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His Holiness Syedna Arrives in Mombasa

His Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin CGH, the 53rd leader of the worldwide Dawoodi Bohra community, arrived in Mombasa on 8th of May from Cairo. He was received with high honors at the Presidential Pavilion of Moi International Airport by His Excellency Hon. Abdulswamad Sheriff Nassir, Governor of Mombasa, along with other senior government officials.

During his visit, Syedna will deliver a sermon at Burhani Masjid in which he is expected to counsel the community on cultural and socio-economic matters impacting their lives.

"Syedna's deep affection for Mombasa is evident through his frequent visits to the city," said Hamza Shura, a member of the Dawoodi Bohra community in Mombasa. "We look forward to attending Syedna's sermons and participating in other programmes organized as part of his visit."

During Syedna's last visit



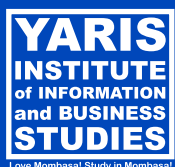
to Mombasa in May 2024, Governor Nassir conferred upon Syedna the Key to the City—a symbolic gesture recognising his leadership

and the Dawoodi Bohra community's longstanding contributions to the city's development, harmony and social welfare." With over a

century of deep-rooted history in Mombasa, the Dawoodi Bohra community has built a legacy grounded in faith, unity, and entrepreneurship

in the scenic coastal city. The community in Mombasa contributes to the economy through diverse businesses in construction, glass, hardware,

stationery, and services, while also supporting socio-welfare initiatives like tree planting and clean-ups under Project Rise.



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TOP NEWS

Ruto declares pension and gratuity tax-exempt

President William Ruto has announced that pensions and gratuity payments for workers both in the private and public sectors will be tax-free beginning the next financial year.

This reform measure, the President explained, is proposed in the Finance Bill 2025 in recognition of the service and sacrifice of workers in their active years, and a step towards ensuring that they retire in dignity.

Speaking at Uhuru Gardens Stadium, Nairobi, during this year's Labour Day celebrations on Thursday, he expressed the government's commitment to workers' welfare.

To improve workers' take-home pay, President Ruto said employers will now be required to apply eligible tax reliefs and exemptions directly when calculating Pay As You Earn (PAYE), a significant shift from the current system where such reliefs have to be claimed from the Kenya Revenue Authority.

In response to Central Organisation of Trade Unions (Cotu) Secretary-General Francis Atwoli's complaint that some employers have not effected a 6 per cent minimum wage increase awarded in 2024, the President directed the Ministry of Labour to ensure that the employees are awarded what they deserve without discrimination.

"It's unacceptable for employers not to implement the minimum wage increase. The Ministry of Labour should ensure the issue is addressed," President Ruto said.

Meanwhile, the President said the government has made significant progress in addressing the long-standing shortage of teachers by hiring 76,000 in the past two years and an additional 20,000 tutors set to be hired in January 2026.

He pointed out that his administration has significantly reduced the teacher shortage that stood at 116,000 in 2022.

"We have set aside KSh2.4 billion to hire an additional 20,000 intern teachers



starting January 2026," the President announced

He also pointed out that the government has allocated KSh1.6 billion for the capacity building of teachers and another KSh1 billion for promotion.

"These investments have improved student-teacher ratio, enhanced literacy and numeracy outcomes, and created stable employment in communities across the country," he said.

Furthermore, President Ruto assured Kenyans of his commitment to taking the country to the next level in terms of development.

He said it was time leaders focused on service delivery, noting that elections are two years away.

"We can't make progress as a country if we don't make the right decisions. I want to promise the people of Kenya that I will always make the

right decisions to change the destiny of this country," he said.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi praised President Ruto's efforts in transforming the country, saying Kenya is the largest economy in East and Central Africa.

"We should all know that the biggest threat to a nation is not terrorism, but the collapse of institutions. Our institutions have been solid because of the good leadership of President Ruto," he said.

Labour Cabinet Secretary Alfred Mutua called for an end to sexual harassment at the workplace, urging managers to foster safe and respectful environments for all employees.

Mr Mutua said his office has received numerous complaints about harassment, warning that the unethical trend must stop.

PHOTO STORY

Prestige Plaza completes Kshs 400 million revamp



Primrose Management Limited General Manager Mr Mapreet Kalsi (left) joins the firm's Managing Director Mr Jitesh Upadhyay (second left), Customer Service Executive Milka Lusega (second right) and Entertainment Manager Francis Muchemi (right) in cutting the ribbon to mark the opening of Playza, Kenya's largest interactive Family Entertainment Centre at the firm's Prestige Plaza Mall, along Nairobi's Ngong road. The firm has confirmed completing an extensive revamp project at Prestige Plaza. The revamp works, undertaken at more than Kshs 400 million, involved remodelling common areas, creating space for new outlets, integrating escalators, and developing Kenya's largest interactive Family Entertainment Centre, Playza.

Easter celebration



Leopard Beach Resort in Kwale county local and international guests cuts a cake to celebrate this years Easter holiday during a colorful dinner the hotel hosted for them.the event was graced by hotel general manager kioko musyok
PHOTO BY TITUS MUSAU



President Ruto inspects Talanta Sports City progress

President William Ruto has expressed satisfaction with the progress in the construction of the world-class Nairobi's Talanta Sports City that will significantly elevate the country's sports profile.

The President said 3,300 workers have been hired at the stadium, with 2,000 working during the day, while 1,300 are engaged at night in the 60,000-seater facility.

"With this pace, the Talanta Sports City, with a football pitch while outside the stadium is an athletic field and rugby training grounds, will be ready by December 2025," he said when he visited the facility on Friday.

President Ruto pointed out that investment in physical infrastructure, including affordable housing, modern markets and special economic zones, has so far employed

250,000 people across the country.

