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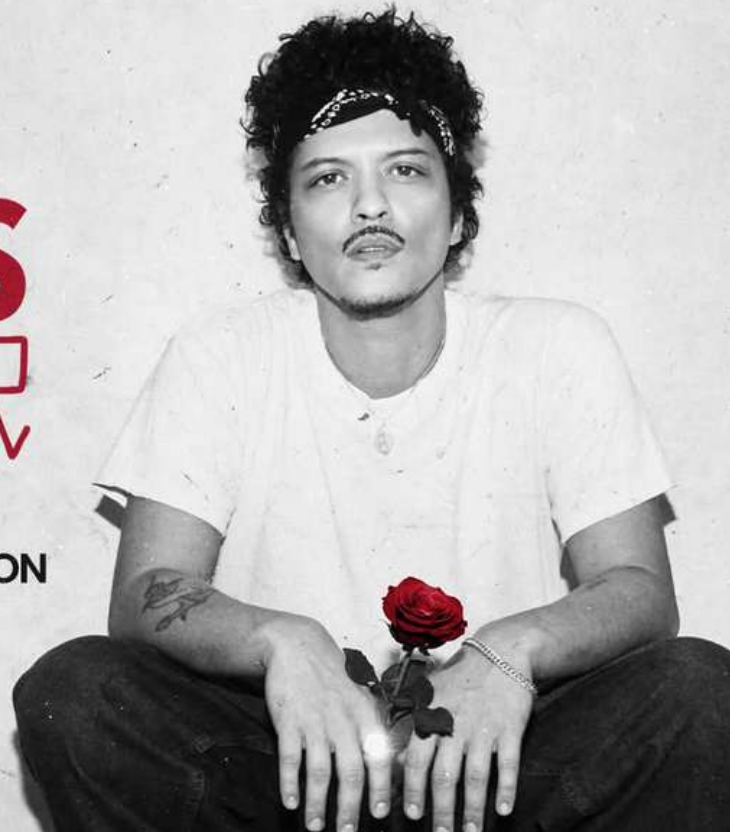
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MISSING TEEN IN EDMONTON, ALBERTA - PRAYAG DALBHATWALA - LAST SEEN APRIL 23, 2026

The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) is seeking the public's assistance in locating a missing teen.

Prayag Dalbhatwala was last seen on April 23, 2026, around 4 p.m. at a residence in the area of 99 St. and 90 Ave. He was supposed to go to Calgary but cancelled his plans at the last minute and has not been seen or heard from since.

Prayag is 5'9" with a medium build, he has dark hair and wears glasses. He was last seen wearing green camo joggers and a black Bench hoodie. Prayag is known to frequent the University of Alberta. His disappearance is out of character and his family and police are concerned about his well-being.

Anyone with information about Prayag Dalbhatwala's whereabouts is asked to contact the EPS at 780-423-4567 or #377 from a mobile phone.

HELP TO LOCATE

PRAYAG DALBHATWALA

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

DETAILS:
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Editor's Note

Dear Valued Readers,

As we turn the pages of this special Africa Day edition of Afri-CAN Magazine, I want to speak directly to the continent's most vital resource, you, the youth.

Africa Day is not merely a commemoration of a founding charter signed in Addis Ababa in 1963. It is a living question: What kind of Africa are we building? The generation that won independence did so by refusing to accept the world as it was handed to them. They questioned the authority of colonial powers, disrupted the status quo, and demanded self-determination. That same spirit of inquiry must now be your inheritance.

Young Africans, you must take charge of your destiny, not through passive hope, but through active, courageous questioning. Question leaders who promise transformation yet deliver stagnation. Question systems that prioritize the comfort of the few over the potential of the many. Question why curricula prepare you for economies that do not exist, why governance feels distant from your daily struggles, and why your innovations are celebrated abroad before they are supported at home.

Questioning authority is not disrespect; it is the highest form of civic duty. It is the mechanism by which democracies stay healthy and by which leadership remains accountable. When you ask why budgets disappear, why elections feel hollow, and why borders drawn by others still divide us, you are not being disruptive, you are being patriotic.

The continent's future belongs to those brave enough to interrogate the present. So, on this Africa Day, do not simply celebrate. Organize, debate, innovate, and demand answers. The elders who built the foundations expect you to build higher, not by permission, but by conviction.

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HAPPY AFRICA DAY

25 MAY 2026

AFRICA DAY:

A REFLECTION ON FREEDOM, WEALTH, AND THE UNFULFILLED PROMISE

An article by Zvakwana Nomore Sweto



25 MAY

Date of Liberation and Lingering Questions



Every year on 25 May, the African continent and its global diaspora pause to commemorate Africa Day, the anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), now known as African Union (AU) in 1963. It is a day meant to celebrate liberation, unity, and the enduring spirit of a people who shook off the chains of colonial rule.

But for millions across the continent, this day carries a weight far heavier than celebration. It is a day of reflection, frustration, and a profound question that refuses to fade:

How can a land so abundantly blessed remain home to so many who have so little?

The Paradox of Plenty - Africa is not poor. It is extraordinarily rich.

Beneath its soil lies 30% of the world's mineral reserves. The Democratic Republic of Congo holds cobalt and copper essential to the global energy transition. South Africa sits on vast gold and platinum deposits. Nigeria's oil reserves fueled economies far beyond its borders. Zimbabwe, Guinea, and Sierra Leone hold

some of the world's largest diamond and bauxite deposits. The list is endless, lithium, uranium, manganese, rare earth elements.

The continent possesses 60% of the world's uncultivated arable land, the Nile, the Congo, the Zambezi, and renewable energy potential that could power nations. The sun beats down relentlessly; the wind sweeps across plains; the rivers roar with untapped hydroelectric force.

And yet.....

The African Development Bank reports that over 430 million Africans live in extreme poverty. Youth unemployment cripple nations. Infrastructure crumbles. Healthcare systems collapse under the weight of preventable diseases. Education remains a privilege rather than a right. The wealth beneath the feet of ordinary citizens is extracted, exported, and enriching others, while those who stand on this sacred ground struggle to feed their children. This is not a tragedy of scarcity. It is a tragedy of stolen abundance.

Independence Without Liberation

The flags changed. The anthems played. The colonial administrators boarded ships and planes. But for too many nations, the structures of extraction remained intact, only the faces at the top changed.

Decades after independence, a cruel pattern has emerged across too many African states:

Leaders arrive promising transformation. They speak the language of liberation, draped in the colors of the struggle, invoking the names of fallen heroes. They build mansions while hospitals lack basic supplies. They stash billions in foreign bank accounts while teachers earn salaries that cannot survive a month. They award contracts to shadowy companies while roads remain impassable. They suppress dissent while preaching democracy.

Corruption is not an accident of governance in too many places, it is the system itself.

Election cycles become theatrical performances. The people are remembered only when ballots are needed. Promises flow like rivers during campaigns, then dry up the moment votes are counted. Constitutions are amended to extend terms. Term limits become suggestions. Opposition voices are silenced, bought, or broken. The judiciary, the media, and civil society are captured, starved, or intimidated.

The African Union's own African Peer Review Mechanism and countless anti-corruption bodies exist, yet impunity persists. The money leaves. The people stay. And the cycle deepens.



Betrayal of a Generation

Perhaps the deepest wound is the betrayal of youth.

Africa is the youngest continent on Earth. Over 60% of its population is under 25. These are generations that did not experience colonialism directly but inherited its economic architecture. They are educated, connected, creative, and ambitious. They build startups with unreliable electricity. They code on secondhand laptops. They farm with hoes where tractors should roam.



And they watch as their leaders, often decades older, clinging to power with iron grips; squander the future that could be theirs.

The brain drain is not a choice for many; it is a survival strategy. The doctor who leaves for Canada. The engineer who builds Dubai instead of Dakar. The teacher who educates London because Lagos cannot pay a living wage. The continent loses its best minds not because they lack love for home, but because home too often fails to love them back.



What Africa Day Must Become

Celebration without honest reflection is hollow. Africa Day must be more than cultural performances and diplomatic receptions.

