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Land rent defaulters now risking losing plots

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

LAND rent defaulters accumulating dues for years now risk penalties including losing their plots or pay hefty fines at the expiry the grace period stretching to December 31.

Dennis Masami (pictured), head of the tax department at the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements indicated here yesterday intent to take legal measures on land rent defaulters failing to comply within the grace period.

Back in July, the government offered to waive the payment of all interest on rent and fees if tenants took advantage of the grace period, in which case the government will now take appropriate legal action, he said.

Plot occupants are required to pay annual fees within the first six months of the particular financial year, at who elapse interest is charged upon the payments, he said.

The grace period ran from July to December, in an initiative to recover land rent arrears a



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number of which had accumulated over the years .At least 10,000 defaulters responded by paying their debts, with monthly payments rising to nearly 15bn/- per month from a maximum of 10bn/- earlier, he said.

By the start of the year, the next course of action will be to repossess plots of land, sell their property to refund unpaid rental proceeds, he said.

"Let the public adhere to this last time call, failure to which they will face legal action," he affirmed, noting that prior to the grace close to 3400 disputes had been reported in court.

Upwards of 90 per cent of the cases had been handled, with over two million people now part of the land department database. Compliance with land rent payments and fees rose by up to 60 per cent, he said.

Latare Shoo, the regional land officer, noted that the region has similarly benefited from the grace period. The regional database has over 150,000 clients with most of them not paying rent. "We will implement government directives on those who fail to comply," he affirmed.

CCM endorses Samia, Mwinyi for top posts



Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (with scarf) and Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister Mary Masanja (4th L) arrive at Ujungu village in Iramba district, Singida region to inspect damaged infrastructure of the Tanzania Forest Service (TFS), allegedly carried out by villagers opposing new boundaries set by the agency.

● Cadres seek congress votes in social media

By Augusta Njaji, Dodoma

THE ruling CCM yesterday released names of members who want to get into the party's National Executive Committee (NEC), and then into the central committee to be voted for at the party's general congress today and tomorrow in the capital.

Shaka Hamdu Shaka, the NEC secretary for Ideology and Publicity, issued the list of contenders at the national level when briefing journalists shortly after the central committee meeting ended.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan was endorsed by the top decision-making organ endorsed as the only candidate for national chairperson for a period of five years, so her name will be brought before the national congress and be voted for, he said.

The committee similarly endorsed Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi as sole contestant for vice-chairman, Zanzibar in the place of retired President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein.

Well known cadres have seen moving around in social media asking for votes from congress members at the tenth CCM election congress.

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Truckers appeal for security: Attacks rise in DRC, Zambia

By Francis Kajubi

TRUCK owners have appealed to the government to reach out to authorities in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Zambia to heighten security following the rise of incidents of Tanzanian drivers being attacked in those countries.



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Chuki Shaaban, the chairman of the Tanzania Medium and Small Truck Owners Association (TAMSTOA) made the appeal at the association's annual meeting in Dar es Salaam, affirming that such attacks had resulted in a number of fatalities.

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Zanzibar pulls 1.5 trillion to blue economy

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

FOR the past two years, the Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIIPA) has registered a total of 39 blue economy-related projects, it has been learned.

Shida Makame, the ZIIPA director of facilitation and services, told journalists here that there are 30 hotel projects of \$213.16m in value, nine agricultural and fishing projects pegged at \$18.26m and investments on 17 islands taking up \$414.5m, adding up to \$645.92m (over 1.5trn/-).

The Urban West Region leads in the number of investments as seven islands are located within its administrative area, namely Bawe geared for \$30m investments, Changuu (\$26m), Kibandiko/Snake (\$10m) and Kwale (\$68m).

Other targeted islands are Pamunda 'A' (\$15m), Pamunda 'B' (\$15m) and Chapwani (\$20m), she stated.

Pemba South Region has secured investments in five islands of Misali, taking up \$83m projects value, Mtangani (\$15m), Kwata (\$15m), Kashani (\$8m) and Matumbini (\$15m).

Other islands that have secured investments in the Unguja South region are Pungume (\$10.5 million) and Njao of Pemba North with capital of \$15 million.

Halima Wagao, the director of promotion and marketing, said investors were clearing the project areas and moving on with designs.

The government was vigilant to ensure that investing in the islands adheres to environmental protection regulations, she said, noting that the series of investments boosts the blue economy.

ZIIPA was working with other agencies is supervising the improvement of infrastructures at the Micheweni investment area, including

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Agriculture deputy minister Anthony Mavunde admires seed varieties for cotton at the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Ukiriguru centre in Mwanza region yesterday. The centre conducts research and technology transfer on cotton and uplifts root crops technology. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo



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Iranian national arrested, deported for illegal entry

By Guardian Reporter

IRANIAN national Hamidreza Mohammad Ab Raheh with passport number H46000576 has been arrested and deported to his country early yesterday for illegal entry and planning international crimes in collaboration with other criminals.

Samweli Mahirane, commissioner of Immigration Services Department said this in Dar es Salaam yesterday when briefing journalists on the arrest of the alien.

He has encouraged all Tanzanians to fully participate in protecting the security of their country, including providing cooperation to security and defence agencies in providing confidential information against criminals.

The commissioner also noted that various successes achieved in the country in providing better services to foreigners, dealing with national and international criminals, illegal immigrants and unique in collaborating with international institutions such as the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), which is part of the United Nations System to return illegal immigrants to their homes.

He said that the period from January 2022 to November 2022, there has been a significant increase in visitors to the country; where a total of 1,172,205 foreigners entered the country legally following procedures and laws and 983,183 foreigners left the country.

In addition, he said that 220,423 Tanzanians returned to the country from foreign countries and 250,540 left the country for other countries.



Vice President Dr. Philip Mpango (2nd L) presents a trophy to parent Bravo Group company chief executive officer Alex Duffar of Agricom Africa during the TPSF Day held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Left is Industries, Trade and Investment minister Dr Ashatu Kijajia and right is Tanzania Private Sector Foundation chairperson Angelina Ngalua. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

CCM endorses Samia, Mwinyi for top posts

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Among those asking for votes are William Lukuvi, Nape Nnauye, January Makamba, Japhet Hasunga, Angellah Kairuki, Hussein Bashe, retired Col. Ngemela Lubinga, George Simbachawene, Jerry Slaa, Innocent Bashungwa, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, Dr Ashatu Kijajia, Geoffrey Pinda, Christina Mndeme, Deo Mwanyika, Josephat Gwajima, Jumanne Sagini, and Joseph Kasheku.

Others are Stephen Masele, Raphael Chegeni, Mussa Mansoor Said, Fred Vunjabei, Arnold Nyambelwa, Idd Kassim, Deo Ndejemi, Miraji Mtaturu, Dr Angelina Mabula, Khadija Taya,

Luhaga Mpina, Peter Serukamba, Dr Fenela Mukangara, Anamringi Macha and Stephen Wassira.

On the Zanzibar's side those listed are Shaka Hamdu Shaka, Prof Makame Mbarawa, Balozzi Mbaraka, Juma Mabodi, Leila Ngozi, Hamza Hassan Juma, Saada Mkuya, Casian Galos, Mgeni Juma, Asha Juma Mshua and Modrick Soraga.

Still others are Abdul Haffar Idrisa, Joseph Meza, Zahoro Mohamed, Mbaraka Said Loffy, Amina Mabruok, Amina Salum Ally, Sira Mamboya, Mwanahamisi Kassim Saidi, Shamata Shaame Khamisi, Baraka Hamad Bakari, Bakari Vuai, Abbas Ali Mwinyi and Dr Abdullah Hasnu Makame.

The central committee analyzed and approved the names to vie for being voted to the central committee, passing 251 members who will be voted for, while for Zanzibar, the meeting approved 123 members. Just 15 will be elected from the Mainland and 15 others from Zanzibar, he said.

A total of 2,703 CCM members submitted names to vie for elected positions especially NEC, a more substantive turnout compared to earlier congresses, he said, noting that 2,149 were Mainlanders and 554 from Zanzibar.

Apart from re-nominating the chairperson, the central committee also approved Abdulrahman

Kinana for the vice chairmanship (Mainland).

The congress will receive an implantation report during the past five years (2017-2022) and implementation of the 2022 election manifesto, he stated.

The committee praised outgoing vice chairman Dr Ali Mohamed Shein for his good work, noting that his tenure carried a high level of proficiency due to integrity, patriotism and wisdom in all positions he held.

Dr Shein initiated the paying of pensions to elders in the Isles which the central committee said had contributed to enhanced solidarity in Zanzibar.

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the construction of roads and accessing vital water and power supply services, the director noted.

Hafsa Hassan Mbamba, executive secretary for the Commission for Tourism, said tourism and investment was gathering pace, as last year Zanzibar received 394,185 guests.

Visitations from January to August

this year had reached 322,748 tourists making it comparable to last year, meanwhile as the commission envisions receive 800,000 tourist arrivals annually by 2025.

The commission in collaboration with the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) opened a special pavilion in Qatar to market tourist attractions during the ongoing World Cup finals, she added.

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Transport deputy minister, gracing the opening session, expressed intent to take up the matter with the relevant authorities in Congo and Zambia. The ministry will first consult our resident envoys in the two countries, he stated.

The government is keen to see that the transportation sector flourishes with good relationships with neighboring countries, he said, underlining that LATRA (the Land Transport Regulatory Authority) had earlier worked on conflicts between truck owners and drivers that were rooted in working contracts.

The government is doing all it can to ease operations of truck owners, as weighing verification stops from Dar es Salaam to Tunduma were reduced from seven to three.

Vehicle inspections have been reduced to seven from the previous 20 times. Revamping the 219 kilometer road network between Igawa and Tunduma is in the current financial year work schedule and procedures for its construction have started, he said.

Salman Karmali, director for sales and marketing at GF Trucks and Equipment Ltd, said that if the safety of drivers is observed then truck owners will inject more money into the business.

"Our company is a truck and heavy machines distributor and therefore we are very concerned with the safety of our clients' vehicles and employees," expressing the hope that the government will rapidly address the drivers attack issue.

Earlier, the TAMSTOA chairman had explained that armed attackers

target trucks carrying copper from the two countries, "and it baffles us how they correctly identify the vehicles."

There were three attacks last month and in one attack in Zambia last week, a Tanzanian driver died, he said, similarly noting that truck owners were appealing to the government to rehabilitate the damaged road between the Igawa village in Njombe region and Tunduma in Mbeya Region.

The road section between the two places is too narrow for lorries, buses and saloon cars to take different lanes at the same time, which needs cautions against unnecessary fatal accidents," said Shaban.

Drivers also need parking lots in small towns for trucks operating the Dar es Salaam - Tunduma highway, as they are compelled to drive long distances to Tunduma.

Without assured parking areas supplied with other services there is a risk of having to transfer the cargo and changing the drivers especially if a breakdown occurs, as without public parking spaces it is hard to find the convenience to fix the vehicles, he stated.

TAMSOA was formed in April 2014 with 40 members and had grown to 700 members as of last month, operating over 26,000 trucks, on the basis of data at the Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA).

Truck operators also referred to unfinished dialogue with the government on provisional taxes and levies, expressing 'commitment' to paying taxes find that the current rates need to be revisited for heavy truck sustainability.

380 science projects to be showcased at YST national exhibition 2022 next week

By Correspondent James Kandoya

A TOTAL of 380 science projects will be showcased at the Young Scientists of Tanzania (YST) national exhibition 2022 scheduled for December 8.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday in Dar es Salaam, the YST Co-Founder Dr Godwin Kamugisha said that students who showcase their innovations will converge in Dar es Salaam.

The co-founder said this year's exhibition will be graced by the Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof Adolf Mkenda.

He said this year, the number of students who submitted science project applications increased significantly whereby 1,143 project applications were received. Dr Kamugisha said of 1,143 project applications, 530 were mentored by the YST science advisory and eventually 380 science projects were fully developed as complete scientific research/science innovations.

He said the science subjects that will be exhibited this year are mainly providing practical solutions on the safe storage of agricultural products, environmental conservation and sustainable use of natural availability and maximization.

Others are the use of classical music for effective teaching of mathematics in schools, research on the use of a combination of local herbs for improving milk production in cows and addressing the problem of stunted growth in poultry. "YST has proved to be an important platform for young people to showcase their scientific skills. It has been engaged in efforts

for improving scientific research and innovation among young people in secondary schools for the past twelve years," he said.

He said science teachers and students have been trained in scientific methodologies through the science mentoring programme implemented by YST in schools.

According to him, the mentoring programme has been as successful as gauged by the level of student's interest and enthusiasm in science which has increased significantly.

The programme for strengthening science and innovation among young people is generously supported by the main sponsor Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation.

"We are also grateful for the support of our category sponsors, namely Shell Exploration and Production Tanzania Limited (Shell Tanzania), Institute of Physics, Speedy Print, Exim Bank Tanzania Ltd, Concern Worldwide and Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH)," he said.

Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) executive director Caren Lowland said that the foundation has been a great partner of the YST exhibition for a period of twelve years by awarding university scholarships to the winners.

She said that up to 2021, the foundation has awarded university scholarships to 37 students so far, adding four students who will emerge as winners in this year's science exhibition.

"I would like to thank the YST for being at the forefront to organize the science exhibition for secondary students to encourage more to pursue and participate in science subjects in the country," she said.



Kilombero Sugar Company Ltd human resources business partner-agriculture Cleopatra Nasari (2nd L) with her colleagues hold award and certificates in recognition of the company's sponsorship of the Employer of the Year Awards organised by the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) shortly after being presented to him by the Vice President Dr Philip Isdory Mpango (not in picture) in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

6,541 students graduate through free vocational online trainings

By Guardian Reporter

A TOTAL of 6,541 students have graduated in various courses through a free vocational online training offered by the Kibaha Education Centre (KEC) geared to promote the expansion and quality of labor market driven skills development opportunities for self-employment.

Speaking at a graduation ceremony over the weekend, Principal Secretary in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local

Government Prof Riziki Shemdoe called upon the graduates to make use of the knowledge acquired at the college to be innovative and come up with strategies to access capital to establish businesses.

He said the best way to succeed is to establish production groups which will facilitate access to capital and other financial support promote their businesses.

"Go and see how you can access the SMEs loans that the government has set aside which is 60bn/- and the youth are included," he said.

Director General of the KEC Robert Shilingi said the programme which was being implemented through the Kibaha Folk Development College (KFDC) is in line with the government plan to eradicate poverty.

The courses to be offered include tailoring, plumbing, driving, Mechanics, Welding, electrical wiring, computers and entrepreneurship.

"The aim of offering the training online is to reach out to a number of people in need of the training wherever they are," he said.

The course, which took three months is implemented through the Skills Development Fund (SDF) under the Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) with funding from the World Bank.

The SDF was established by the government through National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS) 2016-2027 to ensure development of a skilled workforce in key economic sectors in the Country.

The overall goal of the SDF is to minimize skills gaps by rapidly increasing the supply of graduates with skills relevant to the labor market.

To achieve this objective, the SDF will aim to expand the number of individuals with the relevant skills in key occupations and sectors as stipulated in NSDS.



Works and Transport deputy minister Atupele Mwakibete (C) in discussion with Tanzania Medium and Small Truck Owners Association vice chairman Mgendela Gama (L) during the 3rd TAMSTOA's general meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Right is association's chairman Chuki Shaban. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mtwara in seed distribution drive to fight malnutrition

By Correspondent Abdallah Bakari, Mtwara

Mtwara Mikindani Municipality will from next month start distributing improved vegetable seeds to pregnant mothers and those with children under five years in a bid to improve diet and fight malnutrition.

Mtwara Mikindani municipal nutritionist Emanuel Moshi, told this paper yesterday that, from January 2023 all pregnant mothers and those with children under five years will be given improved vegetable seeds at their first attendance to the clinic and been taught on how to establish home garden.

"We have great challenges on nutrition, stunted growth to our children, Anemia, underweight and overweight, premature births are common problems...cardiovascular, diabetes, cancer and health mental disorders all those are associated with improper diets," said Moshi.

He added: "In an intervention to solve those nutrition associated challenges the municipal plays a vital role to educate its people on balanced diet in starting by making sure vegetables are accessed to every household."

He revealed that, the program will benefit all households within the municipal; however seeds will only be given to pregnant mothers and with children of clinical age and followed by strong supervision and monitoring.

"Most of us consume food rich with carbohydrate and not vegetables and fruits. By so doing we will secure our health and second save our money...no money will be used to purchase vegetables again."

we have very modern vegetable gardens in which we use bags...this technology is environmental friendly and water efficient...water remains from other domestic uses can be used to watering the garden," he explained.

Mtwara district commissioner Dustna Kyobya urged the ward executive officers (WEO) in collaboration with local government leaders at their level to enact by-laws which will enforce every household to own home garden to grantee availability of vegetables in their daily meals.

"With our bylaws and strong supervision and monitoring from all chain every household is going own this kind of garden which is less expensive and affordable to everyone...no excuse will be offered to any refusal...we need health and strong people to build the nation, only possible by having making sure vegetables are more consumed."

On his side Mtwara Mikindani municipal director Cornel Emanuel Mwaigobeko said that, in implementing the program agricultural office has been given duty to subsidize improved vegetable seeds and other training on the way home garden made of bags are maintained.

"We collaborate health sector with agricultural sector to make sure this goal is achieved, this program is sustainable and household will consume vegetables throughout the year...along with this also nutrition education will be permanent agenda at all official meeting," revealed Mwaigobeko.



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CCM happy with ongoing construction of SGR project

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE ruling CCM regional chairpersons and Central Committee members (CC) have expressed satisfaction with progress achieved in the ongoing construction of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR).

They were speaking soon after their visit to inspect the progress of the SGR construction from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma station.

Martha Mlata, Singida regional chairperson commended the government for successfully implementing the project which upon completion will strengthen transport services and stimulate

economic development.

Kigoma regional chairperson, Jamary Tamimu urged surrounding communities and the public in general to protect the rail infrastructure as the government had spent billions of money for its construction.

He said upon completion, the rail will be one of the best and exemplary rails in the East Africa region and contribute more to the country's economy.

"Our rail will open new economic opportunities from and to neighbouring countries and therefore, increase revenues to people and the nation as whole," he said.

Mwaka Yamrishi, party chair for Unguja South region said: "We satisfied with the development project reached so far, it is our duty to speak about the project to increase people's awareness about the project."

Minister for Works and Transport Prof Makame Mbarawa said to date the government had constructed a total of 1379 kilometres from 720km achieved by the fifth phase government.

He said the government will later next year sign a construction agreement with Burundi to extend the rail network.

"I would like to assure Tanzanians that all projects are implemented as

it was planned," he said.

TRC director general Masanja Kadogosa said the tour was part of implementation of the CCM's 2020 general Election manifesto.

Kadogosa dismissed the information that went viral on social media some days ago claiming that the newly arrived passenger' wagons are not new (used).

He clarified that said the arrived passenger' wagons are new and all the procurement procedures were observed.

Kadogosa said that the total cost of the 59 wagons is \$55.6 million adding that out of 59 wagons, 14 have already arrived.

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Letshego Holding Limited chairman Philip Odera (2nd L) hands over one of the cardiac monitors to the Dar es Salaam Regional chief medical officer Dr. Rashid Mfaume (2nd R). Witnessing the handing over ceremony is Muhimbili National Hospital executive director Prof Mohamed Janabi and on the left is the chief executive officer of Letshego Holding, Aobakwe Aupa Monyatsi. Letshego Holding Limited handed over various medical equipment to the pediatric unit worth 50m/-. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Letshego donates medical gear worth 50m/- to MNH

By Guardian Reporter

LETSHEGO Holdings Limited has donated medical equipment worth 50m/- to the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH)'s Pediatric unit.

The donation includes six cardiac monitors, 20 digital blood pressure (BP) machines, 18 weight scales and 10 Infra-Red thermometers which were handed over by the Letshego Group's chairman Phillip Odera during a handover ceremony held at the MNH premises.

Odera said the donation is part of their institution's corporate social responsibility (CSR) in the country as well as in other countries, where they are operating.

According to Odera, Letshego feels very proud to be involved in supporting the health sector, especially a special unit for children's treatment.

He explained that Letshego's activities include improving people's lives through

loans as part of their programme of giving back to the communities, noting that the big meaning of the word, Letshego, in Botswana's Setswana vernacular is support, which has impelled them to fulfill their social responsibility by giving back to the community.

"The health sector is one of the biggest pillars of social welfare and that the donation is to help the next generation that will develop various sectors," said Odera, explaining that Letshego is proud to invest in the country and in other countries in Africa and they are doing well in the financial sector and thus raising the income of the community.

