



**TOURISM**  
By Memory Phiri  
Page 15





**ZIMBABWE FLAG**  
By Abigirl Phiri  
Page 5



Gachagua Homecoming Page 7

# The Diaspora Times

Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025 Vol 0378

Life is about your inner thoughts.

## Climate Justice on the Line: Green Climate Fund Chief Calls for Urgent Action.

**CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW**



**\$50 BILLION OR BUST: DUARTE'S PLEA TO SAVE THE GLOBAL SOUTH**

The poor didn't cause the climate crisis—but they're paying the highest price.

Africa demands investment, not excuses.

**DIASPORA, SPEAK UP. CLIMATE FINANCE IS JUSTICE.**

“The poor didn't cause the climate crisis—but they're paying the highest price.”

“Africa demands investment, not excuses.”

**Diaspora, Speak Up. Climate Finance is Justice.**

Mafalda Duarte, head of the \$21 billion Green Climate Fund (GCF), has issued a bold call for a dramatic increase in global climate investment, warning that without urgent financial scale-up, developing nations will continue to bear the brunt of the climate crisis. Speaking ahead of COP30, Duarte pushed for the fund to reach \$50 billion by 2030, not just to cut emissions, but to protect the world's most vulnerable populations—those who contribute the least to climate change but suffer the most.

Duarte emphasized that climate finance must shift from bureaucratic, donor-driven models to pro-poor, fast, and adaptive mechanisms. Under her leadership, the GCF has cut project disbursement times from over 22 months to just 4.5 months. Still, the challenges remain steep: the U.S. under Trump withdrew \$4 billion in promised funds, and global trust between the North and South is at an all-time low.

As droughts, floods, and food insecurity grip Africa and other developing regions, Duarte's plea strikes at the heart of global justice. Climate finance, she argues, is not charity—it is a moral and planetary imperative. For the African diaspora and global citizens alike, this moment demands louder voices, faster funding, and deeper solidarity.

By Dr. Raphael Kamare- Diaspora Times U.K. reporter.

**Whats Inside**

Laughter

Spiritual

Wellness

Sports

Weather

Africa Resouces

Abigirl Phiri Corner

click here



P. 04

P. 16

P. 18

P. 19

P. 20

P. 21

P. 05



Every nation on earth is distinguished by its flag, a unique banner that communicates silently yet powerfully to its people and the rest of the world. The flag is not just cloth stitched together in bright colors; it is a mirror of a country's soul.

STORY Page 05



Call us on  
**+254 723 400 500**  
www.  
**OPTIVEN ARTICLE PAGE 2**

**Kenya Safaris coming soon**





We do not specialize in investigative journalism. Most reports are done by our correspondents from across the globe

Email diasporatimeskenya@gmail.com | Published in USA, Zimbabwe \$ Kenya. \$1 ksh 0.00 all you need. TEL+4049668550



378.indd 1

8/22/2025 9:38:04 AM



KENYA  
NEWS



# Why Now is the Time to Invest with Optiven.

*As regional integration deepens through the establishment of regional headquarters and the advancement of infrastructure continues, organizations like Optiven, which have capitalized on the advantage, are positioned to tap into the collective potential of 300 million that drives sustainable growth.*

## Article By Alvin Mwangi -Optiven Limited

Kenya stands as the economic powerhouse and gateway to the East African market, serving a population of nearly 300 million across the East African Community (EAC). The tech-savvy English-speaking population, robust investment infrastructure, and progressive economic policies have established the country as the natural entry point to this growing market. This pivotal status is further reinforced by the country's coastline serving the broader East and Central Africa region.

Here is why you need to tap into this market;

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-04-22/kenya-set-to-overtake-ethiopia-as-east-africa-s-largest-economy>

### 1. Regional Economic Bloc

One of the main reasons why Kenya is the ideal entry point to this region is its membership in the regional economic blocs. African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) provide platforms to facilitate seamless trade, simplifying business operations for organisations expanding to East Africa. This enhances the role as a trade conduit offering access to diverse consumer bases and providing investment opportunities. As a founding member of the East African Community (EAC), Kenya leverages its strategic location and economic influence to drive integration initiatives, thereby facilitating easier access to the broader EAC market for businesses established in Kenya.

### 2. Infrastructure

Aside from the robust infrastructure the government has invested in, including the extension of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) to Malaba and the upcoming Konza Technopolis, the coastal city of Mombasa is the home to the largest deep-water seaport in

East and Central Africa, acting as the main entry point for goods. This strategic advantage enables Kenya to effectively manage its imports and exports, targeting businesses. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) projection of 5.1-5.6% by the Africa Development Bank Group has inspired businesses, including Optiven Limited, the leading real estate company in the region, to further expand into the East African countries, aligning itself with Kenya's role as a gateway. Optiven CEO, Dr. George Wachiuri, emphasizes that Optiven is tapping into the growing infrastructure by developing real estate projects along major transportation corridors serving both commercial and residential needs.

<https://www.optiven.co.ke/newsblogs/optiven-lead-diaspora-markets/>

“Our value addition concept has resonated throughout Africa, offering comprehensively developed properties with essential amenities.”

### 3. Thriving Innovative Economy

When you narrow down to the economy, you find pro-business policies, a youthful, skilled workforce, and a mobile penetration rate of over 85% attracting significant Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). This innovation-driven culture has earned the country the nickname “Silicon Savannah,” with mobile payments like M-Pesa revolutionizing financial inclusion that caters to both urban and rural consumers. This makes Kenya not just a transit point but also a significant consumer market in its own right.

As regional integration deepens through the establishment of regional headquarters and the advancement of infrastructure continues, organizations like Optiven, which have capitalized on the advantage, are positioned to tap into the collective potential of 300 million that drives sustainable growth.



## Why Optiven Stands Out in Kenya's Real Estate Landscape.

Optiven Limited is not just a property seller—it is a developer of thriving, value-driven communities designed to deliver long-term returns. With a reputation built on integrity, transparency, and professionalism, Optiven has consistently delivered projects that go beyond mere land sales to create vibrant, serviced communities that appreciate in value.

Key features that set Optiven apart include:

- Prime Locations with High Growth Potential: From the serene coastal appeal of Vipingo to the lush greenery of Amani Ridge and the fast-developing areas around Nanyuki and Kajiado, Optiven strategically acquires and develops land in areas poised for exponential growth.
- Infrastructure-Ready Developments: Each project is equipped with essential infrastructure such as graded access roads, perimeter fencing, water supply, green spaces, and solar-powered street lighting, ensuring both immediate usability and sustained property value appreciation.
- Flexible Payment Plans: Recognizing the unique needs of diaspora and local investors, Optiven offers tailored payment plans that make investment accessible without financial strain.
- Clean Title Deeds: Investors are assured of secure transactions with legally verified documentation, removing the common risks associated with land acquisition in Kenya.

## Why Now is the Time to Invest with Optiven

Kenya's real estate market is experiencing robust demand fueled by urbanization, diaspora remittances, and infrastructure expansion. Land prices in key regions have shown consistent double-digit annual growth, and projections suggest this trend will continue as the government's Vision 2030 and affordable housing initiatives accelerate.

For diaspora investors, Optiven offers a safe, credible, and customer-friendly pathway to participate in Kenya's growth story without the uncertainty that often surrounds property transactions from abroad. In an era where land ownership is one of the most secure and appreciating asset classes, Optiven stands as a trusted steward of investors' aspirations.

## A Call to Action – Secure Your Place in Kenya's Future

Kenya's role as the economic hub of East Africa is set to grow even stronger. For investors seeking to benefit from the region's expansion, real estate remains one of the most resilient and high-yielding sectors. Optiven Limited, with its proven track record, transparency, and commitment to value creation, offers a unique opportunity to be part of this growth story.

Whether you are in Nairobi, London, Atlanta, or Sydney, Optiven ensures that investing in Kenya is simple, secure, and rewarding. With projects that combine prime location, sustainable design, and ready infrastructure, the choice is clear: the future belongs to those who invest in it today. Visit [www.optiven.co.ke](http://www.optiven.co.ke) or speak to an Optiven investment advisor to begin your journey to financial security and legacy building.

