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What President Ruto Must Do to Restore Kenya's Diplomatic Standing



OPINION

By Kamau Wa Ikui

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If you're not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing. Malcom X

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At the heart of this chaos is not just poor execution; it is a gaping vacuum of leadership, strategy, and credibility at the highest levels of government. Under Presidents Moi, Kibaki, and Uhuru Kenyatta's early years, Kenya built a reputation for level-headed diplomacy, strategic alignment with continental priorities, and thoughtful engagement with the wider international community. Today, under President Ruto, that legacy has been decimated in three short years.

In the DRC, Kenya's approach to the security crisis has been confused at best and hopeless at worst, with a poorly coordinated regional mission and ambiguous objectives that have weakened trust. Kenya's ill-fated bid for the AU Commission Chair was marked by dreadful political miscalculation and open ridicule, reflecting how far Kenya has fallen from grace in continental diplomacy. And in Sudan and Somalia, once the cornerstone of Kenya's peace-building influence, Nairobi's messaging and actions are today rudderless and contradictory. The controversial Haiti intervention, despite widespread concern about the legality, purpose, and optics of an African police force being deployed to enforce peace in a post-colonial, Majority-Black nation,

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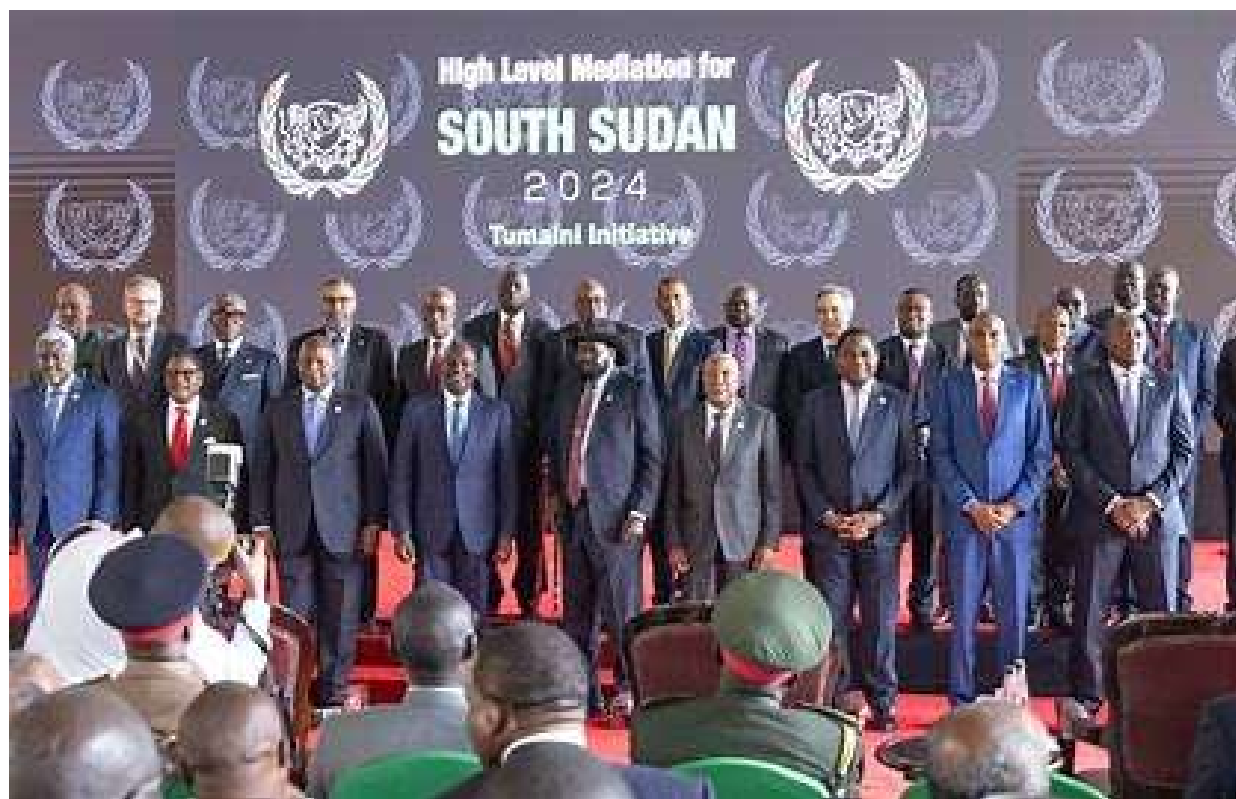
has sparked justifiable resentment at home and in an Africa still reeling from the devastating consequences of British and French colonial brutality and looting. The Haiti mission was more about America rather than Kenya's national interest. Additionally, the Ruto administration's uncritical alignment with Israel during its murderous bombardment of Gaza at a time when much of Africa and the world were calling for restraint and humanitarian protection placed Kenya on the wrong side of both African solidarity, history, and international law. That stance alienated much of the Global South and was seen as a betrayal of Kenya's longstanding neutrality and support for Palestinian self-determination. This single act gravely undermined Kenya's moral credibility and strategic judgment.

What can be done to redeem Kenya's battered international reputation and credibility?

First, President Ruto needs to replace Musalia Mudavadi with a substantive, competent, experienced, and empowered Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary. Mudavadi, who is prime minister in all but name, is ill-suited and woefully lacking in both the skills and experience required for this critical role. President Ruto needs to realize that Foreign affairs is not an administrative afterthought or side hustle for his mates and allies. It requires sharp policy acumen, a deep understanding of international and geopolitical dynamics, and an ability to balance and align national interests with diplomacy, alongside building beneficial international networks. Mudavadi, for all his domestic political value, is lamentably lacking in the agility and strategic competence necessary for the role of Foreign Secretary.

Secondly, Kenya needs a carefully thought out and articulated foreign policy framework that clearly and unambiguously outlines its regional and global priorities, guiding principles, and areas of strategic interests to restore trust among international partners. There should henceforth be no ad hoc interventions at odds with Kenya's national interests.

Thirdly, there is the practice of



filling diplomatic missions with mediocre political sycophants and ignorant court jesters. Kenya needs to re-engage its cadre of career diplomats, especially those with the competence, institutional memory, negotiation skills, and credibility to represent Kenya with informed confidence and clarity. Key and strategic postings, especially in Addis Ababa, Washington, London, Beijing, Pretoria, etc., should reflect geopolitical priorities and be staffed by the best and brightest of Kenyans with a background in diplomacy, international law, and with no entanglements in domestic political patronage. Credibility abroad starts with integrity at home. President Ruto should urgently clean house and de-

mand higher transparency and public accountability in Kenya's international dealings.

