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Parliament Resumes After Month Recess

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Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

Parliament yesterday resumed sittings after a month long recess. With the resumption, the National Assembly Liaison Committee met earlier to review the implementation of the Committees' work schedules and plan for the Third and the last part of the Fourth Session. The meeting chaired by the First Chairperson of Chairpersons' Panel (Speaker's Panel), Martha Wangari, also deliberated on the activities of Committees during the just ended recess period.



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NEWS IN BRIEF



The Samburu government has acquired and installed a new Computerized Tomography Scan (CT scan) machine at the county referral hospital to improve on diagnosis of a wide range of medical conditions. Speaking after receiving the machine from Sunview Medipro Company, the county Chief Officer (CO) for Medical Services Josephat Lenguris said that the new machines' imagery prowess will help doctors diagnose a wide range of diseases in any part of the human body. He further noted that 11 medical officers including radiographers, biomedical engineers and radiologists have been trained to handle and operate the machine.
By Robert Githu



Mbeere North Constituency: Democratic Party of Kenya (DP) has presented the nominations certificate to its candidate Newton Kariuki. The presentation ceremony, at the party headquarters in Mbagathi area, Nairobi was presided over by its spokesperson and Secretary General Dr Jacob Haji.



EACC Regional Director for Western Kenya Eric Ngumbi speaking during the Corruption Prevention Forum for County Executive Committee (CECM) members and Chief Officers of Kakamega. By Moses Wekesa



The Kenya Tea Development Agency (Holdings) Limited (KTDA) last evening dismissed as false and malicious claims circulating on social media and blogs alleging impropriety within the organisation. In a statement, by its Corporate Communications Department, KTDA said the allegations were baseless and intended to tarnish the reputation of the agency and its management. "The Agency strongly urges stakeholders to ignore the fabricated content and the accounts used to spread the false information," KTDA said. The organisation, which manages tea for over 650,000 smallholder farmers, reaffirmed its commitment to transparency, accountability, and delivering value under its Farmer First mantra.



Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Ms. Mary Muthoni yesterday held consultations with the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya (PSK) President, Dr. Wairimu Njuki, highlighting the vital role of pharmacists as frontline providers in guaranteeing the quality, safety, and accessibility of medicines and health services. During the engagement, the Principal Secretary reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to fast-tracking the Quality Health Pharmaceutical Services (QHPS) and Pharmacy Practice Bills, strengthening regulatory standards, and operationalizing the Bioequivalence Hub to accelerate local pharmaceutical manufacturing. She further noted that, in partnership with PSK, the Ministry will advance workforce planning, standardize training and continuous professional development, and expand the leadership of pharmacists in supply chains and public health programmes.



National Authority for the Campaign Against Drug Abuse (NACADA) Board Vice Chair Ann Mathu, together with the Kajiado North Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Yusuf Mohammed during the flag-off in commemoration of International Peace Day 2025 on Monday.
By Wangari Ndirangu



Tower Sacco, led by CEO Mr. Patrick Njenga, was honored to host their esteemed partners from the Micro Enterprise Support Programme Trust (MESPT), along with representatives from Danida and the Royal Danish Embassy, at Njambini, Nyandarua County. The visit took place at the farm of one of the Sacco's members, Mr. Jared Maina who is a founder of Aberdare Slopes Dairy, a shining example of agricultural innovation and resilience. Through the Kilimo Advance Loan, Tower Sacco supports members to invest in Green Energy, Dairy Farming, Horticulture, and Irrigation, fostering sustainable agriculture and improved livelihoods across the country. The project was proudly financed by Tower Sacco.

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Witness Details How Mackenzie Used Bible Verse To Justify Deadly Fasting

By: ODPP

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Worth Noting:

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A prosecution witness yesterday painted a chilling picture of how controversial preacher Paul Mackenzie allegedly twisted scripture to lure his followers into a deadly fast.

Testifying before Shanzu Law Courts Principal Magistrate Leah Juma, the witness recounted how Mackenzie repeatedly cited a passage from the Book of Revelation, chapter 13, verse 11, about a pregnant woman hidden in the wilderness for 1,260 days to escape a seven-headed dragon. According to the witness, Mackenzie gave the ancient text a dangerous, self-serving meaning.

In his sermons, the preacher is said to have taught that the seven-headed dragon represented Satan and his agents, whom he called wamataifa, worldly powers. The pregnant woman, he claimed, symbolized his church and its faithful, the wateule or chosen ones. The child in the vision stood for their faith, while the wilderness was none other than the remote Shakahola forest in Kilifi County, where Mackenzie’s followers retreated after he shut down his Furunzi church.

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During an earlier application in 2023 to extend the suspects’ detention, Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions



Some of the suspects in court..

Jami Yamina Submitted to the court that the suspects in police custody and the rest at the Sajahanad rescue center, Kilifi, were not engaged in a genuine hunger strike to vindicate their rights but that it was a fasting in disguise to meet the deadline to heaven. All were thereafter transferred to prison custody under orders to facilitate force feeding and treatment to save their lives. Tuesday’s testimony, Yamina noted, “appears to confirm that the followers were racing against the 1,260-day countdown.”

The court also heard from another witness, identified as E.I., who recalled how his own father pressured him to join the fast, warning that his peers were “already with God” while he was wasting time, risking damnation in “babeli,” where Satan would rejoice at recruiting him.



E.I. added that Mackenzie eventually turned to intimidation, threatening to “force people to heaven through blows and kicks” if they resisted his

directives.

The hearing continues.

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By: MKT Correspondent
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Spectators at this year's Concours will be thrilled by the "Golden Oldies" with competitors showcasing vintage and post vintage cars.

A full list of over 70 cars has been received for the event featuring an amazing variety of vehicles at the Nairobi Racecourse on Sunday, starting from 9.00am.

The 1927 Ford Model T of Ugandan enthusiast Ali Alam will be making its debut and takes its pride of place as the oldest car in this year's event.

It will compete against the 1928 Ford Model A pick up entered by James Duder and the 1930 Essex Super Six entered by his father Mike Duder, both from the John Wroe collection.

Other cars to watch out for in this list of the oldest cars is Adrian Wroe's 1930 Ford Model A and the elegant 1934 Rolls Royce Boattail of Veronica Duder. Both cars have been overall winners in past events and are likely to be podium finishers.

Rick Agagliate makes a strong comeback after more than ten years with a 1926 Triumph 550 SD motorcycle

which will be up against Dominique Antoine's similar 1925 Triumph 550 SD to top the list of the oldest bikes at this year's Concours. The two are likely to be among the machines which will dazzle the spectators with their high standards of preparations together with David Odhuno's BMW GS 1200 and a Harley Davidson XL made in 2006 and 2015 respectively.

To spice up the mix of old cars are three classic gleaming Alfa Romeo Spiders entered by Alec Davis, Kamene Wanday and David Somen made in 1969, 1972 and 1973 respectively. Other excellent Alfas to look out for include Gayling May's sparkling 1967 Alfa Romeo 2600 Sprint, the Alfa Sud Sprint Veloce of Avraj Singh and the Alfa Romeo GT Junior of newcomer Kulvinder Rana.

This year's Concours is dubbed "The Bob Dewar Memorial Edition" in honour of the founder of the event who passed away earlier in the year. It is the 53rd in the annual series organized by the Alfa Romeo Owners Club.

The objective of the event is to give the owners of well-kept cars and motorcycles the opportunity to have them assessed by experienced officials. Competitors like to show their treasured machines to the enthusias-



Judges examine the gleaming 1969 Alfa Romeo Spider of Alec Davis at a past event. Photo/Courtesy.

tic crowd and to have the chance to win prizes in the over 20 classes for all makes and types of cars, SUV's, pick-ups and motorcycles.

Peter Wanday, the Chairman of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club and the organizer of the event said, "There

is also a Classic Sale for cars and bikes made 25, or more years ago. This enables the owners of unwanted machines to offer them for sale to the significant number of spectators who are interested in buying a car, or motorcycle for fun to use during week-

ends, or for preparing for future Concours events. Entries for this section are still open and the vehicles can be in any state ranging from sources of spare parts to good condition."