It must be a day of reckoning:

- Reckoning with resource justice: Who benefits from Africa's wealth? Where does the money go? How can extraction be transformed into equitable development?
- Reckoning with governance: Why do leaders who fail their people remain in power? What institutional reforms can break the cycle of impunity?
- Reckoning with solidarity: Can African nations trade more with each other than with former colonial powers? Can the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) become a reality rather than a promise?
- Reckoning with the diaspora: The millions of Africans abroad carry skills, capital, and networks. Can they be genuine partners in rebuilding, not just remittance senders?

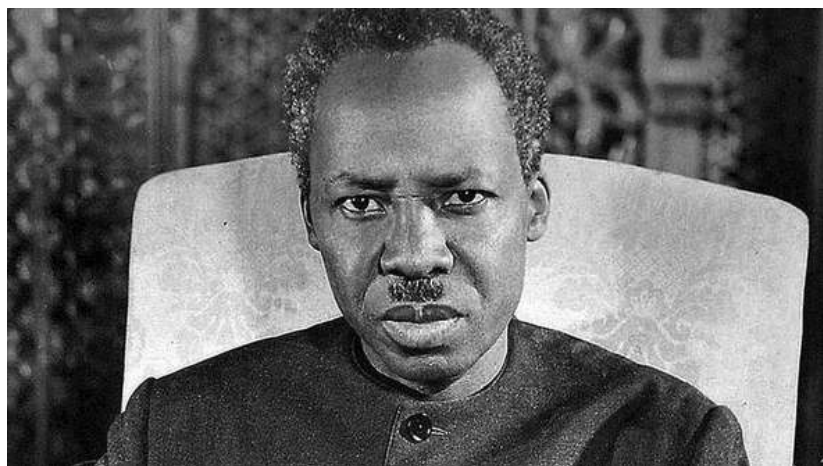
And it must be a day of renewed commitment, not by those in power alone, but by every citizen who refuses to accept that this is the best Africa can be.



Kwame Nkrumah

The founding fathers of the OAU; Kwame Nkrumah, Haile Selassie, Julius Nyerere, and others, dreamed of a united, prosperous, and self-determining Africa. They knew that political freedom without economic freedom was incomplete.

Africa Day is not a museum piece. It is a living mandate. It calls on every African on the continent and in the diaspora to demand better, to build louder, to vote wiser, to speak bolder, and to never accept that poverty amid plenty is natural or inevitable.



Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere

The minerals will remain. The sun will still shine. The rivers will still flow. The question is: Who will control them? Who will benefit from them? And will the people finally see the wealth that has always been theirs?

Happy Africa Day. Not just in celebration, but in determination. The truth is still unrevealed. And it must be told.





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BEDROOM FURNITURE

That Promotes Connection and Relaxation

Craig Williams

Your bedroom should be more than just a place to sleep, it should be a sanctuary where you and your spouse can unwind, reconnect, and nurture your relationship. The right furniture choices can transform this space into a haven of comfort and intimacy.

The Power of a Quality Bed Frame

The bed is naturally the centerpiece of any bedroom, but its impact goes beyond aesthetics. A sturdy, well-designed frame creates a sense of stability and comfort. Consider upholstered headboards for a soft, inviting backdrop that's perfect for reading together or having late-night conversations. Platform beds with clean lines offer a modern, uncluttered feel that promotes mental calm.



Seating for Two

A small loveseat, chaise lounge, or pair of comfortable armchairs creates a dedicated zone for connection outside of sleep. This invites morning coffee together, evening debriefs about your day, or simply quiet companionship with books. Having a separate seating area signals that your bedroom is for more than just rest, it's for relationship maintenance.



Nightstands That Keep You Connected

Matching nightstands on both sides of the bed create visual balance and practical equality. They ensure both partners have space for personal items, books, or that glass of water, small considerations that prevent resentment and promote harmony. Look for designs with soft-close drawers to maintain the room's peaceful atmosphere.



Storage That Clears the Mind

Clutter is the enemy of relaxation. A well-chosen dresser, wardrobe, or under-bed storage system keeps belongings organized and surfaces clear. When your environment feels orderly, your mind follows suit, making it easier to be present with your partner rather than distracted by chaos.





Soft Textures and Layered Lighting

While not strictly furniture, textiles and lighting complete the atmosphere. Layered lighting, overhead dimmers, bedside lamps, perhaps accent lighting allows you to adjust the mood from practical to intimate. Soft rugs, quality bedding, and blackout curtains add sensory comfort that makes the room feel like a retreat.

Choose pieces that feel good to use, look at, and share. Your relationship deserves a space that actively supports it.



Thoughtful bedroom furniture isn't about following trends, it's about creating an environment that supports your relationship. When your space invites relaxation, encourages conversation, and feels genuinely comfortable, you naturally spend more quality time together. That investment in your shared environment pays dividends in connection.

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Must-Haves for

Man's Wardrobe

To every man out there, building a wardrobe that works for you doesn't require a walk-in closet or a designer budget. It just requires smart choices. Here are three non-negotiable staples every grown man should own. **WIVES PAY ATTENTION!**

← 1. *The Versatile Blazer*

A well-fitted blazer instantly elevates any outfit. Throw it over a t-shirt and jeans for a sharp casual look, or pair it with dress pants for business meetings. Navy or charcoal are your safest bets, they go with virtually everything and never look out of place.

2. *Quality Leather Shoes* ↓

Your shoes say more about you than you think. A pair of brown or black leather dress shoes, whether Oxfords, Derbies, or loafers, grounds your look and signals attention to detail. Cheap, scuffed shoes undermine even the nicest suit.



← 3. *A Crisp White Dress Shirt*

Simple, clean, and universally appropriate. A well-made white dress shirt works under a suit, with chinos, or even dressed down with dark denim. It's the blank canvas that lets everything else shine.





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- **Team orientation:** Prioritizing the relationship's needs over individual preferences
- **Reciprocal yielding:** Both partners practicing flexibility, not just one

Research consistently shows that marriages thrive when both partners feel heard, valued, and empowered to contribute to decision-making.



MUTUAL RESPECT AND RESPONSIVENESS IN MARRIAGE

Zvakwana Nomore Sweto

Marriage, at its core, is a covenant of partnership, a deliberate choice to build a life together through mutual investment, respect, and care. While historical interpretations have sometimes emphasized hierarchy, modern understanding of healthy marriage centers on interdependence: two whole individuals choosing to prioritize each other's wellbeing and the collective good of their union.

THE TRUE MEANING OF "SUBMISSION" IN CONTEMPORARY CONTEXT

The concept of submission in marriage has evolved significantly. Rather than implying subservience or loss of autonomy, healthy submission represents:

- **Voluntary deference:** Choosing to honor your partner's perspective because you trust their judgment and care

THE POWER OF RESPONSIVENESS

When a husband asks his wife to handle something, or vice versa, responsiveness becomes an expression of love. This isn't about blind obedience but about the following:

1. TRUST IN ACTION

Honoring reasonable requests demonstrates: "I trust your leadership in this area" and "I believe you have our family's best interests at heart."

2. EMOTIONAL SAFETY

When partners respond to each other's needs consistently, it builds psychological safety, the foundation of intimacy. A wife who thoughtfully considers her husband's requests (and a husband who does the same) creates an environment where both feel valued.

3. PRACTICAL PARTNERSHIP

Marriage involves countless daily logistics. Responsiveness to reasonable requests; "Can you pick up the kids?" "Would you call the plumber?"....keeps the household functioning and shows commitment to shared responsibilities.

HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

True love never demands what harms. Red flags that indicate unhealthy dynamics include requests that: compromise safety, require lying or secrecy, isolate from supportive relationships, or contradict core values.



WHY LISTENING MATTERS FOR BOTH PARTNERS

FOR WIVES:

Attentiveness to a husband's expressed needs, when reasonable and loving nurtures his sense of being valued. Men often express love through action; being responsive to their initiatives can affirm their role in the marriage.

FOR HUSBANDS:

Equally important is attunement to a wife's needs, emotions, and boundaries. The healthiest marriages feature husbands who listen deeply, adjust their requests based on their wife's wellbeing, and never exploit the trust placed in them.

