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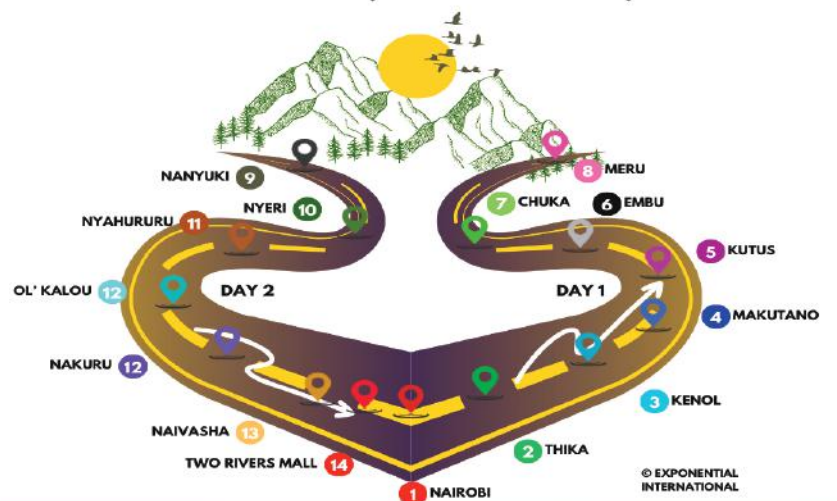
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Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki Hosts Laikipia County Women

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

Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki yesterday played host to more than 1,500 grassroots women leaders from Laikipia County. The meeting, at the DP's Irunduni home in Tharaka-Nithi County saw them updated on ongoing government programmes within Laikipia County with the DP urging them to remain steadfast in supporting positive values in society, guiding the youth and praying for the peace, stability and well-being of our Nation.



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Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni, yesterday held a consultative meeting with Mr. Greg Walters, Executive Director for Government Relations at SC Johnson Global, to explore partnership opportunities in the prevention of dengue and malaria. The discussions focused on SC Johnson's innovative vector control product, The Guardian, recently endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO) through new policy recommendations. Muthoni reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to advancing innovative solutions that protect communities and strengthen Kenya's fight against vector-borne diseases. Mr. Walters was accompanied by Mr. Martin Wamoni, Director of Government Relations for Africa, Middle East, and Turkey.



Principal Secretary for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs Mr. Joseph Motari yesterday led the nation in commemorating International Literacy Day in Kwale County under the theme "Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era." The celebrations highlighted Kenya's progress in the fight against illiteracy while underscoring the challenges that persist, particularly in Kwale County where adult literacy stands at 57% against the national rate of 82.9%. The Ministry remains committed to strengthening adult education through over 3,200 learning centres nationwide, continuous professional development for educators, improved infrastructure, and integration with social protection programmes such as Inua Jamii. Also Present was the Deputy governor of kwale Chirema combo, County Commissioner Stephen Orinde, development partners, teachers and students of adult education.



Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Cabinet Secretary Deborah Barasa yesterday delivered a speech on behalf of President William Ruto during the Second African Climate Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In his remarks, President Ruto highlighted Africa's growing role and aspirations within the global carbon market. Through platforms such as Africa Climate Summit, President Ruto affirmed that Africa has already demonstrated its potential as a key player in climate action. However, he emphasized the importance of shifting the narrative from viewing Africa as merely a victim of climate change to recognizing it as a source of innovative, scalable solutions. President Ruto pointed to the rise of technology-driven carbon markets and the global push toward compliance instruments, stressing that Africa's active engagement is crucial to unlocking climate finance and advancing net-zero targets. While acknowledging the persistent gap in climate funding, he underscored that carbon markets offer a practical opportunity to mobilize resources, enhance resilience, and support global climate goals.



The national and county governments have been asked to respect and enable the networking needs of civil society organizations (CSOs) because they help strengthen the state's collective power and influence in advocating for policies, thus improving governance and achieving sustainable development goals. According to the former Makueni governor and Human rights Activist Prof. Kivutha Kibwana, the government should not see the civil societies as competitors on matters of development and community mobilization, but rather as a complementary to what the regime is doing.



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Bikes From Zimbabwe And Uganda To Grace The Concours d'Elegance

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Three Zimbabwe bike enthusiasts will be riding from Harare to Nairobi to take part in this year's Africa Concours d'Elegance scheduled for Sunday, September 28th.

They will be joined by five bikers from Uganda who will also be riding from Kampala to attend the event.

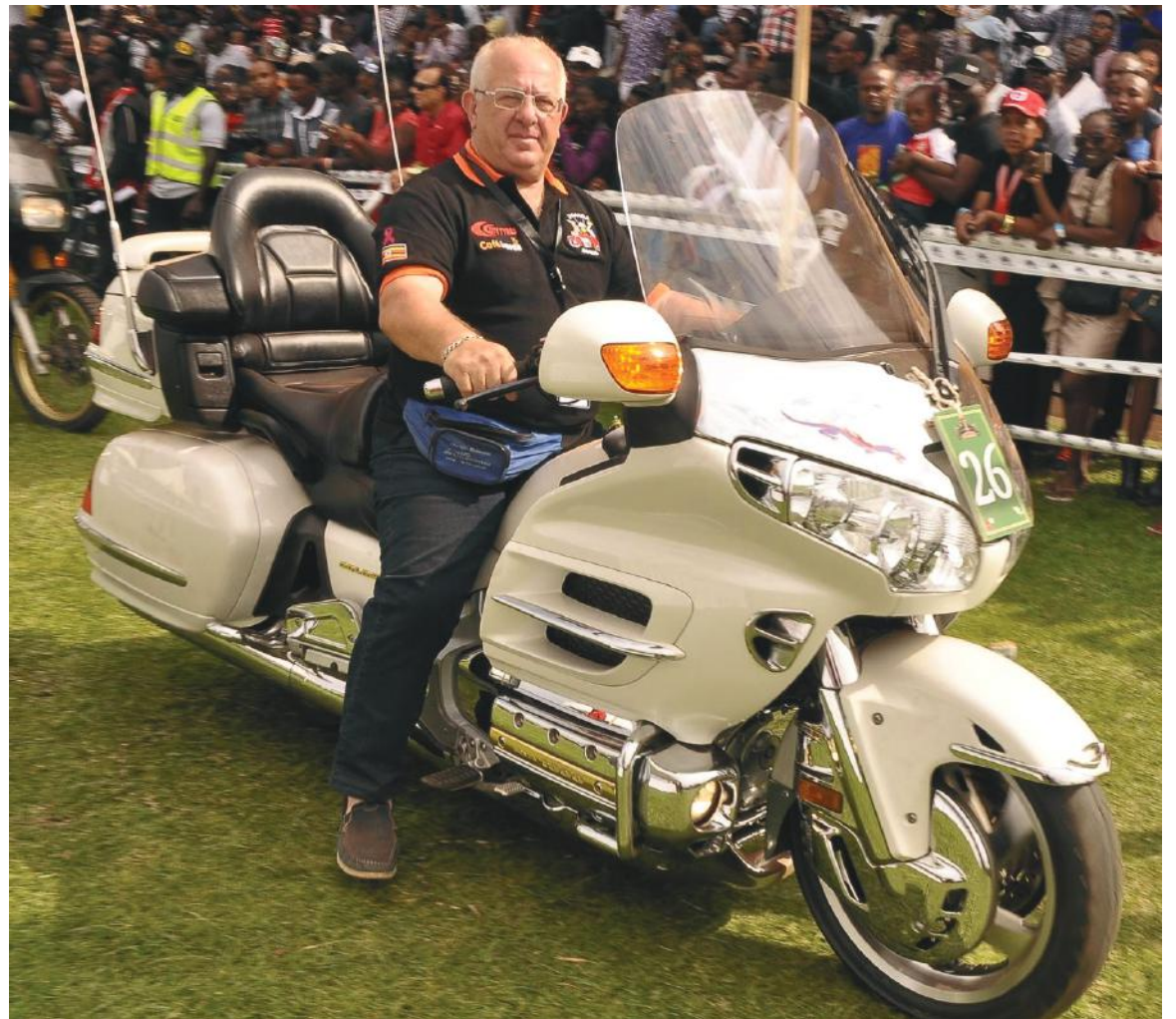
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"We have been preparing ourselves for this adventure since the beginning of the year and it is indeed the highlight of this year's events. We are very excited at the prospect of meeting fellow bikers from Uganda and seeing all the wonderful bikes prepared by Kenya motorcycle enthusiasts," Pumulani said.

Also joining in the fun at the Nairobi Racecourse are members of the Uganda Bikers Association and Pearl Bikers Africa. Several members of these Clubs have been riding from Uganda every year to take part in the event and are a popular attraction in the motorcycle ring.

