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DEVASTATING FIRE AT TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA'S STUDENT CENTER
LEAVES BUSINESSES IN RUINS.



Editor's Note

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Welcome to our 1st edition of the SPOTIFY magazine.

In our first story, we talk about the recent fee increment at the Technical University of Mombasa which sparked a chain of events, leading to a destructive strike and the demolition of a fast-food restaurant in the school through fire. The flames that consumed the structure symbolized the intensifying frustration felt by students. While peaceful dialogue should have been the path, the situation reveals the alarming consequences of ignoring grievances. This incident stands as a poignant reminder that communication and understanding are the fire extinguishers that prevent such destructive outbursts.

Onto our second is on a church cook's sincerity which extends beyond the culinary realm, touching hearts as she blends nourishment with spirituality. Her name is Elizabeth Wanjiru. Beyond crafting delicious meals, she becomes a mentor, guiding others not only in the art of cooking but also in the practice of prayer.

This dual role exemplifies the profound connection between sustenance and the soul. Through her genuine devotion, she stirs not only pots but also hearts, creating a symphony of flavors and faith that resonates within the community.

Then lastly is a touching story of a boy named Hamisi. Amidst the triumph of passing the KSCE exams and being granted a scholarship, Hamisi's choice to stay home and become a watchman reflects a different kind of victory. His sacrifice is a testament to the deep-rooted bond with his mother, choosing to be her protector in times of need. His commitment showcases the strength of filial love and the unbreakable ties that can reshape the course of one's dreams. In his selflessness, he defines success anew, proving that caring for the heart is as valuable as nurturing the mind.

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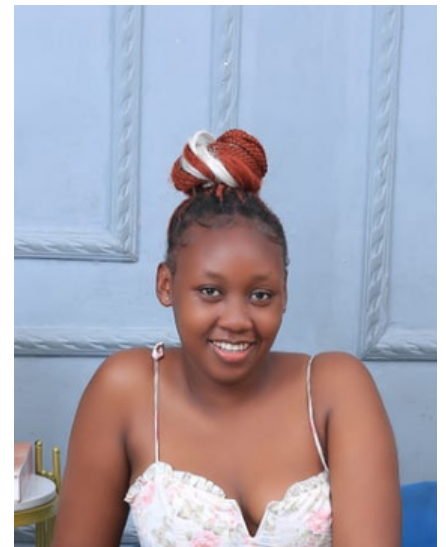
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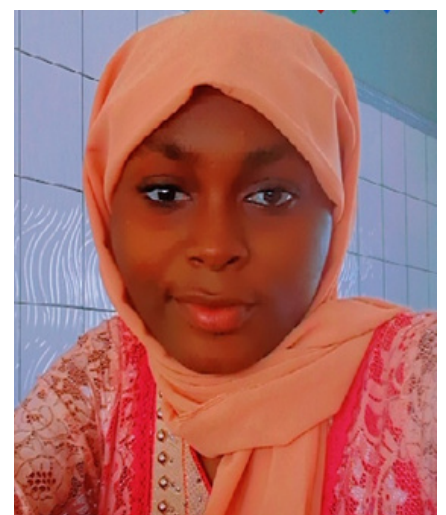
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Devastating Fire at Technical University of Mombasa's Student Center Leaves Businesses in Ruins.



*Burnt down student center
photo by Janet Mutua.*

In a devastating turn of events, the Student's Centre of the Technical University of Mombasa (TUM) became the epicenter of a destructive fire that left several businesses in ruins. The fire, suspected to have been ignited by a gas leak during a student protest, consumed the vibrant hub of commerce, leaving business owners like Josephine Kalului in a state of shock and uncertainty.

Josephine Kalului, an enterprising business owner, had poured her heart and soul into her restaurant located within the Student's Centre. Today, she stands amidst the charred remains of what was once a bustling eatery, struggling to come to terms with the magnitude of her loss. "It's devastating," Josephine shares, her voice trembling with a mixture of sorrow and disbelief. "For years, I've invested my time, energy, and resources into building this business. Now, it's all gone."