"This is how we are going to build our nation by harnessing knowledge, skills and the expertise of our youth," said President Ruto.

He said the sports facility will be complete before the end of the year in readiness for hosting the Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) in 2027.

"I am happy with the progress being made here. I am optimistic we'll beat the December date," President Ruto said.

The transformative project aims to redefine Kenya's sporting profile, offering an iconic facility and infrastructural upgrade for both the city and the nation.

He said the government was committed to improving sporting facilities to offer quality training grounds for the country's sportsmen and women.



President Ruto Receives UEFA trophy

President William Ruto has underscored the government's commitment to nurturing sporting talent in Kenya.

The President noted that Kenya has an abundance of football talent, saying more focus is needed on identifying, nurturing and developing it through conducive infrastructure, planning and training.

"I want to assure Kenyans that the government is steadfast in its commitment to uplifting the standards of football in our country," he said.

Saying his administration will continue investing in sports, the President explained that Kenya will draw lessons from global football powerhouses to remain competitive on the world stage.

He spoke at State House Nairobi, on Friday, during the reception of the UEFA Champions League Trophy.

Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya, Football Kenya Federation President Hussein Mohammed and former Manchester United star Bastian Schweinsteiger were also present.

President Ruto said the



government, in collaboration with other stakeholders, will continue to invest sufficient resources in nurturing football talent and revamping football infrastructure.

"I urge the Football Kenya Federation and all stakeholders to take lead in revitalising the game by nurturing talent from the grassroots to the national and international levels," he said.

The President explained that Kenya has an abundance of football talent, which requires focus on identifying, nurturing, and developing it through training, support and the necessary infrastructure.

"We also have much to learn from global football

powerhouses like Germany - where Bastian comes from - about what it takes to consistently remain competitive on the world stage," he said.

At the same time, the President emphasised the need to make football and other sports a source of income and wealth, especially for young people.

"That is why the government came up with Talanta Hela, an initiative for monetising talents. Many of our youth have already benefitted," President Ruto pointed out.

He said he was pleased to note that Kenya is one of only five African countries selected to host the UEFA trophy during this year's tour.

"On behalf of the people of Kenya, let me say we are truly honoured to host the trophy once again given the tremendous and passionate support that football enjoys in our country," he said.

He thanked UEFA and Kenya Wine Agency Ltd for bringing the trophy to Kenya, saying it is a delight for football fans.

"Many of them may never have the opportunity to be in a stadium and experience the action firsthand. Simply seeing the trophy is, therefore, a very special moment for them," he said

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Cashless Transactions

Why Your Business Needs To Ditch The Cashbox (Like, Yesterday!)



By Hamza Alarakia

Jambo everyone! I'm back with another dose of TechBiz talk, straight from the streets of Kenya, he-he. Otherwise, I hope the previous article was helpful. Please, be aware of what you do on the internet, always! Right, so, let's dive in to this month's topic. Picture this: A customer walks into your shop, your convenient store in the neighbourhood, ready to spend. They load their trolley and moonwalk towards the till,



happy with their selection of goods for purchase. After the cashier counted the items, informed the amount to be paid, the customer asks, "M-Pesa?" And when you sheepishly reply, "Hapana, ni cash tu," and boom! They're gone. Just like that. You lost a sale. Sound familiar? Look, we live in a digital age and over 80% of us use mobile money. We're talking trillions of shillings

flowing through M-Pesa alone! Yet, some businesses are still stuck in the stone age, clinging to cash. That's like using a landline in the era of smartphones. So, let's break down why you need to ditch the cashbox, ASAP. First off, Kenyans LOVE convenience. Nobody wants to hunt for an ATM. We're all about tapping and going. If your competitor offers cashless transactions and you

don't, guess who's winning? Then, there's security. Cash is a magnet for trouble. Thieves, dishonest employees... it's a risk you don't need. Carrying cash is like walking around with a "rob me" sign on your forehead. Digital payments? Secure and trackable. Speaking of trackable, accountability is key. Ever wonder where your cash went or how it came and for what, at the end of

the day? With digital, every transaction is recorded. No more guesswork. And let's not forget about the fake notes! We've all been there, right? Digital eliminates that headache. Plus, it's faster! No, more counting change, just instant payments. Happy customers, shorter lines, more goods sold, some more goods bought, profits gained and you sleep like a log at night. And here's a big one: loans. Banks love businesses with a digital footprint. It shows you're legit and have a steady income. Cash-only? Good luck proving your revenue. Now, I know what you're thinking: "It's complicated!" No, it's not. Here is what you need to do: Get an M-Pesa Till or PayBill (or your trusted till). It's official and trusted. No more "tuma za kutoa pia" drama. Invest in a PDQ machine. Card payments

are a must. Consider a POS system. It's a game-changer for managing sales and inventory. Use mobile apps. They integrate everything. You want to sleep like a log at night, right? Educate your customer. Show them how easy it is to go cashless. Yes, internet hiccups happen, (hello, we are in Kenya), and there's a bit of a learning curve. But trust me, the benefits are huge. TeChy's Tidbit: In Kenya, digital payments are essential. Drop the cashbox! Embrace M-Pesa, Airtel Money, cards and online transfers for convenience, security and growth. Staying cashless means staying competitive. Look, going cashless isn't just a trend. It's the future. If you want to stay in the game, you gotta adapt. Stay tuned for the next article in the series: If Your Business Isn't Online, Does It Even Exist? Until then, support your local vendors, go digital and KEEP READING MADAFU! Holla at me at techamza@gmail.com with your questions and thoughts. Let's build this tech community together!

