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Lake Victoria ports for uplift in Uganda's trade to boost drive

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

A VISITING Ugandan minister has expressed satisfaction with improvements at Mwanza port, pledging to do the same on the country's lakeside ports to promote marine transport and trade between the two countries.

Fred Byamukama, the State Minister for Transport, aired this plan here yesterday after visiting the ongoing construction of a new ship at the port, designed to carry 1,200 passengers and 400 tonnes of cargo.

"We have seen the importance of improving our ports, Tanzania has done a tremendous job in developing Mwanza port, and we are going to do the same in Uganda," he said, urging the business community on both sides of the lake to fully utilise opportunities offered by easing marine transport.

He praised President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the vessels construction projects, noting that the ship under construction will, upon completion, ease export and import activity or Uganda and Tanzania, with much-reduced cost and time," he concluded.

Okandju Flory, executive secretary at the central corridor transit transport facilitation agency (CCTTFA), said that the ship will accelerate trade growth along the corridor, providing employment to large numbers of people.

"Mv Mwanza will at the end improve services and facilities along the corridor, encourage commercial activity and enhance efficiency and traffic between Uganda and Tanzania," he declared.

Vitus Mapunda, project manager with the Marine Services Co. Ltd (MSCL), said that the ship is being built at a cost of 97.5bn/-, with the work having reached 68 per cent at present. South Korea's Gas Entec Ship-Building Engineering Co. is charged with building the ship.

Vicent Stephan, the port manager, said the volume of cargo was on an upward trend.

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Kiswahili: Samia sets out global promotion strategy



City residents and visitors thronging the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair along Kilwa Road yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

By Felister Peter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan said yesterday that the government is determined to promote Kiswahili globally, outlining strategies to enhance output of professionals to help with teaching the language where they are needed.

In her virtual address to delegates attending celebrations to mark the first World Kiswahili Language Day in Dar es Salaam, the president said the country was establishing Kiswahili learning centres at Tanzanian embassies worldwide. Teachers will be recruited amongst Tanzanian graduates, she stated.

"We are implementing a national strategy to promote Kiswahili language and culture globally. This includes capacitating graduates with adequate skills such as editing, proof reading, interpretation, writing and broadcasting," she declared.

The celebrations were preceded with the signing of a formal agreement between Tanzania and South Africa, where the latter will start teaching Kiswahili in various levels of schooling, with Prof Adolf Mkenda, the Education, Science and Technology minister and his South African counterpart for Basic Education, Angelina Motshekga.

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango, chief guest at the celebration, witnesses the signing, with the pact seen as a pace setter to use the language in promoting greater social cohesion among people of various countries in the region/

It will also offer more opportunities to Swahili speakers from East African countries to spread Kiswahili language and culture, the president said in her remarks, pointing out that yesterday's launch of the World Kiswahili Language would result in an increased workforce, infrastructure and budget to various councils, institutions, universities teaching and promoting the language.

She praised the role of former Mozambican president Joachim Chissano in promoting Kiswahili internationally, noting that Chissano

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UN vaccine coordinator scans Tanzania's uptake

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

A TOP official of the United Nations vaccine delivery coordination globally has applauded President Samia Suluhu Hassan

for efforts to increase the uptake of Covid-19 vaccines and in managing the disease.

Ted Chaiban, assistant secretary general and global lead coordinator for the COVID-19 vaccine delivery partnership

made this appraisal at the start of a four-day visit, where he met the president and other high level government officials, along with development partners, community-based organisations,

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NMB opens 227th branch, channels 8.6trn/- revenues

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank has consolidated its market outreach, extending the branch network to 227 countrywide, with the new Buhongwa branch in Mwanza city at midweek.

Retail banking chief Filbert Mponzi said at the launching ceremony that from 2019 to 2021, the bank helped the government collect revenues amounting to 8.6trn/-, where the branch network helps it to better serve residents and boost its contribution to nation-building efforts.

Enabling the government to collect revenue through its digital channels was a pivotal aspect of this contribution, he explained, noting that the Government e-Payment Gateway (GePG) with over 1,100 public institutions participating

is connected to the bank's platforms.

With over 14,600 agents and a total of 800 ATMs, the bank was in a position to forge its partnership with the government, a major stakeholder in the bank, he stated, noting that the new outlet is NMB's 13th branch in Mwanza and brings its Lake Zone branches to 38.

It is a fully fledged branch offering all sorts of banking services, including agricultural loans at a nine per cent charge on credit, he said, qualifying this facility as part of the bank's support for government efforts to transform farming activities.

NMB has already extended 100bn/- in agricultural loans at less than 10 per cent interest charge, with an additional 100bn/- set to be loaned at a nine per cent charge, he elaborated.

The new branch will be offering transactional services including loans, consultation, opening accounts, foreign exchange and insurance, an opportunity for local residents to use the bank for their progress and widening development activities, he stated.

Sauda Msemo, deputy governor for the Bank of Tanzania (BoT), officiated at the ceremony, underlining that NMB was a strategic partner to the government in various development projects

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The deputy governor of the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) Sauda Msemo (3rd L) cuts a ribbon to officially open the NMB Buhongwa Branch in Nyamagana District, Mwanza Region on Wednesday. It is the 13th NMB branch in Mwanza and 227th countrywide. Looking on are Filbert Mponzi, the chief of retail banking (4th L), Nyamagana district commissioner Amina Makilagi (L), Mwanza city mayor Sima Costantine (2nd R) and the bank's Lake Zone manager, Baraka Ladislaus. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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and the provision of social services.

Commending the lender for its agro-finance support, she expressed appreciation for the 262 iron sheets donation priced at 10m/- for roofing Buhongwa secondary school.

Nyamagana district commissioner Amina Makilagi, city mayor Constantine Sima and MP Stanslaus

Mabula urged city residents to take advantage of services provided by NMB for their wellbeing and for the pursuit of development activities.

Baraka Ladislaus, the NMB Lake Zone manager, said the bank's priorities in the region include livestock value chain productivity enhancement, as livestock rearing is a leading economic activity in the region.

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purposefully used Kiswahili to address the African Union (AU) summit back in 2004.

The virtual address similarly acknowledged the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for declaring July 7th as World Kiswahili Language Day, underlining that it was an honour to Tanzania and the East African coast, from where the language originates.

President Felipe Nyusi of Mozambique, speaking alongside the president at an African Union summit in the Senegalese capital of Dakar, said Kiswahili is one of the most widely spoken languages in Africa, being a Bantu language originating from the western rim of the Indian Ocean.

He said Kiswahili is among the ten most spoken languages in the world with estimated 200m speakers globally, also being used by a section of the Mozambican population, an official language of the African Union (AU), the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and the East African Community (EAC).

"Kiswahili is used in parliaments, courts and the media. It is taught at various universities around the world. Kiswahili is growing at an amazing speed while being used as a tool towards uniting people and simplifying communications," the Mozambican leader asserted.

In his remarks, Burundi President Evariste Ndayishimiye said that despite Tanzania having a vast number of tribes, Kiswahili has continued to unite the people. The language is also widely spoken in Burundi, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), he specified.

"Kiswahili can cross borders; using it as the medium of communication amongst our people is clear testimony of existing cooperation between our people. It is good to use one language as Africans. We are thankful to all the people who are using the language globally," he declared.

Vice President Mpango said the government is ready to collaborate with various stakeholders to promote

the use of Kiswahili and consult with other countries to include Kiswahili in their curricula to continue spreading it around the world, happy that South Africa and Uganda have already announced plans to start teaching Kiswahili in school.

"UNESCO's recognition of the Kiswahili language makes it among seven official languages used by the United Nations. Apart from Tanzania, it is spoken in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, DRC, South Sudan, Somalia, Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique, Comoro, Oman and Yemen," he remarked.

Kiswahili has been used as a teaching language here since 1929, with the nationalist movement taking up Kiswahili as the language to unite the people during the independence campaign.

In December 1962, Nyerere addressed the first Tanganyika Parliament in Kiswahili and in February 1963, Kiswahili was formally recognized as the national language, he elaborated.

In Zanzibar Kiswahili was an official language before and after the January 1964 revolution, he noted, while South Africa's Basic Education minister Angelina Motshekga said the government there made deliberate efforts to make sure children in South Africa are taught Kiswahili in schools. "To us Kiswahili is more than a language," she told the participants.

Technical teams from Tanzania and South Africa should immediately meet to complete the processes for teaching of the language, he urged, recalling that the key decisions were made back in 2019.

Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Culture, Arts and Sports portfolio holder said the government will from next week start consulting with UNESCO on possibilities of constructing a higher education facility exclusive for Kiswahili in Tanzania.

It would be helpful in promoting the language and culture of its users, with the ministry having set aside a 100 acres plot of land for the project, intended to make Kiswahili a global commodity, he added.

RC to hold event to congratulate top council officials for surpassing their revenue collection targets

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE government in Mbeya region says it is preparing a special event to congratulate district commissioners, councils' executive directors and heads of financial departments for attaining 106 per cent of revenue collection targets during Fiscal Year 2021/22.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera made the remarks here on Wednesday when submitting revenue collection statement for the region, saying the region was targeted to 42.68bn/- but collected 45.06bn/-.

He said the collection was attained due to proficiency and ethical behaviour by officials from regional commissioner's office, Executive Directors, heads of councils' departments and that in order to encourage them he plans to organise an event to commend them.

Homera said the officials will be given certificates and assemble in on one tourist attraction area inside the region as part of supporting the Royal Tour documentary film featuring President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

"We shall party together at Matema Beach along Lake Nyasa, as these officials have displayed great patriotism in regard to revenue

collection contributing to the 14 per cent rise of income compared to what we had targeted," he said.

He added that they also plan to have in place a good plan in the supervision of the revenue collected to make sure the money is well spent in development projects and to stamp out any avenues for corruption.

He said out of the region's seven local councils, Mbeya District Council led in revenue collection during the period, it was targeted to collect 4.3bn/- but instead collected 5.2bn/- or 121 per cent of the target.

He said Chunya district council came second - it was targeted to collect 4.8bn/- but collected 5.2bn/- or 108.8 per cent, followed by Busokelo district council that was targeted to collect 1.5bn/-, but collected 1.6bn/- or 104.6 per cent of the target.

The fourth was Mbeya city council that was targeted to collect 16.6bn/- but collected 17.2bn/- or 103.7 per cent, followed by Rungwe District - targeted to collect 5.3bn/- but collected 5.4bn/- or 103.1 per cent of the target.

He added that the last was Kyela district council - targeted to collect 3.8bn/- but collected 6.2bn/- but collected 3.9bn, or 101.2 per cent of the target.



Zanzibar President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi and First Lady Mariam Mwinyi and Zanzibar Chief Secretary Zena Ahmed Said listen to Burundi group representative Chantal Birarondekwa when visiting the exhibition of various entrepreneurial products during the World Swahili Day held at Kiembesamaki. Photo: State House

UN vaccine coordinator scans Tanzania's uptake

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religious leaders and other key stakeholders.

The visit was aimed at taking stock of where Tanzania is in meeting its vaccination coverage objectives and identifying the way forward, to address bottlenecks and scale up the vaccination programme, he stated.

Flanked by Health minister Ummu Mwalimu, the Finance and Planning Minister and the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), he stressed that the pandemic is far from over.

There is a risk of new variants, especially in under-vaccinated populations where it remains high, he explained, underlining the need to ensure that we protect those most at risk including the elderly, people with underlying conditions, frontline health

workers and those working in sectors such as tourism and hospitality.

"The vaccine is our best protection against COVID-19. No one is safe until we are all safe," he declared, citing the local motto on vaccinating, that 'the clever thing to do is to take the jab'.

Much as Tanzania has not reached the international target of administering the vaccine to 70 per cent of the adult population, the country has been able to increase the vaccination rate from 6.3 per cent in late 2021 to 12.4 per cent at present, he said.

"Tanzania was late in launching the vaccination campaign," he said, nonetheless commending the government for being able to take measures enabling an increase in the number of people taking the jab through outreach facilities and health centres.

Tanzania now needs to keep the momentum and accelerate the

vaccination drive, especially by ensuring that groups such as the elderly and people with chronic illnesses are given priority and to ensure that all are vaccinated, he stated.

Visiting the country to meet with international and local stakeholders to support accelerating the Covid-19 vaccinations drive, he was of the view that rolling out the campaign should directly involve district and regional authorities to reach its target.

Creating public awareness for employees in the education and tourism sectors to promote vaccination campaign in their midst was equally vital, he stated, highlighting that challenges brought by the Covid-19 pandemic provide a lesson to developing countries on effective basic healthcare facilities. Locally made drugs are needed to address disease outbreaks, he stated.

Mwalimu said on her part that

the government has set out various strategies to increase awareness and push up the inoculation take up. She pointed to continuous improvement in health systems, including capacity building for medical personnel to tackle the pandemic.

"Other efforts include improvements of emergency services and rehabilitation of various health facilities to enhance the provision of basic health services, she stated.

Innocent Bashungwa, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), lauded the president for efforts aimed at improving the provision of health services at the district level and below.

Stressing the need for all eligible persons to be vaccinated, the minister insisted that the exercise is voluntary and no one should be forced to take the jab.



Agriculture deputy minister, Anthony Mavunde (C) during a special visit to inspect completion of a project for the construction of a 1.04bn/- worth warehouse which has been installed in Chemba district, Dodoma region in to combat effects of aflatoxin in agricultural produce. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

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partly due to improvements in port services. Annual handling of cargo at the port had moved from 160,000

tonnes to 240,000 tonnes and is envisaged to reach 300,000 tonnes a year.

To exploit Lake Victoria's trade

potential, TPA was rehabilitating Mwanza South and Mwanza North ports, to enable containerized cargo to be transported by ferry wagons to

the easterly port of Kisumu in Kenya, Port Bell in Uganda, Musoma port in Mara Region and Kemondo Bay port in Kagera region, he added.



CRDB bank head of marketing department Joseline Kamhanda (C) talks at a press briefing on the entrepreneurs' seminar scheduled to be held next week in Dar es Salaam. With her are acting director of small and medium customers, Bonaventura Paul (2nd R), Silent Ocean marketing officer Dotto Mayanga (2nd L), Infocus Studio Ltd relationship manager Clair Mtui and Simba courier operations manager James Mwambona. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Pool resources to participate in LNG project, local firms told

By Getrude Mbogo

TANZANIAN entrepreneurs and companies interested in the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project have been urged to pool financial resources and expertise together so as to qualify for the USD30 billion (75trn/-) investment whose implementation is slated for 2025.

Acting director of the Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA) Eng Charles Sangweni who is also the chief negotiator of the project said the LNG was coming with a number of opportunities which the locals have to get ready to utilize them.

Addressing journalists yesterday at the ongoing 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair Eng Sangweni even though multinational companies with high technology will implement the project, Local firms have many opportunities in the construction and services.

He said PURA and other authorities will invest efforts towards promoting understanding of the project and the local content opportunities available to facilitate the locals to grab the opportunities.

"To support this, PURA in collaboration with EWURA has developed a Common Qualification System (CQS) which will contain a database of Tanzanian service providers and professionals. The database includes suppliers and service providers' experts in the petroleum upstream sector to enable domestic and foreign investors to access qualified experts for business partnerships," he noted.

He said local contractors, engineers, entrepreneurs and suppliers should now demonstrate capacity and readiness to deliver most of the services both technical and non-technical that will be required in the project.