Leonard Were of Pearl Bikers Association will be riding his 2016 Yamaha Super Tenere 1200 enduro bike joined by fellow club mates Vincent Kayemba, Harry Kaboyo and Davis Musin-



Enzo Amato of Pearl Bikers Africa on his 2002 Honda Goldwing during a past event. Photo/Courtesy.

guzi with their BMW R1200 GSA bikes made in 2019 and 2020. Allan Mitumba, a member of the Uganda Bikers Association will also be contesting the class for Street motorcycles from 100cc to 1300cc in his 1998 BMW R1100 RT.

Car enthusiast Patrick Mweheire from Uganda will be showcasing four classic Mercedes Benz cars ranging in age from 1956 to 1988. He is hoping to take the class prize with his Mercedes W180 Ponton made in 1956 which came second last year in the class for

touring cars from 2,001 cc to 2,400cc. Other entries already received include a strong contingent of Alfa Romeos entered by members of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club Kenya, the organizers of the event. Among them are two Alfa Romeo GTVs entered by Priten Patel and Jonathan Somen made in 1973 and 1976 respectively and the 1972 Alfa Romeo Spider of Kamene Wanday.

Gayling May will be hoping for a podium finish in his sparkling 1967 Alfa Romeo Sprint which is one of only

597 right hand drive examples of this limited production two door coupe. The car has taken the top place in the up to 3000cc touring car class several times.

Peter Wanday, the Chairman of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club and the organizer of the event said, "We expect to receive a full house of cars and bikes before the entry deadline which is on September 17th. Tickets for the event are available online by dialing *826*55# or <https://little.africa/events/55>."

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Kiambu Court To Deliver Ruling On IPOA Application Against Police Constable

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The Kiambu Law Courts will today deliver a ruling on an application by the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) seeking to detain Police Constable Eric Gitonga Nyaga for 21 days to allow completion of investigations into the fatal shooting of two men on Sunday in Thika town.

The matter, filed under Miscellaneous Criminal Application is before Deputy Registrar Jacqueline Karani.

IPOA, through Assistant Director of Forensics Paul Njihia, told the court that the police officer allegedly shot and killed Kennedy Ojuma (38) and Stephen Mwendwa Maweu (39) following a road accident along the Thika-Garissa highway.

Njihia stated in a sworn affidavit that the officer appeared intoxicated and resisted efforts by traffic officers to disarm him before fatally shooting the two men. He was later arrested,



Police Constable Eric Gitonga Nyaga..

disarmed, and booked at Thika Police Station.

His firearm, a pistol together with ammunition, was seized as an exhibit.

IPOA argued that the detention of the suspect is necessary to enable investigators to conduct post-mortem

examinations, revisit the scene, record witness statements, and subject the firearm to forensic analysis.

“The evidence gathered so far shows the respondent may have used excessive and unjustifiable force,” the affidavit reads in part.

Defence counsel Philip Langat op-



Lawyer Philip Langat in Kiambu law courts yesterday.

posed the application, submitting that IPOA had not presented compelling reasons to warrant detention.

“The reasons cited for detaining the suspect can be addressed without him being in custody. Investigations can proceed while he is out on bail,” Langat told the court.

The defence further applied for the release of the suspect’s mobile phone and a shirt seized during his arrest and requested that, should detention be ordered, he be held at Gigiri Police Station instead of Kiambu.

Tea Farmers In Kirinyaga, Embu Gain From Sustainable Training Initiative

By: MKT Reporter
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More than 51,000 small-scale farmers, mainly tea growers in Kirinyaga and Embu counties, are set to benefit from a six-month training programme by the Rainforest Alliance under the Mount Kenya Sustainable Landscape and Livelihoods (MUSULLI) Project.

Speaking in Kirinyaga, Rainforest Alliance Country Director Marion Ng’ang’a said the initiative, themed “Pesa Mfukoni” (Money in the pocket) seeks to equip smallholder farmers with skills in agribusiness, diversification, human rights, and environmental conservation.

Ng’ang’a noted that over 20,000 small-scale farmers have already undergone training in partnership with eight tea factories in the region. She explained that the programme aims to reduce overdependence on tea and coffee by encouraging farmers to diversify.

“Our goal is to help farmers diversify income sources, embrace agribusiness management, and conserve the

fragile ecosystem that sustains agriculture,” Ng’ang’a said.

The training covers four main areas: gender mainstreaming and human rights, diversification into alternative farming activities, agribusiness management and financial literacy, and home economics for improved food security and nutrition.

Ng’ang’a emphasized that one in five Africans still face hunger and urged farmers to adopt sustainable systems. She encouraged women and youth to take advantage of the programme and called on farmer groups to register legally to access grants, loans, and government support.

She further warned that without deliberate efforts in environmental conservation, tea and coffee could lose quality, with climate change already shrinking land under the two cash crops. She observed that in factories where graduations have taken place, over 70 percent of participants were women and youth, noting their untapped potential.

MUSULLI Project Officer Alan Kinuthia announced that each tea factory will receive a Sh1million revolving fund to support farmer-led projects. He said many factories have

opted for avocado farming, while others are venturing into beekeeping and small-scale tea packaging enterprises.

“These interventions will not only create alternative income streams but also help farmers improve the quality of their tea while building resilience against changing weather patterns,” Kinuthia said.

For instance, Thumaita Tea Factory has taken up beekeeping, Kathangarii Tea Factory has invested in tea packaging machines, while Ndima Tea Factory and others have embraced Hass avocado farming.

“Here in Ndima, we have 28,000 Hass avocado seedlings, which will be distributed to farmers so they can diversify their sources of income,” he explained, adding that the seedlings are of the best quality and well-suited to the local environment. With the avocado industry growing rapidly, he said farmers would be linked to reliable markets and supported whenever necessary.

Ndima Tea Factory Vice Chairman, Muchiri Wachira, welcomed the programme, saying it will help small-scale farmers cut production costs through modern methods and the use



Some of the farmers

of bio-chemicals instead of outdated practices.

Farmers also testified to the programme’s impact. Lilian Nyawira, a smallholder farmer from Ndima, said the training had enabled her to start small-scale activities alongside tea, giving her an additional source of income.

“We were taught how to save, invest, and diversify. This gives me financial security even when tea prices fall,” Nyawira said.

Ng’ang’a added that the project also seeks to build future generations of skilled farmers, urging families to embrace peace and unity to strengthen household development and reduce poverty.

The MUSULLI programme will continue training small-scale tea farmers across the Mt. Kenya region in line with efforts to strengthen agribusiness, improve livelihoods, and promote environmental conservation.

Kirinyaga County Government Set To Install New Dialysis Machines To Enhance Renal Services

By: MKT Reporter
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Kirinyaga County government is set to install 25 brand new dialysis machines in a move to boost renal care and expand services from the county referral hospital to sub-county facilities for the first time.

In a press statement read on the behalf of area Governor Ann Waiguru by the County Executive Committee Member for Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation, George Karoki, 10 of the machines will be delivered to Kerugoya County Referral Hospital this week while the rest will later be delivered in Sagana, Kimbimbi and Kianyaga Subcounty hospitals with each of them receiving five.

The new renal equipment consignment is part of the County's Intergovernmental Participatory Agreement with the national government under the new National Equipment Service Program (NESP) which transitioned the counties from the previous Man-



Kirinyaga governor Ann Waiguru in a healthy facility.

aged equipment Service (MES) program.

"This transition is not only a replacement but also a significant expansion of dialysis capacity that will greatly enhance access to specialized healthcare for our residents", said Waiguru.

Under the previous MES program Kirinyaga received 8 machines that have effectively served the county for

over seven years, some of which have now become obsolete creating a gap in service delivery at the renal unit.

"In the meantime, some of the patients requiring dialysis have been seamlessly referred to partner facilities, with the Social Health Authority (SHA) fully covering the costs to ensure uninterrupted care and protect families from out-of-pocket expens-



Patients undergoing dialysis

es." Explained Karoki.

The statement added that with NESP, Kirinyaga has already received a range of modern diagnostic equipment, including a CT scan, mammo-gram machine, ultrasound, and digital X-ray machines, all of which have been installed and are operational at Kerugoya Referral Hospital.

"We reassure the people of Kirinya-

ga that we are committed to ensuring uninterrupted, high-quality, and affordable healthcare. Our collective commitment to strengthening our healthcare infrastructure and deliver on the promise of a healthier Kirinyaga remains at the heart of our development agenda." affirmed Waiguru.

Court Suspends President Ruto's Compensation Of Riot Victims Panel

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el to establish a reparations framework," the order stated.

The respondents were further retrained from enforcing or acting upon the presidential proclamation until the application is heard.

Justice Magare also ordered that the respondents and interested parties be served immediately and file their responses within seven days of service.

The applicant will then have three days to file submissions, but not later than September 24, 2025.