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NCRRA meeting



On March 3rd, 2025, North Coast Residents and Ratepayers Association (NCRRA) Committee, led by Hon. Chairman Ali Taib, held a consultative meeting with the Mombasa County Governor to address critical issues affecting Nyali residents. Key matters discussed included the increment of business permits, with the County Government of Mombasa (CGM) committing to further public participation, acknowledging the need for

revenue to support county development. On zoning and development, CGM noted that Nyali is classified as a high density tower zone under the JICA planning framework, despite the absence of formal zoning regulations. NCRRA is to submit a list of non-compliant developments for action. Concerns about noise pollution and solid waste management were also tabled. The Governor pledged to issue an Executive Order to address noise violations, and revealed plans for the Kipevu

sewer treatment plant's opening next month. A new tender for waste management is also underway. On March 20th, the NCRRA Committee met the CECM for Lands and Urban Planning at Bima Towers. Discussions focused on building approval criteria, zoning clarity, and inclusion of NCRRA in decision making bodies. The CGM acknowledged gaps in the objection process and committed to implementing an online system. A proposal for establishing green zones in Nyali and fully

implementing the ISUDP Plan 2035 was also raised. Lastly, on April 23rd, the Committee paid a courtesy visit to MOWASSCO Nyali Unit Manager Ms. Naima Yusuf. They addressed issues such as erratic water supply, uncompleted repairs, and leakages. Ms. Naima highlighted staff shortages, lack of equipment, and client interference as major hurdles. Residents were encouraged to apply for connection to the new water system. NCRRA remains committed to advocating for sustainable growth and improved services for all Nyali residents.

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International Police Association Coast Chapter met yesterday at the Coast Regional Headquarters for their first 2025 meeting led by the new IPA Coast Chairman and his Team. A number of Community Projects were identified and will be rolled out. Many congratulations and the best to the new team.



Traveler beach hotel and spa MD Nicky Dhanjal [second left] assisted by invited guests mostly from the tourism sector cuts the ribbon to officially open the hotels ultra modern fitness center during the official launching of the facility PHOTO BY TITUS MUSAU

Financial Basics for Kenyans



By Mr. Rishi Arun Parikh

If you're working with limited finances, it's entirely possible to build a solid financial foundation by adopting smart, consistent habits. Here's a practical roadmap tailored to your situation in Kenya:

1. Track Every Shilling
Begin by understanding where your money goes. Use a simple notebook or free

budgeting apps to record all expenses. This awareness helps identify areas to cut back and allocate funds more effectively.

2. Build an Emergency Fund
Aim to save a small amount regularly, even as little as KSh 500 per month. Over time, this fund will provide a safety net for unexpected expenses, reducing reliance on debt.

3. Cut Unnecessary Expenses
Identify and eliminate non-essential spending. For instance, cook meals at home instead of eating out, cancel unused subscriptions, and find cost-effective alternatives for entertainment.

4. Explore Affordable Investment Options
Even with limited funds, you can start investing:

- Money Market Funds (MMFs): Accessible with as little as KSh 100, offering daily or monthly interest credits.
- SACCOs: Save from KSh 2,000 monthly, earning interest and access to loans.
- Bond Funds: Invest from KSh 1,000 with potential annual returns over 13%.
- Dividend Stocks: Regularly purchase shares to build a portfolio that yields dividends over time.

5. Increase Your Income
Consider side hustles or



part-time work to supplement your income. This could include freelancing, selling handmade products, or offering services in your community.

6. Avoid High-Interest Debt
Prioritize paying off debts with the highest interest rates first. Avoid taking on new debts unless absolutely necessary, and steer clear

of payday loans due to their exorbitant fees.

7. Educate Yourself Financially
Invest time in learning about personal finance. Utilize free online resources, attend community workshops, or read books on budgeting, saving, and investing.

8. Leverage Community Resources
Join local savings groups or chamas to pool resources and gain access to collective investment opportunities. These groups can also offer support and accountability. But be careful before you invest!

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RESEARCH

Kenyan, global scientists begin marine research expedition

By Dr. Melckzedeck K. Osore - Oceanography and Hydrography/KMFRI

Scientists from the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRRI), in collaboration with experts from across Africa and Europe, have launched a major scientific expedition aboard the R/V Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, a world-renowned Norwegian research vessel. The research cruise, which begins today—April 24, 2025—in Mombasa, will span approximately ten days, covering Kenya's coastal and marine waters, including the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

The primary mission of this expedition is to assess fish biomass, examine oceanographic conditions, and evaluate overall ecosystem health—critical elements for the sustainable management of marine resources and fisheries. Scientists will collect new data on the Kenyan segment of the Indian Ocean by analysing key oceanographic parameters such as sea surface temperature, salinity, depth profiles, and biological productivity, including phytoplankton, zooplankton, and fish larvae diversity, distribution, and biomass.

The data will contribute to regional resource assessments led by the Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC). Survey, locations, transects, bathymetry and planned activities are outlined in the accompanying map (Figure 1).