Ruiru Municipality Posts Record Revenue Collection

By: Andrew Mwasaru
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Ruiru Municipality officials and stakeholders in Kiambu County, gathered for a celebratory luncheon to mark the fulfillment of a promise made by the Kiambu County Governor, Kimani Wamatangi, following their outstanding performance in revenue collection for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Mr. Mburu Kangethe, Chair of Kiambu Revenue Board, who delivered Governor Wamatangi's congratulatory message.

He personally commended the staff for their commitment and diligence, noting that their exceptional performance plays a vital role in improving service delivery and development across the Municipality.

The industrial hub Municipality, located approximately 20 kilometers northeast of Nairobi, achieved a remarkable 74 percent improvement

in revenue collection, raising Sh 602 million and recording the highest improvement rate, among Kiambu County's municipalities.

The performance exceeded expectations and demonstrated the Municipality's commitment to the Governor's vision of enhancing its Own Source Revenue collection across the County.

The celebration comes as part of Governor Wamatangi's broader initiative to boost the county's annual revenue collection, with targets set at Sh7 billion within two years from the possible Sh11.3 billion potential.

The Governor had promised to recognize and reward municipalities that demonstrated exemplary performance in revenue collection.

Sharon Wanjira, Ruiru Business Association Chairperson remarked, "This celebration is well deserved. The Municipality has worked tirelessly to streamline revenue collection processes and make it easier for businesses to comply. The digitization of services and improved customer care at the municipal offices has made a significant difference.



We appreciate that our efforts are being recognized, and this motivates us to continue supporting County development, through timely payment of our dues."

James Kamau, another business Chairperson added, "Achieving a 74 percent improvement wasn't easy, but our team was determined to deliver. We introduced innovative collection methods, improved taxpayer education, and enhanced our enforce-

ment mechanisms, while maintaining fairness and transparency.

The support from local businesses and residents has been overwhelming. This luncheon represents more than just a celebration; it's recognition of collective effort toward County development."

The Municipality, which serves a population of 490,120, according to the 2019 Census, hosts major industrial facilities, including Devki Steel

Mills, Super Foam Limited, and Tatu Industrial City Park, contributing significantly to its revenue base.

Governor Wamatangi announced that Ruiru's success would serve as a model for other municipalities, with plans to replicate their strategies across Thika, Juja, and other municipal areas in Kiambu County.

Ruto Faults Global Climate Financing For Overtaxing African Nations

By: Presidential Communication Service
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Worth Noting:

- The President explained that what should drive the financing agenda forward is easing debt, mobilising domestic resources, unlocking private finance, scaling international public finance, and anchoring these in country-led strategies.
- Saying that Africa is determined to turn climate solutions into engines of growth, he explained that this is positioning the continent as a global hub for green industry that delivers both development and climate action.
- “Our greatest opportunity lies in growing and diversifying our economies through climate-positive growth, turning the very solutions to climate change into drivers of development,” he said.
- The President said Kenya was among four countries that sponsored the Independent Expert Review on Debt, Nature and Climate, adding that the ideas and knowledge already exist; what is missing is action.



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He explained that this is a heavy strain on many countries, especially those already battling high living costs and repeated climate shocks.

“We must not ignore the risks of overtaking small, vulnerable economies already battling high costs of living and climate shocks. For many of our citizens, the social contract does not allow this to be the ultimate solution,” he said.

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Fair global tax system
He pointed out that the solution lies in stopping illicit financial flows,

securing a fair global tax system, reducing sovereign debt pressures, and unlocking major investment.

“Africa loses nearly \$90 billion every year through leakages that rob us of the very resources we need for climate action. This is why our continent is strongly advocating a fairer global tax system through the proposed UN Tax Convention,” he said.

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‘Outdated stereotypes’
He appealed to investors to look beyond outdated stereotypes, saying Africa has vast potential in mineral processing, value addition in agriculture, and alternative fuels.

“Too often, perceptions of risk overshadow reality, yet Africa offers some of the most exciting opportunities for green growth in the world,” President Ruto explained.

He cited initiatives such as the Africa Green Industrialisation Initiative (AGII) and the Accelerated Partnership for Renewables in Africa (APRA) as evidence of the continent’s readiness.

“We are reforming our policies, mobilising domestic capital, and building strong project pipelines to attract global investors,” he said.

Pointing out that Africa is showing the way, the President said eight leading African financial institutions had signed a cooperation framework

to unlock \$100 billion in investment. He, however, warned that success depends on global partnership.

“We are doing our part but, to succeed, we need global offtake agreements, market access, and foreign investment at scale,” he said.

President Ruto urged the global community to act swiftly to reverse the effects of climate change, warning that time is running out.

“Climate change is a global existential threat. What we do, or fail to do, will shape the destiny of humanity. Let us act boldly and together, and match words with deeds if we are to turn the challenge of climate change into the greatest opportunity of our time,” he said.

Kenya Losing Trillions In Loans And Aid To Corruption, Human Rights Activist Warns

By: Suleiman Mbatiah
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Kenya is losing huge sums of foreign loans and aid to corruption, burdening taxpayers with heavy debts that fail to deliver development, worsening poverty, inequality, and public mistrust in government institutions.

Human rights activist Dr. Isaac Newton Kinity says the theft of public funds has reached “senseless and abnormal” levels, with most of the looted money coming from borrowed funds with high interest rates.

“Kenya loses at least Sh2 billion every day, about Sh1 trillion annually and nearly Sh5 trillion in a single presidential term,” he pointed out, warning the figure may have grown under the current administration.

Former President Uhuru Kenyatta once admitted publicly that Sh2 billion was being stolen daily, while

President William Ruto’s Minister of Finance, John Mbadi has since repeated the claim.

Dr Kinity said this is money that could create jobs for millions of unemployed youths, raise the meagre wages of Kenyan workers, including the KDF, or improve hospitals and schools.

“Instead, it ends up in the hands of a few individuals,” Dr. Kinity regretted in a statement to newsrooms.

Dr Kinity, who is also the Chairman of the Kikimo Foundation for Corruption and Poverty Eradication noted that the scandal goes beyond Kenya’s borders, affecting donor countries such as the United States.

He explained that every dollar lost to graft in Kenya is also a loss to American taxpayers and that it is the very reason why leaders like former U.S. President Donald Trump cut aid to Kenya and other “corrupt nations”.

Early this year, hundreds of internal contractors working for the United

States Agency for International Development (USAID) were put on unpaid leave, and some were terminated after President Trump imposed a sweeping freeze on US foreign aid worldwide.

Analysts warn unchecked corruption deepens Kenya’s debt crisis and strains donor relations, while for ordinary citizens, it worsens poverty, unemployment, and broken promises, compounding their already harsh daily struggles

At the same time, Dr Kinity praised the U.S. for still keeping open its Diversity Immigrant Visa Program, which benefits people from more than 170 countries, even while tightening scrutiny of aid and immigration.

He also linked the broader corruption crisis to domestic scandals, such as the alleged Ndabibi land grab in Naivasha, where thousands of elderly residents are said to have been displaced. He called on President Ruto to act swiftly and have those involved



Treasury CS John Mbadi

charged.

“How can a government be silent when people who have lived on land since birth are being displaced and charged with trespass? These Kenyans are too old to work anywhere

else. Taking their land is heartless,” he said warning to escalate the matter to President Trump.



Kiambu Traders Present Petition To County Assembly Over Harassment, Unlawful Levies And Poor Services

By: Felix Njenga
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Worth Noting:

- The protestors carried placards and chanted slogans, urging fellow traders who had opened shops to temporarily close their businesses and join the march. Their unified message called for a conducive business environment and respect for constitutional rights.
- Receiving the petition, the chairpersons of the Assembly committees on trade and finance urged the traders to attend the upcoming public participation forum on the Kiambu County Finance Bill 2025/2026, scheduled for Thursday at the Kiambu Community Hall, to voice their concerns formally.
- In their detailed petition, the Kiambu Business Community outlined several urgent demands:
 - Traders want all civil and criminal cases filed against them withdrawn immediately. They demand the unconditional return of goods seized by county enforcement officers.