Josephine's restaurant was more than just a place to grab a meal. It had become a social hub, a meeting point where students would gather to unwind, celebrate birthdays, and create lasting memories. The vibrant atmosphere and delicious cuisine made it an integral part of the student community, leaving a void that cannot be easily filled. As Josephine walks through the ruins of her restaurant, she recalls the countless interactions and bonds she formed with the students. "We were like family," she reminisces, a tear escaping her eye. "I knew their names, their favorite dishes, and their dreams. Losing the restaurant means losing that connection, and it breaks my heart."



Spreading fire at the student center
photo by Janet Mutua.

The fire, fueled by the gas leak, quickly spread to neighboring establishments, including a student hotel that provided affordable accommodation for many TUM students. This double blow further compounded the anguish felt by the business owners, as they witnessed years of hard work and dedication reduced to ashes.

Local Business Owner Shares Heartbreaking Experience of Loss and Uncertainty.

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The hotel, a temporary home for numerous students, had served as a vital pillar of support in their academic journey. Now, with its charred remains standing as a grim reminder of the fire's devastation, students are left grappling with the loss of their safe haven. Josephine's emotions reflect the collective sentiment of all business owners affected by the fire. Uncertainty looms over their heads as they ponder the future. "What comes next?" Josephine wonders aloud. "How do we rebuild? How do we recover from this immense setback?"

The fire not only destroyed businesses but also jeopardized the livelihoods of those who depended on the thriving student community. Business owners like Josephine face the daunting task of starting from scratch, rebuilding their businesses, and regaining the trust and patronage of their former customers. While the cause of the fire is under investigation, Josephine and her fellow business owners find themselves caught between the distress of their immediate circumstances and the pressing need to chart a path to recovery. The road ahead is strewn with challenges—securing finances, finding suitable locations, and mustering the strength to rebuild from the ground up.

In the wake of this tragic incident, the Technical University of Mombasa administration has expressed profound regret and has pledged to support the affected business owners. Working hand in hand with local authorities, they are assessing the extent of the damage and exploring avenues for relief. The support of the community has been heartening for Josephine and her fellow business owners.



Fundraising initiatives have sprung up, offering a glimmer of hope amidst the ashes. Counseling services are being provided to help cope with the trauma of loss, while temporary accommodations are being arranged for those displaced by the fire.

Road to recovery.



*Local business owners watching the fire spread at the student center
photo by Janet Mutua.*

The spirit of solidarity and compassion demonstrated by the TUM community and the residents of Mombasa serves as a beacon of hope during these trying times. The resilience and determination to rebuild are visible as offers of assistance pour in from various quarters. As the smoke gradually dissipates, a long and arduous road to recovery lies ahead for Josephine Kalului and the other business owners. It will require not only financial assistance but also emotional support and guidance to navigate through the challenges that lay ahead.

Despite the profound loss and the uncertainty that grips the business community, there is an unwavering determination to rebuild and restore what was lost. Josephine and her peers are resolute in their commitment to reclaim their place within the vibrant fabric of the university and serve the needs of the students once again.

The road to recovery may be fraught with obstacles, but the strength of the human spirit and the support of the community will serve as pillars of hope and resilience. Together, they will rise from the ashes, rebuild their businesses, and create a future filled with renewed possibilities.

SINCERITY AT TOP NOTCH.



*Elizabeth off duty
Photo by Rehema Chasamani.*

She is graceful and beautiful, smart and intelligent. Elizabeth Muthoni, known to her friends as "Liz" and to her mother as "kamami". Her grandma always referred to her as the "princess of the house" as there is no standing still when she is around.

Born in Makueni to a nuclear family in a very strict Christian family, Elizabeth is the second child out of two boys and three girls. She is of average height, fair in complexion and has shiny not so long hair with a broad face and puffed cheeks.