This expedition also presents a valuable opportunity for capacity building and international collaboration. A significant number of the researchers on board are early-

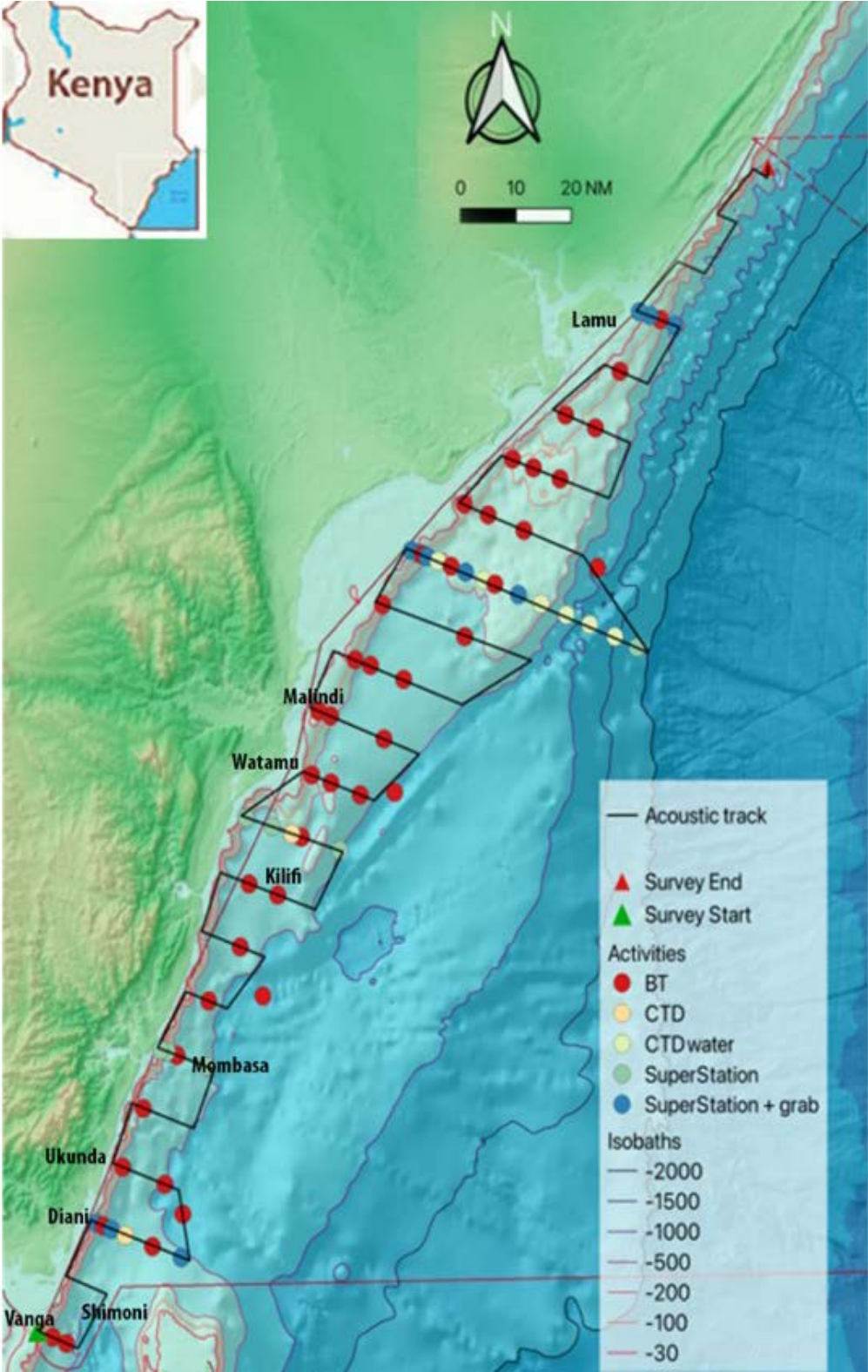


Fig. 1: showing marine zones, depth contours, planned survey locations, major coastal towns and key to research activities. (Source: Sailing Order R/V Fridtjof Nansen Leg 1.4, modified by author).



Fig.2: Imager of R/V Nansen (Credit FAO archives).

Table1: Names and expertise of the KMFRRI Research Team on board the Research Vessel

Dr. Gladys Okemwa – Co-Cruise Leader and Fisheries Expert
Dr. Esther Fondo – Fisheries
Dr. Amon Kimeli – Physical Oceanography
Ms. Josephine Marigu – Fisheries
Mr. Alexander Fullanda – Plankton Studies
Ms. Mary Mkonu – Plankton Studies
Mr. Oliver Ochola – Chemical Oceanography
Mr. Jibril Olunga – Fisheries Taxonomy

career oceanographers from universities and institutions in Europe and Africa. KMFRRI team is listed in Table 1

The Kenyans are joined by scientists from Norway, France, Portugal, Spain, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Tanzania, Angola, Mozambique and South Africa.

According to the vessel's sailing orders, the Kenyan leg of the cruise will begin at a location near Vanga in Kwale County of south coast and conclude off Kiunga in Lamu County of the north coast.

Operated under the EAF-Nansen Programme—a collaboration between the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)—the R/V Dr. Fridtjof Nansen seen partly in Fig. 2 is equipped with state-of-the-art instruments for conducting marine ecosystem research and supporting capacity development in partner countries. Kenya stands to benefit greatly through enhanced collaboration with Norway and the broader scientific community.

A Legacy of Research in Kenya

The R/V Dr. Fridtjof Nansen has a long history of contributing to marine science

in Kenya. Between 1980 and 1983, it conducted four major surveys along the Kenya coast, focusing on hydrography and the diversity and biomass of pelagic and demersal fish. Key missions are summarized in Table 2.

These surveys provided extensive data on Kenya's continental shelf and slope, revealing a rich biodiversity, particularly among small pelagic fish species. Their findings have been crucial in guiding fisheries management and marine policy.

Significance of the Current Research Cruise

This latest expedition is part of a broader effort to better understand marine ecosystems in the Western Indian Ocean. It follows recent cruises in Tanzania (Leg 3) and Mozambique (Legs 1 & 2). The insights gained will inform national and regional marine policies, support conservation initiatives, and drive sustainable Blue Economy development in Kenya.