**Call/WhatsApp: 0790 300 300**  
**/ 0723 400 500**  
**Email: [info@optiven.co.ke](mailto:info@optiven.co.ke)**



# KING PIN CAPITAL

*For all your factoring needs, Liams Dee Express highly recommend this Company- Referral Bonus applies*



*Kingpin Capital Inc is a transportation*

*factoring company specializing in helping small trucking companies and owner/operators with their invoicing and funding needs. We recognize that nothing happens without drivers, and make it our goal to keep you rolling through quick funding and hands-on customer service and support. We look forward to working with you!*

**Contact us!**

**contact (at) [kingpincap.com](mailto:kingpincap.com)**

**800-866-1245**



# HAZKAT TOWING SERVICES



CONTACT HAZRON MAINA  
TEL 4043335006  
ACWORTH, GA



THE  
DIASPORA TIMES  
  
IS NOT JUST A  
NEWSPAPER; IT IS A  
VOICE,  
A CONNECTOR,  
AND A MOVEMENT.  
  
WE ARE THE  
DIASPORA VOICE

**DIASPORA INSURANCE**  
Peace of Mind, Guaranteed!

**TUKO NAWES!**

An easier and more supportive way for Kenyans in the United States & Canada to ensure their funeral costs are covered for themselves and loved ones back home.

**Peace of mind Guaranteed!**

Get a diaspora funeral cash plan policy

No donat needed **TEL+447703838304** t coverage Acceptance [www.cdhrs.com](http://www.cdhrs.com)

# KING PIN CAPITAL



*Reliable Loads Factoring Company  
Try them- Can't go wrong!*

*Kingpin Capital Inc is a transportation factoring company specializing in helping small trucking companies and owner/operators with their invoicing and funding needs. We recognize that nothing happens without drivers, and make it our goal to keep you rolling through quick funding and hands-on customer service and support. We look forward to working with you!*

**Contact us!**  
**contact (at) kingpincap.com**  
**800-866-1245**







LAUGHTER THE MEDICINE

BEST



THE DIASPORA TIMES



DIASPORA LAUGHS—

— Because Homesickness Needs Humor

1. Diaspora Logic:

Spend \$2,000 on a ticket to Kenya... then bargain with a mama mboga over 20 bob for sukuma wiki.

2. Phone Call Home:

“Mum, I sent the money!” Ah, good! By the way, the roof fell, the goat is sick, and your cousin needs school fees...

Translation: That money already left the account.

4. Kenyan Abroad Starter Pack:

- WhatsApp group for every county
- 3 Kenyan churches within 2 miles
- One cousin you’ve never met... who suddenly needs “emergency” help

5. Airport Scene:

Diaspora: \*Arrives with 2 suitcases\*

Kenyan Relatives: “Where are the other 4?”

Word List

NAIROBI, KAMPALA, KIGALI,  
ADDIS, DODOMA, LUSAKA,  
KINSHASA, PRETORIA, ACCRA,  
ABUJA, CAIRO, TUNIS  
N A I R O B I X X X X X  
K A M P A L A Q W E R T  
K I G A L I B C D E F G  
H J Q L A D D I S M N O  
V D O D O M A P Q L Y Z  
R E D T O P L U S A K A  
U V K I N S H A S A L M  
P R E T O R I A S D F G  
Z X V B N M Q A C C R A  
L K H G A B U J A P Q W  
C A I R O T Y U I P L K  
A B C D E F G T U N I S

NUMBER PUZZLE

5	2		2	2
3	5	3		
7			8	8
	5			
4	7		9	9

Across

1. 5 + 2  
3. 7 × 8  
4. 4 × 7

Down

4. 5 × 5

Down

1. 5 × 5  
2. 2 × 7  
3. 8 × 9

GEN Z KENYA PROTESTS

June 25, 2024



“You may pave the streets with gold, but if you silence the people with bullets, history will remember only the blood.”

THE YOUTH DEMAND CHANGE

REMEMBER THE YOUTH ARE WATCHING



# “The Colors of Unity: What Flags Represent in Zimbabwe and Beyond”

*At the center stands the Zimbabwe Bird, a proud national emblem drawn from the stone-carved sculptures of Great Zimbabwe.*



Abigirl Phiri | Zimbabwe  
Senior Editor

Every nation on earth is distinguished by its flag, a unique banner that communicates silently yet powerfully to its people and the rest of the world. The flag is not just cloth stitched together in bright colors; it is a mirror of a country’s soul. Its design, symbols, and shades reveal the struggles endured, the victories achieved, and the aspirations still burning. The flag becomes a constant reminder of identity—our birthright, our roots, and our collective journey through history.

Flags are deeply rooted in heritage, capturing the essence of where a people have come from and what they stand for. The history of a nation is often woven into its flag: the battles fought, the oppressions resisted, the triumphs celebrated, and the values held sacred. For Zimbabwe, like many nations, the flag is a historical record that cannot be erased. Every stripe and symbol tells a story, allowing citizens to trace their heritage and connect with generations past. Heritage is therefore not an abstract concept; it is embodied in the flag as a visible legacy.

Each person may attach personal meaning to their flag, yet the unifying thread is always heritage. The colors and emblems become cultural markers that represent more than the present—they carry the voices of ancestors, the scars of colonization, and the resilience of those who fought for freedom.

On the global stage, flags are indispensable tools of identifica-

tion. At international sporting events such as the Olympics, at regional summits like SADC meetings, or at United Nations conferences, flags stand tall to declare where one comes from. They make nationality visible, turning a crowd of strangers into a constellation of nations.

The Zimbabwean flag, when hoisted abroad, is more than a marker of geography. It is a beacon of belonging. It allows Zimbabweans in the diaspora to find each other, to share in brotherhood and sisterhood, and to hold onto a piece of home even when oceans away. This role of flags in narrowing identity down to a people and a place makes them enduring symbols of pride and kinship.

Freedom is one of the most profound messages a flag carries. Few nations were handed independence without struggle; most clawed it back through blood, sweat, and sacrifice. The Zimbabwean flag, like many African flags, reminds its citizens of the arduous journey from colonial domination to sovereignty.

The red stripe vividly captures the blood that was shed in the liberation war. It is not merely decorative—it is sacred. It insists that the freedoms enjoyed today must never be taken for granted. A flag thus becomes both a reminder of past struggles and a call to protect peace, unity, and justice for future generations. Citizens, looking upon it, are reminded of their civic duty to contribute positively to the growth and development of their homeland.

The Zimbabwean flag is a masterpiece of symbolism. Yellow represents the richness of the land, from precious minerals like gold and lithium to the promise of economic self-reli-



ance. Black reflects the strength, resilience, and majority of its people. Green signifies the lush vegetation, flora, and fauna that adorn the country. Red embodies the blood shed during the liberation struggle, a permanent acknowledgment of sacrifice.

At the center stands the Zimbabwe Bird, a proud national emblem drawn from the stone-carved sculptures of Great Zimbabwe. It is a link to ancient heritage and civilization, reminding citizens of a glorious past long before colonial encounters. The white triangle signifies peace, an aspiration that unites the nation despite challenges. Finally, the red star embodies the hopes and dreams of the people, a guiding light pointing toward a better future.

These symbols are not unique to Zimbabwe alone; many nations weave similar themes into their flags—struggles, sacrifices, aspirations, and triumphs. In this way, flags correlate across borders, underscoring the shared human desire for freedom, dignity, and progress. Beyond symbolism, flags serve as a source of inspiration. For

Zimbabweans abroad, the flag is more than a memory—it is a call to excellence. Whether in London, Johannesburg, Sydney, or New York, carrying the flag means representing the homeland with dignity. Even when citizenship changes, achievements are often tied back to roots: “a Zimbabwean-born scientist,” “a Zimbabwean artist,” “a Zimbabwean athlete.” The flag therefore transcends borders, turning personal success into national pride.

It inspires not just loyalty but also responsibility. Citizens are reminded that wherever they go, they remain ambassadors of their nation’s values, history, and potential.

Whether Zimbabwean, Nigerian, Australian, American, Egyptian, South African, or Kenyan, every flag tells a story of unity, struggle, and hope. These banners are more than colored fabric—they are declarations of identity, heritage, and pride. They remind us that we are representatives of our nations in all we do, and that our achievements reflect back on the lands that raised us.

Ultimately, flags remind human-

ity that while nations differ, their aspirations converge: peace, dignity, freedom, and progress. Raising one’s flag high is not just a patriotic act; it is a universal gesture of belonging to the family of humanity.

By Abigirl Phiri- Zimbabwe  
Senior correspondent  
The Diaspora Times.