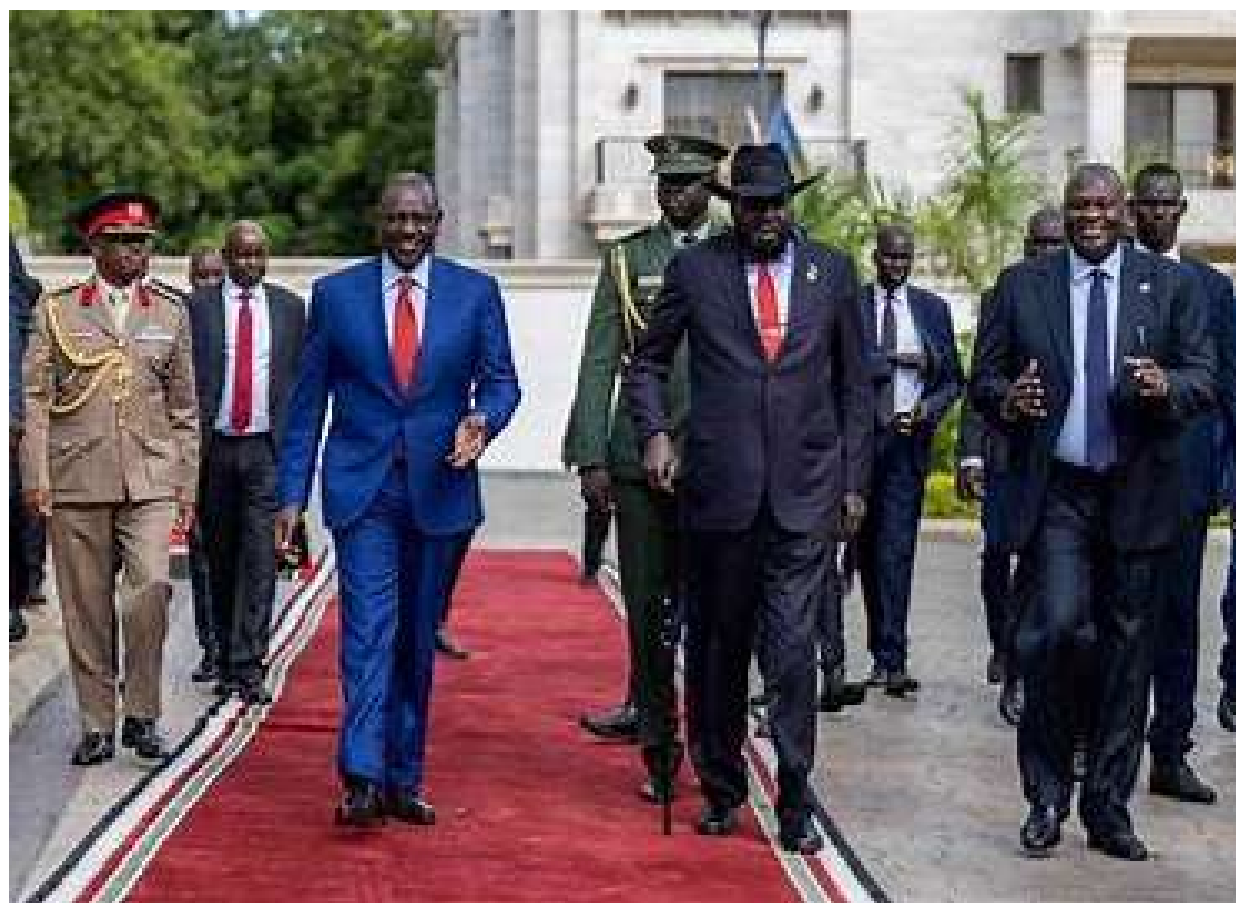
All is not lost, and with skillful leadership, Kenya can reclaim its mantle as a builder of peace and dialogue on the African continent and beyond. This will require meaningful re-engagement with the AU and pursuing a mature and constructive relationship with the DRC, Sudan, and Somalia. The AU's humiliating rejection must be a wake-up call and a starting point for strategic foreign policy reform.

President Ruto must decide whether he wants to lead a respected and trusted Kenya across Africa and the world

or one reduced to the role of a clumsy, side-lined, and self-serving provincial actor on the global stage. Reputations take years to build and days to destroy. If nothing changes, Kenya risks becoming irrelevant and side-lined at critical continental and global forums when it should be rightly influential. Kenya can again stand stoically tall on the world stage as a trusted and neutral arbiter in regional conflicts.

At stake are our country's reputation and future, as well as the legacy of President Ruto. Both are at perilous risk. The ball is firmly on his court, and time is running out.

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Boyfriend trouble
A teenager brings her new boyfriend home to meet her parents. They're appalled by his haircut, his tattoos, his piercings. Later, the girl's mom says, "Dear, he doesn't seem to be a very nice boy."
"Oh, please, Mom!" says the daughter. "If he wasn't nice, would he be doing 500 hours of community service?"
The end is near
Every time a little boy went to a playmate's house, he found the friend's grandmother deeply engrossed in her Bible. Finally his curiosity got the better of him. "Why do you suppose your grandmother reads the Bible so much?" he asked.
"I'm not sure," said his friend, "but I think she's cramming for her finals."
Man overboard
A gawky lad from New England came to New York with his girl, and took her to nearby Playland Amusement Park. They had heard a lot about the Tunnel of Love and were especially anx-

ious to try it out. But when they got home, the kids expressed disappointment.
"Shucks," the boy said, "it was dark and damp and uncomfortable. Besides, we got soaking wet."
"How come?" asked a friend. "Did the boat leak?"
The kid looked amazed. "There's a boat?"
Holy cow!
A pair of cows were talking in the field. One says, "Have you heard about the mad cow disease that's going around?"
"Yeah," the other cow says. "Makes me glad I'm a penguin."
Where there's smoke
Once, my father came home and found me in front of a roaring fire. That made my father very mad, as we didn't have a fireplace.
Identity crisis
"Your mother has been with us for 20 years," said John. "Isn't it time she got a place of her own?"
"My mother?" replied Helen. "I thought she was your mother."

Kidding around
On a Miami to Chicago flight was a lively youngster who nearly drove everyone crazy. He was running up and down the aisle when the flight attendant started serving coffee. He ran smack into her, knocking a cup of coffee out of her hand and onto the floor.
As he stood by watching her clean up the mess, she glanced up at the boy and said, "Look, why don't you go and play outside?"
Funny Long Jokes
People are frequently praised for their wit and ability to crack jokes. A good fit under the section of funny long jokes can improve things tenfold. You can find a few examples here.
Ezoic
A waiter gives a gentleman a cup of coffee. The gentleman takes a sip and spits it out. He turns to the waiter and says, "Waiter! This coffee tastes like mud!"
The waiter, looking surprised, turns to the gentleman and says, "But, sir, it's fresh ground!"

A kid finds a magical lamp. He rubs the lamp, and a genie appears and says, "What is your first wish?" The kid says, "I wish I were rich!" The genie replies, "It is done! What is your second wish, Rich?"
A guy asks a girl to go to a dance. She agrees, and he decides to rent a suit. The rental has a long line, so he waits and waits, and finally he gets his suit.
He decides to buy flowers, so he goes to the flower shop. The flower shop has a long line, so he waits and waits, until he finally buys flowers.
He picks up the girl and they go to the dance. There is a long line into the dance, so they wait and wait.
Finally, they get into the dance, and the guy offers to get the girl a drink. She asks for punch, so he goes to the drink table, and there is no punch line.



A man was driving down the road when a policeman stopped him. The officer looked in the back of the man's truck and said, "Why are these penguins in your truck?"
The man replied, "These are my penguins. They belong to me."
"You need to take them to the zoo," the policeman said.
The next day, the officer saw the same guy driving down the road. He pulled him over again. He saw the penguins were still in the truck, but they were wearing sunglasses this time. "I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo!" the officer said.
"I did," the man replied. "And today I'm taking them to the beach."



STOP PRIMATIVE BARBARIC ABDUCTIONS.



June-25th-2024- Was A Sad Day In Kenya

* You can rebuild destroyed Cities but not lost life *



Article By Abigirl Phiri- Zimbabwe



Beware of getting scammed

ADVICE Millions are desperate to secure jobs, bringing about the ugly head of scamming that is happening daily in all parts of the world. It has become the order of the day as people are hoodwinked and believe they are talking to real recruiters.

Yet they will speak with bogus people who know nothing about the organization they will pretend to represent.

These scammers are so well-versed in this hide-and-seek that they are upping their game on scamming unsuspecting citizens.

They have fake logos and letterheads that they will be using to make one believe they are for real.

In other instances, these scammers would probably have been ex-employees of that organization.

The clarion call is for all job seekers to verify the advert's authenticity. One can Google

Most African parents would have sacrificed a lot to get their children a higher education. Thus, the children will feel obligated to give back to their sires, but reality checks show that the market is very competitive for the few jobs available. All this acknowledgment of what's on the ground needs a strong person to come to terms with reality and find a solution to their problems that doesn't involve scamming other poor individuals trying to better their lives.

If scammers see this dire situation from the eyes and perspectives of hopeless job seekers, then they will have mercy on them.

the vacancies the organization has advertised. Also, compare with their previous job adverts for discrepancies that might prove this is fake. If you know people who work at that organization, get in touch with them and ask, because if you don't, individuals are waiting to pounce on your hard-earned money.

They will sweet-talk you into believing you have gotten a job. Before you know it, there will be payments for little things you won't think much about in the heat of the moment. In Zimbabwe, where unemployment is rife, unemployed individuals are desperate to get their hands busy.

As a result, many are falling prey to scammers using social media to their advantage and to fly their fake adverts far and wide. No matter how much sage advice and articles are used to notify the public to stay cautious, people still find themselves involved in this drama of being played because they are trying to make a living.

Being unemployed is a very hard cross to bear. Lest with bills to pay, plus expectations you have to fulfill. We all have responsibilities one way or another, which we should take care of. All this needs money, which is why one must look for a source of income. No wonder it was highlighted that money makes the world go round.

The inability to secure a job can be draining to the extent that one succumbs to depression. You will feel less like a human, yet going through that trying phase is normal.