Respondents and interested parties are required to file submissions within three days thereafter, and in any case, not later than September 30.

The matter is set for mention on October 6 before the High Court in Kerugoya.



Panel of experts on the compensation of victims of demonstrations and public protests

Counties Must Not Be Railroaded Into e-Procurement



By: Alex Njeru
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The recent directive by Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi to roll out the compulsory use of the electronic Government Procurement System (e-GPS) across all public entities including counties raises serious constitutional, governance and practical questions.

First, the Kenyan Constitution 2010 is explicit about the autonomy of counties. Article 6(2) states: "The governments at the national and county levels are distinct and inter-dependent and shall conduct their mutual relations on the basis of consultation and cooperation."

Furthermore, Article 189(1) pro-

vides that "Government at either level shall perform its functions and exercise its powers in a manner that respects the functional and institutional integrity of government at the other level."

These clauses affirm that counties are not mere extensions of the national government but independent entities with their own functional and administrative authority.

Against this backdrop, the forced imposition of the e-GPS system without prior consultation, stakeholder engagement or even a phased transition plan undermines devolution. It disregards the spirit of cooperative governance envisaged in the Constitution.

Procurement is a sensitive area where transparency, accountability and efficiency are paramount. However, the solution to historical procurement loopholes cannot be to bulldoze counties into adopting a system they were neither consulted on nor adequately prepared for.

Yesterday, the High Court affirmed this position by delivering a landmark ruling that struck down the compulsory use of e-GPS. Justice Bahati Mwamuye's ruling at the

Milimani Law Courts reminded the government that under Section 77(1) of the Public Procurement and Disposal Act, tender documents may be submitted "in writing and in either electronic or manual form."

This judgment is a clear signal that the rule of law, not executive fiat, must guide reforms in the procurement sector.

The unanswered question remains: Why the haste? Why is the national government keen on forcing a uniform procurement system on counties without engaging them in designing its architecture, providing capacity support or ensuring readiness for adoption?

If the system is indeed superior, it should be embraced voluntarily after demonstrating its efficiency, transparency and adaptability to county realities. Anything short of that risks being seen as an attempt to centralize procurement functions and weaken devolution.

In a country where counties are still grappling with inadequate ICT infrastructure, limited technical capacity and unique operational contexts, imposing e-GPS without a transition plan is not just impractical but also



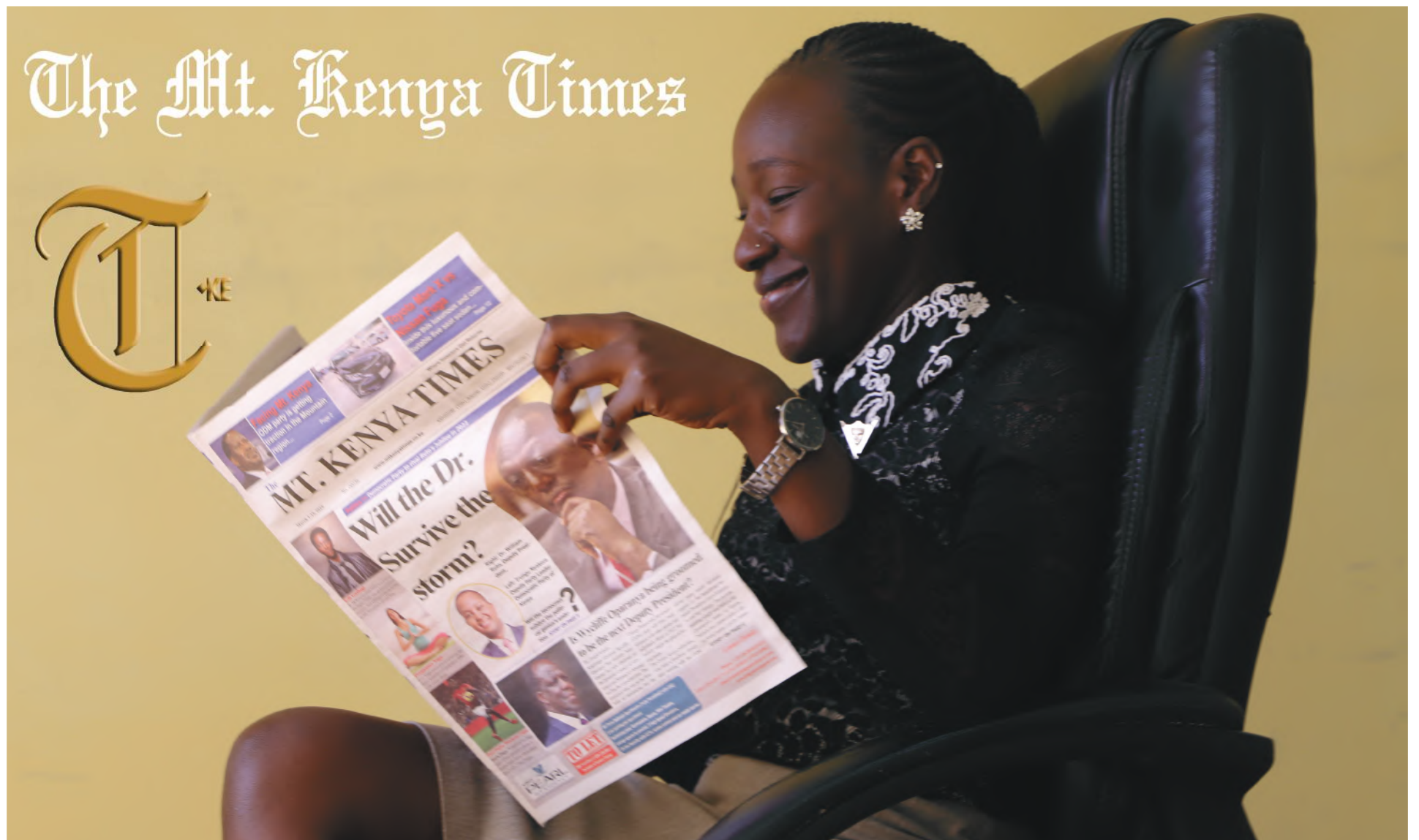
John Mbadi.

unconstitutional.

The government must go back to the drawing board, consult with county governments, and design a participatory roadmap that respects the independence of devolved units while achieving the broader goal of

procurement integrity.

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Central Kenya ASK National Show To Spotlight Innovation, Climate-Smart Agriculture And Drug-Free Future

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Nyeri County is gearing up for the much-anticipated Central Kenya National Show, slated to run from tomorrow to Saturday at Kabiruini Showground.

Organized by the Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK), the exhibition promises to be a hub of innovation, knowledge-sharing, and community engagement, with a strong focus on sustainability and youth empowerment.

Speaking during the flagging off of a publicity caravan in Nyeri town, ASK Central Kenya Chairman Patrick Karinga Munuhe assured the public that preparations were complete for the premier event.

He urged residents, institutions, and businesses to attend, noting that the show will bring together over 150 exhibitors from diverse sectors including agriculture, manufacturing, banking, education, finance hospitality, and government.

“This year’s edition will explore transformative technologies, breakthrough innovations and new business frontiers shaping Kenya’s future. The theme, Promoting Climate-Smart Agricultural Trade Initiative for Sustainable Economic Growth, reflects our commitment to resilience and innovation as pillars of economic advancement,” Munuhe said.

The Nyeri show, one of 16 ASK shows across the country, comes just a few days after the successful Mombasa edition graced by President William Ruto.

According to Munuhe, the Central Kenya event will not only provide a platform for businesses but also expose farmers, students, and entrepreneurs to expert-led workshops and hands-on training sessions designed to foster knowledge exchange and industrial growth.

In a unique partnership, the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) will have a major presence at the showground.

Nyeri County NACADA Senior Coordinator Caroline Kahio announced that the agency will use the platform to engage with the public, particularly youth, on issues of substance abuse. “Our research shows that in Nyeri, one out of every two young people has experimented with drugs or substances. At the showground, we shall host conversations on prevention and provide factual information on the dangers of drug abuse. Our caravan will also traverse the county to raise awareness,” Kahio said.

She emphasized that the ASK showgrounds at Kabiruini will remain a drug-free zone, aligning with NACADA’s campaign to protect young people from substance abuse and its negative impact on education, health, and social wellbeing.

Nyeri County Commissioner Leonard Mwiwawi also assured the public of heightened security during the event. He reaffirmed the government’s commitment to maintaining Kabiruini as a



Nyeri County Commissioner Leornad Mwiwawi (Right, holding flag) and Caroline Kahiu NACADA Senior County Coordinator (left) Flagging off the Caravan as ASK officials look on..

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safe, drug-free space while addressing broader concerns about substance abuse in the region.

“We have sustained campaigns against drug abuse, though challenges remain in certain towns like Gatitu, Rungu, and Chaka. Some traders have shifted their markets outside Nyeri, but we are determined to pursue them and protect our people,” said Mwiwawi.