## Summary:

*Flags are more than national symbols; they embody history, heritage, and pride. In Zimbabwe, each color and emblem tells a story—minerals, people, land, sacrifice, peace, and aspirations—linking past struggles to present hopes. Across the world, flags serve as tools of identity, reminders of freedom won through sacrifice, and sources of inspiration for citizens at home and abroad. Ultimately, raising a flag is both a patriotic act and a universal gesture of unity, reflecting humanity’s shared desire for dignity, peace, and progress.*





# Life and Legacy of Martin Shikuku.

By Dr. Jean Kamau  
Excerpts from Sms Diary  
jean@gmail.com

Martin Shikuku (1932–2012) was a veteran politician and trade unionist who earned the nickname “the People’s Watchman” for his fiery, outspoken defense of ordinary Kenyans in Parliament. Born in Magoye village, Kaimosi, in present-day Vihiga County, he grew up in humble circumstances but showed remarkable leadership qualities early on. After completing his education, he joined the labour movement, working with the Railways and Harbours Union, where he gained prominence as a fearless advocate for workers’ rights. His activism opened the door to politics at a time when Kenya was transitioning from colonial rule to independence.

At just 28, Shikuku was elected MP for Butere Constituency in 1963, making him one of the youngest legislators in the newly independent nation. His charisma, eloquence in Swahili and English, and ability to connect with grassroots communities made him stand out among his peers. He quickly rose to positions of responsibility, including serving as Assistant Minister in various ministries during President Jomo Kenyatta’s era.

#### **Outspokenness and Challenges**

Shikuku’s career was marked by courage and controversy. He openly criticized government excesses, corruption, and authoritarian tendencies at a time when dissent was often punished harshly. Famously, in the 1970s, he declared on the floor of Parliament that “KANU is dead,” referring to the ruling party. This bold statement angered President Kenyatta, and Shikuku was



*Martin Joseph Shikuku-1932-2012*

detained without trial for several years alongside other opposition voices. Despite intimidation, he remained undeterred. When Kenya was a de facto one-party state under President Daniel arap Moi, Shikuku continued to push for pluralism and accountability. During the struggle for multi-party democracy in the late 1980s and early 1990s, he aligned with reformists, playing a visible role in agitating for greater freedoms. His fearlessness earned him admiration among Kenyans who saw him as a rare politician willing to speak truth to power.

#### **Parliamentary Legacy**

Shikuku’s parliamentary career spanned decades, though not without interruptions. He represented Butere Constituency in multiple terms between 1963 and 2002. Throughout, he positioned himself as a defender of the poor and marginalized. His mastery of parliamentary procedures and sharp debating skills made him a formidable figure. Unlike many colleagues, he was never accused of amassing ill-gotten

wealth. He lived a relatively modest life, preferring to mix freely with ordinary citizens.

In Parliament, he often reminded leaders of their responsibility to serve the people. His speeches—rich in wit, satire, and biting criticism—remain some of the most memorable in Kenya’s political history. To many, Shikuku embodied the idea that politics could still be about service rather than self-enrichment.

#### **Personal Life and Values**

Beyond politics, Shikuku was a devoted family man and community leader. He upheld simplicity, humility, and faith in God. His lifestyle contrasted sharply with the flamboyant culture of many Kenyan politicians. Even in his later years, when he was no longer in active politics, he continued to mentor younger leaders and advise on matters of governance.

He also invested in agriculture, running a farm in Western Kenya where he spent much of his retirement. His preference for village life reflected his

enduring connection to his roots.

#### **Death and Legacy**

Martin Shikuku passed away on 5 September 2012 at the age of 79 after a battle with cancer. His death was mourned across Kenya, with leaders and citizens alike remembering him as a principled politician, a fearless watchdog of government, and a true servant of the people. Unlike many of his contemporaries, he left behind no vast estates or fortune, only a reputation for honesty and dedication.

His legacy endures in the values he stood for: accountability, courage, and service above self. He demonstrated that one could be a politician without succumbing to corruption or greed. For younger generations, Shikuku remains a symbol of integrity in public service and a reminder that democracy thrives only when there are voices willing to challenge authority.

#### **Diaspora Times Disclaimer**

The Diaspora Times upholds the principles of press freedom, historical truth, and the right to dissent. We strive to document untold stories and highlight forgotten heroes. Our features are grounded in fact and committed to balanced inquiry. We publish in the public interest—fearlessly, truthfully, and independently. The views expressed herein are intended to honor Kenya’s democratic evolution and promote critical historical reflection.

[diasporatimeskenya@gmail.com](mailto:diasporatimeskenya@gmail.com)



## We Remember the Dead

In silence and sorrow, The Diaspora Times remembers the **FALLEN HEROES**

Lost in struggle, fallen in flame.

They spoke the truth, they walked boldly,

Their dreams live on, unbought, unsold.

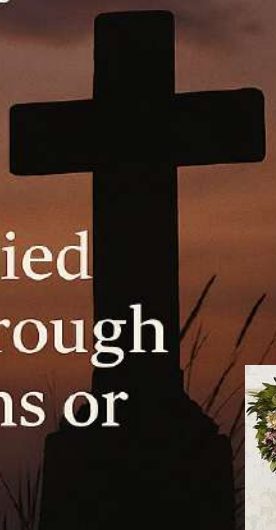
Though guns or poor health silenced their cries,

Their courage will never die.



Every week, The Diaspora Times features a story about a fallen Kenyan hero.

Those who died naturally, through assassinations or accidents.





*Freedom of expression, assembly, and worship are not just fundamental rights—they are the pillars that define the soul of a truly democratic nation.*

**EMPOWER. UNITE.**



**The Diaspora Times**

**AMPLIFYING  
KENYAN VOICES  
ABROAD**

**WE ARE THE  
DIASPORA VOICE**

**History bears the blood of those who  
dared to speak, to gather, to believe**

*The right to speak one's truth, to gather in shared cause,  
and to worship according to one's conscience—these are  
not mere civil liberties. They are the essence of human  
dignity, and any nation that honors them becomes more  
than a state; it becomes a sanctuary of the human spirit.*



# From Ally to Enemy: Gachagua Attacked by State-Sponsored Goons in Shocking Return to Kenya.

*The betrayal of Gachagua is not just personal. It is political theatre designed to terrify, silence, and destroy. But it has also exposed the raw nerves of a fragile nation — a country where political loyalty is punished with violence the moment it wavers.*

**KENYA**-What began as a moment of patriotic return quickly descended into chaos, violence, and shame. Former Deputy President and now opposition figurehead Rigathi Gachagua landed at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to a sea of supporters ready to escort him home. But instead of a peaceful welcome, he walked into a government-orchestrated ambush that exposed the dangerous underbelly of Kenya's decaying democracy. Eyewitnesses, journalists, and even some police officers at the scene confirmed what many feared: the government had unleashed goons — well-coordinated, well-funded, and strategically placed — to attack Gachagua's supporters and disrupt the peaceful gathering. In the ensuing commotion, women were robbed, others assaulted, and many left bleeding in the dust. Police stood motionless, silently complicit, as the mob carried out what can only be described as a state-sanctioned attack. This wasn't a random scuffle. It was a deliberate humiliation of a man who once stood shoulder-to-shoulder with President William Ruto in the campaign trenches. Gachagua, the same man who endured political blows for the sake of the Kenya Kwanza alliance, is now a public enemy, tormented by the very man he once praised in rallies across the country. The message was brutal and clear: Defy the king, and be destroyed. But in doing so, the government may have gone too far. By using violence, not votes, to manage dissent, the state is ushering Kenya into a new age of political terror. Hooliganism is no longer the domain of fringe criminals; it is being normalized, institutionalized, and weaponized. The streets are becoming battlegrounds. Justice is being outsourced to mobs. The long-term consequences are dire.

*Gratitude fades when greed takes hold, Gachagua now know this statement is true*



*The throne, it whispers pride and power, And friendships wilt in golden hour. The names once sung, now left unsaid, Like seeds ignored when roses spread.*

These scenes — captured on camera, circulated across international media, and confirmed by independent journalists — have sent shockwaves through the global community. Kenya, once seen as a stable East African hub for tourism and investment, is now being painted as a violent, volatile, and politically unstable nation. Tourists will think twice. Investors will hesitate. Students and scholars will cancel. No visitor will feel safe in a country where political thugs operate in broad daylight under police supervision. No nation can develop through hooliganism. Roads, hospitals, education, innovation — all these collapse under

the weight of lawlessness and fear. What happened at JKIA is not just a political message — it's an economic disaster waiting to unfold. Kenya's image has been shattered, its democracy stained, and its streets turned into theatres of fear. The betrayal of Gachagua is not just personal. It is political theatre designed to terrify, silence, and destroy. But it has also exposed the raw nerves of a fragile nation — a country where political loyalty is punished with violence the moment it wavers. This is how civil wars begin — not with grand declarations, but with whispered threats, broken promises, and blood in the streets.