"This support is our responsibility in the community which is our customers in our daily activities. The community has a great need for treatment, to which our institution has given a priority. To begin with, we have decided to donate medical equipment to the Pediatric unit," he said.

"We have a group-wide initiative focused on assisting government to address the gap in primary healthcare and funding socially sustainable enterprises at community level," he noted.

MNH executive director, Prof Mohamed Janabi said that the support is very important for their hospital which treats about 2000 patients a day, stating that the Muhimbili hospital is one of the largest hospitals in East African countries and has expanded the scope of treatment at the moment.

"It is a great help and needs a great compliment as well. We need these materials as they are necessary for many treatments. I congratulate Letshego Holding for helping and we ask them to continue helping us," said Prof Janabi.

Dar es Salaam Regional Chief Medical Officer, Dr Rashid Mfaume commended Letshego Holding company for the support and asked them to continue to do so as they are helping Tanzanians.

"This is now a convergence that I pray continue. An institution or company that supports medical devices has the goal of creating a healthy society. I am asking Letshego to continue this support," said Dr Mfaume.

Minister Gwajima: 6,000 children subjected to sexual abuse in 2021

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

DR Dorothy Gwajima, the Minister for Community Development, Gender, Elders and Special Groups has said statistics show that 6,000 children in the country have been subjected to sexual abuse including rape and sodomy during 2021.

Dr Gwajima submitted the statistic on Monday at a virtual meeting with residents of Bucha in Mwatulole area, Geita Region following a recent incident involving a young man, Jabir Hamis (29), a Magogo Mjini resident who was found with a group of children teaching them rape and sodomy.

She said during 2021, a total of 5,899 in the country were subjected to acts of child abuse including rape while 1,114 were sodomized, the situation that threatens the life dreams of the children including abandoning their education pursuits through child pregnancies.

Dr Gwajima further said as the minister he received the incident with great dismay and pledged to follow it up in order to take

appropriate steps legal steps, hence appealed to the public to remain calm while the issue was being dealt with. Regarding unfaithful members of the police who were trying to spirit away the suspect, Dr Gwajima said disciplinary steps have already been taken against them as the suspect is not required to stay in the streets until when the law takes its course.

The minister noted that she received a call from Buhalala Ward Councillor claiming that members of the public were complaining that the suspect had been let away by the police as they continued dealing with the issue.

The chairman of the local militia personnel in Mwatulole area, Itanga Timothy said the suspect was arrested on December 1 this year, but surprisingly when they went to the police station they found out that he had been freed.

Earlier, when the young man was being interrogated after arrest, confessed to have practiced same sex for a long time in Dar es Salaam, and when he shifted to Geita, he published pamphlets after being denied with the "service" for a long time.

TARURA in Ruvuma Region completes construction of 2 bridges costing 1.3bn/-

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

TANZANIA Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) in Ruvuma Region has managed to build two bridges valued at 1.3bn/-.

Ruvuma Region TARURA Manager, Eng Wahabu Nyamzungu said the government has provided 900m/- for the construction of Libangu Bridge in Namtumbo district linking Libangu and Mianzini villages.

He said the 30meter long bridge is located 12 km from Namtumbo town and that it was built in two phases, the first one had cost 600m/- and the second 300m/-.

He said in Namtumbo District alone, TARURA is implementing a road crossing with two culverts costing 80m/-.

He said the government also provided 90m/- for refurbishing a 30km road stretch and one and half km of tarmac road in Namtumbo Town that cost 800m/-.

Some residents of Libangu and Mianzini villages thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for dishing out the funds for the bridge project saying it will solve the great convenience that faced them in regard to transport.

Mohamed Rajabu, a Libangu resident said for many years, transportation of crops from Libangu used to be problematic.

Meanwhile, Ashura Zuberi, another Libangu resident said the bridge has been the savior especially to pregnant women who used to experience hardships to cross to go to Namtumbo District Hospital to give birth.

TARURA in Ruvuma region is also implementing a 25m long bridge across Msinjewe River linking Tuwemacho, Nasya and Mtina villages in Tunduru District.

The representative of Ruvuma Region TARURA manager who is also TARURA Manager for Tunduru District, Eng Silivanus Ngonyani, said the government the government has dished out more than 326m/- for implementing the construction of the bridge, the work that started April this year and expected to be completed later this month.

Salehe Ally Mohamed, resident of Tumewacho Village in Tunduru District thanked the government for building the bridge for them because during rains some people used to drown when crossing the river, and that last year alone two people drowned.

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Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Labour Youth Employment and Disabled Prof Joyce Ndalichako (L) with Arusha Urban legislator Mrisho Gambo (in a hat), CCBRT Moshi project manager Lucy Kavisho (3rd L) and other stakeholders of people with disabilities during the commemoration of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities 2022 in Arusha over the weekend. CCBRT in partnership with the MP's office handed over 100 wheelchairs while others were presented with health insurance cards. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Ministry of agriculture to research more on landrace seeds varieties

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Agriculture is set to embark on a specific project to research the landrace seeds varieties that prove to flourish well in different agricultural zones across the country.

Nyasebwa Chimagu, director of crops in the Ministry of Agriculture unveiled this here over the weekend during a roundtable meeting with members of the Tanzania Women Farmers Forum (TWFF).

He stated that the ministry will continue to highly concentrate on research, production and promotion of improved (hybrid) seeds varieties, and the Open Pollinated Varieties (OPV), observed that the varieties are important for the development of the agriculture sector in the country.

"The government is also keen to continue conducting useful research and promotion of organic fertilisers and bio-pesticides," he said.

He noted: "The vision is to research and produce both, hybrid and landrace seeds varieties in order to give farmers room to opt whether to apply local seeds or improved ones, although so far, experience have proved use of improved varieties to be more productive in terms of crop yields, as well as resistant to diseases."

Supported by Action Aid Tanzania, TWFF members sought to have an audience with the ministry of agriculture, purposefully to bring to his attention the diverse setbacks they're facing in the path of their daily farming activities.

Samwely Mkwatwa, Project Manager at ActionAid Tanzania told the high-profile officers at the parent ministry who presided over the meeting on behalf of minister Hussein Bashe that the reason behind the event was to create a helpful platform for enabling the women farmers to directly express their agonies, but also, to get

permanent solutions for the same.

During the meeting, the farmers aired numerous challenges that need to be addressed in order to allow majority of farmers in the country to perform well, including delay in provision of subsidy-fertiliser to farmers, poor use and promotion of bio-pesticides and organic fertilisers, and unnecessary complications in accessing loans from financial institutions.

Fredina Said, a women farmer from Kishapu, Shinyanga, in her presentation challenged the government to promote use of local seeds, and organic (manure) fertiliser in order to cut huge financial burden of importing and distributing chemical fertiliser in areas where farmers can successfully apply manure fertilisers to still yielding bumper.

"In some areas of the country farmers do not prefer using chemical fertiliser. They prefer using manure ones and still they realize a good harvest, and thus, it is incumbent for the government to train the agricultural extension officers on how best to produce and apply the fertiliser," she challenged.

She further expressed the other challenge, saying the subsidy fertiliser being provided by the government is often reaching the farmers in improper seasons.

"If possible, it is prudent that the fertiliser reaches the farmers during harvesting seasons, the time in which most of the farmers are usually standing a better financial side to afford paying for the fertiliser," she said, directing the parent ministry to develop a friendly platform (setting a special control number) through which farmers can pay for the fertilisers whenever he/she has money to do so instead of waiting until cropping season.

Amrina Dafi, a farmer from Singida region, raised concern over delay in accessing agricultural loans from eligible financial institutions, especially the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB).

Inculcate habit of volunteerism, higher learning students urged

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

HIGHER learning students who are the beneficiaries of the Social Action Trust Fund (SATF) have been urged to inculcate habit of volunteerism, which plays a key role in scaling up socio-economic development.

Beatrice Mgaya, SATF Chief Executive Officer said this over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking at a forum for higher learning students enrolled in 2021/2022 under sponsorship of the fund.

During the event, SATF also issued trophies and awards to the students who performed well during form six national examinations two years ago.

Mgaya said volunteerism plays a crucial role for the social and

economic development of the students.

"We need students to volunteer after finishing studies or during holidays so that you get experience," she said.

She said most of the fund which want to recruit staff prefer all people who volunteered first.

She also urged students to study hard and avoid any misconduct that would make them fail to reach their dreams.

The CEO asked students who are supported by SATF to access higher education to form their alumni.

She urged all beneficiaries to use the proposed alumnae in supporting others who did not get access to education or employment.

A total of 90 students who are studying in various colleges and universities countrywide attended

the event.

Speaking at the event, Joel Nanauka, who is author and facilitator, urged students in higher learning institutions to adhere to self discipline.

He said a student who is well disciplined in all areas will never fail after finishing studies.

Students were also sensitised on gender issues, ways to avoid contacting HIV Aids and various life skills.

Speaking on behalf of others, a beneficiary identified as Dr Peter Nolasko who completed a medicine degree course at Kampala International University, thanked SATF for supporting them for more than ten years.

He urged all learning students to study and cooperate with the staff of SATF so as to smoothen their

activities.

SATF supports most vulnerable children and young people to overcome barriers in accessing education that include enrolment, retention as well as progression in Basic Education and supports them to acquire knowledge and skills for employment and self-employment through Colleges/University and Vocational Trainings.

The Trust has been benefiting Most Vulnerable Children and Young people to access education through provision of scholastic materials, fees and direct cost, stationaries, health Insurance and sanitary pads

Others are meals and accommodation, field allowances for research, startup tool kits for the VTC graduates.

Currently the Trust works with 18 local CSOs, 32 districts in 16 regions of Tanzania.

Since its inception, SATF has reached more than 200,000 beneficiaries under education intervention in Tanzania.

DAS urges media practitioners to adhere to professional ethics

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a, Korogwe

KOROGWE District Administrative Secretary (DAS) Rahel Mhando has urged media practitioners to adhere to professional ethics in criticizing challenges that hinder the implementation of various development projects in the country.

She made the call yesterday here during the launching of an awareness meeting for the Shule Bora Programme to editors, reporters and education stakeholders from Tanga and Dodoma regions.

The event was organised by Cambridge Education Tanzania.

According to her, apart from educating and informing the public, journalists have a role to conduct follow up on development projects

then unearth challenges or delays, sabotage and negligence that affect progress of the projects.

"Media practitioners have a big role to play in pushing implementation of government development projects focusing on education projects such as Shule Bora Programme to ensure that all identified challenges get solutions," Mhando said.

She however, applauded President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her decision to cancel the country's Independence Day celebrations directing the funds to the construction of school dormitories for children with special needs. "President Samia's move touches the Shule Bora Programme's aim of improving the quality of learning for all children and inclusiveness education," she said.

Tanga Regional academic officer, Benjamin Kusaga called upon the journalists to put efforts in investigating the increasing challenge of truancy in schools in Tanga Region.

Thomas Lyimo, Shule Bora Programme Coordinator said: "Our task is to lead an association with partnership from Plan International, International Rescue Committee, IRC and ADD to deliver the programme with government at all levels."

Shule Bora is a UK aid funded government-led education support Programme aimed to reach at least four million school children across the country. The programme is implemented in nine regions including Dodoma, Katavi, Kigoma, Mara, Coastal Region, Rukwa Simiyu, Singida and Tanga.

'Sensitive communities will end human-wildlife conflicts'

By Correspondent Ambrose Wantaigwa, Tarime

LACK of awareness on conservation laws among communities surrounding the Serengeti National Park is the main cause to endless human-wildlife conflicts, it has been said.

Mwita Waitara, Tarime Rural legislator said this in a public meeting at Massanga Village over the weekend that people living near the protected area must respect the law, including avoiding encroaching livestock into the boundaries of the park.

He said the boundaries of the Serengeti National Park are set by law and that those areas are not allowed to do any human activities including grazing livestock and farming.

The Member of Parliament asked the residents surrounding the park from the wards of Nyanungu, Kwihaicha and Gorong'a to obey the laws of the reserve without coercion while promising to present their challenges in legitimate decision-making sessions including the Parliament and the Council of Councillors.

"The boundaries of all parks in the country, including the Serengeti, are set by law, including giving various penalties if anyone is found bringing livestock into their borders, we urge the people to continue to obey the law to avoid unnecessary conflicts," he said.

Initially, residents from the villages surrounding the reserve complained that some of their livestock were seized by guards and fined for allegedly entering unauthorized areas within the boundaries of the reserve.

According to the website of the Tourism Board (TTB), the Serengeti National Park was established in 1951 and is estimated to have a size of 14,763 square kilometers, it is the second largest National Park in the country after Ruaha Park.



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Government reiterates vow to amend Marriage Act 1971 in efforts to fight against GBV

By Felister Peter

THE government has expressed willingness to amend the Marriage Act 1971 and other laws as part of efforts to fight against Gender Based Violence (GBV).

Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dr Damas Ndumbaro said preparations are at final stages and that they are expecting the process to be completed this December.

"We are taking a number of initiatives to end violence against girls and women; efforts are on-going to amend the Marriage Act 1971. Plans are to table the Bill in the next parliamentary meeting in February, 2023," said Dr Ndumbaro.

He was addressing delegates at a symposium organised by the ministry in and the Law School with support from the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) as part of 16 days of activism to end violence against women.

He, however, expressed worries that the bill might not be tabled as planned because some stakeholders have filed a petition at the court challenging the specific law.

Dr Ndumbaro said the Germany government has been supporting Tanzania's efforts to end GBV whereas it has provided 12.5bn/- for implementation of various programmes that targets to eliminate the problem. The programmes will be implemented in three years.

He said the funds will also be used to conduct research for purposes of improving the laws, training of experts from the judiciary, police, Non-Governmental Organisations and officers from the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB).

"We are taking all these efforts because there is an increasing trend of deaths and other violent acts related to GBV," he said, adding the

ministry is finalizing processes to introduce an online registry where all the perpetrators of GBV will be recorded.

Minister Ndumbaro added that plans are underway for establishment of gender desks at all the district councils as well as courts to facilitate provision of services to the victims.

German Deputy Ambassador to Tanzania, Dr Kathrin Steinbrenner promised continued support to the government's efforts to fight GBV. She said women are more vulnerable to GBV hence the need to lift them to equal rights and power.

"Women face various challenges; they do not have access to finance and justice. Women's care worker services are also not paid. At least 40 percent of women aged between 19 and 48 years have experienced GBV," she said, adding her government has provided 12.5bn/- in support of programmes against GBV.

Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Mwanaidi Ali Khamisi said the government has taken various initiatives to fight against GBV which includes establishment of 420 gender and children's desks at police stations to attend GBV cases, establishment of 153 gender desks at prisons stations and introduction of 21 one stop centers to address GBV issues.

She said: "We have 18,186 women and children protection committees through the country at all levels of the communities which are responsible of handling violence against women and children cases."

Earlier, principal of the Law School, Dr Benhaji Masoud, who is also a Judge of the High Court of Tanzania said they have started offering special courses to paralegals to enhance provision of legal aid services to the community.



Legal and Human Rights Centre executive director Anna Henga (L) presents the centre's declaration of 16 days of activism against sexual violence to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Right is LHRC head of gender desk Getrude Dyabene. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Beatrice Philemon

THREE students from Dar es Salaam and Coast regions have emerged winners in an essay writing competition on how climate change directly undermines a wide range of children's rights.

Forum on Climate Change (FORUMCC)'s programme officer, Abdulaziz Mkwizu said yesterday that the competition was organized with funding from Save the Children and attracted more than 90 students from different primary and secondary schools with the winners going out with prizes.

The competition aimed to provide an opportunity for primary and secondary school students to think deeply about their communities and express their ideas through essay writing about how climate change directly undermines a wide range of children's rights.

"We received 90 entries from Paulo Makonda Secondary School, Kimwani Primary School and Ruvu Girls Secondary School. Among them, 15 students have been awarded with certificates for participation

Three students emerge winners in essay writing competition on climate change

while the remaining three winners went away with school bags and awarded certificates for being the best composer in the competition," he said.

He said Joyce Charles from Kimwani Primary School located at Chanika in Ilala District Council emerged the first winner and received the school bag prize and went away with a certificate. She wrote about climate change, things that cause climate change, how climate change negatively affects children's rights and how the communities can cope with climate change in their localities.

Victoria Kalalu from Ruvu Girls secondary school emerged the second winner, receiving a school bag prize and certificate.

Humoud Issa, a form two student from Paulo Makonda Secondary School located in Kigamboni Area, emerged the third winner, receiving school bag prize and awarded

certificate for being the best composer in the competition.

All participating students received a certificate and gift in honor of their thoughtful essays.

He said FORUMCC will provide special training and mentorship for all winners on various issues relating to climate change that in turn will assist them to become ambassadors of climate change and train their peers in school.

Humoud Issa, one of the participants, said that he wrote about the effects of climate change, causes and actions.

He also encouraged communities to use renewable sources of energy such as wind energy, solar energy and geothermal energy and these help to reduce air pollution.

"I wish to express my gratitude to FORUMCC for this competition, which was aimed at inspiring students from different schools across the country to express their

ideas and opinions about how climate change directly undermines a wide range of children's rights. I am truly grateful for the recognition I have received for my work," he said.

Joyce Charles from Kimwani Primary school in Chanika area lauded FORUMCC for coming up with the initiative and allowing voices of the children to be heard, while rewarding them with various prizes.

Through the competition, she has been able to express her idea on how climate change can affect children's rights in school. "When climate change occurs in our localities it affects us, causes hunger and affects academic performance for students because we cannot learn well if we have hunger," she noted.

She called for efforts to be directed in conserving forests, educating people on the importance of protecting nature for sustainable development.



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Blue Economy and Fisheries, ministry's permanent secretary Aboud Suleiman Jumbe talks to journalists about the seafood products of the blue economy programme since it was established in Zanzibar by President Dr Hussen Ali Mwinyi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Activists underscore need for govt to review some laws if war against GBV, FGM is to succeed

By Felister Peter

HUMAN rights activists have emphasized the need for the government to improve and review some laws to reduce and ultimately eliminate Gender Based Violence (GBV), especially female genital mutilation (FGM) which still persists in some regions nationwide. They were speaking in Dar es Salaam on Monday during a film screening of the movie 'In The Name of Your Daughter' as part of 16 days of activism to end violence against women.

The global theme for this year's 16 Days of activism against GBV which runs from 25th November to December 10th 2022 is 'Unite! Activism End Violence against Women and Girls' while locally the theme is 'Every Life Matters: End Femicide and Violence against Women and Children' which emphasize on actions to eradicate all forms of GBV to save the lives of women and children.

A gender activists and Founder of Hope for Girls and Women, Rhobi Samwelly raised concerns over increasing incidences of FGM in Mara Region calling for efforts to change the mindsets of parents who considers their girl children as wealth creators.

Rhobi highlighted the need to review some of the laws including the Law of the Child Act, 2009 since it lacks some sections or articles which holds traditional leaders accountable in case they are arrested for conducting the cuts to the young girls.

"The law holds accountable parents and other members of the community, but it does not specifically stipulates the kind of punishments to traditional leaders who are the main perpetrators of FGM," said Rhobi.

She said that the establishment of a safe house in Mara Region has saved hundreds of girls especially from Serengeti District. She said girls rescued from the cuts are taken care of and educated on the negative impacts of FGM before they are taken back to their families after reconciliation with their parents.

"There are cases where families refuse to take their daughters back while at times, girls refuse to go back to their families over fears of being cut without their consent," she said, adding they have been sponsoring such girls' throughout their education journey.

A University of Dar es Salaam student,

Amina Ramadhani who escaped the cut from her village in Serengeti District said: "My grandmother used to tell me that I will be cut one day; I felt so bad because I didn't want to be cut and so I decided to seek refuge at a safe house—Hope for Girls and Women since it was not far from our home."

Amina said her family refused to take her back after reconciliation, thus she continued to pursue her studies while at the safe house. She urges young girls across the country to continue pushing for their rights and say no to FGM because it has so many negative health impacts.

"Despite the challenges; I am now an inspiration to many girls in my community and all over the country," said Amina urging girls not to give up in the fight against GBV.

Emmanuel Goodluck, a community mobiliser working with Hope for Girls and Women, said they have been assisting women to form groups and establish small businesses to generate an income instead of depending on money paid to them for the cuts.

He said parents prefer cutting the girls because those who cut are more marketable when it comes to marriage. He said the cows that are paid as a dowry for marrying their daughters, are later on transferred to a male child who will use them when he gets married.

A police officer, Sijali Nymbuche who works at a gender desk at the Mugumu police station in Serengeti District, said establishment of the special desks have increased confidentiality and comfort to the victims of GBV as they are listened and attended in privacy.

She said that with collaboration from partners such as education officers, human right activists, NGOs, social welfare officers and local government leaders it has been possible for them to arrest the perpetrators and make sure they are arraigned.

