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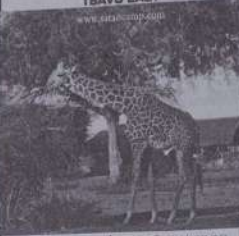
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Tourist Arrivals Decline Sharply

Pubs Facing Too Much Red Tape!

NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- Investors in hospitality and entertainment industries have warned that red tape, heavy taxation and haphazard regulations are very detrimental to the sector.

Both the national and county governments have introduced new tax regimes and legislation to regulate hotels and entertainment spots in Kenya.

"State agencies have introduced new licenses and punitive taxes that would jeopardize our operations.

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"There should be extensive consultation to ensure the regulatory environment does not undermine business," said Patrick Muya, chairman of Pubs, Entertainment and Restaurants

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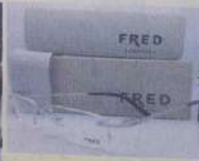
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HATUALIKONI FUND RAISING

ntua Likoni Director Gabrielle Fondiller [right], chats with Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho during the fund raising dinner held at Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa to raise funds to pay for Secondary and College fees for needy students. The event was graced by Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho and Senator Hassan Omar. The 'emcee' for the night was Phelix Odiwour aka Mzee Jalango.

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Mombasa Pantomime Auditions Finally Here

To all budding performers, old or young, please take note of the date Sunday 14th September at 5.30 p.m to fulfil your dreams at the La Veranda Restaurant.

The long awaited auditions for the next Mombasa Pantomime are here. The actual Pantomime will be performed on 3rd, 4th and 5th of December.

Please come along, we need main parts, chorus, backstage hands and many more contributors so all talents will be put to use for this traditional community production.

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NEW ARRIVALS SANITARY WARE

PHONEIX AVIATION TO DEFEND CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE TITLE

Phoenix Aviation, the 2013 CBA Africa Concours d'Elegance car winner, will defend the title at this year's event to be held at the Nairobi Racecourse on September 28th.

The Company took the first prize with their 1928 Ford Tudor and also scooped the second slot with a 1951 Jaguar Mark V.

The 2014 Concours will be the 44th in the series organized by the Alfa Romeo Owners Club and the third to be sponsored by the Commercial Bank of Africa.

The event showcases the best kept cars and motorcycles in Kenya. There are 12 classes for all makes and types of cars, station wagons, SUVs and eight for motorcycles.

A Classic Car and Motorcycle Sale will be held at the Racecourse in conjunction with the Concours on September 28th.

This is limited to 30 entries and is open to any vehicle made in 1989, or earlier, regardless of the machine's condition.

The Classic Sale offers an ideal opportunity for owners of unwanted old cars and motorcycles to sell them to enthusiasts.

Talking about the Phoenix Aviation entries, Mohammed Parvez, an Engineer at the Company, said, "We will display our 1928 Ford, a 1951 Jaguar Mark V and a 1958 VW at the

Nairobi Racecourse.

"These vehicles are being painstakingly rebuilt by our technicians who work on the cars in their spare time. We are all very proud to prepare these machines and show them at the Concours."

"The three cars were purchased in very bad conditions, but over the years we have worked tirelessly to restore them for the Concours."

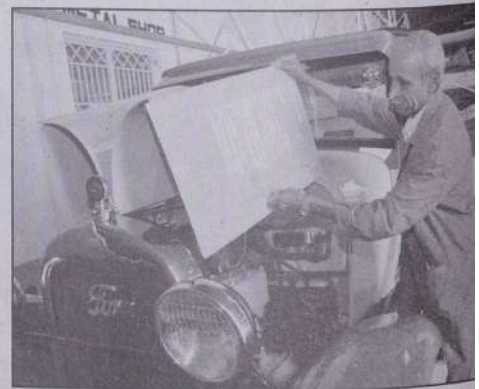
"The Jaguar was entered for the first time last year and was placed second overall in the car

category.

"The VW has won the overall trophy at the event four times and the Ford three times. We are hoping this year the Jaguar will be the champion."

At present the oldest car in the Concours entry list is the 1928 Ford Tudor of Phoenix Aviation.

Other notable entries in the CBA Africa Concours are Simon Fisher's rare Alvis Firefly made in 1934, John Wroe's 1930 Ford Tudor and a Bentley made in 1936.



Mohammed Parvez, an engineer at Phoenix Aviation won the 1928 Ford Tudor entered by the Company for the year's CBA Africa Concours d'Elegance. This vehicle was overall winner of the car category during last year's event.

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Coast Clean Up

Saturday 20th September is the International Coastal Clean Up day which is dedicated to the improvement of beaches, coastal regions and surrounding areas throughout the world. It purports to be the largest volunteer event in the world!

This will be the second time the community and local schools in the Shimoni area will be participating.

Last year, with our very enthusiastic teams of volunteers from Shimoni Primary School, Mizima Primary School and Mkwiro and Wasini Primary Schools and a host of International Volunteers we collected 6,000 kg of garbage.

This year Daniel Kisombe, a Trustee of Kenya Kesho, will be coordinating the clean-up of three beaches in Shimoni and Wasini Island. We are hoping that many volunteers will come and help us promote environmental protection and awareness.