The Kiambu business community yesterday staged a peaceful protest in Kiambu town, demanding immediate government action on what they termed as unlawful taxation, harassment, and neglect of key county services.

Traders, escorted by police officers, marched to Governor Kimani Wamatangi's offices to seek an audience with him. However, the governor was not in office, and only their petition was received. The traders then proceeded to the Kiambu County Assembly where they formally presented their grievances.

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Traders accuse county askaris of harassment, threats, and extortion. Business licenses should be affordable, lawful, and standardized across the county.

Every levy or fee collected should correspond to tangible county services. Drainage systems in Kiambu town should be repaired, maintained, and covered.

Doctors and health workers should be paid their dues promptly to resume service. Residents demand thorough sensitization before implementation of the



2025/2026 Finance Bill.

The traders anchored their petition on several provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, including Articles 3, 10, 43, and 47, citing violations of economic rights and fair administrative action.

They particularly contested the imposition of what they termed "unconstitutional levies," arguing that counties can only lawfully impose property rates and entertainment taxes, unless otherwise authorized by Parliament.

Further, the petition called for the resignation of six senior county officials,

including the municipal manager and enforcement officers, accusing them of abuse of power and persistent misconduct.

The business community also reminded the Assembly of a pending High Court case (HCCHRPET/E031/2025) touching on similar grievances, which they argued underscored the urgency of reforms in county governance and business regulation.

In response, the Assembly committee leaders promised to deliberate on the issues and emphasized the importance

of engaging in structured public participation.

Meanwhile, the traders vowed to maintain pressure on the county government until their concerns are addressed, warning that continued neglect could cripple business activities and livelihoods across Kiambu.

Kirinyaga Sets Pace In Digital Agriculture As Swedish Embassy And FAO Endorse County's Drive

By: MKT Correspondent
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Worth Noting:

- “We are proud to work with Kirinyaga and FAO in this digital era. Farmers can now register, access subsidized fertilizer, and receive timely information. That brings transparency, accountability, and efficiency,” he said.
- The envoy noted that Sweden has supported Kenya's agriculture since the 1960s and has invested over USD 5.5 million in the digital program.
- Kirinyaga's County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Dr. John Gachara, described the reforms as a “digital agrarian revolution.”
- “We have only 4,000 farmers left to register. Our farmers now receive inputs at subsidized rates and can query services without waiting for officers to visit. This is the future of agriculture driven by data, powered by technology, and centered on the farmer,” Dr. Gachara noted.

Kirinyaga County has emerged as the model of digital agriculture in Kenya, with over 135,000 farmers already registered on the Kenya Integrated Agriculture Management Information System (KIAMIS).

On Monday, Swedish Ambassador to Kenya, Håkan Akesson, and senior Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) officials toured the county to assess progress. Kirinyaga was the first county chosen to demonstrate how technology is transforming farming reducing costs, boosting yields, and increasing household incomes.

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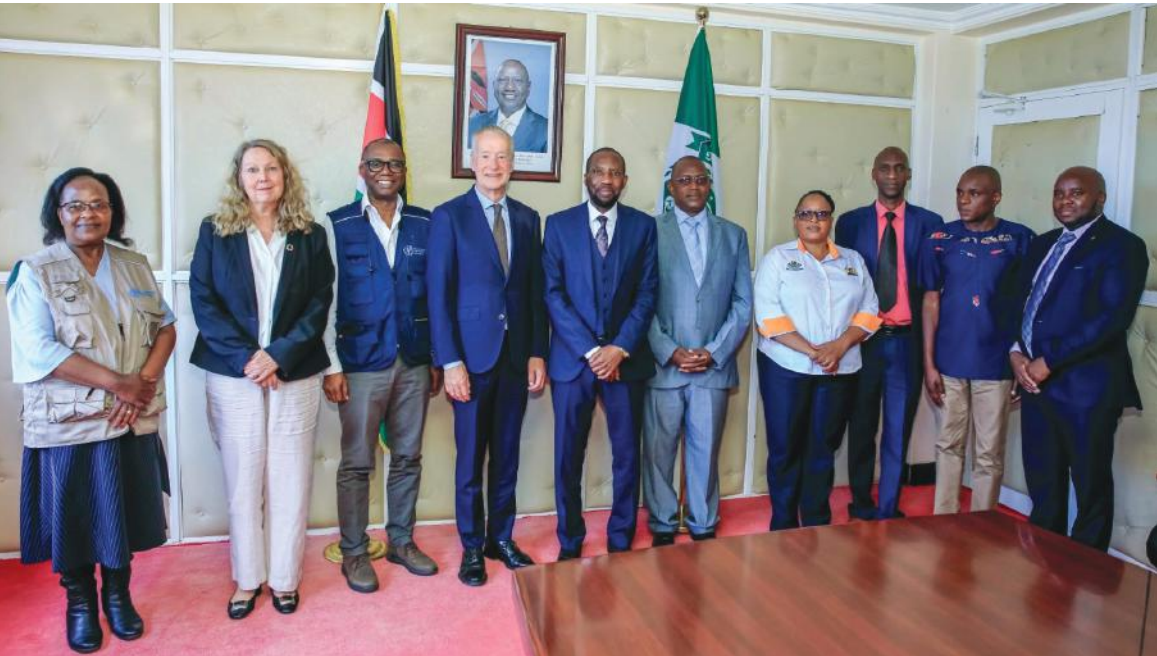
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Through Governor Anne Waiguru's Wezesha Kirinyaga program, the county farmers have over the years received massive support to increase agricultural production, value addition, processing as well as market linkages. The digital revolution has therefore come as a boost to the program whose ultimate goal is to increase incomes for the farmers.

FAO's Kenya Representative, Charles Bebay, said the collaboration with Kirinyaga has proved the value of digitization. “Through the e-voucher system, farmers get fertilizer at 40 percent discount. That reduces costs, increases yields, and strengthens resilience. What we see here in Kirinyaga is how digitization changes lives on the ground,” he noted.

FAO Programme Officer, Wilfred Oluoch, highlighted the county's contribution to national progress.

“In 2023, Kenya had 6.5 million farmers registered. Today, the figure is 6.9 million. Kirinyaga alone ac-



Stakeholders during the visit. Photos/Courtesy.



counts for 135,000. This data is helping us channel subsidies, link officers to farmers, and deliver services efficiently,” he explained.

Farmers in Kirinyaga are already seeing the benefits. Freshia Wambui, a coffee, maize, beans and cattle keeping farmer in Inoi ward said digital registration has made inputs both cheaper and easier to access

“I used to pay Ksh 7,000 for a bag of fertilizer. Now, I buy it for Ksh 2,500. I also get alerts when supplies arrive. My yields are higher, and my family has more income,” she said.

Beyond cheaper fertilizer, the system is linking farmers to markets, promoting climate-smart practices, and ensuring real-time communication between extension officers and households. The county is also using digital soil mapping to help farmers apply the right fertilizers and improve food production.

Officials said Kirinyaga's success



Coffee farmers

proves that digitization is not just about technology, but about building resilience, empowering farmers, and securing food security for the county and the nation.