Eng Sangweni added that more than 10,000 jobs would be created during the construction and operations phase.

Mid last month, the government signed the LNG framework agreement with the UK's Shell and Norway's

Equinor that is expected to kick-start construction of the export terminal to commercialize the country's deep-water offshore gas reserves.

The deal signed by the three parties is foundational to the Tanzanian government's issuance of a Host Government Agreement (HGA) later this year which will outline the project's technical, commercial, and legal terms.

Front-end engineering and design (FEED and pre-FEED) will be completed within 3 years of HGA signing, with a final investment decision targeted in 2025. A 4- to 5-year construction period will follow with a first LNG drop planned by 2029-2030.

The plant will be built on the coast of Lindi Region. It will be linked via a 100-km subsea pipeline to significant deep-water gas discoveries off Tanzania's southern coast and have a 30-year life span.

Reports show that over 50 percent of the country's total area (534,000km²) has been blessed with potential sedimentary basins which, if well explored could transform the oil and gas sector in the country.

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Samia expected to open the 65th UN World Tourist Organisation meeting

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is expected to open the 65th UN World Tourist Organisation (UNWTO) that will involve ministers for Tourism from Africa who will, among others, discuss about investment for advertising existing investment opportunities in the country.

The conference that will also be attended by UNWTO Secretary General, aims to rebuild tourism's resilience in Africa for economic and social development.

Speaking on the meeting slated for

October 5 to 7 in Arusha, the Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Pindi Chana said among prominent people to attend is the INWTO Secretary General

Dr Chana said the meeting is among strategic steps to develop Tanzania's tourist sector globally including investment opportunities.

"At the meeting, Tourism Ministers from UNWTO Africa Commission countries and tourism stakeholders from within and outside the continent will participate.

"The meeting will involve various events including the Investment

Forum for advertising the country's investment opportunities," she added.

She also said the meeting tourism market symposium training will be provided to empower tourism stakeholders in regard to tourism advertising. "In essence, the meeting will spur the tourist market's product growth as specified in the 2020 CCM Election Manifesto and the country's Phase III of the Five Year Development Plan 2021/22 to 2025-26 with the aim of attaining five million tourists and USD 6 billion in earnings therefrom by 2025," she stressed.

According to her, the increase to

foreign tourists visiting various tourist attractions in the country reached 458,048. "For example, from January to May this year, foreign tourists visiting the country was 44.4 per cent compared during the same period in 2021 during which we received 317,270 foreign tourists," she added.

During the press briefing Elcia Grandcourt, the Regional Director for Africa at the UNWTO said she was satisfied with the preparations by the government of President Samia Suluhu Hassan who is currently is a star in advertising opportunities for tourism in Tanzania.

Minister issues all local councils one month to identify abandoned farms

By Guardian Correspondent,

Arusha

LANDS, Housing and Human Settlements Development Minister Dr Angeline Mabula has issued one month to all local councils countrywide to revisit and identify all farms that have been abandoned without development.

It is against procedures in developing them to enable the minister seek permission from President Samia Suluhu Hassan to endorse change in their uses.

The Minister made the remarks in Moshi, Kilimanjaro Region yesterday when she was addressing various regional officials, saying in case there will be any violations in regard to land ownership, legal steps should be taken during the period given.

She said there have been rampant violations on procedures in regard to some farms, the situation that make people take up loans and use the farms as collateral, while the loans taken are not utilised to develop them.

"President Samia has opened up opportunities to investors and as for now there are so many of them coming to the country to invest, hence we cannot just abandon such farm land," she elaborated.

She also instructed all District Council Directors countrywide to make sure they oversee the issue of unplanned settlements so that towns should be well planned in according to the country's laws and

procedures.

Dr Mabula further said according to the Town Planning Act, local councils are the ones with authority in town planning; it is not the work of the Ministry which only makes sectoral supervision to ensure things go well.

Some officials who attended the meeting, including Rombo District Director, Godwin Chacha said the number of abandoned is not so huge due to a large number of residents in the relative small areas.

For his part, Kilimanjaro Region Commissioner for Lands, Jeremia Minja said in dealing with these challenges, the exercise has already begun in the region and a team of experts were now changing title deeds records from analogue to digital system.

Kilimanjaro Region is among regions with many farms that have been abandoned for long time, the situation that has been creating frequent land conflicts pitting residents and investors.

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TAWIRI starts production of alternative firewood from invasive plant species

By Francis Kajubi

TANZANIA Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) has started producing alternative firewood from invasive plant species that are a threat to wildlife's health and the ecological nature of the conserved areas and national parks.

TAWIRI has since April this year rolled-out a project that targets at reducing rampant invasive plants in national parks and conserved areas by cutting them down and making alternative firewood out of it.

Dubbed as 'RangelandsCARE Project' it is being implemented in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) by producing alternative firewood known as biomass briquette from one of the invasive plant known as Makutian grass which is rampant in the conserved area.

Addressing reporter at the 46 Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Dr Jerome Kimaro, TAWIRI Senior Research Officer and RangelandsCARE Project Leader, who also invented the alternative firewood technology, said that the project goes up to 2026.

"There are many species of invasive plants in the national parks and conserved areas. We have opted to start with the Ngorongoro conserved Area because the Makutian grasses are becoming a major threat to wildlife health," said Dr Kimaro.

According to him, the alternative firewood has features that are friendly to the environment. He said the firewood has low quantity of smoke, it burns easily, emits high heat and it lasts for a long time compared to normal firewood.

Dr Kimaro said that he had presented the technology at this year's National Science, Technology and Innovation Competition well known in Kiswahili as Makisatu and scoped an award.

Organized by the Commission for

Science and Technology (COSTECH) this year's Makisatu competition had seen 868 innovators from the Mainland and Zanzibar presenting their innovative ideas that are intended at addressing challenges that hinders achievement s for social development goals (SDGs).

Dr Kimaro's innovative idea had enabled TAWIRI to scope an award on the category of the best Research and Development Institution.

At the climax of the Makisatu week held on May 7, 2022, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology's Permanent Secretary, Eliamani Sedoyeka said that in the 2022/23 budget the government has allocated 5.5billion/- for supporting innovators.

According to him, during the 2021/22 financial year the ministry had allocated 2.3billion/- for supporting innovative projects in the country.



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Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Tulia Ackson inspects classrooms built by Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) at Iganjo primary school in Mbeya yesterday. On extremely right is TEA director Bahati Geuzye. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'TEA spent over 8bn/- in 2021/2022 FY for construction of education infrastructure'

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

TANZANIA Education Authority (TEA), has spent 8.8bn/- in the financial year 2021/2022 to facilitate the construction of education infrastructure in different regions.

The projects implemented were the construction of classrooms, latrines, teachers' houses and learning facilities.

This was revealed yesterday by TEA Director, Bahati Geuzye, when she was briefing the National Assembly Speaker, Dr Tulia Ackson, on how

TEA has sponsored the construction of Iwambi and Iganjo education infrastructures in Mbeya Region.

She said TEA through its Education Fund spent 200m/- to renovate the infrastructure of the two Primary schools during the 2021/ 2022 financial year as part of governments' efforts to improve education sector.

Geuzye said through the funds, Iganjo primary school got 100m/- which was used to construct three classrooms, teachers' office and 28 latrines holes.

She said the fund provided 100m/- to Iwambi Primary school which were used to construct three classrooms, one teachers' office and 24 latrines holes.

Geuzye said many students will benefit and she urged the schools management to ensure the education infrastructures are well protected to be sustainable for the coming generation.

Geuzye said (TEA) is a public institution which works under the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to supplement

the government efforts to improve education sector.

Speaking during the event, Dr Tulia Ackson commended the government efforts to facilitate the education fund which helps to improve education sector by building infrastructure in different regions including Mbeya.

Dr Tulia said the Member of Parliament office in Mbeya town will continue to give priority to modernize education infrastructure in order to increase the performance of the students in the region.

MV Mwanza project reaches 68 per cent

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

CONSTRUCTION of the state-of-the-art ship of MV Mwanza Hapa Kazi tu has now reached 68 per cent, Marine Services Company Limited (MSCL)'s project manager Vitus Mapunda, asserts that the modern vessel will be in operation next year in October.

In his brief to Uganda's State Minister for Transport Fred Byamukama, MSCL project manager said that they are on last touches to conclude building the body of the ship.

"In October or mid-November the ship

will be taken to the slipway for other working activities, and in October next year, the ship will be ready," he said.

He added: "The MV Mwanza Hapa Kazi Tu is a 1200 passenger ship under construction at Mwanza shipyard. The ship shall be powered by twin engines, each developing 2380 kW."

"The compliance of the ship to meet International standard has necessitated being equipped with two main generators and one emergency generator," he observed.

He pointed out that the ship's design has

enforced the marine pollution regulation by having the sewage tank and protected fuel tank with double sides and double bottom.

"MV MWANZA is 92 m long, with a beam (width) of 17m. In addition to over 1000 passengers, the ship shall be freighting 400 tonnes of general cargo, 20 cars and three (3) trucks," he said.

He noted: "The project started form 03 September 2018, when the contract was signed before President John Pombe Magufuli, with full swing by Jan 2019. The International tendering was publicly announced in early 2018. The South Korean company, GASEntec in collaboration with KANGNAM shipyard, also from South Korea won the tender."

He underscored that the start of the ship's project had faced cross road to start due to heavy light weight compared to lifting capacity of an asset present at that time. "The other constraints were inner beam and ability to accommodate the submerged part of the designed ship."

He insisted: "Thus, the government, through Ministry of Works and Transport had to build a new slipway. The newly constructed slipway carry lift up 4000 metric tonnes, while MV Mwanza weighs 3500 tonnes. The slipway was constructed by Korean Companies, SAEKYUNG in Joint venture with STX engines."

He stressed that the MV Mwanza shall enhance the Lake Lines of Communication (Trade routes), by minimizing the freight charges per tonnes, hence improving living standards of our people across the Lake in our region (East Africa).

He concluded: "The newly wedded couples in Uganda, are highly invited aboard MV Mwanza Hapa Kazi Tu for their honeymoon, since the ship is purely home, which is away from home, with quite environment. The accommodation onboard shall ensure comfort ability to the passengers. The safety standard and seaworthiness of the ship has to be known by our brothers and sisters in Uganda. The marine stakeholders in Uganda are warmly invited during the maiden voyage."

Haven of Peace Academy



INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF ICT; ELECTRONICS AND SECURITY EQUIPMENTS

Haven of Peace Academy (HOPAC) is a faith based Not-for-Profit educational institution founded in 1994 for children of missionaries but has evolved into a Christian international school which has a diverse student population child of missionaries and full-time Christian service workers; children of expats working in the non-profit and for-profit sector and children of Tanzanians working in the for-profit and public sectors. The institution is located in Kunduchi at the junction of Salasala Road and Bagamoyo Road in Kinondoni Municipal in Dar es Salaam and is currently inviting capable bidders to tender for supply of ICT; Electronic and Security Equipment's.

REQUIREMENTS FOR TENDER

This tender is open to all local capable bidders for provision of the required services within Tanzania;

All bidders must collect Tender Document on payment of a non-refundable bidding fee of TZS 100,000.00 (Hundred Thousand Shillings Only) in cash and obtain a receipt and a copy of it to be attached to tender documents when submitting;

Tender Document collection and bidding fee payment will only be done on official working days between 09:00 - 12:00 hours

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING THE TENDER

The tender has been put in Lot 1 - ICT Equipment's; Lot 2 - Electronics Equipment's and Lot 3 - Security Equipment's. Bidder can bid for one or two or all three lots reliant to manufacturer appointed dealership or reseller legitimacy.

Application for this tender must be submitted before 12:00 hours on Friday 29th July 2022 in a sealed envelope and clearly marked: TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF ICT; ELECTRONICS AND SECURITY EQUIPMENTS and addressed to: -

The Director,
Haven of Peace Academy,
P. O. Box 70027,
Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA.

"HOPAC it is not bound to accept the lowest tenderer and has the right to accept and reject any tender offers"

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA
(COMMERCIAL DIVISION)
AT DAR ES SALAAM

MISC. COMMERCIAL CAUSE NO. 2 OF 2022
IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT NO. 12 OF 2002
AND
IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION ORDERS
BY ORI MEAT PRODUCTS LIMITED

BY ORI MEAT PRODUCTS LIMITED PETITIONER

DECREE:

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner claims for the following;

- The Honourable Court be pleased to make an administration order in favor of the Petitioner to ensure survival of the Company as a going concern or ensure advantageous and better realization of the company's assets for the benefit of the creditors and
- The Honourable Court be pleased to appoint Ms. Linda Bosco as the Administrator of Ori Meat Products Limited, the Petitioner
- Costs of this Petition be borne by the Petitioner
- Any other further relief(s) that the Honourable Court may deem just to make

This matter is coming up for Ruling on 24th day of June, 2022 before Hon. Dr. Deo John Nangela, Judge in the presence of Ms. Hisa Rumanyika, Advocate for the Petitioner and Ms. Janeth Njombe, Advocate

THIS COURT DOETH HEREBY ORDER THAT:

- That by the order of this Court, dated 24th June, 2022 this Court acting under Section 247 (1) (b), (2) and 3 (a), (b) & (c) Doth hereby Appoints MS. LINDA BOSCO, as an administrator of the affairs of the Company in the name of ORI MEAT PRODUCTS LIMITED, which is duly registered under the Companies Act Cap 212 R. E. 2002] and issued with a Certificate of Registration No. 136366564, issued on 17th Day of April, 2018
- The Appointment of the Ms. LINDA BOSCO is for a duration of ONE YEAR from the date of this Order, and which appointment is made FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:
 - To carry on and manage the business affairs of the Company in an efficient, profitable, transparent and less costly manner, so as to ensure the survival of the Company, and the whole or part of its business undertaking, as a going concern, and to timely perform the Company's creditor payment obligations;
 - To restructure the Company's operational and financial affairs in a manner that best serves the interests of its creditors and other relevant stakeholders.
- That consequent to the above appointment of the Administrator, THIS HONOURABLE COURT DOETH HEREBY Order and Direct the Administrator TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE COURT, on a quarterly basis, reports on the performance and discharge of her duties as sanctioned by the law.
- The Costs of this Petitioner shall be borne by the Petition

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this day of 24th day of June, 2022.

Dr. D. Nangela
JUDGE, HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA
(COMMERCIAL DIVISION)



Director of Operations, Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF), Mbarouk Magawa watches as members are being attended to at the fund's pavilion at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair grounds in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tanzanian teachers to be trained by S. Korean experts

By Beatrice Philemon

TANZANIA is now looking for experts from South Korea who will teach teachers how to teach STEAM education at various levels of education to enable Tanzania have best teaching system and provide excellent education to the future generation.

Assistant director (secondary education) President's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) Hadija Mcheka said yesterday at the on-going capacity building training for senior managers from the ministry of Education, Science and officials from public schools.

She said STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

"So far Tanzania has a good policy and law that can guide us on education sector, but what we need from them is expertise how to teach STEAM education, how to connect teachers to teach five or six schools at the same time," she said.

Tanzania is still lagging behind in digital technology in terms of uses of computer in teaching at both primary and secondary schools because the

majority of schools across the country have no electricity, computers and software learning tools.

Also there is lack of ICT devices tools that can be used in student-to-teacher, student-to-student interaction, networking systems, laboratory and inadequate of classrooms.

