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Thousands rally in Nairobi to Show Solidarity with Palestine



TOP: A section of Kenyans arriving at Uhuru Park, Nairobi for the event on Sunday.

INSET: A section of Muslim leaders joined the gathering in making Du'a (prayer) for Gaza during the event.

On Sunday, thousands of Kenyan Muslims and people of goodwill gathered at Uhuru Park, Nairobi, to show solidarity with Palestine, protest Israel's ongoing military actions in Gaza, and raise funds for humanitarian relief.

The event, organized by Voices for Palestine, an umbrella advocacy group bringing together mosques, Muslim organizations, and civil society, drew Islamic scholars, political and community leaders, and members of the public. The gathering expressed unity with Palestinians facing war, blockade, and displacement.

Voices for Palestine includes the Jamia Mosque Committee, the National Muslim Leaders Forum (NAMLEF), Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM), Council of Imams and Preachers of Kenya (CIPK), Masjid al Ameen Juja Road, Parklands Mosque, Adams Mosque, Masjid Rahma Hurlingham, Maahad Da'wah Organization, Park Road Mosque, Kenya Association of Muslim Medical Practitioners (KAMMP), among others.

In a show of solidarity, motorbike riders and drivers paraded through Nairobi streets waving Palestinian flags and chanting, "Free, free Palestine." The rally served both as a protest

against what speakers described as genocide and violations of international law, and as a platform to raise humanitarian support. A tree-planting exercise symbolized resilience and hope, while participants raised at least Sh10 million for the Gaza medical fund. Contributions are being received through M-Pesa Pay Bill 150770, Account: TREE4GAZA, under the Jamia Mosque Committee. At the event, religious and political leaders strongly condemned Israel's actions in Gaza and urged Kenya to take a firm stance.

"We must join a coalition of other countries to ensure that we support Palestine against the atrocities being committed by Israel. The people of Gaza must be free and have their country back," said Hassan Omar, Secretary-General of the United Democratic Alliance (UDA). He further called on the Kenyan government to cut ties with Israel, arguing that the country would gain more from the Muslim world. Sheikh Jamaludin Osman, Imam of Jamia Mosque, stressed that supporting Gaza was not only a religious duty but a humanitarian one. "We stand with our brothers in Palestine,

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JSC promotes 35 Kadhis in latest Judicial appointments

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) has approved the promotion of 35 Kadhis following interviews conducted in August 2025. In a statement issued on Thursday, September 18, the Commission said the promotions were part of ongoing efforts to strengthen judicial capacity.

"This milestone underscores the Commission's commitment to strengthening judicial capacity by expanding both territorial and pecuniary jurisdiction of officers to manage matters of greater value and complexity," read the statement in part.

According to JSC, the promotions were ratified during Commission meetings held on September 11 and 15, 2025, and took immediate effect. The Commission noted that the exercise was aimed at recognizing excellence, rewarding high-performing officers, and fostering career progression across the Judiciary.

In the Kadhi courts, 15 officers were elevated to Senior Principal Kadhis while

20 were promoted to Principal Kadhis. In addition, the JSC promoted nine judicial officers to Chief Magistrates, 67 to Senior Principal Magistrates, and six to Principal Magistrates.

Among those promoted, Sheikh Hussein Ishaq Abduljabar, who previously served as Principal Kadhi, now holds the position of Senior Principal Kadhi. Others elevated from Principal Kadhi to Senior Principal Kadhi include Sheikh Mwaito Salim Juma, Sheikh Otundo Rashid Kokonya, Sheikh Ali Swaleh Mohamed, Sheikh Isaack Hassan Mohamednoor, and Sheikh Mohamed Abdiaziz Maalim.

Also promoted to Senior Principal Kadhis are Sheikh Shaaban Issa Muhammed, Sheikh Salim Abdullah Mwidadi, Sheikh Malampu Abdilatif Silau, Sheikh Ramadhani Khamis, and Sheikh Ibrahim Adan Tullu.

The list further includes Sheikh Salat Muktar Billow, Sheikh Wako Ali Dida, Sheikh

Galgalo Adan, and Sheikh Vumbi Salim Habib. Those elevated from Senior Resident Kadhis to Principal Kadhis are Sheikh Ahmed Isaack Maalim, Sheikh Opacha Jamal Imodoi, Sheikh Hassan Mohamed Hussein, Sheikh Wendo Shaban Wendo, Sheikh Mwambele Mohamed Suleiman, and Sheikh Gavava Awadh Mohamed.

