga added that MSMEs play a pivotal role in driving innovation, creating employment opportunities, and fostering inclusive growth.

As the backbone of the Kenyan economy, the CECM said MSMEs contribute 34 per cent to GDP, and make up 75 percent of formal establishments in Kenya, creating about 30 percent of jobs annually.



"This initiative emerges as a strategic lifeline, propelling enterprises forward and unlocking the county's untapped potential," explained the CECM.

She added that through targeted interventions such as capacity building, technical assistance, and customised financial products, the initiative also aims to equip entrepreneurs with the tools and knowledge necessary to navigate the complexities of the modern business environment successfully.

According to Kenya National Bureau of Statistics there are over 7.4 million MSMEs employing approximately 14.9 million individuals, contributing approximately 40 percent of the GDP. The CECM disclosed that the County Government would continue providing opportunities for MSMEs sector to grow particularly through the provision of a conducive environment for ease of doing business.

International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) project manager Ms Peris Wangechi said the project will help build the capacity of the young, financially disadvantaged micro-entrepreneurs by enhancing their business skills and creditworthiness.

Ms Wangechi indicated that the initiative intends to mobilise, deploy and catalyse MSMEs access to trade finance, leveraging the credit scoring capabilities of digital platforms towards replacing the need for collaterals required by lending institutions.

She said the collaboration will foster an enabling environment to stimulate an inclusive and equitable economic

growth of the business startups in Nakuru County.

"This programme has the potential to catalyse dignified and fulfilling work opportunities for young men and women, we are laying the foundation for a more equitable and sustainable future for all," she said.

The project manager pointed out that they will factor in technical perspectives as well as curricular exchange initiatives as a way to develop international understanding between youth entrepreneurs and their peers from different countries to learn about each other's culture and way of doing business.

The programme, she added seeks to enhance young women's access to trade financing, digital literacy, technology adoption, and trade finance knowledge, which will in turn lead to business growth, job creation, and economic development.

The Project manager explained that the critical contribution of MSMEs to broader socio-economic objectives, including job creation, makes them a key priority area for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"For MSMEs to keep creating jobs, increase incomes and contribute to sustainable food systems there is a need for access to markets, financing, and continuous skills development," the official elaborated.

According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) the MSME sector creates employment for over 15 million people and has a value output of Sh3.3 trillion.

God Gives Strength When We Are In Pain



You won't know God's blessings, until you're in pain,

When struggles and trouble surround you
From birth, He's given countless gifts so free,
Yet we hardly realize, His mercy and grace

We got eyes, ears, and heart, kidney, brain
Free

We take them for granted, like the air we
breathe with peace,

But when any part fails, and we experience pain
We seek His blessings, and pray throughout
the night.

We've received so much, from His loving hand,
Eyes to see, ears to hear, a heart that
understands,

Lungs to breathe, a brain that thinks and

knows,
Each gift is precious, and worthy of praising
thousand times with thousand tongues
But we forget badly

But when we're immersed, in pain and immersed
in fears,
We cry out for His healing touch, and to wipe
away our tears,
In deep waters, He stands by our side, worry
not
He is our refuge and strength, in whom we can
trust

Only in pain, we find God's mighty hand,
Lifting us up, and making us stand,
He brings us out, of darkness and strife,
And fills our hearts, with joy and new life.

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Unfaithful... How Happy You Are Today



Unfaithful... how happy you are today
Now, on your side, the sun will never set
My state is clear, my fate so frayed
Could it be – no dawn will rise in my sky again?

Unfaithful... your eyes are brimming with joy
While inside, a burning coal consumes me whole
Alone I am – what am I to do?
Sleep has long since left my soul

Unfaithful... the weight of longing is heavy
My heart is full of nights burdened by regret
Without you... without you – how shall I carry
on?

Now on my side, sorrow won't forget

Unfaithful one, let me say my final word:
Forget me, as I shall try forgetting you
From all my weeping, my eyes are stained with
blood
But those moments – they won't return, it's
true

My love, how happy you are today...

Komilova Maftuna

Longing



When the heart cries out
Every fiber trembles.
After all, I am also a human child

If it has passed, how few mistakes have I made.

A voice echoes from the heart's web
Okay, if it comes and says: Awlida!
My heart is burning – I am a slave
Let the world be, I am a beggar without you.

My heart is full of sorrows,
I love you forever, forever.
I will wait for you patiently
My patience is a throne to be happy!

Madaminova Makhfuz

Respect Beyond Riches



Treat all with love, respect the same,
Not by their wealth, nor job, nor fame.
A farmer who toils beneath the sun,
Deserves the same honor as a wealthy one.

Life can change in a blink of an eye,
A king may fall, a poor man fly.
An earthquake shakes both hut and tower,

Reminding us nature holds the power.

The rich in mansions, the poor on street,
Both taste hunger, both need to eat.
Fate may crown a common man,
As history shows—it surely can.

So spread your kindness, give respect,
To every soul, in every sect.
For love and care are treasures true,
That lift the world for me and you.

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It Is Better To Forget Ungrateful People On A Good Day



Some people we help, with a willing hand,
But they forget our kindness, in a distant land.
Their gratitude is fleeting, like the morning dew,
Leaving us with memories, of what we once
went through.

So let's not waste our thoughts, on those who
don't care,
Let's focus on the ones, who show us they'll
be there.

It's better to forget, the ones who don't
appreciate,
And surround ourselves with love, on a good
day, a new state.

For life is too short, to waste on those who
don't see,
The value of kindness, and the love that's
meant to be.

So let's rise above, and shine with all our might,
And forget the ungrateful, on a good day, with
delight.

