

Mad chapter in conservation

World Animal Protection is deeply saddened and appalled by the recent incident in which six lions from Amboseli National Park were cruelly killed following an alleged break-in at the nearby Nashipa village in Kado Sub-County. This tragic event comes just days after four other lions were killed, bringing the total number of lions killed in the Amboseli Ecosystem to a devastating 10.

While we understand and empathise with the losses incurred by the community, we strongly condemn the cruel act of killing lions without considering alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. We appeal to the community to demonstrate compassion and respect towards wildlife. Furthermore, we urge them to refrain from invading wildlife territories, as habitat loss and depletion of natural food sources within the ecosystem may force wild animals to seek sustenance in nearby areas.

This distressing incident serves as a stark reminder that wildlife have a right to a wild life and there can never be a peaceful coexistence between wild animals and humans if either keeps encroaching on the other's ecosystem. To avert such tragic occurrences happening in future, we call upon the authorities tasked with the protection of wild animals to be proactive in safeguarding these magnificent creatures.

World Animal Protection is committed to advocating for the welfare and protection of animals worldwide. We stand ready to collaborate with local communities, government authorities, and relevant stakeholders

Put aviation at the heart of economic transformation

According to a report from Aviation Benefits Beyond Borders, an aviation industry body based in Switzerland, air transport is at the heart of global economic growth. Therefore, it is a crucial driver of development. The report adds, "the aviation industry supports USD 3.5 trillion or 4.1 per cent of the world's gross domestic product. If aviation were a country, it would rank 17th in size by GDP."

Countries that are alive to these facts are now going all-out to ensure a robust aviation industry. Take, for instance, Saudi Arabia. An article from Business Insiders states, "Saudi has announced a new airline to bring in tourists as it tries to attract 100 million visitors to the kingdom by 2030." Furthermore, the article mentions that the new airline will cover 100 destinations and have its hub at Riyadh's King Salman International Airport, which is being reimaged as a mega airport with upgraded facilities and infrastructure.

Recent reports from India show that Air India that was privatized just over a year ago and is now owned by Tata Group has ordered the highest order of aircraft. According to media reports, Air India ordered 470 planes worth between \$80-100 billion, the largest bulk order for aircraft, the second highest was by American Airlines for 460 planes in 2011. The deal has the potential to not only uplift Air India to the number one position in the domestic aviation sector but also spur jobs in India, USA and Europe. According to the Tata group chairman manufacturing of some of the aircraft parts could be done in India, giving boost to domestic manufacturing, and creating employment opportunities too.

More pain at the pump as fuel prices hit a historic high
@OduolHenry
Kenyan businessmen should invest in automated fuel pumps so that motorists just refill themselves. Reducing the number of employees can be one step towards reducing pump prices (fuel prices).
@shwih
Say goodbye to the taxi hailing industry and hello to electric bicycles!

Closer home, Rwanda is constructing what may be one of Africa's largest international airports. According to Julius Ngeenga, CEO of ATLI, the holding company formed by the Government of Rwanda to manage aviation-related activities, "The objective is to make the country an African hub connecting businesses, people and countries. The airport is designed in phase one for 8.2 million passengers per year and 14.2 million in phase two." The project, valued at \$2 billion, is touted as a game changer for aviation on the continent. Rwanda also intends to leverage intra-Africa trade to boost cargo traffic in and out of the country. What the above 'projects' have in common is the potential for economic transformation and forex consolidation for their home markets.

Kenya Airways is one of Africa's leading airlines. We fly to 42 destinations globally, 35 of them within Africa and code share partnerships that allows us to expand our network to over 100 destinations globally. KQ employs close to 4,000 people directly and thousands more indirectly. Anecdotal evidence reveals that KQ contributes close to 5 percent of Kenya's GDP. Last year, the airline won four awards at the World Travel Awards, Africa's Leading Airline 2022 and Africa's Leading Airline Brand, Business Class, and In-flight Magazine (Msafiri) 2022.

Thread Voices on social media
Not shocked but surprised at the government's incessant audacity to increase fuel prices at such time as now!
@TheMilitAD
Goddamn! If this happened, East Africa would be onto something in the next decade.
State plots unfettered access to parastatals' surplus billions
Austine Barasa on Facebook
@KooomeTimothy
This is not new, but anchored in Vision 2030 being partially implemented.

Kenya Airways Cargo won the highly acclaimed African Cargo Airline of the Year at the STAT Trade Times Awards in Johannesburg, South Africa, this year. Julius Thairu is the Chief Commercial & Customer Officer at Kenya Airways.

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In the same spirit, will it be bailing out cash trapped departments as immediate as

force in eastern DRC, which has been trying to do the same thing since early in the year. The gold medal for peacekeeping in DRC, though, goes to the United Nations and its Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Monusco. In eastern DRC since 2000, Monusco is the UN's longest and at its height, largest and most expensive mission with nearly 20,000 troops and an annual operating budget of over \$1.1 billion.

Nontobeko Hlela

MAIL & GUARDIAN

The pressure on South Africa has been ratcheted up, with the US ambassador to South Africa, Reuben Brigety, taking the unusual and undiplomatic stance of calling a press conference to make serious public accusations against his host country. At the press conference, Brigety accused South Africa of giving arms to Russia. These accusations were made without any evidence being presented. The fact that, during the press conference, Brigety said that he would "bet his life" on these claims, appears to be accepted as proof enough by some.

Ammani Kyala

THE CITIZEN

Tasks make children feel needed: All human beings desperately need security, significance, purpose, and dignity, children included. Children are young human beings, but they have similar needs to us. Many parents rob their children of the opportunity to show their competency and talents. Child development requires that children get the opportunity to do different things that would allow them to