Others promoted to Principal Kadhi include Sheikh Randu Mohamed Garama, Muriuki Nicholas Muriithi, Sheikh Swaleh Mahdi Omar Khamis, Sheikh Dogo Sheikh Dabaso, Sheikh Muhiyidin Sambul Mohamed, Daffa Hassan Omar, and Shunu Mustafa Guyo.

Also making the list are Sheikh Wehliye Mohammed Sheikh, Sheikh Idris Nyamagosa Nyaboga, Sheikh Mohamed Mahamud Ibrahim, Sheikh Fahad Ismael Mohamed, Sheikh Muhumed Kule Mohamed, Sheikh Karanja Thulkif Waweru, and Sheikh Dadacha Ali Ibrahim.

JOF and MKU Muslim Association to host Islamic Da'awa Conference

The annual Journey of Faith (JOF) Africa, in collaboration with the Muslim Association of Mount Kenya University (MAMKU), will host its Islamic Da'awa conference on October 18, 2025.

Themed "Withstanding the fitnahs of the modern life and how true Islam solves today's problems", the conference will take place at Mount Kenya University's main campus and feature prominent scholars from around the world.

Running from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the event will showcase Islamic values while promoting a deeper understanding of Islam

among Muslims and people of other faiths. Tickets are available for Ksh 150 at www.patatix.africa.

Among the speakers lined up are Sheikh Said Rageah, Islamic scholar Sheikh Assim Al-Hakeem from Jeddah, Sheikh Rishad Ramadhan Rajab, Principal of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zaid al Nahyan Secondary School, and Sheikh Abdulghani Bashir. Other guest speakers include Sheikh Swaleh Mtetu, Sheikh Abdulkhaliq Issa, and Imam Salman.

Meanwhile, Nairobi County will host renowned Islamic scholar and motivational

speaker Dr. Sheikh Islam Muhammad Salim for a two-day Da'awa tour beginning October 9, 2025.

The influential cleric will deliver a series of public lectures aimed at fostering unity, spiritual enlightenment, and a better understanding of Islam within the local community.

Upon his arrival on Thursday, October 9, Dr. Islam is scheduled to deliver a lecture after Maghrib (sunset) prayers at Park-road Masjid. On Friday, October 10, he will conduct another lecture session at the same venue.

Kenyan Muslims rally in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza

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we stand with humanity. We are here so that we can show support, and if other people fail them, then Kenyans, Muslims and Christians, have not failed in fighting for humanity," he said.

The Imam urged a boycott of companies linked to Israel, warning that consumption of their products indirectly funds the war. "I want to send a message to our brothers who are still eating at KFC, I want to send a message to our brothers and sisters who are still drinking Coca-Cola; these are people who are supporting the genocide," he said.

Sheikh Abdullahi Abdi, NAMLEF chairman, condemned global apathy towards the crisis. "While the people of Gaza continue to starve, only a few kilometres away trucks are lining up with food and essential humanitarian supplies and are denied entry to Gaza. It is a shame that world powers are looking on unfazed as

Palestinians continue to be slaughtered with the support of powerful countries led by the United States," he said. He thanked global solidarity movements: "We want to thank the people of the world from Australia to Alaska, from Europe to South America, who have stood firm on the side of humanity. We ask them to continue until we see the freedom for the people of Palestine."

Irūngū Houghton, Executive Director of Amnesty International Kenya, urged the government to be vocal at the United Nations. "We call on the New York and Geneva missions paid for by our taxes to consistently vote for UN resolutions to call for the end of hostility, protection of civilians, full accountability for war crimes, and the realization of a two-state solution," he said. He added, "The concern that we have today is not a religious concern, not a concern even for Palestine alone. It is a concern of the entire planet."

Shariff Ahmed, Chairperson of Voices for Palestine, said the tree-planting carried symbolic meaning. "Each tree planted today is more than a seedling. It is a symbol of life, resistance, and hope for Gaza," he said. He emphasized that the conflict transcends religion: "Some people believe that the conflict is a Muslim affair hence it doesn't concern them. That is not true. This is a matter of humanity, and we should always stand against human rights violations and with the oppressed in any part of the world regardless of any affiliation."

The campaign also featured cultural performances and family activities. Other leaders who addressed the rally included East African Legislative Assembly member Dr. Abdallah Makame, Daadab MP Farah Maalim, and former Mandera Senator Billow Kerrow.

