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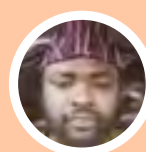
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EDITOR'S LETTER

Hello and welcome to the August edition of A-CHOICES Magazine, where we celebrate all we love about being Africans.

The political landscape of the United States of America took a dramatic turn after President Joe Biden pulled out from the presidential race and nominated Kamala Harris as the candidate for the Democratic Party in the November election.

If elected in November, Kamala, a woman of many firsts, would make history as America's first female president. Kamala made our cover this month; she stands as a beacon of hope for gender and racial equality, and

we are rooting for her to the end. YESSHE CAN!

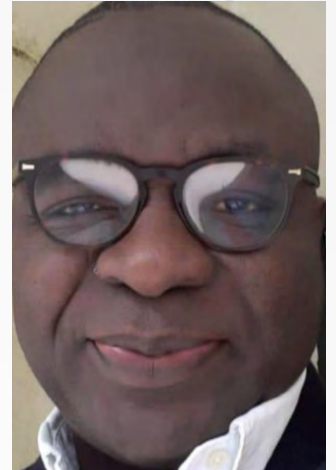
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Lifestyle



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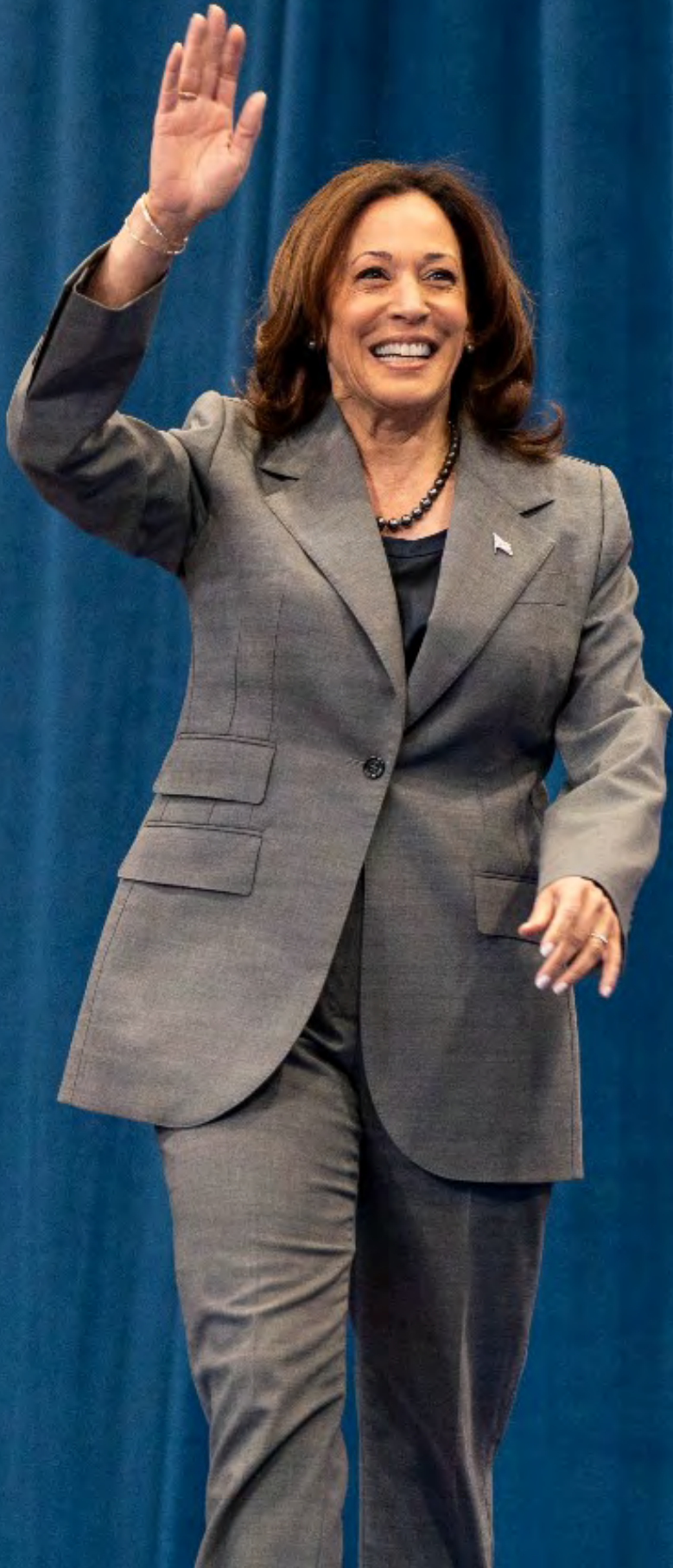
I am not a citizen of the United States Of America, but a keen follower of American politics and its foreign policy. The officially stated goals of the foreign policy of the United States of America, including all the bureaus and offices in the United States Department of State, as mentioned in the Foreign Policy Agenda of the Department of State, are "to build and sustain a more democratic, secure, and prosperous world for the benefit of the American people and the international community."

Relieved Democrats backed Kamala Harris with millions of dollars in donations within hours of US President Joe Biden quitting the race for the White House in the belief that she could triumph over Donald Trump.

Could Kamala Harris become America's first female president? Vice President Kamala Harris has been by President Joe Biden's side for the last four years and could make history if elected as America's first female



President. She's already broken barriers, and now Harris could become the first Black woman and the first person of South Asian descent to head a major party's presidential ticket. Biden announced that he stepped aside after a disastrous debate performance catalysed fears that the 81-year-old was too frail for a second term. Biden said that choosing Harris as his running mate was "the best decision I've made" and endorsed her as his successor.



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Kamala Harris



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Harris's potential presidency is not just a political milestone, but a historical one. She is the first woman, Black person and person of South Asian descent to serve as vice president. If she becomes the Democratic nominee and defeats Republican candidate Donald Trump in November, she will be the first woman to serve as president. Harris described Biden's decision to step aside as a "selfless and patriotic act," saying he was "putting the American people and our country above everything else." Her presidency would be a moment of pride for the nation.

"I am honoured to have the President's endorsement, and I intend to earn and win this nomination," Harris said.