Charlie Claws on Wasini Island is offering very special rates for their famous lunch for those of you making the trip from Mombasa, or anywhere else for that matter.

Look us up on facebook/kenyakesho to read all about it.

Cleanup will start from 0700 on Saturday 20th September at the Shimoni Jetty. High tide is at 1400, so we need to get as much done as we can before mid-day. Join us!

Leopard Beach In Line For More World Travel Awards

The jewel in Diani Beach's crown, the Leopard Beach Resort and Spa, has just been notified that they have once again made it to the top of their class with three wins in three categories of nominations for the upcoming World Travel Awards, aka the Oscars of the Travel Industry.

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Seen above is the entire team of Leopard Beach Resort and Spa during the annual World Travel awards 2013 whereby they were voted as Kenya's leading Resort and the resort's Uzuri Spa was voted by Travel Professionals from 12 nominations as Africa's Best Spa Resort.

for many years swept the leaderboard in local, regional and international award ceremonies and from own visiting experiences can I only agree that this was and remains an exceptional property.

The Diani Beach itself is of course a repeated award winner among the world's best beaches and many activities offer holiday makers

plenty to do. This ranges from a championship 18 hole golf course to seeing elephant within half an hour's drive at the nearby Shimba Hills National Park, visits to the marine national parks and reserves offshore, swimming with whale sharks, when in season, the Diani Rules Tournament, the annual Kongo Mosque Regatta to the 'regular' water sport activities

and plenty more, as there is always something happening along Diani Beach.

Congratulations to the Leopard Beach team and their mentor Chris Modigell who can be proud of what he has accomplished over the last decade when he transformed the Chui from a wannabe to the real thing, an award winning resort which still goes from strength to strength.



CHAÎNE DES RÔTISSEURS WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

Chaîne des Rôtisseurs members experienced an exceptional evening at Severin Sea Lodge during their Annual Wine and Cheese tasting and Dinner. The General Manager Mr. Andy Muir who is also a committee member of this society went out of his way to source a wide array of Cheese which was generously accompanied by an equally vast selection of wines. The Cheese was perfectly paired by the Cheese and Bakery Connoisseur Mr. Hans Water with an amazing variety of fresh fruit (which was brought in specially, on the day from Nairobi) nuts and bread. The dinner comprised of oysters, lobster, prawns, a variety of meats and salads followed by some fascinating desserts. Food and Beverage manager Mr. Joseph Ndunoo did a splendid job in coordinating the

evening which was a great success.



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Construction Worker Wages Reach Record High

By Bedah Mengo NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- The cost of labor in Kenya's construction industry has hit a record high as demand for services offered by masons increases.

Rapid construction of commercial and residential buildings, to meet rising demand has made the artisans, popularly known as 'fundis', one of the most-

sought in the sector.

This has pushed their wages up as many property developers need them.

In Nairobi, the unskilled artisans, whose work mainly involves mixing sand and cement and ferrying building materials, are currently demanding a wage of between 8 U.S. dollars and 9.1 dollars a day, up from 3.4 dollars about three years ago.

On the other hand, the skilled workers (masons) who engage in the actual building of the houses are demanding a pay of up to 13 dollars a day, up from

about 8 dollars some years back.

Similarly, wages for the foreman or supervisors have gone up significantly, with the workers demanding 17 dollars a day.

The pay of the workers in the capital, however, differs depending on the kind of building one is constructing, materials being used and where the house is situated.

The rising wages have doubled the cost of construction in Kenya, with many property developers having to dig deeper into their pockets, as they also

grapple with increased costs of building materials.

"I am currently building a house.

"The amount of money I have spent on workers' wages is more than a quarter of what I have used on building the structure," recounted Media worker John Mutua on Tuesday, who is building the property in Kitengela, Nairobi on quarter acre.

The other day his workers did not report to work only for Mutua to realize they have found a well paying job at another construction site.

"I agreed with the foreman that I shall pay them 6 dollars per day.

"I was informed that the other developer was paying them 7 dollars.

"I did not do any work that Saturday.

"Now I have to look for new workers or match the pay."

His predicament is shared by other property developers who fail to meet wage demands of artisans as those paying seemingly low wages are being shunned.

"Right now we are working on two construction sites, one in Komarock and the other in Kayole.

"In Komarock we are building an extension; we put lintel on Monday, and as it dries, we are working on the floor of the building in Kayole," said Moses

Ochieng, a mason.

Ochieng noted that gone are days when property developers would pay low wages.

"No mason is taking less than 6 dollars a day because there is plenty of work around.

"The buildings being put up in Nairobi are so many that one cannot miss work."

David Karimi, an NGO worker building a house in Ruai, on the outskirts of Nairobi, noted that construction has become expensive.

"It is a tough situation.

"If you choose to construct

your own house, it is expensive.

"If you go for mortgage, things are not any better," he said.

Antony Kuyo, a real estate consultant with Aventura Properties in Nairobi, attributes high property prices to the rising cost of labor and materials.

"They have significantly contributed to high property prices. Some developers are now opting to import labor from up country."

Kenya's construction sector, estimated to be over 4 billion dollars, is among the fastest growing in Africa, with houses replacing crops in many parts of the country.