7 Tips will change the way you make Wudu

By Khawlah bint Yahya

Is wudu (ablution) for you just a quick wash before prayer? Then it's time to learn about the amazing benefits of this productivity booster in this life and the next. Let's find out how you can perform your next wudu with a deep love insha'Allah!

Allah says:

"O you who believe! when you prepare for prayer, wash your faces, and your hands (and arms) to the elbows, rub your heads (with water) and (wash) your feet to the ankles..." (Surah Al-Ma'idah 5:6)

Here's a selection of 7 benefits of making wudu linked to being more productive:

Do wudu:

For Forgiveness

Sins weigh you down. They make your heart feel heavy and press your spiritual productivity. Doing wudu is an ultimate way for forgiveness so your spiritual productivity increases again!

The Prophet said:

When a Muslim servant or a believer washes his face (in the course of wudu) every sin he has committed with his eyes is washed away from his face along with the water, or with the last drop of water; when he washes his hands, every sin they wrought is erased from his hands with the water, or with the last drop of water; and when he washes his feet, every sin towards which his feet walked is washed away with water, or with the last drop of water, with the result that he comes out cleansed of all sins. (Muslim)

Action:

Pay attention to every single step of your wudu and do not rush or neglect any body part by reminding yourself of this immense reward!

To Have a Blessed Sleep

Imagine an angel staying very close to you all night long and not only that, imagine that angel begging Allah to forgive you! This is what happens when you make wudu before you go to sleep, what a blessing!

You can even sleep in a productive way. The Prophet said:

Purify these bodies and Allah will purify you. Whenever a slave sleeps in a state of purification, an angel sleeps within his hair and he does not turn over during the night except that he [the angel] says: 'O Allah, forgive Your slave, for he went to sleep purified. (At-Tabarani)

Action:

Next time when you feel tired or sleepy, push yourself by thinking about this hadith!

For Anger Management

Anger is one of the true productivity-killers, how many decisions you made in a moment of anger were good for you? Saying things in anger is one of the reasons many friendships and even marriages get damaged, there was a reason the companions would fear their own tongues.

Doing wudu is a very underestimated weapon from the sunnah. The Prophet

said:

Anger comes from the devil, the devil was created of fire, and fire is extinguished only with water; so when one of you becomes angry, he should perform ablution. (Sunan Abu Dawud)

Action:

We all know we should, but who of us really makes wudu when we are angry. At least try it once next time and see the difference!

For Radiance

Do you know how your beloved Prophet will be able to recognize you as being one of his followers on the Day of Judgment? The Prophet said:

On the Day of Resurrection, my followers will be called "Al-Ghurr-ul-Muhajjalun" from the trace of ablution and whoever can increase the area of his radiance should do so (by performing ablution regularly). (Al-Bukhari)

Action:

Do your wudu properly and increase the times you do it!

To Elevate your Ranks in Paradise

The Prophet said:

Shall I not tell you something by which Allah effaces the sins and elevates ranks?

The Companions said:

"Certainly, O Messenger of Allah."

He said:

Performing the wudu thoroughly in spite of difficult circumstances. (Muslim)

Action:

So next time when it is very cold, remember this enormous reward for that little bit of hardship.

To Have your Past Sins Forgiven

There is a beautiful sunnah many of us have forgotten. Let's revive it and earn lots of rewards insha'Allah! The Prophet said: If anyone performs ablution like that of mine

and offers a two-rak'at prayer during which he does not think of anything else then his past sins will be forgiven. (Al-Bukhari)

Action:

Pray two voluntary rak'ahs after your wudu and inspire others too!

For Allah Alone

Your intention of doing wudu is very important (however, you don't have to pronounce your intention out loud). Many people say intention to do wudu for prayer,

make your intention to do it to please Allah.

Action:

According to the sunnah, say bismillah (In the Name of Allah) before wudu.

Know that wudu is an act of worship and we can not take away or change anything about the way an act of worship is done. The Prophet did not make any dua's (supplications) during the wudu.

To Purify yourself with Less!

Let's be honest; how much water do you use (or actually waste) while doing wudu? Anas said:

"The Prophet used to make wudu with a mudd of water." (Muslim and others) A mudd is approx the amount of water which is held by the two hands cupped together!

Action:

Use a bowl to do wudu from instead of a running tap!