He linked drug abuse to rising cases of crime, defilement, suicide, and family breakdowns, urging the community to embrace healthier ways of addressing stress and social challenges. “When you hear of defilement or suicide cases, many times drugs are involved.

We must reject this menace and find

constructive ways to address our frustrations. I urge everyone to visit the Central Kenya National Show, gain knowledge, and leave more empowered,” he added.

Beyond agriculture and social awareness campaigns, the show is positioned as a business-driven platform for growth, discovery, and connection.

Exhibitors will showcase cutting-edge solutions in climate-smart farming, financial products, technology, and value addition, giving participants opportunities to form networks and partnerships. Munuhe noted that the exhibition would provide an important learning experience for farmers and students, particularly in advancing climate resilience.

“We are inviting the public to witness firsthand how innovation is transforming Kenya’s agriculture and industry,” he said.

Organizers expect thousands of visitors over the four-day event. From farmers eager to learn about modern production methods, to youth seeking entrepreneurial opportunities, to families looking for a safe and educational outing, the Kabiruini showground will serve as a focal point for Central Kenya’s agricultural and economic ambitions.



Central Kenya National ASK Show chairman Patrick Karinga Munuhe briefing journalists on preparedness a few days ago.

Public Reacts To Governor Kahiga, PSV Operators Relocation Standoff

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The stalled relocation of PSV matatus from the three main termini to the newly constructed Field Marshal Muthoni Kirima bus station has elicited mixed reactions among Nyeri residents.

While several residents view it as a necessity in addressing frequent traffic gridlock within the town CBD, others claim this will create more inconvenience to both human and vehicular flow.

And for others like Benson Waweru, a bodaboda operator, the planned relocation will boost their businesses as passengers alighting at the new stage will need to be ferried to the town CBD located some 1.5 Kilometers away.

“This step is welcome for us. We can now ferry additional customers to and from the new stage unlike now. To me this is a windfall for bodaboda operators as it means extra income for riders like me,” he states.

However, for Cyrus Ndumia, another bodaboda operator who operates from the Soko Mjinga pick up point, the planned relocation will end up being counterproductive to those operating from the town center due to the reduced number of passengers.

He said in the event the planned move falls into place, passengers will either opt to walk or take cheaper modes of transport to move to their preferred destinations.

“We often wait for our clients from this point which is near the main bus stage and our customers know where to find us. In the event the County Government makes true its decision to move all the PSV matatus to the Field Marshal terminus then it would be quite impossible to operate from here due to lack of clients. We hope this does not take place,” he prays.

But for a PSV matatu driver like Kelvin Wangari who has operated within and out of Nyeri town for years, relocating both commuters and PSV operators will only create more problems than it will solve.

He said the County government would have relooked at the long term impacts of the plan to both passengers and PSV operators who have long operated from the heart of Nyeri before finally arriving at the decision.

“For the longest time I have been working as a PSV driver, it has always been easier and convenient for both passengers and operators operating from the current matatu pick up and drop off points. Now moving this location 1.5 kilometers away will only add pain to the members of the public who now will be forced to dig deeper into their pockets in order to

access the new stage. And for those who cannot afford, walking will not be an option,” pointed out Wangari.

Traders plying their wares at the heart of the town are also worried about the fate of their business once the three main stages cease operation.

Some like Joyce Wanjiku dread they may end up losing almost their entire sales as majority of their customers will opt to do their shopping at malls located near the new stage.

She argues the new changes will eventually force them out of business altogether and jeopardize their only means of earning a livelihood.

“I have no problem with the relocation, as long as the vehicle will be able to come from the bus station to where we operated from. Unless this happens our businesses will get interrupted and majority of us will get displaced,” explained Wanjiku.

The current push and pull between PSV operators, businesspersons on one and the County Government on the other over the contentious relocation spilled over last year and ended in court.

The High court later granted the County Government the greenlight to transfer all the PSV matatu to the new terminus.

However, despite the ruling, the operators have failed to agree with the county government on how to proceed including the timeline in which to undertake the transfer.

Initially transport operations were to be moved to the ultra-modern terminus in November last year in compliance with a directive issued by the County Government.

But eight long distance matatu operators moved to the High Court in Nyeri seeking orders to block exercise on grounds that the county government had not conducted adequate public participation before effecting the order as enshrined in the constitution.

They also argued that the order showed bias and discrimination on their place of business given that they had been operating in the town’s CBD for 50 years and that the relocation to the new terminus -which held no business prospects-would undermine their right to a decent livelihood.

Further, they termed the order as a threat and an attempt to finish their matatu business and their business goodwill given that the county was pushing them to a new and unknown set up far from Nyeri CBD.

Nevertheless, the court dismissed the suite in June this year on the grounds it lacked merit.

In his determination, Justice Kizito



Governor Mutahi Kahiga



Field Marshal Muthoni Kirima PSV station.

Worth Noting:

- And for others like Benson Waweru, a bodaboda operator, the planned relocation will boost their businesses as passengers alighting at the new stage will need to be ferried to the town CBD located some 1.5 Kilometers away.
- “This step is welcome for us. We can now ferry additional customers to and from the new stage unlike now. To me this is a windfall for bodaboda operators as it means extra income for riders like me,” he states.
- However, for Cyrus Ndumia, another bodaboda operator who operates from the Soko Mjinga pick up point, the planned relocation will end up being counterproductive to those operating from the town center due to the reduced number of passengers.

Magare stated the matatu operators had failed to demonstrate the manner in which the public participation sessions held by the county government on diverse dates between 2019 and 2025 and which their representatives had attended, failed to meet the constitutional threshold.

He also noted that the matatu saccos had failed to demonstrate how the Executive Order by county government to relocate the operators from three bus termini within Nyeri CBD had discriminated against them.

And on August 26 this year Nyeri County Governor Dr. Mutahi Kahiga vowed to go ahead with the relocation program even as PSV operators remained adamant to the directive.

Dr. Mutahi had warned he will never be cowed by threats from those opposing the move to move from the CBD and would ensure the exercise is implemented in toto.

“Those who are threatening to defy our directive for PSV matatus to relocate to the new stage found me here and will not thwart my plans to reorganize our town transport system. I will state here categorically that all PSV matatu must relocate. That’s a fact. They are threatening to deny me

votes but I am less concerned. We are going to implement our directives the way former Transport Minister John Michuki did in the matatu sector. We cannot retrace our steps now.” stated the County boss during the funeral service of Francis Munyiri at Maragina village in Kieni East.

The new bus terminus was expected to address the challenge of endless traffic gridlocks that end up inconveniencing commuters in wasted man-hours.

It was financed under the Kenya Urban Support Programme, a World Bank initiative whose objective is to spur economic development in counties through improved physical infrastructure development.

The facility features 240 matatu, bus, taxi and tuk-tuk bays, 1,000 booking offices, 40 parking bays and 98 passenger waiting bays.

In addition, the park hosts 1,000 business stalls, five sanitation blocks, high level water tanks and a modern solid waste chamber.

Boosting Water Security And Roads In Nyeri: CS Murithi And Chirchir Meets A Group Of Leaders Over Key Projects

By: MKT Reporter
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A section of elected leaders from Nyeri County yesterday pitched tents in headquarters of two ministers where they held consultative meetings with concerned Cabinets Secretaries.

The CS for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Eng. Eric Murithi Eric together with the Principal Secretaries for Water & Sanitation Julius Korir, and Irrigation Ephantus Kimotho held a consultative meeting with elected leaders from Nyeri County to review progress of ongoing projects and agree on priorities for planned initiatives that will transform water supply for both domestic, industrial use and irrigation for food security.

The discussions focused on rehabilitation of the Changachicha Irrigation Project, the launch of Hika Irrigation Project, and completion of the Sagana Restoration Project.

The leaders also reviewed upcoming investments, including the Naromoru Water Supply and Sanitation Project, which is earmarked for financing un-



CS for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation with some of his officials and leaders from Nyeri County yesterday. Photos/Courtesy.

der Phase II of the National Urban Water Supply Programme.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to map out immediate, medium, and long-term interventions that the Ministry will roll out to ensure Nyeri residents benefit from improved water security and expanded irrigation coverage.

The county leadership present included, County Woman MP Rahab Mukami, Eric Wamumbi (Mathira), Njoroge Wainaina Chieni (Kieni) Wambugu Wainaina (Othaya) and Duncan Mathenge (Nyeri Town).

The MPs also held a similar meeting with the CS for Roads and Transport Davis Chirchir.

The meetings came a few days after the same team, plus area Senator Wahome Wamatinga visited President William Ruto at State House, Nairobi where they are said to have outlined several projects they would wish to be carried out by the Kenya Kwanza administration.