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All The Time I Wish To Meet Almighty



All the time I wish to meet almighty
In every step of my life though, I'm not so mighty
I search him in each service I receive and do
I not wandering alone in my way but I'm with my
crew

When waves of trouble crash and roar
And fears and doubts attack me evermore
I feel the undercurrent and riptide of despair
And wonder if I'll ever find solace with my care
But soon I remember, I'm always pampered; I'm
not alone

It's the strength of God, His presence is shown
In the darkest depths, He's always near
A lifeline of hope in every tight-corner, a calm to
fear
Awfully a steady anchor, where with hope I can
reside

That power supports me in the deep waters
wide
His strength and love, leads me as guiding light
Illuminate the darkness, and banish my night
He lifts me up, when I am weird, weak and worn

That power gives me strength, to face the dawn
In the midst of storms, He stands as a rock
Unshaken and unmoved, His love never under
locks
So let the waves crash, and the thunder roll

My complete trust in God's strength, Enfolds my
soul with him, by time of no length
For in the deep waters, He's always near
Supporting me, strengthening me, calming my
fear.
You will never know God's strength, until He has
supported you in deep waters

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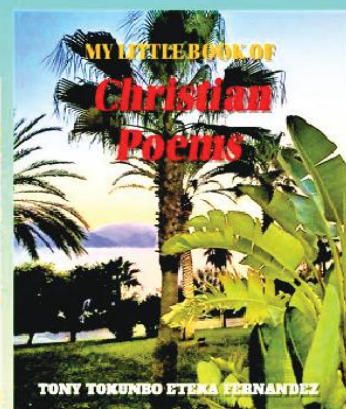
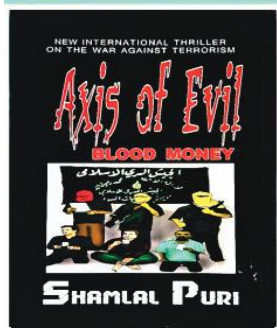
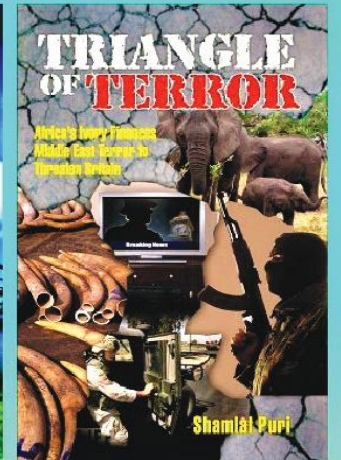
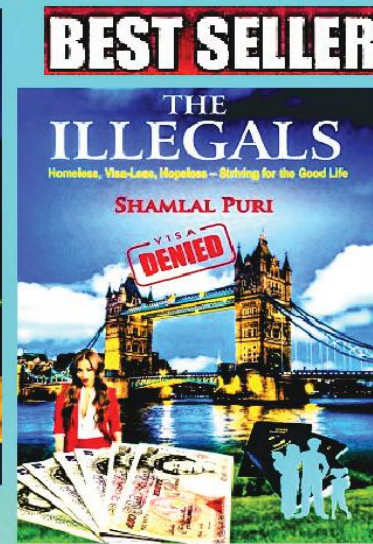
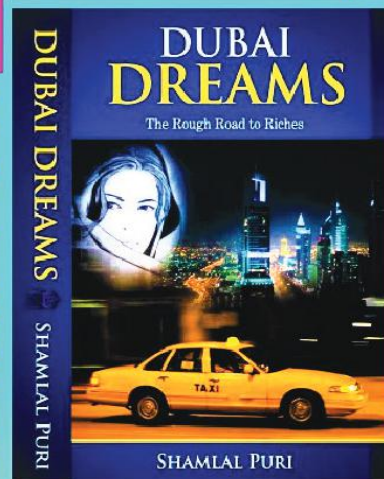
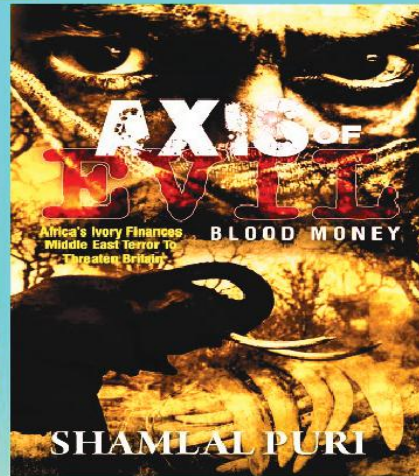
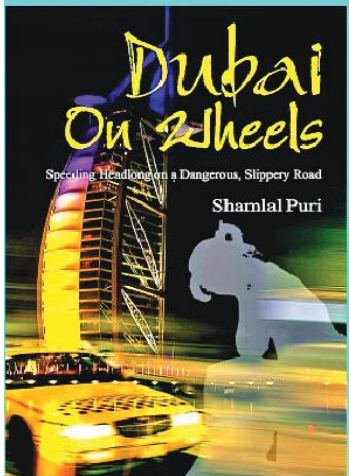
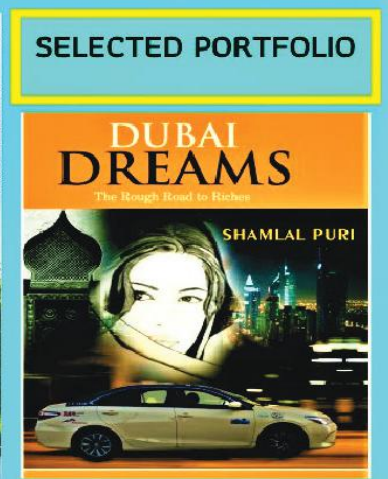
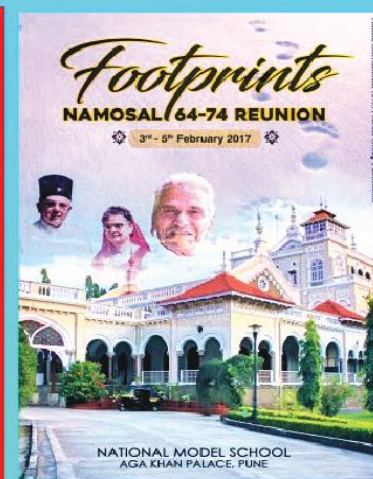
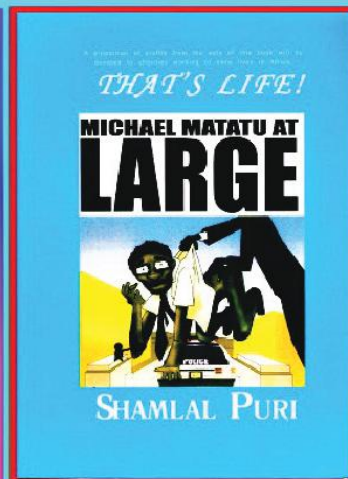
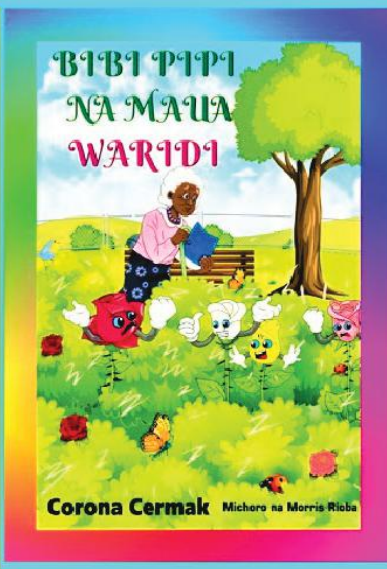
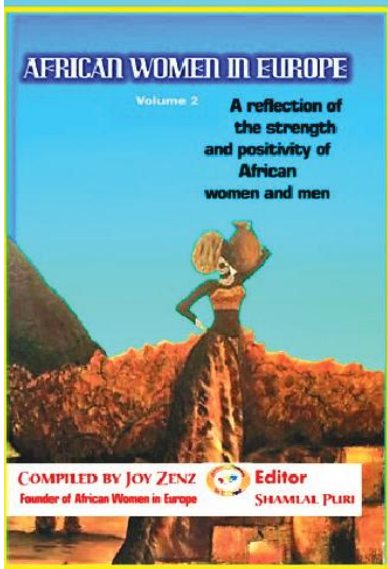
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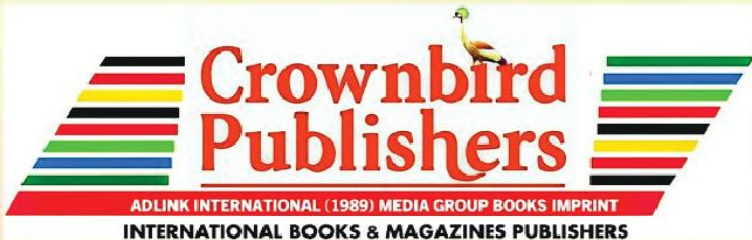
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Forest Conservator Calls For Joint Efforts In Conserving Forests In Kirinyaga