Homework:

For a productive wudu memorize and reflect upon these two sunnah supplications to say after it: Ash-hadu an laa illaa illaa llaahu wahdahu laa shareeka lah wa ash-hadu anna muhammadan 'abduhu wa rasooluh.

(I bear witness that (there is) no god except Allah. He is alone; there is no partner to Him. And I bear witness that Muhammad (is) His slave and Messenger.)

Reflection point:

Recite this keeping in mind the dangerous consequences of shirk. Allah made us and we are for Him. He owns us and everything else. We are all slaves of Allah and should live like a true slaves.

Allahumma aj'alnee minat-tawwaabeen waj'alnee minal mutatah-hireen. (O Allah! Make me from among those who repent and make me from among those who purify themselves.)

From the Holy Qur'an Ayah of the week

Theme: Standing for oppressed

"And what is [the matter] with you that you fight not in the cause of Allah and [for] the oppressed among men, women, and children who say, 'Our Lord, take us out of this city of oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper?'"

(Surah An-Nisa, 4:75)



Story of Fatimah – The Beloved daughter of the Prophet

By Habeeba Husain

Fatimah was only five-years-old when her father began receiving the revelation from God. At an early age, she witnessed her father be the target of horrible abuse and harassment from those who opposed him. On one occasion, she accompanied him to the Ka'bah in Makkah, where he began to pray. While he was prostrating with his forehead on the ground, some of his enemies placed the disgusting innards and guts of a dead camel on his back. This weighed him down so much that he was unable to get up from the prostration.

Fatimah, a young girl not even ten years of age, saw these men hurt her father. She hurriedly removed the filth off her father's back while shedding tears at this merciless act.

After the death of her mother Khadijah, Fatimah took on a greater role of caring for her father. She was called Umm Abee-ha, 'the Mother of her Father' because she looked after and cared so deeply for the Prophet.

Even after she left her father's home to live with her husband Ali, she would send food to the Prophet (peace be upon him) although she often did not have enough for herself. Her father did the same for her.

Fatimah cared for the needy, giving them food when she was already suffering from hunger. She often cooked for the soldiers and helped to boost morale. She inherited the great generosity of the Prophet (peace be upon him) as well as his eloquence, as she often moved people to tears when she spoke. Aisha, the wife of Muhammad, said about the father and daughter's likeness:

I have not seen any one of God's creation resemble the Messenger of God (may the blessings and peace of God be upon him) more in speech, conversation, and manner of sitting than Fatima, may God be pleased with her. When the Prophet (may the blessings and peace of God be upon him) saw her approaching he would welcome her, stand up and kiss her, take her by the hand and sit her down in the place where he was sitting. (Al-Adab Al-Mufrad)

Fatimah – The Beloved Daughter

Although the Prophet adored his daughter greatly, he made sure not to spoil her. She in return, was saved from feelings of entitlement.

On one occasion after her marriage, she told her husband Ali how blistered her hands became from her work. He suggested to ask the Prophet for a servant to help around the home.

At first, she could not make herself ask for such a favor from her beloved father. The couple went a second time to the Prophet but he said he could not fulfill this request. Instead, he gave them advice he found much more beneficial than a servant.

Ali narrated:

"Fatimah came to the Prophet (may the blessings and peace of God be upon him) asking for a servant. He said:

May I inform you of something better than that? When you go to bed, recite Subhan Allah (Glory be to God) thirty three times, Al hamdulillah (All

Praises are due to God) thirty three times, and Allahu Akbar (God is the Greatest) thirty four times.'

Ali added: "I have never failed to recite it ever since." (Al-Bukhari)

Instead of becoming upset, Fatimah was happy because she knew this advice was better for her.

She is known as one of the four women who had perfect faith. And she was also called Az-Zahra, the Splendid One because her face was so radiant like her father's. She is considered the leader of the women in Paradise. And she was at her father's side even in his final moments on this earth. Aisha narrated:

The Prophet (may the blessings and peace of God be upon him) in his fatal illness, called his daughter Fatima and told her a secret because of which she started weeping. Then he called her and told her another secret, and she started laughing. When I asked her about that, she replied:

'The Prophet (may the blessings and peace of God be upon him) told me that he would die in his fatal illness, and so I wept, but then he secretly told me that from amongst his family, I would be the first to join him, and so I laughed.' (Al-Bukhari)

Only four to six months after the death of the Prophet (peace be upon him), Fatimah also passed away. She requested for her burial to take place at night so the people would not see her figure.