Hospitality Industry Warning Over Red Tape And Taxation

FROM FRONT PAGE Association of Kenya (PERAK) in Nairobi region.

He revealed at a stakeholder's workshop in Nairobi that entertainment spots lost an estimated 60 per cent of their revenue when the state introduced a cumbersome licensing regime.

"Thousands of workers have been laid off since the government introduced new regulations and costly licences.

"A dip in our profit margins had multiplier effects on many sectors of the economy," Muya said.

The restaurants and entertainment lobby is an associate member of Kenya Tourism Federation.

Muya noted that travel advisories, insecurity and terrorism had negative impacts on mid-tier hotels.

"Both the foreign and domestic tourists visit restaurants and bars for entertainment.

"When tourism sector experience litters, the impact is felt across the board," Muya told reporters.

Muya regretted that entertainment spots are over regulated, hence their inability to generate sustainable profits.

The government policy has not been friendly to restaurants business while a tripling of

licensing fees has made it impossible for us to recoup investments," said Muya.

He urged the national and county governments to reduce licensing fees and remove cumbersome registration procedures.

"State authorities should consult us before they introduce new requirements for our business," Muya said.

Nairobi County alone has an estimated 30,000 entertainment spots that contribute millions of

dollars to the national coffers.

According to the CEO of PERAK in Nairobi chapter Lillian Kalela, the industry has experienced massive investments thanks to an enlarging middle class bracket in the country.

"The low end segment of hospitality industry has the potential for growth if the right policies are in place and investors were spared the exorbitant licensing fees and unnecessary regulations," Kalela said.

TOURIST ARRIVALS DECLINE

FROM FRONT PAGE during a similar period last year, according to new data from Kenya Tourism Board (KTb) received on Wednesday.

It is the first time in over two years that the numbers have fallen to such a level.

The period from April to June is usually characterized by high arrivals as tourists flock into Kenya to watch the spectacular migration of wildebeests from Serengeti game reserve in Tanzania to Mara in Kenya.

This year, Kenya did not receive more than 70,000 tourists in a month during the quarter.

In April, only 66,650 tourists came into Kenya, which dropped from 91,602 in March. Things went further south in May, with arrivals into the East African nation through the two airports dropping to 58,301.

In June, arrivals dropped to a record of 47,307, the worst in the country's recent history. In 2013, Kenya received 68,424 tourists through the two

airports in April, 74,523 in May and 97,775 in June.

Terrorism has taken a toll on the country's tourism sector as several Western nations, including France, U.S., Australia and Britain, issued travel advisories to their citizens.

Kenya Association of Hotelkeepers (KAH) and Kenya Union of Domestic, Hotels, Education Institutions, Hospitals and Allied Workers (Kudheihai) last week noted that players in the sector have lost up to 455 million U.S. dollars due to insecurity.

Kenya has suffered a series of terror attacks orchestrated by the Somali militant group Al-Shabaab. Many tourists, according to players in the sector, are now going to Tanzania, which expects its tourist numbers to hit 2 million by 2017.

Tourism Cabinet Secretary Phyllis Kandie on Tuesday said Kenya is negotiating with Western nations so that they can revise their travel advisories since security has improved.

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Thirty Five Years Ago

Coastweek, September 14 - 20, 1979

A portrait of a wide-eyed, regal-looking lion from the Amboseli Game Reserve graced the front page of Coastweek. The five-year-old large, wild cat was spotted by Mombasa camera buff Mustafa Nasser during a visit to the teeming wildlife park.

The Municipal Fire Brigade reported that at least ten people had died and property worth KSh. 2,777, 697, 15 had been destroyed in fires since January. The latest figures indicated that there was an average of 23 fire cases a month in Mombasa alone. Insurance companies declined to give figures but admitted that pay-offs made to fire victims ran into millions of shillings.

Mombasa branch of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) was making plans to build a new K.Shs. 7,000,000 hostel in the Kizingo area. The hostel was to have 144 beds and was to cater to all people irrespective of religious following.

The United Nations Information Center was to stage an exhibition featuring the different activities and programmes of the world organization. The two-day show organized with the co-operation of the Aga Khan Education Department, was to be held at the Aga Khan High School with an aim to "acquaint the public with the work of the United Nations and motivate them towards greater support of the United Nations programmes.

Tanzanians were looking into the possibility of constructing a plant at Songo Songo in Kilwa district to exploit the newly discovered gas for the manufacture of Ammonia and Urea. If the project succeeded, the manufacture of Urea from the 30 billion cubic litres of natural gas pool at Songo Songo would provide a rich nitrogenous fertilizer for Tanzania's agriculture.

The C.C.A. League got off the ground with the inclusion of Aga Khan and Mombasa Youths, as the suspension on Coast Gymkhana was lifted.

REGAL Cinema was screening 'Bittersweet Love,' starring Meredith Baxter (of 'Family Ties' fame) and Michael Lewis.

NAAZ Cinema was ending its run of 'Lawman' and moving onto another Western, 'Eagle's Wing,' the story of Kiowa dog soldiers and their constant warfare with the Comanches.

KENYA Cinema, meanwhile, was running 'Ruby,' a horror flick starring Piper Laurie as a teenage daughter possessed by an evil power. At CHOX, Hema Malini and Dharmendra were bound by 'Pratigya' ('Vow').