"Over the past year, I have travelled across the country, talking with Americans about the clear choice in this momentous election."

Vice presidents are always in line to step into the top job if the president dies or is incapacitated. However, Harris has faced unusual scrutiny because of Biden's age. He was the oldest president in history, taking office at 78 and announcing his reelection bid at 80. Harris is 59. In presidential years, she's very youthful, and she certainly looks youthful and has a youthful energy and sparkles about her; even before Biden's endorsement, Harris was widely viewed as the favourite to replace him on the ticket. The critical question, of course, is whether voters will back her. I

Let's **WIN** *this.*

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firmly believe gender, rather than race, may prove a more significant challenge for Harris.

So far, the closest a woman has come to the White House was in 2016, when Hilary Clinton narrowly lost to Donald Trump in the race. Harris's potential

presidency could offer a strong contrast to Donald Trump and his running mate, J.D. Vance. In contrast to the two men, Harris, who is a leader on abortion rights, could attract younger, more progressive voters. Her presidency could mark a significant shift in gender and race representation in American



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politics, offering hope for a more inclusive future.

Born in Oakland, California, on October 20 1964, Harris began her career as an assistant district attorney focusing on sex crimes. She was later recruited to the San Francisco prosecutor's office, where she focused on tackling teenage prostitution.

Harris's journey is a testament to her resilience. Elected to the US Senate in November 2016, she announced her bid for the Democratic nomination for president a little over two years later. Despite the challenges, she suspended her campaign in December 2019, citing a lack of financial resources, and was named Biden's vice presidential nominee the following year. Her determination and perseverance make her a true trailblazer, and she could be on the way to becoming the first woman to serve as president of the United States.

Céline Dion Is 'So Full of Joy' After Comeback Olympics Performance

By: **Linda R. Jones**
Senior Writer
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Céline Dion shared a poignant throwback photo of herself as a young girl standing in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, taken decades before her triumphant return to live performances at the Paris Olympics last week.

The Canadian star left fans in tears as she performed from the French landmark during the Olympics opening ceremony on Friday (26 July), singing a rendition of Edith Piaf's "L'Hymne à l'amour".

It marked Dion's first performance since 2022, when she was forced to cancel her world tour after being diagnosed with Stiff Person Syndrome, a rare and incurable disorder that causes rigidity in the torso and limbs, along with painful muscle spasms. At the concert, she wore a glittering white gown as she sang in front of a grand piano while the rain poured down around her.

The "My Heart Will Go On" star has previously said that, at its worst, the



condition makes it feel as though someone is pushing down on her larynx and pharynx when she is trying to sing. Over the weekend, she shared a number of glowing reactions to her Paris show, including an ESPN post that shared a photo of her as a teenager standing in front of the Eiffel Tower, alongside one



Dion, 56, made the pledge in her recent documentary that she would one day return to Paris, as she was filmed during rehabilitation and singing sessions. The throwback photo also featured, along with a number of archive clips of her as an aspiring artist.



In an earlier Instagram post, Dion said that she was “full of joy” to be back in one of her favourite cities. “Most of all, I’m so happy to be celebrating these amazing athletes, with all their stories of sacrifice and determination, pain and perseverance,” she said.



“All of you have been so focused on your dream, and whether or not you take home a medal, I hope that being here means that it has come true for you!” She continued: “You should all be so proud, we know how hard you have worked to be the best of the best. Stay focused, keep going, my heart is with you!”

of her singing underneath it as an adult. The image was captioned: “How it started... How it’s going.”

Justice Ajumogobia's daughter killed in Lagos

By: **Linda R. Jones**
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Aribemchukwu, the daughter of Justice Rita Ofili-Ajumogobia, has been killed.

The deceased, popularly called Chuchu, was reportedly killed in her Parkview Estate residence in the Ikoyi area of Lagos State on Wednesday morning.

A family source who craved anonymity because of the current state of the family

said she was killed last night, and her body was discovered this morning outside the gate of her residence.

"It would appear that new household staff might have been responsible and tried to stage as if she was outside when it happened.

"There are signs of an attempt to clean up blood inside the house and in the compound. This was indeed the handiwork, and we observe that they



Aribemchukwu



were newly employed less than a month, and she was alone in the house with them.

“We all need to be super careful. Especially with new hires,” he added. Confirming the murder, the state command’s spokesperson, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, said the body has been recovered, and three suspects have been arrested in connection to her death. Hundeyin stressed that the three people arrested in connection to the murder of Aribemchukwu were her domestic staff.

“Our men have arrested three people in connection to the murder of the daughter of Justice Ajumogobia at her residence in Parkview Estate. One of them is a driver, and the other two are maids.

“We are investigating and will further inform the public of our outcome,” he said.

Until her death, the late Aribemchukwu was a doctor and had recently married.

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Who is Aya Nakamura and why did her Olympics show cause controversy?

By: Nigel Taylor
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Aya Nakamura

While Celine Dion and Lady Gaga were the A-listers music fans were waiting for at the Paris Olympic Games, French R&B singer Aya Nakamura was hailed an icon for her performance across the Channel. Aya Nakamura is a household name across the Channel and is often at the core of controversy. Aya Nakamura represented France in her trailblazing performance at the Olympic Games in Paris but many were against her putting on a show, deeming

she didn't embody French values. English-speaking viewers of the opening ceremony, which took place on Friday, July 26, 2024, were keen to see Celine Dion make her return to the spotlight after lifting the lid on her struggle with Stiff person syndrome, along with Lady Gaga, also announced to make an appearance. Across the Channel, however, Aya Nakamura became the pride of a nation when she performed a medley of her songs "Pookie" and "Djadja" - which both catapulted her into the spotlight in



France in 2018 -and Charles Aznavour's "For Me, formidable."

Aya, 29, was seen strutting along with her dancers in a gold, feathered, Dior mini dress, on the Pont des Arts, a historical landmark, before being joined by the French Republican Guard. But months ahead of her milestone show, Aya was at the core of a media storm when rumours of her performance began to swirl around online, with political figures taking aim at her.

The backlash was deemed a storm in a teacup by many of her fans who couldn't help but underline the "sexist" and "racist" nature of the remarks and comments made about the singer. And this wasn't the first time Aya had sparked outrage.