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Worth Noting:

- Speaking during a field excursion with the members of the Kirinyaga County Assembly's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, Ms. Njeru said forests remain the backbone of the ecosystem and directly influence water security, food production, and climate stability.
- She warned that unless urgent interventions are implemented, the county risks losing critical biodiversity and undermining its agricultural potential.
- The tour, which was led by Njukiini Ward MCA Timothy Njeru, took the committee to Kamuruana Forest in Inoi Ward, a 28.67-hectare natural reserve located near Kangaita Tea Factory.
- The forest is home to rare indigenous tree species including Croton Megalocarpus, Macaranga, Syzygium, and Macrocarpus. However, the forest has come under growing pressure from illegal logging, charcoal burning, and encroachment, activities that continue to threaten its survival.

Kirinyaga County Forest Conservator, Ms. Caroline Njeru has underscored the urgent need for stronger collaboration between the National and Kirinyaga County Government in conserving forests, protecting endangered species, and addressing emerging environmental threats in the region.

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Ms. Njeru proposed the immediate fencing of Kamuruana Forest to curb

illegal activities and secure the endangered species.

The project, estimated to cost about Sh12 million, will be undertaken jointly by the National Government through the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and the Kirinyaga County Government.

She observed that a well-secured forest would not only protect biodiversity but also open up new opportunities in eco-tourism, learning, and research.

Beyond fencing, Ms. Njeru called for communities to be placed at the center of conservation efforts. She explained that residents living around forests must be involved through environmental education, afforestation programs, and sustainable income-generating activities such as agroforestry.

Already, her office has lined up the distribution of 50,000 tree seedlings to schools, churches, and farmer groups within the county this year as part of efforts to restore degraded areas and instill a culture of tree planting among the youth.

She further noted that farmers who adopt tree planting alongside their crops stand to benefit through improved soil fertility and additional income from fruit and timber products.

The delegation later visited the Kerugoya Urban Forest, which is managed by the County Government, where they encountered a worrying

environmental hazard.

An uncommissioned dumpsite located dangerously close to Rutui River has become an eyesore and a threat to residents who rely on the water source for domestic and agricultural use.

The site, which has been expanding without proper management systems, has raised concerns over public health and pollution of the river ecosystem.

George Kariuki, Chairperson of the committee expressed alarm at the situation and confirmed that the Assembly will summon the relevant County Executive Committee Member (CEC) to provide a comprehensive plan on waste management.

He warned that failure to address the dumpsite crisis would erode gains made in environmental conservation and expose thousands of residents to serious health risks.

"Our rivers are lifelines for households and agriculture. Allowing them to be polluted is equivalent to sabotaging our own economy. We want to see a clear roadmap on the relocation of the dumpsite and the establishment of sustainable recycling systems for waste," Kariuki remarked.

Following the visits, the Committee resolved to push for the mainstreaming of forest conservation and environmental protection into the county's long-term development agenda. This will include enhanced budgetary allocations for afforestation, forest re-

habilitation, and waste management.

At the same time, both the National and Kirinyaga County Governments are expected to work closely with development partners and community-based organizations to expand conservation projects across the county.