Even in the face of death, this woman with



perfect faith ensured she remained modest. She was not sad upon departing from this world; instead she anticipated soon being with her father once again.

Fatimah's caring nature for her father lasted her entire lifetime. From when she was just a child going to secret gatherings of the Muslims until her own death, she cared deeply for him. She was a hard-working wife, who looked after the home, her husband, and her four children.

On top of this, she stayed dedicated to her faith worshiping God and following His mandates. Hundreds of years before our present-day debate on the role of women, we see how Fatimah took on many—and all of them exceptionally well.

Light of Knowledge Quiz

How many Madani Surahs are there in the Holy Quran?

A 28

B 114

C 86

Answer to be revealed in the next issue

Last week's answer was choice A: "Al-Baqarah"

6 Positive emotions to get past your slump

By Amina Edota

Things happen. And you fall deep into a kind of 'hole'. You feel down, bored, stuck in your routine and demotivated.

Along with these come emotions like negativity, feeling blue, frustration and confusion. If only it were so easy to stay positive and motivated all the time. If only!

Even a single thought of positive change seem far beyond reach and too much for you to consider. But it's not impossible. Because change begins with YOU.

"Verily, Allah does not change the condition of people until they change what is within themselves." (Surah Ar-Ra'd 13:11)

The first thing you need to know about getting past your slump is that Allah created you and your emotions. When you connect to Him with pure devotion and intention, your positivity levels will increase.

The second thing is that continuous self-learning, growth and development can empower you to an optimal level. Without such beneficial change, your mind, body and soul face a threat of stagnation and decay. They could easily become infected by negative ideologies and overwhelming worldly desires.

You could lose your focus, motivation and connection to a superior higher purpose – the purpose for which you were created. This purpose is fulfilled by striving in a steady and consistent manner in all of your affairs. Day by day. Hour by hour.

So what emotions can help you thrive and flourish, moving you out of that unavoidable slump? Here are 6 positive emotions that can help you generate positivity, rebuild your energy and restore your sense of higher purpose.

1. Attachment

Spiritual attachment is superior to other forms of attachment. Whatever situation you find yourself, irrespective of your needs, worldly status or wealth, always attach your soul to Allah.

Attachment of your soul to its Creator will serve as much needed nutrition for the soul. You need Him always. If you feel lost or distant from Him, then find your way back to Him. Don't cut yourself away from Him deliberately.

Attaching yourself to Allah is a comforting and fulfilling type of attachment not an emotionally sickening type.

2. Awe

Of Allah and His Greatness. He is the Provider, the One without need and the Ever Living. He is the First and the Last. He is the Granter of security, The Bestower of peace, The Bestower of form and The Knower of subtleties. He is the All-Knowing, The All-Hearing and The All-Seeing and The All-Aware.

He is the All-Sufficient and The Disposer of your Affairs.

3. Hope

Always have hope in the Mercy of Allah. Seek His forgiveness and repent unto Him. He will respond to you and He will reward you. Put your hope in your Creator and not in His creations as you work hard for success in this world and the next.

Remember this life is a test upon test upon test. And Allah says:

"For indeed, with hardship [will be] ease. Indeed, with hardship [will be] ease." (Surah Ash-Sharh 94:5-6)

Such were Quran stories to help you overcome demotivation. Prophet Adam was tested. So was Jacob and Moses and Joseph (peace be upon them). The best of mankind, our model and beloved prophet Muhammad was also tested. He experienced good and bad times. But He always had hope and kept striving for success – Jannah, till his last breath.

4. Gratitude

"Then which of the Blessings of your Lord will you both (jinns and men) deny?" (Surah Ar-Rahman 55:13)

Reflect and give thanks for the countless blessings and bounties given to you by Allah.

You can practice gratitude on a higher level by using a positivity journal.

Practice gratitude through your thoughts, words and actions.

5. Tranquillity

Peace and tranquillity comes from truly knowing Allah.

"Verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest." (Surah Ar-Ra'd 13:28)

Strive to remove the distractions and impurities from your life, so you can focus on Allah with a pure and tranquil heart. You can achieve tranquillity in many ways.

Some of these are by attaining khushu' in Salah and by bringing the Quran close to your heart. Rest, comfort, serenity and contentment comes from consciously tuning-in to Allah with your mind, body and soul.