Kenya is on the precipice. The question is not whether Kenya can survive this brutality. The question is whether it wants to. **DISCLAIMER:** This report reflects the growing fears and frustrations of Kenyans across the political divide. The Diaspora Times condemns the use of violence in any form, especially when sanctioned or enabled by the state. Political maturity, not political brutality, is the only way forward. Tourism, investment, and national pride depend on stability, freedom, and peace.

## EDITORIAL SUMMARY

*Kenya is spiraling into state-sponsored terrorism, where dissent is punished not with debate, but with violence. The brutal attack on former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's supporters at JKIA was not random—it was orchestrated. Women were robbed, citizens injured, and police stood idle as government-aligned goons unleashed terror. This marks a dangerous shift from democracy to dictatorship. No country can thrive when hooliganism becomes state policy. The message to critics is clear: speak out and face mob justice. Beyond the bruises lies a bigger wound—Kenya's global image, now stained with fear, repression, and the unmistakable fingerprints of authoritarian rule.*

*"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*



# “When Love Crosses Oceans: The Silent Battles of Diaspora Marriages

*Caught between bitter divorces, legal battles, and relocations, the children of these unions pay the highest price. “My son once asked me, ‘Is dad in jail because he loved us too much?’ I had no words,”*

By Dr. Jesinta Koimburi  
New Jersey

**DIASPORA**—Behind the carefully curated snapshots of Kenyan picnics in American parks, graduation ceremonies crowned with kitenge dresses, and joyous baby showers posted across social media lies a truth few talk about: migration changes people—and with it, the very fabric of relationships. The transition from Kayole, Umoja, Githurai, or Kisumu to Atlanta, Boston, or Seattle isn’t just a change in geography; it is a transformation of identity, expectations, and emotional survival. For many couples, especially those who migrate together or reunite after years of long-distance separation, the American dream becomes a silent battleground for dignity, love, and endurance.

Take the story of John Mwangi and Mary Wanjiru. When they first met in Nairobi, their love was grounded in simplicity—shared bus rides to town, roadside chapatis, Sunday afternoons watching local drama series. Life was hard, yes, but predictable. John was a trained electrician, and Mary taught at a private primary school. Their dreams were typical: a plot in Juja, a car, and eventually a home they could call their own. But when Mary’s sister sponsored her to the U.S. for studies, the dream shifted. Two years later, John joined her through a green card application. What they didn’t realize was that love in America would have to battle forces far bigger than homesickness.

In Georgia, John found work as a warehouse loader while Mary juggled classes and waitressing. Schedules clashed, exhaustion built up, and so did resentment. “We were like two people living in parallel realities,” Mary would later admit. John felt emasculated by a system where he was expected to

clean, cook, and babysit—a far cry from the norms of back home. Mary, on the other hand, was discovering a newfound independence, encouraged by classmates who told her she deserved more than a man who “just works nights.”

Their intimacy suffered. Conversations became arguments. And when a minor dispute about rent escalated into police involvement, they realized the system wasn’t built to reconcile but to fracture. In the U.S., Mary had rights that John never fully understood. “One call to the police, and I was out of the apartment, no matter who paid rent,” John recalled. “Back home, such arguments would be resolved by uncles and aunties. Here, the state is the arbiter.”

Their story is echoed in households across the diaspora. Peter and Akinyi in Texas, James and Carol in Minnesota, Martin and Ann in Massachusetts—couples torn between the cultural scripts of home and the legal, social, and economic pressures of a new world. Many Kenyan men find themselves grappling with roles they were never prepared for—cooking, co-parenting, attending therapy—and they often suffer in silence. Meanwhile, Kenyan women in the diaspora navigate the burden of being primary caregivers, students, and breadwinners, often without the emotional support they left home hoping to find.

Diaspora life is a paradox. It offers unmatched economic opportunities but often demands emotional sacrifices that go unspoken. Children raised in the diaspora begin to question traditions. They reject tribal naming systems, scoff at arranged marriages, and resist the authority of uncles and elders. For parents, this shift is disorienting. Mama Nyambura in New Jersey recalls how her teenage daughter once yelled at her in a supermarket,

THE DIASPORA TIMES

# WHEN LOVE CROSSES OCEANS

## THE SILENT BATTLES OF DIASPORA MARRIAGES

Behind the bright photos of Kenyan picnics in American parks, graduation ceremonies, and baby showers lies an unspoken reality: migration changes people. It demands that couples not only love each other, but constantly re-negotiate who they are, what they believe, and how will survive in a system.

When Love crosses oceans, the silent battles of diaspora marriages. For John and Mary, a never-ending price-tagged endurance, and know when to fight for each other.

WE ARE THE DIASPORA VOICE

ket, prompting strangers to intervene. “In Kenya, a child could never shout at their mother in public. Here, you fear the child will call 911.” For others, loneliness becomes unbearable. Martin Otieno, a taxi driver in Boston, says he’s seen it all. “I pick up drunk Kenyans almost every weekend. Some are married but spend more time in bars than with their wives. Others live alone and send money home every month to families who barely speak to them. This life can crush you if you’re not strong.”

There’s also the illusion of perfection. Social media creates the impression that all is well—matching Ankara outfits, luxury cars, vacations to Miami. But behind those filters are couples sleeping in separate rooms, battling immigration cases, dealing with depression, or raising children with behavioral issues in a system that often labels Black and immigrant youth as problematic. Migration will always be a

test—a test of values, of resilience, of love itself. But perhaps it is also a teacher. It forces people to strip relationships of pretense and rebuild on honesty. And in doing so, it reveals who we truly are: not just lovers or spouses, but co-survivors of a shared struggle in a foreign land. We are the Diaspora Voice—and behind the photos, we carry stories worth telling.

Despite all this, many couples fight to stay together. They attend diaspora churches that offer both spiritual and marital counseling. They join WhatsApp groups where elders advise and mediate. Some rediscover each other through shared projects—buying land back home, starting a small business, or raising children with intentionality. Lucy and David, a couple in Seattle, credit their survival to “forgetting ego and starting afresh.” After two near-divorces, they renewed their vows on their 10th anniversary and began counseling other diaspora couples.

An elder in Atlanta once said, “In America, marriage is not just about love. It’s about endurance, adaptation, and knowing when to fight for each other instead of against each other.” These words hold the weight of truth for thousands of Kenyan couples abroad.

test—a test of values, of resilience, of love itself. But perhaps it is also a teacher. It forces people to strip relationships of pretense and rebuild on honesty. And in doing so, it reveals who we truly are: not just lovers or spouses, but co-survivors of a shared struggle in a foreign land.

We are the Diaspora Voice—and behind the photos, we carry stories worth telling.

This report is part of the “Diaspora Lives” series by The Diaspora Times. Names have been changed to protect privacy. For follow-up stories or to share your experience, email [editor@diasporatimes.news](mailto:editor@diasporatimes.news).

*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



*Topline land limited is a real estate investment firm. We locate prime land / plots, and we guarantee a smooth transfer of ownership. The properties we list on our website are owned by TOPLINE LAND LIMITED or by our partners in business.*



**Click NOW**  
**For More Info!**

# TOPLINE LAND LIMITED

## PRESENTS

JENGA NA TOPLINE

**HURRY**  
**DON'T MISS OUT!**



**CONTACT US:**



+1(901)455 5444



TOPLINE LAND LTD



marketing@toplineland.co.ke



www.toplineland.co.ke





# The Remarkable Legacy of Marie Thérèse Coincoin and the Cane River Creole Empire.

*Coincoin’s story is more than a regional curiosity. It speaks to enduring themes in Ame-rican history: the struggle for autonomy, the interplay of race and gender, and the capacity for resilience in the face of systemic oppression.*

In the heart of Louisiana’s Cane River region lies a story that defies conventional narratives of race, gender, and slavery in early America. The Cane River Creole National Historical Park preserves not just buildings and artifacts but also the memory of a woman whose life was extraordinary in its resilience and ambition: Marie Thérèse Metoyer, widely known as Coincoin. Born enslaved in 1742, Coincoin carved out a destiny that transformed her from a woman of bondage into the matriarch of a Creole dynasty and one of the most remarkable entrepreneurs of her age.