The Conservator further emphasized that conservation should be treated as a development issue rather than an afterthought.

She noted that deforestation and environmental degradation directly undermine agriculture, which is the county's economic backbone, while highlighting that forest loss contributes to climate change, unpredictable rainfall patterns, and food insecurity, all of which affect households at the grassroots.

"If we lose our forests today, we compromise water sources, expose our farms to droughts, and put the future of our children at risk. Conservation is development, and development cannot be achieved without conservation," she said.

The Committee pledged to follow up on the resolutions made during the field excursion, noting that protecting Kamuruana and Kerugoya forests would not only preserve natural heritage but also strengthen the county's resilience against climate change while securing livelihoods for generations to come.



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Photo Exhibition Held In Maputo To Mark 50th Anniversary Of China-Mozambique Diplomatic Ties

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Worth Noting:

- Nearly 150 photos on display are divided into three sections, highlighting major historical moments and cooperation outcomes since the establishment of diplomatic ties five decades ago.
- The section "Traces of 50 Years of China-Mozambique Friendship" highlights China's support for Mozambique's independence struggle and the growth of political, economic, and cultural exchanges. "Pioneers of People-to-People Exchanges -- Chinese Enterprises in Mozambique" showcases Chinese companies' contributions to local development and livelihoods. "Lens of Xinhua, Images of the Century" presents classic works by Xinhua, chronicling China's remarkable development since the founding of the People's Republic of China.

MAPUTO, (Xinhua) -- A photo exhibition celebrating the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Mozambique opened Friday at the Mozambique-China Cultural Center in the Mozambican capital of Maputo.

Jointly organized by the Chinese Embassy in Mozambique, the Mozambican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, and Xinhua News Agency Africa Regional Bureau, the event brought together about 200 participants, including Mozambican Secretary of State for Tourism Fredson Bacar, Chinese Ambassador to Mozambique Zheng Xuan, representatives from various Mozambican sectors, Chinese enterprises operating in Mozambique, and members of the Chinese community.

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At the opening ceremony, Bacar expressed gratitude for China's tremendous contribution to Mozambique's social and economic development over the past 50 years. He noted that the exhibition vividly illustrates the growth of bilateral ties, a history of friendship, solidarity, and cooperation marked by fruitful results and mutual benefit.

He noted that in recent years, cooperation between Mozambique and China has achieved remarkable outcomes in such areas as finance, infrastructure, energy, transport, telecommunications, science and technology, agriculture, health, education, culture, and tourism.

Mechanisms such as the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Forum Macao), and the Belt and Road Initiative have opened a broader space for collaboration, providing platforms to



turn Mozambique's abundant natural resources and agricultural potential into drivers of sustainable development, Bacar added.

Zheng emphasized that traditional friendship between China and Mozambique, which dates back to their joint struggles against imperialism and colonialism, has been continuously strengthened since the establishment of diplomatic ties.

"The two countries have firmly supported each other, deepening practical cooperation and consolidating friendship while jointly pursuing national development and revitalization," she said, adding that the exhibition showcases both the history of bilateral relations and tangible achievements in such fields as infrastructure, health, education, and culture.

Samo Gudo, editor-in-chief of the Mozambican News Agency, said he was deeply impressed by the exhibition, which highlights the tremendous changes Mozambique has undergone since independence in 1975 with China's support.

"We firmly believe that with mutual support, Mozambique and China will go further together," Gudo added.



“Stolen Childhood” Book Analysis



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Every human being, without a doubt, longs for their youth and childhood and wishes to return to it...

It is natural to wonder why this book is titled “Stolen Childhood.” I also wondered — can childhood really be stolen? But after finishing the book, I understood. The real criminal in this story never had a true childhood. He couldn’t play like us, couldn’t laugh joyfully, but instead grew up under the cruelty of his sister-in-law. Because of this, our main character wanted to take away the childhood of other children — and indeed, he did so...