One will be trying to weigh their purpose on the face of the



earth. But the crux of the matter is that everything happens for a reason. Your current situation should open your eyes to what else you can do to earn a living and be self-reliant.

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However, the sad truth is that scammers are mainly people without a conscience about what's right or wrong. This is

why other people are taking that profession to mislead unsuspecting individuals.

Some of these bad apples are being unmasked even on social media, and some are syndicated.

Nevertheless, this does not stop them or make these individuals change their ways. Needless to say, old habits die hard. In their opinion, this is fast money that doesn't need much sweat, as your saccharine tongue is all you need to have people open their purse strings.

In Zimbabwe, companies are now clarifying on their Facebook pages, distancing themselves from scammers who would use their names for recruitment. It is what it is, but job seekers should be wise enough to use legitimate recruitment sites. Treasured readers, I wish you well in your various pursuits of getting good jobs.

Remember that delay is not denial.

Also, do not look for opportunities in one's country only.

Kindly look at other countries, as we live in a global village. After everything has been said and done, let us put our troubles in God's hands for guidance. Remember that a real job advert won't ask you for any money. The process will be as clear as the blue sky. Stay cautious of red flags. Don't be just another statistic that falls into the scammers' trap. Indeed, all will be well when your time has come. Rugare treasured readers.

By Abigirl Phiri- Zimbabwe
Senior correspondent
The Diaspora Times.

Take time to appreciate different people with the characteristics that define them. You will be surprised at what will be in store for you.

We can't become what we need to be by remaining what we are.

- Oprah Winfrey

Abigirl Phiri



Reuben Kiplagat Chesire.

By Dr. Jean Kamau
Excerpts from Sms Diary
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Reuben Kiplagat Chesire (27 March 1941 - 15 November 2008) was a prominent Kenyan politician who served as an MP for Eldoret North Constituency and cabinet minister from 1988 to 1997. Chesire was born on 27 March 1941 in Kabarnet, Baringo County, the son of Isaiah Chemwetich Chesire and Elizabeth Kobillo Chesire.

They grew up with the late former President of Kenya, H.E Hon Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi, a relative who lived with the Chesire's family for most of his childhood. He attended Kapropita Primary School and in 1960 the Royal Technical College Nairobi Kenya, leaving in 1962 after successfully passing his A-levels.

He was appointed as the District Officer (DO) in Kwale later that year. He was the youngest DO ever in Kenya at the age of 21. In 1972, Chesire was elected the first African Chairman of the Kenya Farmers Association. Between 1973 and 1981 he served as the chairman of the African Tours and Hotels, which was listed on the Nairobi Securities Exchange. He also chaired the boards of the Kenya Dairy Board, Industrial Development Bank, ICDC amongst many others.

A passionate farmer and livestock breeder, he is regarded a 'mid wife' figure to Kenya's agriculture sector having pioneered many reforms in the agriculture sector during his term as KFA chairman and later as the Minister of Livestock. His Ayrshire dairy herd at Makongi Farm is world renowned and he is distinguished as having served as President of the Ayrshire breeders societies worldwide.

In the 1988 Kenyan general election he was elected as the member of parliament for Eldoret North Constituency, located in the former Uasin Gishu County, representing the Kenya African National Union. He was subsequently re-elected at the 1992 Kenyan general elections. He lost his seat to the current president William Samoei Ruto in the general elections held in December 1997. He unsuccessfully challenged Ruto for the Eldoret North Constituency at the 2002 Kenyan general elections.



ORBITUARY ELSEWHERE

Reuben Kiplagat Chesire was born on March 27TH 1941 to the great patriarch and matriarch, the late Isaiah Chemwetich Chesire and the late Elizabeth Kobillo Chesire in Kabarnet. Reuben was brother to 11 siblings: Mrs. Rebecca Tomno, the late Mrs. Rhoda Kiptui, the late Daniel Chesire, Hon. Zipporah Kitony, Mrs. Lily Maiyo, Mrs. Betty Kipsaita, Mrs. Magdalene Chelimo, the late Esther Chesire, Mrs Emily Taruru, Mrs Margaret Kibogy and Mr Stephen Chesire. When his father passed away in 1963, Reuben took on the mantle of the

family, taking on the role of a parent and provider at an early age, to his younger siblings.

Reuben left behind his beloved wife Alice who was also his best friend of 25 years, Lydia, Caroline and Francisca and his children. He was the cherished father to Rose Kilele (PPD Consultants); Kiptoo Chesire (Learning Resources); Belinda Chesire (Canadian High Commission/CIDA); Janet Boit (Lawyer); Connie Asiyo (Businesswoman); Pamela Otieno (U.K.); William Chesire (Longleat Holdings, Nairobi); Renee Chesire (USA); Jerono Chesire

Calgary, Canada); Timothy Chesire (Leeds University, U.K.); Toroitich Chesire (St. Andrews University, Scotland) and David Chesire (St. Andrews, Turi). All will attest to the fact that Reuben loved his children very much and he strived to give each one the best foundation possible.

In his wisdom, he selected the U.K & Canada as the destination of choice for their higher education.

He was further blessed with 16 grand-children: Chepkirui, Kibet & Nannette; Kiptala and Elizabeth; Sean & Jason; Chemutai, Timbi, Philip, Joshua & Angel; Richard, Warren and Tawo; and Maya.

He is father-in-law to Ronald Kilele, Anabelle Chesire, Peter Boit, Caesar Asiyo, William Otieno and Mumbi Chesire. He was brother-in-law to the late Wesley Tomno, Joshua Kiptui, Catheline and Constantine Chesire, the late Paul Kitony, the late Edward Maiyo, late Stephen Kipsaita, Joel Chelimo, Dr. Darius Taruru, the late Jonathan Kibogy and Irene Chesire; He is also brother-in-law to Richard Kipchillat, Prof Prisca Tuitoek, Dr. Cynthia Kipchillat and other members of the Kipchillat family.

The in laws include the Kileles, the Khatembwes of Uganda the Boit family, the Asiyo family, Hon Dalmas Otieno family Humphrey and Grace Mwaniki.



Rest In Power

*Man
cannot live without
some knowledge of the purpose of
life. If he can find no purpose in life
he creates one in the inevitability
of death.— Banksy*

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Converting Trump's Qatari jet gift into Air Force One could cost \$1 BILLION, experts say



Converting a Qatari-owned 747 jumbo jet into a new Air Force One for President Donald Trump could reportedly cost over a billion dollars and take years to complete. Trump has sparked outrage after it was revealed on Sunday that he was prepared to accept the luxury gift, which has been described as a 'palace in the sky,' from the Qatari royal family. A report by NBC News which cites three aviation experts said that refurbishing the jet to ensure it was equipped with the full suite of features needed for Air Force One could cost "billions."

"You're taking a 747, disassembling it, reassembling it, and then jacking it up to a very high level," said Richard Aboulafia, analyst and consultant on commercial and military aviation.

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Trump Hands Putin Another Victory

U.S. President Donald Trump has reportedly told European leaders that Vladimir Putin has no intention of ending the war in Ukraine because he is currently winning.



WASHINGTON DC- For years, President Donald Trump has bragged that he, and only he, could bring an end to the Russia-Ukraine war. "I'll have that done in 24 hours," he said repeatedly during his most recent presidential campaign. Once back in the White House, he told advisers to plan for a summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin, in the hope of creating a made-for-TV spectacle during which he could formally announce a resolution to the war, two administration officials and an outside adviser told me.