**From Slavery to Survival**

Coincoin’s life began in the French colonial outpost of Natchitoches, Louisiana. As with so many African-descended women, her early years were defined by enslavement and the harsh demands of labor. Yet even within the confines of slavery, Coincoin displayed an independence of spirit. She bore children, endured the insecurities of servitude, and resisted the forces that sought to define her existence solely in terms of property. By 1778, fortune and determination aligned when she gained her freedom. This act alone was transformative. Few enslaved women in 18th-century Louisiana achieved manumission, and fewer still managed to craft livelihoods that extended beyond subsistence. Coincoin, however, refused to let freedom be a mere formality—she intended to thrive.

**Building an Unlikely Empire**

Once free, Coincoin began building what can only be described as one of the most unlikely business empires of her time. She tapped into the wilderness and economy of colonial Louisiana with striking creativity. She manufactured and sold medicines rooted in African and Native American herbal knowledge, an industry that not only provided income but also established her reputation as a healer and businesswoman. She trapped bears—an unusual and grueling pursuit for any individual, let alone a formerly enslaved woman—and sold meat, skins, and oil in markets as far as New Orleans. These ventures marked her as an independent agent in a society where women, especially women of color, were expected to remain dependent.

In 1787, her perseverance gained official recognition. Spanish colonial authorities, who then governed Louisiana, granted Coincoin 67 acres of land along the Cane River. This made her the first documented African-American woman in Louisiana to receive a land grant for entrepreneurial purposes. It was not simply property—it was legitimacy, status, and opportunity. From this foothold, she expanded relentlessly. By the end of her life, Coincoin controlled more than 1,000 acres, an expanse that allowed her family to become central figures in the Creole community.

**A Family and a Community Transformed**

Coincoin’s vision was not limited to land acquisition or business. Her empire was also familial and communal. With profits

## MARIE THÉRÈSE COINCOIN

### CANE RIVER CREOLE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Marie Thérèse Coincoin was born enslaved in 1742 at Natchitoches but gained her freedom in 1778. She built a medicine business, trapped bears for market, and shipped goods to New Orleans.

Spanish authorities granted her 67 acres in 1787, making her Louisiana’s first documented female African-American land entrepreneur. By her death, she owned oon 1,000 acres and purchased freedom for six family members. Archaeological excavations at her homestead reveal how one enslaved woman created a dynasty that lasted centuries.

from her enterprises, she purchased the freedom of six of her own children and other kin, ensuring that her descendants would not live under the same yoke she had borne. This act of liberation underscored her dual role as both entrepreneur and matriarch: she was building not only an estate but also a legacy of autonomy for her bloodline. Her children and grandchildren became the foundation of the Cane River Creole community, a distinctive cultural group that blended African, French, Spanish, and Native American heritage. For generations, the Metoyer family—Coincoin’s

descendants—owned land, operated businesses, and built institutions such as churches and schools. Their very existence challenged the rigid racial and social hierarchies of the South, offering an alternative vision of what Black life in America could be.

**Archaeology and Memory**

Today, the Cane River Creole National Historical Park preserves and studies the remnants of this extraordinary story. Archaeological excavations at Coincoin’s homestead and surrounding plantations reveal the material traces of her family’s rise: ceramics, tools, animal



The Coincoin–Prudhomme House, located on dirt road off of Highway 494, about 1 mile Northwest of Bermuda

bones, and the structural foundations of homes. These fragments help scholars and visitors alike to reconstruct how one woman leveraged knowledge, labor, and persistence to transform her world.

The Park tells not only of Coincoin’s triumphs but also of the paradoxes and moral ambiguities of her legacy. Her descendants, like many free Creoles of color, eventually became slaveholders themselves—a reality that complicates simplistic readings of her story. Yet in many ways, this reflects the broader contradictions of American history: freedom built on the foundations of unfreedom, progress intertwined with exploitation.

**The Broader Significance**

Coincoin’s story is more than a regional curiosity. It speaks to enduring themes in American history: the struggle for autonomy, the interplay of race and gender, and the capacity for resilience in the face of systemic oppression. Her life challenges the notion that enslaved women had little room for agency, showing instead how even in the most restrictive conditions, some could seize opportunities and redefine their destinies. At the same time, her family’s trajectory highlights how racial identity in colonial and antebellum Louisiana was complex, fluid, and deeply entangled with property and power.

For African-American history, Coincoin represents a rare and powerful archetype: a woman who not only escaped bondage but also built enduring institutions. For women’s history, she is a reminder of how female entrepreneurs shaped communities long before industrial capitalism made businesswomen visible in mainstream narratives. And for American history as a whole, she is a figure who embodies both the promise of freedom and the contradictions of its pursuit.

**Conclusion**

Marie Thérèse Coincoin’s life reads like an improbable epic: from enslaved girl to landowner, healer, entrepreneur, and matriarch of one of Louisiana’s most influential Creole families. Her empire was not gilded with palaces or armies but built through sweat, vision, and relentless willpower. More than two centuries after her death, the Cane River Creole National Historical Park ensures her story endures—not as a footnote, but as a testament to the power of resilience and imagination in shaping history.

Her legacy is both inspiring and sobering. It reminds us that history is never simple, that the lines between oppression and opportunity are often blurred, and that the human capacity for reinvention can alter not only individual lives but the destiny of entire communities. In the swamps and fields of Cane River, an enslaved woman once imagined freedom—not only for herself but for her children. Against all odds, she made it real. And in doing so, she left a mark on American history that endures to this day.

© The Diaspora Times  
Kenya. | Reporter





“Diaspora  
Connecting  
and  
Informing  
the World”



“A ruler’s legacy dies the day justice is buried with the victims.”

“Progress built on graves is merely a monument to cruelty.”



THE DIASPORA TIMES REPORTS





# DIASPORA INSURANCE

*Peace of Mind, Guaranteed!*



# TUKO NAWE!

An easier and more supportive way for Kenyans in the United States & Canada to ensure their funeral costs are covered for themselves and loved ones back home.

## Peace of mind Guaranteed!

Get a diaspora funeral cash plan policy



No donations  
needed



Worldwide  
coverage



Guaranteed  
Acceptance



Payment  
within 24hrs

**Click Here  
For More Info**

**CLICK FOR MORE INFO**



**Follow us  
on Facebook**



Call or Whatsapp us +44 770 3838 304 or +44 121 295 1116 | [www.diasporainsurance.com](http://www.diasporainsurance.com)

Authorised and Regulated by: FCA, UK: 795897 | Underwritten by GuardRisk & Re-insured by Africa-Re