TOP TEN on the Charts compiled by 'Disco Bug' were 'Double Disco' by Fingers, 'I Was Made For Loving You' by Kiss, 'Going Through The Motion' by Hot Chocolate, 'Pop Music' by M, 'Bad Girls' by Donna Summer, 'Re-United' by Peaches, 'No Good Searchin'' by Eruption, 'Disco Rockin'' by Fingers, 'Love You So Bad, It Hurts' by John Paul Young, and 'Good Times' by Chic.

Remember When 'A Job Was A Job' And Most People Were Happy With Their Lot?

The National Transport and Safety Authority or NTSA, is beginning to at last make its presence known in the country.

The first raft of issues that it addressed was in response to the high levels of accidents and fatalities that usually hit the country either in April, August or December.

These are the traditional holiday months in Kenya and they naturally mean even more cars on the roads, more buses and the same number of lorries and other road users.

Our trunk road network is woefully insufficient.

Apart from the bypasses around Nairobi and a few link roads in the Central, Rift and Western parts of the country, no new roads have been created in the country for a long time.

What has happened in the last few years is that a lot of the existing roads have been upgraded to fully sealed (or tarmacked) status.

Others that were already fully sealed and had served their useful lives have been re-laid and improved in the process.

The number of vehicular and other users has grown at an almost exponential rate especially as the middle class in Kenya (and neighbouring countries) has also grown.

The roads in Kenya are crowded.

There is an increasing urgency to get from one point to another in the name of efficient commerce and administration.

The advent of competitively priced internal air travel has meant that regions that are not served by air now become the target of high speed driving.

The quality of road users and etiquette on the roads has declined rapidly as has the quality of institutions that teach rules and etiquette as well as the enforcement agencies.

caused the civil service to morph.

The opportunities that people saw in public service - and especially the corruption of the political class - began to also influence the average mwananchi as they sought to be and live like the bragging and conspicuous civil servants who started taking bribes and stealing public money to create lives that were driven by matching the rent seeking political class.

Against this background, the motoring scene rapidly became an arena for corruption and extortion.

Starting from the driving training and testing of road users, issuance of vehicular and personal licences and all the way through to the enforcement of compliance, the rent seeking brigade started and grew to large proportions.

The NTSA has it work cut out to try and change this large behemoth that has been built since the time Kenya became independent.

The planning of their cam-

paigns and actions should be multi faceted as the areas of focus are many and each re-inforces the other.

The priority in our view should be to revamp the institutions that impact on road safety. This must start with the training and licensing activity.

All driving schools should be shut for six months and reopened after a vigorous and strict revamp.

This was done for the public traffic sector where night driving was stopped until the companies involved in the activity had complied with the requirements set by NTSA.

They are now slowly being licensed to operate at night.

Driving schools are not essential so closing them till they comply with new strict standards will not cripple the economy.

It will create the sense of urgency that is required to get the change process started.

As Kachumbari says, we must start with a root canal!



The NTSA could not have been created at a more correct and necessary moment.

In fact such an institution existed before but they had very little authority.

The earlier institutions were based on the tried and tested British system of administration that assumed that Kenya had probably reached a similar level of maturity in terms of road use.

In the earlier days the number of road users was small and the regulatory agencies had an easy time.

The greed that we have seen grow in Kenya was not there and the civil servants and other enforcement agency employees did not have the mind set of getting rich quickly.

A job was a job and people were happy with their lot.

The rapid change in societal expectations and aspirations that came about with the conspicuous affluence that developed after independence

MALCOLM S. PETERS, age 62 of Homewood, IL, USA, passed away on September 02, 2014. Survived by his wife Beth Cotton-Peters.

His children Diane Rooke of Kenya, Lynn Peters of London, England, Valerie Haji Peters of Kenya, Charleston Peters of Brazil, Allison Peters of London, England, Samantha Peters of London, England and Jessica Peters of London, England. Grandchildren Stephanie, George and Bruce Rooke and Dante Haji. His siblings Edgar Peters, Leslie Peters, Ernestina Fernandes, late Derek Peters, Cynthia Denhart and Colin Peters. Former wife Suzanne Peters.

Malcolm was born in Mombasa, Kenya and he went to the U.S.A. in 1999.

A Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Heartland Memorial Center, 7151 W. 183rd Street, Tinley Park, Illinois, USA from 11:30 a.m. until time of service at 1:00 p.m.

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OIL, GAS, MINERALS OPPORTUNITIES PULLS KENYAN EXPERTS TOGETHER

A myriad of opportunities in oil, gas and minerals in Kenya pulled together experts to share their ideas at a forum for the Kenyan Australian Alumni Association (KAAA).

Led by Mahul Shah, the Chair of KAAA and a Director of Australian Education Consultants, professionals including Monica Gichuhi, the Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Chamber of Mines, Mwenda Nyaga, the Lead Consultant of Oil and Services Limited and Cliff Otega, the Managing Director and Head of Energy and Natural Resources, Standard and Mutual spoke to KAAA members and the public about ways in which they can participate in the oil,

gas and minerals sectors.

Areas of investment covered during the discussions included provision of services and supplying materials.