Kithinji Reclaims Tharaka-Nithi County Majority Leader Seat As Assembly Reshuffles Leadership

By: Alex Njeru
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Tharaka-Nithi County Assembly has announced new changes in its House leadership, with Justine Kithinji of Magumoni ward, Chuka/Igambang’ombe constituency, taking over as the new Majority Leader. He will be deputized by nominated MCA Lucy Muthoni Ndiga. The changes were communicated by Chief Whip Jones Kinegeni, who is also the MCA for Mwimbi ward in Maara constituency, and read out to the House by Speaker John Mbabu. The duo immediately replaces Luke Nyaga Marengo of Mukothima ward and his deputy Joseph Kinyua of Chiakariga ward. In his farewell remarks, outgoing Majority Leader Marengo extended an olive branch to the incoming team, thanking fellow legislators for the opportunity to serve. He noted that “leadership is not war but a calling to

serve.” Other key positions—including Deputy Speaker held by Leonard Gitonga of Nkondi ward, Majority Whip Jones Kinegeni, and Deputy Minority Whip Wanjia Karuku (nominated MCA)—remain unchanged. The reshuffle comes after heightened disagreements among a section of United Democratic Alliance (UDA) MCAs, which led to altercations in the House. Marengo was accused of sabotaging the government’s agenda, particularly during the tabling of the 2025/2026 budget, when he allegedly mobilized colleagues to vote against it. The budget was eventually passed. This marks a comeback for Kithinji, who previously held the Majority Leader’s position before it was handed to Marengo. Meanwhile, residents have urged MCAs to put aside personal wars and focus on their constitutional mandate. Mr. Mark Mutegi, a resident of Mukothima ward, faulted some MCAs from Tharaka constituency for dragging the names of Deputy President



Newly elected Tharaka Nithi County Assembly Majority Leader Justin Kithinji (left) shake hand with the outgoing Mr Luke Marengo before Deputy Speaker Gitonga Kithuka (second left) and Godfrey Murithi, the Budget Committee Chairperson. Photo/ Alex Njeru.

Prof. Kithure Kindiki and Governor Muthomi Njuki into their disagreements. “We need a united county that does not shame the Deputy President,” said Mr. Mutegi.

Kenya’s SGR operator Launches Training Program To Boost Technical Skills Of Local Staff

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Afristar, operator of the Chinese-built Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) in Kenya, has launched a six-month training program with professors from China’s Guangzhou Railway Polytechnic to help improve the technical skills of local staff. Afristar said in a statement that the training held in Nairobi, builds on its long-standing relationship with Chinese institutions, as skills transfer remains the cornerstone of its localization agenda. Since its launch on May 31, 2017, the SGR, which runs from the coastal city of Mombasa to Nairobi, has trained more than 3,500 Kenyan staff who have undergone advanced studies at top Chinese railway institutions, including Southwest Jiaotong University and Baoji Railway Technician College. In addition, Kenyan youth working

at the modern railway project have been trained at Guangzhou Railway Polytechnic, specializing in railway management, engineering, and safety systems. Joseph Njane, a locomotive and rolling stock specialist at Afristar, said the partnership with Chinese institutions has been pivotal in upgrading the technical skills of local staff, boosting their competence. “This collaboration enhances our curriculum by incorporating customized lessons and training the trainer programs,” Njane said. “Staff acquire both theoretical and practical skills through classroom instruction and fieldwork along the railway line and in workshops.” According to Njane, the training program aims to address the skills gap in locomotive handling, advanced signaling diagnostics, and modern track maintenance. “It helps fill gaps in equipment troubleshooting, fault-finding, and emergency drills, giving trainees the firsthand knowledge they need to handle daily



challenges,” he said. Gilbert Oyugi, a senior locomotive driver, hailed the training, describing it as more advanced and practical compared to previous ones, especially given its focus on modern signaling and locomotive handling techniques. Crispo Mwangi, a railway track expert, noted that during the training, Chinese professors simplified complex subjects to ensure they were understood by local Afristar staff. “The training equipped my peers with modern safety practices and maintenance principles, giving us confidence to work with advanced railway technology,” Mwangi added.

A Clearer View



Smile and be calm, let your heart be light,
A smile can cover the weight of pain,
It moves like sunlight From face to face,
And gives quiet strength to those who pass.

Smile brings a soft warmth into the air,
It carries joy From one soul to another,
It lifts the eyes of the weary traveler,
And leaves the world brighter than before.

Relax, and meet the moment without fear,

Do not let your mind be caught in knots,
Stand apart and see with a clearer view,
The storm will fade when you stay still.

Hold a stone close and it blocks your sight,
Set it aside and the world appears wide,
So too with troubles—step back in peace,
And hidden paths begin to unfold.

Smile, be steady, and let your spirit rest,
Happiness will flow From you like a stream,
Relax and face what life places before you,
With calm you can solve all things better.

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The Value Of Money



The way we're treated, by near and dear,
Depends on our father's income, it is so clear,
Relatives' behavior, changes with our wealth
Money speaks loudly, in their words and way.

Their talk, their look, their care and concern,
Love and affection, all seem to change
They see the wallet's weight,
not the heart's true love

If money is plentiful, their faces shine bright
But when it's less, their reactions change, it's
true,

They may not see, the goodness
They forget that money is not permanent

Money comes and goes,
But love and kindness,
are the values that truly stays and grow.
one who understands us a genius

Let's remember, money's not the ultimate
love and character truly matters the best,
For love is genuine, it can't be bought or sold,
It's the heart's treasure,

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Sometimes It Is Better Not To Open Your Mouth



Before we talk we should pay attention to our
surroundings and the details of the situation.
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The Fleeting Moments



By Anjali Tiwari

The moment is fleeting,
take hold of it.
The time is afoot,
Utilise it adequately and skillfully .
Spend your leisure time wisely

with your elders and family,
You never know either the time will surpass or
you will get busy in life.
Live every moment willfully
Forget the insipid deeds or unfinished
karmas.
Enlighten your thoughts by regularly visiting
the nature,
For a day without nature , is a day without
soul.
Make the use of your words properly ;for they
may make or shake your worth.
Last but not the least,take hold of the fleeting
moments: live it entirely.Live like you only live
once.

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The Power Of Faith



Many fools have tried to hurt me with their cruel
words,
I don't remember all the names of the fools.
I have been seen as a joker.
I have been mentally chained and Betrayed, bullied
and hurt.
Do you know how I'm living by not caring what
they say about me?
There are two weapons to tackle and bear ,
The first, main and primary one is faith not in
others, not in myths and legends, In my God, In
the God.
The second, supportive and second one is talents
not copied, not similar to others, not without
appreciation. It is unique in myself.

Put all your pains and burdens on God,
He will take care of you.
He knows about us more than us.
He knows how we are troubling and suffering .
Be patient and understand his plan.
If you are believing him continuously,
He will give what you want in such a way you
can't imagine.
Don't scold him for giving you the pain.
If you do so, he leaves you as the owner leaves
his pet.
He is the supreme Being. His powers have no
limit. He can do anything.
He never thinks to give you pain. He tests your
loyalty, how you love him even in the pain.
Put your pains and burdens on God.
Be patient for his gift in the future .