By involving Kenyan researchers and fostering collaboration with international experts, the cruise strengthens regional expertise and lays a strong foundation for future oceanographic surveys by KMFRRI and its partners.

Table 2: Details of previous research undertaken by RV Dr. Fridtjof Nansen in the Kenya coast

Month & Year	Research Focus
December 1980	Initial assessment of small pelagic fish via acoustic methods and demersal species via trawling across depths of 10–500 meters.
August 1980	Acoustic survey with detailed mapping of fish distributions, especially in the Malindi-Ungwana Bay area.
December 1982	Survey on fish abundance and distribution, including hydrographic sections and diverse fishing methods (e.g. traps, longlines).
May 1983	Focused on central shelf trawling (20–200 meters) to refine biomass estimates and analyse fish community structures.



Your Network via Your Network



By Mr. Rishi Arun Parikh

In life; building a powerful social network in today's digital-first world requires a strategic blend of online engagement and meaningful offline connections. Here's my expert advice to create a network that benefits you both socially and financially:

Prioritize Value Over Vanity

Focus on quality over quantity. A smaller network of high-value, trusted relationships is far more powerful than thousands of superficial connections. Give before you ask. Share insights, make introductions, and offer help without expecting immediate returns.

Leverage Social Media Strategically

LinkedIn: Optimize your profile for credibility. Engage with industry leaders by commenting thoughtfully on their posts and sharing valuable content. Twitter/X & Instagram: Follow and interact with key influencers in your niche. Share your expertise to attract like-minded professionals. Niche Communities: Join



private groups (Facebook, Slack, Discord) where deeper discussions happen.

Master the Art of Digital Networking

Personalized Outreach: Avoid generic messages. Mention a shared interest or recent achievement when connecting. Engage Consistently: Like, comment, and share others' content to stay visible and build rapport. Virtual Coffee Chats: Request short video calls to deepen connections beyond

text.

Reintroduce Offline Interactions

Attend Meetups & Conferences: Even in a digital world, in-person interactions create stronger bonds. Host Small Gatherings: Invite a mix of professionals for dinners or masterminds. Phone Calls > DMs: Occasionally call key contacts to strengthen the relationship.

Build a Reputation as a Connector

Introduce people who can

benefit from each other. This positions you as a high-value hub in your network. Share opportunities (jobs, deals, collaborations) without always expecting something in return.

Monetize Your Network Wisely

Collaborate on Projects: Partner with peers on ventures where skills complement each other. Affiliate & Referral Opportunities: Recommend trusted services and earn commissions. Create a Mastermind Group: Bring together ambitious professionals for paid membership.

Stay Authentic & Long-Term Focused

People trust those who are genuine. Don't fake expertise or connections. Networking is a long game. The best financial rewards come from relationships nurtured over time.

Final Tip:

"Your network is your net worth." Invest time daily in nurturing relationships, and over time, your social capital will open doors to opportunities, partnerships, and financial growth. Would you like a tailored action plan based on your industry?

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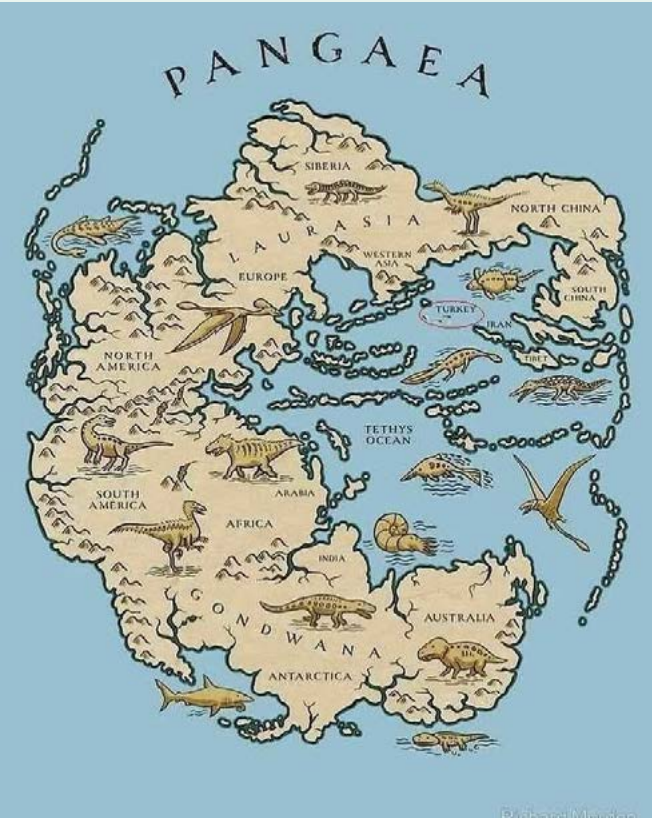
REMEMBRANCE

Uhuru Kenyatta attends Pope Francis' Requiem Mass



Former President Uhuru Kenyatta joined the faithful at a requiem Mass to pray for the eternal repose of the soul of the late His Holiness Pope Francis at Holy Family Basilica in Nairobi County. The Mass, organized in collaboration with the Apostolic Nunciature and the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops, commemorated the pontiff's pastoral witness and enduring legacy. Kenyatta eulogized Pope Francis as a true example of servant leadership. "The Pope chose to serve and not to be served. He was truly a man who walked in the path of giving dignity to human life, regardless of whichever position one found themselves in," he said. The solemn mass was conducted by the Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya, Bert Van Megen. Also present were Chief Justice Martha Koome, former Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka, among other national leaders.

PHOTO STORY



Pangaea is the name given to the supercontinent that made up the Earth's surface during the Permian to Triassic periods. This single landmass was also surrounded by a single ocean, known as Panthalassa. The breakup of Pangaea, which eventually led to the current configuration of the continents, began around 230 million years ago.