Mwenda Nyaga emphasised the importance of partnerships with people who have years of experience in the field to provide more specialised services.

Talking about benefits of Base Titanium mining operations in Kwale, Simon Wall, the External Affairs Manager said, "94 per cent of the company's workforce are Kenyans living within the area."

In addition, the company has created a 'mutual benefit to community' relationship in which they have contributed to the improvement of the livelihood of the residents through building of

schools. KAAA was registered in 2009 and consists of graduates and former students of Kenyan origin who studied in Australia.

Mahul Shah said, "KAAA provides a forum for networking and sharing ideas. The Association also promotes Australian scholarships and supports development efforts in Kenya."

"Kenya is Australia's biggest source of students in Africa, with nearly 2000 currently in Australia and many thousands having studied there over recent decades."

"The Association's objectives include creating a network of people to advise Kenyan and Australian institutions on social, economic, cultural and education issues."



MINERALS, OIL AND GAS - Seen [from left] Oil and Energy Services Limited Lead Consultant Mwenda Nyaga, Remax Heritage Marketing Director Faith Mwaura, Kenya Chamber of Mines Chief Executive Officer Monica Gichuhi and Australian Education Consultants Director Mahul Shah, discuss investment opportunities for Kenyan Australian Alumni Association (KAAA) members in the minerals, oil and energy sector. KAAA gathered at the Dari Restaurant during one of a series of meetings for networking.



Nyeri Assembly Retreat

Nyeri county Governor Nderitu Gachagua [left] shares a word with MCA Duncan Gituanja [right] during the Nyeri county Assembly retreat at Mombasa Continental Resort. The County Deputy Governor Samuel Wamathai is seen in the centre. PHOTO BY TITUS MUSAU

Water Borehole For Lutsangani Village

Free water borehole was kindly donated by M/S Munir Hussain and Khanani family of Nazeea, Erum and Inaya.

All the way from the United States of America (USA), they officially opened the borehole at Lutsangani village, Kilifi area, 53 Kilometers from Mombasa, interior 2km.

Around 4,327 villagers will benefit from the free water project.

The guests were entertained by the donors who were welcomed with madafu drink, international acrobatics group and magic show by Professor King Charlie who is back in Mombasa after performing his shows in Spain.

Villagers and elders thanked the donors for giving them such a wonderful and valuable gift of water.

They said: "Ahsante Sana, Mungu aawabariki".



Seen [from left] are Project co-ordinator Vinod Dattani, borehole driller John Kariuki and Hussain and family as Rajnikant Shah and Nisha Shah [right].

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East African Community Absorbs 24 Per Cent Of Kenyan Exports In 2013

NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- The East African Community (EAC) bloc absorbed 24 per cent of Kenya's exports in 2013.

The Ministry of East African Affairs, Commerce and Tourism Principal Secretary Ibrahim Mohamed said in the same year, two per cent of Kenya's total imports came from the trading bloc.

"Kenya is therefore reaping the fruits of regional integration," Mohamed said in a statement issued in Nairobi.

EAC member states include Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi and Rwanda.

The ministry said it is also enhancing the capacity of Cross Border Trade Committees in order to facilitate international trade.

Mohamed said the One Stop Border Posts have also reduced delays at the border posts.

According to the government, regional integration provides a route to overcome the disadvantages of small economies by enlarging markets available to regional firms.

The EAC Customs Union was established in 2005, while the EAC Common Market was introduced in 2010.

In a well functioning, single customs territory, taxes and levies are levied on goods at the first port of entry and allowed to freely flow to their final destinations.

Mohamed said the protocol for the establishment of the East African Monetary

Union was signed last year and is currently undergoing ratification by the member states.

"When fully implemented, the monetary union will create a single currency area which will remove foreign exchange volatility between partner states," he said.

The economic bloc is also working to address the challenges of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) which have been hampering the flow of goods across borders.

"The partner states are currently developing a legally binding mechanism for the elimination of the NTBs," she said.

The member states have pledged to remove unnecessary roadblocks along the transport corridors.

Interview: Egypt Eyes Bigger Role In World Trade With 'New And Enlarged Suez Canal'

by Marwa Yahya ISMAILIA, Egypt (Xinhua) -- The Chairman of Egypt's Suez Canal Authority has said that a new waterway project which was launched in August will be finalized in one year as scheduled, denying press reports about problems with funding.

In an exclusive interview with Xinhua, Mohab Mamish asserted that the new Suez Canal will be opened for navigation on August 6, 2015 as planned.

"The Egyptians have the will and capabilities to face challenges and crush difficulties," he stressed, adding:

"We are in a race against time to restore the economic and political position that Egypt deserves."

On August 05, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi launched the new Suez Canal and urged the authority officials to finish the whole project in one year, expressing confidence that the new project will turn Egypt into one of the biggest world economic and industrial hubs.

The Suez Canal project will definitely affect the international trade volume, especially the trade exchange between the east and the west, Mamish said.

Since it started, the new project has not suffered any funding problems, the Suez Canal's chairman said, pointing out that "the project depends on four methods of funding: people, government, national investors and businessmen, and national banks."

He lauded the massive turnout on new investment certificates offered to fund the new project, whose sales have reached more than 20 billion pounds (nearly 2.79 million U.S. dollars) in only three days.