Last week, the police force warned communities who have been promoting and practicing FGM saying their days are numbered as it is prepared to act upon the incidents which have been affecting potential of children and young girls in the country.

The force's spokesperson, SACP David Misime said that many societies have been using festive season to conduct the cuts, insisting police will arrest all the people involved in the cuts.

Illegal mining of sand, unplanned settlement cited as causes to floods in Kinondoni District

By Felister Peter

UNCONTROLLED mining of sand, environmental destruction and Urban sprawl are among the factors contributing to disasters including floods in Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam Region.

This was revealed yesterday by Kinondoni District Disaster Management Coordinator, Pendo Mwaisaka when speaking at an awareness-raising session on community-based disaster risk reduction held in the city.

The session aimed to raise the understanding and awareness of the community members in Kinondoni on the reduction of disaster risks to save people's lives, protect properties and the environment.

According to her, Kinondoni has been experiencing floods in almost every rain season with mostly affected wards being, Kigogo, Kinondoni, Mwananyamala, Kunduchi, Bunju, Tandale, Muzimuni, Magomeni, Makumbusho, Msasani, Mbezi Juu, Mbeni, and Kawe.

She said climate change also contributes to the disasters as it forces rivers to expand thus flooding its water to residential areas.

She said the government in Kinondoni has been taking measures to address the problem whereas it has constructed drainage systems in Mambwepande, Mwananyamala, Tandale, Ubungo and Kijitonyama wards. "We also provide education to the people on the importance of environmental conservation as well as consulting city planners before building houses," she remarked.

Gerald Sando, Regional Disaster Coordinator said efforts are underway to control floods in Dar es Salaam which according to the 2022 National Housing and Population Census has over 5 million people and nearly 1 million buildings.

He said they have been building the capacity of officers at different community levels on how to deal with disasters as well as putting in place strategies to restore the situation.

Chief of Mission for the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Maurizio Busatti said awareness session is part of the project titled "Capacity Building for Disaster Risk Reduction in the United Republic of Tanzania" which is implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in collaboration with the Disaster

Management Department and is funded by the IOM Development Fund.

Busatti said the organization seeks to minimize disaster-induced displacement by strengthening the prevention and preparedness capacities of states, mitigate the impacts of displacement through timely and effective humanitarian assistance, promote solutions to displacement and build back better in post-disaster recovery and reconstruction, and strengthen resilience by harnessing the value that mobility and migrants can bring to risk reduction.

"IOM is proud to support Tanzania in disaster risk reduction activities including prevention, preparedness, response and rehabilitation, and the awareness session towards disaster prevention. IOM supports member states to integrate mobility perspectives in strategies to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks and build resilience, in line with the priorities of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

He said according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy, Tanzania is susceptible to the impact of various disasters which are further exacerbated by climate change and weather, increased population in disaster-prone areas, the existence of unplanned urban settlements and environmental degradation.

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Axing parades to build dormitories for disabled pupils is a patriotic act

ANOTHER event of Independence Day celebrations has been cancelled, and the 960m/- total celebration funds already earmarked will now be directed to build dormitories for disabled pupils mainly in primary schools. And at the same time President Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed that regional administrators organise public meetings as a dialogue forum for various national issues. It is a non-habitual initiative that goes in tandem with the president's effort at democratic platforms.

When the late president Dr John Magufuli had just come into office, he cancelled Independence Day celebrations and directed that the 4bn/- allocated for that event be used for expanding the 4.3 kilometre Morocco - Mwenge major road to ease traffic congestion in the city of Dar es Salaam. The move brought a huge sigh of relief in city commuting, as hours spent on the road were rapidly cut down. With rising number of vehicles this gesture was soon being outlived in its effect, and thus the government came up with the flyover programme, plus Selander Bridge II.

There was another gesture during the fifth phase where World AIDS Day events were cancelled to reduce unnecessary government expenditure, in which case the current effort to redirect nearly 1bn/- to needy pupils is a special gesture. It's like avoiding to buy another address because a relative's children are out of school, ir suchlike. It is a gesture that shows sensitivity to the needs of the marginalised, well beyond routine budgetary exercises, for eight schools with special needs students.

It is the second part of the

president's directive that was novel in character, as the Prime Minister's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) has been instructed to organise open dialogues at the regional and district levels. The people will meet with elected leaders to examine achievements in the 61 years of independence. The responsible minister did not exactly elaborate how it will be conducted, but the proper wish there is dialogue, to take temperature of feelings.

There will be a certain amount of innovation and initiative in the various meetings, with the test being whether leaders at the regional and district level can meet with the people for an informative occasion. The minister said as per directives from the president, celebrations of the country's key historical day will be staged with meaningful, patriotic dialogues in gatherings to enable citizens to thoroughly discuss various issues pertaining to the country. It will be a test for key leaders.

It is possible this initiative can serve as a format for a sort of popular democracy where people discuss issues that concern them and leaders take note of what is said, and explain where they can. If government action is reasonably popular the regional and district leaderships will be able to handle such events. If not a lot of drawbacks could come up, and indeed there is a preliminary issue of the level of participation expected, as it ought to be sufficiently attended to be meaningful. So the leaderships will have a test on their hands, whether they make the effort as regional and district administrators or as ruling party leaders being one thing. Or they may seek alliances with some opposition parties to call large meetings, etc

Yes indeed, streamlining agricultural extension services is very crucial

AGRICULTURAL extension is the application of scientific research and new knowledge to agricultural practices through farmer education. The field of 'extension' now encompasses a wider range of communication and learning activities organised for rural people by educators from different disciplines, including agriculture, agricultural marketing, health, and business studies.

Agricultural extension agencies in developing countries receive large amounts of support from international development organisations such as the World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

Hussein Bashe, minister for Agriculture, has called on all extension officers in the country to work hard and help improve the contributions of agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors to the national economy.

He argued that increasing the contribution of the sector to the national economy and improving the livelihood of farmers, livestock keepers and fishermen can only be realized if the officers work diligently in their areas.

In a speech read on his behalf at the opening of the Tanzania Society of Agricultural Education and Extension (TSAEE)'s 2022 annual general meeting and conference, he noted that the government was aware of the challenges extension officer and is working on how to end them.

The meeting brought together representatives of extension officers in all regions in the mainland and Isles who came to share experiences, and challenges facing and learn from each other. He said there is still a lot of work to ensure farmers, livestock

keepers and fishermen use the right technology in their activities and boost the performance of the sector in the national economy.

"It is important that you cooperate with farmers, livestock keepers and fishermen in an effort to get the right information, use extension services as a way of spreading technology, educate and provide professional advice and get feedback use of technology," Bashe told the officers.

The deputy minister reminded them to plan their working schedules in such a way that results in better performance due to the ability to reach the relevant people who need extension services.

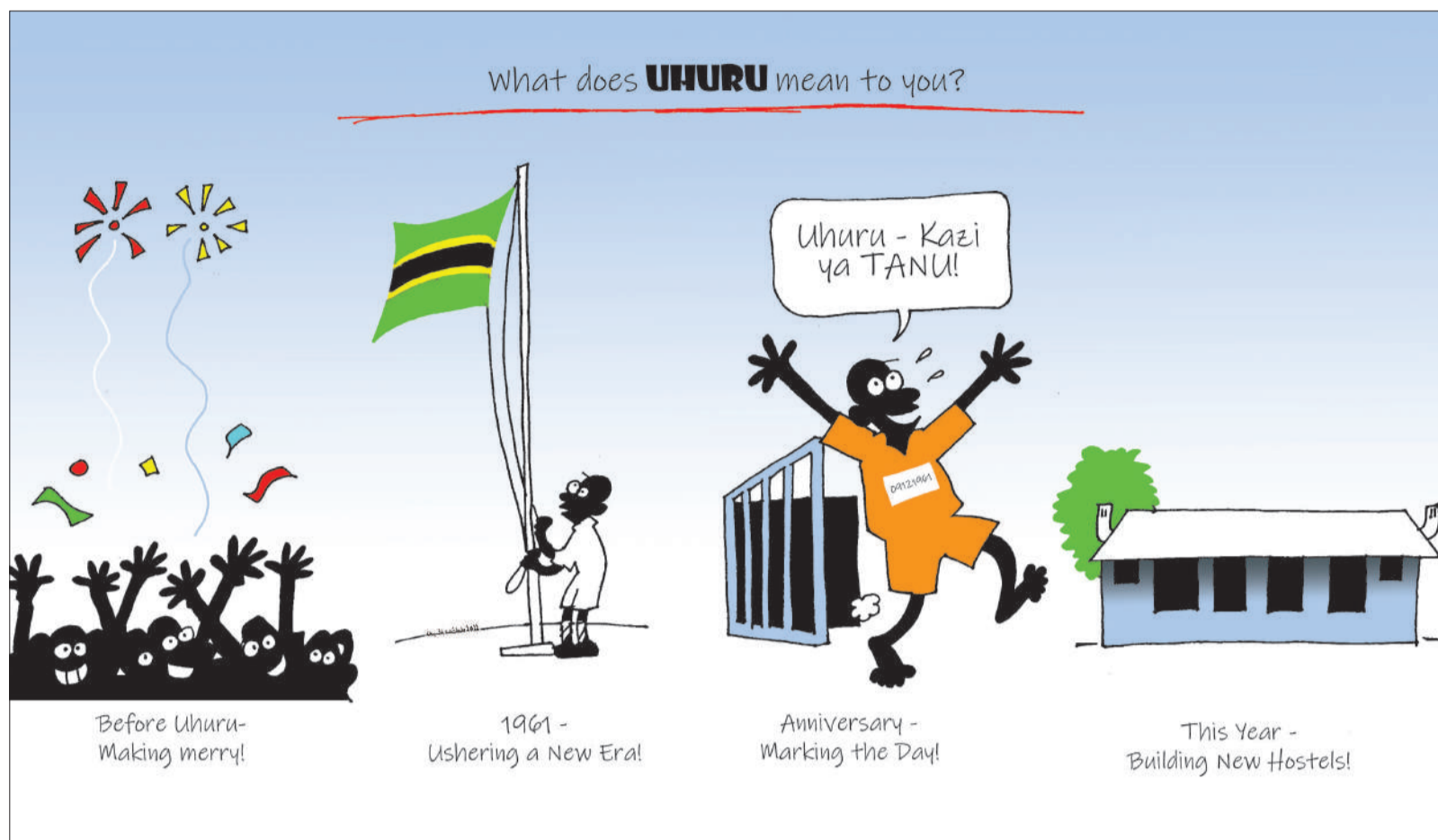
He added that the government through its research institutions continues discovering new technologies aimed at increasing productivity in commercial farming, livestock keeping and fisheries.

While acknowledging the importance of providing public education, training and awareness on the use of technology, extension officers in the country have a big opportunity on this and the government is ready to have in place a conducive environment for them to participate.

TSAEE Chairperson, Prof Catherine Msuya noted that extension officers face several challenges thus the need to convene such annual meetings where they share experiences and learn from each other.

She added that the organization is a platform where they share professional experiences and other matters affecting them as well as helping in improving policy issues.

According to the chairperson, TSAEE cooperates with different stakeholders both locally and internationally working to improve extensions services in the country



Cold weather can be dangerous for the human body!

By Special Correspondent

A particularly nasty trifecta of influenza, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is already portending a rough winter. But there's another factor contributing to a potentially tough season for health: a colder-than-average season, which is forecast in the northern U.S. and the U.K.

Even an ordinary cold season can pose a threat to human health and safety. One 2015 study published in the *Lancet* analyzed over 74 million deaths around the world found that more than 7% of deaths were attributed to exposure to cold temperatures. "There is conclusive evidence that there is increased risk for many health outcomes related to cold," says Antonio Gasparrini, lead author of the study and professor at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

Surging natural gas costs mean that many families will struggle to afford to heat their homes,

By Sonny Aragba-Akpore

SOME 2.7 billion people in Nigeria will be connected by 2025. With a multi-stakeholder strategy and collaborative regulatory regimes of the 193-member nations of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the unconnected 2.7 billion population will be connected by 2025. This is the fulcrum of the ITU Broadband Commission's report released last week.

It specifically plans to advance global digital transformation in this regard. Some countries including Nigeria have keyed into this initiative to sustain the tempo for broadband access by the year 2025.

Nigeria currently has broadband coverage of 44 per cent and its target is 70 per cent by 2025 according to the National Broadband Plan (2020-2025).

Part of ITU initiative to connect the 2.7 billion people by 2025 formed the theme at a forum in Saudi Arabia recently. The conference rose with a communique stating that advances in space and satellite technology combined with evolving wireless connectivity are essential to connect people who remain excluded from the digital revolution. The conference was tagged "Connecting the World from the Skies" forum.

Hosted by the ITU and Saudi Arabia's Communications, Space and Technology Commission, the forum brought radio communication and space industry experts together to explore new ways to enhance global digital connectivity.

compounding the issue.

One of the most dangerous things about cold temperatures is that they come with an increased risk of cardiac issues, like heart attack and stroke, particularly for people with conditions like heart disease. This is the result of the body's natural defense system that kicks in as the temperature drops: to avoid losing heat to the environment, blood vessels by the skin contract, leading to a natural increase in blood pressure. This happens suddenly when the body gets cold, but the effect lasts; people's blood pressure tends to stay higher throughout the cold season, says Ikäheimo. This constriction of blood vessels also leads to more urination, which can cause dehydration if lost liquid isn't replaced by drinking more water. These changes can cause blood to thicken, which raises the risk of blood clots and forces the cardiovascular system to work harder.

Cold can also have harsh effects on the respiratory system and aggravate respiratory diseases like

asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Breathing in cold air can irritate the airway and trigger symptoms like trouble breathing, coughing, and mucus production.

Respiratory diseases like influenza and COVID-19 also circulate more in the winter. People tend to spend more time inside and gather more often in homes and other indoor spaces in the winter, which facilitates the spread of viruses. Some evidence also suggests that cold, dry weather may be ideal for rhinovirus and flu virus to spread, which may mean that viruses can remain viable longer and spread more efficiently.

Being exposed to cold temperatures is more dangerous for people with chronic conditions, including cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, and diabetes. Older people tend to have a combination of other related risk factors that may increase their risk for cold-related health effects. For instance, during aging, metabolic systems slow down, the layer

of fat under the skin thins, and organ systems are more likely to get stressed from a sudden shift in temperature.

Lower income communities are also at graver risk than other people. In the U.S., lower income households spend three times the share of their income on energy than more affluent households, said Lanique Howard, director of the Office of Community Services in the Administration for Children and Families, which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in a Nov. 2 press release.

On the same day, the Biden Administration announced \$4.5 billion in assistance to help lower-income Americans cover their heating costs this winter.

Age UK, a charity that provides elder services, said in a statement in Sept. that 2.8 million households with people over 60 in the U.K. are expected to live in energy poverty this cold season—meaning that they won't be able to afford to properly heat their home. That's 1.8 million more households than in 2021.

Bridging digital divide and internet for all

"Digital networks and technologies continue to empower and enrich the lives of billions of people worldwide," said ITU Secretary-General Houlin Zhao.

While many parts of the globe are connected, there is still much work to do to bring in the remaining third of the world's population. "Innovative aerial and space borne communication networks have the potential to advance our efforts to bridge the digital divide at country and global levels," the ITU explained.

Recognizing the need to reach the 2.7 billion people still unconnected around the world, the public-private forum focused on technological developments and innovative business models for aerial and space-based connectivity. It also highlighted how regulators and governments are working alongside industry to unleash untapped potential in today's 5G networks, as well as in the journey towards 6G.

As the ITU Broadband Commission Report 2022 states "Internet use grew during the COVID-19 pandemic, a new Broadband Commission but in spite of this, there is an urgent need for broadband connectivity "that is fit for purpose in terms of affordability and accessibility."

The report says 66 per cent of the global population - some 5.3 billion people - used the Internet in 2022, up from 54 per cent in 2019.

"Broadband played a central role in this uptake after the pandemic shifted much of daily life online, from remote work and learning to

online shopping and banking and even medical consultations using e-health applications.

The report specifically says increasing access is not enough but to make broadband affordable as well. As the report puts it: "To increase Internet usage, entry-level broadband services need to be made affordable in developing countries, with subscriptions costing less than two per cent of monthly gross national income (GNI) per capita."

Broadband services in 2021 became less affordable, largely owing to downward incomes in the midst of COVID-19 even though service charges continued to drop.

Of the 193-member states, only 96 countries met the affordability target of two per cent of GNI for mobile broadband, down from 103 in 2020, while 64 countries met the two per cent target for fixed broadband, down from 62 in 2020.

But the ITU worries stem essentially from the ability to make internet available for all by 2025 even though data show how Internet use surged during the pandemic, with user numbers rising from 54 per cent of the world's population in 2019 to 66 per cent this year.

The report says however that "Internet usage has now reached 93 per cent in high-income countries, 61 per cent in low- and middle-income countries, but just 36 per cent in least developed countries."

In high income countries, the rise in internet usage has not impacted positively on old people and those who are physically challenged.

These category of people are still behind in connectivity.

Bridging gender digital divide is top on the Broadband for all by 2025 as this report has identified some gaps between men and women with access saying gender equality in access to digital services is improving.

According to the World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Database, 69 per cent of men were using the Internet in 2022 compared to 64 per cent of women. Some regions and income groups have reached gender parity in Internet use, including developed countries and the Americas, while small island developing states (SIDS) and Europe have nearly reached the target."

Recommendations for improving high access by 2025 by the Broadband Commission include the creation of a more connected post-pandemic world with two essential pre-requisites.

These are "a conducive regulatory environment for broadband services that will be crucial for countries to attract the vast investments needed to support a more digital world for everyone."

"Secondly, strategies and policies must be adopted and implemented to enable broadband adoption and accelerate digital inclusion."

For these prerequisites to be fulfilled "will depend on impactful measures in areas like data protection, operational emissions, affordability, investment in networks, and remote learning, among other ways," the report said.

NEARLY 240 million children worldwide, or one in 10, live with disabilities and experience deprivation in indicators such as health, education and protection, according to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Each one of us can do something to support children with disabilities



If you know any child who lives with disability in your neighbourhood then you must be familiar with the struggles of such children as they try to live a normal life in our society given the fact that basic infrastructures are not friendly to them.

Childhood is the most important stage in an individual's life. A child's life is determined by his or her acceptance by others. A handicapped child is one who deviates from normal health status either physically or mentally hence requires social care, treatment and education.

In simple language, we can say a physically handicapped child is the one who cannot participate in social, recreational, educational or vocational activities on fairly equal terms with other children of his or her age. There are a variety of handicapped children such as physically handicapped, autistic, deaf, blind, partially sighted, cerebral palsy, brain damage and many more.

The first effective step in efforts to keep permanent handicap to a minimum is to find cases as early as possible. Delayed and inadequate care can be carried into adult life. This may lessen the ability to take care of oneself and make them heavy burden to the community. Family members, school, especially family physician would be able to make a greater contribution to prevention and early case finding.

Handicapped child's value of life is developed owing to the attitude of others. That a child has to go through a struggle to be recognized as a rational and sensitive person is sad. Economically struggling families often abandon disabled children, entrusting their care to the state, charities or NGOs.

Experts say there are two opposite approaches for social rehabilitation of differently abled children. The first approach implies conscious withdrawal of a child from the society and being placed in a special institution since birth to get necessary help in an isolated way. However, such disabled individual becomes hopeless, uneducable or sometimes dangerous for themselves and society.

Any attempt to become part of an unfamiliar and frightening society that the child undertakes during childhood or adulthood is usually a failure.

The second approach provides an opportunity for social rehabilitation that implies not only the education of a differently abled person in a family environment and the training of common skills accessible to them but also school based learning that subsequently allow a professional career and a social success.

The most important thing is these disabled children are gifted with some unique talents. These children often have outstanding mathematical, musical and artistic abilities among other talents. Their talents can be discovered, supported and developed only by educating and perceiving the differently abled person as a regular member of the society with active social participation.

A disabled child's family gives the child the necessary confidence and power to overcome fear not only of movement but also value to themselves as human. But this role of helping a disabled child is not only for the family but also doctors, relatives and immediate surroundings which play a significant role in their psychological rehabilitation.

A normal person should not take it for granted; one must be grateful for the gift of good health. But people deprived of this gift since birth or due to circumstances don't cease to be people. Their value is no less than the rest of us. Disabled people have to remember that the absence of a certain gift to them and its presence in others cannot make them less human.

We should feel the pain of every parent of a disabled child. We should not make them cry by our mean or harsh comments on needy children. I know more proud parents of handicapped children who encourage their special talents. Some of them become best athletes or writers or and some of them have made it big in many careers with the help of their parents and obviously society.