PRACTICAL WISDOM FOR DAILY LIFE

- **Assume good intent:** Start with the belief that your partner's requests come from love and practical necessity, not control.
- **Communicate capacity:** "I'd love to help with that. Can I do it after I finish this task?" shows willingness while honoring realistic limits.
- **Express appreciation:** Thank your partner when they respond to your requests; it reinforces positive patterns.
- **Negotiate when needed:** Marriage sometimes means discussing timing, alternatives, or redistribution of tasks.
- **Never weaponize:** Don't use "submission" or "relationship" concepts to manipulate, control, or avoid responsibility.

The strongest marriages aren't built on one partner's dominance, but on mutual surrender to the relationship itself. When both husband and wife ask: "How can I love you better today?" and respond to each other's reasonable needs with grace, they create something resilient and beautiful.

Respecting and listening to each other isn't about rigid roles, it's about choosing, day after day, to build a love that honors both individuals while creating something greater than either could be alone.



.....What are your thoughts on balancing respect with autonomy in marriage? I'd love to hear your perspective on building healthy partnership dynamics. Send WhatsApp message contribution on +18259779441

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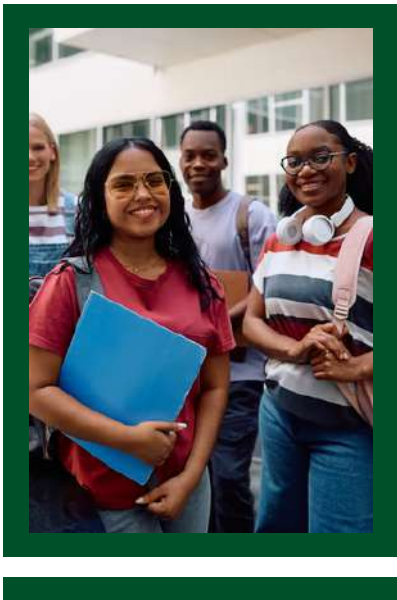


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*There are things that when you begin to think of as an adult, the only thing that comes to your mind is: **WISH I HAD KNOWN THIS / LISTENED WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER.***

As a student, you're standing at one of the most important crossroads of your life. The decisions you make today about your education, your friendships, and your health will echo through your future in ways you might not yet fully appreciate. This isn't meant to scare you; it's meant to empower you. Because the truth is, you have more control over your destiny than you might realize.

Let's start with the obvious: education matters. Not because your parents/guardians say so, or because teachers keep repeating it, but because knowledge is genuinely the most powerful tool you possess. Education opens doors that remain locked to others. It gives you options, flexibility, and the ability to adapt in a world that's changing faster than ever before.

But here's what nobody tells you: taking education seriously doesn't mean being perfect. It means showing up, being curious, and -



refusing to give up when things get hard. It means asking questions when you don't understand, seeking help when you need it, and recognizing that struggle is part of growth. The students who succeed aren't always the smartest; they're often just the ones who persisted.

Every assignment you complete, every concept you master, every skill you develop is an investment in yourself. Unlike material things, knowledge can't be taken away from you. It compounds over time, making you more capable, more confident, and more prepared for whatever challenges come your way.

Peer Pressure: The Silent Thief

Now, let's talk about something that can derail even the best intentions: peer pressure. It often disguises itself as friendship, fun, or "just this once." It whispers that everyone is doing it, that you're no fun if you don't participate, or that you're somehow less cool for having boundaries.

Student's Guide to Making Smart Choices

Here's the reality: true friends respect your choices. They don't need you to compromise your values, your health, or your future to prove your loyalty. The people who pressure you into doing things you're uncomfortable with aren't your friends, they're users who see you as a means to validate their own choices.

Standing up to peer pressure requires courage, but it gets easier with practice. Start with small boundaries. Learn to say "**no thanks**" without apology. Develop a few standard responses: "**I'm good**," "**That's not my thing**," or simply "**No**." You don't owe anyone an explanation for protecting yourself.

Remember, the people who mock you today for making good choices won't be there to help you pick up the pieces tomorrow. The respect of people who don't have your best interests at heart isn't worth having. Meanwhile, the self-respect you build by staying true to yourself? That's priceless.

Drugs and Smoking: The Reality

Let's be direct: drugs and smoking are not harmless rites of passage. They're not victimless experiments. They're serious threats to everything you're working to build.

Smoking might look sophisticated or rebellious in movies, but the reality is addiction, damaged lungs, reduced athletic performance, stained teeth, and a significantly increased risk of cancer and heart disease. The tobacco industry has spent billions making smoking look appealing to young people because they know: hook them early, and you have a customer for life, however short that life might be.

Drugs, whether "hard" drugs or what some consider "soft" options are equally dangerous. They alter your brain chemistry, impair your judgment, and create dependencies that can consume your focus, your money, and your relationships. The temporary escape they might offer comes at the cost of your clarity, your health, and often your freedom.

But beyond the physical risks, consider the opportunity cost. Every dollar spent on cigarettes or drugs is

a dollar not saved for education, travel, or your future. Every hour spent under the influence is an hour not spent learning, creating, or building genuine connections. Every risk taken while impaired is a gamble with consequences that could last a lifetime.



It's easy to focus on right now. The pressure to fit in, the desire to escape, the fear of missing out, these feelings are real and powerful. But they're also temporary. What lasts are the consequences of your choices.

Think ahead five years, ten years, twenty years. Where do you want to be? Who do you want to become? The habits you form today are building that future person, brick by brick. Every time you choose studying over distraction, health over harm, and integrity over approval, you're building someone you can be proud of.



Your education, your health, and your character are your true assets. Protect them fiercely. Invest in them constantly. And never let anyone convince you that your future is worth sacrificing for a moment of temporary acceptance.

The path of good choices isn't always the easiest, but it is the one that leads to genuine freedom, the freedom to become whoever you want to be. Start walking it today.



SOUTH AFRICA AND SPAIN FORGE STRONGER ECONOMIC TIES

- *as Bilateral Trade Reaches ZAR3.1 Billion*
- *Presidential Working Visit Marks New Chapter in Strategic Partnership*

Zvakwana Nomore Sweto

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa recently concluded a significant working visit to Spain, where he emphasized the growing importance of trade relations between South Africa and the European nation. The visit comes as bilateral trade between the two countries reached new heights, with total trade volume increasing by 8.3% from US2.9 billion in 2024 to US3.1 billion in 2025.



President of the Government of Spain, Pedro Sánchez, and the President of the Republic of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa

The strengthening trade figures build upon a solid foundation of cross-border investment that has developed over the past ten years. Spanish corporate presence in South Africa has expanded substantially, with over 150 Spanish companies now operating in the country. These investments have proven to be significant job creators, generating more than 20,000 jobs for South African workers across various sectors.

This economic partnership demonstrates how strategic international cooperation can deliver tangible benefits for local communities while fostering mutual prosperity.

Key Sectors Driving Cooperation

President Ramaphosa highlighted several priority areas where South Africa and Spain are deepening their collaboration:

Renewable Energy: Both nations are aligning their efforts to accelerate the transition to clean energy. Spain brings considerable expertise in wind and solar power development, while South Africa offers abundant natural resources and a growing demand for sustainable energy solutions to address its power generation challenges.



Digital Economy: The partnership is expanding into technology and digital infrastructure, recognizing that digital transformation is essential for economic competitiveness in the 21st century. Cooperation in this sector positions both countries to leverage emerging opportunities in fintech, e-commerce, and digital services.

Investment Flows: With Spanish companies already demonstrating strong confidence in the South African market, both governments are working to facilitate additional investment across manufacturing, infrastructure, and services.

Meanwhile, the 8.3% growth in bilateral trade signals robust momentum in the two countries' relationship. As both countries navigate global economic uncertainties, their strengthened partnership provides a platform for shared growth and innovation.

President Ramaphosa's visit underscores South Africa's commitment to diversifying its international economic partnerships while advancing the vision of a #BetterAfricaBetterWorld, positioning the continent as an increasingly attractive destination for quality foreign investment and sustainable development cooperation.