Born Aya Danioko in Bamako on May 10, 1995, the French-Malian hitmaker is known for her fusion of Afrobeats, Caribbean zouk, and Malian heritage, kicking off her career by publishing her music online. Once she gained a following, her long-time friend Dembo

Camara became her producer and manager, leading her to appear on the French charts for the first time.

Aya became a household name in France following the release of her debut album, *Journal Intime*, in 2017, and her second album, *Nakamura* - a pseudonym she credits sci-fi series *Heroes for -* was certified diamond the following year.

That same year, her singles *Djadja* and *Copines* launched her international career, allowing her to become the most-listened-to French-speaking female artist in the world, a record previously held by none other than Edith Piaf in 1961.

Once she was thrown into the limelight, Aya's growing success was tainted by backlash, with many trolls slamming her for her use of suburban slang and Malian words in her songs, issuing complaints over her "incomprehensible" lyrics.

For some, Aya demonstrates the capacity of the French language to evolve. Others believe she's disrespecting it. Elsewhere, other individuals complained over her explicit lyrics, prompting feminists to take a stand for the star, defending her right to feel comfortable with her sexuality.

But in 2018, TF1 viewers were appalled

when Aya bluntly reprimanded TV veteran presenter Nikos Aliagas for mispronouncing her name at the NRJ Music Awards, a yearly TV music event followed by millions where she was performing for the first time in her then-budding career.

The overwhelmed presenter had dubbed her "Yaka Nakamura" while introducing her and Aya took offence, wasting no time to call him out on his mistake. Taking to X, then-named Twitter, Aya had written a scathing response to Nikos, pleading: "Don't invite people if you can't say their name correctly."

While Aya and Nikos have since buried the hatchet on live TV, three years after the blunder, the incident along with her outspoken nature earned her the label of "diva" and a continual onslaught from celebrities, journalists and social media users as she shone a light on their own problematic behaviour throughout the years.

But the frequent criticism took another shocking proportion when she was first rumoured to be performing at the Olympic Games.

Controversy began when Aya first met French president Emmanuel Macron in February, 2024, which led him to suggest her to sing an Edith Piaf song - this was enough to trigger speculation

she'd be performing at the opening ceremony.

Comments deemed racist and sexist targeting Aya Nakamura flooded social media and the controversy gained momentum when activists from far-right group Les Natifs deployed a



banner on the banks of the Seine in Paris in early March, 2024, stating: "This is Paris, not the Bamako market."

There again, Aya struck out against the protesters with a brutal response on X: "You can be racist but not deaf. That's what hurts you! I'm becoming a number

one state topic. But what do I really owe you? Nothing at all."

Marion Marechal-Le Pen, the niece of National Rally's Marine Le Pen, then added fuel to the fire in one of her own tirades during a chat on radio station Europe 1 that same month, saying: "The French don't want to be represented in the eyes of the world by a singer whose style is influenced by the hood and Africa."

Months may have passed but Marion still doubled down on Friday, writing on X: "I'm watching the #openingceremony of the Olympics with my children. It's difficult to appreciate the rare successful scenes between the decapitated Marie-Antoinettes, the kissing threesome, the drag queens, the humiliation of the Republican Guard forced to dance to Aya Nakamura, the general ugliness of the costumes and choreography."

She'd then added: "We desperately seek to celebrate the values of sport and the beauty of France in the midst of such crude woke propaganda."

Oprah Winfrey finally addresses the rumour that she and Gayle King are secretly a couple

By: **Seyi Awoleye**
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The lifelong friends discussed their true relationship status with Melinda French Gates. Oprah Winfrey has finally addressed the enduring rumors regarding her relationship status with fellow broadcaster Gayle King - claiming she understands why some people 'may think it'.

On Wednesday (July 24), Winfrey, 70, and 69-year-old King appeared on Melinda French Gates' Moments That Make Us series.

The candid chat saw the pair discussing their experiences with ageing; lessons they've learned throughout their lives and the importance of female friendship.

While reflecting on their lifelong bond, Winfrey also had her say on the longstanding rumor that she and the mother-of-two were a couple.

"I think we've shared pretty much everything and I would have to say, it wasn't even a matter of navigation," she said during the YouTube interview.

"For years, people used to say we were gay, and listen, we were up against that



forever. And people still may think it." CBS Mornings anchor King agreed and continued: "I used to say to Oprah: 'You gotta do a show on this because it's hard enough for me to get a date on Saturday night with people thinking we're gay'." "Because if we were gay, we'd tell you!" Winfrey - who has been in a relationship with her long-term partner Stedman Graham since 1986 - went on to explain that she believes the rumors started as



Oprah with Gayle

people weren't used to seeing women share such a close bond. "One of the things I used to think was that people weren't accustomed to seeing women with this kind of truth bond," she stated.

Entertainment



By: **Dr. Funmi Awoleye-Beckley**
Abeokuta, Nigeria

After spending two years in Dubai and couldn't do music there, I returned back to Nigeria with my friend Ragee, looking for a label to sign to. My friend Majicstics and Asake were already popping in Nigeria and he called me. That was one of the motivations that made me return to Nigeria. When I got home Magicstics said he has 2 slots for Davido's timeless album and asked if I could write songs. We got to the studio and made Unavailable, Picasso and some other songs, eventually, we met Davido, he liked the song and recorded it. My friend Ragee was like this is the opportunity we have been looking for, tell Davido what brought you here. First studio session I didn't say a word, second day I couldn't say anything... On our last studio session, Ragee sent a message, that if I don't say anything this opportunity is gone. So I just stood up and said, "Baba I dey sing o," Davido looked at me and was like, "You're an Artist like this?" and I replied yes. I



played my EP and he asked why is the EP not out yet. I said no platform, and Davido Said platform dey, welcome to the family. He called his lawyer on the spot and I was signed that same day.
- Davido's new artist Logos OLori

Professor Akin Adesola, Doctor of Laws 1989 (died 29 May 2010)

Akinpelu Oludele Adesola was an esteemed member of the Queen's Medical Class of 1956 when he graduated MB, BCh, BAO. By the time he left his adopted home in Northern Ireland in 1962, he had held surgical tutor posts in Queen's and a number of positions (house surgeon, house officer, senior house officer and surgical registrar) in the Royal Victoria Hospital. He qualified from the University again in 1961 with a Masters in surgery and was to return for a third time in 1989 to receive the ultimate academic accolade, an honorary degree from his Alma Mater.