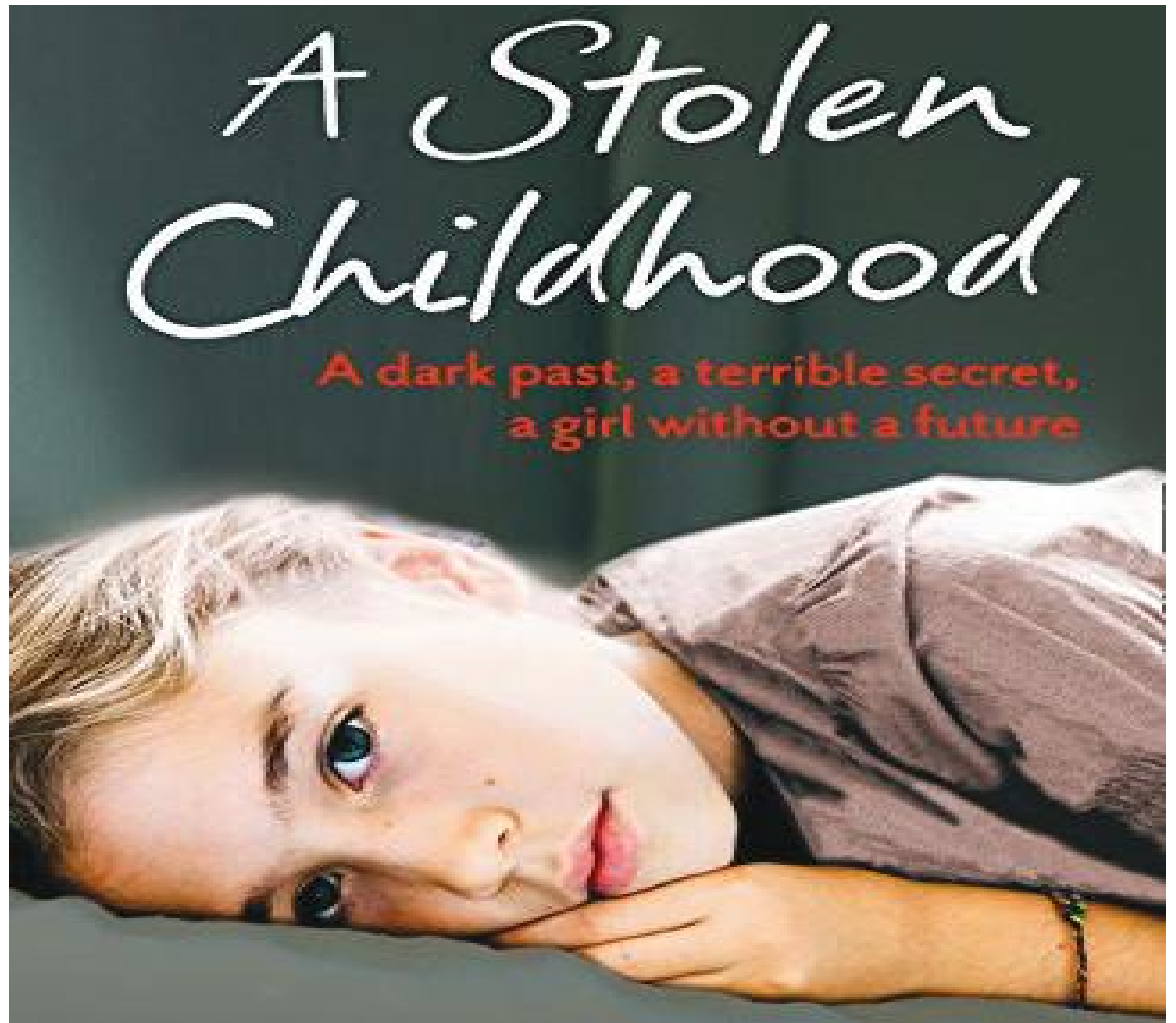
The story begins with the arrest of the deputy governor’s assistant, Fakhridin Karimovich. In reality, he had never committed any shameful act or brought dishonor to his career. However, as the saying goes, “Stones are thrown at fruitful trees,” he was falsely accused of bribery and imprisoned. To force him to confess, they subjected him to unbearable torture, but his spirit remained unbroken. Unfortunately, when they threatened his wife, he was compelled to sign the false confession...

Now let us turn to the events experienced by Sanjar, the assistant of Fakhridin Karimovich. Sanjar deeply respected his mentor. After Fakhridin Karimovich’s arrest, Sanjar tried in many ways to defend him, but he was soon given another task: to investigate the disappearance of three children in a village. At first, when only two children went missing, the case was covered up. But after the third disappearance, the village fell into panic. Sanjar worked tirelessly to uncover the truth, though his efforts seemed fruitless. Yet he did not give up. The only real clue was a bicycle found near a riverbank, belonging to one of the missing children.

The investigators devised a psychological trick: they spread a false rumor that fingerprints had been found on the bicycle and that the entire village would have to give fingerprint samples the next day. Their plan was to identify the suspect based on nervous behavior or refusal to participate. At that point, there were two main suspects:

- A tractor driver whose house was near where the bicycle was found.
- Zamir, a quiet neighbor who supposedly never harmed anyone. Suspicion fell on him because, when the third child’s mother had asked to borrow his phone, he lied, claiming it didn’t work.

On the day of the test, the tractor driver failed to show up. Soon, evidence was discovered in his home, including the children’s clothes. Everyone quickly assumed he was



guilty. But Sanjar disagreed. He had a strong feeling that the true criminal was watching everything unfold, just as he had planned. And indeed, Sanjar’s instincts proved correct — the real culprit was Zamir.

Zamir had carefully executed the murders and hidden the bodies. His crimes unfolded as follows:

- Barno (16 years old): While driving, her car ran out of fuel. Zamir offered to help and lured her to his home, where he killed her with an iron rod. He later dismantled and sold the car.

- Nuriddin: He was riding a new bicycle. Zamir deceived him, pretending he would fix the brakes, then killed him in the same brutal way.

- Mo’minjon (4 years old): The youngest victim, killed in the same manner. Zamir buried all the bodies under corn stalks.

- The Tractor Driver (Ergash): Since all suspicion had been cast on him, Zamir feared the truth would be exposed if Ergash returned. Therefore, he killed him in his Tashkent apartment and disposed of the body.

Thus, Zamir alone committed all these murders. His main motive? Zamir had never enjoyed a childhood. Moreover, the fathers of the murdered children often mocked him, asking, “When will you get married?” This deeply offended him. As Zamir lat-

er confessed, “If I killed them, they would die once. But if I killed their children, they would suffer forever.”

Meanwhile, in prison, Fakhridin Karimovich met another man accused of bribery. They shared their sorrows, and the man told him about a great teacher he once knew, who was falsely imprisoned despite his integrity. The teacher had once told him through tears:

“Many countries offered me work, but I stayed, hoping to contribute to my homeland, to teach and nurture our youth. But sadly, our country does not value such people.”

This reflects the decline in respect for teachers after the war, and the widespread injustice of those years.

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The book powerfully demonstrates how childhood trauma can evolve into adult crime, creating a direct link between individual suffering and societal consequences. Zamir’s story is a tragic case study: he was deprived of love and emotional warmth during his formative years, constantly humiliated, and treated as an outcast. Instead of developing healthy coping mechanisms, his unresolved trauma turned into aggression and resentment toward society.

Psychologists such as Freud explained that early childhood experiences strongly influence unconscious

desires, while Erikson emphasized that failure in the stages of psychosocial development leads to crises in adulthood. Zamir never passed through these stages successfully — lacking care, security, and affection, he internalized pain that later demanded release. His revenge against parents by killing their children shows a distorted attempt to reclaim the joy and attention he had been denied.

From a broader perspective, this story shows that crime is not born in isolation. Society also plays a role: neglect, injustice, and humiliation can create individuals who later become dangerous. In other words, when a community steals the childhood of its members, it risks creating adults who in turn will “steal” from others through violence, crime, or hatred.