Last evening, Othaya MP said they would continue to lobby for various development projects for their constituents.



From left: MPs, Wambugu Wainaina, Njoroge Wainaina and Maina Mathenge at the Ministry of Water headquarters yesterday.



Roads and Transport CS Davis Chirchir addressing leaders from Nyeri County and his ministry officials yesterday.

Businessman Urges Youth To View Sports As Recreational And Economic Activity

By: Charles Kinyua
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Youths have been urged to view sports as both an economic and recreation activity.

Nairobi businessman Peter Githinji, through an aide, gave the advice at Kaiyaba stadium in Kirimukuyu ward in Mathira West Sub-County.

Sixteen football teams received balls from the aide, George Kariuki Gachai.

Gachai, popularly known as Karis pappa, called on the youth to utilise their energy positively and in activities that will add value to their lives.

Githinji, who hails from the ward, offered to sponsor a tournament whose winners will be rewarded handsomely.

Githinji, locally known as "Tropical," heads one of the major coffee marketers with his company Alli-

ance Berries dealing in over 35% of the coffee sold at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange.

Though he has not officially declared his aspiration to represent the constituency in parliament, his closeness to DCP Party Leader Rigathi Gachagua and his various activities in the electoral unit known for high octane politics puts him in good stead when and if he declares interest.

Two weeks ago, a volleyball tournament also sponsored by "Tropical" kicked off at Kagochi village in Magutu ward in the same constituency.



Karis Pappa

14 POEMS

The Strength In Defeat



In victory's glow we pause, content,
Yet little is learned from joy's ascent;
For wisdom comes when hopes are bent,
And trials reveal what triumph meant.

Defeat is the teacher, sharp yet kind,
It fires the spirit, strengthens the mind;
It shows new paths for us to find,
And lifts us higher than fate designed.

The crowd may cheer when laurels shine,
But truth is tested in loss's sign;
For only the loyal hearts align,

While hollow voices soon decline.
Success may tempt us to walk with pride,
To lose the ground where the meek abide;
Yet failure whispers, with gentle guide,
That greatness rests when we're dignified.
So cherish the falls, for they clear the way,
They shape the night and prepare the day;
In each defeat, let courage stay,
For strength is born when hopes delay

V Durgadevi
BT Assistant
GHS Nesal
Tiruvannamalai District

Whisper Of Nature



I often see the river,
Never stops,
Flows and grows,
Welcomes the Friends and foe;
Sharks and Marlin,
Boat and the fisherman,
Remain vigilant since ages—
They don't restrict to cages.
Ages ago, Athena emerges From nowhere,
Swimming rivers and seas;
She fleets,
Cherishing in China, India, and Africa,
Ecstatically touches Australia, England, Canada,
and America;
Watering seedless seeds,
She ever feeds

Princess, looters, beggars—
Equally she treats lamb and tigers.
Sipping the potion of Classics,
Inhaling the wine of Romantics,
She rushes and lusher the poetics,
Alluring the surrounding, she suppresses the chaotic.
Years and years ago,
She blooms and shades; thicknesses and darkness, she never fades,
Punching the storm with her generosity—
She arises the curiosity,
Inhales Frosty,
Yet glitters with clarity,
Keeps rarity;
Cherishing in the law of jungle,
ecstatically mingles,
Embraces white, black, red, and brown—
believes natural lives the universal crown;
Clicking in worldly lyrics, artistically clicks
In the verses of Yongbo and Guan,
Marching in and never frown;
Folk adore her rarity
She is nature's entity.
Muhammad Adnan

I'm A Teacher.....



Behind that doctor,
It's me, a teacher.....
Behind that economist,
It's me, a teacher.....
Above those astronomers,
It's me, a teacher.....
I carry the light even though they mostly
make jokes of me.....
But i am a teacher.....
I don't qualify for a bungalow or a villa nor
earn enough to buy an expensive House/
Car.....like those in other professions...
But yes, i am a teacher.....
Some think or even say that i have too
many holidays, never knowing that i spend
those holidays either correcting papers
or planning what and how I'm going to
teach when i go back to school/College/
Institution.....
Because i am a teacher..,
Sometimes i get confused and even get

stressed by the ever changing policies over
what and how i have to teach.....
Despite all that i am a teacher and i love to
teach and i'm teaching.....
On pay days i don't laugh as others in
other careers do, but by the next day i
love to come with a smile to those that i
teach.....
Because i'm a teacher....
The main source of my satisfaction is
when i see THEM growing, succeeding,
having all those assets, bravely facing the
world and its challenges,
and i say yes i've taught in spite of living in
a world opened by Google..
Because i am a teacher...
Yes i am a teacher.....
It doesn't matter how they look at me,
It doesn't matter how much more they
earn than I DO,
It doesn't matter that they drive while I
walk
because all what they have is through me,
A teacher...
Whether they acknowledge me or not.....
I am a teacher...
From
Gaurang K Desai
Svanirbhar Shala
Computer teacher
Dahod
Gujarat

Happiness



Be happy inside out,
Be happy for the little things around you,
The pretty dog waits at the door,

Beautiful morning, gentle breeze,
The crazy looks of yours,
Fun times with kids,
Forget and forgive the mistakes of yours and
others,
Because life is for you to be happy.
By
Viji. T
Ghs, Kv Pudur
Namakkal dt
Tamilnadu
India

What I'm Today Is Only Because OF My Teachers



What i am today my teacher teach me that
yesterday
They can change my character and they are my
director
What is i am today that being rich or poor
We should always remember them in our life
forever
They will teach subject topics more and more
I want to be there his classroom life once more
They should love their children with care and pure
But they are smiling in the classroom is rare I am
sure
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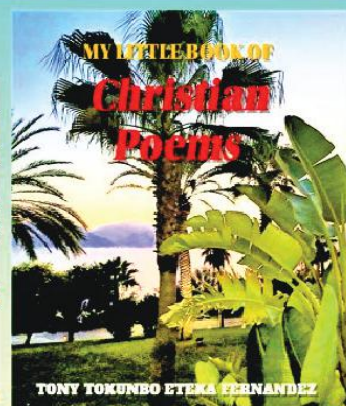
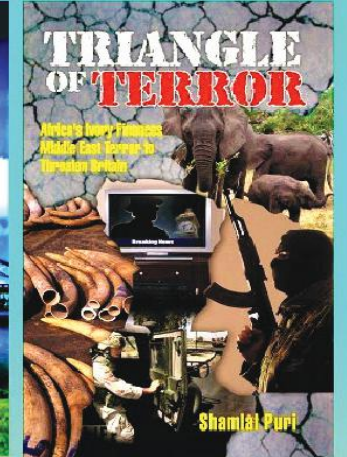
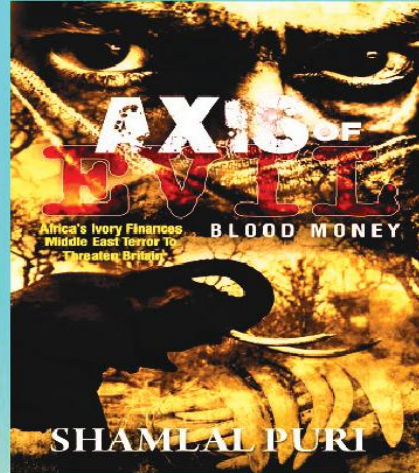
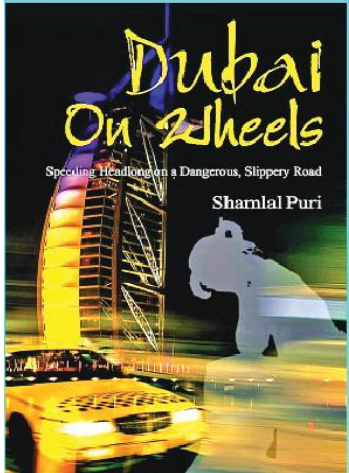
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Car & General held a TVS Family Fun Day



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knowledge the boda boda families in shaping the success of the riders, leading to that of the family at large. Car & General is the sole distributor of TVS motorcycles in East Africa. As leader of the two-wheeler mobility, TVS bikes have played an integral role in transforming millions of lives in Kenya - employment creation and providing reliable last mile connectivity.

Car & General held a TVS Family Fun Day on Friday, September 5, 2025, at the Goan Institute in Nairobi. The event, themed “Together we Progress,” brought together over 35 families, enabling them to enjoy a fun-filled day with the Car & General staff and the TVS Motors team from India.

The event brought families of TVS motorcycles riders together, building a deeper connection and stronger trust while celebrating the TVS brand. The day was meant to ac-

Fridah Gatheri (left), the TVS Marketing Executive at Car & General, ---, (centre) the Country Manager for TVS Motors India and Saumil Vyas, the Head of Marketing at Car & General take a photo in a smiley box during the TavS Family Fun Day held on September 5, in Nairobi. The event brought together over 35 families of the TVS motorcycle riders to celebrate the riders and their families' contribution to their



Industries Urged To Commercialize University Innovations To Spur Economic Growth

By: Sadik Hassan
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ers in this ASK show. We have also seen international participation,” stated the VC.