During the intervening 25 years, Akin Adesola enjoyed an illustrious academic career in surgery at the University of Lagos, becoming successively senior lecturer, professor and head of the Department of Surgery and eventually Deputy Vice-Chancellor. From there he moved to the University of Ilorin, also in his native Nigeria, where he served as Vice-

Chancellor for a three-year term before returning to the University of Lagos as its Vice-Chancellor, a position he held until his retirement in 1988.



Professor Akin Adesola

As a highly respected academic Professor Adesola was much in demand and he held many visiting professorships in the UK, the USA and



In his citation, Professor J F (Sean) Fulton, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, singled out how proud the University was of the achievements of one of its own graduates, highlighting the 'proud tradition of The Yoruba of service and leadership' of which he said Akin Adesola was a 'true exemplar'.

Canada and external examiner positions in Nigeria, Ghana and England. His work for education in Nigeria and across the Commonwealth, as well as his involvement in humanitarian enterprises at home and abroad, was outstanding, and the honours he received - including the Symons Award for 'outstanding service' from the Association of Commonwealth Universities - were many and well earned.

Professor Adesola received the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) on 7th July 1989 in recognition of his exceptional contribution to education and his many academic achievements.

Youths Demand Good Governance In Mass Protests Across Africa



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Lagos Bureau Chief

Protest movements are emerging all over Africa. Thousands of young people are taking to the streets of Kenya, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, and other countries to demonstrate and demand good governance. They tweet and demand genuine democracy and social change against authoritarian governments.

Despite differences in the background, nature, and way these protests emerged, they express a growing legitimate crisis in African governments and frustrations about failed promises, the enrichment of political elites, and the undermining of democratic institutions.

From Kenya to Nigeria to Uganda, Africa's youth-led movements are growing on the youngest continent in the world, where 70% of the population is under 30. According to reports, the average age of an African president is 62, and youth protesters say they are frustrated with an ageing leadership



that does not hear their growing calls for change.

Here are some youth-led protests across the continent:

SENEGAL

In February, several young people in Senegal, where more than 60% of the population is under 25, led nationwide anti-government protests in its capital, Dakar, after a decision to delay a highly anticipated presidential election from February to December. The protest soon spread to the streets of major cities.

Demonstrators, including children, rejected former President Macky Sall's 10-month election delay, which youths said threatened the country's longstanding democracy.

The protest was called by the Resistance Front, an alliance of campaign groups and opposition parties, which demanded elections be held before

Bassirou Diomaye Faye.

UGANDA

Young climate activists from Uganda have protested against the proposed East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), which would ship crude from Lake Albert in Uganda to a port on Tanzania's Indian Ocean coast.



April and the release of the present Prime Minister and President Ousmane Sonko and Bassirou Diomaye Faye who the Macky Sall government imprisoned.

Sall eventually reversed the decision to stall the election, paving the way for the election of Africa's youngest leader,

Activists campaigning against the environmental and social impacts of EACOP have been beaten and arrested and faced online surveillance and abductions, according to the New York-based Human Rights Watch.

Stephen Kwikiriza, one of the key activists who works for Uganda's



Environment Governance Institute (EGI), a non-profit organisation, was abducted in Kampala on 4 June, his employer said. He was beaten, questioned and then abandoned hundreds of miles from the capital city.

Reports say 11 environmental activists “were kidnapped, arbitrarily arrested, detained or subjected to different forms of harassment by the Ugandan authorities between May 27 and June 5, 2024”.

KENYA

On June 18, thousands of mostly young protesters took to the streets in Nairobi, Kenya, to protest the “2024 Finance Bill,” blowing whistles and chanting

slogans in a show of anger and frustration by Gen Z against the government.

Led mainly by young Kenyans, the protest began on Tuesday in Nairobi and spread nationwide on Thursday, June 20. It indicated the widespread discontent over President William Ruto’s economic policies in a country already grappling with a high cost of living.

Following the deadly protest where government forces killed more than 20, Ruto dramatically withdrew the controversial 2024 finance bill. “I concede, and therefore, I will not sign the 2024 finance bill, and it shall

subsequently be withdrawn. The people have spoken,” Ruto said in a press briefing on June 26. On July 11, Ruto dismissed all but one cabinet minister as the protest intensified.

Despite the withdrawal of the finance bill and the dismissal of his cabinet members, angered by the government's use of excessive force on protesters, which led to the killing of many, the protesters continued to call for the resignation of the president, #RutoMustGo.

NEW KENYAN-INSPIRED PROTESTS.

UGANDA: Emboldened by Kenya's



anti-finance bill protests, neighbouring Ugandans also took to social media to





spur a similar pushback against their government. They planned a march to parliament on July 23 to call out government corruption.

Youths inspired by their Kenyan counterparts took to the streets in Kampala in anti-corruption protests - a move authoritarian President Yoweri Museveni warned was "playing with fire." Ugandan forces besieged the activists' headquarters on Monday, and authorities arrested more than 40 people - including three opposition lawmakers - at banned protests on July 23.

NIGERIA: Hoping to mirror the

successes of Kenyan protests, young Nigerians also took to social media to organise a demonstration on August 1 against the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Nigerian President Bola Tinubu has called on youths not to join the "sinister" protests as the government begs for more time to address economic hardships.

From Nigeria to Uganda and across Africa, leaders are watching closely the youth-led anti-government protests in Kenya, which experts say could inspire youths across the continent.

As the Kenyan youth-led protests morphed into calls for Ruto's



resignation over bad governance, political experts say these demands for the government to take immediate action against issues that have plagued society, including corruption, could have ripple effects across Africa.

Should leaders on the continent not address citizens' concerns, Kenya's recent anti-tax protests are likely to reverberate (as they currently do) across the continent, triggering a renewal of nationalism among youth while sending cold chills down the spine of leaders from Nigeria to Kenya to Malawi to Uganda who are accused of bad governance.