Treatment of disabled children over the past 100 years was often cruel and shocking. Society often views the disabled as less human. But in the past few decades, attitudes towards people with disabilities have changed drastically. Nowadays, children with disabilities and their families do get support from the society. As a result of this kind of

support from the society, many live normal life. We have a big responsibility of supporting children with special needs. We should not look down on them for their lack of physical or mental abil-

ity. Also, we should not treat them with pity and undue kindness but encourage them to flourish their special talents. Let's make them live with self-respect independently.

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Civil Construction Works for New Crusher Circuit

Pre-qualification Criteria

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1	NM062/2022	Civil Construction Works for New Crusher Circuit	i. Applicants to submit Company profile with proven experience in civil construction works ii. Information required to include a list of relevant projects undertaken in last 5 years. For each project provide: description and relevance to the tendered project; project cost; and duration of project iii. Completion certificates of previous projects with reference list of Clients, applicant agrees - without reservation-upon the submission of EOI, that the Company has the full right to contact any of the references provided iv. Applicant to submit list and specifications of Equipment's, including facilities and intellectual property v. Applicant to submit organizational structure, list of experienced personnel vi. Local Content Regulations compliance and a valid CRB registration, Class 3 contractor and above vii. Applicant should provide proof to its statements as necessary regarding its financial stability, engineering capabilities, documents complying with Tanzanian laws and Regulations

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Mining out to protect livelihoods, environment and help energy transition

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

AFRICA'S mineral wealth has the potential to improve lives hundreds of millions of people currently living in poverty, protect the environment and help energy transition, according to Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI).

Whether and how governments and companies move to further extract this mineral wealth is not only economically and environmentally important for the continent but also for protecting the world's rapidly diminishing forests.

Speaking in Dodoma during Policy Forum's Breakfast Debate last week which was held alongside the Jukwaa la Uzidua Conference last, NRGI Advisor Silas Olan'g said that the world needs a mining triple win which are policies that can benefit African citizens, their environment and the energy transition.

"These policies need to work for all if they are to work for any of them. But mining in Africa has been riddled with injustice. Humanity cannot afford to repeat the mistakes that have beset Africa's mining in the past," he said.

He said the past mistakes were caused by the entire governance of the sector including the unpredictability of the investment policy which erodes trust of the investors.

"Many people think that in order to attract investments in the country, you need to remove or minimize the taxes; not really, rather, what is important is the predictability of the investment through good policies because investors are attracted by well governed countries," he said.

Olan'g said that effective imple-



Commissioner for Minerals Dr Abdul Mwanga (centre) speaks on the importance of mining for poverty reduction during a breakfast debate organized by Policy Forum in Dodoma last week. Photo Courtesy of Policy Forum

mentation of policy matters a lot. If it is not consultative, it cannot function properly. He added that citizens should be involved from the beginning of the dialogue process.

He said that to achieve a triple win, there are a whole host of policies available and many ideas from experts for consideration. NRGI has brought these together and considered how they may work to truly achieve triple win.

According to Olan'g, their recent study findings have indicated that Africa's metals are essential to the rapid transition of energy systems away from fossil fuels. Africa holds 19 per cent of the global reserves of metals required to make a standard battery powered electric vehicle.

However, Africans have not benefited sufficiently from mining in the past, and mining has led to deforestation and pollution. A triple-win is possible and necessary. A

better deal for Africans will help reduce risks for investors, and support global efforts to secure more metals.

There are only 28 years remaining until countries representing two-thirds of the global economy aim to have 'net zero' emissions, yet it takes on average 17 years for the mining industry to develop a mineral discovery and start production.

Success doesn't require reinventing the wheel. Numerous existing policy approaches can help, he argued. The report details seven that stand out for requiring the combined action of international and regional authorities, companies and governments.

These won't work unless the foundations of governance are in place, he said. This means improved governmental capacity to design and implement policies and transparent, accountable and corruption-

free governments and companies.

David Manley, Lead Economic Analyst at NRGI said that there is a growing potential for Tanzania to broaden mining sector beyond gold.

He said that Africa is an essential source and could supply more (and benefit more) but is least explored continent. Manley suggested that in order to attract more investment and benefit, mineral rich countries need to avoid mistakes of the past.

"Governing these 'new' minerals requires properly applying the 'old' economic and governance principles," he said.

Eastern and Southern African coordination important to get the most from the next energy transition mining boom, he said, adding that Africa is an essential source of transition mineral reserves. According to the latest study by NRGI, Mozambique and Tanzania have 13 per

cent of the world's graphite used in batteries.

Dr Abdul Mwanga, Commissioner for Minerals, said that the criticality of the minerals differs from one country to another country. He further said that this depends on specified time, for example, when there is a demand for renewable energy.

"Criticality exists where there is scarcity, demand and supply of that energy. So, knowing the supply chain is paramount," he said.

Economically, before entering into using strategic energy, it's vital to know its security, he said, adding that entering without enough knowledge on the matter can affect the economy.

However, he said that an advanced and special technology is needed to extract critical or strategic mineral wealth because technology plays important part in down and up streams.

Geopolitical consideration is also important because of the national security. Mwanga said the government is working to get enough findings on the amount of critical minerals the country has.

"There is a gap of information on how much reserve of critical minerals present in the country. More explorations are needed to find out the exact amount," he said.

Former Commissioner for Minerals Dr Dalaly Kafumu advised the government to come up with a good policy that can enable the country benefit from strategic minerals.

He has also urged the government and other stakeholders to involve and sensitize ordinary citizens on proper ways of shifting to clean energy. For, the Tanzania Min-

ing Policy of 2009 does not make any reference to energy transition.

However, section 5.5 of the Policy directs the government to participate strategically in mineral exploration, mining and value addition.

Critical minerals of Tanzania include copper whose production was 12,000 tonnes per year in 2020 which was considered not so significant in the world rankings.

Also, there is graphite whereby in 2019 Tanzania estimated graphite reserves of 18 metric tonnes and ranks 5th globally. Tanzania graphite production is projected to have a significant influence on the world supply by 2025.

Another mineral is nickel. The Kabanga Nickel resources (58 metric tonnes) is about 19 per cent of the world reserves and is hoped will make Tanzania the world's significant player by 2025.

Another one is Uranium and Mkuju uranium resources are about 1 per cent of the world reserves. It can have a significant impact on world production.

According to the World Bank, International Energy Agency and the United Nations environmental bodies, the impact of climate change and the drive to transition from fossil fuels to clean energy is happening faster than earlier predicted.

WB estimates that overall demand for at least some critical minerals vital for industrial energy transition will increase significantly over the next 30 years by 2050. Governments must set clear policy objectives and regulations if critical materials supply is considered essential.

He also stressed unwaveringly adhering to a Chinese approach of having fewer but better troops, and making them more revolutionary, modern and standardized.

In the 1990s, the CPC Central Committee and the CMC formulated the military strategy of active defense for the new period, and made major changes in the level of strategic guidance, shifting the focal point of military preparedness from handling local wars fought under general conditions to winning local wars fought under technological conditions, especially high-tech conditions. Later, it was further proposed that winning local wars in the information age should be the focal point of military preparedness.

The decision to prohibit military and armed police units, as well as judicial, procuratorial and public security organs from doing business was put forward by Jiang.

On July 1, 1997, Hong Kong returned to its motherland. On Dec. 20, 1999, Macao returned. Jiang went to Hong Kong and Macao to attend the handover ceremonies. The return of Hong Kong and Macao enriched "one country, two systems" in both theory and practice.

Jiang also pushed the two sides of the Taiwan Strait to reach the 1992 Consensus, which embodies the one-China principle. He also promoted cross-strait consultations and negotiations.

In a speech titled "Continue to

Jiang Zemin's great, glorious life -2

Promote the Reunification of the Motherland" in January 1995, Jiang stressed that adherence to the one-China principle is the basis and premise for peaceful reunification. In not promising to renounce the use of force, we are in no way targeting our Taiwan compatriots, but rather foreign forces conspiring to interfere in China's reunification and the plots to seek "Taiwan independence," he said.

Jiang put forward a set of thoughts on foreign affairs and international strategy. He said peace and development remained the themes of our era, adding that China would unwaveringly pursue an independent foreign policy of peace with the purpose of safeguarding world peace and promoting common development. He also advocated active actions to build a multi-polar world, promote greater democracy in international relations, respect the diversity of the world and enhance exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations.

Jiang promoted the establishment of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the first regional cooperation organization set up with China's participation and named after a Chinese city.

The Shanghai Spirit championed

by the SCO -- mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, consultation, respect for diverse civilizations and pursuit of common development -- has exerted an important influence on contemporary international relations.

Jiang pointed out that to do a good job of governing the country, the Party must first do a good job of governing itself, and that means governing it strictly.

He put forward the Party's two historical tasks of both improving its leadership and governance, and reinforcing its ability to resist corruption and withstand risks.

He emphasized that the Party must always be the vanguard of the Chinese working class, the vanguard of the Chinese people and the Chinese nation, and the leadership core in the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics, representing the developmental demands of China's advanced productive forces, the orientation for China's advanced culture, and the fundamental interests of the greatest possible majority of the Chinese people.

He said the biggest danger for the Party when it becomes the ruling party is its detachment from the masses and that resolutely opposing and preventing corruption is a



major political task for the whole Party.

Underscoring the importance of adhering to the Party's mass line, he demanded the Party do everything for the people while relying on the people in every task.

He asked officials at all levels to bear in mind the purpose of serving the people wholeheartedly and doing practical and good things for them.

He united and led the central collective leadership of the CPC in tackling a series of international emergencies concerning China's sovereignty and security,

overcoming difficulties and risks cropping up in the political and economic spheres and those brought by natural disasters, and in particular successfully coping with the impact of the Asian financial crisis and winning a complete victory in the disaster relief efforts during the floods in 1998.

In September 2004, the fourth plenary session of the 16th CPC Central Committee approved Jiang's request to retire from the post of chairman of the Party's Central Military Commission. In March 2005, the second plenary meeting of the third session of the 10th National People's Congress approved Jiang's request to retire from the post of chairman of the Central Military Commission of the PRC.

After retiring from leadership posts, Jiang firmly upheld the work of the CPC Central Committee and gave it his support. He showed care for the great cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics and resolutely supported the efforts to improve Party conduct and combat corruption.

Jiang was personally in charge of editing and finalizing the first, second and third volumes of "Selected Works of Jiang Zemin." These works include the representative and creative works of Jiang from the late 1980s to the beginning of the 21st century.

The Theory of Three Represents founded by Jiang is a guiding ideology the Party must uphold in the long run. It is also a precious intellectual treasure of the Party and the people.

As China embarks on a new journey, the whole Party, the entire military, and the Chinese people of all ethnic groups must follow the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core and strive relentlessly for building a modern socialist country in all respects and advancing national rejuvenation on all fronts.

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Clerics urged to allow women get in top leadership positions

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

RELIGIOUS leaders have been urged to allow women to aspire and hold top positions in their denominations.

Anna Sangai, Tanzania Gender Network Programme (TGNP)'s training and capacity building coordinator made the call in Dar es Salaam recently when speaking at a two-day seminar that brought together 45 religious leaders from Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Kigoma, Morogoro, Arusha, Tanga, Dodoma and Coast regions.

She said that the seminar was aimed at discussing and brainstorming proper ways on how they could democratically allow many women who are leaders and agents of change their right to participate in various top decision making positions

Sangai mentioned some of the challenges that halt women from participating in top decision making positions as gender based violence that follows women and girls.

She says according to the human rights centre's latest report, around 30 women face gender based violence every day.

"The situation is very bad and the effect of this gender based violence does not only affect the victim but affects also the economy of the society and the entire nation."

She further noted that in reality gender based violence undermines the economy from family level to the national level. The UN Women of Statistics of 2016 show that gender based violence cost the country around USD1.5 trillion per year.

According to World Bank report of 2018, gender-based violence against women cost around 3.7 percent of gross domestic product to some countries across the globe.

According to TGNP's findings, there are

hopes especially due to the political will of the government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan who has dedicated to ensure there is gender equality in leadership and decision-making at different levels.

One of the participants to that seminar Bishop Stanley Kilima of the Zion Temple Celebration Centre in Arusha said that God does not deny a woman to be a leader in the church positions.

He says according to Holy Bible, afterwards I will pour out my Spirit on everyone; your sons and daughters will proclaim my message; your old people will have dreams and your young people will see visions-Joel 2:28.

National chairperson of the Muslim Women Tanzania Mainland under Bakwata, Hajat Shamim Khan said that God is for all people and not for men alone.

"There is no religion that hinders a woman to become or participate in leadership. Those are laymen excuses," she said.

She further noted that religious laws and policies that deny a woman to participate on top leadership in their religious denominations need to be reviewed, amended and translated into simpler language so as to accommodate them.

Shehe Abdi Hamis, a madrasa teacher at Ubungu Kisiwani said that in order for a Muslim woman to become a leader she needs to be educative and clean.

One of the facilitators to that seminar Shakila Mayumana has urged religious leaders to use their positions to rebuke and change systems that hinder women from obtaining to high positions in their denominations.

"Religious leaders stand on your positions. Allow women with leadership qualities to hold top positions in your denominations."



A cross section of religious leaders who attended leadership seminar organised by TGNP in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo: Courtesy of TGNP.

There are many inequalities based on gender, class, age, ethnicity, location (rural/urban) across all spheres of life, that is social, religion, economic, political, and legal, which mostly affect women and youth. Women population is at 51.3 per cent

and women are the main contributors to the country's economy. Women account for 52 per cent

of the working age population (15 years and over), but labour force participation rate is higher among males (89.4 pc) than among female

(84.2 pc). Tanzania Gender Network Programme (TGNP) is a feminist organisation established on the belief that gender equality, equity, empowered women, and social justice are crucial and attainable. TGNP's ideology and philosophy are

built on Transformative Feminism that challenges patriarchy and neo-liberalism and recognizes the intersection between gender, class, race/ ethnic, and national/global power relations, including age, corporate globalisation, rural-urban, elite-illiterate, disability, and other exclusionary social relations.

By Grtrude Mbago

Network underscores need to increase investments to strengthening ESRACs

THE Tanzania Education Network (TENMET) has underscored the need to increase investment in strengthening Education Support Resource and Assessment Centres (ESRACs) for the early identification of different disabilities in children.

A statement issued by the network's national coordinator Ochocha Wayoga as part of the commemoration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), stated that joint efforts from both the government and stakeholders were needed to improve the quality of education that meet the needs of persons with disabilities.

"We need to strongly promote and facilitate identification and assessment of children with disabilities to determine the individual learning needs, proper placement and support in schools and other related services," he said.

He said that the government in collaboration with development partners, and civil society need to invest in building the capacity of teachers for screening, identification and assessment of children

with disabilities so that teachers are equipped with the skills and expertise to allow them to develop educational programme fitting the needs of different learners with disability.

Wayoga said the government's effort to provide free education for all must be matched by the quality of education that supports the needs of learners with a disabilities, else free education without support structures and facilities for people with disability is futile.

"Education delivery for all must be supported by the supportive facilities and infrastructures, both public and private schools must conform to facilities standards needed to support learning to all. Counseling support to caregivers, parents and persons with disabilities should be provided in order to eliminate or reduce stigma against people with disabilities," he said.

A need to raise awareness of the importance of sign language, tactile sign language and total communication for children with disabilities is critical if we are to build an inclusive society.

Wayoga said TENMET will always continue to support disability inclusion by providing transformative solutions for inclusive development in education.

"In line with the promises of agenda 2030 for sustainable development to "leave no one behind," it is critical for governments, public and private sectors to collaboratively find innovative solutions for and with persons with disabilities to make the world a more accessible and equitable place. TEN/MET pledge solidarity in pursuit of the rights of all persons with disabilities in Tanzania and the world at large," he noted.

He added that education stakeholders in partnership with the government should continue to provide learning and teaching materials to ensure that all children in school have access to learning materials as per their needs.

We also ask the government to subsidize medical, rehabilitation and

devices used for people with disabilities to increase accessibility to these services to persons with disability in the country.

He said that TENMET recognizes the government's efforts in promoting education access to all by putting in place a National strategy for inclusive education 2021/22-25/2026, the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2010 and its pledge to ensure that the laws concerning persons with disabilities are implemented and safeguarded.

Persons with disabilities are among the population groups most likely to suffer from exclusion from education. According to the Report of the Commission on Education, 2016, more than 32 million children with disabilities worldwide are deprived of education, representing about one third of the out-of-school population.



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Request for Proposals (RFP)

Consultancy: Develop a National Forest Landscape Restoration Program and Action Plan for Local Government and Village Land Forest Reserves and Develop at least two (2) Fundable Restoration Proposals for Soliciting Funds from Different Sources for Sustainable Management of Local Government Forests in Tanzania.

Various efforts have been made by the Local Government Authorities in protecting local government forests including forests under village governments and wildlife habitats, but still, the Local Government Authorities lack the financial and technical resources to adequately reduce the natural resources depletion rate at these forests. Government budget allocations to the forest sector have for years been minimal. Given the importance of the Local Government Forests and increased community dependence on increasing deforestation and degradation, WWF Tanzania recently supported PO-RALG to organize policy forums for awareness creation on decentralization by devolution, powers, roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders for sustainable management of forest resources in Tanzania. The workshop recommendations identified the need to develop a Local Governments Sustainable Forest Management Program/Strategy for unlocking sustainable financing to support LGAs sustainable forest resources management. It is against this background that PO-RALG in partnership with WWF Tanzania seeks to recruit a consultant to facilitate the development of the National Forest Landscape Restoration Program and at least two (2) fundable restoration proposals for sustainable management of Local Government forests in Tanzania.

The objective of the consultancy
The overall objective is this assignment is to develop a National Forest Landscape Restoration Program and at least 2 fundable restoration proposals for the sustainable management of Local Government forests in Tanzania. Specifically, the consultant will be required to; Work with the PO-RALG Forest Sector staff and facilitate the development of a National Forest Landscape Restoration Program for sustainable management of Local Government forests in Tanzania, to facilitate the development of at least 2 fundable project proposals within the overall forest restoration program to unlock financial resources from different sources for restoration of Local Government forests in Tanzania, and propose effective institutional partnerships for a sustainable restoration program in the LGA forests and Undertake capacity building and training sessions to strengthen PO-RALG staff capacity on developing winning forest restoration project proposals.

Application procedure & Submission of Applications
All interested applicants may get the detailed ToR on WWF websites at https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/consultancies_and_tenders/ and also, send your full proposal (technical & financial) through procurement email at procurement@wwftz.org only softcopy proposals are accepted. For uniformity, when sending proposal, heading subject should read Consultancy to develop a NFLR Program and Action Plan and addressed to;

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All applications should reach us by or before **1600hrs** Tanzania local time on **Wednesday, 21st December 2022.**

WWF has a principle of zero tolerance on fraud and corruption, if you encounter such an incident, then report it by sending an email to fcci@wwftz.org.

200 trekkers in Mt. Kili expedition to mark 61st anniversary of Tanzania's independence

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

A GROUP of 200 trekkers yesterday started to scale Mt. Kilimanjaro to mark the 61st anniversary of Tanzania's independence.

The special expedition dubbed: Uhuru Expedition 2022-"Twenzetu Kileleni"-Let's Go to the Summit is being led by brigadier general of the Tanzania Peoples Defense Forces (TPDF), Salum Mnumbe.

The expedition also attracted TPDF officers, Tanzania envoys from different countries led by Tanzania ambassador in the United Kingdom (UK), Dr Asha-Rose Migiro, officials from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM)-Mwalimu Nyerere Chair, National Tourism College (NTC), Tanzania Forest Services (TFS), Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) officials, Medical Stores Department (MSD), LATRA, and the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB), among many others, was graced by the Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Pindi Chana.



Faustine Chombo said the expedition is to make sure that all trekkers reach the highest peak of mount Kilimanjaro-Uhuru Peak.

He said that the idea is also meant to promote domestic tourism, as well Swahili language-with officials from UDSM-Mwalimu Nyerere Chair (Kigoda cha Mwalimu Nyerere).

Flagging off the 2022Uhuru expedition dubbed: 'Bravery and Patriotism: Action to Strengthen Tanzania Tourism' the conservationist of TANAPA, Asteria Ndaga commended the role played by

retired Chief of the Tanzania Peoples Defence Forces (CDF) General George Waitara in promoting conservation and domestic tourism.

Moshi district commissioner, Abbas Kayanda, said that apart from showing our patriotism worldwide that we are honouring the Independence of our country, the expedition will also promote domestic tourism and conservation of our natural resources.

He also recommended the role played by Zara Tours in promoting tourism in the country as well as employment among the people of this country.

The founder and Director of Zara Tours, Zainab Ansell said that various achievements have been attained in the tourism sector in 54 years since our country's independence.