“This is a great feat for our country. I think there is a lot of work happening in Kenya. We are calling upon the great people of the industry to come and participate actively in the commercialization of the innovations that are coming out of the industry,” he appealed.

The VC noted that when different actors team up to harness their energy, skills, research capacity and industrial production and productivity, the country would be catapulted to self-sufficient and export market.

Furthermore, the VC encouraged students to pursue agriculture courses to support the country’s food security agenda.

“It is often said everybody likes to eat, but people don’t want to do agriculture. We must come and be able to do this so that we can be able to build our country,” he said.

On his part, the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) Mombasa County Chairman, Aboud Jamal, affirmed that as a business community, they would support and work with officials to build on the successes of the Mombasa International Show to continue soaring to greater heights.

“From the private sector, we will

The Mombasa International ASK Show concluded on a high note with a resounding call for industries to commercialize groundbreaking innovations from universities and colleges, so as to fuel economic growth, enhance productivity and drive efficiency.

The week-long event themed: Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth, showcased trailblazing innovations from tertiary institutions.

Taita-Taveta University Vice Chancellor Prof. Fred Simiyu Barasa hailed this year’s exhibition for its impressive innovations, creativity and industrial value addition, highlighting their contribution to the government’s Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The innovations by universities, he said, contribute to the government’s Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

“We are seeing a lot of knowledge and skills being exhibited by our young scientists and researchers. We also saw a lot of expanded participation of industries and different play-



continue to support and walk with you in this journey to make sure that our innovations that are coming up from these great institutes are scaled up and commercialized,” stated the chairman.

Meanwhile, Jamal has assured business people that discussions were ongoing with the County Government of Mombasa to resolve con-

cerns on the unified single business permit.

He encouraged the local business fraternity to support the county government’s efforts geared towards streamlining trade through the new unified permit that combines fire, emergency and waste management charges.

The ASK Mombasa Chairman Hen-

ry Nyaga thanked the president for officially opening the week-long exhibitions.

He further lauded all the participating exhibitors promising a bigger show next year.



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Unmasking The Shadows: The Complex World Of Nominee Shareholders In Kenya



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Kenya is the commercial hub of East Africa. Yet, beneath the surface of official company registries, a sophisticated and often opaque system of shareholding operates: the nominee account. While perfectly legal and widely utilized, these arrangements, where one entity holds shares on behalf of another, introduce a complex layer of legal and beneficial ownership that has become a focal point for transparency advocates and regulatory bodies alike.

At its core, a nominee shareholder is an individual or corporate entity whose name appears on a company's official shareholder register. However, they are not the true economic owners. Instead, they act as a proxy, holding the shares "in trust" for the ultimate "beneficial owner" the person or entity who enjoys the dividends, controls voting rights, and has the final say over the disposition of those shares. This crucial distinction creates a separation between legal ownership, which is public, and beneficial ownership, which is often private.

The operational mechanism is surprisingly straightforward, yet legally robust. A formal Nominee Agreement or Declaration of Trust is executed between the nominee and the beneficial owner. This document meticulously outlines the nominee's limited powers, strictly confining their actions to the explicit instructions of the beneficial owner. It confirms that all economic benefits derived from the shares, dividends, capital gains, or profits from sale – accrue directly to the beneficial owner, not the nominee. Such agreements often include pre-signed share transfer forms and a power of attorney, empowering the beneficial owner to reclaim direct control of their shares at any given moment.

Several compelling reasons drive the use of nominee accounts, particularly within Kenya's dynamic business environment. Foremost among these is privacy. For high-profile individuals, politically exposed persons, or businesses seeking to maintain a competitive edge, shielding their identity from public scrutiny is paramount. Nominee arrangements allow investors to participate in ventures without their names appearing on readily accessible public records, thus protecting their privacy and, in some cases, their strategic interests from competitors.

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investment vehicles that involve numerous participants, a nominee can simplify the arduous task of updating official share registers. Instead of processing countless individual changes, the nominee serves as a single, consistent entry, streamlining corporate governance and reducing administrative overhead. This is particularly valuable in fast-paced markets where quick transactions are common.

Furthermore, nominee accounts facilitate foreign investment, especially in sectors with local ownership requirements. Kenyan law, in certain industries, may mandate a minimum percentage of local shareholding. A foreign investor can leverage a local nominee to meet these compliance thresholds without ceding genuine control or economic interest in their investment. This strategic use ensures legal adherence while allowing international capital to flow into the Kenyan economy, fostering growth and development.

However, the utility of nominee accounts is not without its shadows. The very privacy they afford has historically made them attractive to those seeking to conceal illicit activities such as money laundering, tax

evasion, and the hiding of illegally acquired wealth. This darker side has inevitably drawn increased scrutiny from global and local regulatory bodies, prompting a significant shift towards greater transparency in corporate ownership structures worldwide.

Recognizing these vulnerabilities, the Kenyan government has taken decisive action. The Companies Act, 2015, and its subsequent Beneficial Ownership Regulations, 2020, represent a landmark legislative effort. These regulations now mandate all companies registered in Kenya to maintain a comprehensive register of their beneficial owners and, critically, to file this information with the Business Registration Service (BRS). This pivotal move aims to pierce through the nominee veil, ensuring that the true custodians of corporate wealth are identifiable to the authorities.

While the push for transparency is strong, practical challenges remain. Banks and financial institutions in Kenya often exercise heightened caution when dealing with companies employing nominee directors or shareholders, due to stringent anti-money laundering (AML) and know-your-customer (KYC) regu-

lations. This can sometimes complicate the opening of corporate bank accounts or accessing financing, as institutions strive to ensure they are not inadvertently facilitating illicit financial flows.

In conclusion, nominee accounts in Kenya represent a dual-edged sword. On one hand, they offer legitimate benefits such as privacy, administrative ease, and a pathway for foreign investment. On the other, their inherent opacity has necessitated robust legislative measures to combat misuse. As Kenya continues to align with global standards of corporate transparency, the balance between facilitating legitimate business practices and preventing financial crime remains a delicate, ongoing endeavor, shaping the future of corporate governance in the nation.

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Gusii Leaders Urge Residents To Register For SHA, Vow To Prioritize Development Over Politics



By: Elizabeth Angira

Gusii leaders allied to the Kenya Kwanza government have called on the Kisii community to register with the Social Health Authority (SHA), saying the scheme is the gateway to accessing affordable healthcare under the universal health coverage program.

Speaking in Bonchari Constituency during a last-mile electricity connectivity event hosted by Woman Representative Dorice Donya, the leaders said it was time for the community to embrace government initiatives instead of allowing misinformation to derail progress.

South Mugirango MP and National Assembly Chief Whip Sylvanus Osoro urged residents to ignore propaganda against SHA, explaining that the contributions are income-based, meaning low-income earners will pay less while those with higher incomes contribute more.

He accused opposition politicians of attempting to sabotage the scheme for their own interests.

“Some of the leaders fighting SHA are the same cartels that drained the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF). We will not allow them to do the same with SHA. This program is designed to ensure every Kenyan, regardless of status, can walk into a hospital and access treatment without being turned away,” Osoro said.

He added that leaders from the Gusii region had agreed to put aside political differences and focus on bringing development to their people.

“We want to put development ahead of politics. That is why, together with our governor Simba Arati, we have resolved to work as one team and deliver services to our people,” he said.

Osoro also warned MPs who are defending health facilities implicated in alleged SHA mismanagement, saying they will not garner support in their impeachment motion against Defence Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale.

“They cannot even convince ten MPs. Instead of defending cartels, they should be urging Kenyans to register with SHA and enjoy the benefits,” he added.

Nyaribari Chache MP Zaheer Jhanda echoed the sentiments, saying SHA has already proven to be more beneficial than NHIF by registering more people in a shorter period.

He dismissed those opposed to the scheme as enemies of progress.

“SHA is very important to our people. I have witnessed firsthand how my constituents have benefited by avoiding out-of-pocket payments for medical services. Those who continue to fight this initiative are simply standing in the way of ordinary Kenyans’ right to healthcare,” Jhanda said.

He called on the Kisii community to work closely with the government and embrace programs that improve livelihoods, citing electricity connectivity, roads, and healthcare as crucial pillars of development.

Woman Representative Dorice Donya, who hosted the event, said SHA would help ease the burden of medical expenses on poor households.

She noted that many families in Kisii and Nyamira counties had been pushed into poverty by high hospital bills and that registering for SHA would prevent such cases.

“Health is wealth. If our people are healthy, they will be able to engage in farming, business, and other productive activities. I urge every household to register for SHA so that no one is left behind,” Donya said.

