

# THE ACADEMY WEEKLY DISPATCH





## Peace & Democracy | **New faces of protest – Kenya's Gen Z anti-tax revolutionaries**

A new generation of Kenyan protesters, sparked by social media, forced the government to retract unpopular tax proposals, uniting citizens across ethnic and party lines in a unique revolt.

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## Gender | **Introduction of New South African National Council on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide**

President Cyril Ramaphosa's signing of the National Council on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide Bill into law marks a pivotal moment in South Africa's battle against gender-based violence, a crisis highlighted by staggering statistics, including 12,211 reported rapes in just three months.

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## Peace & Democracy | Sudan War: The African Union To Hold Further Mediation Talks

The African Union announced a pivotal initiative to facilitate an inclusive political dialogue in Addis Ababa, aiming to resolve Sudan's devastating conflict. The dialogue seeks to unite Sudan's warring factions under the facilitation of the AU High-Level Panel on Sudan, crucially dependent on the participation of key stakeholders.

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## Youth & Migration | Migration Should Be Used to Harness Development Instead of Being Viewed As a Security Threat

The African Union (AU) emphasizes migration as a developmental opportunity rather than a security concern, urging stakeholders to adopt this perspective during the validation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

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## ESG & Climate Change | IMF approves over \$900m to support Tanzania budget, climate change fight

The IMF approved funds for Tanzania to tackle climate change and provide budget support. Tanzanian authorities focus on stability, economic recovery, and inclusive growth. A West African alliance highlighted the significance of carbon offsetting for the Science-Based Targets initiative, leading to discussions.

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## Intra-Africa Trade | GenZs projected to drive intra-African trade

A fresh initiative aims to boost African economies through increased intra-continental trade, led by the youth. The NoOne movement facilitates trade among Africa's 54 nations, creating job opportunities for the youth.

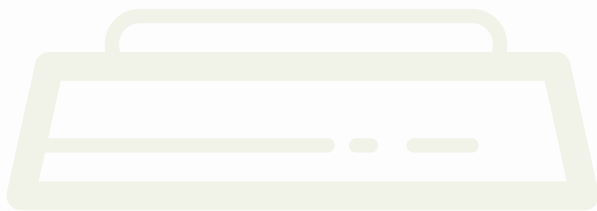
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# ALN Academy Statement on Recent events

The ALN Academy stands firm in promoting the Rule of Law across Africa. In light of recent events in Kenya, we express our profound concern over the escalating tensions and the government's response to peaceful protests. We urge meaningful dialogue and adherence to democratic principles to ensure justice and human rights are upheld.

[Read our full statement below.](#)



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**ALN Academy Statement on Recent Events**

The ALN Academy was established as a charity to promote the Rule of Law in Africa.

In recent weeks, the Academy has observed the escalating tensions surrounding the proposed Finance Bill, 2024 with profound concern. The youth of Kenya, driven by a deep sense of civic duty, have voiced their collective sentiment by leveraging their constitutionally enshrined right to demonstrate, picket, and protest. These young citizens, the future of the African continent, have expressed great dissatisfaction over the passage of the Bill that they believe will institute a range of punitive tax measures, in circumstances where austerity is imposed on the ordinary citizens of Kenya whilst the political class seem immune from austerity.

The ALN Academy has witnessed the harsh and disproportionate response to these peaceful protests with great concern. Reports of physical violence, intimidation, abduction, and, extra-judicial killing, are deeply troubling. Such actions starkly contravene the principles of the Rule of Law, which are foundational to any democratic society.

The Rule of Law is not a mere legal principle but the very essence of a fair and just society. It requires that the law be applied equally and fairly and that the rights of individuals be protected. The forceful suppression of peaceful protests is a grave violation of these principles and an affront to the democratic values that the Kenyan people hold dear.

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