But plans are now shifting, those officials said. (I agreed not to name them so that

they could discuss internal deliberations.) Trump still wants to establish closer ties with Putin, and the White House will likely revisit the possibility of a meeting before long. But officials now expect that any such summit won't involve negotiations to end the fighting. After months of pushing for a cease-fire deal, the United States is preparing to take a step back from peace talks. Trump made this change in strategy clear after holding calls this week with Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, and suggesting that he will no longer work to personally broker an agreement between the two leaders. Eu-

rope is on its own. And Russia has been handed a win, at least temporarily escaping consequences from the United States while it continues to pursue its aggression. "I think something's going to happen," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office on Monday, seemingly still hoping for an agreement. But, he added, "if it doesn't, I just back away, and they're going to have to keep going. This was a European situation. It should have remained a European situation." Perhaps this outcome was inevitable. Trump has long been deferential to Putin, skeptical of Europe, and steadfast in his belief that American foreign policy

should prioritize business and trade. He has frequently affirmed Russia's narrative about the war—that Ukraine provoked the conflict—and repeatedly demanded Ukrainian concessions for peace while asking little of Putin. His flashes of frustration with his Russian counterpart have been rare and brief. A few weeks ago, after meeting with Zelensky at Pope Francis's funeral, Trump threatened new sanctions on Russia; as he put it then, Putin's decision to ignore U.S. calls for a 30-day cease-fire revealed that he might not "want to stop the war"

MSN REPORT

Trump, Putin discussed possible prisoner swap involving 9 Americans:

President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin discussed a possible prisoner swap involving nine Americans during their phone call this week, The Associated Press reported. Russian presidential adviser Yuri Ushakov, who previously served as Russian ambassador to the U.S., made the announcement after Trump and Putin spoke for two hours Monday. Putin and Trump talked about a Russia-U.S. prisoner ex-



change, which Ushakov said was "in the works" and envisioned Moscow and Washington releasing nine people

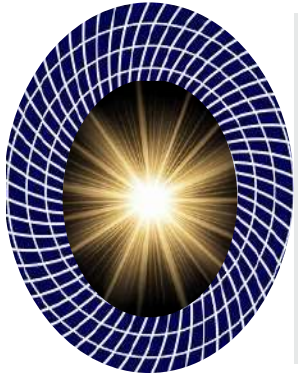
each. He did not offer any other details. The State Department did not immediately respond Tuesday

to a request for comment from Fox News Digital. Both Trump and Putin described the call on Monday in a positive light, with the Kremlin chief saying it was "frank" and "useful," but it is not immediately clear what results were achieved. Trump took to social media to praise the call as having gone "very well" and said, "Russia and Ukraine will immediately start negotiations toward a Ceasefire and, more importantly, an END to the War."

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." -Ralph Waldo Emerson



Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up. -Thomas A. Edison



Tariffs live updates: Trump threatens new tariffs on Apple, EU in latest escalation of trade war from Qatar:

Apple Inc. is an American multinational technology company headquartered in Cupertino, California that designs, develops, and sells consumer electronics, computer software, and online services.

USA- President Trump on Friday took aim at another giant US corporation in his ongoing trade war, threatening Apple (AAPL) with increased duties if the company does not make iPhones in the US. He also attacked the European Union and said he was recommending a “straight 50%” tariff on EU-imported products beginning next weekend.

“I have long ago informed Tim Cook of Apple that I expect their iPhone’s that will be sold in the United States of America will be manufactured and built in the United States, not India, or anyplace else,” Trump wrote on Truth Social. “If that is not the case, a Tariff of at least 25% must be paid by Apple to the U.S.”

It is unclear whether Trump can target individual companies with tariffs. But Trump in recent days has not been shy about verbally attacking US corporations that have been warning about the effects of his tariffs.

Last week, Walmart (WMT) previewed coming price hikes, sparking a rebuke from Trump, who told the company to “eat the tariffs.” Last month, Trump had a brief back-and-forth with Amazon (AMZN) after a report said the company would display the added cost of the tariffs on products. Meanwhile, negotiations with the EU have hit a snag, with the president charging the



bloc has been “very difficult to deal with.”

“Our discussions with them are going nowhere! Therefore, I am recommending a straight 50% Tariff on the European Union, starting on June 1, 2025,” he said. The US has been pressuring the EU to cut tariffs on American goods, the Financial Times reported Friday. The EU presented a fresh trade proposal to the US on Thursday, which includes

phased tariff cuts on non-sensitive goods, plus cooperation in energy, AI, and digital infrastructure. The EU is readying some \$108B in retaliatory tariffs if talks fail.

Elsewhere, the US and China have signaled their commitment to continuing talks, with senior officials engaging in a call late on Thursday after the two sides stoked concerns by clashing over chips in recent days.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has said that tariff rates will go back to “reciprocal” levels after the 90-day pause. He said Friday that the pause was based on “good-faith” talks, singling out the EU.

Here are the latest updates as the policy reverberates around the world.

U.S. President Donald Trump threatened on Friday to ratchet up his trade war once again, pushing for a 50% tariff on

European Union goods starting June 1 and warning Apple he may slap a 25% levy on all iPhones bought by U.S. consumers.

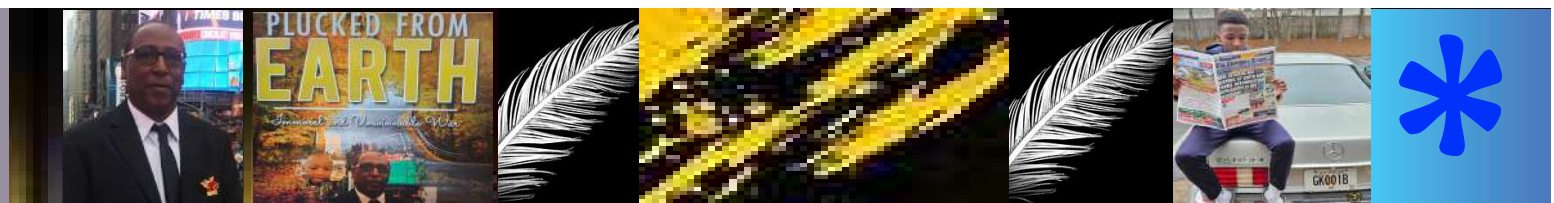
The twin threats, delivered via social media, roiled global markets after weeks of de-escalation had provided some reprieve. The S&P 500 fell 1% in early trading, the Nasdaq fell 1.2%, and European shares fell 1.5%.

In the 70's Gacamba, a jua kali bicycle repairer, made an aeroplane, he termed KENYA ONE. It flew for ten minutes or so. You would think that an African

government would have come to his aid, and give him help to develop his skills?

Instead, the Attorney General had Gacamba arrested and then warned never to fly an aeroplane without an aviation licence. Charles Njonjo is famous for swearing never to fly in an aeroplane piloted by an African.

Ngugi Wa Thiong'o



“A ‘no’ uttered from the deepest conviction is better than a ‘Yes’ uttered merely to please, or worse, to avoid trouble.”



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You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. -Dr. Seuss

"If life were predictable it would cease to be life and be without flavor."
-Eleanor Roosevelt

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BLACK HISTORY- Garrett Augustus Morgan Sr. was an American inventor, businessman, and community leader. His most notable inventions were a type of three-way traffic light in 1923, and a protective ‘smoke hood’ notably used in a 1916 tunnel construction disaster rescue. Morgan also discovered and developed a chemical hair-processing and straightening solution. He created a successful company called “G. A. Morgan Hair Refining Company” based on his hair product inventions and a complete line of hair care products. He was involved in African Americans’ civic and political advancement, especially in and around Cleveland, Ohio.

Early life and education

Morgan was born in 1877 in Paris, Kentucky, an almost exclusively African American community. His father was Sydney Morgan, a son and freed slave of Confederate General John H. Morgan of Morgan's Raiders. His mother, also a freed slave, was Elizabeth Reed, daughter of Rev. Garrett Reed: she was part Native American. Garrett Morgan was the seventh of eleven children. Morgan received a sixth grade education at Branch Elementary School in Claysville, Kentucky. At age 14, he moved in search of work to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Career

Morgan spent most of his teenage years working as a handyman for a Cincinnati landowner. Like many African American children growing up at the turn of the century, he had to quit school at a young age to work full-time. Morgan hired a tutor and continued his studies while working in Cincinnati. In 1895, he moved to Cleveland, where he began repairing sewing machines for a clothing manufacturer. This experience sparked Morgan's interest in how things worked, and he built a reputation for fixing them. His first invention, made during this period, was a belt fastener for sewing machines. Mor-

gan also invented a zigzag attachment for sewing machines.

In 1907, Morgan opened a sewing machine shop. In 1908, more conscious of his heritage, he helped start the Cleveland Association of Colored Men. In 1909, he and his second wife, Czech-immigrant Mary Anne Hassek, opened Morgan's Cut Rate Ladies Clothing Store. The shop made coats, suits, dresses, and other clothing, and ultimately had 32 employees.

Around 1910, his interest in repairing other people's inventions waned, and he became interested in developing some of his own. He received his first patent in 1912. In 1913, he incorporated hair care products into his growing list of patents and launched the G. A. Morgan Hair Refining Company, which sold hair care products, including his patented hair straightening cream, hair coloring, and a hair straightening comb invented by Morgan.