Conclusion:

A person does not become evil on their own. Childhood experiences, trauma, and environment play a major role in shaping one’s psychology. The cycle of “trauma → crime → social harm” proves that neglect in one generation can lead to tragedy in the next. Do not steal your children’s childhood! Give them love, care, and opportunities. By protecting their innocence, we protect the future of society itself.

Worth Noting:

- **Barno (16 years old):** While driving, her car ran out of fuel. Zamir offered to help and lured her to his home, where he killed her with an iron rod. He later dismantled and sold the car.
- **Nuriddin:** He was riding a new bicycle. Zamir deceived him, pretending he would fix the brakes, then killed him in the same brutal way.
- **Mo’minjon (4 years old):** The youngest victim, killed in the same manner. Zamir buried all the bodies under corn stalks.
- **The Tractor Driver (Ergash):** Since all suspicion had been cast on him, Zamir feared the truth would be exposed if Ergash returned. Therefore, he killed him in his Tashkent apartment and disposed of the body.

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August 26 Holdings

A second, equally troubling example is the case of August 26 Holdings. This is a state-owned enterprise (SOE) that was originally established to manage the commercial interests of the Namibian military. Over time, it evolved into a powerful procurement conduit, operating with a level of autonomy that allowed it to bypass the standard, competitive bidding processes mandated by law. Instead of following the public procurement rules designed to ensure fair competition and value for money, government ministries and other public entities channeled contracts for goods and services through August 26 Holdings. This arrangement essentially created a privileged middleman. This practice not only undermined the principles of transparency and fairness but also led to significant cost inflation, as the SOE added its own markups to the goods it procured. The case of August 26 Holdings is a sobering example of how a state-owned enterprise, originally created for a specific purpose, can be co-opted and used as an intermediary to subvert public procurement regulations.

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The fiscal space reclaimed from eliminating middlemen is not merely an accounting exercise; it represents a profound opportunity to transform Namibia's public service delivery. By adopting a more efficient and direct procurement model, the government can redirect substantial savings back into critical sectors, addressing long-standing deficiencies in infrastructure and essential services. The impact of such a strategic shift would be felt directly by the Namibian people, leading to a tangible improvement in their quality of life.

Health Sector

Namibia's healthcare system, particularly in rural areas, faces critical challenges that can be directly addressed with the savings from direct procurement. The nation grapples with a scarcity of ICU beds, a lack of fully equipped rural clinics, and a persistent shortage of medical personnel. According to the 2024 National Budget, the Ministry of Health and Social Services allocated an estimated N\$1.8 billion to

Sector	Procurement Budget (2024)	Potential Savings (20%)	Strategic Use of Savings
Health	N\$1.8 billion	N\$360 million	Clinics, equipment, training
Education	N\$2.4 billion	N\$480 million	Classrooms, books, teacher pay
Infrastructure	N\$3.2 billion	N\$640 million	Roads, water, electrification

Budgetary Impact

procurement. A 20% efficiency gain would free up N\$360 million. This significant amount of money could be strategically reinvested to build approximately 60 new rural clinics, bringing essential medical services closer to remote communities. Alternatively, these funds could be used to equip 20 district hospitals with modern diagnostic tools, upgrading the entire healthcare network and ensuring better patient outcomes. The ability to directly procure medical supplies and equipment would ensure that every dollar spent translates into tangible health benefits for citizens.

Education Sector

The state of Namibia's education sector is another area where the benefits of direct procurement would be immediately felt. Challenges such as overcrowded classrooms, chronic shortages of textbooks, and underpaid teachers in underserved regions have long hampered academic progress.¹ In 2024, the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture's procurement budget stood at an estimated N2.4 billion. Achieving the same 20% efficiency gain would free up N\$480 million.^{**} These funds could be the catalyst for transformative change, enabling the construction of 100 new classrooms to alleviate overcrowding and improve learning conditions. Moreover, the money could be used to procure and distribute 1 million new textbooks, ensuring that every student has the necessary learning materials. A portion of these savings could also be used to fund crucial teacher training programs, particularly in remote regions, elevating the quality of education across the country.

Infrastructure Development

Beyond the social sectors, a di-

rect procurement model could significantly accelerate Namibia's infrastructure development. The country's rural roads and water infrastructure remain underdeveloped, posing a major obstacle to economic activity and community well-being.² The funds redirected from eliminating middlemen could be used to upgrade 500 km of rural roads, improving connectivity and reducing transportation costs. These savings could also be used to drill 200 new boreholes in drought-prone areas, providing a sustainable water source for both human consumption and agriculture. Furthermore, the fiscal space created could be leveraged to expand solar electrification in off-grid communities, bringing modern amenities and economic opportunities to remote areas. In essence, a streamlined and transparent procurement system is not just about saving money; it is about building the foundation for a more prosperous and equitable Namibia.

Total potential savings: N\$1.48 billion

4. Global Best Practices Favor Direct Procurement

Namibia's struggle with procurement inefficiencies is not an isolated case. Across the globe, nations have grappled with similar challenges and have found success by transitioning to more transparent and direct procurement models. The experiences of countries like Rwanda, Botswana, and Mauritius offer valuable lessons and a clear roadmap for reform. Their success stories demonstrate that a concerted effort to bypass unnecessary intermediaries and embrace technology can lead to significant savings and a dramatic reduction in corruption.

Rwanda: An E-Procurement Revolution

Rwanda's journey is a powerful example of how a nation can use technology to leapfrog outdated systems. In 2016, Rwanda launched its Umucyo e-procurement platform, a digital solution designed to centralize and automate the entire procurement process. This move fundamentally changed the way the government did business. By creating a single, accessible platform for all tenders and contracts, Umucyo introduced a level of transparency that was previously impossible. The results were staggering: the government reported a 70% reduction in corruption and saved an estimated \$40 million in its first year alone. The platform enabled real-time tracking of tenders and contract performance, holding both government agencies and vendors accountable. The success of this digital revolution shows that a well-designed e-procurement system can be a powerful deterrent against fraud and a catalyst for massive financial savings.