Elizabeth is into flowery patterned clothes and prefers vintage. Her love for diamond jewelries can be easily noticed. She actually has a diamond ring rosary. When she sits, she tends to slouch a little and the manner of her speaking is gruff with the volume soft. She speaks in flawless grammar, normal conversational English without an accent.

Her personality is expressed in her straight to the point expressions of herself and the fact that she is energetic and calm except when she is put under pressure. She is self-confident and good humoured.

" When I look back on that day,I Just laugh at myself because now I realise that Jesus is always around."

Miss Elizabeth lived most of her early days in Makueni and Nairobi. "I attended government secondary school,Moi Girls Nairobi and finished in 2007.And by 2009, I got admission into Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology to study Food Service & Hospitality Management. Being a chef has always been my dream" was her response when asked about her school days.The same year she got admission, they relocated to Mombasa.

"Basically, growing up for me was so much fun.Even though I come from strict Christian home, we were free to do certain things that were in accordance to the rules of the house and of course God's commands.We had time to play and watch television.My elder sister and I would play 'hide and seek' or tell stories just like television series and we would laugh our lungs out.There were so many games I remember playing when I was growing up which would take another one hour interview to list them" she said giggling.

"As a teen, I was into a lot of stuff .I loved playing with my dolls and also trying my mum's heels.Okay,do not get me wrong,there was equally good and bad days in my childhood.There was this one time I refused washing the dishes and got really trashed.My mum scolde me and I refused eating the next day.

I always travel to Makueni for holidays.There was a time I went there for Christmas celebration.On a Decvember 24, we danced all night and my father told me that Jesus was going to come since it was his birthday we were celebrating. I stayed upto like 1am in the morning and finally fell asleep.When I woke up in the morning, I was told that he came and went back to his father.When I look back on that day,I just laugh at myself because now I realise that Jesus is always around."

When asked to give names of people who had strong influence on her, Miss Elizabeth classified them according to the skills and qualities the individuals had.Her first and strongest influence has been her parents who she described them as,"Both of them were interested in education so they made sure they all got one.

Not to forget the most important of all, the Almighty God who had made me who I am and continue to shower his graces and blessings upon me."

She also said that her closest friend had had a tremendous impact on her life as they have been friends for so long." I practically call her my sister because we share a lot of things together.We have a lot in common like similar goals,songs and much more"

"Well, basically being a Christian is a challenge and living with integrity has always been challenging.There are a few things that are challenging as a Christian like living out your faith,sexual purity pressures,self image issues, materialism and so much more. Apparently like when am working at the kitchen, I have to make sure I do not use short cuts to prepare meals for the priests and visitors who come here at Jawabu for prayers.Howewver, if we focus more on God and his purposes, with his grace and mercies we can overcome any challenge", she said with a gentle straight face.

"I love caring for those that need to be cared for, most especially the aged and people living with disabilities.I hate lies nad dislike unfaithful people and betrayers.



Prayer for the intercession of Josemaria brochure
photo by Rehema Chasamani



Elizabeth serving blessings on plates and in hearts.
photo by Rehema Chasamani.

"Integrity should be your watchword, no matter what life be about compromise and tolerance without sacrificing you're your own principles and values."

Elizabeth loves sewing. Her imagination allow her to be creative . "You have to first see the design in your mind's eye then transfer that image into a paper before cutting the material to form that design drawing then finally turning that piece of cut materials into a masterpiece dress. I do not view myself as a tailor but an artist"

Elizabeth does not sew for other people neither does she sell her outfits. She intends to equip herself in the art in later years. "I even have people who tell me they love my designs and want me to sew for them but I decline not because I do not want to but because if I start focusing on sewing , I would loose focus on my job."

She wants to experiment more with colour mixing and different kinds of fabrics to come up with more challenging design and arts . " With each piece I do, I hope to improve and achieve something new"

"Integrity should be your watchword, no matter what life be about compromise and tolerance without sacrificing you're your own principles and values. Mostly you have to value the fear of God in whatever you do.

