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# Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki Hosts Isiolo County Grassroots Leaders

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## Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki yesterday hosted hundreds of grassroots and community opinion leaders from Isiolo County. He updated them on status of national government programmes and projects. During the meeting at Irunduni in Tharaka county, The DP noted that Isiolo County is a major beneficiary of the ongoing construction of the KSh100 billion 750 kilometer Horn of Africa Gateway Road project running downstream through Mandera- Rhamu- Garre-Elwak-Kobo- Kotulo- Tarbaj- Wajir- Samatar- Modogashe- Garba Tula- Kula Mawe- Isiolo Town. This transformational corridor, he observed, will be supplemented by the ongoing construction of the KSh28 billion 320 kilometer Lamu Port- Ijara- Garissa- Isiolo road, making Isiolo the intersection ufor major trade and investment opportunities. He also outlined other projects going on in the region. The Affordable Housing projects worth KSh1.3 billion are in the pipeline, and so are ongoing last mile electricity connectivity projects worth KSh712M to connect 3,000 additional households, complete with a 360 million solar-diesel hybrid power plant already complete at Merti, Isiolo South for stabilization of electricity supply in the County. Garbatula Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) Institute is shortly benefiting from an investment of KSh340M for student accommodation units while the Kenya Medical Training Centre (KMTC) Isiolo campus will be getting 780 units of student hostels at a cost of KSh378M. He noted that the registration of Taifa Care is low in Isiolo County at 59,000 against the target population of 268 000 residents, a paltry 21%. Further, the DP called upon Community Health Promoters, Village Elders, religious leaders and other influencers to promote speedy and universal registration into Taifa Care to promote the right to the best possible health care for all.



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## NEWS IN BRIEF



The Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Ms. Mary Muthoni yesterday appeared before the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC), chaired by Butere MP Tindi Mwale, to respond to the Auditor-General's Report for the Financial Year 2022/2023. In her presentation, the PS addressed audit queries raised by the Office of the Auditor-General, offering detailed clarifications on expenditure items and highlighting measures put in place to enhance accountability and transparency in the management of public funds. She assured the Committee that corrective steps have already been initiated where gaps were identified, including strengthening internal controls and ensuring strict compliance with the Public Finance Management Act. Ms. Muthoni reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to prudent financial management, efficient use of resources, and aligning spending with national health priorities — noting that these efforts are designed to safeguard public trust while advancing the government's wider development agenda.



Principal Secretary State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs Mr Joseph M Motari yesterday held a consultative meeting with a team from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) led by Dr. Reuben Thuo who is the Principal College of Health Sciences. Opportunities for collaboration in research was explored, legal and policy frameworks, and community-based interventions on ageing. This partnership will advance the promotion of the rights and well-being of older persons as enshrined in Article 57 of the Constitution of Kenya.



Vihiga County Government in partnership with Canadian Nurses For Africa (CNFA), has launched four motorcycle ambulances aimed at improving maternal and child health services across the county. Speaking during the launch at the county headquarters on Thursday, Governor Dr Wilber Ottichilo commended CNFA for the initiative, describing it as a relief to expectant mothers, particularly those in remote areas. He noted that the ambulances are expected to reduce the county's maternal mortality rate from 330 per 100,000 to below 200 per 100,000 this year. He announced that the initial four ambulances will be piloted in Sabatia Sub-County and urged CNFA to extend the project to the remaining five sub-counties. The governor

further encouraged residents to register with the Social Health Authority (SHA) to access services such as ultrasound scans and safe delivery care. CNFA President Dr Patti Harbman confirmed the organisation's commitment to expanding the program to the rest of the county. She lauded the community for their cooperation and emphasized that the initiative would strengthen maternal and child health outcomes.



The Ag. County Secretary and CECM for Legal Affairs, Public Service Management and Administration Marius Maranya, alongside Trade, Tourism, and Cooperatives CECM Carol Kaberia, visited Gakromone Market yesterday to assess its condition and engage with stakeholders. They were accompanied by Meru Municipal Manager Dr. Jotham Kirimi, and members of the market committee. They toured the market and identified several pressing challenges affecting operations and trader welfare. Among the key concerns was the poor state of the access road, which requires murraming to ease the transportation of goods. Drainage was also highlighted as a major issue, with recommendations to install gutters and culverts, as well as unblock existing drainage furrows. The team further raised concerns about environmental pollution from sewage and ongoing land disputes with neighboring property owners, calling for a boundary survey and strengthened environmental management.



Othaya constituency parliamentary aspirant Antony Gitonga - Antogito (standing in blue jacket) through his charity organisation, Antony Gitonga Foundation organised a successful medical camp exclusively for men. The Othaya Men's Medical Camp held at Othaya Level IV Hospital attracted over 700 men who received various medical attention across key areas that are associated with that gender including prostate cancer screening, mental health, diabetes, and eye check-ups. Gitonga noted that the turnout highlighted the importance of creating safe spaces where men can prioritize their health and access essential medical services. He observed that his foundation remains committed to working with like-minded partners in initiatives that empower and uplift communities. Among the other stakeholders whose efforts he appreciated were the Nyeri County Government, Othaya Level IV Hospital, AMREF Doctors and City Eye Hospital.



There are 2,172 private security companies so far registered in Kenya, of which 2,087 are locally owned while 85 are foreign owned, and all registered through the government's e-Citizen platform. Digitizing their records and securing them centrally was a key point of discussion between Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration, Dr. Raymond Omollo and staff of the Private Security Regulatory Authority led by the Director General/CEO, Philip Leakey Okello. The Private Security Regulatory Authority provides the regulatory framework for Kenya's private security services industry and is establishing a platform for better cooperation between the private security sector and state security agencies through the draft Private Security Regulations, which will soon be subjected to public participation.

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# Somali Envoy, Coach Condemn CAF Incident In Nairobi

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## Worth Noting:

- “Today, it is my great honour to welcome Mogadishu City Club to our embassy. Their presence is a testament to Somali sportsmanship and the dreams they carry for countless young fans across our nation. We, however, regret and firmly condemn the action of a few individuals whose behaviour overshadowed the remarkable performances of our two teams,” said Amb. Abdulle.
- He reiterated that the incident did not reflect the values of respect, friendship and sovereignty that underpin Kenya, Somalia relations, noting that bilateral cooperation was at one of its strongest points in recent history.

The Somali government and Mogadishu City Club have jointly condemned the recent incident in Nairobi involving a young supporter of the club kicking the Kenyan flag during their CAF Champions League clash with Kenya Police FC, urging fans to uphold peace and unity through football.

Speaking at the Somali Embassy in Nairobi yesterday, Somalia’s Ambassador to Kenya, Jabril Ibrahim Abdulle, welcomed the Mogadishu City Club team, stressing that the regrettable actions of a few individuals during last week’s match should not overshadow the spirit of sportsmanship and the growing ties between Kenya and Somalia.

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“Our two nations are bound by growing cooperation in trade, investment, education, security, cultural exchange and sports. This flourishing partnership reflects mutual trust and a shared vision for peace, stability and prosperity in Africa,” he reaffirmed.

Amb. Abdulle commended the Kenya Police Service, Kenya Police Football Club administration, Football Kenya Federation (FKF), and Sports Kenya



for their professionalism in managing the match and ensuring the safety of players and fans.

“We remain in close communication with Kenyan authorities to ensure both teams and their supporters feel safe, respected and supported as the tournament continues. I call upon all communities to uphold peace and mutual respect as Mogadishu City and Kenya Police prepare for the second leg this Sunday,” he added, urging fans to view football as a bridge of friendship and African unity.

“Football is more than a game. It is a unifier of people, a reflection of African unity and sportsmanship. Let us preserve the true spirit of the beautiful game, ensuring it remains a source of harmony and shared aspirations for a prosperous future,” he rallied.

The Ambassador expressed confidence that Sunday’s match would be a memorable experience and praised the leadership of both teams for their commitment.

Concurrently, Mogadishu City Club head coach Ali Abubakar, who described himself as a proud Somali Kenyan, strongly disassociated the club from the incident.

“We strongly condemn the unfortunate incident during our CAF Champions League match against Police FC where a few individuals disrespected the Kenyan flag. Those actions do not in any way represent our club, our players or our fans. On behalf of Mogadishu City Club, we sincerely apologize to the government and people of Kenya,” said Coach Abubakar, emphasizing that football must stand for unity, respect and friendship.

“We fully support any action taken against those individuals. Football is about respect, and we want to appreciate the incredible turnout and passion of the fans during our game. Your support gives life to the sport and shows the true spirit of football,” he added.

Coach Abubakar reiterated the club’s commitment to promoting peace and

harmony both on and off the pitch, urging fans to continue turning out in numbers for upcoming matches.

“We know sport unites communities and we assure everyone that the security of the match is well guaranteed. What happened was unacceptable, and we condemn it. Authorities will handle the matter appropriately, and we ask fans to remain focused on enjoying the game,” he reaffirmed.

Additionally, Abubakar reminded supporters that stadiums bring together people from diverse backgrounds, making it essential to safeguard the image of the sport.

“Our issue is clear. That kind of behaviour should not be tolerated. We are not part of it, and such incidents must never be repeated,” he stressed.

Meanwhile, the Somali ambassador and Mogadishu City Head coach pledged to continue working closely with stakeholders to ensure the CAF tournament proceeds in a spirit of peace and brotherhood.

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# State Urged To Support Talented Children Early For A Brighter Future

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The government has been urged to provide strong support and closely monitor children's talents from an early age to prevent their gifts from going to waste, as such talents have the potential to shape their future and bring pride to the nation.

Speaking in Ruiru during the launch of the Royal Stars Volleyball Academy which currently trains 25 children professionally in the sport, education experts and community leaders said that nurturing talent from a young age can help players grow into stars and secure a brighter future.

Ms Hellen Gichuru, founder of the Royal Stars Volleyball Academy said the new facility aims to train children aged between seven to 16 years until they can play professionally and gain opportunities to join established clubs across the country and abroad. "We have launched this academy because we want to grow the talent of volleyball in children. Nowadays, sports is not just an extra-curricular activity in schools, but a career that can put food on the table. The new Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) is good for sports since it is encouraging children to follow their own talents," she added.

CBC was introduced in Kenya in 2017 to replace the 8-4-4 system. It emphasizes skills, capabilities and holistic development over rote learning and is structured around a 2-6-3-3-3-year educational framework that focuses on practical skills, values, and real-world applications rather than just rote learning.