In 1914, he patented his smoke hood design, also known as a ‘breathing device’. In 1914, he launched the National Safety Device Company. The invention earned him the first prize at the Second International Exposition of Safety and Sanitation in New York City.” In 1916, Morgan rescued workers trapped in a water intake tunnel 50 ft (15 m) beneath Lake Erie, using the smoke hood to protect his eyes from smoke and featuring a series of air tubes that hung near the ground to draw clean air beneath the rising smoke.

In 1923, Morgan designed a traffic signal after witnessing a horrible crash at an intersection. His manually-operated design included moving arms featuring signals for “go” and “stop”. He eventually sold the rights to General Electric for \$40,000.

Later in life he developed glaucoma. By 1943 was functionally blind. He had poor health the rest of his life, but continued

Garrett Morgan invented a “safety hood smoke protection device” after seeing firefighters struggling to withstand the suffocating smoke they encountered in the line of duty. His device used a moist sponge to filter out smoke and cool the air. It took advantage of the way smoke and fumes tend to rise to higher positions while leaving a layer of more breathable air below, by using an air intake tube that dangled near the floor. The hood used a series of tubes to

draw clean air of the lowest level the tubes could extend to. Smoke, being hotter than the air around it, rises, and by drawing air from the ground, the Safety Hood provided the user with a way to perform emergency respiration. In 1912, he filed for a patent for the device. In 1914, he founded a company called the National Safety Device Company to market it. He was able to sell his invention around the country, sometimes using the tactic of hiring a white actor.



to work on his inventions. One of his last was a self-extinguishing cigarette, which used a small plastic pellet filled with water placed just before the filter. He died on July 27, 1963, at age 86. He is buried at the Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland.

Hair care products

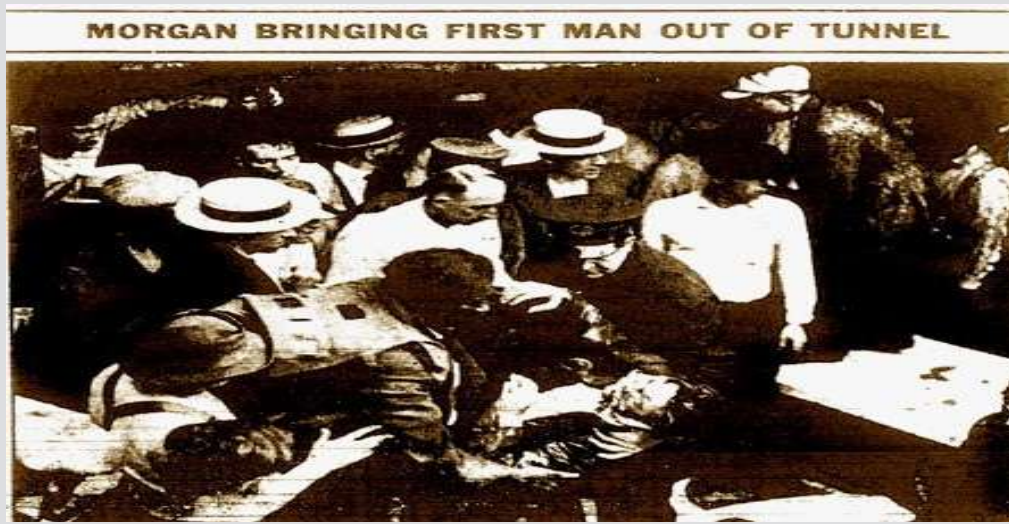
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He made the liquid into a refining cream and launched the G. A. Morgan Hair Refining Company to market it. Morgan received great success and added other products including “hair-growing” cream, black hair oil dye, and a curved-tooth comb for hair straightening in 1910.

Traffic signal

Main article: History of traffic lights

Following the success of his company, Morgan became a well-known citizen in Cleveland and achieved financial success leading to his purchasing of a new automobile. In 1922, he witnessed an accident between a horse-drawn carriage and a car which sparked inspiration to prevent future accidents. Morgan designed a manually-operated traffic signal with moving arms featuring “stop” and “go” signs, which could be placed on a post at traffic intersections. The arms could be raised halfway to indicate caution moving forward. A traffic attendant would crank the post to operate the signal and all lanes could be stopped by showing “stop” if needed. In 1923, Morgan patented his traffic signal. He later sold the rights to General Electric for \$40,000.

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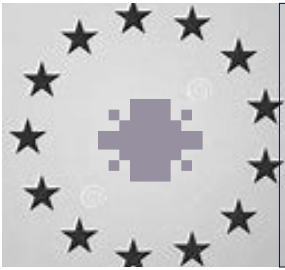


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What to know about the Supreme Court’s birthright citizenship case

The order says that babies born to parents who are unlawfully in the U.S. or in the U.S. on a temporary visa should not be considered “subject to the jurisdiction” of the country and, therefore, not granted automatic citizenship.

President Donald Trump’s executive order on birthright citizenship will be in front of the Supreme Court on Thursday, but the discussion may have more to do with the judicial system than with parents and kids.

Although several lawsuits over the legality of the order are ongoing, the Supreme Court was specifically asked to address the use of universal injunctions, a type of ruling that puts a challenged policy on hold nationwide.

The Trump administration wants the court to limit the effect of their lower-court losses in birthright citizenship cases by ruling that judges can only block an order with respect to the people or regions involved.

But the states, cities, pregnant women and immigrants’ rights groups challenging Trump’s order believe universal injunctions were properly used in their cases. Chaos would follow if the order took effect in some states while being on hold in others, they say.

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The justices seem to believe the conflict would benefit from their input sooner rather than later, since they adjusted the court’s spring calendar in order to hear the birthright citizenship case.

Originally, April 30 was meant to be the final day of oral arguments in the court’s 2024-25 term. When the justices agreed to weigh in on universal injunctions, they scheduled the hearing for Thursday (May 15).

Here’s what you need to know ahead of Thursday’s court session.

What’s birthright citizenship?

Birthright citizenship refers to the Constitution’s promise of citizenship to nearly all babies born in the United States.

The concept comes from the Fourteenth Amendment, which begins, “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.”

Most legal scholars interpret the Fourteenth Amendment to mean that children born to immigrants living in the country illegally or foreign visitors in the U.S. are U.S. citizens, despite the fact that their parents are not.

What’s in Trump’s birthright citizenship order?

Trump challenged that interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment in an executive order released on Jan. 20, the day he returned to the White House for his second term.

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Who is challenging Trump’s birthright citizenship order?

Trump’s executive order on birthright citizenship is the subject of several lawsuits. The three cases that were consolidated for Supreme Court review involve expectant mothers, immigrants’ rights groups, 22 states and two cities. The challengers ar-



gue that the order violates the Fourteenth Amendment.

What happened in the lower courts?

In all three of the cases, lower court judges issued nationwide injunctions, which are preventing the Trump administration from enforcing the order.

Although the cases are still in a preliminary stage, the judges said the Trump administration is unlikely to successfully defend the order once courts fully consider the constitutional questions that have been raised.

How did the Supreme Court get involved? In March, the Trump administration turned to the Supreme Court for help.

Sarah Harris, who was then acting as the U.S. solicitor general, asked the justices to limit the scope of the injunctions put in place by lower-court judges and thereby clear the way for the birthright citizenship order to take effect in part of the U.S.

What questions are in front of the Supreme Court?

The main question in front of the court is

the one raised by Harris. The justices are considering whether it was proper for the lower courts to put universal injunctions in place.

The court may also consider a separate question raised in the Trump administration’s briefs: whether the states involved in the case actually have standing to sue to block the order’s implementation.

Last but not least, the Supreme Court could decide to dig into the question of whether or not the order violates the Fourteenth Amendment, which all parties in the case briefly addressed in their filings.

When are oral arguments?

Oral arguments in the birthright citizenship case will begin at 8 a.m. MDT on Thursday.