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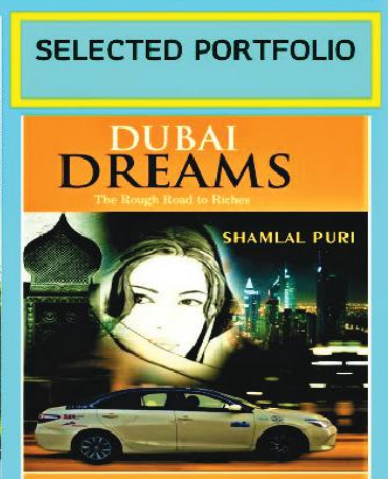
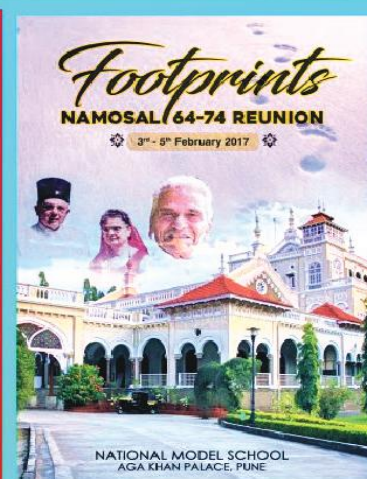
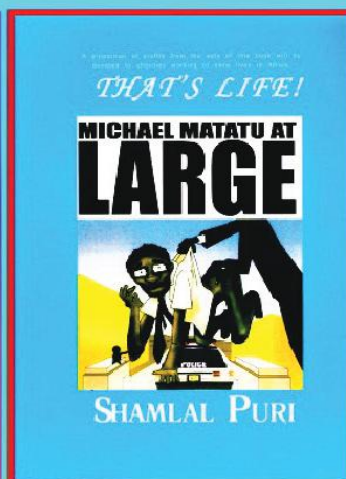
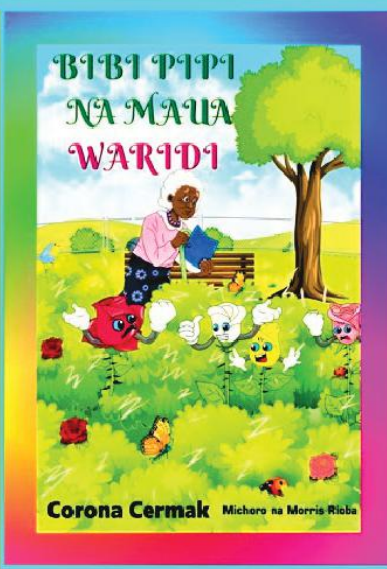
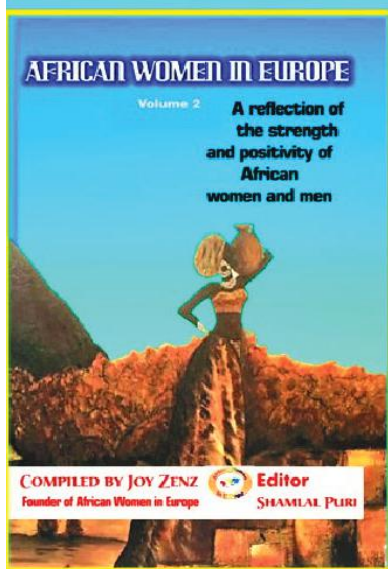
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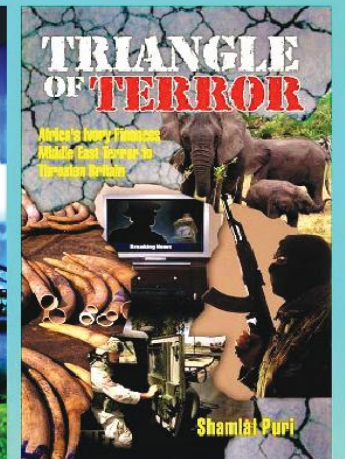
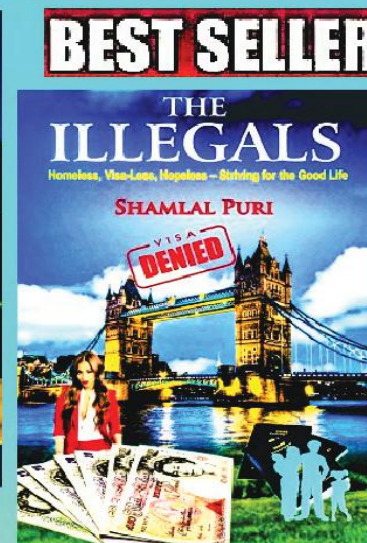
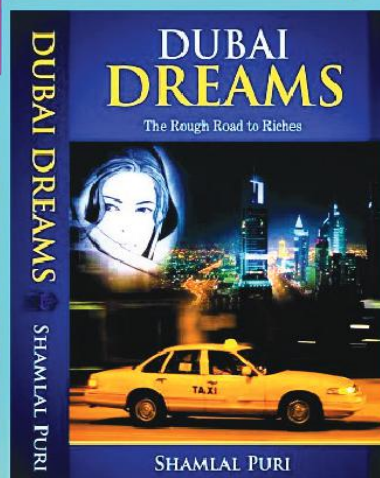
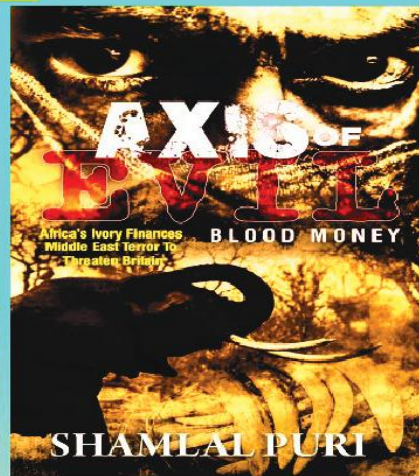
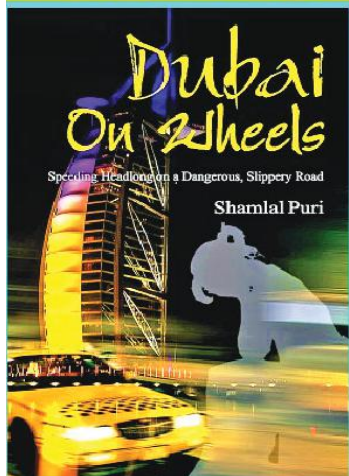
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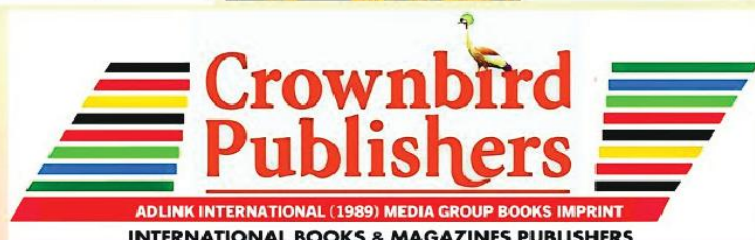
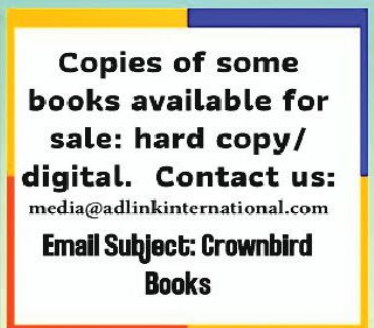
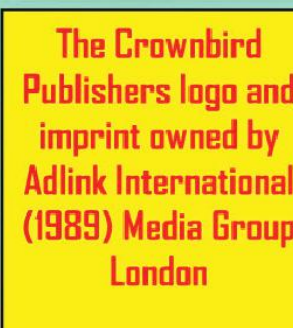
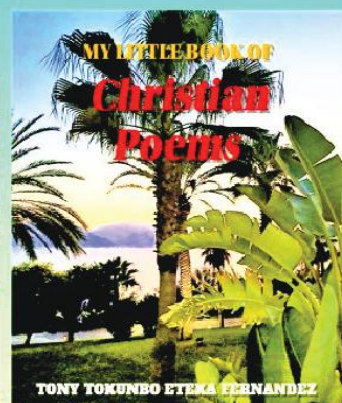
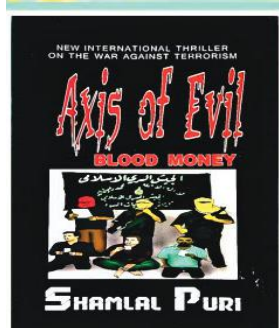
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Parliamentary Communication Committee Guides Media Council On Industry Sustainability, Policy-Making And Digital Preparedness

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The Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation (CII) led by John Kiarie met with the Media Council of Kenya (MCK), to deliberate on pressing issues shaping Kenya’s media landscape. The agenda focused on the newly revised Code of Conduct for Media Practice (2025), the status of media regulation and monitoring, and the operationalisation of media hubs across the country.

The MCK Chief Executive Officer, David Omwoyo highlighted the expansion of media hubs, which serve as digital content production centres for accredited journalists, student journalists and independent creators. There are currently six operational hubs in Busia, Kisii, Kisumu, Mombasa, Malindi and Eldoret. They offer facilities including high-speed internet, editing suites, production studios and multimedia software. Two additional hubs in Meru and



MP John Kiarie

Nakuru are nearing completion, further decentralising access to modern ICT infrastructure. The Media Council reported that the industry is under severe financial strain, with many outlets struggling to meet salaries, license fees, and basic operational costs. The CEO cautioned that nearly 90 percent of media houses risk closure if the situation is not addressed. Legislators warned that such a collapse

would leave the nation vulnerable to misinformation and unstructured information sources. As part of the discussion, members proposed steering existing media houses toward embracing the digital era of news production rather than channeling billions into outdated equipment and obsolete methods. The Council also revealed plans to establish an AI-powered monitoring system to track content and emerg-



David Obonyo

ing narratives. The Committee urged MCK to adequately engage Parliament in the restructuring of regulations and creation of policies to ensure best practices. “The narratives shaping our world today are increasingly dictated by algorithms and platforms outside traditional newsrooms. Parliament wants to ensure Kenyans are protected from misinformation while preserving a free and responsible

press,” Kiarie said in his closing statement. Members also resolved to work with the Media Council through partnership with the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) to equip Legislators with media literacy skills ahead of the next election cycle.