6. Love of Allah and His Messenger

Have a longing and affection for Allah. And manifest this love such that you try to avoid anything that will dampen or corrupt it. Your simple formula? Love His Prophet and follow his sunnah.

Remember:

Stay attached to Allah through consciousness of Him, remembrance and constant purification of intention. Whatever you do, do it for His Pleasure. Turn all of your acts into worship to earn His pleasure.

Reflect constantly on His Greatness. Have hope in Him. Seek and practice gratitude constantly. Seek tranquillity by submitting to Him. And find comfort in loving Him and His Messenger more than anyone or anything.

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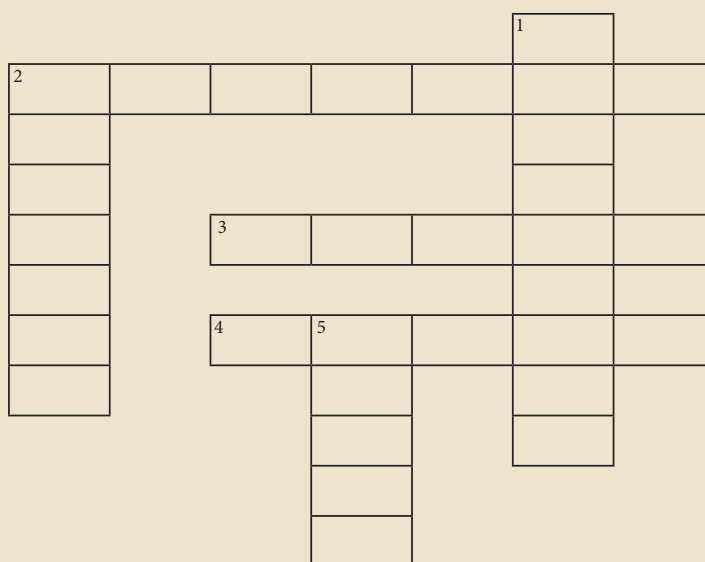
LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

ACROSS

1. Wali
4. Muakkadah
6. Firdaus

DOWN

2. Aisha
3. Quba
4. Kusuf



ACROSS

2. Angel tasked with blowing the Trumpet on the Day of Judgment.
3. Pillar of Islam that becomes obligatory once nisab is met.
4. Technical term referring to uninterrupted chain of narrators in Hadith.

DOWN

1. The mosque in which the Prophet received the command to change Qibla direction.
2. Prophet known as Khalilullah (Friend of Allah).
5. One of the greatest sins: associating partners with Allah.

Sh163 Million raised for Eltabashi Educational Trust to support Madrasahs

A total of Ksh163 million was raised in support of the Eltabashi Educational Trust to fund ten madrasahs in Mandera County, offering children from vulnerable backgrounds access to learning opportunities. The high-profile fundraiser, held at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Nairobi over the weekend, was presided over by President William Ruto and attended by leaders, business executives, and residents from across the region.

Speaking at the event, President Ruto underscored the central role of education in building an equitable and prosperous nation. He emphasized that expanding access to learning is key to Kenya's development.

"The more education is made accessible to our children, the more empowered,

equal, and prosperous we become. In Nairobi during a fundraiser in aid of Islamic institutions in Mandera County, we reaffirmed our collective commitment to education as the foundation of opportunity and progress," he said.

The Head of State further commended the Eltabashi Educational Trust for its commitment to supporting vulnerable children in Northern Kenya. "We applaud the Eltabashi Educational Trust's dedication to supporting vulnerable children in Northern Kenya to access education," Ruto added. Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale hailed the initiative as one that goes beyond religious education. "At its heart, this initiative goes beyond supporting faith-based infrastructure. It also seeks to open doors of opportunity for vulnerable children

across Northern Kenya to access quality education and a brighter future," he said. Suna East MP Junet Mohamed praised the Somali community for its resilience and economic contribution to the country. "The Somali people are hardworking people who do their businesses and generate a lot in the economy. They contribute so much to the GDP of this country," he said. Mandera Governor Mohamed Adan expressed his gratitude to all contributors, noting that the funds will strengthen both Islamic education and community development in the county. "We thank Almighty Allah (SWT) for enabling us to raise Sh163,218,000 for Eltabashi Educational Trust to support ten Madrasahs in Mandera County. Thank you, William Ruto, for your kind gesture," he said.