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AEF Champions African-Led Economic Control and Industrial Transformation

By Tiffany Taylor

The Africa Economic Forum is emerging as a bold new platform dedicated to repositioning the continent's economic destiny, with a clear mandate to shift Africa from raw material dependency toward value-driven industrialization and self-determined policy frameworks.

Board Chair of the Forum's Strategic Advisory Board Akwasi Oppong-Fosu, articulated a compelling vision for the initiative: to serve as a vehicle for African nations to reclaim ownership of their economic policies and ensure these policies deliver tangible benefits to the continent's population.

"The Africa Economic Forum is to be a vehicle for Africa to own its own economic policies and implementation of policies that benefit Africa," Oppong-Fosu stated, capturing the essence of the forum's mission.



Akwasi Oppong-Fosu

This declaration comes at a critical juncture when African economies are increasingly recognizing the limitations of traditional development models that have historically positioned the continent primarily as a supplier of unprocessed commodities to global markets.



The forum's agenda directly confronts one of Africa's most persistent economic challenges: the overdependence on exporting raw materials without capturing the value-added benefits of processing and manufacturing. By advocating for a strategic pivot toward industrialization and global competitiveness, the initiative seeks to ensure that African nations retain greater economic value from their own natural resources.

This transformation is particularly relevant as countries like Ghana intensify their industrialization efforts, leveraging mechanisms such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to stimulate regional trade and create employment through local production capacity.

Organizers have identified a fundamental objective: tackling long-standing structural imbalances in the global economy that have constrained Africa's ability to fully capitalize on trade opportunities, attract beneficial investment, and meaningfully participate in international policy discussions.

Despite regular participation by African presidents, ministers, and business leaders in prestigious global platforms such as the World Economic Forum, Oppong-Fosu observed that the continent's broader development trajectory has remained largely unchanged. This recognition has fuelled the determination to create a more effective, Africa-centric alternative.

The Africa Economic Forum aims to establish a coordinated continental platform that facilitates economic cooperation, policy dialogue, and strategic investment aligned with Africa's specific priorities rather than external agendas. This approach represents a significant evolution in how African nations might collectively engage with the global economy.

A cornerstone of the forum's strategy involves strengthening collaboration between governments and the private sector. Under this framework, African governments would focus



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on creating enabling policy and regulatory environments, while private enterprises would drive implementation, innovation, and investment. This division of labour seeks to harness the respective strengths of both sectors to accelerate economic transformation.

The forum's launch coincides with a wave of industrialization initiatives across the continent, increased momentum behind the AfCFTA, and growing recognition that sustainable job creation requires robust local production capabilities. By positioning itself at the intersection of these trends, the Africa Economic Forum aspires to provide the strategic coordination necessary to convert these individual national efforts into collective continental progress.

As Africa continues its search for development models that deliver inclusive growth and economic independence, the Africa Economic Forum represents a significant attempt to institutionalise African-led economic thinking and implementation, potentially marking a new chapter in the continent's economic history.



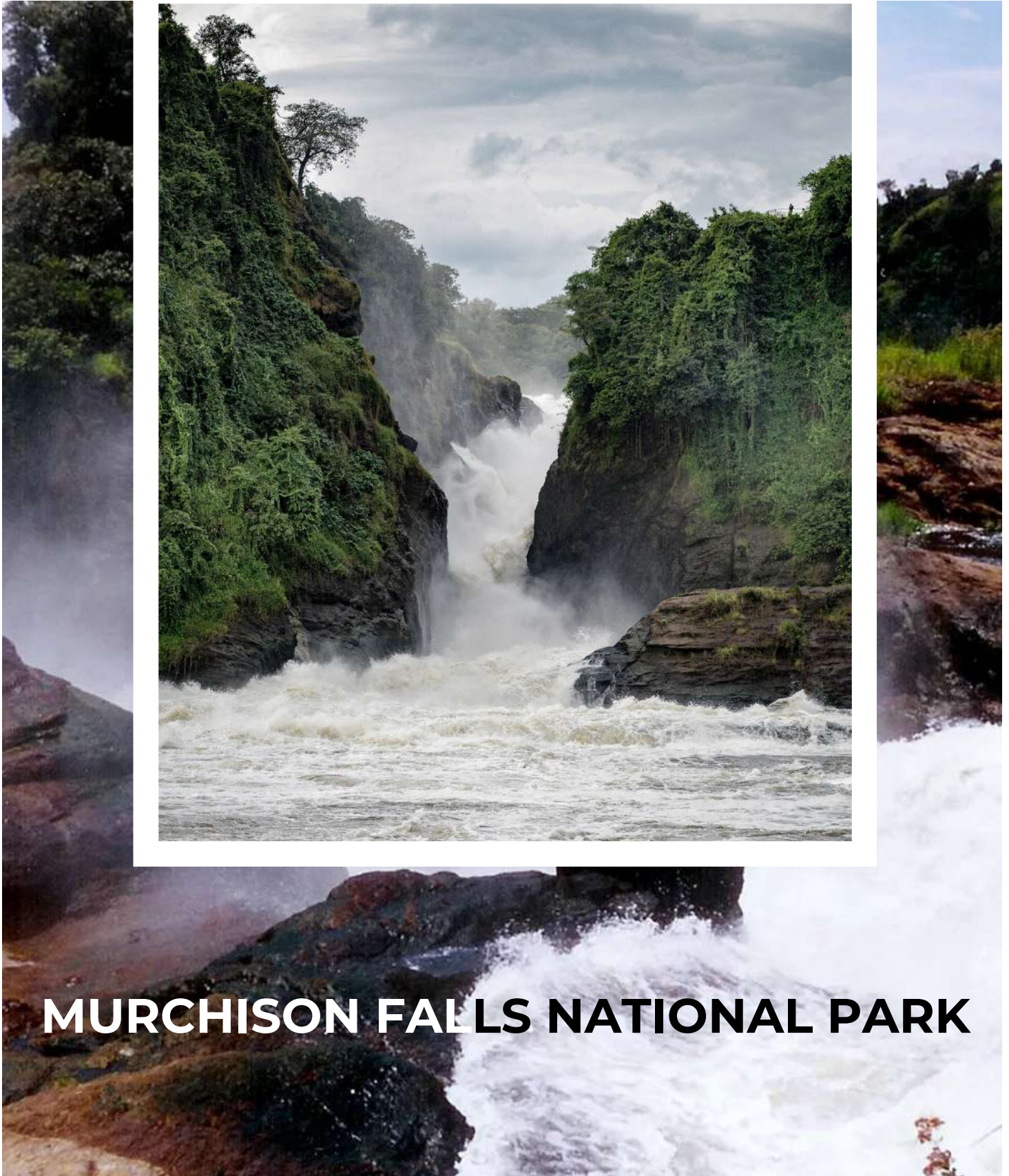
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WHERE TO GO THIS SUMMER

Initially protected as a game reserve in 1926, Murchison was declared as one of Uganda's first national parks in 1952 and now covers an area of 3,840 square kilometres making it the largest protected area in the country. It lies at the northern end of the Albertine Rift Valley where the Bunyoro Escarpment descends into the lowland plains of the savannah

The park is bisected by the Nile River. As it flows west into Lake Albert, the Nile squeezes through an 8-metre gap to plunge 45 metres over the remnant Rift Valley wall down into the aptly named 'Devil's Cauldron', creating the famous rainbow captured in so many photographs.

The Falls are the final obstruction in an 80 kilometre long reach of rapids from which the Nile transforms into a broad, placid, river destined for Lake Albert and a long journey north.

Game drives in the savannah grasslands and riverine woodland of the Buligi Peninsula provide excellent sightings of lion, elephant, buffalo, giraffe and Ugandan kob antelope.

Murchison's signature experience is the boat cruise upriver from Paraa to the Falls. Best enjoyed in the afternoon, when the western sun illuminates the spray, this can be a return trip of about 3 hours. Or, you can be met by your driver-guide at the Falls and travel back to your lodge by road. This works particularly well when you are staying on the south bank.