Gichuru decried the lack of sports training facilities for children, gyms and playing grounds especially in towns and peri-urban areas like Ruiru. "These children are here for training because of the support from well-wishers," she said.

Her sentiments were echoed by Dr. Vincent Gaitho, the Council Chair of Mount Kenya University (MKU), who stressed the importance of embracing children's talents. He warned that without proper support, children risk losing focus and turning to drug abuse.

Dr Gaitho said the government gave lots of moral and financial support to Harambee stars during the recent Kenya is set to co-host the African Nations Championships (CHAN) held in Kenya in August 2025 alongside Uganda and Tanzania. "It is good that the State is putting in place sys-

tems that encourage sports, and this is to be encouraging," he said.

Dr Gaitho urged the government to extend similar support to volleyball as it does to football and athletics, noting that the sport has the potential to generate income and elevate both individual players and the nation as a whole. "The government should not discriminate but support all children and the youth in all kid's sports, not just concentrating on football," he noted.

He added that the creative industry holds great promise for youth employment and can transform them into entrepreneurs within the creative and sports sectors.

On her part, Emily Warutere, a community leader, noted that while there is abundant talent at the grassroots level, many individuals miss out on opportunities due to a lack of guidance and mentorship to help them achieve their goals. She asked the government to nurture sports from an early age in all counties.

Warutere said that internationally, academic institutions and colleges such as Harvard University in the USA award talented athletes and sportspeople scholarships, an idea which can be borrowed by local institutions of higher learning, county and the national governments.

She challenged local leaders and politicians to support talented youth by providing training spaces and sports equipment to help nurture their abilities. She asked well-wishers, community leaders and county governments to organise and participate in rewarding children who excel in non-academic activities such as sports, music and drama.

Ms Warutere also appealed to parents to encourage and motivate their children to pursue their talents, emphasizing that such engagement can instill discipline and keep them away from negative influences.

The stakeholders emphasized that



Dr Vincent Gaitho, Council Chair, Mount Kenya University. Photos/Courtesy.

volleyball is not just a game but a profession that can support players and help them earn a living. They however urged the government to support talented children from an early age by offering scholarships, noting that this would inspire them to work harder while also easing the financial burden on their families.

With the launch of the academy, they expressed optimism that such platforms will transform the lives of young people by offering them purpose, direction, and opportunities away from the dangers that threaten their future.

During the event, the MKU College of Health Sciences supported the participating children by offering free medical checkups and health awareness sessions.

The young participants could not hide their excitement as they received new uniforms, branded with their names, from the Royal Stars

Academy, a gesture meant to motivate and encourage them to continue their training.



Hellen Gichuru, founder Royal Stars Academy, Ruiru.



Pupils aged 7 to 16 undergo training in volleyball during the launch of the Royal Stars Academy in Ruiru



Ms Emily Warutere, Community leader, Ruiru sub county..

# 57% Of Kenyans Feel Country Heading In Wrong Direction - Infotrak

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Fifty-seven per cent of Kenyans interviewed for an Infotrak poll said the country is headed in the wrong direction, while only 17 per cent are satisfied with its current trajectory. Many Kenyans cite the high cost of living, unemployment, and poor governance as the major contributors.

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The survey was conducted in August this year, involving 2,400 Kenyans across the country.

In September last year, it was at 50 per cent, and researchers say people

are not optimistic about the country, with 57 per cent opining that the country is headed in the wrong direction.

According to the findings, 66 per cent of Kenyans blame the high cost of living, 30 per cent cite unemployment, while 15 per cent point to poor governance. Another 15 per cent attribute the situation to the failure by the government to deliver on the Social Health Authority (SHA).

The verdict from Kenyans is that there is severity in terms of the cost of living. Seven out of ten Kenyans talk of the cost of living, which is even higher compared to last year.

Among those satisfied, 41 per cent cited peace in the country, 37 per cent said the government is performing well, and 28 per cent pointed to signs of economic stabilization.

Notably, the high cost of education has emerged as a key issue in the 2025 poll, surpassing health concerns.



Majority of Kenyans feel the country is headed in the wrong direction.

# Anglican Church Tells President Ruto To Urgently Address Crises In Health, Education Sectors

By: Ben Kirui

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The church has weighed in on the ongoing crisis in the education and health sector by calling on the government to urgently resolve the standoff.

The Anglican Church Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit says the suspension of services by private hospitals to those using Social Health Authority (SHA) cover is causing thousands of Kenyans untold suffering.

Ole Sapit spoke during the conclusion of the 27th Ordinary Session of the Provincial Assembly of the Clergy, where church leaders gathered in prayer and reflection over the state of the nation.

“Whereas we appreciate health sector reforms, we note the challenges that affect SHA and SHIF... we demand that the Social Health Authority puts her house in order and prioritise payments of funds owed to all hospitals to enable them to continue to offer service,” he said.

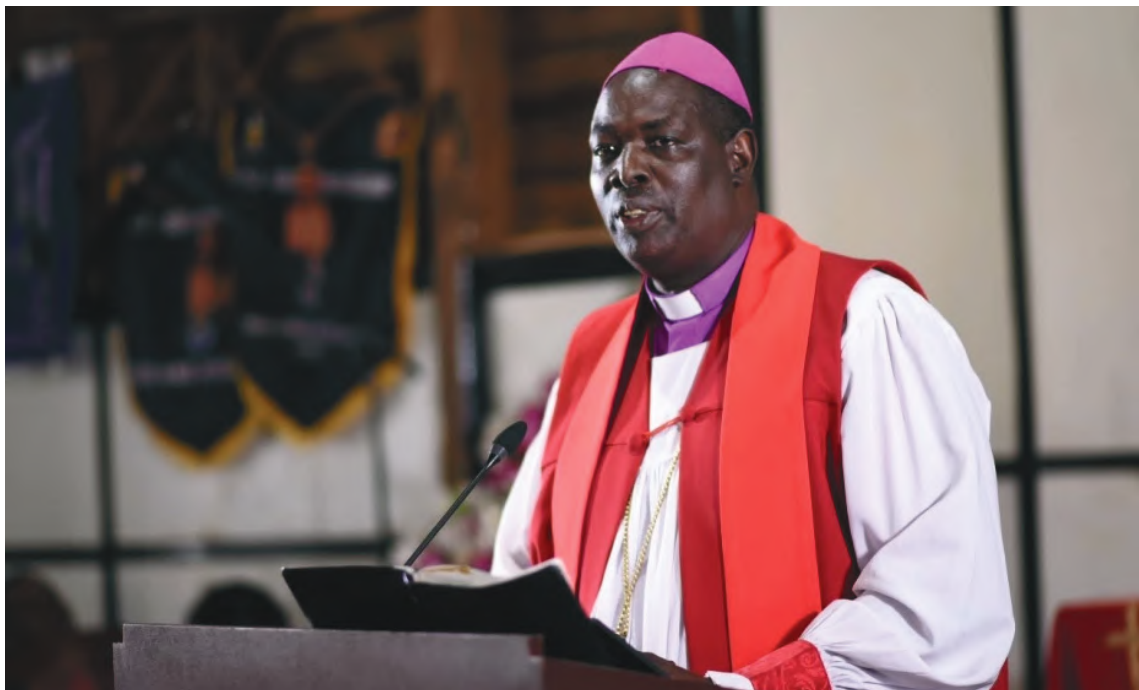
The church also wants the Ministry of Education to stop its grandstanding and release funds to university lecturers and capitation to schools, terming the situation ‘dire’.

The ACK pointed to the ongoing university lecturers’ strike and the delayed disbursement of capitation funds to schools as key contributors to the paralysis of learning across the country.

“The crisis in the education sector cannot be wished away... delayed capitation coupled with unaffordable education is putting quality education and general access beyond the reach of many... We call upon the government to release on time school and university capitation,” stated Ole Sapit.

One month into the third and final academic term, many schools continue to struggle amid a significant funding shortfall, a situation that has left parents and institutions in distress.

Turning to governance, the ACK welcomed the recent rollout of the electronic government procurement system as a step towards curbing corruption. However, it called on the



Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit. | PHOTO: @ArchbishopSapit/X

Treasury not to ignore the concerns raised by the Council of Governors. Jackson Ole Sapit said, “It is essential that the resistance be addressed in the interest of promoting a buy-in... such matters be addressed exhaustively.”

The state of the economy was also a major point of concern. The church decried the rising levels of unemployment and the growing sense of hopelessness among citizens.

As the clergy closed the two-day session, their message was clear — urgent action is needed to address the deepening challenges affecting Kenyans across multiple sectors.

# Senator Omtatah Seeks Answers On Electricity Connectivity And Kenyatta Hospital Crisis

By: PSCU  
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Busia Senator Okiya Omtatah has sought a statement from the Senate Committee on Energy regarding electricity connectivity in Busia County, with particular emphasis on rural areas.

“Busia County continues to face severe electricity challenges including lack of power connectivity in villages, unresolved disconnections and frequent blackouts, especially during the rainy season. Delays in fault rectification have also caused some areas, such as Nambere Shopping Centre to remain without electricity for five years since the only transformer serving the area was withdrawn by the Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC),” stated Omtatah.

He said the failures have hindered education, deterred investment and deepened rural marginalisation.

In his request, the Senator wants the Committee to address among other issues, the current status of rural electrification in Busia County including the number of villages not connected

to electricity despite being earmarked under government programmes, strategies by the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum to achieve universal electricity access in Busia’s rural areas including plans to integrate renewable energy solutions such as solar mini-grids, mechanisms in place to monitor the Kenya Power’s efficiency in fault repairs and service delivery and the oversight exercised by the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) regarding prolonged outages and accountability failures.

The Committee is also required to address the specific technical challenges causing recurrent outages, particularly during the rainy seasons and the measures in place to address them. It should further establish measures to ensure reliable electricity supply for schools and health facilities, as well as steps taken to provide backup power in underserved areas.

In a separate request, the lawmaker wants the Standing Committee on Health to give a report regarding the state and operations of Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH).

“Kenyatta National Hospital, the country’s largest referral facility is expected to uphold the highest standards of healthcare, yet its current

state is characterised by unhygienic conditions, overcrowded and poorly ventilated wards, long queues at essential service points, inadequate facilities for persons with disabilities and lax security that has led to two murders within the wards in the last six months,” said Omtatah.

He told the Senate that the hospital has been referring patients to private institutions for essential diagnostic services, undermining its mandate as the national referral hospital.

In his request, Omtatah wants the Committee to establish measures the Ministry of Health has implemented to uphold hygiene standards, address overcrowding, expand infrastructure and ensure adequate staffing and functional facilities such as lifts and waiting areas at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH).