She called on South Korean government through KOICA to support Tanzania in terms of computers and other ICT tools that is suitable for ICT teaching and learning to help Tanzania flourish similarly to them.

Currently South Korea is among the world's most technologically advanced and digitally connected countries.

Also the country is among the global leaders in terms of integrating ICT technology into their school curriculums, their schools are teaming with technologies that aid both students and teachers in the teaching process.

She said, through the knowledge and skills gained from the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Tanzania will prepare a new contextualization model of ICT and STEAM education and incorporating into the education system in

accordance with the country's environment we have to enable Tanzania provide excellent education similarly to South Korea.

"We have already learned from South Korea on how it has managed to transform its education system successful, what we need from them is computers and expertise they have in STEAM education and ICT technology teaching process," she said.

Providing STEAM education will help Tanzania to prepare students for the future society.

KOREA's Project Manager, Soyeon Kim said the training has been designed to develop capacity building for government officials by providing an online seminar by Korean Education and Research Information Service (KERIS), Korean Educational Development Institute and Busan National Science Museum (SCIPORE).

She said so far trainees have learned useful knowledge and skills including the method about literacy instruction methodology, educational content development strategy, policy measures to activate school sports, vocational training and education development policy and field management.

Kenya seeks to enhance trade links with Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

KENYA is part of the 22 countries participating in the ongoing 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) with the aim of deepening trade relations with Tanzania through increasing the range of products traded between the two countries.

Fifteen (15) Kenyan companies are exhibiting at the Trade Fair that has attracted 180 foreign companies and 3,200 Tanzanian firms displaying products, services and technologies used in the production of goods.

Kenya has identified soap and organic surface-active products, medicaments, flat products of iron or non-alloy steel and crown corks of base metal. Kenya has the highest supply capacity in crown corks of base metal and palm oil is the product with greatest export potential from Kenya to Tanzania.

Out of the total goods exported to Tanzania in 2021, 80% of the top export products comprised of cooking oils, flat rolled iron materials, fertilisers, soaps, insecticides, medicaments, paper and paperboards, footwear and sugar confectionary.

Tanzania is currently Kenya's sixth largest export destination with exports worth Kshs. 40.4 billion which contributed to 33% of the country's total revenues generated from exports to the EAC market in 2021. Tanzania's exports to the country have doubled from Kshs 27.8 billion in 2020 to Kshs 54.4 billion in 2021.

Kenya is also seeking

to provide a wider variety of other value-added manufactured goods and services such as financial, ICT, education, hospitality, warehousing, transportation and building and construction to enhance trade relations between the two countries and reduce the trade gap.

Kenya's main export products to Tanzania are soap and detergents, animal or vegetable fats and oils, iron and steel products, electrical equipment, plastics, paper and paperboard and pharmaceuticals.

Speaking during the 46th Dar-es-salaam international trade fair, Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency, CEO Dr Wilfred Marube said: "Kenya is keen on exploring business opportunities that will consolidate, expand, and penetrate the

current market. The fair will be a networking opportunity with fellow delegates, sharing expertise with the aim of finding partners within countries of target. We are also leveraging on this event to provide a platform for our exporters to create market linkages and secure buyers for their products."

He added: "This event is a platform for Kenya to deepen its presence in the Tanzanian market, which has been identified as holding a lot of potential and capacity in absorbing more Kenyan products and services."

Participation in the trade fair is also expected to boost exports of products and services to Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and South-Western parts of Uganda who will be attending the fair.

CCRBT's modern maternal building receives accolades

By Guardian Reporter

COMPREHENSIVE Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) Hospital based in Dar es Salaam continues to receive praise from various stakeholders in the country following the completion of the new modern maternal building to be used for strengthening maternal health services at the exclusive hospital.

The building was recently inaugurated by President Samia Suluhu Hassan who praised hospital's officials for its construction that is the first of its kind in the African continent.

The building cost USD 44 million, equivalent to 101.2bn/-

"It is a huge step taken in regard to maternal health, not for Dar es Salaam only, but for the entire country as well as neighbouring countries in the

East and Central African Region, said Zamda Bulenga, a resident of Kisukulu in Dar es Salaam.

Zamda also praised Brenda Msangi, the Hospital's Managing Director for her nerve as well as for her good coordination with the government, development partners and both public and private institutions.

Meanwhile, Dr Tasco Luambano, Lecturer at Mzumbe University College, Mbeya campus praised the hospital for the modern maternal wing as well as the government for being at the fore front in making sure mother and child health services are strengthened at any cost.

Manyangu Sahani, a Sengerema resident from Mwanza Region said CCRBT Hospital deserves much praise, as apart from the maternal health services it provides, it also provides many other services to the people.

The new CCBRT maternity wing contains 106 beds for patients out of which 50 have been connected to oxygen supply services and 46 for infants.

CCBRT has 397 staff based in Dar es Salaam and Moshi, 6.3 per cent of who are people with disabilities in accordance with the 2010 law governing people with disabilities requiring an employer with more than 20 employees to set aside 3 per cent for people with disabilities.

In the same vein, Dar es salaam Regional Commissioner, Amos Makalla said the hospital is an institution that has identified itself in deeds and that it is well organised to take care of mother and child health, not only for the people of Dar es salaam but for all Tanzanians.

In addition to treating various types of disabilities, CCBRT Hospital also provides a wide range of specialized treatment including kidney dialysis, dentistry, Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) services, optical services, laboratory examination, gynecology services, physiotherapy and skin diseases.



Job Opportunities

TANZANIA MAJI NA USAFI WA MAZINGIRA (MUM) ACTIVITY

The Tanzania Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira (MUM) Activity funded by USAID/Tanzania and implemented by Tetra Tech International Development (<http://www.tetrattech.com/intdev>) is currently accepting expressions of interest for qualified candidates to fill various positions. The purpose of Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira (MUM) Activity is to expand and sustain the provision and governance of WASH services by increasing access to sustainable water services; Increasing access to finance for water, sanitation, and hygiene; Strengthening the market for sanitation products and services; and Strengthening basin water boards and water user associations for stewardship of water resources.

Tetra Tech seeks experienced candidates for the following positions:

Driver: (1 Post) Based in Iringa

Under the supervision of Administration Manager, the driver will be responsible for driving staff and other authorized passengers for business trips, transporting goods and services (information). Transport is not limited to Iringa and will require frequent trips to rural areas, predominantly Dar Es Salaam, Sumbawanga and Nyasa Basin. Overnight stays will be required at times • Alcohol must not be consumed or present whilst on duty • Ensuring vehicles are maintained in excellent mechanical and clean conditions, regularly checking oil, water, brakes, and brake liquid, tire pressure, battery levels, and the entire vehicle, monthly or every 5,000 km (whichever is first), headlights, brakes, bodywork for dents, etc. Calculates monthly petrol, oil, and lubricant consumption for the daily cash fund and for forwarding monthly vouchers to cost accounting. Runs errands for the project, program or office, e.g. sending letters and messages, paying bills, and buying smaller quantities of office supplies. Completes the vehicle logs correctly and conscientiously in accordance with Tetra Tech ARD requirements.

Qualifications:

Education: Secondary school education and holds a valid driver's license

Professional experience: At least 4-6 years' work experience as a driver with international NGOs. Computer skills necessary for completing reports and preparation travel advance and expense reporting.

Accounting Assistant (1 Post, Maternity Cover): Based in Iringa

Under the supervision of the Director of Administration and Finance, the Accounting Assistant will be responsible for providing maternity cover to the Finance Team for a period of approximately 3 months. The Accountant Assistant will assist with all bookkeeping, bank accounts and cash flow to ensure sufficient funds are available for effective and efficient implementation. Specific areas of responsibility include financial report preparation, payroll preparation, review and submission to Tetra Tech ARD Home Office, cash flow management. The accountant assistant will maintain and update accounting and financial control systems in accordance with USAID regulations (expenses are reasonable, allowable and allocable) such that Tetra Tech ARD policy transactions are conducted, processed and recorded as stipulated by the system.

Qualifications:

Education: Bachelor's degree or equivalent and 3 years in relevant field or 8 years' experience of relevant work.

Professional Experience: Minimum of 3 years' experience in an equivalent position, experience in using QuickBooks accounting software preferred. Experience working in a similar position with NGO, business or international organizations is required. Preference for candidates based in Iringa.

Gender Integration and Youth Engagement Specialist (1 Post) Based in Iringa

Under the supervision of the Deputy Chief of Party-Technical, the GIYES will be responsible for gender integration and youth engagement across all project components. This position involves the development, implementation and monitoring of a project level gender and youth strategy to guide these efforts and establishment of an engagement with the project Youth Advisory Council.

The GIYES will work in close partnership and coordination with Iris Group (a Tetra Tech subcontractor), seek input, review and approval from Iris Group for key technical deliverables (including workshop agendas and materials, gender and youth-related research and MEL, inputs to communications and SBCC messages and materials, etc.).

Qualifications:

Master's degree or equivalent and 7 years in relevant field or Bachelor's degree or equivalent and 10 years in relevant field.

Education: Educational background in water resources management, public health, environmental management, gender studies, or rural development desired.

Professional experience: Experience managing/ implementing similar gender and youth engagement programs preferably on donor funded WASH/IWRM programs in East/Southern Africa. Familiarity with the political, social, and cultural context of working in East/Southern Africa.

Desired Skills (in addition to general qualifications for all positions)

- Proven training and facilitation skills.
- Outstanding management and reporting skills

To apply through ARD.recruitment.TZMUM@tetrattech.com with a cover letter and current curriculum vitae (CV) in reverse chronological order format. Please list the title of the position in the email subject line

General Qualifications:

- Must be computer literate (in Microsoft Office applications such as Excel, Word, PowerPoint, etc.).
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including patience, diplomacy, willingness to listen and respect for colleagues.
- Ability to work individually and as part of a team.
- Experience delivering services in Tanzania, working successfully within a team environment.
- Professional fluency in English and Swahili is required for verbal and written communication.
- Please note: Only Tanzanian citizens are eligible for this position.
- Previous employees of Tetra Tech with a retrenchment date within two years of the application deadline will be prioritized, per section 25(1)(a) of the code of Good practice (Employment and Labour Relations).

Only Short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls will be accepted about these positions.

Deadline for submission of applications is July 15, 2022



NOTICE OF OFFICE RELOCATION

Dear Esteemed Customers,

The administration of ABS Consultants (Certified Public Accountants) would like to inform the general public that it has moved his offices to Victoria -New Bagamoyo Road, NHC building second floor (formerly BMTL Building) alongside the Victoria traffic lights junction, with effect from 27th June 2022.

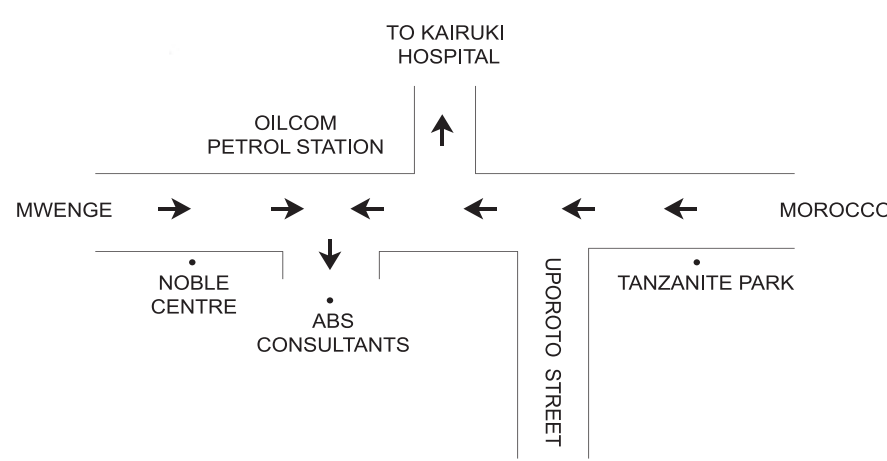
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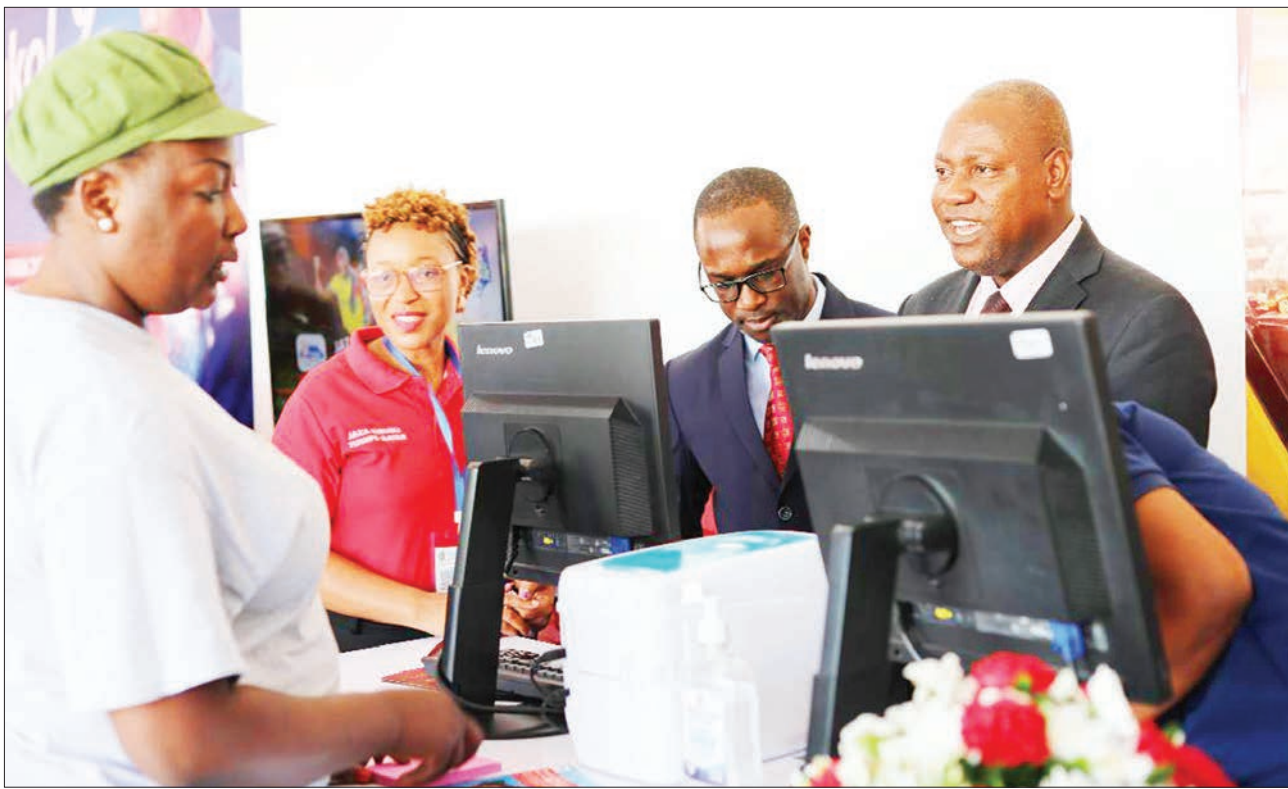
46TH EDITION OF THE DAR ES SALAAM INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR (DITF) IN PICTURES



Information, Communication and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye (R), visits Tigo pavilion at the ongoing 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair along Kilwa Road on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Investment, Industry and Trade minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji (2nd R) shares a light moment with Frank Nyabundege (2nd L), managing director for the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) when she visited the bank's pavilion at the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Left is Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) director general Latifah Khamis. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi attending customers at the bank's pavilion during the 46th DITF, with Elvis Ndunguru, the bank's director of business, looking on. Apart from traditional banking services, NBC Bank used the exhibition to provide financial education to customers and prospective investors. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Fair Competition Commission (FCC) director William Erio (R) listens to Investments, Industry and Trade deputy minister Exaud Kigaha (2nd L), when he visited the FCC pavilion at the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair along Kilwa Road earlier this week. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



Tanzania Miners' Federation (FEMA) president John Bina (L) exchanges views with Osman Abduls attar, vice chairman for the Tanzania Minerals Buyers and Traders Association at the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) pavilion at the 46th DITF in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) head of insurance, Francis Kaaya (In dark suit) explains the bank's operations to visitors at the ongoing 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair along Kilwa Road yesterday, flanked by bank officials. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Works and Transport deputy minister Godfrey Kasekenya gets a briefing from GF Trucks and Equipment Ltd marketing officer, Paul Msuku on XCMG cars and machinery marketed by the company when he visited their booth at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair on Wednesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA) public relations officer Dora Tesha (2nd R) explains to Shaka Hamdu Shaka, the secretary for Ideology and Publicity at CCM headquarters, who visited the VETA stand on Wednesday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Mark your products with made in Tanzania logo to market country's resources, minister tells investors

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Mufindi

MINISTER for Natural Resources and Tourism Dr Pindi Chana has called upon all timber manufacturers in the country to make sure they mark their products with the Tanzania's logo so as to market the country's creativity abroad.