Kisii nominated senator Essy Okenyuri, Nyamira Woman rep Jerusha Momanyi also emphasized that misinformation about SHA was misleading residents, warning that those who fail to register risk being locked out of crucial healthcare benefits.

They pledged to continue sensitizing communities across the region on the importance of joining the scheme.

As Kenya rolls out SHA to replace NHIF, the government has framed it as a key pillar in achieving universal health coverage, with contributions pegged on income levels to promote equity. For the Gusii leaders, supporting the scheme is not just about healthcare—it is about ensuring development reaches every household.



South Mugirango MP and National Assembly Chief Whip Sylvanus Osoro



Kisii Woman Representative Dorice Donya



Gusii leaders allied to the Kenya Kwanza government

Kindiki: Government Targets 30 Million Kenyans Under SHA By December

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Over 26 million Kenyans have registered for SHA medical cover with the government aiming for higher enrolment before the end of the year. Deputy President Kithure Kindiki encouraged Kenyans to continue enrolling as he welcomed the growing interest in taking up the cover.

Speaking yesterday when he engaged with over 1,500 grassroots women leaders from Laikipia County at Irunduni, Tharaka Nithi County, Prof. Kindiki urged those who have not to register to benefit from health coverage provided by SHA.

“We want everyone to register for SHA cover. We have 26 million Kenyans who are already enrolled. With this trend, we will have 30 million by December this year and hopefully 55 million by 2027. That will mean all Kenyans will be covered which will be a historic achievement,” DP said.

The DP said the hitches that had met its implementation were being handled saying the system is being refined to make it more effective and efficient.

He also said at least 1.5 million Kenyans will access SHA services without making any contribution after their economic status was ascertained.

“We want everyone to be registered so they qualify for coverage that will ease the burden from hospital bills. We already have 1.5 million Kenyans who will have their bills paid without making any contributions because they are unable to,” he added.

The second-in-command asked the women leaders to push for more enrollment in Laikipia revealing that 242, 000 residents had registered against a target of 591,000.

At the same time, Prof. Kindiki said the government is intensifying development projects in the County to improve the lives of residents.

Presently, 12 modern markets are under construction including in Nyahururu, Nanyuki, Sipili, Naibor, Ilipolei, Wiyumiririe, Kibaba, Kalali towns.

Affordable housing projects are also underway in Naibor, Kinamba, Posta, Nanyuki Phase 1 and Phase 2 and in various learning institutions among them hostels for Laikipia University and Nyahururu KMTTC.

Electricity connection is also being expanded in the devolved unit after the government allocated Sh720 million targeting connection of more homes in all the constituencies in the county.

The Deputy President praised the government efforts to restore peace and normalcy in the county follow-



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ing years of deadly banditry attacks and cattle rustling menace.

He said President Ruto promised to restore peace in Laikipia when he was campaigning and had done so within months after assuming office.

The Deputy President, who was Interior Cabinet Secretary before assuming the DP’s office, said lots of efforts were put into enhancing security in the area and entailed deployment of special police units and increasing the number of police reservists.

“We increased the number of officers posted to the area from the Anti-Stock Theft Unit, Rapid Deployment Unit and added more reservists. Because of the work done by these officers, we now have peace

in Laikipia and the people are going on with their lives without fear for their security,” DP stated.

The DP said the government will continue beefing up security to ensure lasting peace in the area and in the North Rift calling on residents to coexist peacefully.

Prof. Kindiki also said key government flagship projects are aimed at improving the lives of millions of Kenyans at the bottom of the pyramid, mostly women who are crucial in driving local economies.

“Women are the drivers of change, best at multitasking as caregivers of their families but also key drivers of grassroots agricultural productivity and enterprise growth,” he noted.

He said the government’s trans-

formation of the agricultural sector through subsidized fertilizer and certified seeds is beneficial to women who form the majority of the farmer folk spread nationally.

The DP said the Government support of rural enterprises through construction of fresh produce markets and support of nano, micro, small and medium scale enterprises, many of them run by women, fits perfectly in the BETA agenda.

“As we expand the economy to create jobs, we are empowering families and communities for the benefit of the men and women, who as parents want a country that provides more opportunities to their children,” he said.



Egypt Appoints 48 Women As State Council Judges For 1st Time Through Entry-Level Pathway

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Egypt has appointed 48 female judges to its State Council for the first time through an entry-level pathway, a move that underscores the country's efforts to advance women's empowerment and judicial reform.

The move supports the comprehensive development of Egypt's judicial system amid digital transformation and ongoing institutional modernization, according to a statement released by the State Council on Sunday.

"Today's historic step mirrors the country's commitment to empower women and promote their participation in the judicial authority", the statement quoted Osama Shalaby, chairman of the Egyptian State Council, as saying. Their appointment marks another key step to promote women's empowerment in the judicial sector after March 2022, when 98

women were sworn in as State Council judges for the first time in Egypt's history through transfers from other judicial bodies.

Samar Alaa, a newly appointed judge who graduated from Alexandria University, said: "It is an honor and a great responsibility to administer justice fairly and serve as a female role model in the judiciary."

Founded in 1946, the State Council was reaffirmed by Egypt's 2014 constitution as an independent judicial body with jurisdiction over administrative disputes, disciplinary cases, appeals, and challenges to its own decisions. It also has the authority to issue legal opinions, review and draft legislation and resolutions, and examine draft contracts involving the state or public entities.



Who Might Succeed Ishiba As Japan's Next PM?

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Japanese Prime Minister and ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) President Shigeru Ishiba announced Sunday that he will step down as the LDP head, triggering an early leadership contest within the party. He also said he would not stand as a candidate in the upcoming LDP election.

Ishiba was elected LDP president in September last year, with his term scheduled to run until September 2027.

However, the ruling coalition lost its majority in the House of Councillors in July this year. This was the first time since its founding in 1955 that the LDP had failed to secure a majority in both chambers of the parliament. Although Ishiba initially signaled his intention to stay on, calls

for him to take responsibility for the dismal election grew louder inside the LDP.

At his Sunday press conference, Ishiba said negotiations with the United States on tariff measures, which he had cited as a reason to remain in office, had reached a milestone. With that issue settled for now, he said it was time to hand it over to a successor.

With Ishiba's resignation, the LDP will move to select a new president with an extraordinary election scheduled later. According to Japanese media, potential contenders include: Sanae Takaichi: Former minister for economic security, a prominent right-wing politician known for repeated visits to the notorious Yasukuni Shrine. She lost to Ishiba in last year's runoff for the LDP presidency.

Shinjiro Koizumi: Current agriculture minister and son of former Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi. A rising star, he finished third in last year's

leadership race.

Takayuki Kobayashi: A 50-year-old former economic security minister, who ranked fifth in last year's LDP presidential contest.

Yoshimasa Hayashi: The current chief cabinet secretary and a former foreign minister. He placed fourth in the last leadership election. Once a new LDP president is chosen, the parliament will hold a prime ministerial designation vote.

Even though the ruling bloc has failed to secure a majority in both chambers of the parliament, the new leader is almost certain to become the country's next prime minister since the LDP remains the largest party, analysts said.



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Odongo Reflects On Global Sojourn After Inspiring Daystar Falcons To Historic Kabeberi 7s Final

Patrick Odongo's rugby journey has taken him from the glamour of Monaco to the pioneering spirit of India's inaugural Rugby Premier League, and now back home, where he inspired Daystar Falcons to their first-ever Cup final appearance at the Kabeberi Sevens.

The Kenya Sevens speedster recently rejoined his club after a busy year abroad, where he featured for Monaco Rugby Sevens in the prestigious in French Supersevens and turned out for Delhi Redz in the Rugby Premier League (RPL). Both experiences, he says, shaped his growth as a player.

"It was a good experience and I'm super excited to be back playing for my club," Odongo told media after helping Daystar reach the final.

"We hope for the best during this tournament, and we are here to play."

In France, Odongo lined up alongside global stars as Monaco stormed to back-to-back titles, while in India, he played a different role — contributing to the development of emerging players in a new rugby market.

"For the RPL, it was somewhat different because it was a development rugby competition where we helped Indian players grow," he explained. "With Monaco, it was intense — playing with and against world-class HSBC players. It was about testing yourself at the very highest level."

Beyond the rugby itself, Odongo says the cultural exchange stood out. "It was a good experience joining other world-class players and learning the cultures of other countries," he reflected.

His partnership with fellow Kenyan international Kevin Wekesa also deepened during those stints abroad. "I can say Kevin is now like a brother to me. Everywhere I've been, he has been there. We've planned



Team Kenya's Patrick Odongo beats his marker to make a winning try against Uruguay during Mens Rugby Sevens at Stade de France on July 25, 2024 in Paris, France. Photo Kelly Ayodi Sportpicha.

everything together, and that bond has really grown."