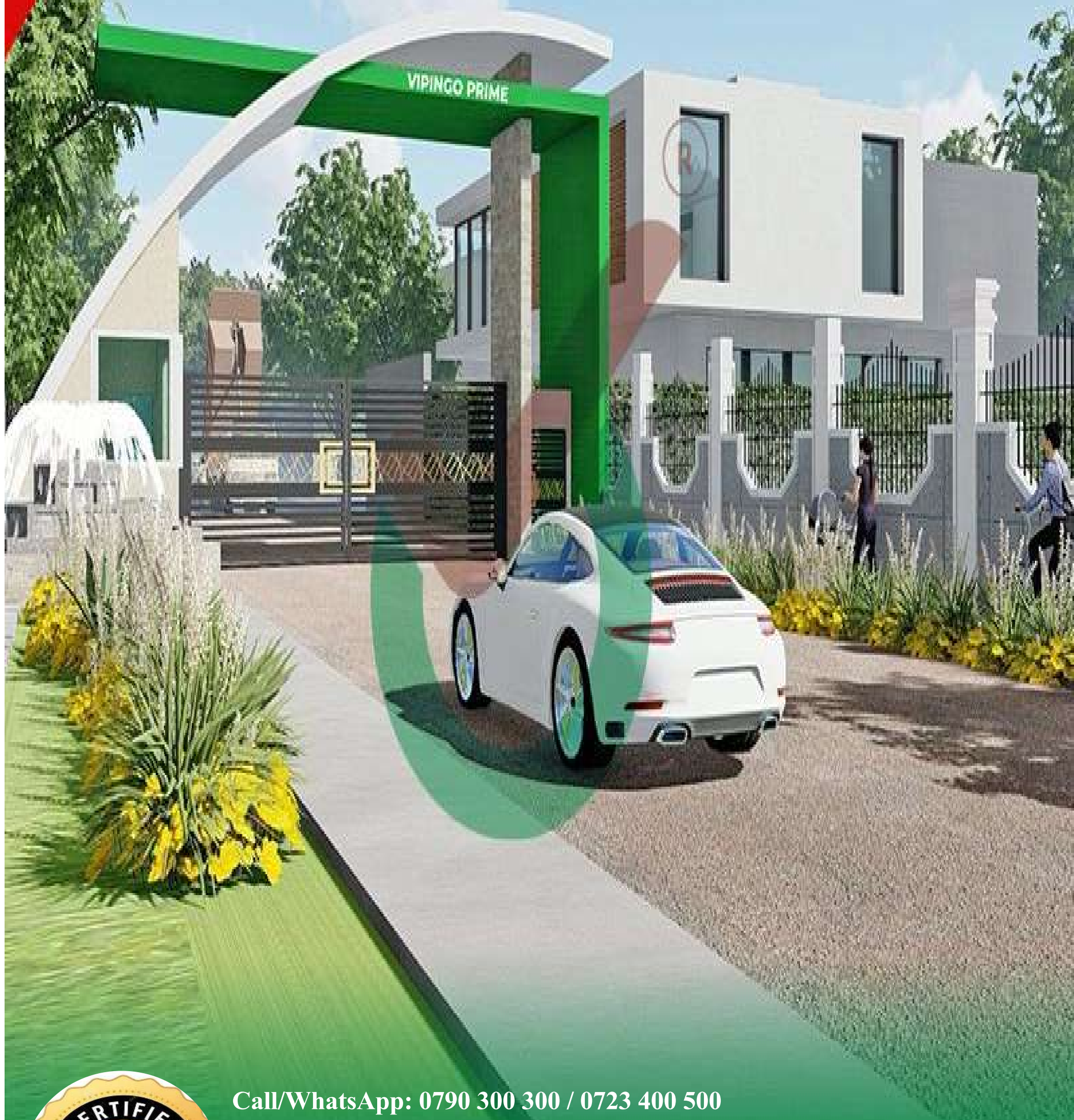


13

KES.2.795M



## FUTURISTIC EXPRESSION



Call/WhatsApp: 0790 300 300 / 0723 400 500

Email: [info@optiven.co.ke](mailto:info@optiven.co.ke)

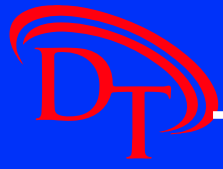
Learn more: [www.optiven.co.ke](http://www.optiven.co.ke)

Vipingo Prime — Where vision meets value, and your investment delivers more than just land—it delivers legacy

# VIPINGO PRIME

## VIPINGO





## Those who steer the dream

Letters to the editor  
diasporatimeskenya@gmail.com  
Tel. 4049668550



**Arch Dr. D.K. Gitau**  
*Vision founder.*  
He ensures every story uplifts, informs, and connects Kenyans in the Diaspora and at home.  
diasporatimeskenya@gmail.com



Advertise with us and see real results.  
We only partner with trusted companies that deliver—  
No Abunuazi Stories.  
diasporatimeskenya@gmail.com



**Professor Peter Ndiangu'i**  
He speaks not to please, but to reveal—without adornment, without disguise, as truth demands."



**Memory Phiri**  
A dedicated senior writer from Zimbabwe  
Topics: Tourism  
email address  
abigirlphiri@gmail.com



**Abigirl Phili**  
A dedicated senior writer from Zimbabwe  
Topics: Lifestyle  
email address  
abigirlphiri@gmail.com

## The Diaspora Times: Bridging Continents, Amplifying Voices

*Your Weekly Window into Diaspora Life, Kenyan Politics, and Global Success*



# THE DIASPORA TIMES



The Diaspora Times is a lifestyle and current affairs newspaper tailored for both the Kenyan Diaspora and readers within Kenya. It offers a vibrant platform for cross-continental dialogue, bridging the experiences, dreams, and challenges of Kenyans abroad with those on the ground at home.

Sourced from a wide network of global contributors, The Diaspora Times delivers high-impact stories on Kenyan politics, diaspora dilemmas, investment opportunities, cultural identity, and success narratives from Kenyans making a mark across the globe. Whether covering bold Gen Z protests in Nairobi, real estate prospects in Kajiado, immigration policies in the U.S., or inspiring tales of Kenyan nurses, truck drivers, and tech innovators in Europe and America, the newspaper remains committed to amplifying authentic voices.

More than just a news outlet, The Diaspora Times serves as a community mirror and a cultural compass. It offers opinion columns, lifestyle features, health advice, family and faith reflections, legal guidance, and even business ads, creating a holistic ecosystem that supports diaspora families in navigating both worlds.

Published weekly in both digital and print formats, The Diaspora Times is widely circulated through churches, community centers, Kenyan-owned businesses, social events, and online platforms, ensuring that the heartbeat of the diaspora is heard, felt, and acted upon.

## It is not just a newspaper—it is a voice, a connector, and a movement.





Tourism with  
Memory Phiri  
Zimbabwe.

# One Bridge, Two Nations, One Dream: The Power of the Kaza Univisa.

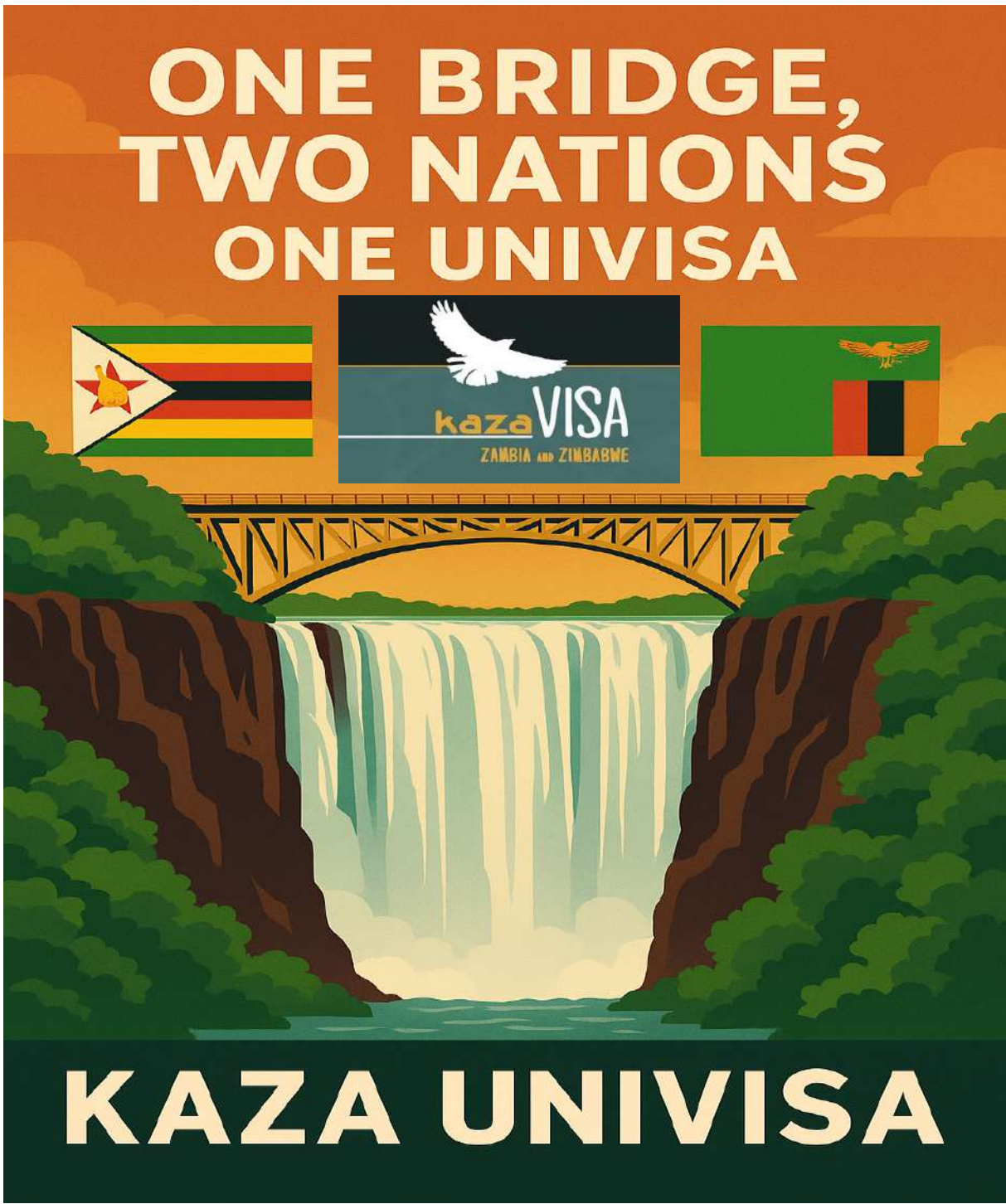
*The Kaza Univisa is more than just a travel document; it is a dream made real. It is proof that regional tourism, when anchored on goodwill and cooperation, can thrive in ways that uplift entire nations. One bridge, two countries, and a single vision have created an enduring legacy for Africa's tourism sector.*