She made the statement on Sunday in Mufindi district during her one-day official tour in Iringa Region, where she visited the Dazhong Wood Industry Company Ltd that is producing various wood products and found that the factory-produced products were not marked made in Tanzania.

The factory, owned by an investor from China, was introduced last year and manufactures a variety of wood products such as Wood Veneer, Plywood and Marine Ply Boards employing more than 450 workers.

The minister called on the owner of the factory Wu Bin from China to implement the order by complying with Tanzania's rules and regulations.

Dazhong Wood Industry Company Ltd is located in Sao Hill Village, Mafinga Township in Mufindi District of Iringa Region.

According to Wu, the main products of the factory include eucalyptus, veneer, pine swanned timber and plywood.

He said that the first phase of the Dazhong investment is about 34.5 billion shillings (USD\$ 15 million) but

also plans to invest in 10 eucalyptus veneer producing lines, producing 400-500 cubic meters daily.

Wu also said the factory plans to invest in 09 pine swanned timber producing lines, producing 400-500 cubic meters daily and also 400-600 pieces of plywood produced daily with two plywood production lines.

He also said the first phase of his factory (Dazhong) plans to purchase 500,000 cubic meters of logs annually, producing 300,000-350,000 cubic meters of various forest products.

The investor requested the government through Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) to consider establishing an integrated logging system in its forest plantations.

He noted that in that system, trees will be felled by government owned logging and transport teams and sold by assortment like match logs, like sawing logs, pulpwood logs, transition poles, telephone poles, fencing poles and firewood.

"We also advise that the government should revise its tree volume measurements method because of the great difference in tree volume and log volume we noted when we purchased logs from Sao Hill Forest Plantation," he said.

For instance, in one bill of standing trees we bought a coupe with 534.04 cubic meters of standing trees for 20,142,959/- but out of it we managed to get only 373.828 cubic meters of

good logs, meaning the rest 160.212 cubic meters were useless and left in the forest," Wu said.

He said by doing so, the government will provide more employment and add more revenue sources from felling, skidding and loading charges.

In addition, Dr Chana praised the country's forest conservation efforts by the Tanzania Forest Service Agency (TFS) and called on the institution to continue to cooperate with district councils, stakeholders and citizens in the role of forest conservation, managing forest-based industries.

She congratulated TFS for putting in place a strategy to combat fire disasters and promote a culture of protecting forest conservation education for citizens around the TFS plantations.

TFS chief executive officer Prof Dos Santos Silayo said the agency was planning to increase tree plantations to also promote tourism.

Prof Silayo said that on the Sao Hill they have been doing walking tourism, motorcycle and bicycles tourism and added that they are planning to make sure they start horse tourism soon.

Mafinga MP, Cosato Chumi said the forestry sector has a significant contribution to the citizens of Mafinga as it provides employment as well as increasing revenues to the council.

Chumi said that 85 percent of the citizens of Mufindi and Mafinga Urban District rely on forest products to grow the economy.



Sukuru villagers at Komolo ward in Simanjiro district, Manyara region take the ongoing Covid-19 vaccination on Wednesday. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DEPUTY Minister for Investment, Trade, and Industry, Exaud Kigaha has said that the government is interested and committed to further business relations with Pakistan.

Kigaha made the remarks in Dar es Salaam recently at the launch of the Tanzania-Pakistan Business Council (TPBC), which promotes trade between the two countries.

A member of the East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA) Lugiko Happiness Elias assured the participants of the EAC Secretariat's keen interest in exploiting the enormous potential for Pakistan-EAC economic partnership.

"There is a lot of business potential between the East Africa Community and Pakistan. I am sure the establishment of the Council will improve our trade relations," said the Member of Parliament.

TPBC Chairman Ghulam Hiran said that the council would organise the frequent exchange of business delegations between Tanzania and Pakistan. He also thanked the business community participants who attended the launch.

Pakistan High Commissioner Muhammad Saleem expressed his gratitude to all the relevant authorities of the Tanzanian government for supporting the establishment of the TPBC which comprises of Tanzanian and Pakistani business community members.

He assured the TPBC of the continued support of the High Commission for enhancing fruitful

Tanzania to strengthen relations with Pakistan - Deputy Minister

engagement between the business houses of Pakistan and Tanzania for the promotion of commerce, investment, and tourism.

Over 220 participants attended the event including representatives of the Tanzania Trade Development Authority; the Tanzania Investment Centre; the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation; the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture; the Tanzania National Business Council; the Zanzibar National Chamber of Commerce; Tea Board of Tanzania; Tanzania Cotton Board; Export Processing Zone Authority of Tanzania; and Tanzania Sisal Board.

Currently Traded Products, Pakistan's exports in goods and services in Financial Year 2020-21 were valued at US\$92 million while imports from Tanzania were valued at \$70.2 million.

These statistics do not include the products and services traded between Pakistan and Tanzania through third countries.

Pakistan's major exports to Tanzania included textiles; linens; woven cotton fabric; garments, rice; electrical and electronics parts and accessories; industrial materials and spare parts; machinery parts and accessories; paper and paperboard; medicines and textile materials. Main imports from Tanzania were raw cotton, tea, dry fruits, cloves, hides, ground nuts,

beans, cardamoms, chickpeas, Arabic gum, wattle extract; and ferro-alloys.

Pakistan's potential export to Tanzania includes agricultural machinery and farming implements, electric machinery; construction materials; iron and steel products; safety equipment (including for mining); pharmaceuticals; surgical instruments and medical equipment; fans and building (home and office) appliances; automotive (bulldozers, cranes, lorries); chemicals; marble and minerals; mobile phones; cutlery and cookware; stationery and paperboard; rubber and rubber materials; plastic and plastic implements; furniture; garments; hosiery items; sports goods; musical instruments; cosmetics; gems and jewelry; and other consumer goods and services.

While the country's potential export to Pakistan is cotton; coffee; crude sunflower seed; cocoa beans; black tea; kraft liner; chickpeas; fish; semi-precious stones; carbons and other glass containers; bags of polyethylene/polypropylene; beans; bran; cashew nuts; cloves; legumes; petroleum jelly; sesame seeds and spices.

Trade between the two nations through third countries includes Tanzanian gold, cashew nuts, and tea, similarly, Pakistani machinery surgical equipment and building appliances are being imported by Tanzania through third countries.



Audited Financial Results for 2021

Commentary

The Directors are pleased to present the audited financial results for the year ended 31st December 2021. Income increased by 7% to TZS 2,690 million compared to 2020 due to higher dividend income while other operating gains increased by 117% to TZS 237 million. Operating expenses decreased by 4% to TZS 1,014 million in 2021. Profit for the year amounted to TZS 1,330 million compared to a loss of TZS 475 million in 2020.

Dividends

The Directors recommend a final dividend of TZS 10 per share (2020: TZS 6 per share). Dividends are not recognised as a liability until they have been ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income

	2021 TZS '000	2020 TZS '000
Income	2,690,726	2,507,571
Other operating gains (losses)	237,135	(1,334,510)
Operating expenses	(1,014,150)	(1,060,243)
Operating profit	1,913,711	112,818
Finance costs	(374,670)	(466,557)
Profit before taxation	1,539,042	(353,739)
Taxation	(209,182)	(121,397)
Profit for the year	1,329,859	(475,136)
Other comprehensive income:		
Items that will not be recycled to profit or loss:		
Fair value gain (loss) on equity instruments	(58,088)	388,225
Other comprehensive income for the year	(58,088)	388,225
Total comprehensive loss for the year	1,271,771	(86,911)
Basic earnings per share	18.22	(6.51)

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021

	2021 TZS '000	2020 TZS '000
Assets		
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	139,447	26,307
Investment property	221,347	221,347
Right of use assets	3,256	42,316
Intangible assets	4,500	-
Equity investments	15,253,840	14,848,114
Investment in government securities	12,985,104	13,578,175
28,607,494	28,607,494	28,716,259
Current Assets		
Trade and other receivables	589,870	571,177
Current tax receivable	242,682	273,350
Investment in retail bonds	-	10,000
Cash and cash equivalents	1,011,299	206,233
1,843,851	1,843,851	1,060,760
Total Assets	30,451,345	29,777,019
Equity and Liabilities		
Equity		
Share capital	2,167,952	2,167,952
Total Reserves	5,327,762	5,430,850
Retained Income	19,908,600	18,972,207
27,404,314	27,404,314	26,571,009
Non-Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	2,396,96	2,606,193
Deferred tax	23,890	3,256
2,420,852	2,420,852	2,609,449
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	132,095	151,075
Borrowings-CL	209,231	183,092
Dividend Payable	284,853	223,301
Lease Liability	-	39,093
626,179	626,179	596,561
Total Liabilities	3,048,587	3,206,010
Total Equity and Liabilities	30,451,345	29,777,019

Statement of Cash Flows

	2021 TZS '000	2020 TZS '000
Cash flow from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	1,908,698	(466,557)
Finance costs	(374,670)	(466,557)
Tax paid	(157,880)	(49,835)
Net cash (used in) from operating activities	1,376,148	944,644
Cash flow from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(142,192)	(11,600)
Acquisition of right of use assets	-	(74,866)
Purchase of intangible assets	(6,000)	-
Movement in investments in government securities	(463,814)	4,904,999
Movement in equity investments	593,071	(3,900,253)
Movement in retail bonds investments	10,000	20,336
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of equity investments	36,952	(1,342,370)
Net cash (used in) from investing activities	28,017	(403,754)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Movement in borrowings	(183,094)	(210,715)
Movement in lease liability	(39,093)	39,093
Dividends paid	(376,912)	(387,349)
Net cash (used in) from financing activities	(599,099)	(558,971)
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash	805,066	(18,081)
Cash at the beginning of the year	206,233	224,314
Cash at the end of the year	1,011,299	206,233

Statement of Changes in equity

	Share capital TZS '000	Share premium TZS '000	Total share capital TZS '000	Fair valuation reserve TZS '000	IPO Cost TZS '000	Retained earnings TZS '000	Total equity TZS '000
Previous year							
Balance as at 1 January 2020	1,459,153	708,799	2,167,952	9,650,287	(629,662)	15,907,807	27,096,384
Loss for the year	-	-	-	388,225	-	(475,136)	(475,136)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(3,978,000)	-	3,978,000	388,225
Transfer between reserves	-	-	-	-	-	(438,464)	(438,464)
Balance as at 31 December 2020	1,459,153	708,799	2,167,952	6,060,512	(629,662)	18,972,207	26,571,009
Current period							
Balance as at 1 January 2021	1,459,153	708,799	2,167,952	6,060,512	(629,662)	18,972,207	26,571,009
Profit for the year	-	-	-	(58,088)	-	1,329,859	1,329,859
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(45,000)	-	(45,000)	(88,088)
Transfer between reserves	-	-	-	-	-	45,000	45,000
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(438,466)	(438,466)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	1,459,153	708,799	2,167,952	5,957,424	(629,662)	19,908,600	27,404,314

We, the undersigned, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the Statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards, they present a true and fair view.

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Battle against wildlife poachers is increasingly crime high-tech

POACHING has been defined as the illegal hunting or capturing of wild animals. In 1998, environmental scientists from the University of Massachusetts Amherst proposed the concept of poaching as an environmental crime, defining any activity as illegal that contravenes the laws and regulations established to protect renewable natural resources including the illegal harvest of wildlife with the intention of possessing, transporting, consuming or selling it and using its body parts.

They considered poaching as one of the most serious threats to the survival of plant and animal populations. Wildlife biologists and conservationists consider poaching to have a detrimental effect on biodiversity both within and outside protected areas as wildlife populations decline, species are depleted locally, and the functionality of ecosystems is disturbed.

This year marked a milestone in the battle to protect endangered species, when an international team of scientists announced they had successfully created two northern white rhino embryos.

The landmark achievement is a promising step towards pulling the white rhino back from the brink of extinction.

It also highlights how technology is being harnessed to protect wildlife - including efforts beyond the lab in places like South Africa.

More than 760 rhinos are killed annually in South Africa - including 421 slaughtered last year in Kruger National Park.

Rhinos are killed for their horns, which are prized in traditional Asian medicine and command high prices when poachers hawk them on black

markets. But international trade in rhino parts is illegal.

Research indicates that tech innovations have already helped to curb poaching in Africa. Black and white rhinoceros - the continent's two rhino species, classified as endangered and threatened, respectively - have increased in population in recent years, reports WWF.

In conservation hotspots across the world, artificial intelligence, drones, and surveillance platforms are among the technologies that have become the latest line of defence against the \$23bn global illegal wildlife trade, which claims the lives of 800 rhinos - along with 15,000 elephants and untold numbers of pangolins, impalas, bush pigs, warthogs and other animals - in Africa every year.

Only 25,000 rhinos, 415 African elephants, and dwindling numbers of other at-risk species survive on the continent in the wild today.

"There is too much to protect, and too few people to protect it, so technology has become essential when addressing the global poaching crisis," says Rohit Singh, head of the Zero Poaching initiative for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

As conservation groups get smarter about technology, so do the poachers they are battling to stop. Environmentalists say the fear of never being more than one step ahead is tangible in their campaign to save animals hunted for their horns, tusks, pelts, scales or skin - or for capture as exotic pets.

"With illegal wildlife trade being run by increasingly organised crime syndicates, poachers already use technology and are often far better equipped than those protecting nature and wildlife," says Singh.

Workers are an important asset in the world of work

THE world marked Labour Day or May Day - an annual holiday to celebrate the achievements of workers. Labour Day has its origins in the labour union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest.