The first to systematize the hypothesis of this supercontinent's existence was Alfred Wegener, through his theory of continental drift in the early 20th century. The explanation for the mechanism behind the movement of the continental masses emerged only in the 1960s and is known as the theory of plate tectonics.



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LOVE

Understanding Love

By SAFIA MOHAMED BASHIR

If it's not understood then it's not love. What is love? It's a simple yet complex human emotion, comprising misunderstandings yet agreement. It is a feeling, an affection, an action, an expression, a commitment, a word with just four letters but entails everything in the entire world. It's sweet yet hot, lightens the burden yet heaviest to weigh out others. Makes life colourful and again pale, many smiles yet comes with tears, it's a yes and also a no, like yet dislike, one word full of action, holding on and yet letting go. Yes, this is love; confusion, giving up and trying harder, easy but difficult to deal with. It's an attraction, an attachment, fighting for, fighting with, patient, kind, cared for, it's being yourself, being in love and being loved, understanding and being understood. With many forms of love, the strength and nature of a relationship are what truly



define it, whether it's romantic love, familial bonds, or even a deep connection with nature or food; each has its own definition and emotion. Top on my list, one of the purest forms of love is the love of parents for their children. Parents will love their children unconditionally and selflessly through thick and thin. Even though some children may seem to be favorite nevertheless,

the love showered is equal, wanting the best for them despite any circumstances. Parents' love is wrapped up in sacrifices, understanding, support, guidance and encouragement. Apart from providing the essential needs, providence of the non-essential or leisure needs in this era is also considered. All the parents want is to see their children happy and successful. Thus, the best education is

given first priority and for this, they cross all limits. In return, children's love for parents - respect. The respect children endow upon their parents in app aspects sums it all. Romantic love on the other hand has its own aura. Unconditional and genuine, it does not compare nor is it affected by looks. Heart to heart connection that touches the soul, this

emotion is felt just with the right one. Understanding yet compromise; where each partner makes a concession to ensure the well-being of the relationship. Genuine love does not necessitate sacrifices of values, forceful liking of one's partner's preferences or any form of disrespect that causes pain; physical or emotional. It involves finding a balance between individual needs, likes and desires and the needs of the relationship. The companionship blooms as the love grows. It's being there for one another under all circumstances - a commitment as in the marriage vows - for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health - hence always until death do us apart. Then in the hereafter; in heaven blessed with the same spouse. Yet another form of love is love amongst siblings. It comprises friendship, fun, support and a deeply ingrained sense of belonging. It's a relationship that offers comfort, understanding, and a sense of familiarity, even through disagreements and conflict. It's an unbreakable bond that is built with memories. Yet this love is different between sisters,

brothers or a brother and a sister. On the contrary the age differences also have a great impact. Yet it is just love. Similarly love for cousins, uncles, aunts, friends Other familial forms of love include love from grandparents. Their hearts melt for their grandchildren. This I believe is a unique and valuable love often characterized by unconditional affection and brings out the greatest form of joy. Their love is sprinkled with wisdom and guidance. On another note; love for pets has its own fan base. Be cats, dogs, fish, parrots, birds, chicken or other farm animals. The care, love and admiration endowed upon them is immeasurable. From the expenses of their special food, medication and grooming to the love they give back; it's incomparable. Love for your creator is one of the highest levels. He brought you into this world for a reason.. fulfill it and return back to Him.... understand love, behold it, own it, spread it. Make the world a better place and when time is up; let the people remember you for the love you held.

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WEEKLY LIVE MUSIC	WEEKLY LIVE MUSIC	WEEKLY LIVE MUSIC	WEEKLY LIVE MUSIC	SHOWCASE LIVE ACTS
Tuesdays Safari Inn Shanzu Serena Rd Maranda & Band	Thursdays New Cheers Bamburi Live Band	Saturdays New Cheers Bamburi Live Band	Sundays Tapas Gold Nyali Mombasa Roots Band	Friday 16 05 Distant Relatives Kilifi Groove with Relatives with Kato Change
Wednesdays New Cheers Bamburi Weavers Band Live	Fridays New Cheers Bamburi Live Band	Apollo Club Changamwe MTU7 Saba & Sevens Afrobeat Band	The New Big Tree Bamburi Beach La Festa Sunday with Mombasa Roots Band Ronyle Chapatizo Prince Amar	Saturday 31 05 Mamba Village Nyali Chill And Vybz Season 4
Blue Marlin Restaurant Mombasa Town Rhumba Party with Ricky Mulolo & Idologia International Band	Club Golden Gate Mtwapa Rhumba Moto with Ricky Moloo & Idologia International Band	Soul Breeze Beach Resort Diani Tashingas The Band	Soul Breeze Beach Resort Diani Tashingas The Band	Moonshine Beach Bar & Nightclub Nyali Tembo Reunion
Sky Lounge Bamburi Julio Diatos with Big Band	Sizzlers Steakhouse Diani Mugithi Rhumba & Country Live with JP Muriuki Monica	Leisure Village Hotel Mombasa Mugithi Live with Kanny K	CONFERENCE	Kingston Beach Lounge Nyali The Cassette with DJ Que DJ Nijo
Thursdays Kusini Tavern Kilifi The Muziki Band	Saturdays Mombasa Railways Garden Buxton Fresh Rhumba with Elengi Musica Mack Solo	New Cheers Bamburi Live Band	28 & 29 05 Pride Inn Paradise Shanzu Pre-Agm Conference	FAIRS & EXPOS
Safari Inn Shanzu Serena Rd Jambo Africa Band		Sundays Kusini Tavern The Muziki Band	www.whats-on-mombasa.com	Saturday 31 05 Premier Hospital Nyali Ptegnancy Fair 2025