Police Commission Assures Fairness In Upcoming Recruitment

By: MKT Correspondent
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The upcoming recruitment of 10,000 police constables will be free and fair, members of the Parliamentary Committee on Delegated Legislation have been told. Commissioners of the National Police Service Commission (NPSC) gave the assurance yesterday while appearing before the Committee, which is chaired by Samuel Chepkong’a (Ainabkoi). The Commissioners, led by Chairperson Dr. Amani Komora, were making their submissions on the National Police Service Commission (Recruitment and Appointment) Regulations, 2025. NPSC Chief Executive Officer Peter Leley and other members of the Secretariat were also present.

During the session, Chepkong’a and Committee Vice Chairperson Robert Gichimu (Gichugu), led members of the House Team in demanding to know strategies the Commission will use to ensure the upcoming pro-



Samuel Chepkong’a

cess is above board. The nationwide recruitment exercise will take place from October 3 to October 9, 2025, in 416 centres across the country. It targets Kenyans aged between 18 and 28 years with at least a D+ in the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE). Applicants are required to present their original academic certificates and national identification

cards. “This Commission was recently constituted. Can you assure Kenyans that the planned recruitment will be transparent?” asked Chepkong’a. Dr. Komora said the new regulations are meant to streamline the process, promote transparency, and ensure a merit-based system that strengthens public trust. “We want to assure the nation that



Dr Amani Komora

the exercise will be free, fair, and transparent. Officers supervising recruitment will take an oath of integrity and will be held personally responsible if they break the law,” he said. Committee members, however, raised concerns about plans to conduct the process online, saying it could disadvantage many young people without internet access.

In response, the Commission said the recruitment will be carried out through a hybrid system. Leley explained that applicants unable to apply online will be assisted physically at the centres. “We will not discriminate against anyone. Our officers will have gadgets on the ground to help applicants complete the process,” said Leley.

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Rules Of A Better Relationship



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Worth Noting:

- Actually, no you couldn't. You might manage it for an evening or two, or even a month or two, but it's going to be tough keeping it up forever. And if you think this person is the one—you know, the one—then you might be spending the next half century or so with them. Just imagine, 50 years of pretending to be sophisticated or suppressing your natural sense of humor.
- That's not going to happen, is it? And would you actually want a lifetime of lurking behind some sham personality you've created? Imagine how that would be, unable ever to let on that this wasn't really you at all, for fear of losing them. Suppose they find out in a few weeks or months or years, when you finally crack?

Isn't it so tempting to reinvent yourself when you meet somebody new who you really like—try and be who you think they are looking for? You could become sophisticated, or maybe strong, silent, and mysterious. At the very least, you could stop embarrassing yourself by making jokes at inappropriate moments or being pathetic when dealing with problems.

Actually, no you couldn't. You might manage it for an evening or two, or even a month or two, but it's going to be tough keeping it up forever. And if you think this person is the one—you know, the one—then you might be spending the next half century or so with them. Just imagine, 50 years of pretending to be sophisticated or suppressing your natural sense of humor. That's not going to happen, is it? And would you actually want a lifetime of lurking behind some sham personality you've created? Imagine how that would be, unable ever to let on that this wasn't really you at all, for fear of losing them. Suppose they find out in a few weeks or months or years, when you finally crack? They're not going to be very impressed. Let's be clear. I'm not saying you shouldn't try to turn over the occasional new leaf or improve yourself a bit. We should all be doing that all the time, and not only in our love life. Sure, you can try to be a bit more organized, or less negative. Changing your behavior is all fine and good. This Rule is about changing your basic personality. That will NOT work, and you'll tie yourself in knots trying to do it convincingly.

So be you. Might as well get it all out in the open now—if it's not who they're looking for, at least you won't get in too deep before they find out. And you know what? Maybe they don't actually like sophisticated. Perhaps strong silent types don't do it for them. Maybe they'll love your upfront sense of humor. Perhaps they want to be with someone who needs a bit of looking after. You see, if you fake it, you'll attract someone who belongs with a person that isn't you. And how will that help? Somewhere out there is someone who wants exactly the kind of person you are, complete with all the flaws and failings you come with. And I'll tell you something else—they won't even see them as flaws and failings. They'll see them as part of your unique charm. And they'll be right.

We all get battered and bruised by life, that's inevitable. Some of us come off worse than others. Of course, it's the scars that give us character, so they're not all bad in the long run. In

the short term, we may need to recover before we re-enter the fray. If your last relationship or two has left you a bit of an emotional wreck, it's better to repair the damage before you start looking for a new lover and partner. Otherwise you won't be able to show them the real you, and you won't be able to focus on them if you're still preoccupied with yourself. If you make a mistake with your new relationship (and it happens to us all), you could end up more bruised than when you started. Even if you did manage to find someone truly caring and loving, both of you could suffer because one of you wasn't ready yet to launch into a relationship. I have a friend who came out of one relationship an emotional wreck. Then she met a man who was lovely—kind, nurturing, and protective. Just what she thought she needed. Over the next couple of years he looked after her until she was a strong, independent woman again. And what happened? It completely killed their relationship. She wasn't the woman he'd fallen in love with any more. Lots of men go for strong, independent women, but he wasn't one of them. He liked women who were fragile and needed looking after. And that's the danger. Even if you find the perfect partner, they're only ideal for who you are right now, and that's not who you'll be after you recover—the person you really are underneath. I'm not saying these relationships can never work, but it's very, very rare. So do yourself a favor. Go away and hide somewhere while you lick your wounds. Enjoy your friends and your family, and wait until you've recovered before you start looking for a new partner. And when you do, try to pick someone whose scars are relatively well-healed, too—because this works the other way as well. In this way you both see each other as you truly are, and start your relationship the way you want to continue it. I knew a woman who was always in a relationship. You know the kind—maybe you're the same—the moment one relationship ended, another started. I asked her once why this was, and she told me that she didn't like being on her own so she made sure it never happened. When I got to know her well, she was with a man who was perfectly decent but who just didn't give her the love she deserved. Why did she put up with it, I asked her. She patiently explained that she had no choice, because the alternative was being on her own, and she couldn't cope with that option. In the end, things got really bad and he left. She braced herself for the break-



down she knew would follow. I saw her a month or so later and asked how she was coping. She told me, "Fine, at the moment. I thought I would have fallen to pieces by now, but it's obviously taking longer to happen than I expected." I think it was six months before it finally dawned on her that she wasn't actually going to break down at all. Three months later, she met a lovely guy who wanted to get serious and move in together, but she resisted. She was having too much fun being on her own.

The point of this story is that she stayed in relationships that weren't good and put up with flak she didn't deserve, out of fear of being on her own. After she knew that she was happy on her own, she set her standards much higher and wouldn't put up with second best. She didn't have to. After all, what was the worst that

could happen? Well, she could end up back on her own again—but that wasn't a problem any more. So the moral of this story is that you need to learn to be happy and secure on your own. That way, you'll never stay in a bad situation for fear of being left alone. If it's not working out, you can simply leave. Far too many people stay in unhappy relationships because they're scared to be alone. Rules players learn to enjoy living alone so that when they do choose to throw in their lot with a new partner, it's for the right reasons. After you've mastered this, you'll only ever live with anyone else because you love them and they make you happy. Being alone is great, but being with them is even better. If that stops being the case, you're free to leave.