For most countries, Labour Day is synonymous with, or linked with, International Workers' Day, which occurs on 1 May. For other countries, Labour Day is celebrated on a different date, often one with special significance for the labour movement in that country. Labour Day is a public holiday in many countries.

This holiday is most commonly associated as a commemoration of the achievements of the labour movement. The holiday may also be known as International Worker's Day or May Day and is marked with a public holiday in over 80 countries.

Dr. John P. Magufuli has always reiterated his mission to improve workers conditions saying it's among his top priorities for his five years tenure.

The President made the remarks as he was addressing thousands of workers who thronged the grounds at the capital city, Dodoma to mark the International workers day in 2016.

In his speech, Dr. Magufuli stressed on the importance of formal employment contracts for workers, insisting that the labour laws, which were reviewed in 2004, must be observed seriously and stern measures should be taken for employers who disobey them. The laws also provide for the right for employers and employees to form and/or join trade unions of their choice.

As regards social security schemes, the President announced his approval of merging some of the five state run pension funds to form fewer number of financially robust schemes urging for

more workers to join and contribute to the funds. He warned employers from public as well as private sectors to submit their workers' contributions in time.

We cannot tolerate corruption, laziness, and lack of integrity among workers ... the government should remain committed in dealing with those who cause losses to the country as per the law.

Workers are an important asset in the world of work and their contributions to building the economy should not be undermined.

The country's economic growth is currently improving at 7 per cent, this should be reflected on the lives of workers who are the main contributors to national development.

More than half of the developing world's workers nearly 1.5 billion people are in vulnerable employment. These workers are less likely than wage earners to have formal working arrangements, be covered by social protection such as pensions and health care or have regular earnings.

We acknowledged the efforts done by the government to create jobs for youth. The recently released Integrated Labour Force Survey report of 2014 showed that the economy had created 3.4 million jobs in 8 years.

We salute the fifth phase government endeavour in creating those jobs. It is imperative, in the same vein, that we also need to improve conditions for working women and men who are working but not earning enough to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

The world is now experiencing several forces which are transforming work, from technological developments, impact of climate change, to the changing character of production and employment. We therefore call upon the workers and employers to think about the future of workers.

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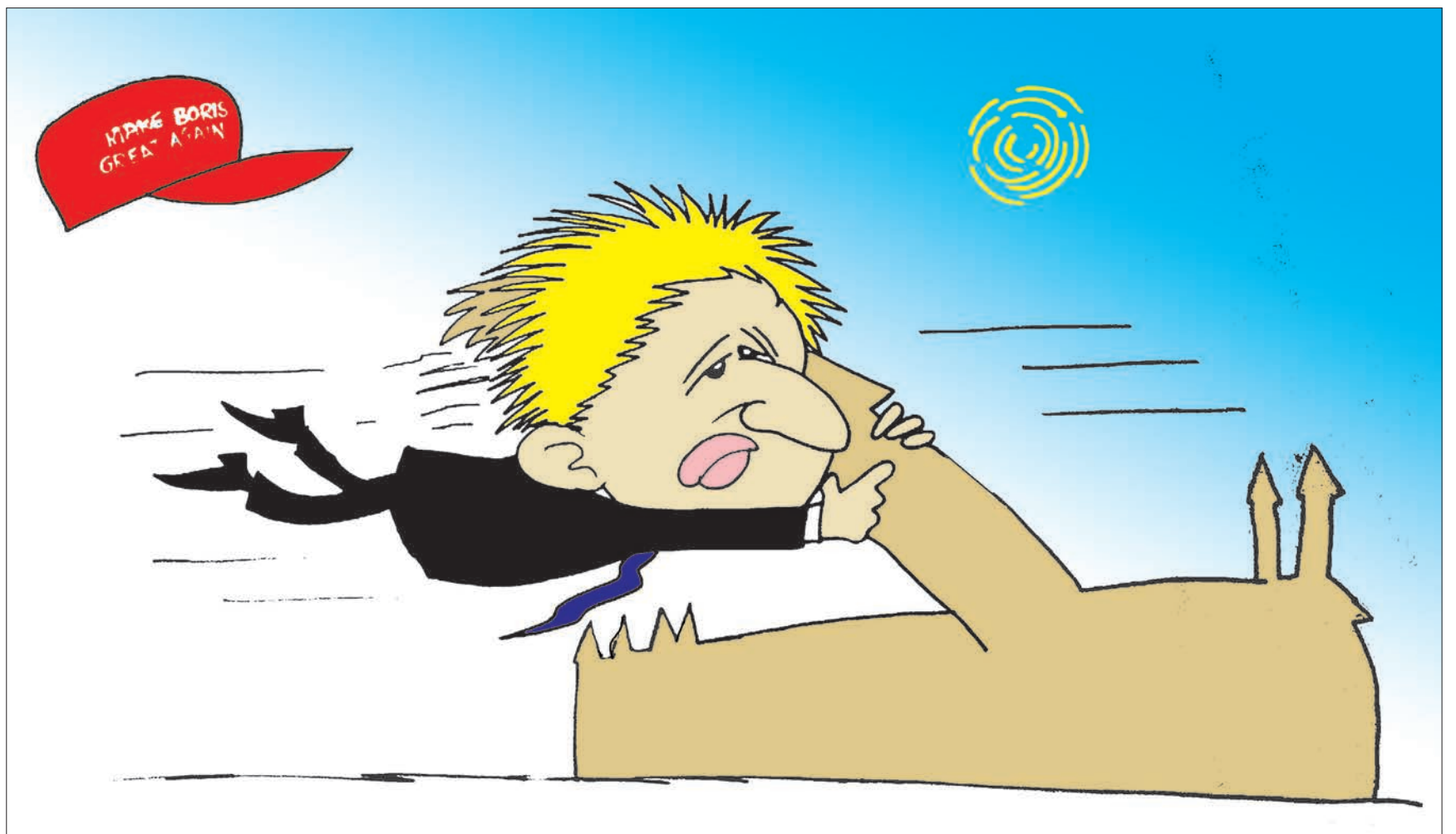
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Ban on coups: Applaudable but ...

By EBOU GAYE

THE decision made by the ECOWAS and the AU to crack down on coups d'état in Africa by imposing a ban on the practice is an interesting development. Given the high frequency of coups in Africa as opposed to other continents and the fact that coups engender bloodletting, terror, economic crises and political instability in most cases, the move is a welcome one.

However, one is amply justified in wondering whether the move is a sincere one on the part of our leaders and whether it can help remedy the situation. In a region where many of the leaders came to power through the barrel of the gun and overstaying in power is the norm, it is extremely hard to believe that such a move is meant for public good. Judging by the behaviour of most African leaders and their associates, characterized by blatant plundering and squandering of exiguous, direly needed public funds, coupled with flagrant violation of human rights in the form of victimization and brutalization of citizens for political reasons, adding insults to injury, it is sheer short-sightedness to believe that the move can help stop the practice once and for all.

There is every indication that the move is meant to safeguard the political interest of current African leaders by guaranteeing their security and safety rather than just to ensure peace and stability for the benefit of the public as our leaders want to make us believe.

If our leaders were sincere in the move, those among them who mounted power by staging coups would repent their acts and apologize to their people or be asked by their colleagues to do so. But what we have seen is the contrary. Some coup-makers continue to insist that they had genuine reasons for toppling their predecessors and endeavour to convince people in this regard without being challenged by their colleagues. Hence, those coup-makers can be likened to a person trying to lock the door of a dining room just after entering, so as to prevent others from entering through the same door. The fact that our leaders have imposed a ban on coups without going a step further to take measures to prevent overstaying in power also casts a big shadow of doubt on their sincerity.

It can be cogently argued that banning coups without addressing the root cause of the problem will yield very little dividends, if any. The prevalence of coups in Africa can,



Prime Minister Choguel Maiga and Transitional President Assimi Goita

to a very large extent, be ascribed to the behaviour of our leaders. The dictatorial, egotistic, egoistic, sadistic, megalomaniacal and bigoted tendency of some of our leaders is a causative factor of coups. Therefore, any action taken to crack down on coups without taking this factor into account may have very little effect or prove to be an exercise in futility.

Some African leaders endeavour to cling onto power at all cost. They use various means to achieve their aims, which include terrorizing the population through harassment, arbitrary arrests, detention, torture and killings; issuing threats to intimidate opponents; doctoring their constitutions to suit their political interest; promulgating draconian laws to gag the press; suppressing dissent and freedom of expression; meddling in matters appertaining to the judiciary; manipulating civil servants, parliamentarians and electoral officers; monopolizing the public media; denying citizens their dues or depriving them of basic necessities; and the like. In short, those leaders seek to obtain sweeping powers and attain total control of everything to rule with iron hands, making it extremely difficult or impossible for them to be removed from power through peaceful means. When their oppression becomes unendurable to the masses, they resort to violent means of extricating themselves, as a cat can do anything to save itself when pushed to the wall. Some leaders, especially coup-makers and their associates, personalize state properties. They enrich themselves in the twinkling of an eye and lead flamboyant life styles, spending thriftlessly and improvidently. This behaviour has the danger of encouraging coups. It arouses the envy or anger of others who may resort to violent, unconstitutional means to weed out those greedy, selfish people in order to enjoy themselves like them or

save their compatriots from economic crises by freeing them from the clutches of the rapacious, materially-minded, extravagantly-behaved clique.

Hence, any action geared towards cracking down on coups should not fall short of imposing a presidential term-limit and introducing strict, drastic measures to curb human rights violations and corruption. If our leaders really meant business, they would make efforts to mend the cracks on the wall rather than plastering them. Simply put, they would try to address the root cause of the problem if they were sincere in their move. In so doing, they would not need to impose a ban on coups, for the situation would automatically take care of itself. No leader should be allowed to cling onto power or oppress his people continuously, for no one is indispensable or superior to others as some leaders and their sycophants want to fool people into believing. Believing in the indispensability of a leader or his superiority over others or portrayal of a leader as such is not only folly but also insulting to God's intelligence. How can you expect God the Omniscient to endow only one person in a country with the capability or ability to govern that country? If only one person in a country had the ability to rule, what would happen when he goes to eternity or dies? Are those portrayed as indispensable leaders immortal? Given the fact that all human beings are made of bones, blood and flesh and share the seven characteristics of living organisms and that leaders are human beings, is it reasonable for a leader to be intoxicated with power or be arrogant to the extent of feeling superior to others or be portrayed as such? Are there superhuman leaders or leaders made of materials that are more valuable than those mentioned above, unlike their fellow human beings? Hard working or not, patriotic

or not, leaders must relinquish power peacefully or step down to pave the way for others to contribute their quota. Indispensability cannot be used to justify overstaying in power, for anybody can claim to be indispensable or be portrayed as such by sycophants. The desire to eternize one's stay in power can only be interpreted as greed and selfishness. That is the fact of the matter.

Coming back to the main point of the discourse, I would like to expand on the matter by contending that coups can be eradicated or at least minimized with the imposition of a presidential term-limit. Imposing a term-limit can render coups unjustifiable. For instance, coup-makers may find it difficult to gain national and international recognition after overthrowing a democratically elected president whose tenure of office cannot go beyond eight or ten years. Cognizant of this fact, would-be coup-makers may be deterred. Besides, aggrieved, discontented or disgruntled parties may not feel the need to fall back on violent means of removing a president from office with the knowledge that his tenure of office is ephemeral. Additionally, having a presidential term-limit in place can help deter oppression or disregard for the rule of law on the part of leaders, which, in turn, can help deter coups. Knowing fully well that they have very limited or short time in office and that they may be held accountable for their misdeeds when they dismount power, leaders may avoid wronging their people and think twice before acting or making decisions while in office. In other words, having a presidential term-limit can scare leaders into behaving well or avoiding misbehaviour and malpractice, which can earn them the respect and love of their compatriots, thereby guaranteeing their security and safety by discouraging would-be coup-makers.

Given the fact that our leaders have overlooked the importance of imposing a presidential term-limit, we should not be surprised if coups continue to occur in Africa despite this ban on the practice. As pointed out earlier, overstaying in power and oppression should stop if we are to succeed in banning coups.

To sum up, our leaders must see reason and change attitude for the better, as their behaviour leaves much to be desired. They should stop playing with our intelligence if they really intend to crack down on coups as a way of ensuring peace and stability. I urge them to try this medicine. I am confident that it will prove to be efficacious.

Literary Column: RISKY PATHS TO SUCCESS - by Ramatoulie O Othman

If everybody in your area makes furniture, supply them raw materials

There is a tea place in Old Town by the edge of the sea. I don't frequent it that much these days but when life gives me too much, that's where you'll find me.

Drowning it all in a steaming dark sweet cocktail of coffee, cinnamon and ginger—a lot of ginger that is, you'll find me watching the ocean outstretch like a trembling blue carpet to the other side.

There's a quiet understanding between the regulars here. Though misery doesn't deserve company, we recognize we're all running away from something, according to the ones I've talked to.

Whether it's from a hectic long day of work, a nagging wife or boring husband at home, the looming expectations of society on you or just hiding from yourself in the company of others but there always something to run away from.

We're runners away here. The upper bench for solitude and contemplation and the lower one is for everybody and everything else. Its busy most evenings, and you won't turn your head left or right without bumping into somebody's big plans.

I remember one evening before my graduation when a heated discussion became personal on the everyday frustrations of your normal 20-somethings.

Circling around getting a job which none of us had at that time or internships which were hard to come by, yet none of us wanted to be employed as we were high on the spirits of entrepreneurship. In the perfect world, working for someone wasn't really an option for any of us.

Idea's darted back and forth. One, to start out, had plans to open a cybercafé because there weren't any in the block. Another, the water business and he spoke of a desalination



plant he was already researching on. Spirits were high. Another went, and another came and ideas were vomited all over the place. And just like that, all went quiet until one guy chimed in.

"But why is it that when we talk about entrepreneurship, our thinking is always skewed along these lines? Subscribing to the fallacy that an idea has to be 'in-your-face' and big to be great when most of the time, great ideas spring from the most nuanced and arise when we think along smaller lines?"

"See that old man over there?" He then pointed at this grey bearded clad smartly in a blue kanzu. "He grew up in India.

He had this brother he tells me his family depended on. When there was an issue pertaining to money, he was the brother you sought out. Yet surprisingly, he hardly did much the whole day. When everyone else left for work, he was asleep and was the last person to wake up. So where was this golden goose he was hiding?"

Turns out the brother used to wake up at 3 every morning and head to the market. His clientele was the many grocers in the city; he'd purchase whatever they needed for the day and deliver it to them. By the time the rest of the family woke up, he was done for the day and earned his free-

dom to do whatever he wanted, in his case, sleep some more."

I smile every time I remember that story. I smiled, even more, when I encountered that concept in MJ Demarco's book, "Unscripted" (a recommended read). He calls it crowd-feeding. Where instead of being part of the chain, why not just serve it; provide a small convenience and the market will reward you greatly?

So long as people will be lazy, presenting convenience will have you welcomed with open arms. As long as the world isn't perfect, there never will be a shortage of ideas. And the world will never lack funding

for a good idea. At least that's what I think. Well then, where are these opportunities we don't see? To kick, off, I'd like to present three concepts I hope will stir something in you.

Listening to the market

A common mistake new entrepreneurs make is wanting to set an enterprise in their area of specialization. "Oh! Since I'm an editor, and I'm pretty good at it, maybe I should start a publishing business," when that area is maybe saturated or the market has no need for it.