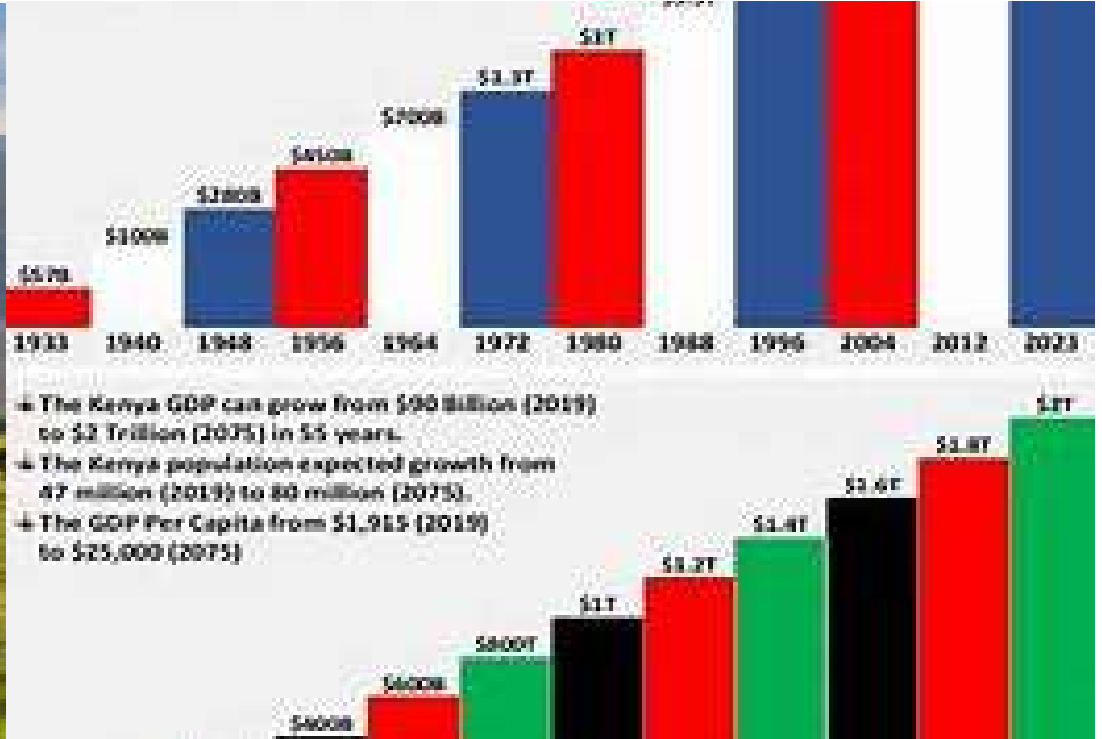
An audio feed of what’s happening in the courtroom will be available on the Supreme Court’s website.

The justices’ decision in the case is expected to be released by early July.

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Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport.

Tourism with Memory
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To cast our nets further afield, the airport was inspired by the decorative designs found at Great Zimbabwe, and we are talking about the Chevron Motif.

The Chevron Motif is continuing to make a statement and it's slowly becoming a fever that is getting the better of both the tourists and tour operators at most.



By Memory Phiri
Zimbabwe.
Senior editor
The Diaspora Times

ZIMBABWE- After being re-vamped, the Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport is currently begging to be noticed with that pristine white color. From time to time, we are bound to go down memory

Lest we forget the pottery, huts, and national fabric, all decorated with a distinct pattern. The Chevron Motif is continuing to make a statement and it's slowly becoming a fever that is getting the better of both the tourists and tour operators at most.

lane in order to appreciate our heritage. In this case, history was profusely expressed at this destination, attracting the eyes of many arrivals.

To cast our nets further afield, the airport was inspired by the decorative designs found at Great Zimbabwe, and we are talking about the Chevron Motif.

In all honesty, the pattern oozes and screams of our culture and tradition. Accordingly, the government clearly intended to create a unique Zimbabwean-style structure whilst constructing this terminal. The pattern in question is made of intertwined Vs and has become a vital symbol in tourism circles.

Also, the renovation was intended to promote Zimbabwe's economy by boosting the travel industry at large. If you can tour all the ruins countrywide, you can witness the power of this pattern and design.

Examples include the Khami, Danangombe, Nalatale, Mutoke, and Lekkerwater Ruins. At the airport, the windows of the terminal station are arranged within horizontal chevron patterns which were inspired by the design inside Great Zimbabwe's Great Enclosure. Moreover, the Control Tower is the focal point of airport communications and airport control and is symbolic and similar to the Conical Tower of the ruins.



Air bridges at the airport save passageways for passengers boarding the airplane and protrude from the main entrance. Thus, the same applies with the narrow meandering passageways down in Masvingo.

This only proves to us why the original fortress was made a World Heritage Site. Today, we proudly say that our predecessors did the architectural finesse. Ostentatiously, the

pattern of the Chevron on the conical tower is so engraved to the point that it gave the airport a new look.

Lest we forget the pottery, huts, and national fabric, all decorated with a distinct pattern. The Chevron Motif is continuing to make a statement and it's slowly becoming a fever that is getting the better of both the tourists and tour operators at most. In all honesty,

the only fortress that continues to live is through architectural sites like the Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport. After everything has been said and done, we urge everyone to travel and explore the history behind Zimbabwe.

Long live the Chevron Motif.

By Memory Phiri
Zimbabwe.



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The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.
-Walt Disney



The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
-Eleanor Roosevelt

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Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. Exodus 23:25
I will take away sickness from among you. Romans 15:13

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God of Might, please give me a healthy cardiovascular and respiratory system, so that I don't have any circulation or breathing issues that would damage my well-being. I pray that You will contend with any inherited propensities to heart or lung disease and help me make important changes to my lifestyle to promote healthy circulation and respiration. I praise You for splendid and majestic is Your work, O Lord.

AMEN

Short Prayer for Difficult Times

"I pray that despite the difficulty surrounding us that we can stand firm in our faith. I pray we can share the love of Jesus with all those around us and that the lies and the schemes of the enemy will not prevail. I lift the people who don't know you, I pray you would bring people into their lives that can bring truth to their hearts and hope for their souls. Thank you for your peace, Lord and thank you that we can come to you and you meet us right where we are.

In your name we pray, Jesus,

AMEN

JESUS OF NAZARETH



"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

In our daily lives, trusting Jesus' authority means we let go of trying to control everything ourselves and instead place our needs in His hands.

It's about depending on Him rather than our own strength.

Whether we are struggling with money, health, or relationships, we are called to come to Jesus in faith, trusting that He can and will help us.

This attitude of humility helps us grow closer to Him and gives us peace even when things are difficult. When we trust Jesus' authority over our needs, we learn to rely less on what we can do and more on His power and grace. This leads us to live with faith, humility, and confidence in His love and control.

Jesus praised the faith of the centurion because he showed humility and truly understood that Jesus had all authority and power. The centurion's respectful request for help showed he trusted Jesus not because he thought he deserved it, but because he believed in Jesus' divine power.

This teaches us that real faith means trusting Jesus completely, recognizing that we can't do everything on our own. When we humble ourselves and acknowledge Jesus' authority, we can confidently come

to Him, knowing He is able to help us in every situation.

Practically, understanding genuine faith means checking our own hearts- Are we approaching Jesus with humility, trusting Him more than our own strength? Humble trust involves giving up our need to control everything and relying fully on His mercy and power.

It encourages us to depend on Jesus instead of ourselves, helping us grow closer to Him. When we trust Jesus humbly, we open ourselves to His transforming work in our lives, making

us more open to His guidance and more confident that He can work miracles in our circumstances.

True faith like this not only changes us but also shows others how powerful humble trust in Jesus can be. The story also shows that Jesus' love goes beyond social barriers.

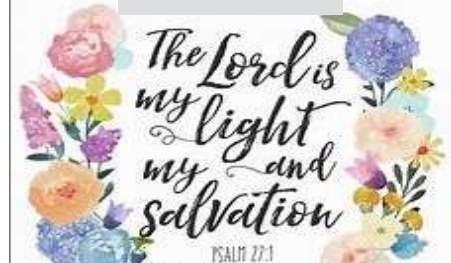
He is willing to help and show kindness to those who are often overlooked or considered different. Practically, this means that we should do the same- Reach out with kindness and love to people of all bac-

kgrounds, races, and social statuses. Theologically, it reminds us that God's mercy and salvation are available to everyone who trusts in Jesus with humility.

In our daily lives, this calls us to look past superficial differences and build real relationships with others. When we show love across social barriers, we demonstrate what it means to follow Jesus and reflect God's kingdom here on earth.