'A calm fighter can weather any storm'

By: **Linda R. Jones**

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As African heavyweight boxing champion Adam Olaore contemplates his Olympic debut, the 22-year-old has the clearest of role models in his pursuit of glory - two-time world champion Anthony Joshua. As well as a shared connection with Nigeria and England, Olaore has emulated one of the London 2012 gold medallist's noteworthy early titles. Born in Lagos in 2002, Olaore moved

with his family at the age of six to England, winning the English National Amateur Championships last year - just as Joshua, whose early schooling was in Nigeria, did before him.

Despite 15 years in the UK - his family settled in London before seeking a calmer and more affordable life in Newcastle in 2014 - Olaore's choice was ultimately easy when Nigeria came calling last year.

"I don't have my British passport, so I'm a resident, not a British citizen," he told



Adam Olaore



BBC Sounds' Paris: Grassroots to Glory. "To box for Great Britain, I'd have to wait some time - but boxing is a young man's sport, so you never know how long you have. "We had an opportunity, at short notice, to represent Nigeria, which the whole team thought was the way to go." Olaore duly became African champion in his first international competition. While no Nigerian boxer competed at Tokyo 2020, Olaore qualified for Paris 2024 last September and then also took the African Games title earlier this year. His achievement is even more impressive when you consider that he only became a heavyweight after the International Olympic Committee scrapped his preferred lighter weight

division. Nigeria's first ever Olympic medal came in boxing in 1964. Five more had arrived by 1996, but they are yet to add to that total. Olaore is eyeing gold with laser-guided focus. He chanced upon his sport as a 14-year-old when a friend spotted a boxing gym as they were walking around "bored" in his home town, and his self-belief has grown with his trophy collection. "When I won my first youth national championship four years ago, it was not just me saying it - it was a reality because I had performed and succeeded at national level," he explained. "I'm pretty confident - my reach, my speed, my calmness in the ring. I always believe a calm fighter can weather any



storm. Most fighters bring 'rough weather' to you, so if you're calm enough, there are no worries."

Olaore became youth champion aged 17, six months after starting regular sparring in a gym near Newcastle.

"I'm as Geordie as they come now," smiles the African contender, before mentioning the coach who has mentored him for seven years.

Olaore first came across Richard Stoneham at Newcastle's Howdon Boxing Academy, where he competed in 12 fights and two national finals during his first full season as an

amateur.

Olaore then moved to the Empire School of Boxing in Blyth, a seaside town 30km north of Newcastle where he trains under Stoneham and head coach Les Welsh.

"I'm sure everybody in Howdon and Blyth will be screaming at their TV sets," Welsh predicted of Olaore's impending action.

"Both areas need a lift anyway, so we're just happy. It's a great story. To have Adam rock up on [Nigeria's] doorstep, ready-made, must have been like a gift from heaven."

Usyk's Team Has One Major Condition For Anthony Joshua Trilogy Fight: "Different Levels Now"

By: Nigel Taylor
London, UK

Anthony Joshua and Oleksandr Usyk have already fought 24 rounds together, and the prospect of them potentially extending this to 36 rounds is tantalising for boxing enthusiasts. 'AJ' put his WBA, WBO and IBF belts on the line against the former undisputed cruiserweight champion in 2021, being thoroughly outboxed to lose for the second time in his career. Usyk managed to retain the belts in the immediate rematch, despite a more spirited performance from the Brit, adding even more weight to the

potential trilogy fight.

With Joshua now on a four-fight win streak, Usyk's promoter, Alex Krassyuk, was recently asked about the potential of a third fight by Boxing King Media.

"Anthony Joshua was talking about the third fight. He's a great champ. He's changed a lot since the two fights with Usyk. We've seen him going down and see him rising. It's also a complicated fight to make. I'll tell you why - cause now we are on different levels.

In the first fight, Usyk was almost no-name, and Anthony Joshua was a





there may be discussions on the fight. Still, fans may wonder how much motivation will come from the Ukrainian's side, given his two conclusive wins.

A more lucrative scenario would be for Fury to avenge his defeat, setting up a long-awaited all-British showdown with Joshua.

massive star in the UK. After he beat him twice, Anthony Joshua remains a huge star here, no matter what. So this fight might attract attention from the whole world."

After some negotiation on the price tag his man would deserve for the third fight, Krassyuk finally settled on a modest number, highlighting the financial aspect of the sport.

"Let's stay with \$200 million."

Joshua fights for his old belt on September 21 after Usyk vacated, allowing Daniel Dubois to be elevated to Full IBF Champion and put it on the line against his fellow Brit.

Should 'AJ' win that to become a three-time heavyweight champion and Usyk beat Fury in their December rematch,

Emmanuel Iwuanyanwu Dies at 82



By: Gbenga Teejay Okunlola
London, UK

President General of Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide, Chief Emmanuel Iwuanyanwu, has died at 82. The Iwuanyanwu family announced his death in a statement on Thursday, revealing that he died on Thursday, July 25 2024, after a brief

Igbo people. The Ohanaeze Ndigbo, which brings together all the Igbo people to foster unity and progress for the Igbo culture worldwide, was under his leadership. He was also the President of the Owerri Peoples Assembly. His roles in these capacities



Chief E. Iwuanyanwu

illness.

Chief Iwuanyanwu's passing marks the end of a notable public service and leadership career. He served as the President General of Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide, an influential socio-cultural organisation representing the

marked his commitment to the unity and progress of the Igbo community.

He was a Nigerian politician and businessman, considered one of the richest Igbo men in the country. On April 20, 2023, he emerged as the 11th



was the Proprietor of Iwuanyanwu National Football Club. He served as a Director at Secure Electronic Technology Plc. He is a member of numerous prestigious institutions. He has been awarded prestigious honours, including the National Honour of the Distinguished Order of Member of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He is also a well-known philanthropist and contributor. He graduated with a degree in civil engineering from the University of Nsukka in 1971. He has numerous Doctorate degrees from various universities across Nigeria.

President-General of the Igbo socio-cultural organisation.

Iwuanyanwu succeeded George Obiozor, who led the Ihuanaeze Ndigbo for two years but died on December 29, 2022.