She added that all the trekkers are expected to reach the peak on December 9th, this year and start descending the same day and will use Marangu route which is located in Moshi Rural district, Kilimanjaro region.

China's space station enters long-term residence mode

By Wu Yuehui, Yu Jianbin

A Long March-2F Y15 carrier rocket blasted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China at 11:08 p.m. (Beijing Time) on November 29, sending the Shenzhou-15 spaceship and three Chinese astronauts into the space.

It was the last manned mission in the construction phase of China's space station.

At 7:33 a.m. the next day, the Shenzhou-14 crew opened the hatch of the Tiangong space station in its T-shape configuration, and welcomed the Shenzhou-15 crew. Later, the six astronauts took a group photo together in the space station.

The three Shenzhou-15 crew members are Fei Junlong, Deng Qingming and Zhanglu. The two crews will live together in orbit for around five days.

The first in-orbit rotation in the Chinese space station is challenging. Therefore, the astronauts have made full preparations.

According to experts, during the in-orbit rotation, the two crews will work according to their respective tasks and plans. The Shenzhou-14 crew will make preparations for their return, while the Shenzhou-15 crew will focus more on adapting themselves to the in-orbit environment. The work handover will be completed before the in-orbit rotation ends.

There are two sets of kitchen equipment in orbit, allowing the six to prepare a meal at the same time and share food with each other. In addition, two modules of the space station are equipped with two sanitary areas and six sleeping areas, all of which can be used independently.

The Shenzhou-15 spaceship, the last manned mission launched in the construction phase of China's space station, is the first one to visit the space station after the T-shape configuration was formed.

The safe arrival of the spaceship marked that the Chinese space station has for the first time expanded to its largest configuration with three modules and three spaceships, having a total mass of nearly 100 tons.

The three modules refer to Tianhe and two lab modules Wentian and Mengtian, and the



Shenzhou-15 and Shenzhou-14 crews pose for a group picture in China's space station Nov. 30, 2022. (Photo from the official website of China Manned Space)

three spaceships the cargo craft Tianzhou-5 and two spaceships Shenzhou-15 and Shenzhou-14. They demonstrate the remarkable capability of China's manned space.

It is the first time that two Shenzhou space-

ships have docked with the space station simultaneously.

Zhang Yi, designer of the Guidance, Navigation and Control subsystem of Shenzhou spaceships with the China Academy of Space

Technology, said that during the rotation, the information of the two manned spaceships will be transmitted through different lines for exclusiveness and accuracy. The space station will offer venti-

lation and thermal support for the two spaceships. Air supply volume will be distributed according to the thermal environments of the two spaceships. Besides, an emergency evacuation strategy based on the situation of two berthing spaceships has been worked out to ensure the safety of the astronauts.

It is reported that the scientific experiment cabinets carried by the three modules will be comprehensively utilized during the Shenzhou-15 mission. More than 40 experiments and tests in the fields of space science research and application, space medicine and space technology are expected to be carried out.

As space activities are vigorously carried out, the studies on how creatures, including humans, respond to, exist in, change in and adapt to zero-gravity and cosmic radiation conditions, have become an important research subject of space life science.

According to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), two "mini cubes" supporting life science experiments are taken to the space station by the Shenzhou-15 spaceship.

One of them will be taken to the life and ecology experiment cabinet inside the Wentian space lab to be used for the study and research on space radiation metrology and biological damage assessment technology.

Cai Weiming, a researcher with the CAS Center for Excellence in Molecular Plant Sciences, said the experiment will provide an important basis for in-orbit radiation damage assessment and protection.

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In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

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4 letters MERE, MENU, OSLO, OMAN, REIN HATE, MEED, ORES, BULL,
5 letters AMPERE, RACHIS, DINER, NOBLE
6 letters BUCKET, PLENARY, SOMALIA, TEASED
7 letters BROWSER, BULGARE, OMAHDAUN
8 letters EMINENCE, DYNAMITE
9 letters CALAMITY,

CLUES: **Across**
1 to reprimand
5 sex that fertilizes the ovum
6 unkind, cruel
9 Overpopulated country in Africa
13 Animal of Australia
14 to stay
16 coloured tropical freshwater fish
17 barrier constructed to hold back water
19 stopped, ceased
20 small flat cake
22 highest point
23 largest horned African antelopes

Down:
1 Italy's Capital
2 bed cover
3 infidel
4 human beings
7 Niger's capital
8 chain around a prisoner's ankle as a restraint
10 insect which sucks
11 an Indian actor
12 barbary sheep
15 friendly and sociable with fellow members not outsiders
17 dues
18 a walking stick
19 used as an expression of pain
21 large tailless primate

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US diplomat's wife will not return to UK for sentencing over crash

LONDON
ANNE Sacoolas, the wife of a US diplomat, will not return to Britain for sentencing this week after admitting causing the death of a teenager by driving carelessly in England three years ago, a British court has said.

Harry Dunn, 19, died in August 2019 after his motorcycle was hit by a car driven on the wrong side of the road by Sacoolas near RAF Croughton, an air force base in the English county of Northamptonshire that is used by the US military.

Sacoolas, whose husband worked as a US intelligence officer at the base, left Britain shortly after the accident, claiming diplomatic immunity from criminal prosecution and the United States refused to extradite her.

In October, appearing at London's Old Bailey court by video link from the United States, Sacoolas denied causing death by dangerous driving but admitted the less serious charge. The judge had previously directed that she attend the sentencing, due to take place on Thursday, in person.

The Old Bailey said in a statement on Tuesday that an application for Sacoolas to take part and be sentenced via video link had been renewed. "The defence have supplied material in support of the application including evidence that Mrs Sacoolas' government employer has advised her not to attend in person. The judge has granted the application," the statement said.

Radd Seiger, a spokesperson for Dunn's family, said they were "horrificed".

"On the face of it, it appears that this is nothing short of a cowardly act on the part of an oppressor," he said, adding that he had asked for an urgent meeting with Foreign Secretary James Cleverly to ask what action the government would take.

The crash led to a diplomatic spat between London and Washington, with the British government backing the call for Sacoolas to be prosecuted.

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Marine products leverage Zanzibar's blue economy

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR government has said that marine product harvests have increased following investments channeled in the blue economy, leading to major earnings of foreign currency in the economy.

Dr. Aboud Suleiman Jumbe, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries revealed yesterday during a press briefing on the achievements realized so far President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi prioritized the blue economy policy two years ago.

Dr. Jumbe said that the achievement is a clear indication that the government is doing all it can to uplift livelihoods of the low end economic groups in the island.

On the Fisheries sector Dr Jumbe said 47,110 tonnes of fish were caught in 2021 compared to 38,107 tonnes in 2020, an increase of 19.1 percent.

According to him, the contribution of the fisheries sector to the national income has increased from 206.4bn/- (4.5%) in 2020 to 236.8bn/- in 2021 (5.1 percent).

He asserted that current fish catches

trends shows that the country is likely to record an overwhelmed 65,000 tonnes of fish by the end of 2023, given that the government has strengthened the fishing sector by distributing enough modern equipment to increase the output of the people and the nation.

In order to increase fish harvesting, the PS said there are plans to purchase 300 fishing boats with a length of seven meters each and 277 boats (eight meters), which are equipped with modern equipment including fish finders (Fish Finders) 577, GPS 577 and traps.

On seaweed farming Dr Jumbe said the production level has been increasing from 14,000 tonnes per year, expected until the end of 2023, 21,000 tonnes will be harvested, noting that a big step has been reached in crab farming where the current trend is to harvest 200 tonnes every year.

On sea cock breeding, he explained that Zanzibar harvested and exported 30 tonnes in 2019 before the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the new trend is to reach more than 50 tonnes, the level that is exported by the country of Madagascar, which is the world's largest exporter of these crops.



In order to increase the production of marine products, Dr Jumbe said that the government has ordered seaweed farmers to be given 500 boats of five meters in length each.

"We've been ordered by the 2020 CCM election manifesto

to provide training to entrepreneurs in the fishing and seafood farming sector so that they can run productive and efficient projects," he said.

He said that in increasing the production of marine products, the government has given sea-

weed farmers in Unguja and Pemba 500 boats of five meters each, adding that 60 crab farms and 40 fish farms have been established in various parts of the Indian Ocean archipelago.

Dr Jumbe also stated that the government is set to provide one

fish food machine and 500 seaweed boat machines.

He informed that, in order to increase the production of fish and marine products for entrepreneurs, 1,077 boats (577 for fishing, 500 for seaweed) and their machines have been purchased.

Govt warns gold miners, sellers against smuggling

By Guardian Correspondent, Chunya

THE government has warned gold miners and buyers in the country who smuggle out the mineral that stern steps will be taken against them including court action and revocation of their licences.

Minerals Minister, Dr Dotto Biteko gave the warning at the weekend here when visiting some small miners and talked to buyers, better known as 'brokers.'

He said some miners and traders have

been selling each other the mineral outside the official market system that has been causing loss of revenue to the government.

Dr Biteko called on them to stop the practice and required them to report their fellows who commit these acts so that legal steps are taken against them.

"We cannot accept a few people destroy the minerals trade, all over the world gold is sold through official system, hence those who continue smuggling the gold steps will be taken against them to be a lesson to oth-

ers," he said.

He noted that some buyers follow miners in the pits and sell the mineral at higher prices contrary to indicative price on promise not to charge government royalty.

Dr Biteko added that as for now they continue to follow up all buyers of minerals to identify their activities and stressed that when time for licence renewal in July next year only faithful mineral traders will remain and smugglers will not be licensed.

Lupa Member of Parliament, Masache Ki-

saka said small gold miners in Chunya District are faced by various challenges that make them fail to develop economically despite being in the business for a long time.

He cited some of the challenges as including many government institutions demanding tax and other charges at different times, the practice that confuse the miners due to many of them not being educated enough.

He mentioned some of these institutions as TRA, social security funds, Fire Brigade and Security Services department, NEMC, OSHA

and WCF. "we know it is the official procedure and it is our responsibility to pay, but we ask for a more practicable procedure from institutions," said the MP.

He said Chunya Mineral region is among areas in the country that lead in gold production being the second countrywide.

For their part, Mbeya Region Miners Association (MBERAMA) officials asked the government to direct TRA to demand income tax at mineral markets instead of the current system of going through miners' sale statistics.

Halotel to offer monthly free mobile top-ups for university all students

By Guardian Reporter

IN supporting the country's education sector, Halotel telecommunication Company has come up with yet another innovative approach in its products to customers.

The company has today announced a new initiative aimed at facilitating learning in the higher education through offering a monthly free mobile recharge worth 1500/- to every student who uses Halotel's university simcard (Edu SIMs).

This new service is expected to further make improvements in learning through digital platforms for the students of all universities in the country.

"We would like to be part of the contribution to the development of this important sector. We understand that education enables people to develop their full potential and become successful members of society. Said AbdallahSalum, Halotel's Director of Business.

"By contributing through this social development project, we believe we will help to reduce



Halotel Business Director Addallah Salum speaks to the journalists yesterday at the University of Dar es Salaam, during the launching event whereby Halotel will be offering Monthly Free Mobile airtime recharge worth 1500/- to every University student who uses Halotel's simcard dubbed (Edu SIMs) from the time of enrollment to the time of course completion. Looking on are the Marketing manager Ms. Sakina Makabu (R) and Halopesa Marketing Officer Roxana Kadio (L).

disparities in the country through the continuous and inclusive development of the human resources capacity by facilitating all students with opportunities to enjoy a more productive life," stated AbdallahSalum.

AbdallahSalumsaid the service is continuous as the company aims at supporting all higher learning students by granting them a communication supplement on a monthly basis from the time of enrollment to the time of course completion.

Currently, there is an estimated total number of 900,000 (Nine hundred thousands) university students, according to 2022 data from the Tanzania Commission for Universities.

Total number of universities that have been involved in this

program (Halotel's programme)are more than 280 all over the country (meaning in each region in Tanzania).

Apart from launching of this service to all university students, Halotel will also organize a big Concert on 10th December 2022 that will involve the live performance of the famous artists including Blue, Mabantu, Amber Lulu, DullahMakabila and others.

"To ensure that University students are also enjoying using our Mobile Money service (HALOPESA) Halotel introduces the Free Levy campaign specifically for HaloPesa University customers. This will be available on Halotel University Simcards only which goes by the name (Edu SIMs)," ...explained, Roxana

Kadio.

This campaign will run for 6 months from December 2022, whereby students will be able to transact with no government levy for five transactions per month not exceeding 30,000/-. Every University student in Tanzania who would become a HaloPesa customer would be able to get this promotion by doing any of HaloPesa transactions.

The free government levy promotion campaign is mainly meant to encourage more and more usage of HaloPesa services and encourage those that have not started using mobile money services to be motivated and rewarded as they use our good services and eventually widen up the financial included population in Tanzania.

"We recognize the efforts by the Government in improving education through various projects and policies through the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology," ...said Roxana Kadio

In remarks, university student's president.... OR University Vice Chancellor.... commended the Halotel for the new innovative service in supporting students learn through digital platforms by using the free voucher to buy internet bundle for surfing. ...said the free voucher is useful to the students considering their economic status.

THE new report of the Speedtest Global Index rankings for the third quarter ending September 2022 indicates that Halotel has the country's fastest mobile internet, leading others for three consecutive quarters.

Ookla, which owns and operates the popular speedtest.net Internet speed testing service, recently published its latest Speedtest Global Index rankings for Tanzania for the third quarter of 2022, which shows that Halotel has outperformed other big telecom companies.

It reveals that among top mobile providers in Tanzania in Q3 2022, Halotel delivered the fastest median download speed at 17.63 Mbps, followed by Vodacom (13.63Mbps), and Airtel (11.61Mbps).

By Correspondent Abdallah Bakari, Mtwara

TPA to construct new port in Mtwara

THE Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) is planning to construct a new port at Kisiwa Mgao village in Mtwara District to be used for exportation and importation of solid materials such as coal and cement.

TPA Deputy Director Juma Kijavala made the revelation when briefing the Minister for Construction Prof Makame Mbarawa who toured the port over the weekend.

He said the new port with a capacity to accommodate 100,000 tonnes at a time

would help in preserving the environment in Mtwara town which is at risk of being polluted by dust following on-going coal exportation.

"We are in a process to get a contractor, we are hoping to start construction activities by March 2023. This port will specifically be shipping solid materials including cement and coal," said Kijavala, noting the

port will be a long term solution to environmental conservation in Mtwara town.

He said that currently some resident's houses are being surrounded by coal dust, adding plans are underway to install a converge belt which will reduce the amount of dust spreading to the environment.

Meanwhile, Prof Mbarawa urged TPA to publicize the announced levy relief at the

Mtwara port to attract more businesses especially from the southern corridor.

"We have cut almost 50 percent of cost at this port, those who are using the Mtwara port will enjoy minimal charges compared to shipping costs at the port of Dar es Salaam," he said.

Prof Mbarawa said the government has invested a lot of money at the Mtwara port,

and that it is expecting returns in terms of revenues.

The Acting Mtwara Port Manager, Nobert Kalembo said that currently the port has a capacity to accommodate ships carrying up to 60,000 tonnes and that in 2022 a total of 19 ships has docked at the facility.

Kalembo said: "Our target is to have four ships every month; this will lead to full utilization of the port. With the presence of coal, cement and fuel exporting businesses, we are optimistic of achieving our target."

NIT urged to boost syllabus to meet market demands

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Shippers Council (TSC) has called on the National Institute of Transport (NIT) to continue engaging stakeholders in the transport sector so as to produce professionals who can meet the market needs.

Speaking when launching the first NIT Career Fair at the Institute's Main campus in Dar es Salaam, TSC Executive Secretary Sallu Johnson said: "Due to the development of Science and Technology, I urge you (NIT) to continue engaging with stakeholders to understand the market needs."

Johnson added: "The collaboration with stakeholders will help you to improve the training curricula in matching the job market."

The Executive Secretary pointed out that the NIT career event will help to improve students' careers and reflect the vision of the country's development in building the strongest transport sector.

He further said: "I believe that this event will spur cooperation between the Institute and stakeholders in the transport sector."

He noted: "I also urged the stakeholders from the public and private sectors to provide inner support to the National Institute of Transport. The responsibility of providing well

professionals is not only for the colleges but also stakeholders must join to fulfil the needs."

"The career day event connects the Institute with the stakeholders in the labour market, students will have the opportunity to learn and understand the changes in the global labour market," he emphasized.

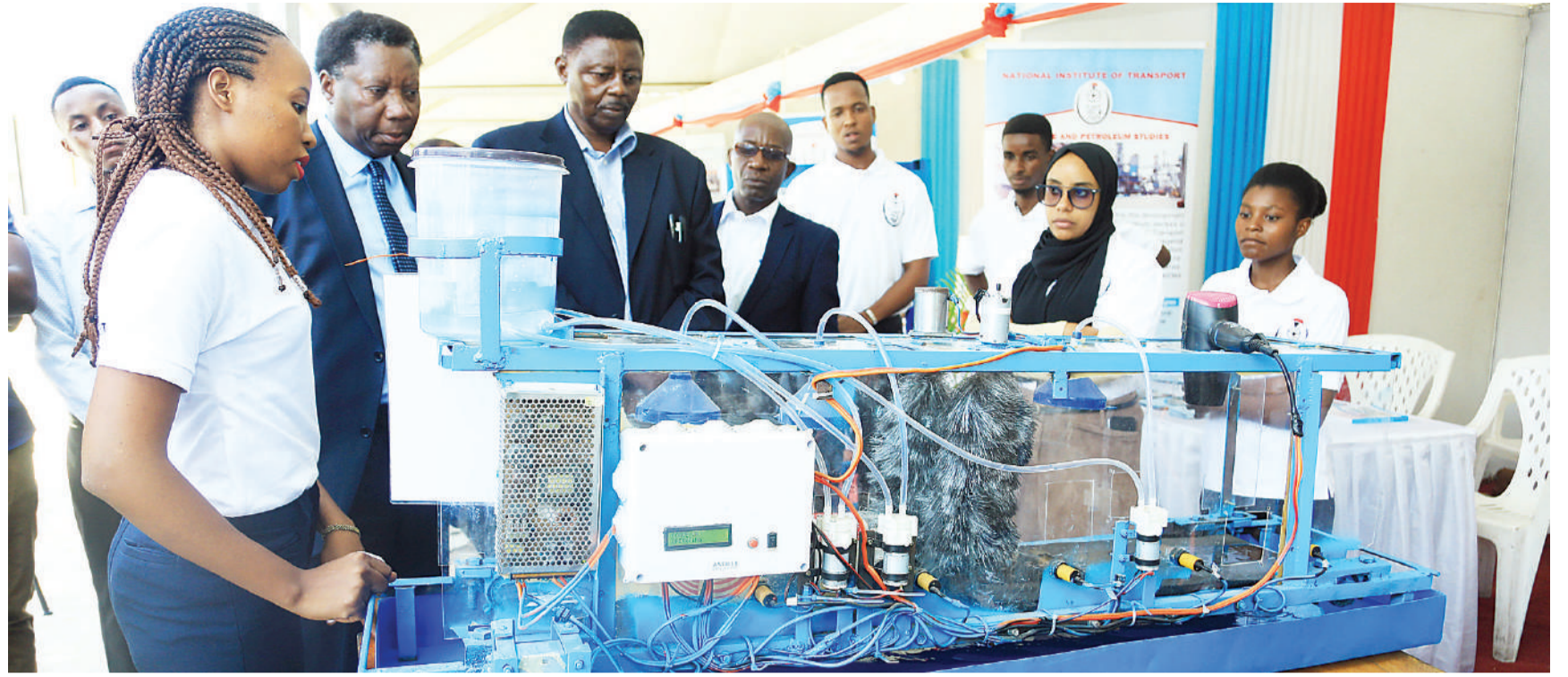
NIT Rector Prof Zacharia Mganilwa said that the career day event has brought together students and stakeholders from transport sector as part of learning as well as understanding the needs in the labour market.

In addition, Prof Mganilwa said that the career day event has been organized to support the efforts of the government by producing capable manpower to feed the new transport projects including railways, ports, ships, aviation and many more.

However, some of the NIT students who attended the career day event commended the Institute's plan of organising such a good event saying:

"The career day has come up to build good relationships with the employers, this is a very good decision because we have engaged with employers and know what is needed by the market."

The student feedback for the career day was positive, with



Tanzania Shippers Council (TSC) Executive Secretary Sallu Johnson (3rd L) admires different technologies that have ventured by National Institute of Transport (NIT)'s students at the NIT Career Fair at the Institute's main campus in Dar es Salaam.

many students expressing their gratitude to the NIT for hosting the event.