By Memory Phiri  
Zimbabwe.  
Senior Editor  
The Diaspora Times

The Kaza Univisa stands as a shining example of regional co-operation, uniting Zimbabwe and Zambia through one of Africa's most ambitious tourism initiatives. At its symbolic heart lies the Victoria Falls Bridge, a century-old marvel that not only connects two countries at the hip but also guards one of the world's most prized natural treasures—the majestic Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. By allowing seamless travel between Zimbabwe and Zambia, the Kaza Univisa has transformed the region into a single tourism powerhouse. With just one visa, visitors can explore both nations freely, a convenience that few destinations in the world can boast. This initiative has elevated Victoria Falls beyond a geographical landmark to become a shared cultural and economic asset that unites rather than divides.

A Tourism Jewel Beyond Borders  
Zimbabwe and Zambia, as partner nations, are blessed with an enviable tourism package. The thunderous Victoria Falls itself is the crown jewel, while Lake Kariba, the vast Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA), and the famed Quadripoint—the only place in the world where four countries nearly meet (Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, and Botswana)—add layers of allure.



Together, these create a tourism corridor unrivalled in Southern Africa. Metaphorically, the Falls can be imagined as a woman of immense beauty, whose front view belongs to Zimbabwe and her graceful backside to Zambia. On the Zimbabwean side, tourists can lose themselves in the lush Victoria Falls Rainforest and the iconic National Park. Crossing over, Zambia offers equally unforgettable adventures such as the daring Devil's Pool and the historic Livingstone Island. Two

sides of a coin, two countries, and yet one unified tourism product—watertight and world-class. Diplomacy Through Tourism  
The Kaza Univisa has also become a symbol of diplomacy, a reminder that shared prosperity flows best when borders do not restrict but instead invite. As the adage goes, united we stand, divided we fall. This initiative is proof of what can be achieved when nations choose collaboration over competition. Importantly, the Univisa is not

confined to Zimbabwe and Zambia alone. It is part of the larger Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area, which also includes Angola, Botswana, and Namibia. This broader vision shows that Southern Africa is determined to create a model of regional tourism that not only preserves natural wonders but also fuels economic growth across borders. Economic Transformation  
The economic impact of the Univisa cannot be overstated. By making it easier for tourists

to move freely between countries, Zimbabwe and Zambia enjoy higher visitor numbers, increased tourism receipts, and greater contributions to their Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Hotels, lodges, tour operators, and local artisans all benefit from this expanded market. In turn, communities living near these attractions gain from job creation and income opportunities. Tourists, too, enjoy unmatched convenience. Instead of applying for multiple visas, visitors need only one document to traverse both countries multiple times, valid for up to thirty days in any twelve-month period. It is, quite literally, a golden opportunity presented on a silver platter—a rare blend of value, efficiency, and unforgettable experience. A Shared Dream Come True  
The Kaza Univisa is more than just a travel document; it is a dream made real. It is proof that regional tourism, when anchored on goodwill and co-operation, can thrive in ways that uplift entire nations. One bridge, two countries, and a single vision have created an enduring legacy for Africa's tourism sector. For anyone seeking the adventure of a lifetime, the message is simple: make the journey, stand in awe of Victoria Falls from both sides, and experience the best of two worlds with ease. The Kaza Univisa is not just about crossing borders—it is about uniting people, preserving heritage, and celebrating the shared beauty of Southern Africa. Kudos to one bridge, two countries, and one Univisa.

By Memory Phiri  
Zimbabwe.

## KAZA UNIVISA

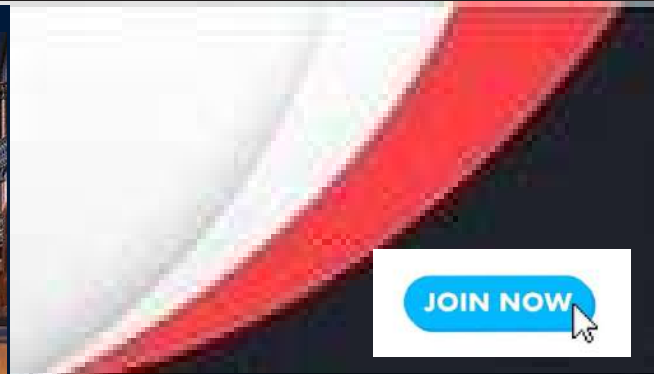
*The Kaza Univisa is a joint initiative between Zimbabwe and Zambia that allows tourists to travel freely between the two countries with a single visa. Centered on the iconic Victoria Falls and the historic bridge connecting both nations, it promotes unity, boosts regional tourism, and strengthens economic growth. By simplifying travel, it offers visitors the chance to enjoy the best of both worlds—Zimbabwe's rainforest and national park alongside Zambia's Devil's Pool and Livingstone Island—while symbolizing diplomacy and cooperation in Southern Africa.*



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



# DIASPORA SUNDAY



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



*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

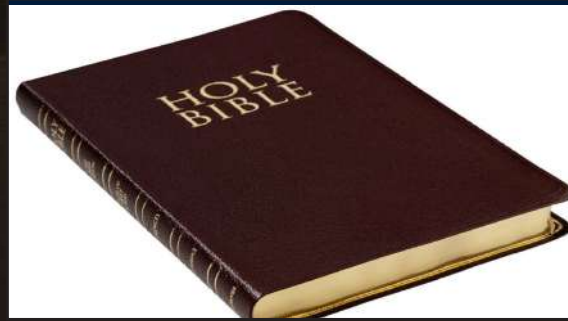
*"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

*These verses are a source of encouragement for anyone feeling exhausted or burdened. God promises renewed strength for those who place their hope in Him. The imagery of soaring like eagles is particularly comforting, portraying divine empowerment that allows us to rise above life's struggles.*

*"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground... with the belt of truth... the breastplate of righteousness... feet fitted with the gospel of peace... the shield of faith... the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*

## Deuteronomy 31.6

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you, he will never leave you nor forsake you."*

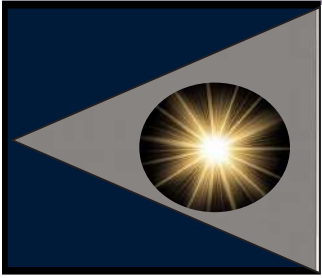


*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.*



*"Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed." - Psalm 82:3*





***“This is not a temporary fix. It is an infrastructure choice,” said Mendoza of the Arizona Immigrant Justice Alliance. “Once you build a place for 5,000 people, the pressure will always be to fill it.”***

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



## 8/22/2025 9:38:08 AM





# THE WEATHER IN USA IN BRIEF GEORGIA



Mostly sunny and humid with spotty thunderstorms possible this afternoon.



Weekly Highlights:  
Here's your 7-day weather outlook for Georgia, United States:

Thursday, August 21 – Humid with intervals of sun and clouds; late-day thunderstorms possible. High around 94 °F (34 °C), low near 72 °F (22 °C).

Friday, August 22 – A bit cooler but still humid. Expect clouds and sun with a few heavy late-day thunderstorms—possible flash flooding. High of 81 °F (27 °C), low around 72 °F (22 °C).

Saturday, August 23 – Cloudy and humid, with occasional showers and a strong thunderstorm later in the day. Ponding on roads is pos-

sible. High of 78 °F (25 °C), low near 69 °F (21 °C).

Sunday, August 24 – Humid with scattered thunderstorms. Thick clouds in the morning give way to breaks of sun and clouds. High of 83 °F (28 °C), low around 67 °F (20 °C).

Monday, August 25 – Sunny and humid. High of 89 °F (32 °C), low around 64 °F (18 °C).

Tuesday, August 26 – Pleasant and sunny. High of 85 °F (29 °C), low near 64 °F (18 °C).

Wednesday, August 27 – Mostly cloudy. High of 83 °F (28 °C), low around 63 °F (17 °C).