Botswana: Centralized Procurement Board

Botswana, another African success story, adopted a different but equally effective approach with the establishment of its Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board (PPADB). This centralized body was given the authority to handle all government procurement above a specific threshold. Its mandate was clear: to ensure all high-value contracts were subject to rigorous competitive bidding and public disclosure. The PPADB's work has been widely credited with significantly reducing procurement fraud and improving the quality of

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Mauritius: Procurement Transparency

The island nation of Mauritius has built its reputation on a commitment to transparency in public administration. The government publishes all awarded contracts online, making them accessible to the public and civil society organizations for review. This practice is supplemented by the use of independent auditors who regularly review procurement decisions, adding another layer of external oversight. This focus on transparency has had several positive outcomes: it has increased public trust in government institutions, reduced litigation and disputes over contract awards, and improved vendor performance, as suppliers know their work is subject to public scrutiny. Mauritius's example demonstrates that a culture of open data and accountability is not just good for governance - it's good for business and public confidence.

Lessons for Namibia

Namibia can learn valuable lessons from these global best practices. The country is already on the right track with the establishment of the Central Procurement Board of Namibia (CPBN) and its initial steps into e-procurement. The path forward involves building on these foundations. Namibia should scale up its e-procurement platform to cover all government ministries and public enterprises, moving towards a single, comprehensive digital system. The CPBN's independence and authority must be strengthened to ensure it can enforce compliance without political interference. Furthermore, the government should mandate public disclosure of all contracts, regardless of value, and actively encourage civil society to act as watchdogs. Finally, continued and significant investment in procurement officer training is crucial to ensure that the human capital is in place to manage these new, more complex systems. By adopting these proven reforms, Namibia can enhance efficiency, drastically reduce corruption, and ensure that public funds serve their true purpose: to build a more prosperous and equita-



ble nation for all its citizens.

Addressing Common Counterarguments

While the evidence for a direct procurement model is compelling, there are common counterarguments that must be addressed to fully understand the landscape of this debate. These arguments often center on perceived benefits of using intermediaries, but a closer examination reveals that these benefits are often outweighed by the costs.

“Middlemen are faster and more flexible”

One of the most frequently cited arguments in favor of intermediaries is their purported speed and flexibility. The argument posits that they can quickly source goods and services, bypassing the bureaucratic red tape that often slows down government processes. While it is true that some intermediaries can deliver with speed, this efficiency often comes at a high cost: a lack of transparency and a compromise on quality. The very nature of a middleman's operation can obscure the origin of goods, making it difficult to verify their quality and authenticity. Furthermore, a system that relies on bypassing rules for the sake of speed is fundamentally flawed. In contrast, a properly managed direct procurement system, especially one powered by a robust e-procurement platform, can be both efficient and accountable. Digital systems reduce paperwork, streamline approvals, and enable real-time tracking, proving that speed does not have to be sacrificed for transparency.¹

“Ministries lack technical expertise”

Another common counterargument suggests that government ministries lack the technical expertise required to manage complex procurement processes, particularly for specialized goods and services. This argument, however, fails to acknowledge the significant investments Namibia has already made in its human capital and institutional development. Through institutions like NIPAM and academic programs at UNam and NUST, the country has trained a new generation of procurement officers equipped to handle everything from tender evaluation to contract management. . Where specific, highly specialized knowledge is required, ministries are not forced to turn to opaque middlemen. Instead, they can hire independent consultants or partner with universities and research institutions to gain the necessary expertise without compromising on transparency or fiscal responsibility.

“Middlemen stimulate private sector growth”

Some argue that using middlemen is a way to stimulate the private sector by creating business for local firms. This argument, however, misrepresents the very definition of healthy private sector development. True growth comes from a competitive and fair environment where companies win contracts based on their ability to offer the best value, not because of their connections. Rent-seeking behavior - where an intermediary profits simply by acting as a go-between without adding significant value - stifles innovation and discourages genuine competi-

tion.² By shifting to a direct procurement model, the government would open up opportunities for a much broader range of businesses, from local manufacturers to small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), to compete on merit. This would foster a more dynamic and equitable market, creating sustainable jobs and genuine economic growth, rather than enriching a select few.

Conclusion: A Call for Strategic Reform

Namibia stands at a crossroads. The choice before it is not a binary one between bureaucratic chaos and the convenience of middlemen. Rather, it is a choice between embracing institutional maturity and continuing to tolerate fiscal waste. The evidence is clear: Namibian ministries already possess the legal mandate, the professional capacity, and the human capital to manage their own procurement directly. By taking the decisive step to eliminate unnecessary intermediaries, the country can reclaim billions in public funds - money that is currently being siphoned away through inflated contracts and opaque deals.

This is not merely a technical issue concerning procurement regulations; it is a profound moral imperative. Every dollar wasted on an inflated contract is a dollar that could have been invested in a child's education, a patient's life-saving medical treatment, or a community's vital infrastructure. The costs of inaction are too high and are measured not in lost dollars but in lost opportunities for the Namibian people. The time to act is now.

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Faith Cherotich celebrates after winning women's 3000m steeplechase in Tokyo. Photo/COURTESY

Faith 'last born' Cherotich finally earned a world title status since transitioning to senior after running a tactful race to win the 3000m women's steeplechase final in Tokyo and hand Kenya a fourth gold.

Cherotich, 21, clocked a championship record of 8:51.59, beating defending champion Kenyan-born Winfred Yavi, who runs for Bahrain (8:56.46), while Ethiopian Sembo Almayew set-

led for bronze in a personal record of 8:58.86.

The win ensured that Kenya reclaimed the world title last won by world record holder Beatrice Chebet in Doha in 2029.

Cherotich has been in fine form since winning bronze at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, going on to win two Diamond League trophies.