When asked if there's anything particular that would make people want to meet her, Elizabeth answered with modesty, " I have always tried to treat people the way I l'd like to be treated". She said that's probably one reason people know her.

"Most people that I come in contact with always say that one thing that attracted them to me was the fact that I am just me, no pretence".

Over the years, Elizabeth's sincerity and integrity has drawn many people to her. All these she says are God's gift to her.

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EMBRACING RESILIENCE: NAVIGATING LIFE UNFAIR TURNS.



*Hamisi at work
Photo by Mamyamoot*

Life has an uncanny way of testing our resolve, often subjecting us to circumstances that challenge our hopes and dreams. It is a complex journey where perseverance and hard work do not always guarantee success. Such is the paradox that many individuals face, where despite defying all odds and achieving remarkable milestones, they find themselves at unexpected crossroads. The story of Hamisi, a young man who achieved an impressive B+ in his secondary education only to become a watchman, serves as a poignant reminder of life's unpredictable and sometimes unjust nature.

Hamisi's journey begins in the impoverished part of Vyemani where he was born into a world overshadowed by financial struggles and familial mysteries. Raised by his mother, Hamisi never knew his father, and her silence about him only deepened the enigma. Despite these challenges, Hamisi's determination to succeed burned bright.

"I was born into a life of uncertainty, but I refused to let it define me," Hamisi recalls. "I knew that education was my ticket to a better future, and I was determined to seize every opportunity that came my way."

Hamisi's path to education took shape at St. Peter Primary School, where his potential shone through despite his family's financial difficulties. "My mother could barely afford my school fees, but the school recognized my abilities and allowed me to learn without payment," Hamisi explains.

"They saw something in me, and that gave me hope."

Embracing the gift of education, Hamisi poured himself into his studies, often staying up late into the night to absorb knowledge and tackle academic challenges. His diligence and perseverance paid off as he emerged as one of the brightest students in his class.



"ONE EVENING, AS I WAS MAKING MY WAY HOME FROM WORK, I SAW AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR A WATCHMAN POSITION,"

As Hamisi completed his primary education with flying colors, prestigious schools vied for the opportunity to offer him a brighter future. However, his sense of responsibility towards his mother led him to make a selfless decision. "I had dreams of attending a renowned institution, but I choose to go to a local secondary school to support my mother," Hamisi reveals. "We were struggling, and I couldn't bear to see her burdened with additional financial strain."

Allidina Visram Secondary School became Hamisi's new academic home, where an alumnus bestowed upon him a full scholarship. It was here that Hamisi encountered both academic challenges and personal growth. "I knew that this scholarship was a golden opportunity," Hamisi shares. "I was determined to make the most of it and prove that hardwork can overcome any adversity."



However, life took an unexpected turn when Hamisi's mother fell seriously ill. Suddenly, his dreams of pursuing higher education were overshadowed by the pressing need to care for his ailing mother. "It was a heart-wrenching decision, but family always comes first," Hamisi asserts. "I declined the scholarship and dedicated myself to being there for my mother in her time of need."

To support his mother's medical expenses, Hamisi took on various manual jobs, working tirelessly to ensure she received the care she required. It was during this period that fate presented him with an unexpected opportunity.

"One evening, as I was making my way home from work, I saw an advertisement for a watchman position," Hamisi recalls. "I hesitated for a moment, knowing that it wasn't the path I had envisioned for myself. But I realized that it could provide so i applied."

Through determination and resilience, Hamisi secured the watchman position at a prestigious university in Mombasa. Though it was not the trajectory he had initially envisioned, he embraced his role with a sense of purpose and gratitude. "Life has a way of surprising us," Hamisi reflects. "I may not have pursued the career I dreamed of, but I have learned the value of humility and the importance of making the best out of any situation."



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