The  
Diaspora  
Times

IS NOT A NEWSPAPER  
IT IS A VOICE,  
A CONNECTOR,  
AND A MOVEMENT

MAN LEAVES HIS  
MOTHER'S WOMB  
AT BIRTH, ONLY TO  
ENTER THE GREATER  
WOMB OF THE WORLD.  
AT DEATH, HE DEPARTS  
ONCE MORE — INTO THE  
MYSTERY OF THE  
INFINITE UNKNOWN.  
PERHAPS AS A SPIRIT,  
SHEDDING THE FLESH  
LIKE OLD GARMENTS,  
TO BEGIN ANEW —  
A BIRTH WITHOUT A BODY.

— ARCH. DR. D. K. GITAU

"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



**KSH  
2.995M**



**20**



# SUCCESS GARDENS PHASE 2 GATANGA ROAD

## WHY SUCCESS GARDENS PHASE 2

**Success Gardens Phase II** is strategically located only less than **9 minutes** from **Blue Post Hotel Thika**; off exit 18 of Thika Superhighway and right on **Gatanga Rd.**

The property is situated near the award winning project **Success Gardens Phase I** by Optiven that is sold out and customers are now building their palatial dream homes.

## PROPOSED VALUE ADDITIONS

- Compacted Murram roads
- Trees on ground
- Perimeter Wall
- Water tower
- Caretaker on site
- Solar Street lights

**Click Here  
For More Info**

**0790 300 300 | 0723 400 500**  
**www.optiven.co.ke | info@optiven.co.ke**




Africa Resources epaper is published in USA, Kenya, Pakistan, & UK. Issue 368

# AFRICA RESOURCES CENTER




## YOUR AD HERE!

*“No monument can outshine the shadow of a murdered citizen.”*



**“Silencing dissent is the first step toward dictatorship. Defending it is the last stand for freedom.”**









### The Diaspora Times

**What's inside**

- Dr. Goebbels
- anda Mouth
- ento N

**Forum Trafficking**

**trnran Prafficking**

**Discenre Sesting 20**

**Lait to onen't's f**

**Kemya 5.2027 Elections Elections**

**Alreddy Kaising Eotrerrs 29**

**President Kup Appoints New Electoral Team**

**pora souredy anything**

**is about creating yoursen**





# “A River of Irony: Nairobi’s Clean-Up Effort Mirrors a Broken System”

By Arch. Dr. D.K. Gitau | The-Diaspora Times | August 2025

In the heart of Kenya’s capital, excavators roar and wheelbarrows rattle. The Nairobi River, long abused and neglected, is now the focus of a highly publicized government clean-up operation. President William Ruto’s administration has pledged to restore the river’s lost glory, citing environmental sustainability, urban renewal, and public health. But behind the photo-ops and planted trees lies a deeper, more unsettling reality: you cannot clean a river while the source of its pollution remains active and unregulated. Across the sprawling informal settlements that line the Nairobi River’s upstream tributaries—places like Kibera, Mathare, Korogocho, and Kangemi—thousands of households still lack access to basic sewer infrastructure. With no functioning sewage treatment systems, raw human waste and greywater flow directly into open drains, eventually finding their way into the river. The same fate awaits plastic waste, discarded electronics, food refuse, and industrial sludge—an unholy cocktail of urban neglect and systemic failure.

## A Futile Exercise Without Systemic Change

What the government has launched is not so much a clean-up as it is an expensive performance of environmental concern, repeated every decade with little long-term success. Without investing in upstream solutions—such as affordable sewer connections, community waste management systems, and strict enforcement of anti-dumping laws—the clean-up effort is as useful as drying a floor while the tap remains open.

Ironically, the government has



not put in place serious deterrents or monitoring mechanisms to prevent continued disposal of waste into the river. Residents and even some businesses continue to dump their refuse with impunity. The city authorities lack both the manpower and the political will to enforce environmental regulations in informal settlements, where votes matter more than accountability. What Kenya Can Learn from San Antonio, Texas Compare this to cities like San Antonio, Texas, where the San Antonio River winds through the center of the city and has become a crown jewel of urban recreation, tourism, and cultural expression. There, the river isn’t just an ecological feature—it’s a protected and economically productive public space. The famous San Antonio River Walk is lined with restaurants, public art, parks, and walking paths. What made it possible?

1. Comprehensive infrastr-

structure planning: Every neighborhood has access to sewer systems and trash collection services.  
2. Public-private collaboration: Businesses near the river have a vested interest in keeping it clean and contribute to its maintenance.  
3. Civic education and enforcement: Citizens understand that a clean river equals public good, and polluters are penalized accordingly.  
4. A cultural shift: The river is not seen as a place to dump, but a shared space to enjoy.  
Kenya Must Move Beyond Cosmetic Environmentalism In Nairobi, rivers are still viewed as sewage lines and dumping grounds. Until this mentality changes—supported by policy reforms, investment in infrastructure, and a civic culture of ownership—the government will be doomed to repeat this cycle: spend millions

to clean, only to watch the river return to filth within months. If President Ruto’s administration is sincere about environmental restoration, it must shift from rhetoric to results. Start by:  
• Banning further settlements along riverbanks and relocating high-risk dwellers with dignity and compensation.  
• Constructing decentralized sewage systems in informal areas.  
• Launching a public education campaign on river conservation.  
• Installing waste-trapping barriers and sensors in stormwater outfalls.  
• Empowering youth with green jobs centered on environmental monitoring and clean energy solutions.  
Until these structural measures are taken, Nairobi’s river clean-up will remain symbolic—a temporary clearing of the visible while ignoring the toxic

flow beneath. After all, you don’t purify a river with prayers and press conferences. You start at the source. You start with people. You start with justice.  
  
Disclaimer:  
The images presented in this publication are for illustrative and educational purposes only. While they reflect the general conditions of the Nairobi River before and after recent clean-up efforts, they may not represent a single continuous location or official government documentation. The comparison is intended to provoke public discourse on sustainable urban environmental management. The Diaspora Times does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of third-party visual sources and encourages independent verification where necessary.



The ethnicization of key institutions in Kenya has often served as the fuel for electoral unrest, with past elections degenerating into violence, most notably in 2007–2008, when over 1,000 people lost their lives and hundreds of thousands were displaced.





KES. 1.095M



23



WhatsApp:  
+254 790 300300  
+254 723 400 500

**USHINDI GARDENS**  
NAKURU

KES. 2.795M



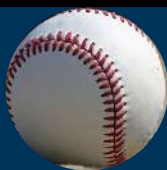
**FUTURISTIC EXPRESSION**



Call/WhatsApp: 0790 300 300 / 0723 400 500  
Email: [info@optiven.co.ke](mailto:info@optiven.co.ke)  
Learn more: [www.optiven.co.ke](http://www.optiven.co.ke)  
Vipingo Prime — Where vision meets value, and your investment delivers more than just land—it delivers legacy

**VIPINGO PRIME**  
VIPINGO





# WORLD OF SPORTS

The Celtics are known for their tradition of tough defense.

*Jack Simone, in a recent pod he put together with cohost Sam LaFrance taking a look at ways Boston could make their team both better balanced in the frontcourt, as well as cheaper.*

Boston Celtics: Legacy of Champions  
Founded: 1946  
City: Boston, Massachusetts  
Arena: TD Garden  
Highlights:  
17 NBA Championships – tied with the Los Angeles Lakers for most in league history.  
Bill Russell Era (1956–1969): Russell led the Celtics to 11 championships, including 8 straight (1959–1966)—the greatest dynasty in NBA history.  
Larry Bird Era (1980s): With Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, and Robert Parish, the Celtics won 3 more titles (1981, 1984, 1986).  
2008 “Big Three” Revival: Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, and Ray Allen brought Boston back to glory with a title in 2008, defeating the Lakers.  
The Celtics are known for their tradition of tough defense, teamwork, and storied rivalries—especially with the Lakers.

Chicago Bulls: The Jordan Dynasty  
Founded: 1966  
City: Chicago, Illinois  
Arena: United Center  
Highlights:  
6 NBA Championships – all won in the 1990s, led by Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen.  
Michael Jordan Era (1984–1998): Jordan, widely considered the greatest basketball player of all time, led the Bulls to two three-peats:  
1991–1993  
1996–1998  
Coach Phil Jackson developed the “Triangle Offense,” turning the Bulls into a global brand.  
The Bulls became synonymous with dominance and commercial success, turning Jordan into a cultural icon.



*Boston Celtics steps to the basket against Nikola Vucevic #9 of the Chicago Bulls*