A better approach when looking for what to start, when you're in need of an idea, it pays to pay attention to all the negative language used by people: I hate it, this sucks, I'm tired of this, I wish it were different, this is really frustrating, isn't there any other place? And so on and so forth.

Arbitrage

Arbitrage is a sort of common sense yet unconventional approach to things. Not wanting to get into the economics of it. Imagine being one of the traders in a market where you all sell tomatoes for 500/-. Then suddenly, one trader drops his tomatoes to 300/-. That means the rest of you will have to match his or her price and sell at a loss or close that business because all the customers will line up at that stall.

So, how do you handle that? Well, an arbitrageur would notice the small window he has to buy out the other trader's tomatoes at 300/- so no one else has to lower their prices. The market stays as it is and you still earn your profit for selling at 500/-.

Arbitrage comes in different ways. There's value arbitrage; this is when you add value to a poorly made or old product. Like buying old furniture and repairing them by varnishing, fixing a leg, and then reselling it at a higher margin.

I'm guessing that's the deal with refurbished computers too. There's marketing arbitrage which can be as simple as taking better pictures of a product for those who sell things online, improving on the packaging and better order fulfillment. You could look more into it.

Crowd-feeding

And we're back at where we started. In a crowded market, let's say overrun by government or company-subsidized restaurants, rather than being another cog in that wheel and starting your own restaurant, you could linchpin all around it and supply everything the restaurant needs, except for the food itself.

The best opportunities rarely come from joining the crowd, but by serving it. When people are rioting, don't riot with them, sell them water and branded T-shirts. When everyone has a grocery store, be like our old man from India.

English syllabus for primary schools needs revisiting to make it tick

BY THOMAS LYIMO

DEVELOPMENT is a gradual process and the case is the same in education which is said to be the engine for socioeconomic development of any country. There are a lot of improvements to be made in education due to defects which are obvious in the entire system.

It is easy to see the defects but it is not so in identifying causes of those defects. This kind of proposition makes it necessary to reveal hidden aspects in our education system which owes us the unsatisfying results such as the claim that our graduates are not employable.

To point out one of the causes of poor performance of our education, we cannot escape mentioning syllabuses and for today's analysis it is English syllabus for primary schools.

Before evaluating the syllabus let me say that it will be very wrong to try to say that those people who prepared the syllabus did not do a good job but it is encouraging to air out views which can lead to improvements, especially when geared by freedom of expression which our constitution guarantees.

There are two major areas in the English syllabus where one can raise some claims which can hardly be rejected. The first area is content delivery. There are contents which the teacher is expected to teach but they are not shown in the syllabus.

The other area is expressivity for contents. The syllabus does not provide in-depth explanation on what should be taught. One can say that the syllabus for English for primary schools has been too general, posing a tussle job of analysis that a teacher has to do. Due to lack of expressivity in the English syllabus for primary schools, there are some challenges which the education stakeholders may encounter.

One of those challenges is failure by the

teacher to cover the required contents because they are not shown clearly in the syllabus. A teacher is a professional who should be able to interpret the syllabus and develop lessons, but what can this professional do if the syllabus is not clear?

The challenge is that the teacher will prepare lessons which are not broad enough to meet the intents of the syllabus and hence reducing the confidence of the teacher.

If the teacher is not confident, it is indubitable that he or she cannot guide pupils into the paths of assurance of knowledge, therefore subjecting the educator into possibility of credibility been shaken by the pupils, something which is disgraceful.

The ultimate effect of defects in the syllabus is failure by the pupils due to impaired teaching process as a result of the syllabus which is not self-explanatory.

One can opt for divergent thinking, holding that if the syllabus is not detailed, let us consult books written following the syllabus. Again there are defects in those books by the Tanzania Institute of Education (TIE), a body mandated to interpret curricula and produce syllabuses and other teaching and learning documents.

The defects in those books written by TIE necessitate revisiting the syllabus as the recourse is non-existent.

With the books for English for primary schools, two defects if not more are seen. One is presence of very good exercises but without introductory part to initiate learning of those concepts revealed by the exercises. This situation makes it difficult for the teacher to rely on those books.

The second defect is missing or partial delivery of contents. This situation makes the use of a single book a challenge while some analysts propose it as among remedies to our educational challenges.

The challenges in education calibrate

the conviction that the government should revisit the English syllabus and books for primary schools to ensure their validity in the struggles we have in making our education able to provide solutions to the challenges we face as a nation.

The improvements in the syllabus and English books will enable teachers improve the learning and teaching processes as they will be away from confusion and wasting time in finding what is worthy of being taught regarding the syllabus.

However, despite the challenges in those books by TIE, the institute can be hailed for being able to write books which are rich in illustrations and good exercises. There are a few things which if improved the institution will be outstanding and the stronghold for treasures of education in the country.

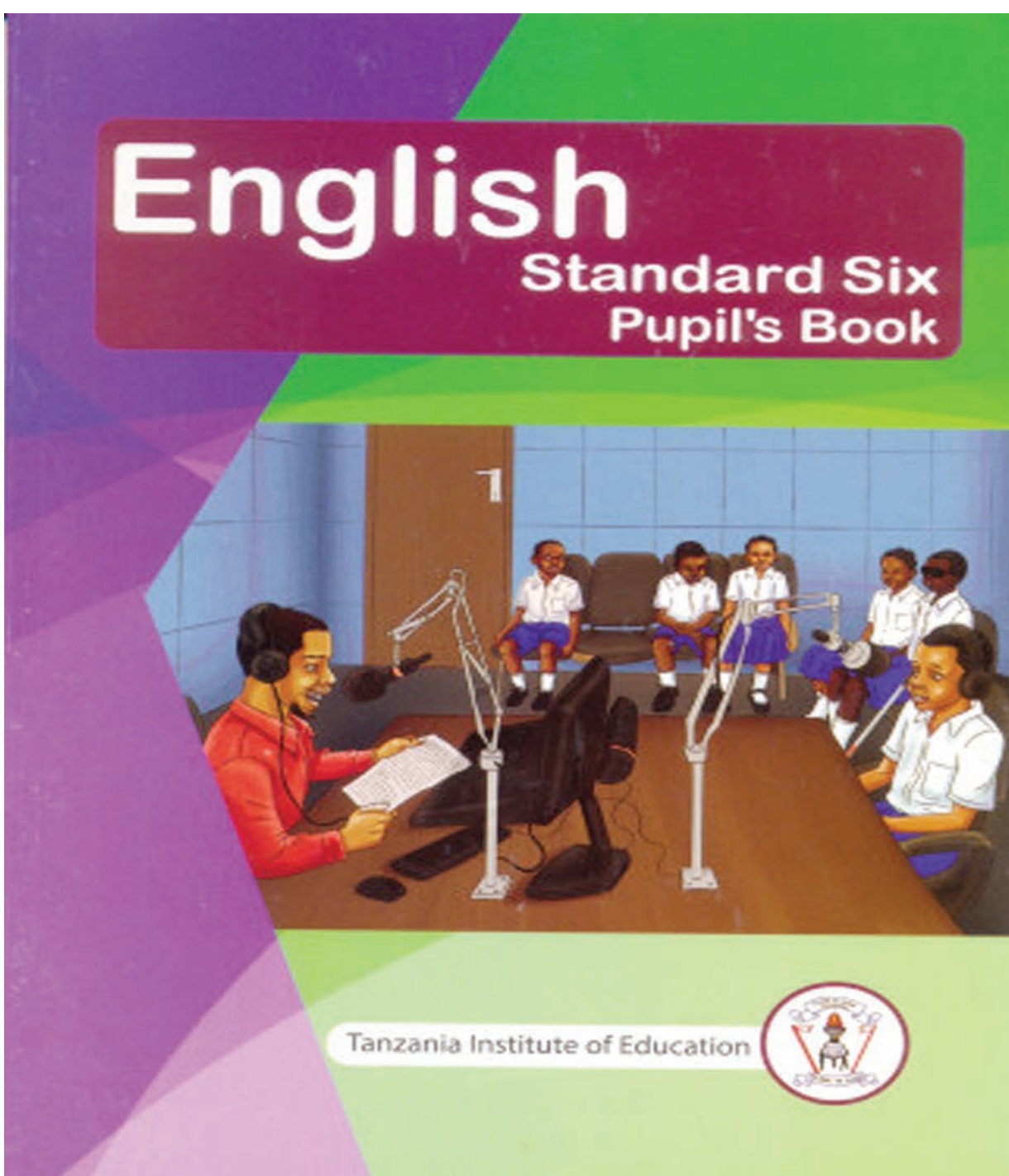
With some issues not fixed in our English syllabus for primary schools, an alternative should be conceived. Examining questions which appear in English national examinations can help the teacher know areas which he or she has to cover so that pupils can be able to face examinations which for centuries have been a measure of understanding in the world.

We cannot improve on what we have not done. As we have put our syllabus for English for primary schools into use, we can now improve it to make sure the objectives in education are realized.

The contribution may come in a form of criticism but it should be positive and constructive, valuing the freedom of expression without forgetting the basics of civilization. Let us collaborate to improve our education.

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Tap into indigenous knowledge to preserve our forests

YAOUNDÉ

A few years ago, I found myself in the Baka indigenous sacred forest in Assok, in Cameroon in the course of my work in supporting them to preserve their forest against land grabbers. We were building a forest hut using only leaves and the knowledge of our indigenous partners.

I was skeptical when we started. "What about rain," I thought. But the leaves were placed in a way that the rain simply flowed down the sides. Inside was warm and dry.

Indigenous forest peoples are recognized as the first inhabitants of the forests around the world. For millennia Indigenous Peoples have lived symbiotically with nature - gathering fruits and insects; hunting, and protecting the environment they rely upon.

In the Congo Basin, around 50 million Indigenous Peoples depend on forests yet they are the most vulnerable, the most marginalized and the poorest inhabitants of a region that stretches across some five countries including Cameroon, Gabon and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

I have interacted with various indigenous people over the last decade as part of my work as an environmental advocate. In Cameroon, where I live, the Indigenous World 2022 Report estimates Baka, Bagyeli and Bedzang peoples represent 0.4% of the total population while the Mbororo pastoralists make up 12%. These interactions include numerous field visits to their ancestral land where I have admired their solidarity and harmony in living with nature.

Over the generations, Indigenous Peoples have developed their own codes of forest conservation, including preventing overhunting with methods that include rotational hunting and harvesting. For instance, the Baka don't hunt in sacred sites, at a place where a newborn has been circumcised and nor do they hunt large mammals. They eat only fresh meat so hunt only that which can be consumed.

I am amazed by their extensive knowledge of forest medicinal plants and their uses. Prior to the expropriation of their ancestral land by logging and Agribusiness companies, they hardly went to the hospital. While COVID-19 and deforestation have changed that, we still have much to learn from them. For them, forest conservation is not an isolated, compartmentalized concept but an integrated part of their lives.

Yet their very rich traditional



Sylvie Djacbou, Exchanging with indigenous communities and some civil societies around the impact of Cameroon growth and employment strategy through structural projects like Agro-industries on Indigenous communities. @inside their sacred forest, Assok/Mintom, South Region Cameroon

culture-and often their lives are at risk: experts say up to 10 indigenous linguistic identities are at risk of disappearing. Embedded in that

language is identity and their cultural knowledge, which will also disappear.

When we mark International

Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on August 9, we can expect politicians to invite them for photo ops and public appearances. But

we have to ask what will be done to really prevent them and their language and expertise from disappearing?

I've seen the power of Indigenous Peoples' ancestral knowledge and wisdom about forest and biodiversity sustainable management. If we embrace this expertise we will be taking the most cost-effective ways to reduce poverty, preserve biodiversity, halt deforestation and contribute to reducing the harmful effects of climate change.

Globally, this is a powerful path forward for responding to climate change, improving the environmental, and advancing justice. Indigenous Peoples make up about 6.2% of the world's population, but they safeguard 80% of the planet's biodiversity. Their sophisticated knowledge of the natural forest - documented by scientific research worldwide - allows forests and biodiversity to flourish. Their sustainable land use fights climate change and builds resilience to natural disasters and pandemic.

Among the recommendations made by Indigenous leaders at the last COP 26 global climate conference, was the recognition

of the rights and land tenure of Indigenous Peoples' to land, forest and water and that Indigenous Peoples, as knowledge holders, should be able to participate directly with their own voices in the UN process to ensure that their "rights, cultures, lands and ways of life" be respected. US\$1.7 billion was announced during the last COP 26 to help Indigenous and local communities protect the biodiversity of tropical forests that are vital to protecting the planet from climate change, biodiversity loss, and pandemic risk.

Little has changed on the ground, despite another recent paper further confirming that traditional ways of using and managing biodiversity are grounded in progressive principles of sustainability. In short, indigenous knowledge and management systems represent critical yet frequently untapped resources in global conservation efforts.

Despite this evidence and policy recommendations, it is business as usual where conflict, insecurity, lack of recognition of Indigenous Peoples land rights, expropriation, lack of inclusion and participation in the decision-making process continues.

COP27 will take place in Egypt, an African country, this year. It is my hope that a delegation from the Congo Basin will not only be there but will influence climate change policies and decisions.

Indigenous Forest Peoples cannot assume the burden of global conservation and climate mitigation challenges without our support.

My question to the global climate leaders and government authorities is this: what has happened to the COP 26 IPLC forest tenure Joint Donor Statement that pledged for support indigenous people's land tenure rights and guardianship of the world's forests?

Business as usual will not save us. If we don't act to preserve our forest guardians and their knowledge and properly involve them in our conservation effort, we will lose their rich wisdom and knowledge.

Without healthy, thriving forests, we will never see the sustainable future we are aiming for.



Sylvie Djacbou Deugoue

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By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

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Global agro research bodies happy with AVISA project' execution at TARI Uyole

A TEAM of global development partners visited the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) -Uyole centre in Mbeya Region to experience the implementation of the Accelerated Varietal Improvement and Seed Delivery of Legumes and Cereals in Africa (AVISA).

The team involves representatives of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT), Alliance of Biovity as well as the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT).

TARI Uyole Director Dr Tulole Bucheyeki, said that the BMGF delegate visited experimental trials and seed multiplication farms at TARI Uyole centre, the vital ongoing trials which he observed are focused on improving sugar and red kidney genotypes, particularly large-seeded which will replace the old varieties and respond to the grain market demands.

"In Tanzania AVISA crops were common bean, groundnut, sorghum, and finger millet and these partners during their visit interacted with various value chain actors including Researchers, farmers, seed producers and off takers who are either direct or indirect beneficiaries of this project," he said.

According to him, BMGF is funding TARI through the Alliance of biodiversity International and CIAT in common bean research under AVISA project that aims to improve the livelihoods of small-scale farmers and consumers of common bean, sorghum, millet and groundnut.

Bucheyeki said that the



One of the 'Kisiki Hai' project areas in Luhundwa village, in Mpwapwa District, Dodoma Region.

seed multiplication farms, at TARI Uyole centre, had both sugar and yellow varieties that have recently been released, adding: "These two varieties are largely demanded by off takers in the zone and the demand-led breeding approach where knowledge of developing new varieties and multiplying seeds based on off takers' demanded varieties."

During the visit, the BMGF delegate were also able to witness how

researchers respond to client demand by completing the crop chain from off takers (marketers) who provides their need in terms of varieties and other non varietal technologies through market researches and finding made available to direct other researchers (breeders) to respond to market demand this also were highly commendable.

