



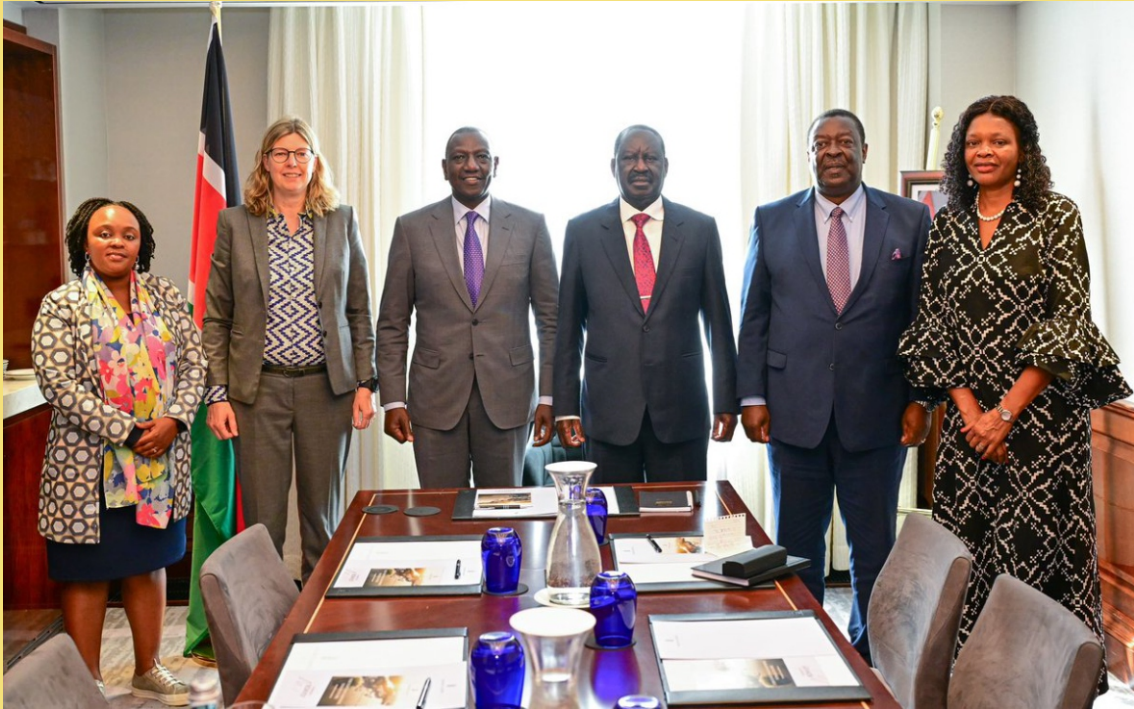
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## Ruto: Kenya to become Africa's Volkswagen manufacturing hub



President William Ruto, along with Kenyan officials, engaged in discussions in Berlin, Germany, with Martina Biele, who serves as the Managing Director and Chairperson of Volkswagen South Africa Group, and Ndulela Canca, the Head of Strategy for Volkswagen Group Africa.

President William Ruto unveiled that Kenya is destined to become Africa's manufacturing hub with a newly proposed Volkswagen Factory in Kenya. The reveal centers a joint strategy between the Kenyan government and Volkswagen Group to establish a major manufacturing factory that will serve Kenya and Africa Region. President Ruto affirmed Kenya's unwavering commitment to creating investor-friendly environment of doing business. The factory is expected to generate thousands of jobs, boost local industries and overall economy.

“Volkswagen’s investments indicates the growing confidence in Kenya's economic potential. This development will see more international corporations invest in Kenya,” he said. The Head of State held talks with Martina Biele, Volkswagen South Africa Group, Managing and Chairperson and Ndulela Canca, Volkswagen Group Africa, the Head of Strategy in Berlin Germany.



## Mvurya hails Kenya-Indonesia economic ties



CS Salim Mvurya and PS for Trade Mr. Alfred K'Ombudo

Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry Hon. Salim Mvurya has applauded the existing trade and diplomatic relations between Kenya and Indonesia which has stemmed to strong economic partnership between the two nations.

Hon. Mvurya said that this partnership is built on mutual respect, cooperation and shared vision for Sustainable Growth and Prosperity.

He affirmed that Indonesia has been a major trade partner for Kenya, particularly in the importation of machinery, textiles and palm oil. In return Kenya exports tea, coffee, and horticultural products. "This partnership in trade has immensely contributed to thriving economic relations", said the CS.

Hon. Mvurya further stated that, as Kenya seeks to diversify its export portfolio, the formidable partnership presents vast opportunities to explore untapped potential in key sectors. "These include agro-processing, textiles, pharmaceuticals, and value-added industries which are critical to driving economic growth and employment opportunities in Kenya", said he.

The CS spoke during the opening ceremony of Indonesia Nairobi Expo (INDONEX) 2024 held at Sarit Center Nairobi, in an event themed 'Great Commodities Great Opportunities'



## Namibia Defence Forces Students visit SDI



PS for Industry Dr. Juma Mukhwana and Namibia Defense Forces students

The PS for Industry Dr. Juma Mukhwana early this morning received a delegation from the Namibia Defense Forces Students, led by Brigadier General Benhard Nathinge Erastus who paid him a courtesy call. In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Mukhwana underscored the essences of Africa cooperating together in matters of Trade, Investments and Industry, where there is free movement of people, goods and services to achieve the Continent's aspirations and ambitions. In response, Brigadier General Nathinge applauded Kenya for playing a big role in shaping the Namibia Defense Forces from the time the Country gained her independence.



PS for Industry Dr. Juma Mukhwana and Namibia Defense Forces students during the meeting



Namibia Defense Forces Students group photo

## MV Uhuru 11 ship launched



Defense CS Hon. Soipan Tuya, Transport CS Hon. Davis Chirchir, PS Industry Dr. Juma Mukhwana Siaya Governor James Orengo and other leaders group photo

The PS Industry Dr Juma Mukhwana joined CSs Davis Chirchir and Soipan Tuya in Kisumu during the launch of MV Uhuru a brand new ship that will be transporting cargo to Tanzania and Uganda. He praised the initiative saying that it will reduce the cost of doing business in the region.



CS Tuya, CS Chirchir during the handover exercise



CS Tuya inspects the ship deck



PS Mukhwana and other leaders during the launch of MV Uhuru II Ship that will be transporting cargo to Tanzania and Uganda



PS Mukhwana, Governor Orengo(Siaya) and other leaders