"This NIT Career Fair was a great experience," said Juma Hamis. "I'm currently a junior, studying bachelor's degree in transport and logistics, so it was also a pleasure to speak with Super Star, Superdol and Simba Supply Chain Solutions Limited about future opportunities and their needs basically in the employment area. Overall, I would like to thank the Career Day event organizers for putting together such a wonderful experience."

"It was great to see students dressed professionally, carrying resumes and a big engaging smile," said Lugano Bwenda (Human Resource Manager) for Simba Supply Chain Solutions Limited. "It is a great job for NIT to organize such a great event."

However, the National Institute of Transport (NIT) is a public higher learning institution established in 1975 as training wing

of the then National Transport Corporation (NTC). NIT was charged with the responsibility of strengthening human resource capabilities of transport operatives and middle level managers of subsidiary companies of NTC.

These subsidiary companies were: National Bus Services Limited (KAMATA), Usafiri Dar-as-Salaam Limited (UDA), Regional Transport Companies (RETCOs).

National Institute of Transport is the only such training Institute in Sub-Saharan excluding South Africa, mandated by the Government of United Republic of Tanzania to offer training in transport and communications

The Institute is fully accredited by the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) to provide Competence Based Education and Training (CBET) programmes at the level of Certificate, Diploma and Degree (National Technical Awards -NTA level

4 to level 8). It is also accredited with the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT International) to teach and examine CILT programmes of International Introductory Certificates, International Certificates, Ordinary Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Logistics and Transport. The Institute offers programmes in Logistics and Transport Management, Freight Clearing and Forwarding, Procurement and Logistics Management, Automobile Engineering, Business Administration, Computing Information Communication Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Aviation Studies and Human Resources Management.

NIT also is offering Post Graduate Diplomas in Air Transport Management, Logistics and Transport Management, Travel and Tourism, Shipping and Port Management, Procurement and Logistics Management, Rail Transport Management, Transport

Economics, Road Transport Safety Management and Transport Engineering Management. NIT also offers short term programmes and provides Research, Consultancy and Community Services.

The Institute has highly skilled personnel both academic and administrative staff. It also has modern machines and equipments for teaching, research and consultancy services. The equipments like modern Vehicle Inspection machines which are only at NIT (Tanzania).

Currently, the Institute is under the Ministry of Transport. With legal status and the Governing Council was given a mandate to govern and administer the Institute.

By Guardian Reporter

EPZA urges investors to venture into agriculture value addition

THE Economic Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) has urged investors from inside and outside the country to invest in agriculture value addition due to its marvelous economic benefits.

EPZA principal investment promotion officer, Nakadongo Fares said this recently in an interview with this paper that value addition for agriculture products guarantee farmers

of fetching high market prices thus boosting their earnings.

According to him, attracting investment for agriculture value addition through the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) offers a huge potential for the sector's transformation and enhancing its contribution to economic growth.

"SEZs are important platforms for agriculture transformation, guarantee reliable

markets to farmers and boost the sector's contribution to economic growth," she noted.

Fares said currently, industries specialising in agriculture value have been taking the leading area of investment under the EPZA, thus contributing largely to the sector's growth that provides jobs to over 70 per cent of the country's workforce.

"Agriculture value addition is

one of the areas that have hugely attracted investors," she said adding, agriculture has a huge role to play in the country's industrialization, offering the possibility of providing markets for industrial products and raw materials for industries.

She said EPZA provides to developers of the SEZ with fiscal and non-fiscal incentives in the form of tax exemptions, VAT on utilities, local government lev-

ies, import duty on raw materials and capital goods as well as on construction materials.

Investors investing in the SEZ system are to export 80 percent of their produce, while 20 percent may be sold to the local market.

Also the good news here in that EPZA helps not only with land access, but also connecting farmers with international markets all over the world and

hence, assurance of market

The incentives provided by the EPZA have helped to entice investors whereby now 40 out of 97 percent of agricultural related industries are found within SEZ dealing with farming and agricultural processing.

In total, all of the 97 industries found in SEZ have 1.3trn/- capital that provided jobs to 20,015 Tanzanians in the period of 2016 to 2021.

EPZA therefore lured local and foreign investors to take advantage of farming and processing of agricultural products for selling to local and international markets as it was easier to access raw materials, manpower and export them.

The government through EPZA has slated land of more than 500 hectares in all of 26 regions of Tanzania mainland slated specifically for SEZ mainly focusing on agricultural investment projects.

Govt to collaborate with stakeholders to boost tourism sector

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

THE government will continue working together with various stakeholders to boost the Natural Resources and Tourism sector as well as increasing the number of domestic tourists.

Dr Pindi Chana, Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism made the remarks here on Monday at the function to present the national flags and launched the trip up Mt Kilimanjaro to commemorate 61 years of Independence held at Marangu Gate in Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA).

"Only five per cent of domestic tourists visit our national parks, this number is very small compared to the huge number of tourist attractions in the country, hence it is necessary to make all kinds of efforts to mobilise domestic tourism," she said

She added that special campaigns will be conducted that will involve encouraging Tanzanians to develop the habit of visiting various national parks during vacation or when commemorating various family events.

At the event that went in tandem with tree planting exercise as its memory, Dr Chana reiterated the government's statement that called on Tanzanians to protect the environment so that the natural resources therein should continue to exist to benefit Tanzanians, of present and future generations.

She also appealed to Tanzanians to continue their unity and solidarity among them which he said were part of tourism assets they have and which they should be proud of.

Dr Chana also praised a team of Tanzania's foreign ambassadors who have participated in this year's climbing



The moves are part of a push by the company and the UAE to raise output of hydrocarbons

of Mt Kilimanjaro led by Dr Asha-Rose Migiro who called on her fellows to advertise the country's tourist attractions in the countries they are stationed.

For her part, the Chairman of TANAPA Board of Trustees, Gen (Rtd.) George Waitara said the response to scale up Mt Kilimanjaro

through the campaign dubbed "Twenzetu Kileleni" has been increasing every year.

"When we started this campaign in 2008 through the TPDF as part of Independence Celebrations, then known as Tanganyika, the number of participants was very small, hardly over 50, but to-

day there are over 200," he said.

Speaking on behalf of 11 Tanzania envoys in foreign countries, Migiro said that the group has represented their fellows in various parts of the world.

"We have participated in this exercise to support President Samia Suluhu Hassan in her cam-

campaign to boost tourism through the Royal Tour documentary film which she herself starred, we promise to go and advertise Tanzania in order to boost the sector, as well as to commemorate the 61st independence anniversary of our nation," she said.

Tanzania reviews supply chains to ensure strategic sourcing in public procurements

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

AS Tanzania executes major development projects, including heavy construction of roads, bridges, public properties and other types of infrastructure, the country is reviewing its supply chains to ensure Value for Money is realized in the sourcing.

Addressing the 13th procurement and supplies professionals' annual conference, taking place at the

Arusha International Conference Center, the Deputy Minister in the President's Office in charge of Public Service Management and Good Governance, Deogratius Ndejemi says the state is now adopting Strategic Sourcing.

"Billions of money is being disbursed countrywide to execute major strategic projects and due to this, Tanzania must also realign procurement processes with strategic sourcing," Ndejemi pointed out, adding that, in order to achieve

that, all the procurement personnel must be qualified professionals.

He said all sourcing, purchasing and procurements of things like equipment, machinery and materials must adhere to standards, quality, durability, value for money and also complement with ongoing development projects.

Previously, the Procurement and Supplies Professionals and Technicians Board Chairperson, Jacob Kibona had pointed out that many shortcomings in public procure-

ment processes are the results of unqualified personnel forced into such departments.

Organized by the Procurement and Supplies Professionals and Technicians Board (PSP/PTB) the aim of the Professionals' Annual Conference is to bring together Procurement and Supply professionals and Stakeholders within and outside the country.

They are gathering in Arusha for three days to share and discuss their knowledge, skills, and experiences

of professional practice and related issues in the profession within the delimitation of conference themes and sub-themes.

The conference runs under the theme of innovative solutions for sustainable procurement and supply chain practices: "realizing competitiveness and industrialization for social development."

In Tanzania, public procurement accounts for over 70 percent of the National Budget which should be between 5 and 6 trillion/- annually.

It was also stated during the conference that most of the sourcing being made hardly takes into consideration issues like 'Value for Money,' 'Actual needs,' 'Realistic Pricing,' 'Transparency,' and 'Competition' factor.

The event, according to organizers, will be followed by a special workshop on enhancing service delivery through sustainable procurement, which takes place in Dar es salaam city from 14th to 16th December, 2022.

UN summit aims for global pact to protect nature

MONTREAL

COUNTRIES gathered yesterday for a key UN nature conference in Montreal, aiming to broker a new global agreement to protect what's left of Earth's wildlife and natural spaces.

Negotiators hope that the two-week summit, known as COP15, yields a deal that ensures there is more "nature" – animals, plants, and healthy ecosystems – in 2030 than what exists now. But how that progress is pursued and measured will need to be agreed by all 196 governments under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

"How do you translate 'nature positive' into an actual term we can measure?" said Basile van Havre, one of the co-chairs of the group responsible for drafting the agreement. "That's what we're doing through the creation of the new goals."

More than 10,000 participants, including government officials, scientists, and activists, were set to attend the summit starting Wednesday and running through Dec 19.

The talks follow years of negotiations and calls by environmentalists and businesses to both protect natural resources and halt what scientists have labeled the sixth mass extinction.

More than 1 million species are now

threatened with extinction, vanishing at a rate not seen in 10 million years. As much as 40% of Earth's land surfaces are considered degraded, according to a 2022 UN Global Land Outlook assessment.

"We need governments to adopt a clear and urgent mission to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030," said Eva Zabey, executive director of Business for Nature, a global coalition of businesses and conservation groups.

Like many other campaigners, Zabey called for "an ambitious, clear and enforceable international agreement" similar to the Paris Agreement on climate change. "We cannot afford to squander what could be a historic moment" in Montreal.

STICKING POINTS

The UN biodiversity talks, held every two years, have never garnered the same attention as the world's main environmental focus – the annual UN talks on climate change. But there is increasing awareness that protecting nature and controlling climate change go hand-in-hand.

Healthy ecosystems such as forests and seagrass beds are key to controlling global warming. At the same time, rising global temperatures are increasingly threatening many ecosystems as well



Atlantic Puffins are seen among the daisies on Skomer Island, Pembrokeshire, Wales, Britain July 16, 2019. REUTERS

as species unable to adapt quickly or to move to cooler climes.

Overall, the U.N. hopes to persuade all countries to pledge to put at least 30% of their land and sea areas under conservation by 2030 – a target often referred to as the "30-by-30" goal. Currently, only about 17% of the world's land area falls under some sort of protection, while less than 8% of the global ocean is protected.

Another 22 potential targets are also being considered, from curbing pesticide use to canceling some \$500 billion in subsidies for activities that cause damage to nature.

But the draft deal is still riddled with bracketed phrases – indicating a lack of agreement and ongoing discussion on hundreds of points, negotiators said. Some of the toughest areas include how to ensure poor nations will have the funding needed to restore degraded areas, whether to include efforts to curb climate-warming emissions, and whether to impose a deadline for phasing out pesticides.

Even the 30-by-30 goal gets tricky

in the details, given that some nations hold vast land or ocean areas teeming with wildlife, while others do not.

"There's a lot that's not agreed," said Sue Lieberman, vice-president of international policy at non-profit the Wildlife Conservation Society. "It's going to be a very challenging process."

Unlike the U.N. climate talks, Montreal's summit will see few world leaders, which negotiators say could make it tougher to reach an ambitious agreement.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau plans to attend some of the summit, his government said.

China was due to hold the summit in the city of Kunming, but postponed the event four times from its original date in 2020 due to COVID before agreeing to hold the talks in Montreal.

Meanwhile, Montreal police have put up a 3-meter (10-foot) fence around the downtown summit venue, Palais des congrès, and are preparing for thousands of student protesters expected to swarm the Montreal's streets to demand a strong deal to protect nature.

Putin renews ban on transactions with 'unfriendly' foreigners' stakes in companies

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin extended a ban on making transactions with stakes held by foreigners from unfriendly countries in Russian strategic companies, banks and certain other legal entities until the end of 2023.

The relevant executive order posted on Monday amends the presidential executive order of August 5 on application of special measures in the finance and fuel and energy spheres in view of unfriendly actions of certain foreign states and international organizations.

The restrictions were originally effective until December 31 of this year and have now been renewed "until December 31, 2023," as stated in the document.

The ban applies to any deals changing the ownership structure in Russian companies, their charter capital and the prevailing procedure of investment projects' implementation.

Restrictions apply to transactions with shares of "unfriendly" investors in the charter capital of strategic companies, with shares of companies that produce and service equipment for the fuel and energy complex, heat and power suppliers and oil refiners, to deals with stocks of Russian banks (in the list agreed by the Cabinet and the Central Bank), and to deals with securities of companies developing major fields.

The ban on transactions with stakes of investors from unfriendly states in the Sakhalin-1 oil and gas project and the Kharyaga field has a separate provision.

The President can authorize any transactions covered by restrictions by a special resolution.



UN seeks 50 mln USD to aid 315,000 people in need in DRC

UNITED NATIONS

UN humanitarian workers seek almost 50 million U.S. dollars to assist about 315,000 people in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), a UN spokeswoman said on Monday.

In North Kivu province, "civilians continue to bear the brunt of the conflict between the Congolese army and the M23 armed group," said Stephanie Tremblay, an associate spokeswoman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

She said the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that renewed clashes displaced more than 390,000 people, primarily women and children, since March.

Most of the displaced live with host families or in sites for displaced people across the territories of Rutshuru, Nyiragongo, Lubero, Masisi and in the city of Goma.

Tremblay said the world body and its partners provided more than 130,000 people food, distributed water to hundreds of families per day, and more than 1,500 malnourished children received appropriate care.

As needs rise, the United Nations needs to be able to continue to support people and scale up the response. "This is why, together with its humanitarian partners, the United Nations is appealing for nearly 50 million U.S. dollars," Tremblay said.

"With these funds, we will target 315,000 of the most vulnerable people with food assistance, emergency shelter, water, sanitation, health care, emergency education, and protection services, including reunification of unaccompanied children with their families and care for sexual assault victims."

She also said the mission in the DRC, known as MONUSCO, reported working alongside the government to support the Nairobi 3 process, ending on Monday.

The consultations helped identify political and institutional measures for each province to aid in the implementation of the national Demobilization, Disarmament, Community Recovery and Stabilization Program, to ensure sustainable disarmament and community reintegration.

The spokeswoman said MONUSCO provided political, logistical and technical assistance to the Nairobi consultations between the DRC government and the Congolese armed groups in support of the East African Community f



Africa has the lowest implementation of appropriate capacity development aspects with only 25 percent of citizens having access to basic ICT skills

Memorial meeting held to mourn Jiang Zemin

BEIJING

A memorial meeting for Jiang Zemin, who passed away on Nov. 30 at the age of 96, was held yesterday morning in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, Chinese president, and chairman of the Central Military Commission, addressed the meeting.

All participants in the Great Hall of the People paid a three-minute silent tribute to Jiang at the start of the memorial meeting.

The remains of Jiang were cremated at the Babaoshan Revolutionary Cemetery in western Beijing on Monday. Xi Jinping and other leaders of the Communist Party of China and the state paid their respects to Comrade Jiang at the Chinese PLA General Hospital before escorting Jiang's body to the cemetery for cremation.

Officers and soldiers throughout the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) for days joined the general Chinese public in mourning Jiang, remembering his remarkable accomplishments.

Jiang put forward a series of new judgments and new measures in advancing the modernization of China's national defense and the armed forces, enriched and developed Mao Zedong's military thinking and Deng Xiaoping's thinking on military work in the

new historical period, established Jiang Zemin's thinking on strengthening the national defense and armed forces, and led the modernization of the national defense and the armed forces in scoring great achievements.

The service members believe Jiang's achievements while serving as chairman of the Central Military Commission are significant in guiding the advancement of the modernization of the national defense and the armed forces in the long run.

They remembered that Jiang, with a deep understanding of the major changes in the domestic and international situations and development trend of the world's new military transformation, had stressed that it is imperative to stick to the principle of coordinating the development of national defense and the economy, and work to make the people's armed forces more revolutionary, modern and standardized.

He underscored comprehensively promoting the development of the people's armed forces by following the overall requirements of building politically and militarily competent armed forces with fine conduct, strict discipline, and strong logistical support, and focusing on the historical issue of ensuring that the armed forces could fight to win while never degrading in character.

He stressed unwaveringly upholding absolute leadership



The body of Jiang Zemin, covered with the flag of the Communist Party of China, lies amidst flowers and evergreen cypresses in Beijing, on Monday. The remains of Jiang Zemin, who passed away last Wednesday, were cremated at the Babaoshan Revolutionary Cemetery in western Beijing on Monday. Xinhua

of the Communist Party of China (CPC) over the people's armed forces, always putting ideological and political integrity as a priority among all improvement efforts, and preserving the nature and character of the military as the people's armed forces.

Foreign diplomats from over 120 countries in China and the secretary-general of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization visited China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to offer their deep condolences on the passing of Jiang.

They spoke highly of Jiang's important contributions to relations between China and their countries, and to regional and global peace and prosperity.

Jiang played a key role in China's reform and opening-up, a leading U.S. expert on China said. "Future historians, looking back, will point to the term of Jiang's leadership as the time when China solidified and made permanent the country's reform and opening-up commitment," said Robert Law-

rence Kuhn, author of a 2005 biography, "The Man Who Changed China: The Life and Legacy of Jiang Zemin."

"When I woke to the news of Jiang's death, I felt as if I had lost a member of my own family -- that's what happens when one dedicates years to writing a biography," Kuhn said in a recent written interview with Xinhua.

"It is important to point out that Jiang had a long history of pioneering reform, as he had been intimately involved with the establishment of the original special economic zones in the early and mid-1980s," Kuhn said. Jiang made the critical decision to back and implement former Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping's call for reform and opening-up, during and after Deng's famed "southern tour" in 1992, he said.

Jiang was elected president of the PRC in March 1993 and served until March 2003. He passed away due to leukemia and multiple organ failure in Shanghai at 12:13 p.m. on Nov. 30, 2022, at the age of 96.

Xinhua

RURAL museums are sprouting in the vast countryside of China due to a "cultural museum fever" that swept the country in recent years.

Dongyang village in Jianghai district, Jiangmen city, south China's Guangdong province has a long history, and is home to over 600 residential buildings that were built more than 100 years ago.

The 2.2-square-kilometer village has eight rural museums, which collect old stuffs to showcase local farming culture and traditional folk customs, such as rice pounders, fishing boats, spinning wheels, and kerosene lamps. These museums have turned such old stuffs into wealth and are a witness to the village's history and traditions.

To the east of the east section of Chaoshan mountain scenic area in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province, there are three Hui Style architectures built in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) and

Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). They belong to a museum that collects over 6,000 traditional pastry moulds. The museum was listed by authorities as one of the first rural museums in the province.

Apart from common wooden pastry moulds, it also collects those made of porcelain, as well as stone ones manufactured in the Southern Tang Dynasty (937-975). The exhibits explain the close relationship between pastry moulds and local customs, the development of pastry moulds, and pastry mould cultures in different regions.

On the second floor of the museum, there are two rooms where visitors can make traditional Chinese cakes. The museum hosts pastry-making activities on every important traditional Chinese festival, such as the Mid-Autumn Festival and the

Chongyang Festival, or the Seniors' Day.

Besides, the museum has also set up a sub-venue at a local primary school that offers relevant courses for students, presenting local customs and the charm of the pastry mould culture.

Citing the Chinese saying that "The trait of folks is determined by the local environment," An Laihun, vice president of the International Council of Museums and professor with Shanghai University, noted that rural museums are different from the archaeological and art museums in cities, as they focus on agriculture, rural areas, and farmers, and thus help enhance farmers' recognition for local culture and create a more harmonious atmosphere in the countryside.

He said rural museums are a bond linking rural

residents, as well as a platform driving the development of relevant sectors. The construction of such museums and relevant activities can make rural tourism more attractive, spur local economic development, and increase farmers' income, thus boosting rural revitalization, An added.

Zhejiang province issued China's first guidance document on the construction of rural museums in April this year, which set regulations on rural museums from multiple perspectives. According to the document, Zhejiang province will have 1,000 rural museums by 2025.

Experts said the document pointed out some problems bothering the development of rural museums, such as museums being homogeneous and lacking correlation with local cultures.

Rural museums burgeoning across China

The document stressed that rural museums should have a basic display method and clear themes, and exhibitions should be diverse and carry local features.