It was a sweet victory for the Kenyan youngster who had

bagged bronze in her maiden World Championships appearance in Eugene, Oregon, in 2022. With the championship reaching the midway, Kenya hangs in second on the medal table with a total of 7 medals; 4 Gold, 1 Silver, and 2 Bronze.

The United States of America sits at the summit with 10 medals: 7 Gold, 1 Silver, and 2 Bronze, while Canada closes the top three in the standings with 3

medals, all being Gold.

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Yego's First Throw Sends Him Into Tokyo World Championships Javelin Final



Kenya's Julius Yego in action at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Photo/TEAM KENYA.

Veteran Julius Yego is on course to reclaim the world javelin title he won in 2015 after progressing into the final at the ongoing Tokyo World Championships.

Yego, competing in Group B, started on a high after throwing a season's best of 85.96m in the first attempt, booking the automatic final qualifying mark of 84.50m.

The five-time Africa champion, aiming to return to the podium in

a global competition for the first time since 2016, won silver at the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.

He achieved that feat a year after winning his first world title in Beijing, where the 36-year-old threw an African Record and Personal Best of 92.72m.

Anderson Peters of Grenada topped Group B with a season's best throw of 89.53 and was joined in the final by Olympic

champion Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan (85.28m), American Curtis Thompson (84.72m).

German Julian Weber dominated Group A with an 87.21m throw, to be joined by Dawid Wegner of Poland (85.67m), and defending champion Neeraj Chopra of India (84.85m)

The final is scheduled to be held tomorrow, Thursday, September 18.

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Dr. Moneshia Dashiell A Journey Of Dedication And Impact



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Biography

Dr. Moneshia Dashiell's life is a testament to the power of perseverance and service. Driven by a deep belief in the transformative capacity of education, she has devoted herself to supporting children's academic, social, and emotional growth. Her career is defined by compassion, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to helping young learners thrive.

Legacy of Service and Perseverance

Dr. Moneshia Dashiell's journey exemplifies the profound impact of dedication and compassion. Guided by the conviction that education can transform lives, she has consistently worked to nurture the academic, emotional, and social development of children. Her professional path is marked by empathy, resilience, and an unwavering resolve to foster success among young learners.

Education and Professional Development

From her beginnings in Atlanta, Dr. Dashiell developed a strong foundation in education. She attended Doughty County Public Schools, graduating from Monroe Comprehensive High School in Albany, Georgia, in June 1993. Motivated by a passion for children's well-being, she pursued higher education relentlessly. She earned a doctorate in Christian education from Christian Bible College & Seminary in April 2016, followed by a doctorate in psychology from University at Dayspring in June 2019. Dr. Dashiell continued her studies at Albany Technical College, receiving degrees in childcare and early

childhood education: Infant Toddler Child Care Specialist (2004), Child Development Specialist (2005), and Early Childhood Care & Education (2007). Her expertise was further recognized when she obtained a Clinical Therapist License, allowing her to support children facing challenges such as depression and anxiety.

Achievements and Honors

Dr. Dashiell's dedication has resulted in widespread recognition. Her commitment to promoting positive change in education, peace, and cultural enrichment has earned her many prestigious awards:

- 2025 Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding commitment to a good cause
- 2025 Skylounge Award
- 2025 Mother Teresa Award
- 2025 Nelson Mandela Leadership Award
- 2025 Woman of the year Award
- 2025 global Educator Award
- 2025 Arfa Karim Tech Award
- 2025 Quaid-E-Ambassadorship Card
- 2025 Quaid-E-Azam Peace Award
- 2025 Joint Honorary Doctorate (Proclamation)
- 2025 Certificate of Appointment as Country Director of Global Women Youth Leaders at The United States of America
- 2025 Best Medal Award for duties of peace
- 2024 Honorary Doctorate Degree (Victoria University)
- 2024 President's Lifetime Achievement from President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris
- 2024 President's Gold Volunteer Service Award
- 2023 President Lifetime Achievement Award from President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris
- 2022 Hoinser Award (Exceptional Leader of Excellence)
- 2022 Icon Hoinser Award
- 2022 Creator of Success Award



Dr. Moneshia Dashiell

- 2022 I Am Her International Award (Educator, Pioneer and Counselor of The Year)
- 2021 I Am Her International Awards Educator and Counselor of The Year
- 2018 ACHI Magazine Award (The Editor's Choice Award)
- The 2015 International Women Association Awards
- 2014 Black Essences Awards
- 2013 Black Essences Award

Doctor Moneshia Dashiell is the first African American woman to serve and duly appointed as country director for Global Women Youth Leaders in The United States of America.

In addition, she has been recognized for her innovative work in education, advocacy, and mental health support for children. Her influence reaches beyond the class-

room, as she is also a respected author whose books and resources assist parents, teachers, and caregivers in nurturing young learners.

Media Features and Hall of Fame Inductions Her work has been featured in major publications, such as:

- SKYLOUNGE MAGAZINE (2025)
- CHANGEMAKERS OF EXCELLENCE MAGAZINE (2025)
- SPARKLE MAGAZINE PAKISTAN (2025)
- THE BLACK FAMILY MAGAZINE (2025)
- INTERNATIONAL INSPIRING CHANGE Magazine (2019)
- I AM QUEEN Magazine (2018, 2019, 2021)
- WRITER'S LIFE MAGAZINE (2018)
- WOMEN OF INFLUENCE Magazine (2018)

- AUTHENTICALLY YOU Magazine (2018)

Dr. Dashiell has also been inducted into the INTERNATIONAL WRITERS INSPIRING CHANGE HALL of FAME (2019) and the I AM QUEEN MAGAZINE HALL of FAME (2020).

Conclusion

Dr. Moneshia Dashiell's life and career exemplify unwavering advocacy and a deep commitment to education and the well-being of children. Her academic achievements, extensive recognition, and continued service have created a legacy that inspires and uplifts young learners and their communities across the globe.