Back in Kenya, Odongo's impact was immediate. At Kabeberi, he scored crucial tries as Daystar upset Oilers in the quarterfinals and stunned Strathmore Leos in the semis before falling to KCB in the Cup final. The run marked a significant milestone for a club recently promoted to the Kenya Cup.

"I can't say we are going to win the Kenya Cup because we are still young," Odongo admitted. "But we are striving to maintain

our place and grow with every game."

Daystar head coach Collins Bosire lauded the 23-year-old's influence as the reason for the varsity men's consistent and positive performances.

"Patrick is an inspiration to the team. He has not reached the pinnacle yet, but his experiences abroad in India and France have helped him grow. Having him on the pitch inspires the entire team."

For Odongo, the journey is only beginning. With global experi-

ence under his belt and the trust of his teammates, he is determined to push the limits — for himself and for Daystar Falcons.

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Leverkusen Name Hjulmand As Ten Hag Replacement



Bayer Leverkusen Kasper Hjulmand gestures during a past match. Photo/Handout...

Bayer Leverkusen on Monday appointed Dane Kasper Hjulmand as coach, replacing Erik ten Hag, who was fired after just two league games in charge.

The former Denmark coach has been appointed on a contract until 2027.

“It is an honour to be entrusted with such a team,” Hjulmand said in a statement, adding:

“I’m motivated to shape the future of the club.”

The appointment ends a chaotic fortnight for Leverkusen, who sacked former Manchester United manager Ten Hag on September 1, just two games into the Bundesliga season.

Ten Hag replaced Xabi Alonso, who took Leverkusen to an un-

beaten league and cup double in 2023-24 -- the club’s first-ever Bundesliga title -- before moving to Real Madrid in the summer.

Leverkusen sporting director Simon Rolfes admitted to an error in hiring Ten Hag but said letting him continue would have been “an even bigger mistake.”

Runners-up last season, Leverkusen collected just one point from their opening two matches.

Ten Hag hit back in a statement, calling the sacking “unprecedented” and “a complete surprise.”

Hjulmand is expected to be on the bench for Leverkusen’s home match against Eintracht Frankfurt on Friday.

Hjulmand emerged as one of several candidates to take over the

vacant position, alongside one-time Barcelona coach and player Xavi, former Spurs manager Ange Postecoglou and Raul, the Spain striker who recently coached Real Madrid’s second team.

The 53-year-old resigned as Denmark coach in July 2024, having taken the side to the semi-finals of the Euros in 2021 where they narrowly lost to England. He also took Denmark to the last 16 of Euro 2024, where they were eliminated by hosts Germany.

Rolfes said Monday the new manager would “set up a clear and dominant style of play with our team” and will “strive for the most ambitious national and international goals.”

The manager took Nordsjaelland

to their first and only Danish title in 2011-12.

Hjulmand has experience in Germany, having coached Bundesliga side Mainz for just under one season in 2014-15, but was sacked after a run of one win in 13 games.

After Friday’s match against Frankfurt, Leverkusen kick off their Champions League campaign with a trip to Danish champions Copenhagen.

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LegalTech Startups' Market Entry Strategies in Uzbekistan



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Abstract

This article examines the strategies of LegalTech startups entering the legal market of the Republic of Uzbekistan. It analyzes the technological infrastructure, local market demands, and key strategies necessary for startups to establish themselves successfully. These strategies include building local partnerships, conducting market research, developing digital platforms, and applying digital marketing tools. Furthermore, the article highlights the importance of adapting innovations to local conditions while drawing on global experiences. This abstract briefly reflects the main goals and scope of the article, providing insights into how LegalTech startups can penetrate the Uzbek market through tailored strategies.

Keywords: LegalTech, legal services, market research, technological infrastructure, digital platforms, local partnerships, product adaptation, digital marketing, brand development, legal system specificity, artificial intelligence, automation, data analytics, legal research, online services, local needs, legal literacy, startups, competitor analysis, forecasting, blockchain.

Introduction

The Republic of Uzbekistan is experiencing rapid technological development and digital transformation. In particular, the legal sector is increasingly adopting new technologies, driven by the emergence of LegalTech startups. LegalTech refers to technological solutions designed to automate and digitalize legal services and processes, analyze legal documents, forecast outcomes, and enhance efficiency through blockchain-based applications. This paper provides a detailed

analysis of the strategies LegalTech startups can employ to enter the Uzbek market.

The concept of LegalTech encompasses the use of information technology and software in legal practice. This includes automating legal documents, conducting data analysis, offering legal advice with the assistance of artificial intelligence, and generating contracts and agreements. Such tools not only improve efficiency but also create a foundation for delivering high-quality services to clients (Goodenough et al., 2021).

The purpose of this study is to identify the key factors necessary for LegalTech startups to enter the Uzbek market and to explore where these processes have already begun. To achieve this goal, several tasks are outlined:

Defining the concept of LegalTech. Examining the specific features of regional market demands. Identifying entry strategies.

Methods

This research is based on qualitative analysis, focusing on the opportunities and strategies for LegalTech startups entering the Uzbek market. During the preparation of this article, the following methods were used:

SWOT analysis: A SWOT analysis was conducted to study the opportunities for LegalTech startups in Uzbekistan. Through this analysis, the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats were identified, which helped to define entry strategies.

Literature review and analysis: Both international and local academic sources were studied, including scholarly articles on LegalTech technologies, research on the operations of legal firms, and the national digital strategies of Uzbekistan's government. The comparison between global experiences and Uzbekistan's current infrastructure and legal system was also made (Doe, 2020).

Interviews and focus groups: Interviews were conducted with representatives of local law firms and technology companies. These

discussions revealed the level of interest in LegalTech, local needs, and existing barriers. This method helped evaluate how LegalTech is received in the local market and which strategies are most likely to succeed.

Results

The successful entry of LegalTech startups into the Uzbek market depends on several factors. According to the SWOT analysis, the ongoing digitalization process creates great opportunities for the legal sector, though challenges remain.

Strengths: The government has launched national programs to introduce digital technologies into legal services. Such technologies can increase efficiency in court processes and accelerate service delivery (Adams & White, 2022). LegalTech can automate services such as drafting documents, managing contracts, and offering legal advice, thus saving time and resources.

Weaknesses: The level of technological literacy in the legal field is still low. Many lawyers and firms lack sufficient skills to use advanced technologies (Doe & Brown, 2020). Furthermore, internet speed and coverage are not yet adequate across the country, and the infrastructure is not fully adapted to legal services.

Opportunities: The government's adoption of a national digital economy strategy provides broader opportunities for technological integration. Blockchain technology, in particular, offers secure storage and management of legal documents, accelerating legal transactions and reducing errors (Smith & Jones, 2021).

Threats: Uzbekistan's legal system is conservative, which may hinder the rapid adoption of new technologies (Johnson, 2019). Startups must also comply with strict regulatory requirements, which demand significant time and financial resources.

Discussion

LegalTech startups must develop strategic approaches to enter the Uzbek market. The key factor is a deep understanding of local legislation. International experiences should be adapted to Uzbekistan's



conditions, considering the existing infrastructure and the level of digital literacy in the legal sector.

Startups offering blockchain-based solutions and digital tools for managing legal documents may find opportunities for rapid adoption. The automation of legal services, such as digital certification of documents in court procedures, could play a significant role in market expansion. Although the legal sector is still developing, the government's digitalization strategies provide a solid foundation for future progress. Adapting international practices to local conditions, designing market-oriented solutions, and ensuring compliance with regulations are key to success. Government support, foreign investment, and strong public-private partnerships could further expand opportunities.

Key factors for LegalTech startups include:

- Adapting to local legislation: Optimizing processes such as digital document certification and online legal consultations to comply with Uzbek law.
- Leveraging government programs: Utilizing national digital strategies to accelerate market entry.
- Improving technological literacy: Providing training and seminars for lawyers and law firms to increase their ability to adopt digital tools.
- Attracting foreign investment: Securing international finan-

cial and knowledge resources to support entry.

- Strengthening partnerships: Expanding cooperation between the government and private sector to increase efficiency and trust.

Conclusion

For LegalTech startups to succeed in Uzbekistan, several factors must be considered. While the technological infrastructure and digitalization of the legal sector are still developing, many opportunities exist. However, conservatism in the legal system and low levels of technological literacy remain barriers.

Startups that adapt solutions to local conditions, draw on international experience, and effectively use government programs are likely to succeed. The adoption of LegalTech can automate and optimize legal services, speed up court processes, and reduce costs. Cooperation between the state and private sector, along with foreign investment, is essential for sustainable growth.

Overall, Uzbekistan offers broad opportunities for LegalTech startups. Success depends on aligning strategies with government programs, technological adaptation, legal compliance, and global experience.

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