Iwuanyanwu's MFR, KSC, with a net worth spanning billions, serves as Chairman of Sunrise Breweries Limited, Sunrise Insurance Brokers Limited, Benhol Farms Limited and Oriental Shipping Lines Limited. Mr. Iwuanyanwu has numerous business interests spanning various industries in Nigeria, including construction, insurance, agriculture, sports, newspapers, airlines, and shipping. He

Onyeka Onwenu Dies At 72



By: **Dr. Funmi Awoleye-Beckley**
Abeokuta, Nigeria

Veteran Nigerian singer, songwriter and actress, Ms Onyeka Onwenu is dead. According to reports, the iconic singer died Tuesday night after performing at an event at Banana Island, Lagos. She was 72. She was said to have died on Tuesday

and after performing, she slumped. She was later confirmed dead at a hospital in Victoria Island. Onyeka Onwenu was born in 1952, in Obosi, Anambra State, Nigeria. She began her music career in the 1980s and released her debut album, "For the Love of You," in 1981. She has since released



night at the Reddington Hospital in Lagos after slumping at the birthday party of Mrs Stella Okoli. According to an eyewitness who was at the party "It is very sad. Onyeka Onwenu just performed at the birthday of Mrs. Stella Okoli today (Tuesday, July 30, 2024),

numerous albums and singles, including the hit song "One Love." Onwenu has also acted in several Nollywood films and has won numerous awards for her contributions to music and film. She has been recognised as one of the pioneers of Nigerian music.



In addition to her entertainment career, Onwenu has also been involved in politics. She was appointed as the Chairperson of the Imo State Council for Arts and Culture in 2013 and later became the Director-General of the National Centre for Women Development in 2016.

Onwenu has been recognized for her contributions to Nigerian society, including being awarded the National Honors of Member of the Order of the Federal Republic (MFR) in 2011. She has also been recognized as one of the most influential women in Nigeria by various organisations.

In a reflection shared three years ago, Onyeka revealed her wishes for how she would like to be remembered and



buried. The iconic artist, known for her powerful voice said “Do it quickly, quietly and privately,” Onwenu wrote in an opinion piece on Premium Times in 2021, emphasising that her burial should be devoid of unnecessary fanfare. She urged her loved ones to “mourn, yes but not excessively,” and to instead focus on celebrating her life with prayers and light-hearted moments. May Her Soul Rest In Perfect Peace.

Senator Ifeanyi Ubah Slumps, Dies in a London Hotel

Tribute

By: **James Osondu**,
Bureau Chief Sofia, Bulgaria



Senator Ifeanyi Ubah, the elected representative of Anambra South Senatorial District and a well-known oil magnate and politician, has been reported dead. Ubah passed away in London.

Ubah, who had recently joined the All Progressives Congress (APC), was preparing to seek the party's ticket for the upcoming Anambra State governorship election.

Ubah died in a hotel in London, the United Kingdom. He had left for London two days ago. The Senate, through its Spokesman, Yemi

Adaramodu, has confirmed the death of the federal lawmaker.

The statement describes Senator Uba as an exemplary leader, a committed public servant, and a tireless advocate for his constituents, a testament to his unwavering dedication to the people he served.

Mr Ubah suffered slumps after suffering what family sources described to Peoples Gazette as cardiac arrest. He was 52.

The news of Mr Ubah's sudden death has sent shockwaves through his family and the nation. His wife, among other



Senate seat in 2019 and 2023, a testament to his resilience and commitment to public service.

Later, in 2023, Mr Ubah defected to the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC). He explained then that his joining the APC was to ensure the South-East aligns with the government at the centre. He served as a member of the Nigerian Senate until his death.

family members, has begun mourning after receiving the tragic information that their stalwart died in a hotel in the United Kingdom's capital. Mr Ubah was the CEO of downstream oil marketer Capital Oil for years.

In 2014, Mr Ubah ran for governor of Anambra under the Labour Party but lost. He then joined the Young Progressive Party (YPP) and won a

Peter Obi Narrates How Onyeka Onwenu Collapsed

Tribute

By: **Okunlola Kayode F.**
Senior Writer
Lagos, Nigeria

Labour Party presidential candidate in the 2023 election, Peter Obi, has narrated how Onyeka Onwenu collapsed and died on Tuesday night.

Peter Obi was at the party where Onyeka Onwenu had her last performance before death. Narrating what happened, Obi said.

“Yesterday provided a very devastating moment for me as I witnessed a tragic event that will forever be etched in my memory. I was present at the event where the iconic song star, Onyeka Onwenu, performed a couple of her songs ending up with her famous song, ‘One Love Keep Us Together’. It was a beautiful performance, but little did we know it would be her final bow. Just about a few minutes after her performance, she sat down and drank some water and immediately collapsed, and was rushed to the hospital.

“I followed her to the hospital. I watched in pain as the doctors and medical staff fought tirelessly and battled to save her life, doing everything possible to bring her back to life but eventually came out with the sad news that she was gone.



Despite their valiant efforts, she sadly passed away after over two hours of intense struggle. My heart goes out to her children and family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time. May we find the strength and courage to bear this irreparable loss.

“Onwenu was a national treasure, a shining star who inspired generations with her music, activism, and strong dedication to the arts. Her passing is a



Mr Okpara, who were with her during her last moments. Governor Alex Otti joined us also and Mr. Femi Ajayi who equally returned to the hospital this morning when we had to finalized everything about her passing. May her soul rest in peace and may her legacy continue to inspire and unite us all. "My condolences to her family, the entertainment industry, and the nation at large. May we find solace in the memories we shared with her and the impact she had on our lives -PO"

tremendous loss for the entire nation, and she will be deeply missed. "I want to thank everyone who together with us accompanied her to the hospital yesterday. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs John Momoh, Mr and Mrs Okonkwo, and

Happy 90th Posthumous Birthday - Olori Theresa Adenike Omotoyinbo

You would have turned 90 this month, and though you're no longer with us, your memory and legacy live on in our hearts. We remember your kindness, your generosity, and your unwavering spirit. You may be gone, but you will never be forgotten. We celebrate the life you lived, the love you shared, and the countless lives you touched. To the brightest star in the sky, Happy Birthday. Your light continues to shine upon us, filling our hearts with warmth and love. Happy posthumous 90th birthday in heaven, dear mummy. We miss you dearly.