Kenyans To Enjoy Free Entry To Parks On World Tourism Day

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Worth Noting:

- Miano noted that conservation and tourism are closely linked, and that encouraging Kenyans to experience the country's biodiversity firsthand helps build a sense of ownership. "When citizens visit and appreciate our natural heritage, they become more invested in protecting it," she said. According to the ministry, increased domestic visitation also helps spread awareness among young people, schools and communities, reinforcing the message that wildlife is not just a tourist attraction but an integral part of national identity.
- The government has also pointed to the economic benefits of a vibrant domestic tourism market. Data from the Ministry of Tourism shows that Kenyans now account for a significant share of bed nights in hotels and lodges across the country. While international arrivals remain key, officials argue that strengthening local tourism cushions the sector against global shocks and provides a more reliable base of support for conservation areas.

Kenyans will have a chance to visit national parks, reserves and sanctuaries managed by the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) at no cost on Saturday, September 27, 2025, as part of celebrations to mark the United Nations World Tourism Day.

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano announced the move on yesterday, describing it as an opportunity for citizens to engage directly with the country's natural heritage. She said the government hopes the initiative will encourage Kenyans to reconnect with wildlife, foster a stronger culture of conservation and inspire domestic tourism.

World Tourism Day is observed globally every September 27, with each year's theme highlighting an aspect of tourism's contribution to society. This year's theme, "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation," focuses on the potential of the sector to support local communities, safeguard the environment and contribute to economic development. Kenya, long recognised as one of Africa's top safari destinations, is aligning its celebrations with the global call for more sustainable practices.

Kenya is home to some of the continent's most famous protected areas, including Nairobi National Park, Amboseli, Tsavo and the Maasai Mara, which attract hundreds of thousands of international visitors each year. Yet domestic tourism has increasingly become a priority for the government, especially in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, which exposed the vulnerability of relying heavily on foreign arrivals. Opening the gates of KWS-managed sites for free, officials say, is meant to remind Kenyans that these spaces belong to them and that their support is critical for long-term conservation.

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Kisite Mpunguti National Park & Reserve	Shimoni, Kwale
Kisumu Impala Sanctuary	Kisumu
Kiunga Marine National Reserve	Lamu
Kora National Park	Meru/Tana River
Lake Elementaita Wildlife Sanctuary	Elementaita
Lake Nakuru National Park	Nakuru
Malindi Marine National Park & Reserve	Malindi
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Nairobi Safari Walk	Nairobi
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Oldonyo Sabuk National Park	Donyo Sabuk Centre
Ruma National Park	Homa Bay
Saiwa Swamp National Park	Kitale
Shimba Hills National Reserve	Kwale
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The Kenya Wildlife Service has encouraged families, students and community groups to take advantage of the free entry, while also reminding visitors to respect park regulations and maintain the integrity of wildlife habitats. Guidelines on how to access the parks during the day are available on the KWS website at www.kws.go.ke, through official social media channels, via the toll-free customer service number 0800 597 000 or through WhatsApp on 0726 610 509.

Conservationists have welcomed the announcement, noting that many Kenyans rarely get the chance to visit parks due to cost barriers. They argue that opening the gates, even for a day, can have lasting effects by creating memories and inspiring future conservationists. Some, however, caution that the government will need to manage crowding and ensure that increased traffic does not harm sensitive ecosystems.

As the world marks World Tourism Day, Kenya's gesture carries both symbolic and practical weight. It underscores the idea that tourism should not only be measured by international arrivals and revenue but also by how it connects citizens to their natural heritage. For many Kenyans, the Saturday celebration may be their first chance to see lions, elephants or rhinos in the wild — experiences that could shape their views on conservation for years to come.

In offering free access to parks, reserves and sanctuaries, the government is betting that bringing people closer to nature is one of the most effective ways to secure its future. Officials hope that the celebration will not only mark a global tourism calendar event but also reaffirm Kenya's long-standing commitment to sustainable tourism and wildlife protection.

Warrant Issued To Detain Unification Church Leader On Bribery Charge Involving Ex-President Yoon’s Wife

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A warrant was issued to detain Unification Church leader Han Hak-ja on bribery charges involving Kim Keon-hee, wife of the impeached former President Yoon Suk-yeol, a special counsel team said yesterday.

The Seoul Central District Court issued the warrant, sought by the team of Min Joong-ki, special prosecutor leading the investigation into corruption allegations linked to the former first lady. The court said that Han was feared to destroy evidence. The 83-year-old was jailed in the Seoul Detention Center in Uiwang, south of the capital Seoul. Han was accused of colluding with a former church official to deliver illegal political funds in January 2022 to Kweon Seong-dong, a lawmaker of

the main conservative opposition People Power Party who was put into custody last week. In return, Han allegedly asked for favors for the church if Yoon, then presidential candidate of the People Power Party, won the election in March of that year. Han was suspected of her involvement in bribing Yoon’s wife with a luxury necklace and bags in exchange for favors, embezzling the church’s money to buy the gifts, and ordering the church official to destroy evidence ahead of the police probe into her alleged overseas gambling. Yoon has been kept in custody at the Seoul Detention Center since July 10 on insurrection charges over his short-lived martial law imposition last December. Yoon’s wife has also been incarcerated in a separate detention center on corruption charges.



Unification Church leader Han Hak-ja

Uganda Holds Rhino Naming Ceremony To Boost Conservation Efforts

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Uganda on Monday held a special ceremony where 17 rhino calves were named at the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary in the central district of Nakasongola as part of efforts to revive a species once extinct in the country.

In a speech delivered on his behalf by Minister of Public Service Wilson Muruli Mukasa, President Yoweri Museveni recalled that by 1986, Uganda’s rhino population had been wiped out due to conflict. “Today’s event is a highlight of the effort of the ministry of tourism, and we now pride ourselves in the presence of 48 rhinos, 30 males and 18 females, excluding the two at the Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Center in Entebbe,” Museveni said. The naming ceremony, which coincided with World Rhino Day, allows individuals, corporations, and philanthropists to symbolically “adopt” and name a rhino, with the proceeds supporting habitat expansion, veterinary care, and conservation efforts. James Musinguzi, executive director

of the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA), said the ceremony was expected to raise more than 11 million U.S. dollars for rhino conservation. “Naming of 17 calves today is more than statistics; it is a powerful statement that Uganda has chosen restoration over despair and resilience over loss,” he said.

Musinguzi said 20 rhinos from the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary will soon be translocated to the Ajai Wildlife Reserve, a conservation protected area in northwestern Uganda, marking their reintroduction into the wild. Uganda also plans to reintroduce the indigenous eastern rhino species alongside the current southern white rhino population, he added. Tom Butime, minister of tourism, wildlife and antiquities, said rhino conservation not only brings ecological benefits but also generates income and supports livelihoods. Butime stressed that rhinos are one of the key tourism attractions in Africa, meaning that their reintroduction in Uganda has contributed to the country’s tourism development. “Today tourism contributed 5.7 percent of gross domestic product, making it one of the leading pillars of the national economy,” the minister said.



Rhino

Meanwhile, the UWA announced plans to recruit more rangers and enhance monitoring through a joint command center, using drones and helicopters to track poaching and protect wildlife.

Arati Warns Against Disrupting ODM @20 Celebrations In Kisii

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Kisii County is bracing for political fireworks as the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) marks its 20th anniversary at Gusii Stadium, a region viewed as former Interior CS Fred Matiang'i's political backyard. With ODM leaders keen to reassert the party's dominance in Kisii, questions are already emerging on whether the celebrations could affect Matiang'i's 2027 presidential ambitions.

Founders of the party are set to celebrate the milestone in Kisii, with top officials warning against any attempts to disrupt the event. The Nyanza regional celebration, which follows earlier ones in Busia and Wajir, will culminate in a national ceremony scheduled for Mombasa. The Kisii event has been framed as both a commemoration of ODM's legacy and a reaffirmation of its dominance in the region.

During preparations, ODM's Director of Elections and chairman of the celebration committee, Junet Mohamed, noted that Kisii County has consistently elected ODM governors since the onset of devolution. He stressed that the party intends to retain the seat in the coming General Election.

"Kisii County is an ODM government till another government is formed. We are celebrating our ODM government, and we are set to retain the seat," said Mohamed.