The Committee is also expected to find out the reasons behind the unavailability or malfunctioning of essential diagnostic and treatment services, including Computerised Tomography (CT) scans, dialysis and radiotherapy and to outline the maintenance protocols, investment plans and accountability frameworks in place to ensure reliable operation of hospital equipment.

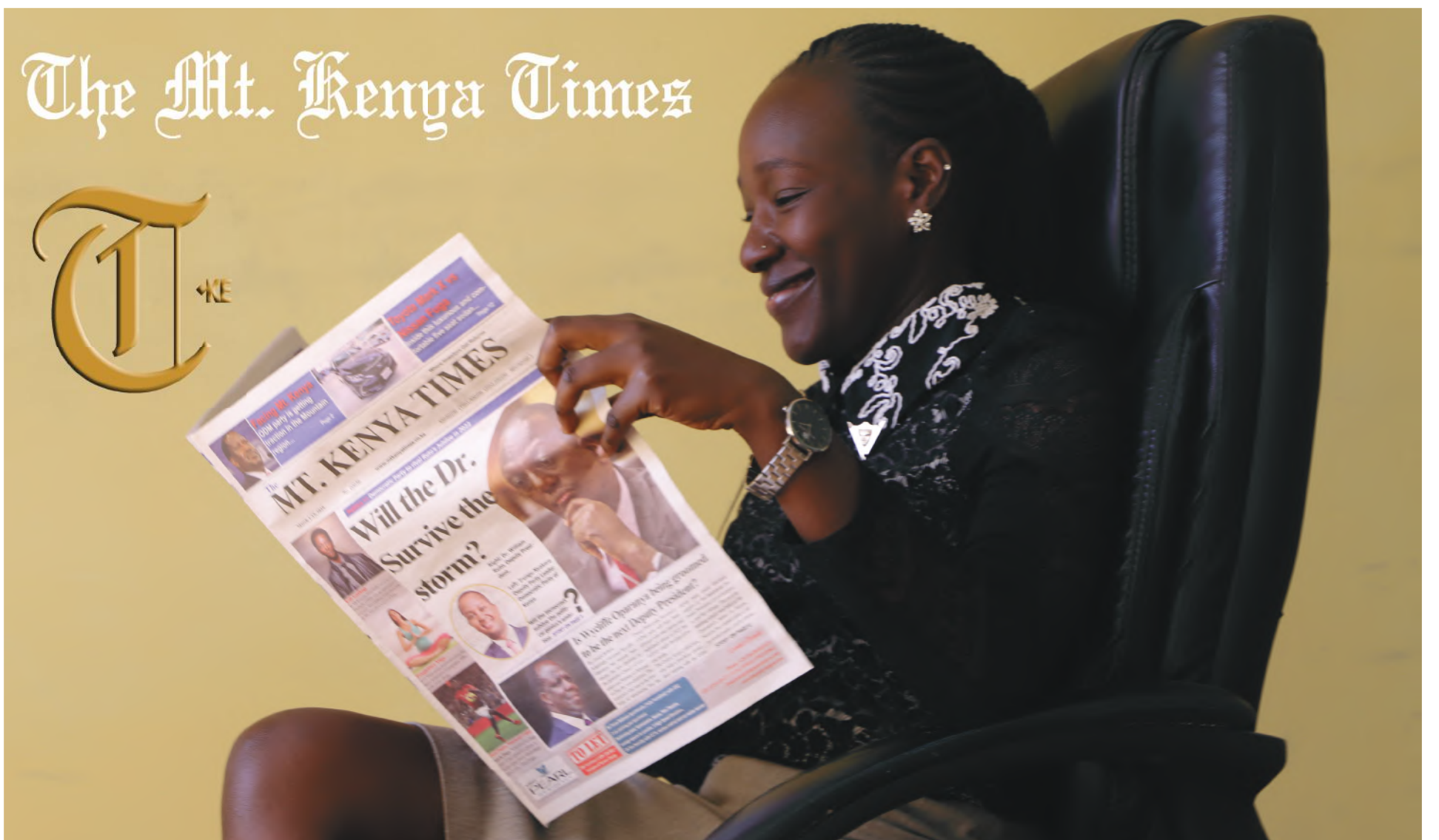


Busia Senator Okiya Omtatah

The Committee, chaired by Uasin Gishu Senator Jackson Mandago was further been tasked with establishing strategies to enhance hospital security following the reported murders within KNH wards.

They include ensuring accountability

of leadership and law enforcement, as well as strengthening the Ministry’s coordination with the Social Health Authority and the Digital Health Authority to guarantee robust health systems free from incessant breakdowns.



# Family Of Mburu Kinani Defends Dignity Of His Interment Amid Fresh Disputes

By: John Kamau  
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After ten long months in the morgue and one of the most bitter family feuds to reach the Kenyan courts, the late Mburu Kinani was finally laid to rest in Gilgil on September 17, 2025.

But even in death, controversy lingers. Barely a day after the High Court sanctioned burial, a fresh storm erupted as claims surfaced that the patriarch had been interred “at night” and without dignity.

His Gilgil family has come out strongly to dismiss the allegations, calling them “fallacious and malicious” attempts to tarnish a process that had already been settled by the courts.

Addressing journalists, the family through their lawyer, Prof. Tom Ojienda, and the Deputy Governor said they carried out the burial strictly in line with the High Court’s orders.

“The decision was made on the basis that courts are led by the wishes and choices of the deceased, who had requested to be buried next to his wife in Gilgil, where he had a functional home,” Prof. Ojienda stated.

“The High Court was clear on where and how our father was to be laid to rest. We respected the decree and ensured the burial was conducted with dignity, in accordance with his Christian faith and Agikuyu heritage,” added Kirika.

Kinani’s death on November 20, 2024 triggered a fierce dispute between two sets of his children, those from his first wife, Phelis Wanjiru, and those from his second wife, Magdalene Waithera.

The respondents argued that, under Kikuyu custom, their father should be buried at his ancestral home in Gatanga, Murang’a County, where his parents and first wife were interred.

The appellants, however, insisted that Kinani had lived in Gilgil for over 40 years, built a permanent home there, and expressed his desire to rest beside Magdalene, whom he had already buried on the family farm.

On June 12, 2025, Principal Magistrate G.M. Gitonga sided with the Gatanga family, ordering that the patriarch be buried in Murang’a. But that ruling was overturned on appeal three months later.

In her judgment on September 16, Lady Justice Helene R. Namisi declared that “The final resting place of the late Mburu Kinani shall be his farm in Gilgil, Nakuru County, next to the grave of his late wife, Magdalene Waithera Mburu.”

She further directed that the funeral arrangements “respect the deceased’s Christian faith and his Agikuyu heritage, with the specific arrangements to be led by the appellants, who shall accommodate the participation of respondents.”

Justice Namisi acknowledged the painful nature of such cases noting that “disputes, which pit family against family, are among the most difficult that the Court is called upon to adjudicate, as they invariably leave one faction grieving not only their loss but also the outcome of the litigation. In these



Kiambu Deputy Governor Rosemary Kirika, the step daughter to the late Mburu Kinani speaking during the press briefing.

emotive contests, the law must strive to be a therapeutic agent, providing a just resolution grounded in established principles.”

Despite the clear ruling, members of the Gatanga side have accused their step-siblings of conducting the burial in secrecy and without proper rites. The Gilgil family rejected these claims outright.

“Our father’s body had stayed in the

morgue for more than ten months. He deserved to finally rest. To allege that we buried him without dignity is to insult his memory,” Kirika said.

She warned that the family would not hesitate to pursue defamation suits against those “maliciously maligning” her, her family, church and the place she works.

The Gilgil family admitted that their step-siblings retain the legal right to

pursue exhumation, if granted by a court but urged them to respect Kinani’s final resting place.

“Even if they choose to pursue exhumation, let them do so through the courts, not through propaganda. Our father has now been laid to rest as ordered by the High Court and according to his wishes,” Kirika concluded.



Lawyer Tom Ojienda

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The Senate Committee on Labour and Social Welfare yesterday put the management of the Technical University of Kenya (TUK) on the spot over the collapse of its staff retirement benefits scheme, which has left retirees and soon-to-retire employees in financial distress.

Appearing before the committee chaired by Ag. Chairman Stewart Madzayo (Kilifi), Vice-Chancellor Prof. Benedict Mutua was pressed to explain how deductions were made for years without being remitted to the pension scheme.

The committee heard that between 2009 and 2013, TUK operated an unregistered scheme and deposited contributions into a non-compliant savings account at Kenya Commercial Bank. By April 2013, the account held KSh244.9 million.

Barely a month later, on 8th May, the balance had plummeted to KSh9.5 million. The application to register the Technical University of Kenya Staff Retirement Benefits Scheme (TUKSRBS) was only submitted on



Senate Labour Committee

29th May 2013, after the account had been drained and before eventual registration in November the same year. The Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) Chief Executive Officer Charles Machira described the scheme's current position as catastrophic, revealing a funding ratio of just 17 per cent.

"Anybody who has a million Kenyan shillings in accrued benefits can only be paid 170,000 shillings," he said. With assets valued at KSh755 million against liabilities of KSh4.2 billion, the High Court has since ordered liquidation of the scheme, with an official receiver appointed to man-

age the remnants. Senators reacted with outrage, accusing university officials of presiding over a deliberate scheme to siphon workers' savings.

"This was actually a scheme organized and coordinated by managers who were pilfering and stealing money from the pension fund," charged Richard Onyonga (Kisii), who attended the session as a friend of the committee.

Records tabled showed that signatories to the contested account included senior administrators, among them the then Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Francis Aduol, raising suspi-



Senate Labour Committee Ag. Chairman Stewart Madzayo

cions of collusion at the university's highest levels.

Alexander Mundigi (Embu) demanded that Prof. Aduol be compelled to appear before the committee.

Prof. Mutua, under intense questioning, conceded culpability. "We accept that the law was broken," he admitted, though he attributed the failure to remit deductions to financial strain and bureaucratic hurdles.

Murang'a Senator. Joe Nyutu turned the spotlight on oversight bodies.

"When you discovered deductions were not being remitted did you make any recommendations? Where

is the hope for employees who suffered these deductions?" he asked.

RBA responded that the matter had been escalated to the line ministry and the University Council before the scheme was declared insolvent and wound up.

Onyonga called for a full forensic audit to trace the billions lost and hold culprits to account. Meanwhile, Prof. Mutua is expected to present a roadmap outlining how the university intends to compensate affected pensioners and safeguard those approaching retirement.