LAKE ALBERT DELTA RIVER SAFARI

Going downstream, and this time often in the morning, the Lake Albert Delta river safari is in many ways a continuation of the Falls cruise experience, but with the Delta as your target. There you have a high chance of seeing Shoebill stork as well as other large congregations of aquatic birdlife.



Seeing wildlife from the river is delightful, but it can't beat the excitement of a game drive. The feeling that comes from placing yourself in the middle of a resting pride of lion; watching a tower of giraffe browse peacefully from acacia tops; or the excitement of rolling slowly through thick bush never sure when you will meet the next elephant.

If you have taken boat cruises and game drives, but would like another special way to see Murchison, then take to the sky with a hot air balloon flight.

Lions are increasingly seen with the majority of the Park's prides found here preying on Ugandan kob. You may even see a leopard.



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AS COUNTDOWN TO GLORY BEGINS

- *Final Preparations Underway as Artistes Readies for Edmonton & Toronto*
- *Legion of Fans Gears Up for a Season of Thanksgiving and Divine Encounter*

By Afri-CAN Entertainment Desk

The wait is almost over. With few days left from one of the most anticipated gospel gatherings on Canadian soil, Zimbabwe's finest worship ministers are in their final stretch of preparation, confirming travel arrangements, and praying over the thousands of hearts they are about to encounter.

The Grateful Expedition Show, set to light up Edmonton and Toronto this May 2026, has moved from promise to palpable reality. What began as a bold vision to bring Zimbabwean gospel excellence to the North American diaspora is now a countdown measured in hours, not weeks.

GOSPEL STARS READY FOR GRATEFUL EXPEDITION SHOW



Behind the scenes, the energy is a unique blend of holy anticipation and logistical precision. Minister Michael Mahendere, whose anthemic worship has stirred congregations from Harare to Johannesburg, has reportedly been in

deep prayer and rehearsal mode, preparing to deliver not just his catalog of hits including "Makanaka Jesu" and "Hallelujah," but a fresh sound crafted specifically for this Canadian season.

Sources close to the minister reveal that he views this tour as more than a performance itinerary. "For Michael, every stage is an altar," a team member shared. "Canada is not just another pin on the map. it's a mission field where gratitude needs to be reawakened."



For gospel legend Shingisai Suluma, this expedition carries layers of meaning. Now based in Canada, the woman who has soundtracked three decades of Zimbabwean faith with classics like "Maitiro Enyu" and "Tatenda Taona" is preparing to stand before a crowd that feels like both family and fresh territory.

This isn't a comeback for applause, she has maintained. It's a return to obedience. For the diaspora community that has grown up on her music, her presence on this stage represents a full-circle moment, a mother of Zimbabwean gospel coming home to her scattered children to remind them that thanksgiving is a weapon that outlasts every season.



The Cherayis & Blessing Jedthun: New Sounds, Same Anointing. The dynamic duo The Cherayis have been vocal about their excitement, sharing behind-the-scenes glimpses of their preparation and expressing gratitude for the platform. Their trademark harmonies, which have become a staple at major gospel gatherings back home, are expected to bring moments of corporate praise that unify the room in one voice.

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Takesure Zamar, the worshipper known for his prophetic edge and spirit-led sessions, has been teasing new collaborative material on his social platforms, hinting that fans in Edmonton and Toronto may be the first to hear sounds that have been birthed in recent months of studio work and spiritual retreat. His reputation for spontaneous, heaven-directed moments means no two Zamar performances are ever the same, and Canadian audiences are bracing for the unpredictable fire he brings.

Meanwhile, Blessing Jedthun, the rising force whose name has been gaining increasing prominence in gospel circles, is approaching this as his breakthrough moment on an international stage. Those who have followed his journey describe his sound as deeply anointed and refreshingly authentic, exactly the kind of voice the Grateful Expedition was designed to elevate.

Not to be outdone is Eleana Makombe, the UK-based musical princess who has been enjoying significant radio airplay and growing recognition, and is preparing to step into a role that bridges her business acumen with her calling. Married to her business partner Tinotenda Makombe, Eleana represents the new generation of gospel entrepreneurs, artists who understand that ministry and professionalism must walk hand in hand.

Her task on these whole events is not merely to introduce acts, but to steward the atmosphere, ensuring that the night remains worship-forward and spirit-led, true to the Grateful Concert DNA.

Across Canada, Edmonton and Toronto, Zimbabwean communities and broader African diaspora groups have been mobilizing. WhatsApp groups are buzzing with coordination, prayer chains have been activated, and tickets are moving as word spreads that this is not merely a concert but a sacred assembly.

The organizer's vision of creating "moments where gratitude becomes a lifestyle" appears to be resonating deeply with a diaspora that has navigated immigration, isolation, triumph, and longing for home. The Grateful Expedition is offering something rare: a space to encounter God while encountering home.

As luggage is zipped, soundchecks are scheduled, and final prayers are whispered over passport stamps and performance setlists, one thing is clear: the Grateful Expedition Show is no longer just an idea on a page. It is a movement arriving at the doorstep of the Canadian diaspora.

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Men's Conference in pictures



ZCUSA HOSTS INAUGURAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

Zvakwana Nomore Sweto

- *landmark gathering addressing mental health, substance abuse, financial literacy, work-life balance, and family leadership*

Edmonton, Alberta - The Zimbabwe Cultural Society of Alberta (ZCUSA) recently convened its inaugural Men's Conference in Edmonton, bringing together community members for a day of candid conversation, mutual support, and collective problem-solving. The event marked a significant milestone for the organization, which serves as a vital community hub for Zimbabweans across Canada.

Hosted by Kennedy Bumhira (MC Ken), the event saw various speakers taking the centre stage to address issues related to men's well-being. Ken ensured the smooth flow of the event affording attendees an opportunity to ask questions and contribute in an open flow free from the fear of being judged.

Other speakers included Richard Manyonga, Daniel Maroma, Danny Bay, Coach Maiden.

One of the central themes of the conference was mental health, a topic that remains heavily stigmatized in many communities. Speakers and facilitators created a safe space for attendees to discuss the unique psychological pressures faced by men, particularly immigrants navigating the complexities of life in Canada.

Mr. Daniel Maroma took the stage at the Men's Conference and delivered a powerful, practical session on financial literacy that resonated deeply with everyone in attendance. As he walked the audience through the fundamentals of saving, the intricacies of taxes, and the importance of understanding different bank accounts, his message was clear: financial freedom begins with education.

"A man who does not understand his money will always work for another man who does," he told the crowd, urging them to take ownership of their financial futures. The topic was met with enthusiastic applause, as attendees recognized the immediate value of his guidance in their own lives.

The conference also tackled the growing concern of drug and alcohol abuse within the community. Discussions examined how stressors such as immigration challenges, unemployment, and social isolation can contribute to substance use disorders. Attendees shared personal stories and strategies for intervention, with community leaders emphasizing the importance of early support and destigmatization of addiction recovery.

In an era of demanding work schedules and economic pressures, finding equilibrium between professional obligations and personal life emerged as another critical topic. Conference sessions addressed the particular challenges faced by men who often work multiple jobs or irregular hours while trying to maintain meaningful family connections. Practical advice was shared on time management, stress reduction, and setting healthy boundaries.

The role of men as heads of their families was discussed through a modern lens, emphasizing partnership, emotional availability, and active parenting. Rather than focusing solely on traditional authority, the conversations centered on responsible leadership, guiding families through open communication, financial stewardship, and modeling healthy behaviors for the next generation.

There has been a growing concern of men being abused by their wives and this was part of the discussions. One could tell the pain and prison some men are going through by the look on their faces when they got the opportunity to open up on such issues.

The inaugural Men's Conference reflects ZCUSA's broader mission of fostering unity and support among men in Alberta. By creating dedicated spaces for men to connect and confront shared challenges, the organization continues to strengthen the social fabric of the diaspora community.

As ZCUSA looks ahead, the success of this first meeting suggests that the Men's Conference may become a recurring fixture on the organization's calendar, an important step toward ensuring that all members of the community feel seen, supported, and empowered.