Four national banks started on Thursday offering certificates worth 60 billion pounds (8.6 billion dollars) for sale for Egyptians, in return for 12 per

cent interest rate paid every three months.

The new 72-kilometer (45 miles) waterway would help speed up the transiting of the vessels, and reduce the waiting time for passing from 11 hours to only three hours, Mamish said.

"By reducing the transiting time of the vessels, the canal will be the fastest means to transfer trade between the east and the west," added the Suez Canal's chairman.

This giant project will create one million jobs at a time when Egypt is struggling to recover from more than three years of political turmoil since the ouster of the long-time president Hosni Mubarak.

It also targets building international logistic zone, and

nearly five billions of dollars in annual revenues.

Around 16,600 ships passed through it in 2013.

According to Mamish, the new canal is also attached to a bigger project that will develop all the canal cities by building five ports.

"The two projects are a security instrument for the coming generation and would help the Arab country to restore political and economic major role in the region."

Once finishing its master plans in the beginning of 2015, the corridor developing project will be offered for investors.

He added that trade volume and economic growth of China and Eastern Asian countries are in progress, and Egypt has to be ready to absorb the increasing

canal made its biggest revenue in 2014, despite the security political circumstances, and that the canal is totally safe.

"Securing the canal generating more revenue no one would send his troops through an unstable Mamish said.



Cargo vessels transiting Suez Canal at the Ballah Bypass.

consequently increases the exports, develops the world trade, and diversify the existing industrial and servicing activities.

It also aims at luring foreign investments, maximizing the canal revenues as one of the major waterways worldwide, he added.

One of the world most heavily used shipping lanes, the Suez has been a key source of international trade, earning Egypt

volume by improving the marine services in the Suez Canal.

China is the biggest partner in the world trade movement, and its industries play essential role in the whole world, Mamish added, noting that the Suez Canal will be the appropriate passage for Chinese products.

On the security threats imposed by the extremists in Sinai Peninsula and the Suez Canal area, Mamish said, the

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RWANDA MOST COMPETITIVE ECONOMY IN EAST AFRICA

KIGALI (Xinhua) -- Rwanda retains its position as the most competitive economy in the East African region and third in Africa, according to a new Global Competitiveness Index.

The small East African country takes the third position on the continent after Mauritius and South Africa in this year's World Economic Forum (WEF) annual report released on Wednesday in Geneva. Rwanda ranks 62nd out of the 144 countries surveyed worldwide, up from 66th last year, while Mauritius and South Africa came in 39th and South Africa 56th respectively.

Speaking to Xinhua on Wednesday, Claver Gatete, Rwanda Minister of Finance and Economic Planning said that, Rwanda deserved the position because the country has maintained its impressive growth rate.

"Our aim is to rank on top position and accelerate our country's growth. We are not resting; we are aiming higher for better and sustainable results that will benefit each and every Rwandan citizen," he noted.

According to the survey, in East African Community, Kenya came second with an overall aggregate of 3.9 and was ranked 90th worldwide. Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi came in 121st, 122nd and 139th,

respectively, on the global scale. The Report 2014 says Switzerland came first, followed by Singapore, United States, Finland and Germany, one notch, to the 4th and 5th.

On average, Rwanda's macro-environment scored 4.6 aggregated possible seven, while health and education registered 5.5 aggregated. However, the country underperforms in infrastructure aggregating 3.1, rank out of 144 countries on that indicator.

The survey assesses the competitiveness of 144 economies, providing insight into drivers of their productivity and performance.

INTERNET FOR AFRICAN BUSINESS

NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- Internet penetration across Africa will fuel economic transformation, create new jobs and attract foreign direct investments in the continent, technology experts said on Monday.

The digital boom has organized key economic sectors and opened vast opportunities for the African continent.

The continent should embrace internet as a critical resource and a tool for business," said Bob Ochieng, manager of African chapter of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

Speaking during a business roundtable in Nairobi, Ochieng said that access to the internet will promote intra-African trade, innovations and efficiency in the public sector.

Technologists who met with industry executives in the roundtable appealed for State intervention to eliminate barriers that limit internet access among businesses and citizens.

Nigeria, South Africa and Morocco have the highest internet penetration in Africa.

A report carried out by Boston Consulting Group said that these countries have made smart investments to bridge the digital divide.

infrastructure, content and security to propel digital revolution," Ochieng told Xinhua.

He disclosed that ICANN has developed a new strategy for Africa that roots for transforming internet industry through capacity development.

"There are flagship projects in the pipeline that focus on exchange programs and adoption of a critical mass of African domain names for industries and citizens," said

Ochieng.

African governments should promote uptake of domain names in the small and medium sized business segment.

Michael Katundu, director at the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA), underscored the role of the internet to revolutionize supply chains.

"We need to scale up marketing and awareness on the need for small firms to have a domain name at a time when e-commerce has gained

traction," said Katundu.

Kenya has experienced a tech boom thanks to supportive policies, abundance of youth talent and capital injection from investors.

"We have an ICT roadmap that calls for public private sector partnership to expand bandwidth in all counties.

"The government has also invested in cyber-security," Katundu said.

Countries that have invested in ICT are growing three times faster than their counterparts which depend on traditional sectors of the economy, according to him.