The team from BMGF was represented by Dr Renee Lafitte, Deputy

Director for Crop Research and Development and Dr Jeffrey Ehlers, a Senior Program Officer, also targeted to interact with various value chain actors through the bean corridor approach and determining how the operation has improved business among the actors.

"During the visit, we also got ample opportunity to share with them (the stakeholders) key updates on activities conducted, achievements

and challenges during the implementation of the project. But also, the linkages between TARI, seed companies, grain aggregators and producers and how it has helped in opening the business opportunities to other value chain actors including seed producers, input suppliers, financial institutions and mechanization were highlighted," Dr Bucheyeki added.

The visitors also applauded TARI

for playing a crucial role in connecting the value chain actors, training the farmers on Quality Declared Seed (QDS) and good agronomic practices as well as postharvest handling.

"With increasing world population, climate change and vulnerability, insect and disease insurgency and multiple land use while the land is constant, human beings should find a shortest path of increasing food production," he insisted.

Through positive linkages with TARI, he expressed, the majority of farmers in the Northern Highlands are fully engaged in bean marketing and their grain quality is premium according to end users of the crop. "The quantities of the grain have also increased substantially since they started working with the farmers," he bragged.

He further stated that the robust project has so far helped to attract more women into the bean industry within the country.

"A good example is the Mbeya-based Zinduka women's group with 21 members who are based in the Mshewe village within the southern highlands of Tanzania," he said.

So far, he said the group's productivity has increased from 300 kilograms to 1,750 kilograms per hectare between 2013 and 2019 respectively, added that as a result, group members have built permanent houses and installed electric power and tape water.

"From the proceeds, they're now standing on a better side to pay school fees for their children and build stores for their produce," he divulged.

AVISA project coordinator Dr Chris Ojiewo congratulated all the participants in the visit for their exemplary work and the successful visit.



Winners of essay writing competition in Manyara Region showing their certificates at the climax of the contest aimed at scaling up the fight against early pregnancies and marriages. The event was organised and facilitated by World Vision Tanzania (WVT). Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Students from 540 schools compete in essay writing on GBV challenges

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

STUDENTS from more than 540 schools country-wide are competing in essay writing regarding the fight against gender based violence and child abuse.

The competition organised by World vision Tanzania (WVT) a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) is now at the stage to select winners from 12 districts and regions that are competing.

Speaking here Wednesday this week at the event to mark the Essay Writing Competition for Arusha and Manyara Regions, Acting WVT Projects Manager for Babati Zone, Gloria Mashingia said the aim of the competition is to empower students with the capacity to fight all acts that cause under age pregnancies.

Gloria said the competition with a slogan "Let's Stamp Out Child Pregnancies and Prepare for the

Census" has reached out 35,000 students including 16,000 girls and 17,700 boys from 27 districts.

"Once was finalise the exercise to get winners at district and regional levels we will submit their work to the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) so as to get winners at the national level," she said.

For his part, Babati District Commissioner, Lazaro Twange, soon after present-

ing cash and bicycles to winners said the government is implementing its responsibility in protecting a child, but in doing so it needs joint efforts as what WVT was doing.

Mentioning the GBV situation for Arusha Region, the region's Acting Community Development Officer, Daniel Kasikiwe said 4,365 GBV and child abuse incidents were reported while Arusha City alone had 2,140.

"Out of these, those in regard to rape and sodomy numbered 1,174 which contribute to under age pregnancies, hence we can see how big the situation is," he said.

For his part, Amour Abasi, the winner from Gilailumbwa Primary School in Longido District said he wrote an essay on the responsibilities of parents, guardians and religious leaders in eradicating child pregnancies.

Experts warn novel treatments for parasitic worm diseases a needed

By Special Correspondent

ADVANCES in biology and medicinal chemistry, in conjunction with rising investment in research, have led to the development of promising new candidate treatments for some of the main neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) in recent years.

However, scant progress has been made on parasitic worm diseases, which affect more people worldwide than other NTDs in absolute numbers, in terms of moving on from in vitro studies to clinical and pre-clinical trials.

This is one of the conclusions of a study published in the journal Drug Discovery Today by researchers affiliated with the University of São Paulo (USP) and Universidade Guarulhos (UnG) in Brazil.

"Over a billion people in the world are affected by helminth [parasitic worm] diseases, but these are the NTDs with the least treatment of all. Some 250 million people have schistosomiasis, for which there's only one drug, while more funding is allocated to the other NTDs for the pursuit of treatment options," said Josué de Moraes, one of the three co-authors of the article. Moraes is a researcher at UnG supported by FAPESP and leads the university's Center for Research on Neglected Diseases (NPDN).

In 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued

an action plan to eradicate or control 20 diseases that affect one in five people worldwide and kill some 500,000 per year by 2030. The vast majority of the people who suffer from these diseases are poor. The goals include development of novel medications, given the lack of effective treatments and vaccines for the diseases in question.

In the study just published, the researchers note that despite a longstanding lack of innovation in drugs for these diseases, partnerships between public, private and nonprofit entities have funded and accelerated the discovery of possible novel medications using advanced medicinal chemistry strategies.

"Drug development strategies have undergone deep-seated changes in recent years. In the past, researchers performed random screening and testing of compounds on infectious agents by trial and error. With the advance of medicinal chemistry, as well as enhanced experimental and computational tools, we can now conduct more rational screening before embarking on laboratory trials," said Adriano Andricopulo, also a co-author of the study.

Andricopulo is a professor at the São Carlos Institute of Physics (IFSC-USP) and a researcher at the Center for Innovation in Biodiversity and Drug Discovery (CIB-Far)—one of the Research,

Innovation and Dissemination Centers (RIDCs) supported by FAPESP.

As the researchers show in the article, major progress has been made in developing candidate treatments for leishmaniasis, Chagas disease and African human trypanosomiasis (AHT), also known as sleeping sickness. The same is not true of schistosomiasis and other helminth diseases.

Several compounds for leishmaniasis are currently being tested in clinical trials. Studies on Chagas disease, in contrast, face difficulties in progressing from the drug discovery stage to the pre-clinical stage. The complex biology of the parasite that causes the disease, *Trypanosoma cruzi*, and its interaction with different types of human tissue continue to represent a daunting challenge for scientists.

"Most parasitic diseases are silent and chronic. In the case of Chagas, when a patient is diagnosed, it's typically because they already have heart failure, and the parasite has infected cardiac tissue. The challenge is how to have the medication reach *T. cruzi* without harming the patient," Moraes said.

The authors add, however, that recent studies have pointed to novel molecular targets and parasite signaling pathways, which could contribute to the development of new treatments.

Recovering edible food from waste provides environmental and social solutions in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES

For 30 years, Tomasa Chávez visited the Central Market of Buenos Aires and rummaged through the tons of fruits and vegetables that the stallholders discarded, in search of food. Today she continues to do so, but there is a difference: since 2021 she has been one of the workers hired to recover food as part of a formal program launched by the Central Market.

"Before, I used to come almost every day and collect whatever was edible and whatever could be sold in my neighborhood. Food, cardboard, wood... Now I still come to separate edible food, but I work from 7:00 to 15:00 and I get paid some money," the short, good-natured woman told IPS.

The Central Market of the Argentine capital is a universe that seems vast and unfathomable to those who venture into it for the first time.

Covering 550 hectares in the municipality of La Matanza, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, it is full of life; to describe it merely as a central market that supplies fruits and vegetables to a metropolis of 15 million inhabitants would be an oversimplification.

In the market there are large companies and small businesses, streets, avenues, warehouses, buildings and even areas taken over by



View of one of the 12 bays where the fruits and vegetables that supply the 15 million inhabitants of the Greater Buenos Aires region are sold wholesale. The activity begins at 2:00 a.m. and every day some 1,000 trucks enter the market and some 10,000 people work there. CREDIT: Daniel Gutman/IPS

homeless people and a rehabilitation center for people with substance abuse problems. In some places people are crowded among crates of fruit and the noise is overwhelming, but there

are also large empty areas where everything is quiet.

Nearly 1,000 trucks enter the Central Market every day to pick up fresh food that is sold in the stores of the city and Greater

Buenos Aires. Every month, 106,000 tons of fruits and vegetables are sold, according to official data.

There is also a retail market with food of all kinds, attended by thousands of people from all over the city, in search of better prices than in their neighborhoods, in a context of inflation that does not stop growing - it already exceeds 60 percent annually - and which is destroying the buying power of the middle class and the poor.

As a reflection of the social situation in Argentina, where even before the COVID-19 pandemic the poverty rate exceeded 40 percent, a common image of the Market has been that of hundreds of people like Chávez rummaging through the waste, looking for something to eat or to sell.

But since August 2021, much of that energy has been poured into the Waste Reduction and Recovery Program, which is based on two main ideas: to use food fit for consumption for social assistance and the rest for the production of compost or organic fertilizer to promote agroecology.

"There was a social and environmental problem that needed to be addressed. Today we have fewer losses, we provide social assistance and create jobs," Marisol Troya, quality and transparency manager at the Central Market, told IPS.

Coping with the crisis
The 12 gigantic bays where fruits and vegetables are sold wholesale are the heart of the Central Market, which employs 800 people and where a total of 10,000 people work every day.

At 2:00 a.m. the activity begins every day in the market with frenetic movement of crates containing local products from all over Argentina and neighboring countries, which are a festival of colors. Each bay has 55 stalls.

"The search for food among the Market's waste was spurred by the economic crisis and the pandemic," said Marcelo Pascal, consultant to the management. "We realized very quickly that there was a lot of merchandise in good condition that was discarded for commercial reasons but could be recuperated."

"There were even small stands that used vegetables found in the garbage. A lot of edible products were recovered, but the process was disorderly, so an effort was made to organize it," he told IPS.

From August 2021 to June 2022, 1,891 tons of food were recovered for social aid, while 3,276 tons have been used to make compost, according to official figures from the Central Market, which is run by a board of representatives of the central, provincial and city governments.

"We have reduced by 48 percent the amount of garbage that the Market was sending to landfills for final disposal, which was 50 tons a day," agronomist Fabián Rainoldi, head of the Waste Reduction Program, told IPS.

Orderly recovery of edible products
Justo Gregorio Ayala is working in an esplanade next to one of the wholesale bays. In front of him he has

a crate of bruised tomatoes, impossible to sell at a store, but many of which are ripe and edible. His task is to separate the edible ones from the waste.

"I live here in the Market, in the Hogar de Cristo San Cayetano, and six months ago I got this job," Ayala said, referring to the rehab center for addicts that opened in 2020 inside the Market itself.

"There were always a lot of products to recover in the Market, but now we do it better," added Ayala, who is one of the workers hired for the Program.

He clarified, however, that the scenario varies depending on the temperature. "In summertime, because of the heat, the fruits and vegetables last much less time and the stallholders throw away more products. Now in winter we don't find so much."

The workers work in eight of the market's 12 bays. There are a total of 24 workers, divided into groups of three, who separate the merchandise that the stallholders are asked to leave in the center of the bay.

The recovered goods are loaded onto trucks that are taken to a huge warehouse in the Community Action section of the Market, where they are prepared for use in social aid projects.

"We deliver food to 700 soup kitchens, according to a weekly schedule: about 130 per day," said Martín Romero, head of the Community Action section, where 22 workers perform their duties, as the first vehicles begin to arrive to pick up their cargo.

"We also put together eight-kilo bags, with whatever we have available, which we deliver to 130 families," he added to IPS.

What is not fit for human consumption ends up in the composting yard, a plot of land covering almost three hectares, where the process of decomposition of organic matter takes about four months.

"The organic waste is mixed with wood chips made from the crates, which absorb water and reduce the leachate that contaminates the soil. The organic compost is donated to agroecological gardens which use it for fertilization and the recovery of degraded soils," explained Rainoldi.

The goal is a Central Market that makes use of everything and does not send waste to the dump. It's a long road that has just begun.

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CONSTRUCTION OF WALLS TO PROTECT HISTORICAL MIKINDANI TOWN STARTS

By Guardian Reporter

CONSTRUCTION of walls and groynes along Mikindani beach in Mtwara Region kicked off yesterday to interrupt flow of salty water that threatens to destroy Mikindani heritage site—a historic town dating back to the 16th century.

Deputy Permanent in the Vice President's Office (Union) Abdallah Mitawi yesterday handed over the construction site to Mtwara-Mikindani Municipality and the contractor Dezo Civil Contractors Company on behalf of the Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office Mary Maganga.

He said the completion of the wall and groynes construction project will help solve the challenge of the effects of climate change facing the heritage site and residents of the area.

Mitawi said the project will involve the construction of wall and groynes to prevent the effects of salt water entering the residential areas of more than 790 meters and also several walls more than 1,000 meters high will enter the sea.

"Once completed this project will restore the problems of Mikindani Beach as this area is strategic and has a great history of events in our country and I assure the people the problem of water entering the settlements will be completely re-

duced," he said.

Mitawi said this project worth 2.2bn/- is implemented on the instructions of President Samia Suluhu Hassan who is also an environmentalist who has been attending international conferences to ensure the challenges of climate change are addressed.

Earlier, Mtwara Regional Administrative Secretary Abdallah Malela thanked the Office of the Vice President for deploying the project in the region saying it would help the people cope with environmental challenges.

Malela promised co-operation to the contractor and said the Regional leadership will manage the project with all its might so that it can bear fruit for the people of Mtwara Mikindani.

For his part, Mtwara District Commissioner Dunstan Kyoba appealed to the contractor to give priority to employment for local residents so that they can be part of the project and benefit them.

Kyoba pledged to co-operate with the Office of the Municipal Director in overseeing the project and ensuring that it is completed on time and to the required standards.

Dezo Managing Director, Shekhe Mohamed Bawazir promised to complete the project on time and also provide employment to the residents of the area.



Deputy Permanent in the Vice President's Office (Union) Abdallah Mitawi (2nd L) being briefed on the proposed construction of walls and groynes along Mikindani beach in Mtwara Region yesterday.

The minister said that the company has sent the project construction site to a few professionals who will do the professional work where some of the work will be done by the people.

Various studies indicate that ero-

sion of the beaches has been steadily increasing in recent years. This speed has been caused by natural causes such as an increase in wind speed which results in an increase in the size of strong ocean waves.

In addition, the effects of climate change such as rising sea levels also contribute to increased coastal erosion, so the project, which is expected to be completed in 18 months, will bring benefits.

Interest rates predicted to hike as South Africans brace themselves for a tough July

By Vivian Warby

SOUTH Africans, already battling to keep their heads above water, are likely to be hit again later this month when the MPC meets with all signs pointing to yet another interest rate hike.

Adding to the woes of homeowners - some who bought at the edge of their capabilities when interest rates were at a record 50-year low - is that some experts have predicted a bump of 75 basis points.

This means that depending on the size of your bond you could be adding hundreds or even thousands to your monthly bond repayment.

Added to that, while some estate agencies say they are still seeing first-time home buyers enter the market, the rising interest rates have put a cap on their buying powers.

And, while the property buying market hasn't drastically waned yet, a top estate agent boss has warned agents themselves to save for a rainy day, as sales could be contracted in the months to come, and this could put pressure on their earnings.

Latest FNB stats have shown an already significant number of South Africans being forced to sell their homes because of financial pressure.