Meanwhile, attendees of the conference expressed interest in taking part on the soon-to-be launched podcast by Afri-CAN Magazine on the men's edition of The Unrevealed Truth.



WORLD CUP IS COMING



Lamine Yamal

COVENTRY CITY'S TRIUMPHANT & PETER NDLOVU LEGACY RETURN PREMIER LEAGUE

Staff Reporter

Twenty-five years of hurt ended in Lancashire on April 17, 2026, as Coventry City sealed their return to English football's premier league.

When Bobby Thomas rose highest to head home an 84th-minute equalizer against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park, he didn't just secure a 1-1 draw. He wrote the final chapter of one of English football's most remarkable redemption stories.



COVENTRY CITY CELEBRATE PROMOTION

For a club that was a founding member of the Premier League in 1992, the subsequent quarter-century has been a tale of steady, painful decline. Relegated in 2001, the Sky Blues tumbled through the divisions, dropping to League One in 2012, then League Two in 2017, before beginning the long climb back. They have played at four different grounds, employed 15 different permanent managers, and endured the indignity of groundsharing in Northampton and Birmingham.

Yet under Frank Lampard, Coventry have transformed from a club on the brink to Championship champions-elect. Their promotion was sealed with three matches to spare, built on a stunning campaign that saw them become only the second side in Championship history to amass 50+ points and score 50+ goals by the halfway mark.

"This is a special night for the football club, which is bigger than all of us," Lampard said after the match. "A club that's suffered for 25 years in terms of since they've been in the Premier League and that journey going down to League Two."



FRANK LAMPARD

But to understand Coventry's place in Premier League history, you must go back to August 19, 1992, four days after the league's inaugural fixtures. A 19-year-old Zimbabwean striker named Peter Ndlovu jogged to the touchline at White Hart Lane, stripped off his tracksuit, and replaced John Williams in Coventry's match against Tottenham Hotspur.

In doing so, Ndlovu became the first African player to grace the newly rebranded Premier League.

The distinction matters. While Zimbabwean goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar had played for Liverpool since 1981, he was on the bench for the Reds' opening fixture and away on international duty shortly after. Ndlovu, signed from his boyhood club Highlanders the previous year by manager Terry Butcher, claimed the historic milestone and two weeks later, enhanced it by becoming the first African to score in the Premier League, netting in a 2-1 victory at Sheffield Wednesday.

"I'm sure I was told then, 'do you know that you're the first African to play in the Premier League?' I probably just said 'ok' and didn't give it any more thought," Ndlovu recalled years later to Forbes Africa.



PETER NDLOVU

That nonchalance belied a significance that would only grow with time. When Ndlovu arrived, African players were a rarity in English football. Today, the Premier League is a global showcase for African talent, from Mohamed Salah's record-breaking exploits at Liverpool to the legions of stars who followed the path Ndlovu first carved.

Ndlovu didn't just make history; he became a Coventry legend. The fans christened him "Nuddy," and he rewarded their affection with moments of pure magic.

His 34 Premier League goals for the Sky Blues remain a club benchmark for African players and a record for Zimbabweans in English football. But it was the manner of his scoring that cemented his cult status. Defenders struggled to contain his blistering pace, his ability to isolate opponents one-on-one, and the ferocious power of his shooting.



The defining moment came on April 14, 1995, exactly 31 years before Coventry's 2026 promotion, when Ndlovu became the first visiting player in 33 years to score a hat-trick at Anfield, destroying Liverpool's title hopes in a 3-2 Coventry victory. It remains one of the most iconic individual performances in Premier League history.

In the inaugural 1992-93 season, Ndlovu scored seven goals as Coventry finished 15th. The following campaign brought his best return; 11 goals as the Sky Blues achieved their highest league finish in five years, placing 11th.

Coventry's return to the Premier League carries a poetic symmetry. The club that gave African football its first Premier League platform is back where it belongs, in an era where African stars dominate the competition.

For the Coventry faithful, the journey has been torturous. As fan Matt Quigg articulated after promotion: "Growing up, it wasn't easy being a fan of Coventry. I've experienced relegations, points deductions, groundsharing... leaving me and every other fans thinking: why always us? But the lows of the falls have made the rise feel even sweeter."



For Ndlovu, now in his fifties, the club's resurrection will surely stir memories of a time when a teenager from Bulawayo didn't just represent a football team, but opened a continent's pathway to the world's most-watched league.

When Coventry kick off their 2026-27 Premier League campaign, they will do so as a club rebuilt from its lowest ebb. But they will also do so as the spiritual home of African football in England, a legacy that began with one historic substitution on an August evening in North London, and continues, three decades later, with a team ready to write new chapters in top-flight history.

The Sky Blues are back. And Peter Ndlovu's pioneering spirit will be watching.

FC Bayern Munich ^{35th}



FC Bayern Munich Crowned Bundesliga Champions for Record 35th Time

Zvakwana Nomore Sweto

The Bavarian giants sealed historic title with dominant 4-2 victory over VfB Stuttgart, cementing their status as Germany's most successful club.

FC Bayern Munich was officially crowned Bundesliga champions for the 2025-26 season, clinching their 35th German top-flight title (34th Bundesliga era) with a commanding 4-2 victory over VfB Stuttgart at the Allianz Arena. The triumph, secured with four matches to spare, marks their second consecutive championship and further extends their record as the most decorated club in German football history.

The title was mathematically confirmed on Matchday 30 when Vincent Kompany's side dispatched Stuttgart in emphatic fashion. The result, combined with Borussia Dortmund's failure to secure three points against Hoffenheim, left Bayern with an insurmountable lead at the summit of the table.

Bayern entered the matchday holding a 12-point advantage over second-placed Dortmund, and with goal difference heavily in their favor (+78 to +30), the champagne was always likely to flow in Munich this weekend. The victory ensured that the Meisterschale will remain in Bavaria for another year.

The 2025-26 campaign will be remembered as one of Bayern's most statistically dominant in their storied history:

- **Historic Start:** Bayern broke AC Milan's record for the best start in Europe's top five leagues, winning their first 16 consecutive matches, surpassing their own previous Bundesliga record of 12 straight victories set in 2012-13.
- **Goal Scoring Prowess:** On April 11, Bayern recorded a 5-0 demolition of FC St. Pauli, bringing their season tally to 105 goals and surpassing their previous club record of 101 goals set in the legendary 1971-72 season.
- **Defensive Solidity:** With just one defeat in 29 matches and a goal difference of +78, Kompany's side has blended attacking flair with remarkable consistency.
- **Individual Brilliance:** Harry Kane has been instrumental in the title charge, leading the scoring charts with 31 goals and proving former striker Fernando Llorente's assessment correct, that he is "the perfect replacement for any striker in any team in the world."

A New Era Under Kompany

This title represents a significant milestone for head coach Vincent Kompany, who has successfully navigated a transitional period at the club. The 2025-26 season marked the first without club legend Thomas Müller, the most decorated German footballer of all time with 34 major trophies, who departed after a legendary career.

Additionally, the campaign saw the exits of long-serving wingers Kingsley Coman (to Al-Nassr) and Leroy Sané (to Galatasaray), yet Kompany rebuilt the attack around the prolific partnership of Harry Kane and summer signing Luis Díaz, while integrating young talents like Mathys Tel and Jonas Bischof into the first team.

Bayern's 35th crown further cements their hegemony in the Bundesliga. With 12 titles in the last 14 seasons, the club continues to set the standard both domestically and in European competition, where they recently eliminated Real Madrid in a thrilling Champions League quarter-final (6-4 on aggregate) to set up a semi-final clash with Paris Saint-Germain.



The victory over Stuttgart not only secured the league but also demonstrated Bayern's ability to maintain focus across multiple competitions, a hallmark of truly great teams.

With the Bundesliga secured, attention now turns to completing a potential treble. Bayern remain active in the DFB-Pokal and have progressed to the Champions League semi-finals, where they will face reigning holders Paris Saint-Germain in a highly anticipated reunion.