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Akiti The Hunter

By: **Akosua Darko**
 Senior Writer
 London, UK

A renowned hunter and wrestler named Akiti boasted that he was stronger than any other man or animal. He had easily overcome a giant, a leopard, a lion, a wolf, and a boa constrictor, and as nobody else opposed his claim, he called himself "the King of the forest."

Wherever he went, he sang his triumphant wrestling-song, and everyone feared and respected him. But he had forgotten the Elephant, who is a very wise animal and knows many charms. One day the Elephant challenged him and declared that he had no right to call himself "King," as the Elephant himself was the sovereign of the forest and could not be defeated.

Akiti thereupon flung his spear at his adversary, but because of the Elephant's charm, the weapon glanced off his hide and did him no harm. Akiti next tried his bow and poisoned arrows, and his hunting-knife, but still without effect.

However, the hunter also possessed a



charm, and by using it, he transformed himself into a lion and flew at the Elephant, but the Elephant flung him off. Next, he became a serpent, but he could not succeed in crushing the Elephant to death.

At last, he changed himself into a fly and flew into the Elephant's large flapping ear. He went right down inside until he

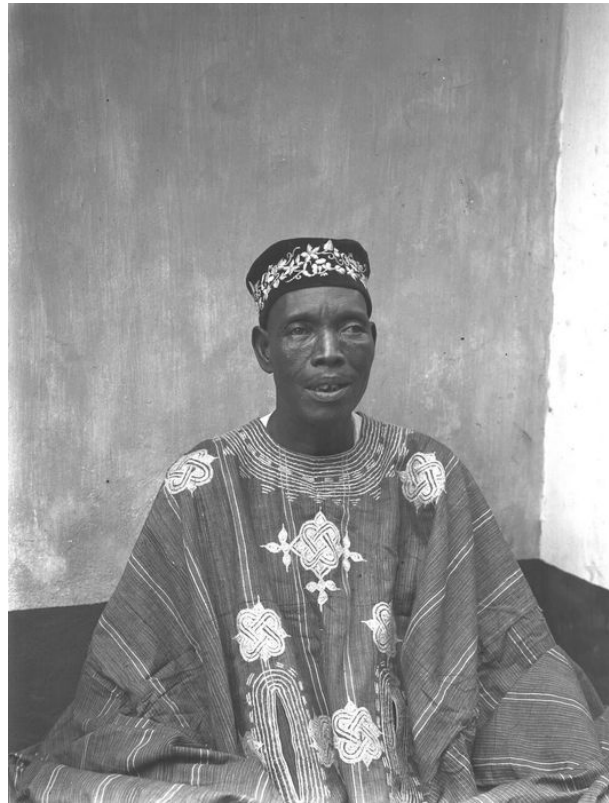
came to the heart, and then he transformed himself into a man again and cut up the heart with his hunting-knife. At last, the Elephant fell dead, and Akiti stepped out of his body in triumph, for he was now without question "the King of the forest.

Source: **Histfeed**

Bale of Igbosere, Ramonu Adelakun. circa 1940s

This is one of the many pictures from the E.H. Duckworth collection. Duckworth was the founding editor of Nigeria Magazine from the 1930s to the 1970s.

In the history of Lagos, Igbosere derives its name from two Yoruba words: 'Igbo' and 'Osere', meaning the forest of Osere trees. It was named after the predominant Osere trees found in the forest of that area. Osere trees are popular for their wood, used in carpentry (Ìkàn) and canoe carving (k) for transport and fishing on the Lagos lagoon (sà). The economic activities in the area attracted traders from far and near, including Ijebu, Ilaje, Oyo, Ijesha, Egun, Itsekiri, and many others, including Benin, who came to trade and acquire items on Aromire's farm (Okò Aromire) at Iduro Imota (station of the Imota people), which became Idumota. The Osere trees in Igbo Osere (Osere Forest) were also sold as planks and wood for carpentry at Onikan (the Carpenters), from where finished products were moved to the



Iddo Island market.

Source: [yorubablog](#)

In 1953, the Ogoga of Ikere, Oba Adegoriola, received a throne donated by the British Museum.

Earlier, in 1924, a door crafted by Olowe of Ise for the palace at Ikere, Nigeria, was exhibited at the British Empire Exhibition, Wembley. In exchange, the Ogoga presented the Museum with a European-style throne made in Britain. Ulli Beier first encountered Oba Adegoriola in 1953. His inaugural article for Nigeria Magazine, published in 1954, focused on the Ogoga's palace. Developing a close rapport, Ulli was allocated a room above the palace's main gate for his visits to Ikere. The Ogoga actively participated in Ulli's weekend school on Yoruba culture in Ede, 1954, and contributed an article titled "The Administration of Ikere" to the magazine Odu.

Sources: **Omoluabi: Ulli Beier Yoruba Society**



Music

“ My team wanted to drop my album without Wizkid’s verse coz Wizkid was taking too long to send his verse. I told them to wait, I told them that if Wizkid sends his verse in 2027, then that’s when I wanna drop my album. Do I need to remind y’all what a single Wizkid verse can do?? Don’t play with that guy for any reason. I’m so glad he’s on my project” – Popular Jamaican singer, Shanseea !



In 1953, the Ogoga of Ikere, Oba Adegoriola, received a throne donated by the British Museum.

Oba Adenle was crowned on April 4, 1944, and ruled until his passing in 1976.

Born in January 1903, he attended St. Andrew's College, Oyo, Nigeria's premier tertiary institution, graduating in 1923. Before becoming a traditional ruler, his teaching career took him to Ipetu-Ijesa, Ifaki in present-day Ekiti State, and later to Benin City, where his duties included serving as a "Travelling Teacher" reaching as far as Onitsha. In the 1920s and 1930s, he was a provincial schoolmaster and trader in Osogbo, Western Nigeria. Oba Adenle was also reputed to be an inventor who designed and built a mechanical loom using a bicycle wheel.