He was accompanied by Kisii Governor Simba Arati, County Assembly Speaker Dr. Philip Nyanumba, Majority Leader Henry Moracha, ODM Nominated MP Irene Nyakerario Mayaka, and local party officials. The leaders expressed satisfaction with the preparations and confirmed that delegations from across the country were expected to attend.

Governor Arati, who also serves as ODM's Deputy Party Leader, issued a stern warning to individuals plotting to disrupt the event. He emphasized that the anniversary celebration would remain peaceful and free of unnecessary political drama.

"There will be no room for hecklers during the celebration. Those who plan to cause disruptions should organize their meetings elsewhere, even at Nyanturago Stadium, but not here," Arati warned.

He underlined that ODM has deep roots in Kisii County, assuring residents that preparations had been finalized to ensure a successful and peaceful commemoration ahead of the national event in Mombasa next month.

The celebration also comes at a politically significant moment, as former Prime Minister Raila Odinga



Kisii county Governor Simba Arati , ODM's Director of Elections and chairman of the celebration committee, Junet Mohamed, during press briefing ahead of ODM celebration @20 in Gusii Stadium Photo | Elizabeth Angira

recently hinted that ODM might front a presidential candidate in the 2027 General Election. This has fueled discussions about the party's succession politics and its strategy in regions traditionally loyal to ODM.

Arati's caution to potential disruptors comes barely a week after he shared a platform with Matiang'i during a funds drive at Nyamache Main SDA Church. At the event, the governor expressed his willingness to work with President William Ruto to

spur development in Kisii, stressing the importance of delivering services to residents regardless of political affiliations.

"The General Election is still far. My priority now is to defend my development record and ensure that my constituents benefit from the national government because they also pay taxes," Arati stated.

His remarks reflected a balancing act between affirming ODM's political dominance in Kisii while also keep-

ing doors open for collaboration with the national government.

As ODM marks two decades since its formation, the Kisii celebration will not only highlight the party's resilience but also test its ability to maintain unity and control in a county considered one of its strongholds and one that Matiang'i might need if his 2027 presidential bid gathers steam.

Catalyst Of Moral Decay



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It is apparent that values have hit the rock bottom; this is fueled by a dead conscience and leads to the balatant moral decay.

Children of today play music and games online on Sunday ne go to Sunday soccer or relax instead of going to virtue booster arena lessons at church.

Religion or religious setup promotes values such as those virtues are upheld consistently in the society and then turn into norms. It is fashionable to seclude oneself and to be sarcastic online or physically which was not the case in the past as the family setup was concerned with the virtues and anybody going against the principles of respect, love and humility was punished by being set aside for sometime at church or simply at the ward level one was reprimanded accordingly and a child belonged to the society, anyone seeing a child misbehaving as an adult would punish the child or reprimand it. There was no room to report at home, as the parents would condemn that rascal behavior. Now things have changed, one would sue anyone who reprimanded their children without being allowed.

The independent parenting, not community collective parenting sent a gap that only drugs and alcohol



abuse fill, making vices to thrive and more forms of illicit behavior.

Things are falling apart, relatively relationships are nurtured by strong emotional abuse and violence such that bystanders do not dare have a say, it is a complete cry for help as governments are losing millions on awareness campaigns in order to cor-

rect what is broken when everything has shifted from family level when raising kids to socialization at school. Teachers are having a hard job, the kids are too much privileged and teaching them is a great challenge because some unruly ones cannot be reprimanded with corporal punishment not condoned, the environment

gets toxi and the yoke not easy at all. Reforms are being made, Ethics taught in schools and moral education but it is still a long way to rehabilitate the rebellious minds of technology raised kids, because they are barely attentive to the shabby teacher without the fancy clothes like their influencers online.

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Chebet Says She 'Feels Complete' After 5,000m World Title



Beatrice Chebet show case gold medal after winning 10,000m world championships in Tokyo. Photo/BEATRICE CHEBET INSTAGRAM

Beatrice Chebet says she now 'feels complete' after winning both the 5,000m and 10,000m titles at the just concluded World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

Chebet has inked her name as arguably one of the finest female distance runners in athletics history, as she now holds the Olympic and World titles at both races, as well as both world records.

Speaking to Telecomasia.net

after outsprinting her compatriot Faith Kipyegon to win the 5,000m world title, Chebet has admitted that she had the pressure to win both titles in Tokyo to 'feel complete'.

"Having both the 5,000m and 10,000m world records as well as Olympic titles is good. But, without having the world title, you are not complete in your profile and career. For me, having now won both world titles, I feel

complete and I am so delighted." "Now my target from here is to become a multiple world and Olympic champion like Faith. She inspires me a lot, and what I have learnt from her is that consistency is key. You need to keep working, remain hungry even if you have achieved something already. Always work for the next one," Chebet stated in the interview with Telecomasia.

Chebet has been in incredible

form this season and is touted as a huge candidate for the World Athletics female athlete of the year award, having also won the Diamond Trophy.

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Sports >>> *Faith Kipyegon has admitted she knew it was always going to beat her best friend Beatrice Chebet, in her favourite 5,000m race at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo.

Kipyegon Admits Beating Chebet Over 5k In Tokyo Was A Hard Task



Faith Kipyegon and Beatrice Chebet after competing in 5000m Tokyo World Championships. Photo/WORLD ATHLETICS .

Faith Kipyegon has admitted she knew it was always going to beat her best friend Beatrice Chebet, in her favourite 5,000m race at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo.

Chebet put up a superb burst of pace to edge out Kipyegon to the gold medal in a time of 14:54.36 to complete a Championship double, having earlier won the 10,000m.

Kipyegon finished second for silver, but was eternally grateful to have finished on the podium. Speaking to Telecomasia.net, Ki-

pyegon admitted it was never an easy job going on to beat Chebet, who is also the world record holder over the distance.

“Congratulations to Beatrice. I knew it was not going to be easy to beat her. She is a world record holder and not a joke to compete against her. She is very strong in the 5,000m, and I am really happy for her,” Kipyegon said, speaking to Telecomasia.

She added, “For me, I am delighted to be on the podium at least. This (final) was only my second

5,000m race of the season after the Heats. I had concentrated on running more 1500m races, and so coming here to win a silver is a really huge achievement for me and a great way to end the Championship.”

The 29-year-old remains coy on whether she will indulge more in the longer distances next season, even as she has already cemented her legacy in her favourite 1500m race, where she clinched her fourth career gold medal.

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The Life Journey Of A Kind-Hearted Humanitarian

“Saulan Beverly Yin-Lo”



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Worth Noting:

- Saulan's personal experiences with racism, personal development, and mental health have inspired her program, "Five Simple Steps to Transform Your Life," which shares tools that have proven effective for her. Beyond her professional pursuits, Saulan is a creative soul who explores her artistic side through "The Artist Way" concept by Julia Cameron. She has also developed a passion for textile arts, creating sustainable items from recycled coffee sacks through her business, The Kofi Sacque. As an artist, she prefers portraits, people, and animals.

- Saulan's academic pursuits are equally impressive, with training in Cross-Cultural Training, Counseling, Diversity Management Leadership, and Community Leadership. She has also completed specialized training in Leadership in High-Stress Workplaces with the University of Sydney's Coaching Psychology Unit.

Saulan Beverly Yin-Lo's life is a testament to her dedication to helping others. With over four decades of experience as a community coordinator in diversity and multiculturalism, Saulan has made a lasting impact in her field. Her academic background, which includes a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Diploma in Soul Care, has provided a solid foundation for her work.

Saulan's expertise extends to Shamanic healing, Heart-Centered Coaching, and Holistic Counseling. As a Master Coach and Integrative Life Coach, she operates her own wellness and health enterprise, offering Complementary Therapies like Reiki, Qigong, and Authentic Indian Head Massage and Meditation. Her recent emergence as the Wellness Warrior & Soul Care & Shamanic Healer reflects her commitment to guiding others on their journeys.

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Through her work and passions, Saulan has touched countless lives, offering support and guidance to those in need. Her kindness, compassion, and dedication to helping others have earned her a reputation as a true humanitarian and angel of support.



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