SAMBURU (Xinhua) -- President Uhuru Kenyatta and Chief of Defence Forces General Julius Waweru Karangi are seen during the military validation exercise in Samburu. Uhuru Kenyatta, wearing the military uniform for the first time, was attending the officiation ceremony of the validation of Kenya's Pledged Forces to the Eastern Africa Standby Force. XINHUA PHOTO - SIMBI KUSIMBA

Former German President Calls For Closer Kenyan Partnership

NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- Former German President Horst Kohler has called for close working partnership with Kenya.

Kohler who held talks with President Uhuru Kenyatta in Nairobi encouraged partnerships between Kenyan and German investors, saying the cooperation would boost exchange of technical skills necessary for growth and creation of jobs for the youth.

"The former German President emphasized the need for retired experts to continue imparting technical skills to the youth through the well-coordinated programs," said a statement issued after the meeting.

Speaking during the meeting, Kenyatta welcomed Kohler's efforts to promote technical cooperation between Kenya and Germany.

He said Kenya was keen on equipping the youth with technical skills that would enable them to engage in self-employment ventures rather than relying on nonexistent "white collar" jobs.

"We are keen on ensuring that the Kenyan youth acquire technical skills that are necessary for the country to achieve its development targets.

"That is why we are working towards ensuring that there is a technical institute in every constituency," Kenyatta said.

JAPAN AND KENYA AGREE TO BUILD U.S. \$20 MILLION DOLLAR FERTILIZER PLANT

NAIROBI (Xinhua) -- Kenya and Japan have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the construction of a fertilizer factory in order to address the high cost of the farm input.

Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Felix Koskei said late Tuesday that Japanese firm Toyota Tsusho Corporation has agreed to begin the construction of a U.S. \$20 million dollar NPK plant by the end of 2014.

"By the middle of 2016, its production capacity will have reached 150,000 metric tonnes," Koskei told a news conference in Nairobi.

He said that high cost of farm inputs and especially fertilizers has been identified as key constraints to high crop productivity.

"Due to the high cost of fertilizer, Kenyans use on averaged 31 kilogram per hectare compared to the recommended 200 kg per ha. The government has realized that manufacturing of fertilizer locally

can result in affordable and accessible fertilizer," he said.

Kenya imports an estimated 500,000 metric tons of fertilizer annually and the absence of a robust local fertilizer industry has made the commodity too costly to small-scale farmers.

In the last financial year, the government spent 44 million dollars in the fertilizer subsidy program.

"Fertilizer was distributed to farmers growing food crops such as maize as well as cash crops such as sugarcane and coffee," he said.

Toyota Tsusho East Africa Senior Advisor Dennis Awori said that the MOU will guide the process for the construction of the fertilizer plant.

"The expected commercial mining of phosphates from Uganda and Kenya's natural gas will provide cheap source of raw materials for the fertilizer plant," Awori said.

By the end 2014, the firm hopes to be producing at least 500 million metric tons of fertilizer annually for Kenya and the East Africa region.

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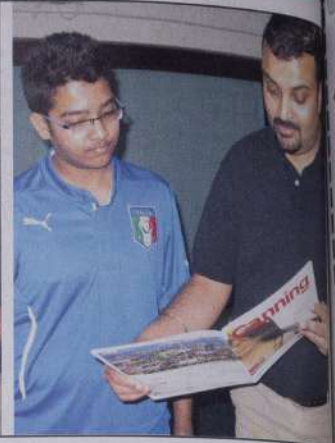
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Seen [from left] Maji Na Ufanisi Administrator Steve Kariuki, Trade County Executive Mohamed Abdi, Chairperson of Kongweea Market Central Committee (KOMACECO) Mwalimu Sharubad and his MWAGA Taka counterpart Ali Mtsumi [right] appended their signature during the memorandum of understanding for operation and management of Kongweea market water and sanitation facilities between Kongweea Market Central Committee between the county government of Mombasa (CGM) and Maji Na Ufanisi supported by Embassy of Sweden, Kongweea Market Water and Sanitization Projects at tune of Ksh45million during the memorandum of understanding (MOU) held at Kongweea Market.



Director of Australian Education Consultants (AEC) Mahul Shah shows educational documents to Shree Swaminarayan Academy's student Moksh Patel [left] and Aga Khan High School's student Veer Dhokia [right] at Tamarind Village hotel in Mombasa on Sunday, 24th August 2014. Shah said AEC is part of a globally recognized education consultants, placing thousands of students in reputable colleges of Australia over the past eight years, providing expert consultation and placement advice to students who wish to study in Australia and helping thousands of Kenyan students realize their ambitions and goals successfully. The educational exercise is being carried countrywide.



Access Kenya Appoints New Regional Manager

The CEO of Access Kenya Kris Senanu [right] shares a light moment with the General Manager of Bliss Resort Ms. Sheena Patel [centre] and the newly appointed Access Kenya, Regional Manager Coast Peter, Koinange [left] during a cocktail Party the Company hosted for its clients at Bliss Resort to welcome the new Coast Manager. PHOTO BY TITUS MUSAU



His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta awards Ansh Vinu Patel at the just concluded Mombasa ASK Show 2014. Ansh won a prize in inter school Creative Writing category, age group 8 to 9 years and took the first position representing Jaffrey Academy.