# Senate Committee Demands Real-Time Access To County Bank Accounts For CBK, CoB And Auditor General

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In a significant move to tackle fiscal indiscipline and enhance transparency in Kenya's devolved units, a Senate Committee is pushing for immediate, unrestricted, and real-time access to all commercial bank accounts operated by county governments.

The Senate Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations officially adopted its Report on inquiry into the large number of commercial bank accounts opened and operated by county governments earlier today, advocating that the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK), the Controller of Budget (CoB), and the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) be granted this unfettered digital access.

Committee Chairperson Senator Mohamed Abass called the measure a "game-changer" that will foster un-



Senator Mohamed Abass

precedented oversight and safeguard public resources.

"The National Treasury must review the Public Finance Management (National Government) Regulations, 2015, to grant the Central Bank, Controller of Budget, and the Office of the Auditor General real-time system access to all accounts, with clear sanctions for non-compliance," Senator Abass stated. "This will strengthen oversight, enhance transparency,

and safeguard public resources."

The Committee's inquiry was prompted by consistent Auditor-General reports that highlighted discrepancies, non-disclosure, and a lack of banking rules regarding county commercial accounts. These issues have long raised concerns about the completeness and verification of all bank accounts held by devolved governments.

Beyond the real-time access, Sena-



Senate Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations

tors directed the National Treasury to collaborate with the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) to conduct an immediate and comprehensive audit of all commercial bank accounts, close inactive accounts, and transfer residual balances to the County Revenue Fund.

The Members of the Devolution Committee also urged the Treasury to review and harmonize the conflicting sections of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Regulations for the National and County Governments, noting that current county regulations

offer limited flexibility for essential needs like managing donor funds, unlike the national regulations.

"National Treasury should harmonize these two laws since they disadvantage counties in managing donor funds and operational needs," Senator Oburu Odinga (Siaya) submitted.

The Committee underscored that tighter coordination between the National and County Treasuries is essential to ensure a transparent, accountable, and fiscally disciplined devolved system.

# Over 200 Persons With Disabilities Empowered With Mobility Devices In Tharaka Nithi County

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Hope and joy filled Chuka Picnic Grounds and Kairuni Stadium yesterday as more than 200 persons living with disabilities from Maara and Chuka/Igambang'ombe constituencies received mobility equipment to ease their movement and restore their independence.

The beneficiaries, many of whom have lived in confinement due to lack of assistive devices, were supplied with wheelchairs, white sticks, walkers, and other mobility tools.

For years, their struggles had compelled some to remain indoors while others were unable to participate in social, religious, or economic activities.

"With these devices, we will now be able to go to the market, attend church services, and even engage in small businesses to support ourselves," one of the elated beneficiaries said after receiving a wheelchair.

The distribution was led by Ms Mar-

garet Muthomi, the First Lady of Tharaka Nithi County, through the Njiwa Jiinue Initiative. She said the gesture was aimed at restoring dignity, independence, and hope to persons living with disabilities across the county.

"This noble exercise is about inclusion and empowerment. No one should be left behind because of disability," she said, while appreciating the role played by Partners for Care, the organization that partnered with her initiative to make the donation possible.

Mrs. Muthomi noted that the Njiwa Jiinue Initiative continues to focus on uplifting vulnerable groups, women, and youth by providing practical support and opportunities for self-reliance.

She further highlighted her ongoing efforts in championing the education of girls through the provision of dignity kits and advocating against female genital mutilation (FGM) in the county.

The event was marked with songs of celebration and tears of gratitude as the beneficiaries tested their new



Tharaka-Nithi County First Lady Ms Margaret Muthomi pushing wheelchair. She donated mobility equipment to over 200 people living with disabilities. Photo/Alex Njeru.

equipment. Community leaders who attended the event praised the First Lady's continued commitment to social empowerment, noting that mobility is a basic right that opens doors to equal participation in society.

"This is a new chapter for our brothers and sisters with disabilities. They

can now move with dignity and confidence," said a local leader.

The exercise is expected to have a ripple effect across Tharaka Nithi, with more people living with disabilities being able to take part in daily life and contribute to the growth of the community.

She was in company of the county's executive in charge of Gender and Children Ms Kelly Karimi Rwigy and Medical Services Chief Officer Ms Rose Micheni.

# Immunization: The Silent Guardian Protecting Kenya's Children And Their Dreams

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At a recent Immunization Advocacy Forum held in Nairobi, key stakeholders underscored the vital role of immunization in safeguarding children's health and securing a brighter future. The event, which brought together government officials, health experts, and County First Ladies, aimed to strengthen community awareness and commitment to vaccination programs across Kenya.

Margaret Lubaale, Executive Director of Hennet Kenya, delivered a powerful message during the forum, describing immunization as "the silent guardian that protects not just our children's health, but their dreams as well." Her statement resonated deeply with attendees, highlighting the lifelong benefits that vaccines offer in preventing deadly and debilitating diseases.

The forum was organized under the auspices of the County First La-

dies Association, a group renowned for championing health and social causes at the grassroots level. The County First Ladies reiterated their commitment to amplifying immunization campaigns within their counties, recognizing that community engagement and education are key to overcoming vaccine hesitancy and misinformation.

In her opening remarks, the chairperson of the County First Ladies Association emphasized the importance of immunization as a cornerstone of public health. "Vaccines save lives, reduce hospital admissions, and allow children to grow up healthy and active. As mothers and caregivers, we have a responsibility to promote vaccination in our communities," she said.

Health officials present at the forum shared current data showing progress made in immunization coverage nationally but also pointed out the remaining challenges. Despite increased uptake, there are pockets of low vaccine coverage due to factors ranging from misinformation to logistical barriers in remote and un-

derserved areas. The forum served as a platform for members to discuss innovative approaches to improving outreach and delivery of immunization services.

Experts noted the ripple effect of vaccination beyond individual protection. Immunization contributes to herd immunity, protecting vulnerable populations such as infants and those unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons. Moreover, healthier children translate to stronger school attendance, improved learning outcomes, and ultimately greater socio-economic development.

Collaborations between government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and local leaders were stressed as essential to sustaining momentum in immunization efforts. Participants called for enhanced resource allocation, supply chain improvements, and integration of immunization with other health services such as nutrition and maternal care.

At the forum's close, a commitment statement was issued by the County First Ladies and partners, pledging



Hennet Kenya, Executive Director Margaret Lubale issuing her address

to champion immunization advocacy within their jurisdictions. The forum also laid the groundwork for future community dialogues and media campaigns to keep immunization high on the public health agenda.

The Immunization Advocacy Forum brought renewed energy and focus on Kenya's vaccination goals, reinforcing the message that immu-

nization is not only about preventing disease but about protecting the hopes and dreams of future generations. This collaborative effort promises to accelerate progress towards universal immunization coverage, ensuring healthier children and stronger communities across the nation.

**14 POEMS**

## Rain



I feel happy to see you,  
when you fall from the sky  
Bringing joy and happiness to all,  
You are a life-giving source  
You fill the lakes and ponds,  
You make the plants and trees happy,  
with your nourishing water

You bring happiness to cats and dogs,  
You give joy to all creatures  
If you don't come, we suffer a lot,

We become dry and barren  
Please don't make us suffer,  
without water and life,  
We need you, dear rain,

you fall as rain always  
At least one day please fall as hailstone  
I wait to see you, with anticipation  
I love to drench in the rain,  
I feel alive and free,  
You're a blessing dear rain,  
bringing life to all and me.

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## The Gentle Power Within: A Prose On Motivation To Learn Soft Skills



By Zainab Mustafa

In a world that often measures worth by speed and precision, soft skills whisper a deeper truth: that kindness is strength, listening is leadership, and empathy is a bridge across every divide.

To learn soft skills is to choose growth that blossoms inward first—like a seed stretching toward light. It is the courage to pause before

reacting, the grace to speak with clarity, and the wisdom to understand silence.

Motivation to learn these skills is not born from competition, but from connection. It is the quiet fire that says, "I want to understand better. I want to lead with heart. I want to be someone others feel safe around."

Each time we practice patience, resolve conflict with compassion, or uplift a teammate with sincerity, we shape a world that values humanity over hierarchy.

So let us learn—not just to succeed, but to serve.

Zainab Mustafa Founder of soul words publication Content Writer Sahiba writing Squads

## Books



You open up our minds, and make us read,  
You make us reach greater heights  
we've never tried  
You have the power to convert illiterate to literate  
You teach a lot of things  
You transform our lives

You shape great citizens, with values  
We learn to love, care, and be kind,  
We write, draw, and study, with passion  
You create great leaders,  
They lead with great wisdom

They lead with the help, of the knowledge

you have shared a lot of knowledge  
You make us love you, with Stories  
You teach many techniques,  
to overcome our fears,  
You choose all our doubts  
You help us overcome shyness,  
You give hope and trust  
Make all doubts disappear

We read in schools, libraries, and everywhere,  
Absorbing knowledge, and grow  
One day, we'll write our own book, with stories  
Thanks to you, dear books,  
our journey will continue with books

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## Time Shows The True Intention



Time shows the true intention of people around us.

The true colours of people are exposed over time; It decides whom we have to think of as our prime.

Tough situations reveal the fake— It's an alarm for us to wake.

The selfless people ride with us; They motivate and enrich our life from A to A Plus.

It's the best decision to focus.

Time, the priceless, irreplaceable treasure, is the balance to measure.

Use time with people who intend only pleasure; Invest your time with those who stand by you also in your pressure.

Time shows the true intention of people around us.

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GRADUATE TEACHER -ENGLISH  
VKGHSS AYANKALIPALAYAM TIRUPPUR

## Knowledge Is An Investment



Knowledge is a treasure and a valuable  
No one can steal it, till our life time  
It never loses value, nor diminishes with time,  
It can't be bought or sold, but acquired through mind

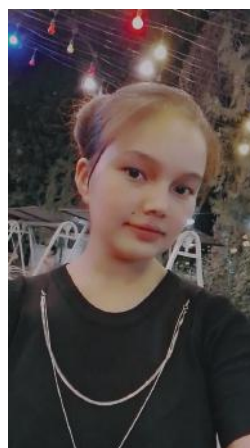
A knowledgeable person, is a blessed soul  
Willing to sacrifice, to acquire knowledge  
Knowledge is like a bloomed flower which remains fresh and bright,  
It never fades or withers with time or person

The more we learn, the more mature we become,  
We become smart and wise, with knowledge  
Wealth may come and go,  
It is in a circulation method  
But knowledge stays, like a polestar, guiding everyone

In darkest hours, knowledge shines so bright,  
It is extremely powerful, during day or night  
It is a treasure for anyone, who seeks to learn and grow,  
Knowledge is the key, to unlock many unknown things

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## Never Say Those Words Again



Never say those words again—  
Without you, life grows thin and hard;  
Each fleeting hour loses meaning,  
I sit alone inside a room of dark.