An believes that in order to achieve long-term and sound development, rural museums must draw social participation and integrate with other local cultural resources. Hou Xiaolei, professor with the School of Architecture, Central Academy of Fine Arts, noted that farmers must take the initiative to vitalize rural ecology, economy, and social development.

"A multi-party mechanism should be established for the operation of rural museums, covering government funding, social donations, self-raised funds by museums, and special funds.

People's Daily

Framework deal signed in Sudan to end political stalemate



Sudan's military and civilian leaders are seen at the signing ceremony of a political framework agreement in Khartoum, Sudan, on Monday. Sudan's military and civilian leaders on Monday signed a political framework agreement to end the political impasse and institute a two-year transitional civilian authority. Xinhua

By Nick Beake

KHARTOUM, Dec. 5 (Xinhua) – Sudan's military and civilian leaders on Monday signed a political framework agreement to end the political impasse and institute a two-year transitional civilian authority.

Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, commander of the Sudanese Army, and Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, commander of the Rapid Support Forces, signed the deal on behalf of the military forces.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Forces of the Freedom and Change Alliance, the Revolutionary Front, other political organizations, workers' unions, and civil society organizations signed the agreement on behalf of the political forces.

The agreement determines four levels for the transitional authority, including the legislative council, the sovereign council, the council of ministers, and the judicial councils and independent commissions.

The deal indicated that the parties which signed the political declaration, are to select, through consultation, a limited civil sovereign council to represent the head of the state and be a symbol of sovereignty.

The deal indicated that these forces will also negotiate to select a prime minister, who will then form a cabinet.

The agreement also pledged to organize a comprehensive, credible, transparent

and fair electoral process at the end of the transitional period.

Al-Burhan, when addressing the signing ceremony, vowed that the military establishment would exit the political process and support the democratic transition until reaching the general election.

He stressed the need to reform the Sudanese Armed Forces to make them a constitutional institution that is subject to the constitution and maintains neutrality without politicization or partisanship.

Al-Wathiq Al-Birair, representative of the Forces of Freedom and Change Alliance, said the signed deal "establishes for a

civilian rule and for completing the tasks of glorious December Revolution."

The draft establishes a constitutional framework to govern the country during the transitional period, and provides for the formation of a civilian-led government and a council to run the national security and defense affairs. Sudan has been suffering a political crisis since Al-Burhan declared a state of emergency on Oct. 25, 2021 and dissolved the sovereign council and the government. Since then, the country had been rocked by regular street protests which called for the return of civilian rule.

Xinhua

Russia has never put pressure on Serbia, never will – ambassador

BELGRADE

RUSSIA has never exerted any kind of pressure on Serbia and it maintains a friendly dialogue with it at the highest level, Russia's ambassador to Belgrade, Alexander Botsan-Kharchenko, said on Monday.

Earlier, Botsan-Kharchenko warned of what he described as "deplorable socio-economic consequences of the European elites' short-sighted policies: from rising prices and energy shortages to the actual de-industrialization of Europe," which led a number of Serbian opposition media to draw erroneous conclusions about pressure on Serbia.

"Russia has never resorted to putting pressure on Serbia and it does not intend to do so. We share a strong mutually beneficial strategic partnership, a friendly and confidential dialogue at the highest level with Belgrade.

For this reason, we simply have no right not to call things by their proper names and not to warn what the implementation of an openly unfriendly initiative of Serbia joining the illegitimate unilateral EU sanctions would result in," the Russian embassy's press-service quotes Botsan-Kharchenko as saying.

Earlier, in an interview with the Tanjug news agency, the ambassador said that Russia was open to negotiations, if Serbia needed extra amounts of Russian gas in the winter. He stressed that the price for this fuel for Belgrade remains the lowest in Europe.

After the beginning of Russia's special military operation in Ukraine, Serbia's President Aleksandar Vucic, in an address to the nation following a meeting of the Security Council, said that Serbia supported the territorial integrity of Ukraine, but would not impose sanctions on Russia.

Vucic said that Belgrade was temporarily stopping army and police exercises with all foreign partners.

He noted that Serbia considered Russia and Ukraine as fraternal states, regretted what was happening in eastern Europe, and was ready to provide humanitarian assistance to Kiev.

China sees big increase in vehicle exports

THE Chinese auto industry has hit new highs in terms of exportation.

According to statistics released by the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM), Chinese vehicle exports set a new record in October with a total of 337,000 Chinese vehicles, up 12.3 percent from September and 46 percent from a year ago.

In the first ten months of 2022, China exported over 2.61 million vehicles, which was also a new record. Over 2.45 million were exported by automakers, up 54.1 percent year-on-year.

This figure, which outnumbered that of Germany, made China the second largest exporter of vehicles during the period, only after Japan, said Xu Haidong, deputy chief engineer of the CAAM.

China is expected to export a total of more than 3 million vehicles this year, Xu added.

Export destinations of Chinese vehicles have been gradually expanded to North America and Europe, from the traditional markets in Africa and the Middle East.

Cui Dongshu, secretary general of the China Passenger Car Association, told People's Daily that China's exports of finished automobiles to Europe, North America, and Asia increased rapidly during the January-October period this year, while Mexico, the Philippines and Belgium saw a big rise in the number of imported vehicles from China in October.

The recognition came from the strength of Chinese vehicles and the constantly improving supply chain. Chinese carmakers, continuously enhancing their innovation efforts to better the design of their products, quality control and services, have significantly



Employees work at a production base of batteries for new energy vehicles in Liuzhou city, south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, Nov. 24, 2022. (Photo by Li Hanchi/People's Daily Online)

lifted their competitiveness.

Besides, Chinese enterprises have established supply chain systems overseas including R&D, marketing, logistics, spare parts, manufacturing, finance, and used car supply chain systems, which have also laid a solid foundation for the development of Chinese auto manufacturers in overseas markets.

"Exported vehicles have turned from lower-tier products to higher-tier ones. Their appearance, quality, technologies and marketing strategies can satisfy the diversified market demands around the world," Cui said.

The exports of new energy vehicles (NEVs) were a highlight. In the first ten months, 499,000 NEVs were exported,

surging 96.7 percent year-on-year. China, ranking first in the world for consecutive years in terms of the production and sales of NEVs, has entered a new period of global market expansion.

The robust performance of NEVs was a major force driving the high-quality growth in vehicle exports.

Major ports in China witnessed the global expansion of Chinese electric vehicles (EVs) and relevant industrial chains. In the first three quarters of this year, the exports of EVs via the north Chinese port city of Tianjin skyrocketed 667.7 percent year on year. In the same period, the combined exports of electric passenger vehicles, lithium batteries and solar batteries via Shanghai surged

143.3 percent from a year ago.

According to statistics released by the General Administration of Customs, 34 percent of the new energy passenger vehicles exported by China went to Western Europe in the first half of 2022. In particular, Belgium is the largest export destination for Chinese NEVs during this period. The European market has become a major emerging export destination for Chinese EVs.

Given the rapid rise in exports and the constantly improving competitiveness of products, the Chinese automobile industry has entered a new stage.

Recently, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, together with other relevant departments, rolled out 17 specific measures, including further expanding automobile consumption, continuing the exemption of NEV purchase tax and launching pilot programs to electrify all public vehicles in some cities.

Experts estimated that as the 17 measures are implemented, Chinese automakers will achieve the goal to produce 10 million vehicles overseas and export 5 million from home each year in 2031.

People's Daily



The robust performance of NEVs was a major force driving the high-quality growth in vehicle exports

New PM Anwar says Malaysia to review plans for 5G network

KUALA LUMPUR

MALAYSIA'S newly appointed Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said on Monday his administration will review a plan for a state-owned 5G network introduced by a previous government, as it was not formulated transparently.

Under the premiership of Muhyiddin Yassin in 2021, Malaysia unveiled a plan for a state-owned agency, Digital Nasional Berhad (DNB), to own the full 5G spectrum, with various carriers using the infrastructure to provide mobile services.

The single-ownership of the 5G spectrum raised concerns from the country's major carriers over pricing, transparency and monopoly.

Anwar said the 5G plans would be evaluated to ensure they strictly followed procedures, alleging that there had been "no proper tender process", without specifying details.

"It needs to be reviewed because it was not done in a transparent manner," Anwar said at a news conference following his first cabinet meeting. Malaysia had appointed Swedish telecommunications giant Ericsson as its 5G development partner last year.

DNB said it would cooperate with the government's review, stressing that the award of the contract to Ericsson had been conducted transparently.

"DNB hopes the review... will clear the air and enable full execution and implementation of the 5G rollout for the benefit of the nation," it said in a statement.

Muhyiddin's government previously defended the 5G plan, saying it will reduce costs,

improve efficiency and accelerate infrastructure development.

The government will also revise and improve the 2023 budget tabled in Oct, Anwar said. The budget was presented in parliament by the previous government, but was not passed due to the general election.

Anwar also said his government will not roll back certain decisions made by the previous administration, but he did not identify them.

Anwar was appointed premier by the king last month, after the election resulted in an unprecedented hung parliament. Anwar's bloc did not win a simple majority but he formed a coalition government with the help of other political blocs.

On Friday, he named his cabinet, which includes an ally accused of graft as his deputy.

Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, a co-deputy premier, is on trial over 47 charges of bribery, money laundering and criminal breach of trust. He has pleaded not guilty.

Anwar said he would not compromise on his pledge to fight corruption despite Ahmad Zahid's appointment.

"I trust my cabinet team is determined to ensure we follow strict rules and the principles of good governance," he said, adding that previous systems "allowed leaders to steal".



SPORT



Dar es Salaam's women's softball side takes part in training that was supervised by a Japanese coach in the city recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

All set for TaBSA Baseball League

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS year's edition of the Baseball League was expected to be launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Tanzania Baseball and Soft Ball Association (TaBSA) announced yesterday.

Alpherio Nchimbi, the TaBSA secretary-general, said the launch was expected to take place at the Dar es Salaam Kosheien Baseball field located at Azania Secondary School.

Nchimbi said the league which has attracted 16 teams will begin on Sunday, with Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Mohamed Mchengerwa set to attend the kickoff.

He revealed the league which is taking place for the 14th year has attracted teams from Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Dodoma, Coast Region, Kilimanjaro, Ruvuma, Tabora, Zanzibar, and South Sudan's national U-19 team.

The official noted: "This is the 14th time for our association to host the League, we started hosting it in 2014, and this year we are happy that our friends from South Sudan have confirmed to take part in the league."

"They are coming to learn more about the sport, their presence is as well a sign of the strong relationship which exists between the two countries," he said.

TaBSA has been active in baseball promotion in the country and recently the association said it is geared to see that the philosophy of Baseballership, introduced in the country, is adopted and practiced in all African countries.

South Sudan is one of the nations which adopted the philosophy which concentrates on fostering democracy, human resources, development, and peace. Other countries are

Nigeria, Ghana, and Kenya.

Shinya Tomonari, the president of the Japan-Africa Baseball and Softball Association (J-ABS), issued the comments when taking charge of the seminar for local baseball coaches which took place in Dar es Salaam recently.

Tomonari said Tanzania's philosophy which is to be adopted by the rest of African countries constitutes the values of the sport, namely discipline, respect, and justice.

The philosophy operates under the project dubbed 'Africa 55 Koshien' targeting to reach all African countries.

The baseball instructor said he developed the philosophy from the teachings of Tanzania's Father of the Nation and former President Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, which are centered on humanity.

To promote the sport among school-going children, the association mid this year organized the schools' championships, in which Mgulani Primary School's side emerged as champion having defeated Bonyokwa Primary School's side 6-5.

The tournament's winners were presented with a trophy and baseball equipment.

The two-day championships involved 11 teams which were put into three groups. Group A constituted Chaniika Primary School, Kibwegere Primary School, Pugu Kajiungeni Primary School, and Bokorani Primary School outfits.

Participants in Group B were Champion Primary School, Bonyokwa Primary School, and Segerea Primary School squads.

Teams in Group C were Diamond Primary School, Mgulani Primary School, and Kinyongo Primary School.

Geay holds sway in 2022 Valencia Marathon

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S government has congratulated the country's athlete Gabriel Geay for taking the second spot in this year's Valencia Marathon which took place in Spain on Sunday.

Geay clocked at 2:03:00 which is his personal best time. Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports Mohamed Mchengerwa said the government is happy for Geay for his achievement and recording the best time which is also a national record. "The government is happy and congratulates Gabriel Geay for ending second at Valencia Marathon," Mchengerwa pointed out.

Geay has also beaten his personal best of 2:04:55 which he recorded in 2021 in the Milano

Marathon in Italy.

Speaking on Thursday before his trip to Spain, Geay said he was ready for the marathon insisting he aims to bring pride to his country.

"I'm going to Spain for the Valencia Marathon, it's one of the events which attract top athletes but I'm ready for the challenge and I'm sure I will do well for my country and myself," he said.

Kenyan Kelvin Kiptum ended as Valencia Marathon's winner posting 2:01:53, whereas compatriot Alexander Mutiso came third having clocked 2:03:29. In the race's women's category, Ethiopian Amane Bereso ended as winner having posted 2:14:58, compatriot Letesenbet Gidey took the second position having clocked 2:16:49 and Sheila Chepkurui from Kenya posted 2:17:29 to secure the third spot.

SPORTS

Tanzania Olympic Committee deserves praise

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AS was demonstrated so distinctly at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, it is perpetually rewarding to engage in early preparations for arduous sporting events of global significance.

Indeed, it should be recollected that our country proudly claimed a few medals at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games by dint of diligently executed and timely preparations.

It can also not be forgotten that we, as a country, have not always bothered to undertake early preparations for massive sporting championships.

Naturally, our costly penchant to drag our feet where preparations are concerned left us with eggs all over our faces on multiple occasions.

In light of this, then, it is unarguably heartening to note that the Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) recently declared that it will commence its preparations for the eagerly awaited Paris 2024 Olympic Games mid-this month.

Indeed, according to the TOC, the body will organize a special two-day sporting competition from December 16-17 to discover talented athletes who will join a special training program that is designed expressly to prepare our athletes for the Paris Olympics.

Granted, our early preparations for the Paris Games are not a cast-iron guarantee that we will return home from the world-famous French capital with a heavy haul of medals.

Nevertheless, it is also irrefutable that engaging in early preparations for the Paris Games will significantly bolster our chances of producing sublime medal-winning displays that will be etched on our memories for ages.

Speaking of unforgettable memories, few would dispute the fact that the ongoing football World Cup in Qatar has already supplied us with a treasure trove of golden memories.

Indeed, we have already witnessed the slaying of mammoth giants like Argentina, Spain, and Germany by minnows on football's biggest stage.

However, now that the World Cup has entered into the do-or-die



Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) secretary-general, Filbert Bayi.

knockout phase, it is perhaps the fitting time to reflect on the outings of Ghana, Tunisia, and Cameroon, who tellingly failed to advance to the knockout phase of the perennially magnificent football spectacle.

With regards to the Black Stars of Ghana, their chances of progressing to the round of 16 ultimately hinged on their last group encounter against Uruguay, which the Black Stars simply had to win to stand any chance of going through.

Lest we forget, Uruguay memorably eliminated Ghana from the 2010 World Cup in South Africa in the quarterfinal following the infamous Luis Suarez handball incident.

So, with retribution very much on the minds of Ghanaians and Africans, the important duel kicked off with Ghana very quickly going on the front foot against Uruguay.

Encouragingly, Ghana's impressive start to the face-off yielded huge rewards as they were awarded a penalty in the early moments of the match.

Frustratingly though, Ghanaian fans would be dealt a crushing blow as their captain Andre Ayew sadly missed the target.

From that point onwards, things would go from bad to worse for the Black Stars as Uruguay would go on to score two goals in quick succession in that action-packed first half.

Uruguay's two goals advantage would not be changed

in the second half as Ghana bowed out of the World Cup disappointingly.

Nonetheless, in a way, Ghanaians and Africans were still able to get payback for the Luis Suarez handball incident as Uruguay themselves were also not able to advance to the round of 16 because South Korea surprisingly defeated Portugal in the other match of the group.

As for Tunisia and Cameroon, they can leave football's most prominent stage with their heads held high following sparkling showings in the World Cup's group stage.

Indeed, Tunisia would claim a morale-boosting 1-0 win over defending champions France in their last group game while Cameroon would become the first African country in history to notch up a truly sensational victory against a star-studded Brazilian side in their last group clash.

Thus, on the whole, the continent's overall performance at this year's World Cup is a marked improvement from our record four years ago at the World Cup in Russia when no African country made it past the group stage.

Our overall showing in Russia four years ago was indeed woeful and embarrassing.

It is hoped then that the remaining African countries in the competition will be able to advance extremely far into the championship's latter rounds, or in a perfect scenario, the final itself.

Youngsters excel in East African Junior Chess Tournament Qualifier



One of the junior chess players that triumphed in the East African Junior Chess Tournament Qualifier, which took place at the International School of Tanganyika (IST) in Dar es Salaam last weekend (R), gets a medal from one of the showdown's officials during a presentation ceremony. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KARALOUIS

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DAR ES SALAAM's junior chess players from the International School of Tanganyika (IST) have held sway in the just concluded East African Junior Chess Tournament Qualifier that took place at the IST Yoga Studio located at the school at Masaki.

The East African Junior Chess Tournament Qualifier was held to, according to its organizers, select players to take part in the continental tournament slated to take place in Mombasa, Kenya from January 13-15 next year.

The qualifier attracted 50 registered players playing in various categories of upcoming players, U-8, U-10, U-12, and U-18.

In the girls' event of upcoming players' category, Dar es Salaam International Academy (DIA)'s Keira Andris took the first place, followed by second-placed Sophia Dawoodbhai from French School, and third-placed Harini Doshi from Agha Khan Primary School.

The Upcoming Players Open category for boys' title went to Daoud Hoteit from French School, whereas Aiden Alibhai from IST came second, followed by third-placed Burhanuddin Hassanali from MSB Educational Institute.

In the girls' U-8, IST's player Prajna Sudhakaran showcased her mettle to garner first spot, whereas Kayal Nirmalkumar from Academy International School settled for second place, the third place went to Mishka Gandhi from Baybridge

Primary School.

The U-8 Open was won by Sai Vedansh from Baybridge Primary School, the second spot was won by Jiyaan Solanki from Rising Star activity center, whereas the third spot was won by Kailash Partheeban from Indian School Tanzania.

The U-10 category saw Anahi Shah from DIA claim first place, whereas Reysia Precious Joseph from Mt. Kibo Primary School ended second, and Hashwit Sai Polepally from Al Muntazir took the third spot.

In the U-12, Panav Bangur from Haven of Peace Academy (HOPAC) was the winner, Maryam Iplinga Panya from Agha Khan Mzimba took the second position, and Kahil Noor Walli from Agha Khan Primary School finished third.

The U-18 showdown culminated with Mahi Shah from Dar es Salaam International Academy beating the rest to the top honour, Savely Yakolev from IST took the second spot, whereas Christian Fernandes from Dar es Salaam International Academy ended third.

Kai Riber, IST's Sports Department Director, congratulated the qualifier participants, expressed delight at witnessing a good turnout and promised to hold similar events at the school.

The event was organized by the Rising Star activity center and hosted by the International School of Tanganyika.

Coach Kara Louis was the showdown's chief arbiter, he was assisted by Halima Terema and Cleophas Charles.

Son exits World Cup without showing his best for South Korea

DOHA, Qatar

AS Brazil's big-time player made his return to the World Cup in Qatar, the superstar of South Korean soccer made his exit.

Son Heung-min is his country's Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and, yes, Neymar, all wrapped up into one. Yet, as Neymar recovered from an ankle injury to score in Brazil's 4-1 win over South Korea in the round of 16 on Monday, Son's latest chance to light up the sport's biggest stage came and went. "We gave everything," Son said. "Brazil is the favorite, look at their players. If you give them spaces they score. I'm so proud of what we've done and I don't want to blame any of our players because they gave everything."

For Neymar, there was a 76th international goal that moves him within one of Brazilian great Pelé's scoring record for his country – and closer to a possible sixth World Cup for the tournament's most successful team.

For Son, there was the frustration of knowing he was never going to be at the peak of his powers in Qatar. Not after an eye socket broken only a few weeks earlier forced him to wear a protective facemask throughout his four matches.

Sure, Son made it to the World Cup, but not the same player who has established himself as one of the best strikers in Europe with Tottenham and was the co-leading scorer in the English Premier League last season, along with Mohamed Salah, with 23. He leaves the World Cup without a single goal. Against Brazil at Stadium 974, with South Korea trailing 4-0 at halftime, his big moment came soon after the restart.

Bearing down on goal, he sized up

his chance and picked out the corner of the net. Unfortunately, Brazil goalkeeper Alisson was ready and managed to deflect the ball around the post.

In a later goalmouth scramble, Son again had an effort blocked.