For Bayern Munich, the 35th star on their shirt is not just a number, it is a testament to 94 years of excellence, resilience, and an unrelenting pursuit of perfection. As the Bundesliga trophy is once again paraded through the streets of Munich, the message to the rest of Germany is clear: the kings of Bavaria remain firmly on their throne.



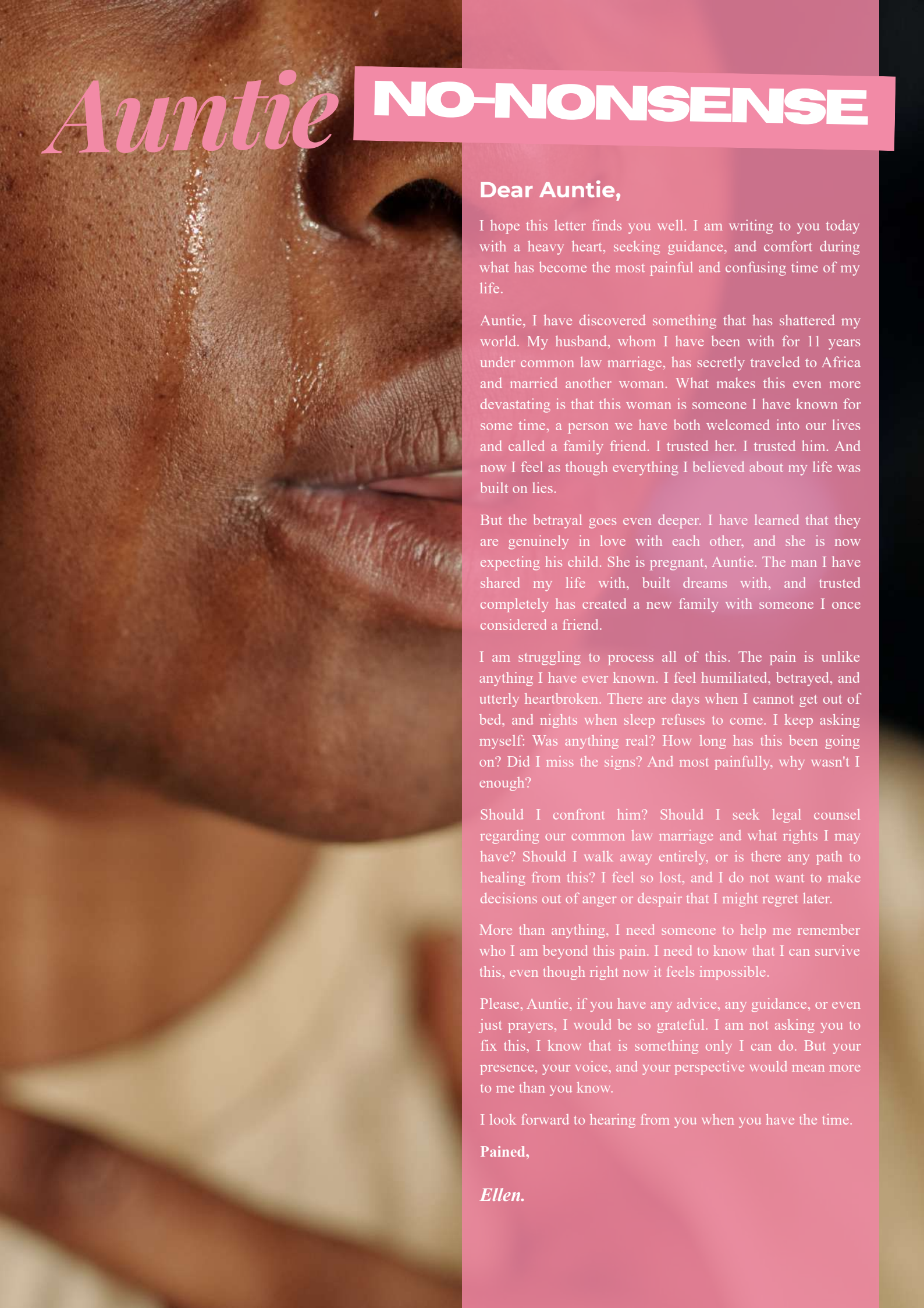
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Dear Auntie,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you today with a heavy heart, seeking guidance, and comfort during what has become the most painful and confusing time of my life.

Auntie, I have discovered something that has shattered my world. My husband, whom I have been with for 11 years under common law marriage, has secretly traveled to Africa and married another woman. What makes this even more devastating is that this woman is someone I have known for some time, a person we have both welcomed into our lives and called a family friend. I trusted her. I trusted him. And now I feel as though everything I believed about my life was built on lies.

But the betrayal goes even deeper. I have learned that they are genuinely in love with each other, and she is now expecting his child. She is pregnant, Auntie. The man I have shared my life with, built dreams with, and trusted completely has created a new family with someone I once considered a friend.

I am struggling to process all of this. The pain is unlike anything I have ever known. I feel humiliated, betrayed, and utterly heartbroken. There are days when I cannot get out of bed, and nights when sleep refuses to come. I keep asking myself: Was anything real? How long has this been going on? Did I miss the signs? And most painfully, why wasn't I enough?

Should I confront him? Should I seek legal counsel regarding our common law marriage and what rights I may have? Should I walk away entirely, or is there any path to healing from this? I feel so lost, and I do not want to make decisions out of anger or despair that I might regret later.

More than anything, I need someone to help me remember who I am beyond this pain. I need to know that I can survive this, even though right now it feels impossible.

Please, Auntie, if you have any advice, any guidance, or even just prayers, I would be so grateful. I am not asking you to fix this, I know that is something only I can do. But your presence, your voice, and your perspective would mean more to me than you know.

I look forward to hearing from you when you have the time.

Pained,

Ellen.

AUNTIE REPLIES

Dear Ellen,

Your mail reached me on a quiet morning, and I must tell you, I had to set it down several times before I could finish reading. My heart aches for you. I want you to know that what you are feeling right now; the disbelief, the rage, the grief, the questions that circle like vultures is not weakness. It is the weight of a real love betrayed by someone who did not deserve it.

Now, listen to me carefully, because I am going to speak to you as your auntie, not as someone who will simply comfort you with soft words. You need both comfort and truth right now.

You asked, "Why wasn't I enough?" Oh, my dear. This was never about your enough-ness. A man who builds a second life in secret, who introduces his deception into your home disguised as friendship, who creates a child while lying to your face, this is not a man capable of recognizing what he had. His betrayal is a reflection of his poverty of character, not any lack in you. Do not let his cowardice become your shame. You are enough. You have always been enough. He simply was not man enough to see it.

You should confront him, but not from a place of desperation or begging. Speak to him when you are composed enough to do so with your dignity intact. Not to win him back. Not to compete with her. But to look him in the eye and make him accountable for what he has done. You deserve to hear the truth from his own lips, however ugly it may be. And you deserve to state, clearly and calmly, that his deception has consequences. Do not do this alone, have someone you trust nearby, even if just waiting in another room.

On the legal matter: You mentioned you are married under common law. This is not the time to be gentle or hopeful, this is the time to be smart. Common law marriages carry real legal weight in many places, but they can also be contested. You must speak to a lawyer immediately. Not tomorrow. Not when you feel stronger. Now. Document everything you can, financial records, proof of your shared life, communications. Protect whatever assets and rights you have built together. Do not let shame or sadness make you passive here. This is about your survival and your future.

I will not waste words on her. She made her choice, and it was a cruel one. But hear this: she is not your enemy to fight. She is simply another woman who accepted stolen goods, and stolen goods rarely bring lasting happiness. Do not give her the power to define your story. Your story is not "the wife who was replaced." Your story is "the woman who survived, rebuilt, and thrived despite the fire."



You will not feel strong every day. Some mornings you will wake up and the reality will hit you fresh, as if you are learning it for the first time. That is normal. Grieve. Rage. Cry until your body is empty. But do not stay there. You are still young. You are still whole, even with this wound. And there is a life ahead of you that does not include this man or his lies.