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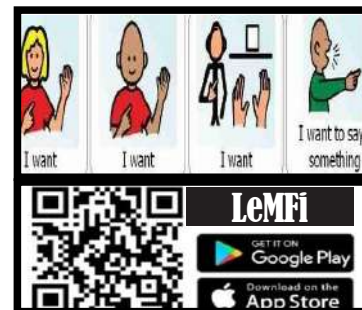
You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in you.

Isaiah 26:3
Good day



Kigume Karuri:

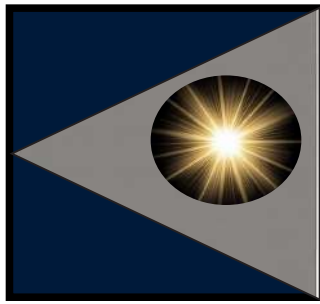
Treat people the way you would want to be treated. Think about what your expectations are when you come into contact with someone and aspire to give others the same kind of treatment that you expect.



You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one. -John Lennon



If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success. -James Cameron



August Wilson.

Wilson was born Frederick August Kittel Jr. in the Hill District of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the fourth of six children. His father, Frederick August Kittel Sr., was a Sudeten German immigrant, who was a baker/pastry cook. His mother, Daisy Wilson, was an African-American woman from North Carolina who cleaned homes for a living.

AMERICA August Wilson was an American playwright. He has been referred to as the “theater’s poet of Black America”. He is best known for a series of 10 plays, collectively called The Pittsburgh Cycle (or The Century Cycle), which chronicle the experiences and heritage of the African-American community in the 20th century. Plays in the series include *Fences* (1987) and *The Piano Lesson* (1990), each of which won Wilson the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, as well as *Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom* (1984) and *Joe Turner’s Come and Gone* (1988). In 2006, Wilson was inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame.

Other themes range from the systemic and historical exploitation of African Americans, race relations, identity, migration, and racial discrimination. Viola Davis said that Wilson’s writing “captures our humor, our vulnerabilities, our tragedies, our trauma. And he humanizes us. And he allows us to talk.” Since Wilson’s death, three of his plays have been adapted or re-adapted into films: *Fences* (2016), *Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom* (2020) and *The Piano Lesson* (2024). Denzel Washington has shepherded the films and has vowed to continue Wilson’s legacy by adapting the rest of his plays into films for a wider audience. Washington said, “the greatest part of what’s left of my career is making sure that August is taken care of”.

Early life

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The economically depressed neighborhood where he was raised was inhabited predomi-

nantly by Black Americans and Jewish and Italian immigrants. Life was tough for the Kittel siblings as they were biracial. August struggled with finding a sense of belonging to a particular culture and did not feel that he truly fit into African-American culture or White culture until later in life. Wilson’s mother divorced his father and married David Bedford in the 1950s, and the family moved from the Hill District to the then predominantly White working-class neighborhood of Hazelwood, where they encountered racial hostility; bricks were thrown through a window at their new home. They were soon forced out of their house and on to their next home.

The Hill District went on to become the setting of numerous plays in the Pittsburgh Cycle. His experiences growing up there with a strong matriarch shaped the way his plays would be written.

video icon American Masters, August Wilson: The Ground on Which I Stand, PBS, 1:24:39 In 1959, Wilson was one of 14 African-American students at Central Catholic High School but dropped out after one year. He then attended Connelley Vocational High School, but found the curriculum unchallenging. He dropped out of Gladstone High School in the 10th grade in 1960 after his teacher accused him of plagiarizing a 20-page paper he wrote on Napoleon I of France. Wilson hid his decision from his mother because he did not want to disappoint her. At the age of 16 he began working menial jobs, where he met a wide variety of people on whom some of his later characters were based, such as Sam in *The Janitor* (1985).

Wilson’s extensive use of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh resulted in its later awarding him an honorary high school diploma. Wilson, who said he had learned to read at the age of four, began reading Black writers at the library when he was 12 and spent the remainder of his teen years educating himself through the books of Ralph Ellison, Richard Wright, Langston Hughes, Arna Bontemps, and others.

Career
1960s
Wilson knew that he wanted to be a writer, but this crea-



(April 27, 1945 – October 2, 2005)

ted tension with his mother, who wanted him to become a lawyer. She forced him to leave the family home and he enlisted in the United States Army for a three-year stint in 1962, but he was discharged after a year and went back to working various odd jobs as a porter, short-order cook, gardener, and dishwasher.

Frederick August Kittel Jr. changed his name to August Wilson to honor his mother after his father’s death in 1965. That same year, he discovered the blues as sung by Bessie Smith, and he bought a stolen typewriter for \$10, which he often pawned when money was tight. At 20, he decided he was a poet and submitted work to such magazines as Harper’s. He began to write in bars, the local cigar store, and cafes—longhand on table napkins and on yellow notepads, absorbing the voices and characters around him. He liked to write on cafe napkins because, he said, it freed him up and made him less self-conscious as a writer. He would then gather the notes and type them up at home. Gifted with a talent for catching dialect and accents, Wilson had an “astonishing memory”, which he put to full use during his career. He slowly learned not to censor the language he heard when incorporating it into his work.

Wilson’s childhood home at 1727 Bedford Avenue in Pittsburgh Malcolm X’s voice influenced Wilson’s life and work (such as *The Ground on Which I Stand*, 1996). Both the Nation of Islam (NOI) and the Black Power mo-

vement spoke to him regarding self-sufficiency, self-defense, and self-determination, and he appreciated the origin myths that Elijah Muhammad supported. In 1969 Wilson married Brenda Burton, a Muslim, and became associated with the NOI, though he reportedly did not convert. He and Brenda had one daughter, Sakina Ansari-Wilson. The couple divorced in 1972.

In 1968, along with his friend Rob Penny, Wilson co-founded the Black Horizon Theater in the Hill District of Pittsburgh.[5] Wilson’s first play, *Recycling*, was performed for audiences in small theaters, schools and public housing community centers for 50 cents a ticket. Among these early efforts was *Jitney*, which he revised more than two decades later as part of his 10-play cycle on 20th-century Pittsburgh. He had no directing experience. He recalled: “Someone had looked around and said, ‘Who’s going to be the director?’ I said, ‘I will.’ I said that because I knew my way around the library. So I went to look for a book on how to direct a play. I found one called *The Fundamentals of Play Directing* and checked it out.”

In 1976, Vernell Lillie, who had founded the Kuntu Repertory Theatre at the University of Pittsburgh two years earlier, directed Wilson’s *The Homecoming*. That same year Wilson saw Athol Fugard’s *Sizwe Bansi is Dead*, staged at the Pittsburgh Public Theater, the first time he attended professionally produced drama. Wil-

son, Penny, and poet Maisha Baton then founded the Kuntu Writers Workshop to bring African-American writers together and to assist them in publication and production. Both organizations remain active.

In 1978, Wilson moved to Saint Paul, Minnesota, at the suggestion of his friend, director Claude Purdy, who helped him secure a job writing educational scripts for the Science Museum of Minnesota. In 1980 he received a fellowship for The Playwrights’ Center in Minneapolis. He quit the museum in 1981, but continued writing plays. For three years, he was a part-time cook for the Little Brothers of the Poor. Wilson had a long association with the Penumbra Theatre Company of St. Paul, which was initially funded by a federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) grant and which premiered some of his plays. He wrote *Fullerton Street*, which has been unproduced and unpublished, in 1980. It follows the Joe Louis/Billy Conn fight in 1941 and the loss of values attendant on the Great Migration to the urban North.

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Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. -Martin Luther King Jr.