Not that the South Koreans should depart with any regrets about their showing in Qatar. After all, few would have expected them to overcome a Brazil team that came into the tournament as one of the favorites.

South Korea's place in the knockout round was secured with a moment that will live long in team lore, when Hwang Hee-chan scored in stoppage time to secure a 2-1 win over Portugal and advancement from Group H.

The man who provided the assist for that goal? Son, with an intricate pass that split Portugal's defense and sparked unforgettable celebrations from the South Korean players and fans. So Son played his part at this World Cup, even if he leaves it without being at his best.

Meanwhile, in Berlin, Oliver Bierhoff is the first managerial casualty of Germany's early World Cup exit after agreeing to resign as managing director of the country's national soccer teams and academy.

The German soccer federation said on Monday that Bierhoff agreed to prematurely end his contract. It was due to run through the 2024 European Championship.

Germany is set to host that tournament but there are concerns about the team's direction after a second successive World Cup exit at the group stage coming after its second-round exit from the European Championship last year.

AP

Saudis in off-field win before Japan, Koreans exit World Cup

SEOUL, South Korea

HOURS before Japan and South Korea endured painful second-round exits from the World Cup in Qatar, continental soccer rival Saudi Arabia had plenty to celebrate.

The All India Football Federation's decision to pull out of the race to host the 2027 Asian Cup, announced while all the football focus in East Asia was centered on Japan and South Korea's knockout games on Monday, left Saudi Arabia as the only candidate to host the continental championship.

South Korea, which lost 4-1 to Brazil, and Japan, edged by Croatia after a penalty shootout, progressed further in the World Cup than either Qatar or Saudi Arabia. Off the field, though, the power in Asian soccer moved toward the west side of the continent.

Saudi Arabia is set to be officially confirmed as 2027 host in February when the Asian Football Confederation meets in Bahrain. It will be the first time that the country has staged the continental competition and could also lead to a future World Cup bid.

"People forget that Saudi Arabia has hosted many international events including the 1989 World Youth Cup and three editions of the Confederations Cup," Hafez Al-Medlej, a former member of the Saudi Arabia Football Federation and the AFC, told domestic media. "The 2027 Asian Cup will be one of the most successful Asian competitions given Saudi Arabia's ability to host sporting events and this will show that the country will be able to host the World Cup in the coming years."

While the teams from East Asia have traditionally performed better at soccer's marquee tournament – South Korea's run to the World Cup semifinals when it co-hosted the 2002 tournament with Japan remains the best performance by an Asian team – West Asia has kept making strides in the running of the sport.

The United Arab Emirates hosted the 2019 Asian Cup and Bahrain's Sheikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa is set to be named as AFC president for a third term in February. Qatar beat off a challenge from South Korea in October

to host the 2023 Asian Cup, using the facilities created for the World Cup.

The Korea Football Association responded to that decision in October with a statement that highlighted some of Qatar's lobbying.

"Qatar has promised huge financial support, such as the participation of additional sponsors by its own companies in the AFC, which is currently suffering from a loss due to COVID-19, a large-scale broadcasting rights contract with its own broadcasting company, and support for operating expenses of the Asian Cup," the KFA said in the statement.

Saudi Arabia has never hosted the Asian Cup, which it has won three times since the inaugural event in 1956. The most recent title was in 1996.

Hosting the 2027 edition shaped to be a blockbuster contest when the Saudis, Qatar, Iran, India and Uzbekistan initially submitted bids more than two years ago.

India's football federation said the Asian Cup in 2027 didn't fit its strategic priorities.

"India has always been a wonderful and efficient host to big tournaments, which was amply demonstrated in the recently concluded FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup," AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey said in a statement. "However, the Executive Committee has decided that the overall strategy of the federation currently remains on focusing on the fundamental goals to strengthen our football at every level from grassroots to youth development."

World Cup host Qatar was awarded the 2023 edition of the Asian Cup after China handed back its hosting rights, citing the COVID-19 pandemic. That tournament is expected to be pushed back to January 2024.

The Korean Football Association said in October that it would take time to reflect on its failure to win the Asian Cup bid, saying it "will do more research and practice on measures to strengthen international competitiveness and soccer diplomacy in the future."

In the short-term however, as Japan and South Korea leave Doha, they know they will soon return.

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With Pelé in hospital, Brazil puts on show for 'king'

DOHA, Qatar

BEFORE they bounded over to their reveling supporters, before they clapped their hands and mounted one another's backs, and before they circled Stadium 974 after their latest World Cup victory, the Brazilian players paused and thought of the king.

They gathered at midfield after 90 minutes of prancing and dancing, and a 4-1 win over South Korea. They pulled out a banner with a single word, the single word that has been on a lot of minds here in Qatar. "Pelé!"

They posed behind it and sent a message to O Rei do Futebol, who watched their game from the Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein in Sao Paulo. He, Pelé, the original icon of this sport, has been undergoing treatment for cancer.

Erroneous reports that he'd been moved to end-of-life care briefly shocked the World Cup last weekend. But a respiratory infection aggravated by COVID-19 had indeed hospitalized him, and placed him at the forefront of Brazilian minds.

"Get well soon, Pelé, get well soon," Brazil head coach Tite said, per a translator. "All of us here are sending you our love."

So they, Brazilian players and coaches and fans, placed him front and center as they played and cheered some soccer that he, the sport's only three-time World Cup winner, surely enjoyed from afar.

A few fans arrived hours early to hang two banners from the stands behind one goal. One pictured Pelé, in black and white, in his element playing for Santos, his Brazilian club. The other pictured him in old age cradling a soccer ball to his cheek.

He is revered in Brazil for obvious reasons, so much so that when Tite first came across him, the now-61-year-old coach trembled in awe.

"Pelé is possibly the only person,"



Brazil players hold a banner showing support for former Brazil player Pelé after the World Cup match between Brazil and South Korea. (Agencies)

Tite said, "that [had me] physically shaking when I met him."

Tite told the story at a news conference here in Doha, speaking with "my heart on my sleeve," as he said. It was during the 2018 World Cup draw, when Tite was focused on groups and matchups.

He was eschewing pictures with other coaches and soccer legends, avoiding schmoozy chaos, when somebody told him: "Tite, go say hi to Pelé." He froze.

He soon rose to his feet, "but I was shaking," he said. "My hands were sweating and my heart started beating faster. I said, 'Wow.'"

Pelé, now 82, is a global icon, and that's why players from multiple countries thought about him and tweeted about him on Saturday, when reports of his worsening condition first ap-

peared. That's why the Aspire Tower, a skyscraper hotel just outside the Khalifa International Stadium, lit up with Pelé's picture and name that same day.

Responding to those reports, Pelé and/or his representatives took to Instagram and wrote: "My friends, I want to keep everyone calm and positive. I'm strong, with a lot of hope and I follow my treatment as usual."

His reassurances dispelled the worldwide shock. But in Brazil, where he was once declared an unexportable "national treasure," he remained in prayers.

In Qatar, spontaneous tributes have been difficult to arrange, in part because wardrobes were packed weeks ago when flights to Doha departed.

A few fans scrawled their well wishes on flags. A few had brought their Pelé jerseys all the way from South America, and

wore them Monday night, but most were back at home.

Thousands of them, however, sent messages with their voice and hands when the diehard Seleção supporters behind one goal unfurled a pair of tifos, one with a hulking depiction of Pelé in his classic all-white Santos kit with his iconic No. 10 on the back. "GET WELL SOON," it read. It was greeted with applause. It was Neymar, then, who, at the final whistle, retrieved the banner that the team had prepared. It showed Pelé at the World Cup, in one of his happiest moments, the type of moment the current players will hope to recreate over the coming two weeks.

The king will be watching. "I'll be rooting for each one of you," he wrote in a Monday tweet. And the team will be rooting for him. "Right now, we just ask that everybody, regardless of their religion, pray for him," assistant coach César Sampaio said through a translator. "Pray, and send him positive energy."

What's post-World Cup future for Qatar's stadiums

DOHA, Qatar

THE World Cup stadium was designed to leave a minimal footprint in the Qatari sand. It's now due to be dismantled. Stadium 974 played host to seven matches, the last of which was Brazil's 4-1 win over South Korea in the round of 16 on Monday.

The Qataris say the stadium will disappear, but it isn't clear when that will happen. The Gulf country will soon stage an Asian Cup, the multi-sport Asian Games and maybe even an Olympics.

A look at FIFA requirements for World Cup stadiums and what happens next for Qatar's venues.

WHAT DID QATAR NEED?

FIFA has clear specifications for a World Cup host's venues plan.

A main stadium holding at least 80,000 people to stage the final, at least one more of 60,000 capacity that must host a semifinal, and several more of at least 40,000 – though FIFA let Russia have two that dipped below 35,000 four years ago. Qatar had a 12-stadium plan when it bid for and won the hosting rights in 2010. About three years into its long preparations for the 2022 tournament, that project plan was cut to eight stadiums. Seven of them were built from scratch, and the Khalifa International Stadium was renovated before hosting the 2019 world championships in track and field.

FIFA accepted this because Qatari soccer simply didn't need so many new venues. Nor did Qatar need such big venues for its domestic games in the 12-team Qatar Stars League, where games typically draw crowds of a few thousand. The long-term promise during bidding was to cut back one tier from some venues after the tournament. The steel and seats would be donated to less wealthy countries needing stadium infrastructure.

WHAT WAS BUILT IN QATAR?

The exact cost of Qatar's stadiums is unclear. The total spending on projects that were tied to preparing for the World Cup is estimated at about \$200 billion.

What Qatar got for its money was seven new and distinctive arenas with strong themes taking inspiration from local culture.



FILE – A general view ahead of the World Cup, group B soccer match between the United States and Wales, at the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium in Doha, Qatar, Monday, Nov. 21, 2022. (AP Photo)

The 89,000-capacity Lusail Stadium is modeled after a hand-crafted bowl; the 69,000-capacity Al Bayt Stadium resembles a nomad's desert tent; the Al Thumama Stadium is like a woven cap.

Al Janoub Stadium designed by the late Zaha Hadid, then the world's most famous woman architect, is said to be inspired by the sails of a pearl fishing boat. Many observers saw feminine finesse in the sweeping curves of its roof.

WHO BUILT THEM?

Tens of thousands of migrant workers were brought mostly from South Asia to labor in conditions that are the main controversy of this World Cup.

The exact number of workers who died or were injured on projects related to the tournament is unclear, in part be-

cause Qatar didn't collect data or investigate the deaths.

Qatar reformed the so-called kafala system that tied workers to their employers, including European construction firms, and adopted a monthly minimum wage of 1,000 Qatari riyals (\$275).

However, rights activists claim Qatar doesn't enforce its laws with enough rigor. FIFA has shown some willingness to heed calls to create a compensation fund for the families of dead and injured migrant workers.

The Qatari government has dismissed the calls as a publicity stunt, and notes its own efforts to ensure workers get their unpaid salary.

POST-WORLD CUP PLAN?

Much of the detail is unclear such as

where the stadium parts will go, but several will be scaled back.

Lusail Stadium will incorporate "a community space of schools, shops, cafés, sporting facilities and health clinics," Qatari World Cup organizers have said. Al Bayt will have a five-star hotel, shopping mall and sports medicine clinic.

Two of the stadiums will be used by local soccer clubs. Ahmad bin Ali Stadium is home for the Al Rayyan club and Al Wakrah will play at Al Janoub.

Khalifa International Stadium should still host Qatar national team games, including in qualifying games for the 2026 World Cup.

MORE BIG EVENTS

Some of the stadiums can be reused for the next Asian Cup scheduled in January 2024.

Qatar officially picked up the hosting rights one month before the World Cup started, replacing China, which cited the COVID-19 pandemic for handing back the tournament it was due to stage in June 2023.

Maybe Stadium 974 could be reprieved for the Asian championship starting in 13 months' time? The venue was constructed in the Doha Port area to a Lego-like design with the same amount of shipping containers as the number in Qatar's international telephone code.

Qatar also needs venues to host the 2030 Asian Games, a multi-sports championships that has more athletes competing than the Olympics.

Then there is the big Olympic prize Qatar wants: the Summer Games as soon as 2036.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko

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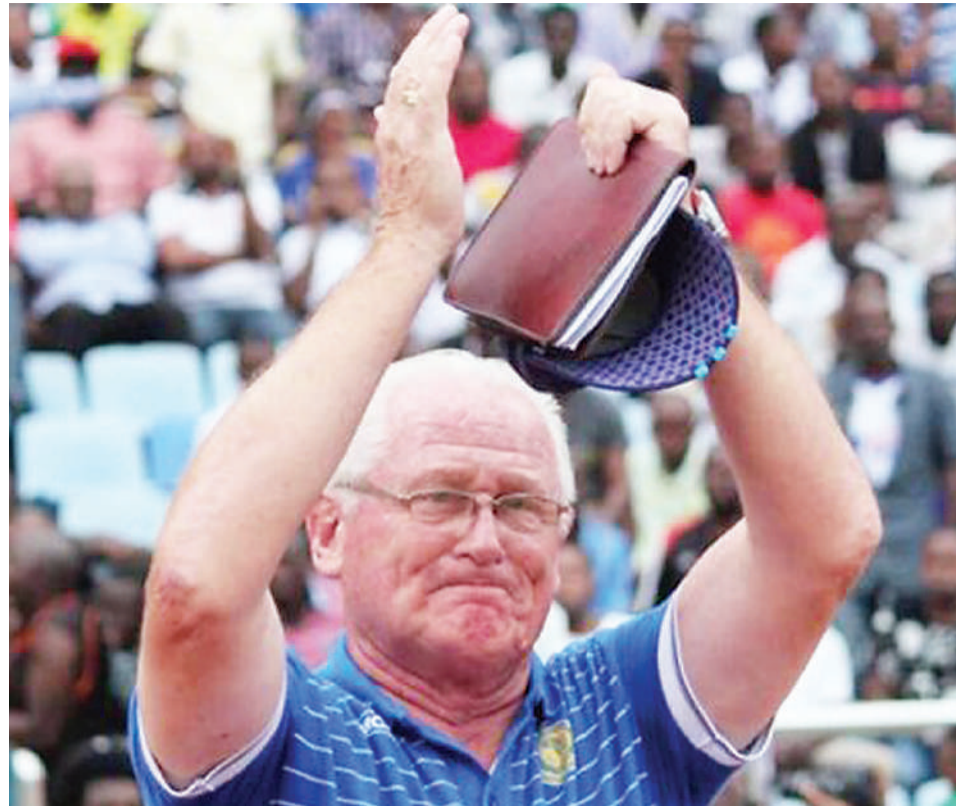
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Hans van der Pluijm

In-form Singida Big Stars seeking fourth straight win

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SINGIDA Big Stars have recently become the favourites to claim fourth position in the NBC Premier League in the eyes of many after their excellent run of form since losing 4-1 to Young Africans as they welcome Coastal Union to the Liti Stadium.

They are coming off a comfortable 3-0 win against Namungo and go into today's home fixture on a three-game winning streak. Singida Big Stars are fourth in the log, five points clear of fifth placed Geita Gold.

A win against Coastal Union will consolidate their top four position with a healthy eight-point cushion ahead of the start of the second half of the campaign next week. Hans van der Pluijm troops are brilliant at home with 17 points from the 21 points on offer. Their last two home matches ended in victory.

The Dutch tactician is set to keep the same starting lineup, with a back four of Pascal Wawa, Yassin Mustapha, Biomes Carno and Paul Godfrey protecting goalkeeper Metacha Mnata.

Meddie Kagere, who has scored four goals in the last five games, could continue as the central striker and he will be joined by star man Nicholas Gyan, who boasts four assists so far in this term.

As for Coastal Union, they make the trip to Singida on the back of a 3-0 loss at home against Simba last weekend. It was their second home loss in a row as they dropped to the relegation zone.

The Tanga-based side are 13th in the table with just 12 points from 14 games. They desperately need to get at least four points in the next two games if they are to get out of the relegation zone, mainly because of their terrible form.

With the departure of Juma Mgunda to Simba, Yusuph Chipo's appointment has not changed results as Coastal Union have now lost five consecutive games under the Kenyan coach. To compound his problem, Coastal Union's road form is poor, as they lost five of their seven games away from their home fans.

Chipo is set to make a number of changes to his starting lineup, but Moubarak Amza - who has five goals and two assists - will be hoping to keep his place in attacking midfield, which could see the Cameroonian joined by Hamad Majimengi while Maabad Maulid is serving his match suspension.

In the backline, Chipo could stick with Lameck Lawi, Omary Hashim, Khatib Kombo, and Cosmas Lucas, while Vincent Abubakar should partner Amza in midfield

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Simba to sign another striker

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA Sports Club are exploring the possibility of signing a striker in the forthcoming December-January transfer window.

According to media officer Ahmed Ally, the club is forced to make an attacking reinforcement following Dejan Georgijevi's exit.

The Serbian striker (pictured) joined Simba SC from NK Domzale on the recommendation of the former head coach of the Tanzanian giants Zoran Maki, who eventually left the club to join Al Itihad Alexandria of Egypt.



After only 52 days, Georgijevi announced his decision to terminate his contract with Simba via his Instagram page. He cited breach of contract on the part of the club as the reason for his decision.

He left the team having netted only one goal in the 2-0 win against Kagera Sugar in a NBC Premier League game played on August 20 at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

With only ten days to go before the mini-transfer window officially opens, Ally confirmed Simba will be looking to add depth to their squad.

"The mini-transfer window is specifically for filling gaps that the technical bench has identified. So right now we are waiting for Juma Mgunda and his assistants to tell us where they think we need to strengthen the squad.

"We need a really strong team, good signings as we head towards the business end of the league and also the CAF Champions League group stage. You must have a strong team, as you know that is the African Champions League, you play against difficult teams. You need a good squad to compete," he said.

Ally added: "We are going to reinforce our squad by looking at where we need to improve, plus there is an obvious gap to be filled, it was left by the departure of Dejan Georgevich. There is no doubt about it, we are going to add someone there and other positions, the coach will tell us where to strengthen in order to compete.

"Who will leave the team depends on the coach's report. If the coach says that this player won't be used even if he stays here, then our responsibility as management is to make sure that we find another club for that player to go and play.

"Staying with someone who you are sure won't play is an injustice because he doesn't get a chance to show his abilities and it is also denying an opportunity to another club that maybe if he goes there he can help them."

After 15 matches played in the NBC Premier League, Simba are third on the log with 34 points, one behind reigning Champions Young Africans who have the same number of points as second placed Azam, but boast a superior goal difference and one game in hand.

The Msimbazi Reds will face lower tier side Eagles in the Federation Cup on Sunday before a Premier League clash with Geita Gold six days later.

Limping Namungo host title chasing Yanga



Fiston Mayele

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

NAMUNGO and Young Africans (Yanga) go head-to-head in the NBC Premier League game this evening as the visitors look to extend their lead at the top of the table.

The home team is currently in ninth place, seventeen points adrift of their opponents and they go into this game on a poor recent run of form, which has seen them win just one of their last five league matches.

Last time out, they suffered a 3-0 defeat at Singida Big Stars. The loss saw Namungo fail to score for the third time in their last five outings.

However, Namungo's recent home record is not bad, as they have won three of their previous five matches and lost just one game on home soil in the league.

While Namungo will face a tougher test today, they can draw inspiration from the fact that they have never lost to Young Africans in all their three home games. Overall, they have lost just one game in six encounters with the Green and Yellow.

Abdulrazack Mohamed is expected to continue his centre-back partnership with Frank Magingi and Christopher Oruchum in a three-man defence, and the trio will have the tricky task of keeping Young Africans' forward line at bay.

The visitors currently sit top of the table on a superior goal difference to second placed Azam. After a dramatic 1-0 win against a resilient Tanzania Prisons side last Sunday, the defending Champions are looking to go three points clear at the top in what is turning into a tight three-horse race for the title.

Although they did lose to Ihefu in their last away game, Young Africans still boast a good record on the road. They have won

six of their seven away games this season and would go into this encounter to regain their away pride form.

Coach Nasredine Nabi was not afraid to hand another start to the up-and-coming striker Clement Mziza against Tanzania Prisons, but Fiston Mayele is expected to return to the first XI against Namungo.

However, he is unable to call upon the services of Bakari Mwamnyeto, Heritier Makambo and Jesus Moloko due to injury issues.

Joyce Lomalisa and Djuma Shaban will come into the back four to operate as the two full-backs, while Yannick Bangala is to partner Dickson Job in central defence. Khalid Aucho will provide the midfield screen ahead of a well-drilled defence and Mayele leads the line up front.

Bernard Morrison and Tuisila Kisinda provide support from out wide, though Farid Mussa, Dennis Nkane and Dickson Ambundo offer alternatives on either flank.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

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