Will you not share even one small sorrow,  
Be twin to mine for just a while?

My breath is clogged against my throat,  
No words can break this lasting silence.

I no longer see myself in your eyes;  
I cannot say "I love you" once more—  
The feeling stalls on silent lips,  
A quiet love that speaks no more.

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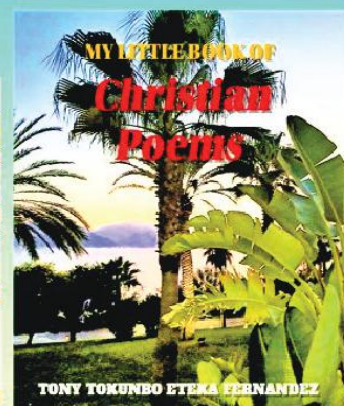
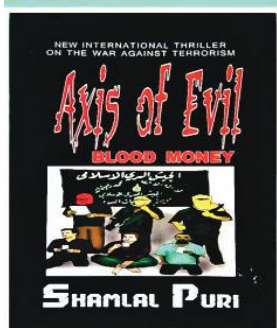
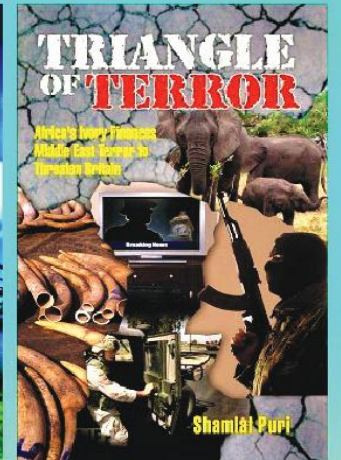
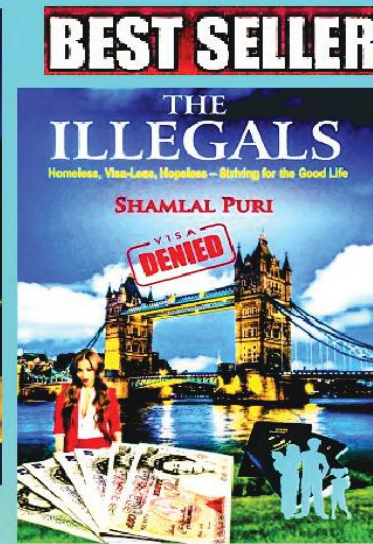
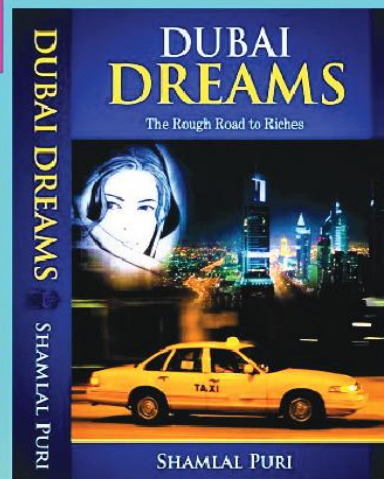
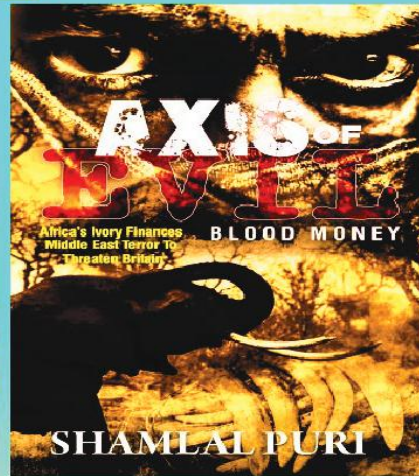
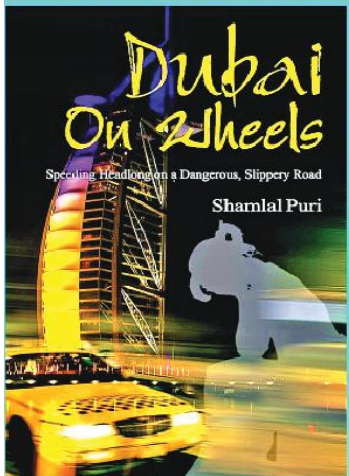
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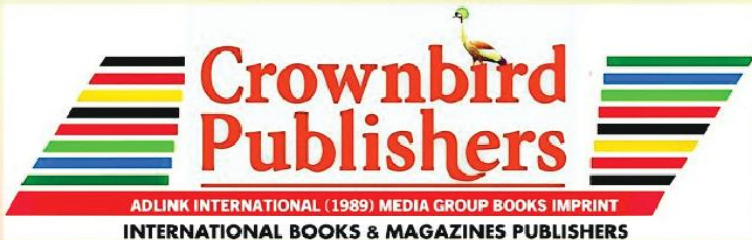


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## POLITICS

## Safina Party Ushers In New Women's Coordinator As Wanjigi Steps Up 2027 Bid



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## Worth Noting:

- In her acceptance speech, Atieno said her appointment was not about her as an individual but a reflection of the party's recognition of the central role women must play in shaping Kenya's political and economic future.
- "This is not just my victory, it is a victory for every woman who has ever been told politics is not her place. We have been sidelined for too long. From today, Safina women will speak with one voice. We will shape policies, influence decisions, and secure a future where women and young people are not left behind," Atieno declared.

Safina Party has unveiled Florence Atieno, better known to her supporters as Atis Dollar, as its new National Women Coordinator in a spirited event that drew more than 200 women leaders from across Nairobi. The appointment, announced during a gathering attended by party leader Jimi Wanjigi and his deputy Willis Otieno, was cast as a major step toward strengthening women's role in politics ahead of the 2027 general elections.

The meeting, held in Nairobi at the Safina Party headquarters, was charged with energy as women leaders sang, danced, and pledged their support to Atieno, who is well known for her outspoken defense of community rights and grassroots mobilization.

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She urged women to step out of the shadows of political spectatorship and embrace leadership, promising to use her new platform to push for accountability, equality, and economic empowerment.

"I stand here not just as Florence Atieno, but as Atis Dollar, a daughter of ordinary Kenyans who understand what it means to struggle for dignity and fairness. My mission is clear: to make sure the voices of women are not ignored, but amplified at the highest levels of leadership," she added.

Safina's Deputy Party Leader, lawyer Willis Otieno, used the occasion to rally women and youth, saying Atieno's appointment was a signal that the party is serious about creating space for new voices in leadership.

"Atieno is a fighter. She has never shied away from speaking truth to power, and she represents the kind of leadership Safina stands for: bold, courageous, and uncompromising on justice. This team you see today is the face of Kenya's future, determined to rescue the country from the grip of



Safina Party leader Jimi Wanjigi and the newly appointed Safina Party Women's Coordinator Florence Atieno, at the Safina Party headquarters in Nairobi.

failed leadership," he remarked.

The Safina deputy Party leader further dismissed suggestions that Safina was a small player in the political field, insisting that the party was growing stronger through grassroots mobilization and would offer Kenyans a real alternative in 2027.

Party leader Jimi Wanjigi echoed the sentiments, stressing that Safina was determined to chart a new path for the country. He launched a scathing attack on the Kenya Kwanza administration, accusing it of burdening citizens with policies that have failed to deliver.

"The government is draining Kenyans through endless levies and ineffective programs. The Social Health Authority (SHA) is not working and we cannot continue forcing Kenyans to pay for a system that does not serve them. Once Safina is elected, we will scrap unnecessary payments and introduce reforms that put citizens first," he stated.

He also emphasized that his cam-

paign is built on restoring dignity to ordinary Kenyans through policies that prioritize food security, job creation, and access to quality health-care.

The women leaders who accompanied Atieno described her as a symbol of resilience and a trailblazer who embodies the struggles and aspirations of many. They promised to rally behind her leadership and strengthen Safina's outreach programs in communities across the country.

Their presence underscored Safina's renewed focus on mobilizing women as a core constituency, recognizing that women have long been a decisive factor in Kenyan elections.

During the meeting, the party leaders said that the Safina Party has always positioned itself as a champion of justice and accountability, though it has struggled to break into mainstream political dominance. With Wanjigi at the helm, the party has signaled its intention to run a serious campaign in 2027, promising a gov-

ernment that is more transparent and people-centered.

The party is not only appealing to women voters but also sending a message that it intends to challenge the traditional male-dominated political order.

"We are not waiting for change, we are building it. Safina will be the home where women's dreams are not dismissed, but nurtured into reality," Atieno concluded.

The announcement has now set the stage for Safina to expand its grassroots mobilization, with women leaders expected to play a central role in the party's push toward the 2027 general elections.

# Sense International Launches Deafblindness Digital Hub In Kenya

By: Darlene Wambui and Samuel Kivuva

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Sense International has launched the Global Deafblindness Resource Hub, an innovative digital platform designed to provide accessible information and learning materials for persons with deafblindness and multi-sensory impairments.

The hub, developed by Sense International in partnership with the Ministry of Education and other stakeholders, is part of a global initiative aimed at bridging the digital divide for persons with disabilities.

Speaking during the launch, Frederick Haga, Director at the Ministry of Education's Directorate of Special Needs Education, affirmed that the government remained committed to ensuring that every child with disability had access to education.

"Learners with special needs have always been included in the digital learning programme since 2013. Today, through this hub, critical resources such as policies, legislation and learning materials can be deposited, accessed and used to support persons with disabilities. Every stakeholder has a role to play," assured Haga.

The Director noted that the Ministry allocates a budget annually for specialised learning resources and assistive devices, channeled through the Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE).

"Not every child has received the devices yet, but a majority in our schools have, and we continue to expand coverage," he clarified.

Making his remarks, Daniel Musango, Country Representative for Sense International Kenya, explained that the hub builds on the organisation's life-cycle approach, supporting people with deafblindness from early childhood through education, vocational training and livelihoods.

"We innovate, we inform, and we influence," Musango said, outlining the organisation's three core values. "Our work ensures that people with deafblindness are included in health, education and economic systems; that information is available to them; and that their rights are recognised in policies and budgets," Musango said.