I do not know if divorce or separation is the path you will choose, that is yours to decide. But I do know this: a marriage rebuilt on deception is not a marriage. It is a prison with better lighting. If he is truly in love with her and she is carrying his child, he has already left you in every way that matters. Do not beg for the shell of a man. Demand the whole of your life back.

My dear, I have lived long enough to know that the heart can survive what feels unsurvivable. I have buried dreams and built new ones. I have learned that the love we think we cannot live without is sometimes the very thing keeping us from the life we were meant to have.

With all my love and all my strength,

Auntie

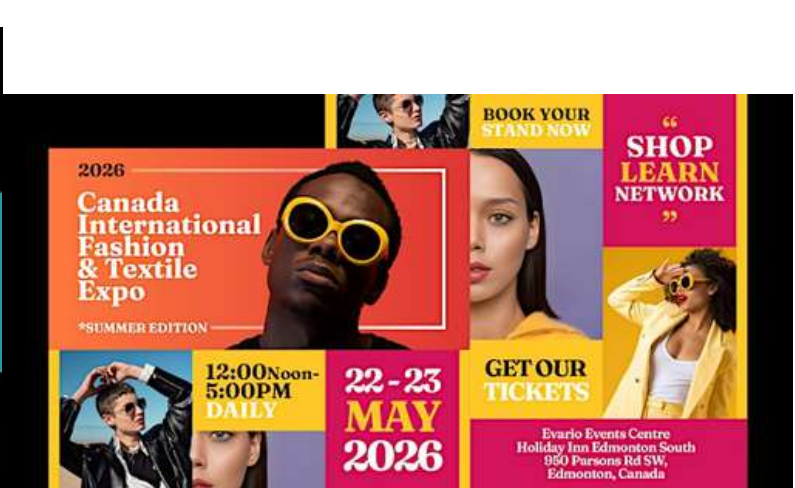




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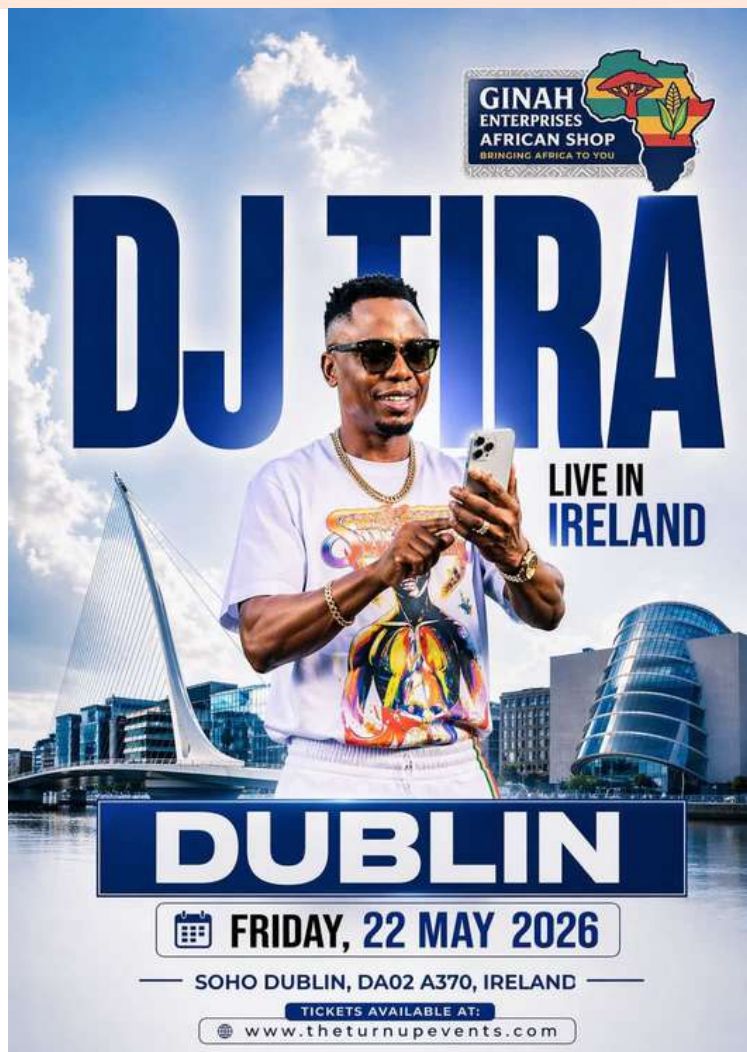
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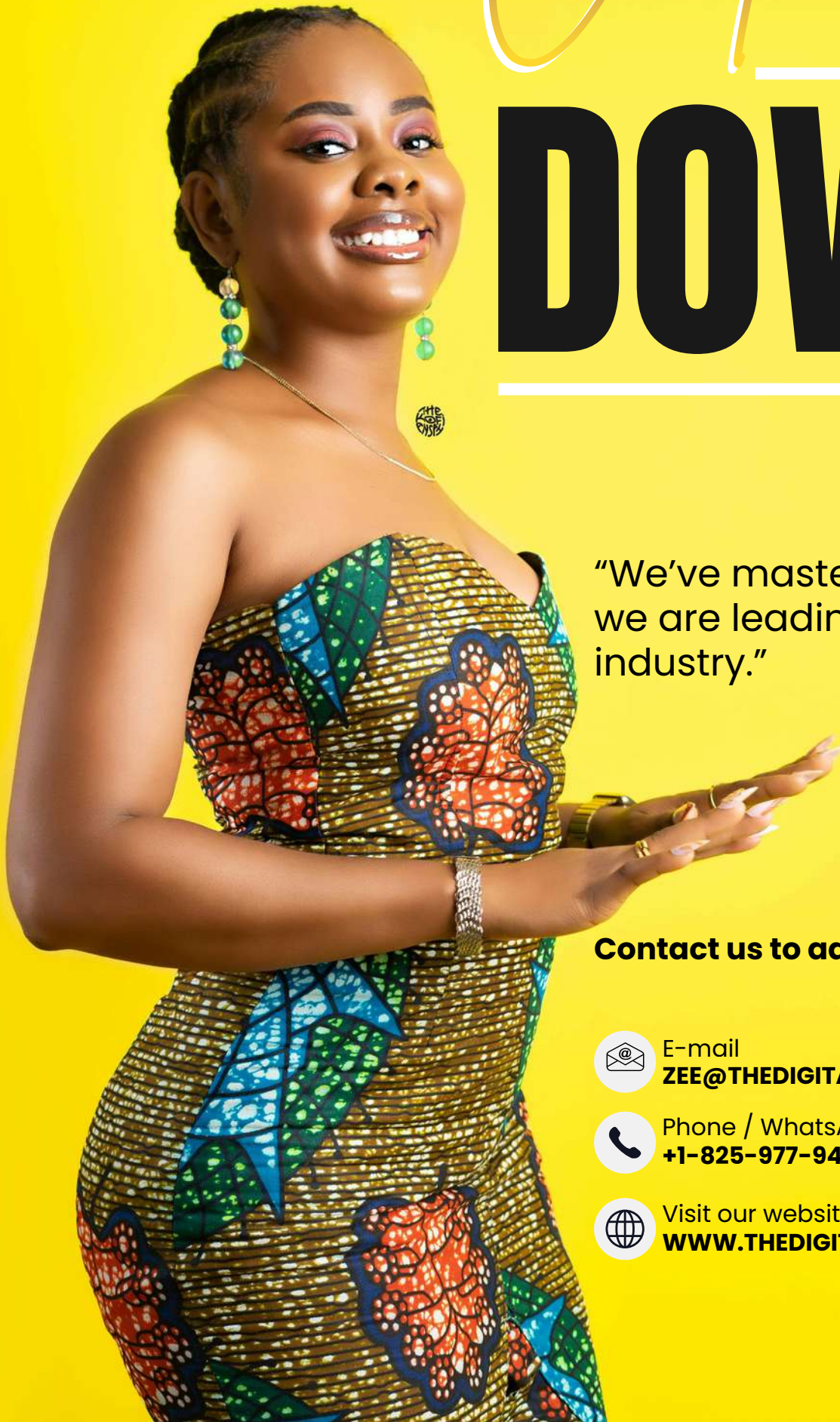


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