Muslims encouraged to embrace Sign language for inclusivity

On the International Day of Sign Languages, Muslims were urged to reflect on the significance of sign language in building an inclusive society.

Various advocacy groups called on Muslims to learn sign language as a way of promoting inclusivity within the faith community. The call to action highlighted the communication gap between the hearing and Deaf Muslim communities and the need to foster accessibility to religious services and resources, such as Quranic texts, for Deaf Muslims.

Speaking on Saturday during a sign language competition organized by Sign Language is Cool, Sheikh Abdirahman Adaani, Director at the Rabbani Education Center, encouraged Muslims to learn basic signs to effectively support and communicate with hearing-impaired members of society. He stressed the importance of making Islamic teachings accessible through translations into sign language. Sheikh Abdirahman commended students from Rabbani Education Center for the Deaf for their achievements in the competition. The school secured three top positions in the Spelling Bee, which featured High School, Upper Primary, and Pre-Primary categories. In the High School category, Osama Abdi took first place, while Abdirashid Mohammed won in Upper Primary, and Abdullahi Yunis emerged winner in Pre-Primary. Diana Wamboi, founder of the Sign Language is Cool Spelling Bee, praised the students for their performance and urged them to make judicious use of their knowledge.

At the same event, Jamia Mosque sign language instructor Abdulwahab Ali expressed concern over the low number of Muslim students enrolling in sign language courses. He appealed to Muslim parents to encourage their children to take up the skill to enhance communication and foster cooperation with hearing-impaired persons. He emphasized the

value of sign language as a tool for dawah. Abdulwahab further urged mosques and schools across the country to establish programs supporting the welfare of hear-

ing-impaired and physically challenged individuals, noting that they are an integral part of society.

Saudi Envoy Marks 95th National Day



The Ambassador of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Kenya, H.E. Mr. Khalid A. Al Salman, addressed guests during the celebration of the 95th National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, held at a hotel in Nairobi on Tuesday.

In his remarks, H.E. Mr. Al Salman highlighted the enduring friendship between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Kenya, noting that their bilateral relations have thrived for over six decades.

The Ambassador further emphasized the Kingdom's role as the second-largest host of Kenyans in the diaspora, underscoring the strong people-to-people connections between the two nations.

He also pointed out the Kingdom's humanitarian contributions in Kenya, stating that through the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, nine humanitarian and medical projects have been successfully implemented in the country.

On the issue of the ongoing conflict in Gaza, he reaffirmed the Kingdom's stance, stressing that the land of Gaza belongs to Palestine and that the rights of its people are inalienable—neither changed nor taken away by aggression, nor nullified by threats.

"Our firm position is to protect this right and work diligently to prevent its violation. The Arab Peace Initiative was launched by the Kingdom in 2002 and reinforced internationally through the Two-State Solution. We are grateful that one hundred and forty-two (142) countries, including Kenya, have adopted the New York Declaration on the implementation of the Two-State Solution," he said.

The event was graced by Captain Ismail Maalim Madey, Principal Secretary for Special Programmes, alongside representatives from the Government of Kenya, Ambassadors, High Commissioners, and other distinguished guests.

Muslim leaders urge Government to recall Israeli Ambassador over Gaza genocide

In a heartfelt appeal, Muslim leaders have called on the government to recall the Israeli Ambassador to Kenya, arguing that Israel's continued military aggression in Gaza amounts to genocide and violates human rights as well as international treaties.

The appeal was made on Sunday during the "Tree for Palestine – Plant a Tree, Save a Life" campaign held at Uhuru Park. The leaders said that recalling the ambassador would demonstrate decisive action by the Kenyan government in efforts to end the genocide, warning that failure to do so would amount to turning a blind eye to Israel's human rights violations against Palestinians in Gaza.

Furthermore, they urged global recognition of Israel's actions as genocide. "Recognizing the genocide is critical," they stated, calling on Africans and Muslims to send a clear message that injustice will not be tolerated.

Sheikh Abdullahi Abdi, chairperson of the National Muslim Leaders Forum (NAM-LEF), castigated pro-Israel supporters as complicit in the suffering of Palestinians.

He singled out the United States, which recently stood as the only country to vote against a United Nations Security Council resolution demanding an immediate, unconditional, and permanent ceasefire in Gaza. Fourteen other members voted in favor.

"We want to caution those who oppose efforts to end hostilities that their actions continue the suffering of millions in Gaza," he remarked.