Founded globally over 40 years ago, Sense International has been active in Kenya since 2005, operating in 14 counties with interventions such as eye screening, audiological services, inclusive education, and livelihood support.

Musango cited the establishment of the first complete audiological unit at Samburu County Referral Hospital, where children can now receive hearing tests, diagnosis, and fitting for hearing aids.



Frederick Haga

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"These are model projects embedded in government institutions to ensure sustainability," he added.

Notably, the Global Deafblindness Resource Hub was officially launched in February 2025 at Google's Accessibility Discovery Centre in London. It aggregates resources from eight countries across four continents and is accessible in seven languages, including English and Kiswahili.

Christopher Patnoe of Google, who supported the platform's development, described it as a milestone for digital accessibility.

"Digital learning is critical, yet much of the online world remains inaccessible. The Hub champions inclusion for all," he said.

The hub currently hosts over 150 resources ranging from guides to toolkits, available in downloadable formats with features that comply with international web accessibility standards. Future plans include adding video content and expanding regional resources.

Similarly, Julius Ogayo, a board member of Sense International Kenya, underscored the importance of digital inclusion for persons with deafblindness.

"Nearly one million Kenyans live with some form of deafblindness,

with over 100,000 cases severe. For them, digital tools are not optional; they are a lifeline. Digital inclusion is about dignity, opportunity, and justice," he highlighted.

Further, Ogayo called for joint investment to expand the hub's reach urging stakeholders to prioritise accessibility in digital infrastructure and public services.

"Let us strengthen collaborations so that the voices of persons with deafblindness are heard," he rallied.

Ogayo added that Kenya could not achieve Vision 2030 or the Sustainable Development Goals if people with disabilities were digitally excluded.

"Digital inclusion is not charity, it is smart development, good economics, and the right thing to do," he asserted. Likewise, Barack Odhiambo, a teacher at Maseno School for the Deaf, emphasised the role of digital literacy in education.

"Learners who are deafblind must be fully included in society. Through digital platforms, they can communicate, access information, and interact with their peers. Digital literacy gives them independence and improves their learning outcomes," he explained.

Odhiambo added that for severely

deafblind learners, the hub provides guidance for parents and teachers by offering best practices and resources to support learners both at school and at home.

Meanwhile, the initiative has also been hailed as supporting the upcoming Persons with Disabilities Act 2025, which mandates accessible digital platforms and designs.

Also, the hub is accessible via smartphones, laptops and tablets, and will continue to grow through contributions from government, civil society and development partners.

Ultimately, participants were reminded that digital inclusion is central to realising equality with Musango describing the hub as not just a platform but a statement that inclusion is possible, that technology can bridge divides, and that no one should be left behind in the digital era.

# Navigating The Transfer Of Shares In Kenya



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The landscape of corporate ownership in Kenya is a dynamic one, constantly shaped by the transfer of shares. As of recent data, with the economy rebounding and investor confidence on the rise, share transfers, both for private and public companies, are a common and critical part of business transactions. The process, while seemingly straightforward, is a multifaceted affair governed by a robust legal framework, primarily the Companies Act, 2015, and is fraught with specific procedural requirements and significant tax implications. Failing to adhere to these can invalidate the transfer, leading to severe penalties and legal quagmires for all parties involved. Therefore, understanding the entire journey from the initial agreement to the final registration and all the financial considerations in between is crucial for any investor or business owner in Kenya.

The journey of a share from one owner to another is a meticulous one, differing slightly depending on whether the company is private or public. For private companies, the process is largely guided by the company's own Articles of Association (the company's internal rulebook) and any existing shareholders' agreements. The Articles often contain restrictions, such as pre-emptive rights which give existing shareholders the first option to buy the shares, and a requirement for board approval of the transfer. The first step is for the transferor (seller) and transferee (buyer) to review the company's Articles of Association and any relevant agreements to ensure compliance with any pre-existing conditions. Following this, a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) is drafted and executed. This legally binding document outlines the terms of the sale, including the number of shares, the purchase price, and any conditions precedent.

The transferor must formally notify the company of their intent to sell. The board of directors then holds a meeting to approve the transfer. If pre-emptive rights exist, the shares must be offered to the other shareholders first. Minutes of these meetings are essential for record-keeping. A Deed of Transfer of Shares (also known as a share transfer form) is prepared and signed by both the transferor and transferee. It must also be witnessed. For private companies, it's often necessary to get an independent valuation of the shares to determine their fair market value, as this value is used to calculate the taxes due. This is a crucial step. The transfer documents, along with the valuation



report and other supporting materials, are submitted to the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) for assessment of Stamp Duty. The documents are then "franked" or stamped to show the duty has been paid. Following this, the franked documents, board resolutions, and an updated CR12 (a list of the company's directors and shareholders) are filed with the Companies Registry on the e-citizen platform. Once the transfer is approved and filed, the company's secretary updates the register of members to reflect the new ownership. The old share certificate is canceled, and a new one is issued to the transferee, officially completing the process.

For shares in a public company listed on the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE), the process is generally more streamlined and electronic, as the shares are held in a Central Depository System (CDS) account. The most common method of transfer for public company shares is through a stockbroker on the NSE. The shares are bought and sold electronically, and the transfer is automatically managed by the Central Depository and Settlement Corporation (CDSC). For transfers not executed through the exchange (known as private transfers), the parties must still use a stockbroker or custodian. A CDS 4 form is completed and signed by both the transferor and transferee and delivered to the CDSC through their respective Central Depository Agents (CDAs),

i.e., their stockbrokers. The CDSC processes the transfer electronically, ensuring the shares are debited from the transferor's account and credited to the transferee's account. This process requires prior approval from the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) for private transfers.

The tax regime for share transfers in Kenya is twofold, primarily involving Stamp Duty and Capital Gains Tax. The transferee is generally responsible for paying Stamp Duty, which is levied at a rate of 1% of the nominal value or the consideration of the shares, whichever is higher. This tax must be paid for the transfer to be legally valid. Non-payment can lead to fines and render the transaction null and void. The transferor (seller) is liable for Capital Gains Tax (CGT), which is a tax on the net gain realized from the transfer of property. The rate of CGT in Kenya is 15% of the net gain, which is calculated as the transfer value (sales proceeds) minus the adjusted cost (acquisition cost plus any incidental costs).

This is a critical distinction. A gain on the transfer of shares of a private company is subject to CGT at the rate of 15%. However, a gain on the transfer of shares traded on any securities exchange licensed by the CMA (e.g. the Nairobi Securities Exchange) is exempt from CGT. This exemption was introduced to encourage trading and investment in the public market. Several key exemptions, as enshrined

in the law, are important to note: The transfer of shares to a beneficiary in the course of the administration of a deceased person's estate is exempt. However, if the beneficiary later sells those shares, any gain is subject to CGT. The transfer of assets between spouses, former spouses as part of a divorce settlement, or to a company where spouses hold 100% shareholding is also exempt. Transfers of property as a result of internal restructuring within a group that has existed for at least 24 months and does not involve a third-party transfer are also exempt.

Beyond the legal and financial rigmarole, the transfer of shares is deeply human. It can represent a founder's bittersweet exit, a family's generational wealth transfer, or an investor's bold bet on a company's future. The meticulous paperwork and legal hurdles are not just bureaucratic exercises; they are safeguards to protect the rights of all involved—the seller, the buyer, and the company itself. By humanizing this process, one appreciates that behind every form and every signature is a story of ambition, trust, and the pursuit of a new chapter. The legal framework, therefore, serves as a quiet but powerful guardian of these personal and financial narratives.

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# Why The Mosquito's Buzz Should Terrify Us Now More Than Ever



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There is a sound that unites Kenyans across the country, from the coast to the city to the village. It is the high-pitched, menacing buzz of a single mosquito in a dark room. It is a sound that triggers a familiar, primal anxiety. But we have been misinterpreting this sound. We hear a pest; we should be hearing a tiny, urgent alarm bell for a planet in crisis.

For generations, Kenyans understood the geography of malaria. It was a disease of the hot, humid low-

lands. The cool highlands and the temperate capital of Nairobi were considered safe havens, a climatic shield against the disease. That shield is now shattering.

This is not a random occurrence; it is a direct and predictable consequence of climate change. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the world's leading scientific body on the subject, has stated unequivocally that rising global temperatures are expanding the habitats of disease-carrying vectors like the Anopheles mosquito.

The evidence is now on our doorsteps. Researchers at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) have documented the alarming spread of malaria into highland areas that were previously malaria-free. As our nights get warmer and rainfall patterns become more erratic and intense, we are creating perfect, new breeding grounds for this ancient killer. The mosquito is not just

moving; it is following the heat.

This is a profound environmental injustice. The World Health Organization's World Malaria Report consistently shows that the burden of this disease falls overwhelmingly on the most vulnerable: young children and pregnant women in sub-Saharan Africa. In Kenya, it is the poorest communities, living in areas with inadequate housing and poor drainage, who are most exposed to the growing mosquito threat. They are paying with their health and their lives for a climate crisis they did the least to cause.

The cost to our nation is staggering, not just in hospital bills but in lost economic productivity when a parent is too sick to work or a child is too sick to attend school.

The solution is not just a better mosquito net, as vital as that is. The real, long-term solution is to recognize that climate policy is public health policy. Every global negotiation to



cut carbon emissions is a direct intervention to protect Kenyan children from malaria. Every local project to improve sanitation and drainage in an informal settlement is an act of climate adaptation that saves lives.

We stand at a critical moment. The familiar buzz of a mosquito is no longer just a personal annoyance. It is a direct, audible symptom of a dangerously warming planet. It is the

sound of the front line of the climate crisis moving from a distant glacier to the inside of our own homes. It is a warning we can no longer afford to ignore.

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# Why Our Dining Tables Mirror Kenya's Economic Injustice



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There is a ritual that unfolds in millions of Kenyan homes every Sunday. It is the smell of chapati on the pan, the rich aroma of stew simmering for hours. It is a ritual of family and tradition. But if you look closely, with the dispassionate eye of an auditor, this cherished ritual is also a masterclass in the unspoken economics that governs our nation.

The lesson begins in the kitchen. The women of the house have been working for hours, a "labour of love" that is never clocked in. This is not a small, trivial contribution. Globally, UN Women has valued women's unpaid care work at a staggering \$10.8 trillion annually. In Kenya, this translates into a massive, invisible subsidy to our economy. This uncounted labour, as the International Labour Organization (ILO) consis-

tently reports, is the single biggest barrier to women's full economic participation. It is a direct tax on their time, paid before the meal even begins.