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. -Mother Teresa



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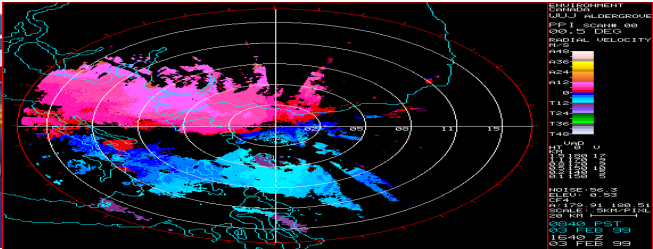
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May the dream be carried on by the generations to come

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. -Helen Keller

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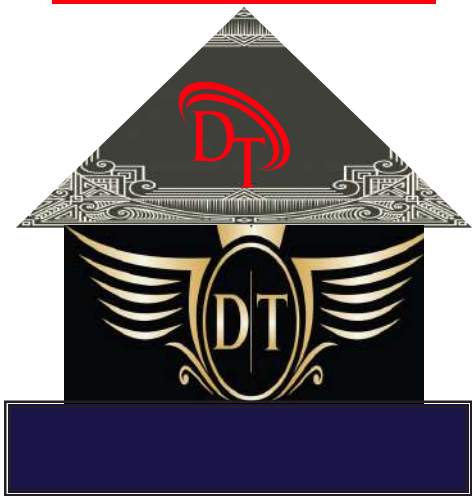


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WEATHER



‘Enhanced Risk’ Of Severe Weather Stretches From Texas To Appalachians Friday



WEATHER-The threat of severe weather has increased for Friday in parts of the South and East, with destructive straight-line winds and large hail standing out as the main hazards.
-Area Of Concern: An “enhanced risk” severe weather outlook (level 3 out of 5) has been issued from Texas to the lower Mississippi and Tennessee valleys by NOAA’s Storm Prediction Center, as shaded in red below. This is where severe storms could be most widespread and includes Houston and San Antonio, Texas; Shreveport, Louisiana; Huntsville, Alabama; and Nashville, Tennessee.
-Threats: Damaging thunderstorm winds is the most likely impact, with downed trees or power outages possible. There is also a low-end tornado could also

The National Weather Service has also removed several counties in the OKC metro from the tornado watch. The counties still in the watch include Coal, Garvin, Hughes, Murray, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie and Seminole counties.

6:34 a.m. Wednesday Update: A crash is causing a slowdown on westbound Interstate 240 after severe storms brought heavy rain to the Oklahoma City metro early Wednesday morning. Open the v

Wednesday Update: A severe thunderstorm warning has been issued for Craig, Creek, Nowata, Osage, Pawnee, Rogers, Tulsa and Washington counties until 6:30 a.m.

6:15 a.m. Wednesday Update: Damon says 50-55 mph wind gusts have been recorded in Shawnee as storms continue to move east.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." -Martin Luther King Jr.

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Booker Taliaferro Washington

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USA-Booker Taliaferro Washington was an American educator, author, and orator. Between 1890 and 1915, Washington was the primary leader in the African-American community and of the contemporary Black elite.

Born into slavery on April 5, 1856, in Hale's Ford, Virginia, Washington was freed when U.S. troops reached the area during the Civil War. As a young man, Booker T. Washington worked his way through Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute and attended college at Wayland Seminary. In 1881, he was named as the first leader of the new Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, an institute for black higher education. He expanded the college, enlisting students in construction of buildings. Work at the college was considered fundamental to students' larger education.

He attained national prominence for his Atlanta Address of 1895, which attracted the attention of politicians and the public. Washington played a dominant role in black politics, winning wide support in the black community of the South and among more liberal whites. Washington wrote an autobiography, *Up from Slavery*, in 1901, which became a major text. In that year, he dined with Theodore Roosevelt at the White House, which was the first time a black person publicly met the president on equal terms. After an illness, he died in Tuskegee, Alabama on November 14, 1915.

Washington was a key proponent of African-American businesses and one of the founders of the National Negro Business League. Washington mobilized a nationwide coalition of middle-class blacks, church leaders, and white philanthropists and politicians, with the goal of building the community's economic strength and pride by focusing on self-help and education. Washington had the ear of the powerful in the United States of his day, including presidents.

He used the nineteenth-century American political system to manipulate the media, raise money, develop strategy, network, distribute funds, and reward a cadre of supporters. Because of his influential leadership, the timespan of his activity, from 1880 to 1915, has been called the Age of Booker T. Washington. Washington cal-

led for Black progress through education and entrepreneurship, rather than trying to challenge directly the Jim Crow segregation and the disenfranchisement of Black voters in the South. Furthermore, he supported racial uplift, but secretly also supported court challenges to segregation and to restrictions on voter registration. Black activists in the North, led by W. E. B. Du Bois, disagreed with him and opted to set up the NAACP to work for political change.

After his death in 1915, he came under heavy criticism for accommodating white supremacy, despite his claims that his long-term goal was to end the disenfranchisement of African Americans, the vast majority of whom still lived in the South. Decades after Washington's death in 1915, the civil rights movement of the 1950s took a more active and progressive approach, which was also based on new grassroots organizations based in the South. Washington's legacy has been controversial in the civil rights community.

However, in the late twentieth century, more nuanced perspectives about his actions by scholars and historians interpreted him more positively. Booker was born into slavery to Jane, an enslaved African-American woman on the plantation of James Burroughs in southwest Virginia, near Hale's Ford in Franklin County. He never knew the day, month, and year of his birth (although evidence emerged after his death that he was born on April 5, 1856). Nor did he ever know his father, said to be a white man who resided on a neighboring plantation. The man played no financial or emotional role in Washington's life. From familysearch.org, his father was Benjamin N. Hatcher (b. 1821 d. 1900).

From his earliest years, Washington was known simply as "Booker", with no middle or surname, in the practice of the time. His mother, her relatives and his siblings struggled with the demands of sla-



Booker Taliaferro Washington (April 5, 1856 – November 14, 1915)

very. He later wrote:

I cannot remember a single instance during my childhood or early boyhood when our entire family sat down to the table together, and God's blessing was asked, and the family ate a meal in a civilized manner. On the plantation in Virginia, and even later, meals were gotten to the children very much as dumb animals get theirs. It was a piece of bread here and a scrap of meat there. It was a cup of milk at one time and some potatoes at another.

When he was nine, Booker and his family in Virginia gained freedom under the Emancipation Proclamation as U.S. troops occupied their region. Booker was thrilled by the formal day of their emancipation in early 1865:

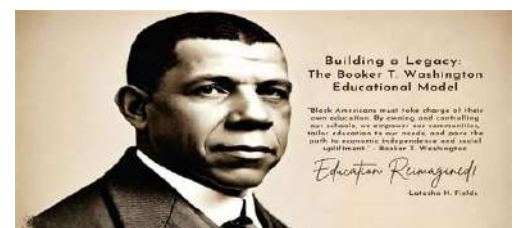
As the great day drew nearer, there was more singing in the slave quarters than usual. It was bolder, had more ring, and lasted later into the night. Most of the verses of the plantation songs had some reference to freedom.... [S]ome man who seemed to be a stranger (a United States officer, I presume) made a little speech and then read a rather long paper—the Emancipation Proclamation, I think. After the reading we were told that we were all free, and could go when and where we pleased. My mother, who was stan-

ding by my side, leaned over and kissed her children, while tears of joy ran down her cheeks. She explained to us what it all meant, that this was the day for which she had been so long praying, but fearing that she would never live to see.

After emancipation Jane took her family to the free state of West Virginia to join her husband, Washington Ferguson, who had escaped from slavery during the war and settled there. The illiterate boy Booker began painstakingly to teach himself to read and attended school for the first time.

At school, Booker was asked for a surname for registration. He chose the family name of Washington. Still later he learned from his mother that she had originally given him the name "Booker Taliaferro" at the time of his birth, but his second name was not used by the master.

Upon learning of his original name, Washington immediately readopted it as his own, and became known as Booker Taliaferro Washington for the rest of his life.



The Negro worshipped books. We wanted books, more books. The larger the books were the better we liked them. We thought the mere possession and the mere handling and the mere worship of books was going, in some inexplicable way, to make great and strong and useful men of our race



Washington worked and socialized with many national white politicians and industry leaders. He developed the ability to persuade wealthy whites, many of them self-made men, to donate money to black causes by appealing to their values.

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WORLD OF SPORTS

OKC Thunder jersey history No. 27 - Johan Petro (2005-09)

This article originally appeared on OKC Thunder Wire:

The Oklahoma City Thunder (and the Seattle Supersonics before them) have 51 jersey numbers worn by the players who have suited up for the franchise since its founding at the start of the 1967-68 season. To commemorate the players who wore those numbers, Thunder Wire is covering the entire history of jersey numbers and the players who sported them since the founding of the team.

And while those Supersonics jerseys may not remain part of the franchise history should a new team be established in Seattle as was the case with the return of the Charlotte Hornets, they are part of the Thunder's history today.

For this article, we continue with the 28th jersey number in the series, jersey No. 27, with four players in total having donned the jersey in the history of the franchise.

The third of those players did so in the Seattle SuperSonics and Oklahoma City Thunder eras, big man alum Johan Petro. After starting his pro career abroad, Petro was picked up with the 25th overall selection of the 2005 NBA draft by the SuperSonics.