Honored guest, Farida Rashid Tolle [left] cuts a cake to celebrate the launch of Mombasa Davis Welfare Club at Mombasa Continental Beach Hotel, Marine Pilot Elizabeth Marami [second left] and members of Mombasa Davis Welfare club look on. Professionals and Businesswomen from Mombasa County attended the launch party. Not in the photo is Chairlady Mombasa Davis Welfare club, Zipporah Andia



Deputy President William Ruto shares a light moment with Sarova Whitesands Revenue Manager-Hilda Mudamba. Looking on [from left] is Jayne Kiragu, Sammy Ogweni and Donald Shipenzi. The Deputy President visited the Hotel for a luncheon held during the Annual Head Teachers General meeting held in Mombasa.



CROWN DONATIONS OF PAINTS AND FOOD ITEMS TO MUMIAS KIDS CENTRE

Mumias Kids Centre is a registered NGO - Orphanage, situated along Mumias-Musambani Road, the Broadways Water Supply. It started operating in October 2010. The centre accommodate, educate, and care for orphans from various villages within our District and beyond. Currently it has 30 orphans, 12 boys and 18 girls aged between 10 months to 14 years. The School aged kids are attending local schools around Mumias Town. See [from left] are Crown Paints Kisumu Sales Manager Rajeev Kalita, Crown Paints Kenya Ltd Sales Executive Aggery Jumba, children and staff of Mumias Kids Centre.

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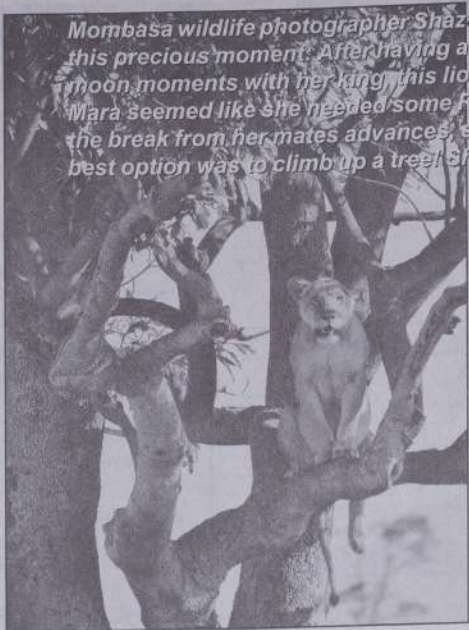
"I lost my last job because I had an affair with the Personnel Officer!"



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Mombasa wildlife photographer Shazaad Kasmani captured this precious moment. After having a number of honey moon moments with her king, this lioness in the Masai Mara seemed like she needed some P & R time. Needing the break from her mates advances, she found out that her best option was to climb up a tree! She then took a pleasant nap while enjoying the panoramic view.

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Dumila's Latest Book 'Noor Foundation' Is A Travelogue

Faraj Dumila's latest book 'Noor Foundation' is a travelogue of three nationally and internationally highly recognized personalities who are duly respected for their pragmatic spiritual, intellectual, cultural and political leadership characteristics.

It is mainly about the visits to the Coast by these personalities; especially to Mombasa - Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, Al-Habib Omar and His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta.

The Coastal region received and reverently welcomed the three with due deserving hospitality that is traditionally renowned of the



His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, Al-Habib Omar

people of the Coast - The Muslims quoting the Prophet's wisdom: 'When a leader comes to you; welcome and accord him deserving respect and with all traditional hospitality that would make him feel at home.'

The leaders expressed their deep happiness during their short stay at the Coast and indeed thanked the people for their marvellous hospitality.

The main purpose of Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin was to lay a foundation stone for The Bohora Community multi complex building to be put up at Bondeni location - Old Town, to marry eight couples and to bless the educational, medical and economic projects of the community.

He also advised them to be truly patriotic to the states and be obedient to laws and rules of their adopted countries; so long that those laws do not contradict Allah's commands.

The cardinal objective of Al-Habib Omar's visit was to officially open Nur Mosque, at Kikambala and to pay visits to some towns - Kajjado, Kitui, Eldoret and Malindi in the country; giving talks on the cardinal leadership qualities of Prophet Muhaammad (S.A.W.), emphasizing on the Prophet's wisdom: 'Almighty Allah taught me (Muhammad) excellent behavior and made my decorum perfect.'

His Excellency President Kenyatta's main purpose of his visit to the Coast was to officially open The Coast Agricultural Show and go around the Counties, during which he superbly enjoyed the remarkable



Mvita Parliamentary Hon. Abduswamad seen with H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta during a Swahili luncheon at an Old Town restaurant.

hospitality of the Coast people who paid their homage, explicitly expressed their loyalty to his leadership qualities.

Mvita Parliamentary Hon. Abduswamad expressed his gratitude to President Uhuru for readily accepting an impromptu invitation for a luncheon at an Old Town restaurant where he relished sumptuous Kiswahili dishes to his fill.

Hon. Abduswamad Sharif Nassir launched the book: 'Noor Foundation' and highly commended its author - Faraj Dumila for his dedication to writing on Coast Cultural Affairs.

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