The lesson continues when the food is served. Observe the plates. In many homes, the father, guests, and men are served first, often receiving the choicest portions. This seemingly innocent tradition reflects a harsh national reality. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has repeatedly shown that in times of scarcity, women and girls are the most likely to suffer from "hidden hunger" and nutritional deficiencies, as household resources are often allocated unequally. The unspoken rule at the table—that some appetites are more important than others—is a direct contributor to gendered malnutrition.

The lesson concludes after the meal. The men leave the table, their duty done. The women and girls clear the dishes. This reinforces the "time poverty" that holds women back. UNDP data for sub-Saharan Africa shows women can spend up to 3.4 more hours a day than men on unpaid care work. This is not just time spent on chores; it is time stolen from education, from running a



business, from participating in community leadership.

Is it any wonder, then, that this Sunday ritual is a perfect microcosm of our national life? The Nairobi Securities Exchange reports that women hold just 23.5% of board seats. The African Development Bank quantifies a \$42 billion financing gap for female entrepreneurs. We are simply re-enacting the unspoken rules of

the Sunday meal on a national scale: women do the foundational work, their contributions are undervalued, and they are served last when it comes to power and resources.

The change we need in Kenya does not begin with a new law in Parliament. It begins at our own dining tables. The most revolutionary act a Kenyan man can perform is to serve his wife first and to wash his own

plate. These are not small gestures. They are the first steps in correcting a profound economic injustice that begins in our homes and costs our nation its full potential.

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# Zimbabwean Blueberry Farmers Set Sights On China's Lucrative Market

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Inside a greenhouse located in Zimbabwe's Mashonaland West Province, workers carefully hand-pick fresh blueberries from lush green shrubs, ensuring only the best fruit makes it to the baskets.

In recent years, Zimbabwe's blueberry industry has grown rapidly, bringing local farmers higher incomes. This year, producers are setting their sights on exporting blueberries to China, one of the world's largest and most lucrative markets. Earlier this month, Zimbabwe signed a trade agreement allowing fresh blueberry exports to China, a move farmers say will spur production to meet the surge in demand. "It is a huge market. They are the biggest exporters of blueberries, among the biggest growers of blueberries, and also one of the biggest importers

of blueberries. So, it really has taken off there," said Alistair Campbell, a blueberry farmer from the province. Supported by favorable climate conditions, increased agricultural investment, and rising demand for this healthy food, Zimbabwe's blueberry industry is expanding. According to the country's Horticultural Development Council (HDC), production is expected to rise from 8,000 metric tons in 2024 to 12,000 metric tons in 2025.

Farmers believe that Zimbabwe's strategic geographic location -- allowing early access to global markets -- gives the country a competitive edge. "Our product is well received. We get big, nice-tasting berries. And it's well-received in the market thus far. We just need more scale, more blueberries," Campbell said, adding that the opportunity to export to China positions Zimbabwe as a significant player in blueberry production.



A farmer shows freshly harvested blueberries in Mashonaland West Province, Zimbabwe on Sept. 18, 2025. Photo/Tafara Mugwara/Xinhua.

# War For Water: Gaza's Deepening Thirst After 23 Months Of Conflict

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For Abdullah Eid, each day begins and ends with the same grim search: water.

The 45-year-old father of five now lives in a tent in the al-Nasr neighborhood of northwestern Gaza City, after his home in Jabalia refugee camp was destroyed several months ago. Under the scorching sun, amid dust and rubble, securing even salty water has become what he calls "a journey of suffering and a second war." His children have developed skin conditions from infrequent bathing. Like thousands of others, the Eid family carefully rations every bottle, dividing it for drinking, washing, and cleaning. The water crisis has reached catastrophic levels since Israeli forces pushed deeper into Gaza City in recent weeks, destroying wells, pipelines, and pumping stations.

Asem al-Nabih, spokesman for the Gaza Municipality, said more than 75 percent of central wells and over 120,000 meters of water networks

have been destroyed. "What remains of Gaza City's infrastructure is only a shadow of its past," he said. Daily supply now meets less than a quarter of the city's needs. With winter approaching, he warned, the situation could worsen further. Hamas has accused Israel of deliberately targeting water facilities, calling it "thirst as a weapon against civilians," a move that has intensified the humanitarian crisis. The total death toll in Gaza since the conflict began in October 2023 has reached 65,382, with 166,985 injuries, according to local health authorities. Even when water trucks attempt to reach crowded neighborhoods, residents said they often face heavy bombardment. "Several vehicles carrying water to families in Gaza City were attacked in recent days, killing some drivers and forcing others to flee southward," said Mohammed Shabat. Fuel shortages have made small desalination plants and private wells unreliable.

For Thuraya Huso, 39, displaced to the al-Rimal neighborhood, fetching water means walking long distances twice a day. "Water is essential in every home," she said. "I now have to use each drop meticulously



Displaced Palestinian children are seen fetching water at a temporary shelter in Deir al-Balah, in central Gaza Strip on Sept. 23, 2025.

for drinking, cooking, and cleaning, while dreaming of returning to my destroyed home in Al-Tuffah." In Sheikh Radwan, 52-year-old Khalil Abu Jame lives with his wife and five children in a crowded school-turned-shelter. "We queue for hours in front of small tanks provided by

charities, but the amount is too little for the hundreds of families here," he said. His family now collects rainwater and reuses every bit they can.

The health impact is severe: skin diseases, stomach infections, and dehydration are spreading, especial-

ly among children. Life in Gaza had never been easy, but the destruction of water infrastructure has pushed conditions to unprecedented levels. Abu Jame paused, then added: "We are living in a catastrophe where thirst is no longer just discomfort -- it is threatening our survival."

# Discipline In Child Development



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Discipline is guidance of children's moral, emotional and physical development, enabling children to take responsibility for themselves when they are older. It involves making children aware of the boundaries of what is acceptable and what is not acceptable, and teaches them the values and actions which are acceptable in their family and society. Discipline can be positive, for example, praising the child for doing something good or for stopping doing something inappropriate. Or discipline can be negative, for example smacking a child for doing something wrong. Positive discipline normally involves helping children to understand why certain behaviour is unacceptable and other behaviour is acceptable. Negative discipline focuses on doing what you are told in order to avoid being hurt or punished. Another distinction is often made between 'power assertive' and 'inductive' discipline. Power assertive disciplinary methods involve following children's inappropriate behaviour with a negative consequence (smacking, threats, withdrawal of privileges) without explanation or justification. Inductive methods involve limit setting and setting up logical consequences, with reasoning, and explanation.

Physical or corporal punishment is the use of force to cause pain, but not injury, for the purpose of correction or control. Although researchers attempt to distinguish between physical punishment and abuse, this is very hard to do and there is no general agreement about the dividing line between physical punishment and physical abuse. There is evidence that if physical punishment is a frequent mode of family discipline it can escalate into physical abuse. About two thirds of a sample of physically abused children came from families who relied on physical punishment as a mode of discipline in one study.<sup>15</sup> The main difference between abusive and non abusive parents is how often and how severely they physically punish their child. Doing research on family discipline is not straightforward. It is best to study behaviour in its natural context within the family, and this is complicated and difficult. To find out

what is going on in families we have relied on reports from parents, professionals, or observers (and occasionally children in the small number of studies in which they have been asked). People's own accounts are often inaccurate because memories of events during childhood may be unreliable and participants present only one view of what happened. Observers are also not in a good position to really know what goes on in families. If they try to observe in home settings they may influence what is going on there. If they rely on structured survey questions these can be excessively oversimplified and ignore potentially important information. If they rely on responses to hypothetical vignettes or stories about what might happen in families, these may not have much to do with how parents actually discipline their own children. The biggest difficulty in research on family discipline is being certain about what is the cause of children's behaviour. A lot of studies measure family discipline and practice and look at the relationship of discipline to children's behaviour (for example, aggressive behaviour towards peers, or compliance with parents' directions). The assumption is usually made that the parents' behaviour causes the children's behaviour. In most cases an equally plausible explanation is that the child's behaviour (such as aggression towards siblings) actually causes parents to punish.

Recent studies on physical punishment have been able to measure behaviour over several periods of time, giving more confidence that changes in child behaviour are caused by the intervening family discipline processes. For example, children's aggressive behaviour could be measured at one time, and the parents' disciplinary practices measured over a subsequent time period (say over a year), and children's aggressive behaviour assessed at the end of the year. If the increase in aggression is associated with how much the parents physically punished the child between the first and second assessment of aggression, researchers can be much more confident that the physical punishment actually caused the increase in aggression. There are now several studies which do use these methods. The longer version of this report explains in more detail the theoretical ideas which lie behind why particular methods of family discipline are effective and others are not. The following theories have a contribution to make:

1 A Sociocultural Theory: Children tend to internalize and control their thinking and actions, according to



the sort of interactions they have experienced. When children experience pain and negativity from their caregivers they are likely to internalise these modes of interaction and use them to guide their own actions.

2 A Attachment Theory: Attachment describes the relationships children develop towards responsive caregivers. Excessive use of negative discipline, such as physical punishment, threatens secure attachment, risks that children will feel unloved, have difficulty with relationships, and have negative feelings (such as anger or hostility) towards their parents. Children who have secure attachments with their parents are more likely to develop a conscience and control their own behaviour.

3 A Behavioural Theory: This emphasizes the importance of consequence and models for behaviour. Parents using physical punishment provides children with aggressive models and encourages them to use aggression to control others. Consistently rewarding 'good' behaviour and ignoring or mildly punishing bad behaviour is the best way of achieving compliance.

4 A Ecological Theory: This suggests that the wider environment affects family discipline. For example, parents who are under stress, living in difficult circumstances, and not receiving social support are more likely to physically punish their children. 5 A Sociology of Childhood: Childhood is what we think it is or ought to be, and this influences the expectations we have for children. Children are now thought of as social actors who can understand and contribute meaningfully to their family and community. Their views should be

listened to and respected.