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SHOWCASE / LIVE ACTS	SHOWCASE / LIVE ACTS	CONFERENCE	FAIRS & EXPOS	CAR TUNING
Friday 16 05 Shelter KE Woodwale Groove N4\$H N4IROBI with Tindi Coco Em IV Kiru Karuga Badman Bantou	Saturday 31 05 Sports View Hotel Kasarani Smokin Rhumba with Fred Machoka Jeff Koinange	Saturday 17 05 Memorial Park (Bomblast) Nairobi Traders Conference	14 to 16 05 Sarit Expo Centre 25th Medexpo Kenya 2025	Saturday 24 05 Obi House Village Kitchen James Gichuru Road Festa Tune
Saturday 17 05 Masshouse Ngong Racecourse Shaka Groove Pres. Scotts Maphuma And LeeMCKrazy	ART EVENTS / EXHIBS	Tuesday 20 05 Giraffe Center Koitobus Road Sustainable Construction in Africa Conference 2025	20 to 22 05 Sarit Expo Centre Propak East Africa	MOTORSPORTS
Friday 18 04 Muze Club Westlands Muze Presents Morda	23 to 25 05 Creatives Garage Phoney - Photography Exhibition	SPORTS	Wednesday 21 05 Villa Rosa Kempinski Nairobi International Education Fair 2025	17 & 18 05 Safaricom Stadium Kasarani RX-Fest - Head To Head Races
Friday 30 05 Shelter KE Woodwale Groove Alté Swing Nyegenyege Invasion	23 to 28 05 Nairobi National Museum 18th Affordable Art Show	27 02 to 28 05 KWS Headquarters Kenya's First-Ever Aerial Competition	24 & 25 05 Trademark Hotel Village Market DIVAlicious Nairobi Trunk Show	TREASURE HUNT
Saturday 31 05 Homeland Gardens Ruiru Kimeru Gietu Festival - Music Culture Dance	24 04 to 05 06 Circle Art Gallery Retrospective: Theresa Musoke - The Presence of Living Things (1963-2025)	SUMMIT	Wednesday 28 05 KICC Nairobi 25th Indusmach Kenya 2025 - Industrial Machinery, Tools & Equipment Expo	Saturday 24 06 ArtCaffe Freedom Heights Mall The Maze: May 2025
Nairobi National Museum Bare Sessions with Jua Cali	LEISURE	Thursday 15 05 Mövenpick Hotel 2nd Edition Ai Kenya Breakfast Summit: Conversational Intelligence	28 to 30 05 KICC Nairobi 26th Autoexpo Kenya 2025	BOXING
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Tika-Ushiriki Wema Coconut Press Machines Donation To Women Groups



Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TiKA) Country coordinator Kenya Yasemin Kurt (2nd right), Ushiriki Wema Initiative Patron Tessie Musalia (2nd left) and Mombass County Women rep Zamzam Mohamed try their hand in preparing coconut for oil extraction during the handover ceremony of 6 coconut oil press machines and 2 coconut oil filter machines to six women groups in Mombasa County to support their economic growth on Wednesday April 30th, 2025. The machines were donated by TiKA in partnership with Ushiriki Wema—Women and Youth Empowerment, an empowerment program running under the ushiriki Wema.



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Turkish National Day and children's day



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From left: Kenya National Library Services (KNLS) Board Chairman Robert Maina, Prime Cabinet Secretary's spouse Tessie Musalia and Turkish Ambassador to Kenya, Amb. Subutay Yüksel receive books from children at KNLS in Nairobi on Wednesday April 23rd, 2023 during the commemoration of Turkish National Sovereignty and Children's Day.Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TiKA) Country recently renovated the KNLS Children's Section at the library in Nairobi.