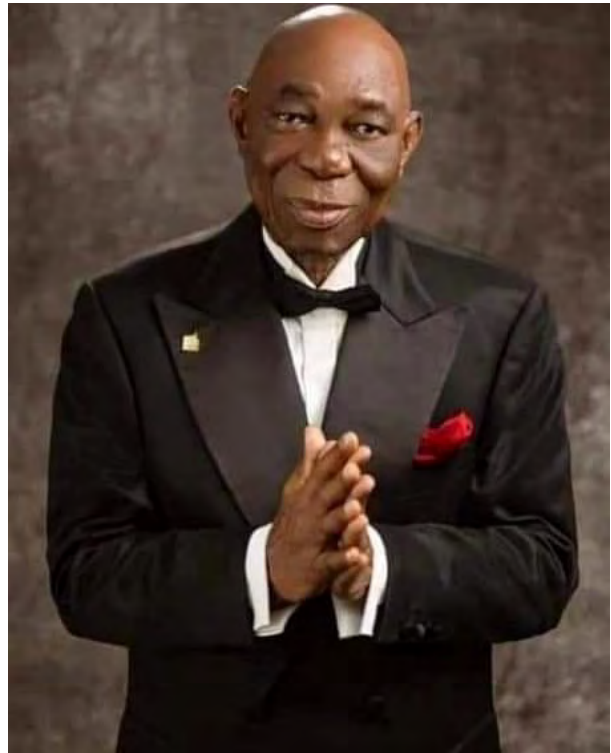
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Omoyoni "yeni" Aníkúlápó Kútì (yk)

Born: 24 May 1961, England,
United Kingdom

Profession: Dancer, Singer

Family Background:

Yeni Aníkúlápó Kútì, popularly known as YK, hails from the renowned Ransome-Kuti family. She is the granddaughter of the eminent Nigerian women's rights activist Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti. Yeni is also the first child of the legendary afrobeat pioneer Fela Kuti and his British wife.

Contributions:

Yeni Aníkúlápó Kútì is credited with pioneering the idea of Felabration, a music festival established to honor and celebrate her father's immense contributions to Nigerian music and society.

Biography:

Born in England, Yeni moved to Nigeria at the age of two, where she completed her basic and secondary education. She holds a diploma in journalism from the Nigerian Institute of Journalism. Initially pursuing a career in fashion design, Yeni shifted her focus to music and dance in 1986, joining her brother

Femi Kuti's band as a singer and dancer. Today, she co-manages the New Afrika Shrine alongside her brother,



continuing to preserve and promote their father's legacy.

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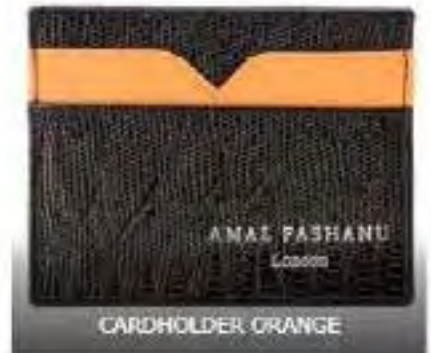
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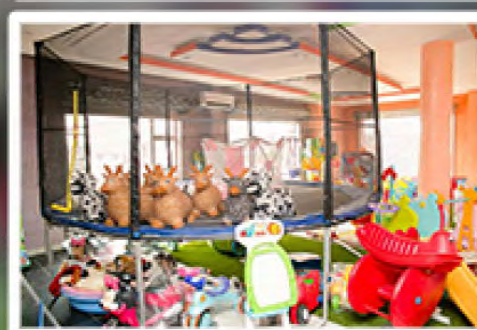
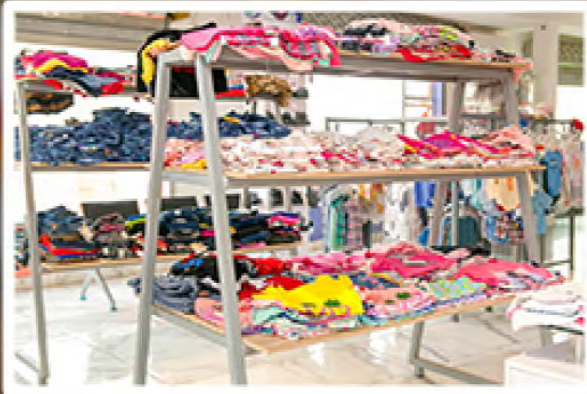
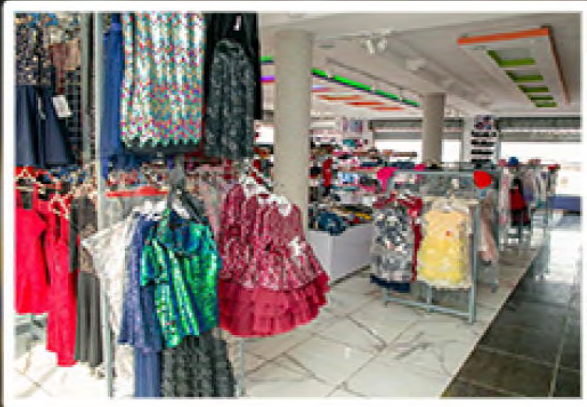
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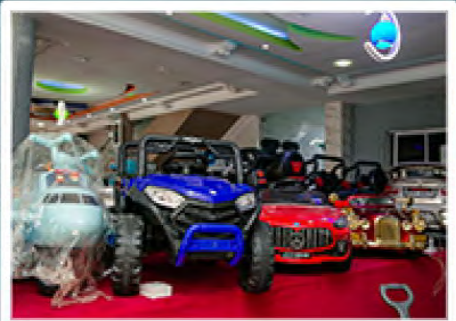
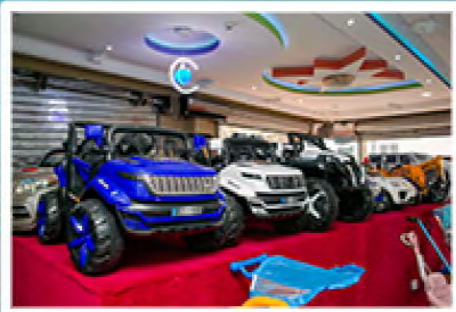
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