Most parents are looking for short-term effects when they punish children, and whether the physical punishment 'works' immediately is often the key thing that they are concerned about. Research has looked at whether physical punishment works in making children do what they are told (compliance). In this report we will mention a few key studies – readers who want more detail of further studies can look at our longer report. In one important study, Elizabeth Gershoff<sup>17</sup> analysed 92 different studies on the effect of corporal punishment and looked at its effect on 11 different outcomes for children. The only desirable outcome that corporal punishment was linked to was compliance. Three out of five studies she looked at showed that corporal punishment did lead to compliance and two did not show this link. The studies suggesting that corporal punishment worked in the short-term included mainly children who had problem behaviour. Gershoff points out that most parents are interested not only in immediate compliance, but also in ongoing compliance and her other results show that this does not necessarily happen, and that there are other negative effects of corporal punishment. Another researcher, Robert Larzelere,<sup>18</sup> challenged Gershoff on how she selected the studies she reviewed – on the grounds, for example, that she included studies on severe physical punishment rather than restricting her review to mild or moderate punishment. Larzelere re-analysed the studies, and omitted the ones he did not think were appropriate, which reduced the num-

ber of studies reviewed to 16. The results showed that six of the studies (mostly involving children with major behaviour problems) found positive effects of physical punishment, such as less fighting and aggression, and in one case enhanced parental affection. Five of the studies found negative effects while the remaining three showed both positive and negative outcomes. Larzelere<sup>19</sup> says that smacking is only appropriate under the following conditions: for 2 to 6 year old children; not severe; the punisher is under control; accompanied by reasoning; carried out privately; and motivated by concern for the child. In our view this begs the question about where the dividing line between mild and severe punishment lies. Larzelere's view that physical punishment is appropriate in some conditions is a minority view amongst researchers, and it should not be taken as an appropriate guide for parental behaviour. There is very little support in the research for the view that physical punishment 'works' to achieve immediate compliance. The research findings are very mixed on this, and the conditions under which the proponents argue it is an effective method are very different from what happens in ordinary families. There is also the additional problem that there is a built-in risk of escalation with the use of physical punishment, which means that it tends to get more severe with continued use, and this increases its dangers for children. Achieving immediate compliance also does not necessarily mean that children will obey the parental rules next time

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## Rising Starlets Call For Home Support In Nairobi's World Cup Qualifier Return Leg



Rising Starlets' Emily Moranga in action against Ulinzi Starlets Friendly

The national women's Under-20 football team, Rising Starlets, warmed up for Sunday's World Cup qualifier return leg against Ethiopia with a friendly victory against Football Kenya Federation Women's Premier League side Ulinzi Starlets.

Rising Starlets sent out a strong statement of intent on Sunday after brushing aside Ulinzi Starlets 2-0 at the Ulinzi Sports Complex on Wednesday.

Kenya will be looking to pick up maximum points after a 1-1 draw in the first leg played in Addis

Ababa, which will see them book a third-round qualification where Tanzania or Angola awaits.

Tanzania thrashed Angola 4-0 in the first leg played in Dar es Salaam.

"We thank God because we have an away goal, but at home, we need to work on some things, especially our defense line, because there were a lot of penetration passes which led to their goal, and also our forwards in terms of cross balls," said head coach Jackline Juma.

The team has been boosted

by the return of Vihiga Queens goalkeeper Mercy Akoth, who missed the first leg as she was part of the Safaricom Chapa Dimba All Stars in Spain.

"We are really pushing ourselves, and the coaches have really encouraged us through it all. Where we were lagging, we are correcting our mistakes in training so when it's game time, everything will just flow," said Emily Morang'a, goal scorer of Sunday's friendly against Ulinzi.

With high confidence and top-tier preparation, the Rising Starlets

are banking on home support to push them over the line and keep their World Cup dream alive.

The Rising Starlets have their sights on securing a swift return to the global showpiece after making a debut last year (2024) in the Dominican Republic.

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**Sports >>>** \*Cricket Kenya (CK) board members have passed a vote of no-confidence in acting treasurer Kennedy Obuya, in the latest episode of the wrangles within the federation.

# Obuya Suspended By Cricket Kenya Board As ICC Punishment Looms Large



Cricket Kenya acting treasurer Kennedy Obuya in a past event. PHOTO/KENNEDY OBUYA FACEBOOK

Cricket Kenya (CK) board members have passed a vote of no-confidence in acting treasurer Kennedy Obuya, in the latest episode of the wrangles within the federation. In a statement signed by six members, the board said the decision to pass the vote against the former national team player was based on several grounds.

“It was unanimously resolved that a Vote of No Confidence be passed in Kennedy Obuya on the following grounds: Abuse of office; Failing to perform his duties under the Constitution; Mismanagement of resources and finances of Cricket Kenya; and bringing the game of Cricket into disrepute,” the statement read.

Among those who signed the statement include Pearlyne Ommo (director, women’s cricket), Thomas Odoyo (director, development), Tariq Iqbal (member), Beryl Oyugi (member), Mary Maina (member), and Pauline Njeru (member). The vote of no-confidence was passed on Tuesday at a board

meeting, three days after a rival faction of chair Manoj Patel and Obuya held a meeting of their own where they passed several resolutions.

### Crossing the red line

A source at the board indicated that the decision to suspend Obuya is meant to steady the ship of Cricket Kenya, which is in danger of sinking.

Indeed, credible reports indicate that the International Cricket Council (ICC) have intervened in the matter, warning that Kenya is already in breach of its membership criteria.

Ahead of a special general meeting (SGM) slated for October 19, the international body are expected to send a representative to meet Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya to discuss the way forward.

Noteworthy, ICC have shown their no-nonsense approach to such breaches as was evidenced by its suspension of the United States on Tuesday for continuous breaches of its obligations as a member of the body.

The wrangles bedeviling the federation seem to have started a while ago but have only burst into the surface with the launch of a T20 League in August, which Obuya attended.

However, CK CEO Ronald Bukusi dismissed the tournament as unsanctioned, accusing the sponsor, Arena of Sports (AOS), of renegeing on an earlier contract signed with the federation.

His statement irked a group calling itself the ‘Supreme Council’ who then ‘ordered’ Patel to suspend Bukusi for gross insubordination.

Bukusi has the backing of the majority of board members who insist the tournament cannot go on, dismissing Patel’s attempt at suspending the CEO.

Patel himself was suspended at a meeting in June.

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# The Unstoppable Gina Field



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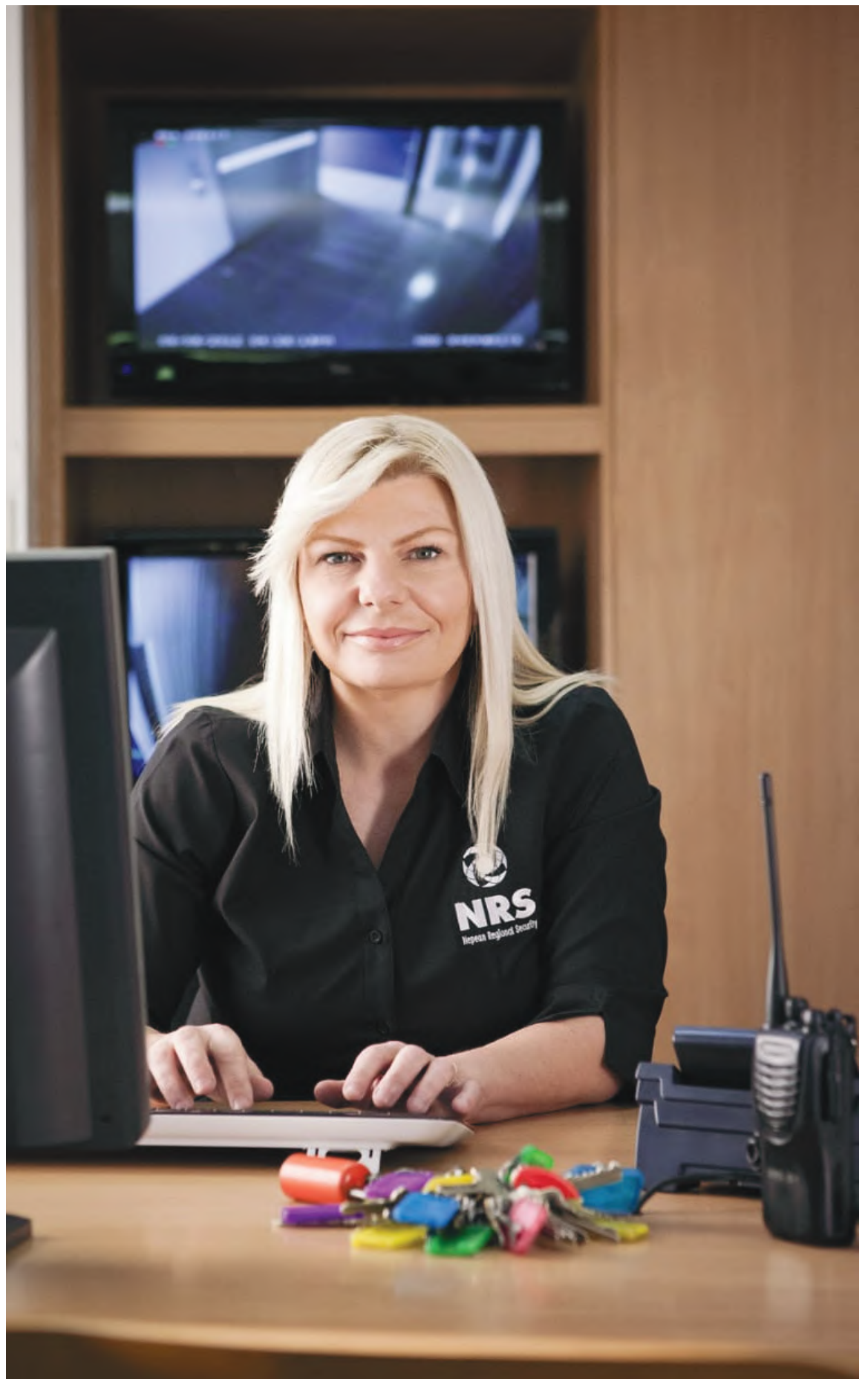
Gina Field is the Founder and Managing Director of Nepean Regional Security, one of New South Wales' most awarded security companies. She started her career as an operational security officer in the late 1980s, when women in the industry were almost unheard of. Despite the stereotypes, Gina broke through the barriers and rose through the ranks before launching Nepean Regional Security from her kitchen bench in 1998.

Today, Nepean Regional Security is a multi-million-dollar enterprise with major contracts and a large personnel base. Under Gina's leadership, the company has won over 35 industry awards, including Australia's Best Security Company seven times. She's been named NSW Businesswoman of the Year and received the Women Changing the World Award against 55 countries.

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Gina remains hands-on, often working alongside her team, whether in high heels or steel-cap boots. Her journey is one of grit, determination, and authenticity – proof that you can thrive in tough environments while staying true to yourself. She's a leader whose story resonates with resilience, boldness, and the refusal to ever accept "you can't" as an answer. Gina's decades of experience have shaped her into a leader who inspires and motivates others.



Gina Field