In his address, Sheikh Abdurrahman Ishaq, the Imam of Parklands Mosque, condemned attacks on civilians and stressed the need for urgent action. He argued that the world could not remain idle while innocent children were being bombed, urging Kenya to recall the Israeli ambassador and adopt policies that uphold human rights.

"What Palestinians are going through in Gaza at the hands of Israel is beyond words. Their continuous bombardment has killed many civilians, including children, the elderly, and women, and destroyed all critical civilian infrastructure. They have prevented aid from reaching Gaza, causing mass starvation to millions of people.

We keep on hearing about championing human rights, now where are they when Palestinian rights are being violated? Why is the world silent?" he posed.

Echoing his sentiments, Dadaab MP and former Deputy Speaker Farah Maalim emphasized that mediation efforts have so far failed, calling for firmer action from the government.

"Chants, slogans only go so far. Now is the time to act and we are calling on our government to act to show the world and Israel that we condemn the genocide happening in Gaza—one being recalling the Israel ambassador," he urged.

Maalim also criticized what he described as hypocrisy by global leaders who champion international treaties and human rights but fail to act against Israel, which he said is committing grave violations.

The leaders cited findings from organizations such as Amnesty International, the UN Human Rights Council, and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), which have reported that Israel's actions in Gaza amount to genocide, underscoring the urgency of decisive global intervention.

Kisumu Jamia Mosque open day for September 28

The Kisumu Jamia Mosque will open its doors to people of other faiths in a programme aimed at fostering understanding between Muslims and people of other faiths.

The Open Day programme is planned for Sunday, September 28, and it will provide an opportunity for people of other faiths to visit the mosque, ask questions about Islam, and gain insights into Islamic belief and practices.

"Visitors will be provided with guided tours of the mosque, have the opportunity to observe congregational prayers, attend informational sessions, as well as interact with scholars in a question and answer session," said the Imam Sheikh Faraj Khamis.

He emphasized that in a world filled with misinformation about Islam, it is imperative that people receive authentic information—not from the media or other unauthentic sources, but directly from Muslims. "Some people have never seen inside a mosque and believe that inside are idols and jinns. We need to dispel such misconceptions and provide an opportunity for people to gain a deeper understanding of Islam," the Sheikh added.

Sheikh Faraj appealed to people of other faiths to take the opportunity to visit the mosque saying that this will also help in fostering social cohesion. "This event is open to everyone. Come along with your families, friends, and colleagues. Let us build bridges of understanding together," he said.

It will be the first time for the mosque

in the Lakeside city to open its doors to non-Muslims. Nairobi's Jamia mosque and Park Road mosque in Nairobi are among mosques that have had such programmes

drawing in hundreds of people to experience and learn about Islamic beliefs and practices.





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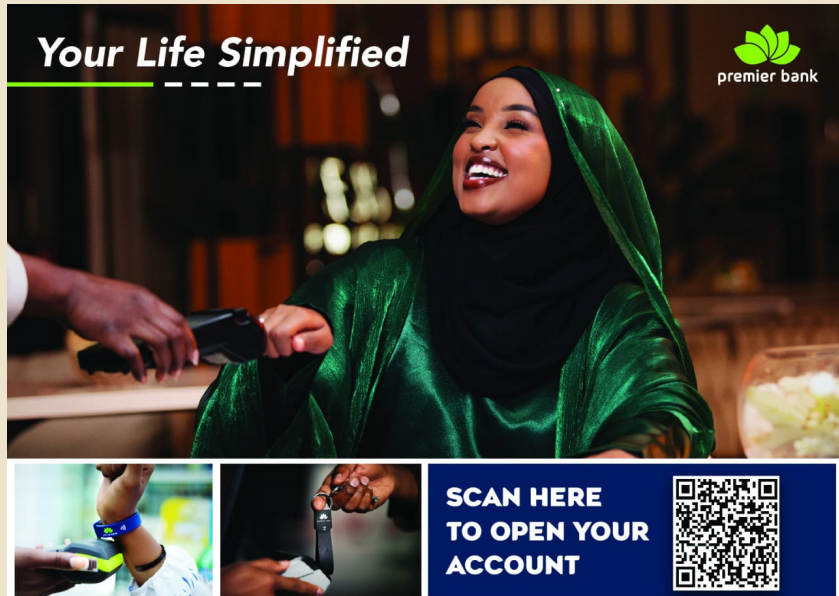
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