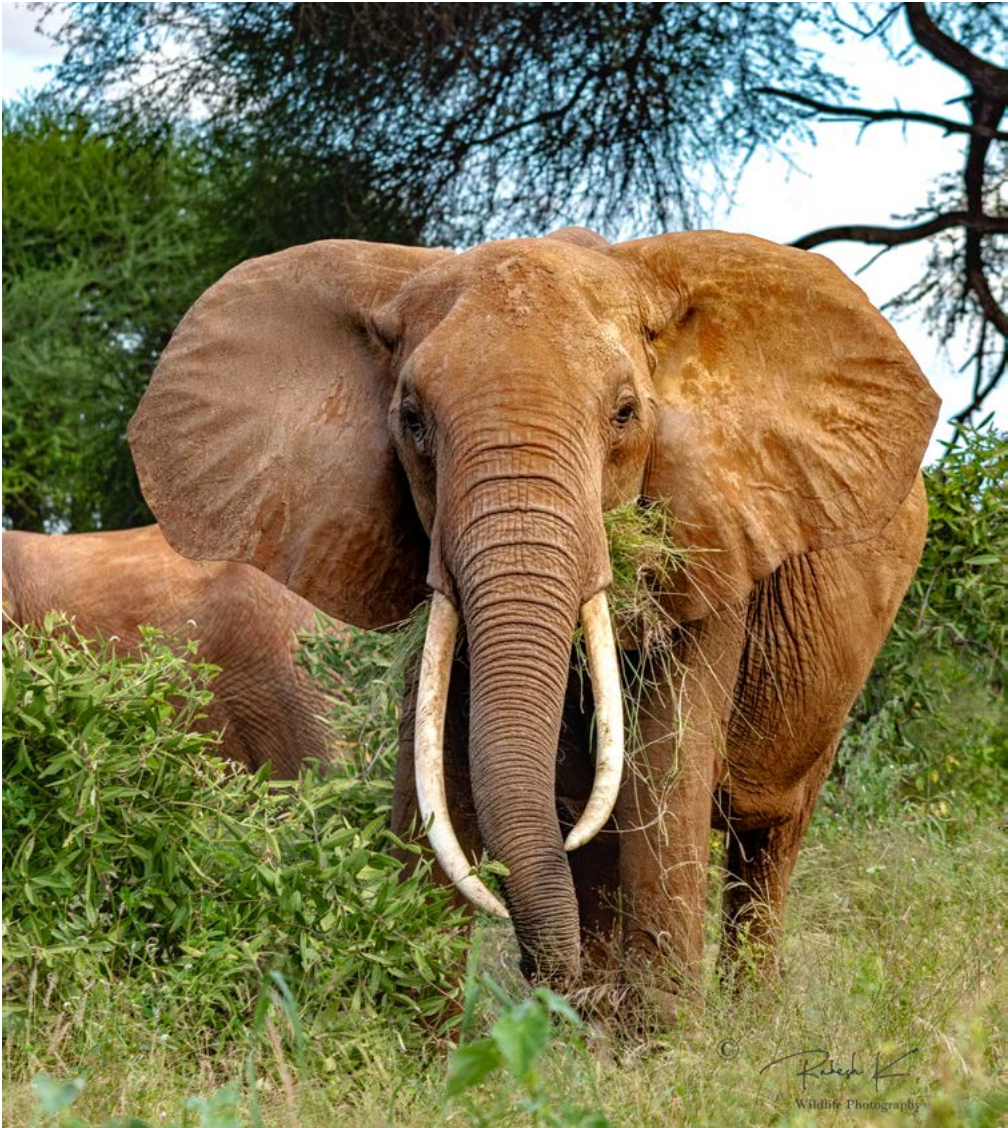
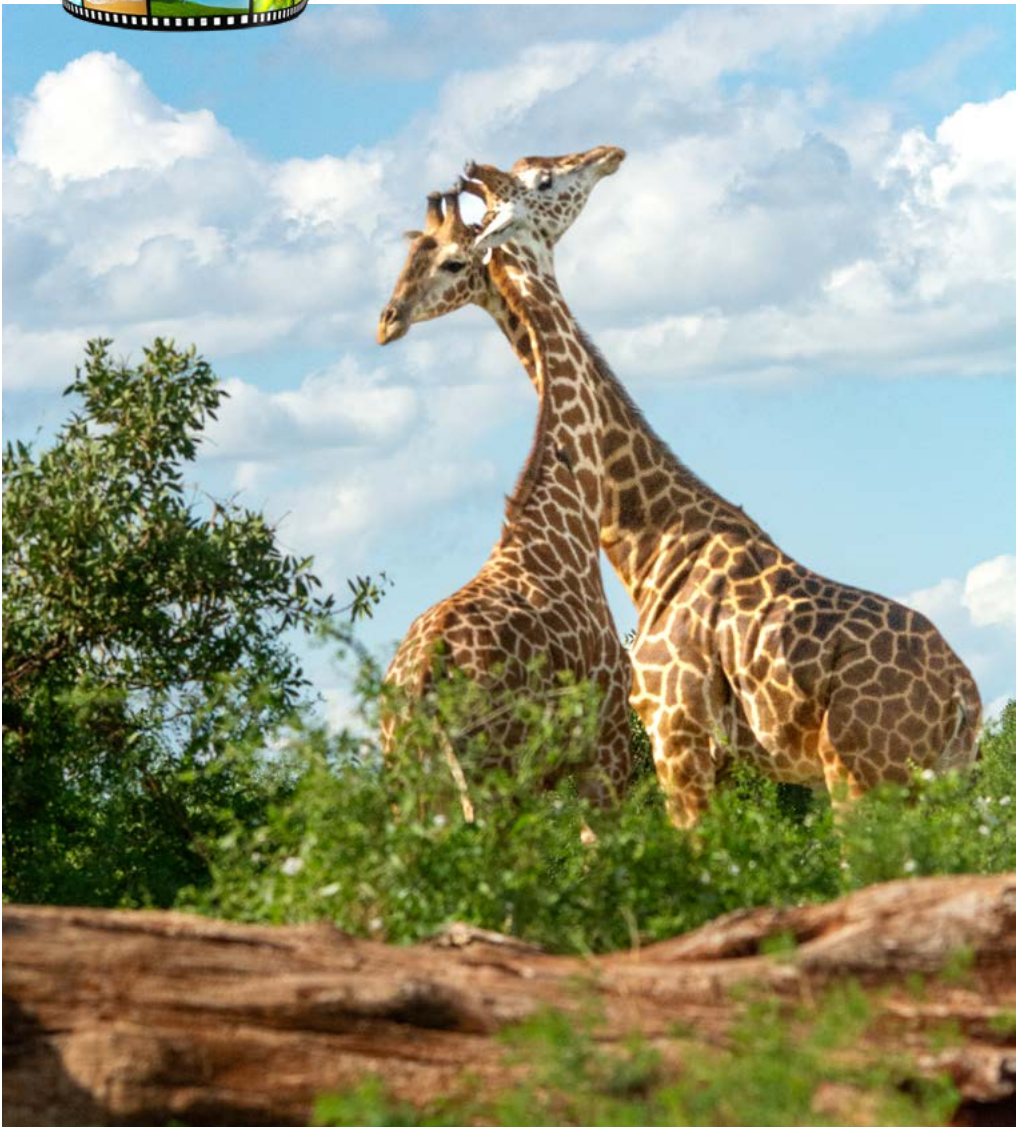


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