With this month's electricity price hike and a food basket costing more and more each month plus fuel set to hit record highs from midnight, South Africans are going to have to think out of the box to hold on to their homes.

One way to do this, advises, Adrian Goslett, regional director and CEO of Re/Max of Southern Africa, is to prepare yourself ahead of the July meeting to avoid falling behind on debt repayments.

Existing homeowners and buyers alike should check what their repayments will be at various interest rate levels, advises Goslett.

For example, on a R1 million home loan taken over 20 years, the repayments will grow by over R1000 if interest rate were to reach pre-pandemic levels of around 10%.

The amount grows the higher the loan amount is. For example, on a R2 million home loan taken over 20 years, the repayment amount could grow by over R2000.

"Equipped with this knowledge, existing homeowners can work out where to cut back to afford the higher repayments.

"For buyers, preparing a table looking at all the permutations can ensure that they purchase a home that they can truly afford even if interest rates climb further," says Goslett.

Carl Coetzee, chief executive of BetterBond, also advised that after more than a year of record-low interest rates, "consumers need to look at their monthly expenses and what they can afford as interest rates start to once again increase".

"Those who have the financial means to do so are advised to pay extra into their bond if they can to reduce the amount of interest payable over the whole loan period," he adds.

"Also, start building a savings buffer so that you have the financial reserves to manage rising prices - fuel, food, and bond repayments - if necessary. Look at your household budget and cut costs to reduce monthly expenses."

46th DITF prospers as Chinese firms take a stage

By Francis Kajubi

TANZANIA-China business relations are growing as Chinese manufacturing, processing and construction equipment gain much attention from buyers who attended the 46th International Trade Fair exhibition climax held yesterday in Dar es Salaam.

East African Commercial and Logistics Center (EACLC) director general, Cathy Wang said that Tanzania-China trade and business relations have prospered.

According to her, a list of 52 companies from China's Shandong province have taken part in this year's trade fair to showcase equipment such as wood tiles, truck spare parts, house finishing materials, grass carpets and hardware.

"Shandong province is one of the top three provinces that contribute the largest share of China's gross domestic product. The business climate is booming in Tanzania and the business community from Shandong has found a reliable market of equipment in the agriculture sector, manufacturing and construction," said Wang.

Wang asserted that Shandong is well known for fishing activities and therefore the best producer of equipment needed by entrepreneurs in the aqua-culture sector.



Minister for Information, Communication and Information Technology Nape Nnauye witnesses different products from Shandong province of China. Looking on are East African Commercial and Logistics Center (EACLC) Director General, Cathy Wang and Tanzania Trade Development Authority Director General Latiffah Hamis.

At the China-Shandong pavilion other items such as textile, residential building materials, breeding materials, garment and truck spares were showcased and attracted hundreds of the trade fair visitors.

"The Shandong department of commerce is working on promotion of domestic entrepreneurs to jointly explore the African market with genuine products. This goes in line with creating a conducive environment for enterprises to grow and offer employment opportunities, set up factories and big investments in Africa particularly Tanzania," she asserted.

She further explained that during this year's trade fair the Shandong province pavilion at Sabasaba grounds is showcasing its products and culture with a slogan of 'Shandong products enter Tanzania market'.

"During last year's trade fair only 32 companies took part to showcase Chinese culture and manufactured products like artificial hair. The addition of another 20 companies this year proves that Tanzania is truly the best destination for businesses and investments," added Wang.

Bazil Salim, a Dar es Salaam resident who visited yesterday's trade fair, commended equipment from the Shandong province as he bought wood tiles for his house.

Mauritius office development receives 5-star green star rating

By Schalk Burger

THE Precinct office development in Grand Baie, Mauritius, developed by real estate development company Gateway Real Estate Africa (GREA) has been awarded a 5-Star Green certified rating by industry association Green Building Council South Africa (GBCSA).

The Precinct offers tenants flexibility, sustainability and employee wellness and comprises a

lettable area of 10 000 m2 with 500 parking bays. London- and Mauritius-listed Grit Real Estate Income Group, law firm Dentons Law and flexible workspace company Workshop 17 are anchor tenants.

The development will form part of a larger complex to be developed in phases. With its prime location strategically next to the M2 motorway at the entrance to Grand Baie, the Precinct will ultimately form part one of three

interconnected environments, all set in a lush green landscape, GREA says. "Our brief from the anchor tenants has always been to incorporate sustainability and employee wellbeing as the main points of departure in the design and development of the Precinct. Corporate culture is rapidly changing, which is morphing the workplace into many functionalities," says GREA CEO Greg Pearson.

"The Precinct is revolution-

ary in that it will combine work, wellbeing and a social lifestyle through well-considered and contemporary spaces. Key to this was to ensure a design and location that promote a lower carbon footprint and better sustainability. I am thrilled that these efforts have been recognised by the GBCSA by way of a 5-Star Green certified rating," he adds.

The central atrium will provide a dynamic, active interior street, and the Precinct includes

a ground-floor eatery with an extensive outdoor deck for the benefit of all tenants and business visitors. Security is provided at the entrance, with bicycle parking, shower facilities and change rooms accommodated in the basement parking.

Further, sustainability hallmarks include water-saving sanitary ware, motion sensor and light-emitting diode lighting, photovoltaic panels on the roof, the use of natural light and ven-

tilation incorporated into the design, energy sub-metering, lighting power density, water meters and recycling waste storage.

The Precinct also promotes minimal discharge to the municipal sewer system and is considering rainwater harvesting to minimize storm water run-off and pollution of natural water courses, GREA says.

The uppermost floor has an expansive entertainment space complete with skybar, barbecue

and catering kitchen, and this space opens onto two covered verandas which enjoy panoramic views over Grand Baie and the ocean, providing an entertainment and conferencing facility.

"In line with our corporate philosophy of local empowerment and re-investing back into the communities in which we operate, we have partnered with local professional firms and are making use of local artisans, materials wherever possible.

TRC TO APPLY PPP IN BUILDING KIGOMA-BURUNDI RAILWAY LINE

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA Railway Corporation (TRC) has opted to use the Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the construction of a railway line from Uvinza in Kigoma Region to Gitega city in Burundi (282kilometres).

According to the agreement signed by the Minister's for Finance and Infrastructure from Burundi and Tanzanian on January 28 this year, Tanzanian's railway portion will take up 156 km Uvinza-Malagarasi rail section whereas the Burundi part starts from Malagarasi to Musongati and onward to Gitega, which is 126 kms long.

Speaking after touring the 46th Tanzania International Trade Fair 2022 in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TRC director general Masanja Kadogosa said that currently, procurement procedures were underway.

"Private sector in the country including the financial institutions is ready to be part of the coming construction and we are ready to involve them. I call on members from the private sector to get ready and become part of the construction," he said.

Kadogosa said once the construction was over, the project would unlock trade opportunities between the two countries and with other neighbouring countries.

He said TRC had already completed the renovation of the meter gauge railway - Tanzania - Intermodal & Rail Development Project (TIRP) , a US \$ 300 million World Bank-funded project



for the revival of the meter-gauge railway network in Tanzania.

The project intended to rehabilitate the meter-gauge railway from Dar es Salaam to Isaka (970km) to increase its capacity of carrying freight from 13.5 tonnes axle load to 18.5 axle loads.

He said one great achievement reached by TRC was expanding the country's rail network with

the construction of a Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) to replace its meter-gauge railway.

Other was to increase in carriage of cargo from 180,000 tonnes to 400,000 tonnes up to date

Speaking after the signing ceremony early this year, Minister for Finance Dr Mwegulu Nchemba said Tanzania has considerable experience in sourcing for

funds for implementing strategic projects of this kind, in like manner as it did in relation to the other parts of the SGR construction, he stated, referring to the Dar es Salaam-Morogoro and then to Makutupora SGR portions.

The proper cost for the Burundi link will be set out after the completion of engineering studies, but it was estimated at around \$900m.

Prof Mbarawa said project implementation will start in the near future, billed to bring into use modern fast trains travelling at 160 km/hour or thereabouts.

"This project is important for our country, Burundi as well as Congo DRC that use the port of Dar es Salaam for its imports," he said, underlining that the completion of the project will simplify cargo transportation.

Vodacom customers to reap big rewards from M-Pesa awareness campaign

By Guardian Reporter

VODACOM Tanzania has launched a new campaign dubbed: 'M-Pesa Imeitika', aims at Tanzanians to encourage Tanzanians to use M-Pesa digital services for transactions, insurance, health, lending, saving International money transfers, and more for inclusion.

Vodacom Tanzania, head of M-Pesa business development and marketing, Tulusindo Rashid said: "We have the vision to lead Tanzania into a digital age and transform lives through technology and we are achieving this by pushing for a cashless digital economy and pushing financial inclusion to ensure all Tanzanians can access digital services."

The "M-Pesa Imeitika" campaign will give out daily, weekly and grand prizes to customers who will take advantage of the new reduced service levy to make M-Pesa transactions as well as use other M-Pesa services such as Vodabima, M-Pesa Visa card and much more.

"Customers stand a chance to win lots of prizes by using M-Pesa digital services and doing any M-Pesa transactions such as sending money locally and internationally and paying bills. Prizes to be won include, Bajaj, Bodaboda, Free Full tank fuel, free insurance cover for three months rewarded instantly, and a grand prize of a newly constructed house worth 100/- in Dar es Salaam at the end of the promo".

M-PESA platform has been at the forefront of innovation since it was launched in the country in 2008. Since then it has paved the way in providing services from cash remittances due to its convenience and security. It grew into a popular method for business transactions as well. Vodacom then innovated in partnership to introduce new services such as Songesha, M-PAWA. Social groups are using M-KOBA to reach their goals.

The campaign was flagged off with one of the campaign attractions, 'WESE'. With the WESE competition, drivers who purchase any insurance product through VodaBIMA stand to win 20,000 Shillings worth of fuel at participating fuel stations and 10 lucky drivers will be awarded full tanks.

To participate, users just need to make any transaction on M-PESA, from money transfer to government payment or paying for services such as VodaBIMA on the platform, the magic number is *150*00#, and then choose any M-Pesa transaction or you can use M-Pesa App for more convenience.

SBL mobilises leaders, residents of Dodoma to plant thousands of trees

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) has, for the second time in less than a year, joined residents and leaders of the Dodoma region to plant thousands of trees at Mirembe National Mental Health Hospital in the bid to combat aridity in Tanzania's central region.

In a deliberate attempt to curb aridity and conserve the environment, Anthony Mavunde, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Member of Parliament, Mirembe National Mental Health Hospital Secretary Jackson Mjinja, government, military, and prison officials were among the dozens of key leaders who participated in the tree planting exercise. The event is organized jointly by SBL and Habari Development Association (HDA), a Dodoma-based NGO.

SBL Managing Director Mark Ocitti stated that tree planting in Dodoma is part of the company's ongoing environmental conservation effort, which aims to plant millions of trees across the country. SBL planted trees in the Same and Moshi districts in 2019 to help with the effort to increase vegetation cover around Mount Kilimanjaro.

"SBL's support for tree planting in Dodoma follows similar initiatives undertaken by the company across the country, including Kongwa last year, where SBL planted thousands of trees," said Ocitti.

SBL's tree planting intervention comes at a critical juncture in the global effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at regional and international levels to combat climate change and ensure a safe and protected environment for future generations.

"SBL and our parent company, Diageo, take environmental protection seriously as a critical aspect of the success of our manufacturing process," added Ocitti.

Mavunde praised SBL for supporting the initiative, noting that trees and plants have a special relationship with people and that human society cannot thrive without them, highlighting the planted area's plans, noting that it will be an exotic ecotourism space in the capital.

"We are commencing our campaign together with SBL," he said, denouncing indiscriminate deforestation as the primary cause of climate change, which has posed humanity with the most severe environmental challenges to date, including adverse effects on food production, water availability, wildlife, and human health.

"I believe that the entire concept of planting trees in Dodoma on July 6, 2022, will inspire people in Dodoma and other parts of the country to plant more trees whenever possible. I also encourage other organizations to set up more initiatives to protect the environment", she explained.



Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) Managing Director Mark Ocitti watering a tree during a tree-planting event to combat aridity organized by a Dodoma-based NGO Habari Development Association (HDA) in partnership with SBL at Mirembe National Mental Health Hospital in Dodoma on Wednesday. Looking on (L) are Deputy Minister for Agriculture Antony Mavunde (R) and HDA's General Secretary Benard James adding soil onto the newly planted tree. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Adanian Labs start-up AfyaRekod launches universal patient portal

By Guardian Reporter

AFYAREKOD has launched the fully automated Universal Patient Portal - a block-chain driven technology that will transform the face of patient care across Africa and the world. Through a secure central platform (myrekod.com) patients and the medical professionals treating them will have real-time access to their health data and medical history not only ensuring effective

ongoing medical management, but critical, timely information in an emergency.

The brain-child of CEO John Kamara, AfyaRekod was founded in 2019 as an Adanian Lab start-up with seed funding from Mac Venture Capital and Next Chymia. Kamarasaw first-hand how the lack of medical records and static data could lead to poor medical management when a friend died having received the wrong

medical intervention in an emergency. Kamarasaw built an AI platform that would track health data, aimed at bridging the gap between health care and treatment, anywhere, anytime for patients, medical professionals, providers and organisations.

Medical records are a vital tool in managing health, notifying healthcare professionals of medications, chronic illness, past problems and procedures and ultimately al-

lowing them to determine the most accurate course of treatment. Misdiagnosis is serious and can lead to a delay in treatment of the real condition. An IOM report released in 2015 indicated that around 12 million instances of patient misdiagnosis occur annually in the USA, a country with a well-developed healthcare sector. Misdiagnosis is preventable, but only if health records are accurate, and mobile.

"One of the biggest prob-

lems when it comes to access to quality health in Africa is data. The data that exists - as small as it is - is in silos and cannot be cross shared across hospitals, doctors or health facilities and that is what we are trying to change at AfyaRekod. We are making data collection accessible, data mobility convenient and digital identity self-sovereign and that way we are able to create quality healthcare for the person that is contributing that

data changing behaviour and catalysing opportunities for wealth creation. Through the AfyaRekod platform, patients will be able to create a portal with all their health data, past and present and have access of their records at any time", added Irene Kiwia, Co-Founder of AfyaRekod.

The pandemic has pressed the fast-forward button, bringing an urgency into health data accessibility and analytics. This is a global problem

that has been successfully addressed by a patient-centred health care innovations such as AfyaRekod.

The subscription-driven Universal Patient Portal is a block-chain-driven, consolidated and mobile data health passport, that allows patients consistent access to their health records, as well as access to a marketplace of various health services within the ecosystem in real-time.

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MANAMA, Bahrain

GFH Financial Group (GFH) has announced its acquisition of a c. US\$300 million student housing portfolio affiliated to select top-rated universities located in Texas, Michigan and Missouri in the United States (US). The acquisition is in partnership with GFH subsidiary Student Quarters, an Atlanta-based student housing specialist.

The five assets acquired include facilities near Texas A&M University, Michigan State University and Missouri State University. The portfolio has more than 2,000 beds with assets located within walking distance of their respective affiliated universities. They are relatively new and include amenities designed specifically to cater to student needs such as swimming pools, courtyards, coffee shops, study lounges, clubhouses, game rooms and fitness centres.

GFH ACQUIRES \$300M US STUDENT HOUSING PORTFOLIO



Nael Mustafa, Co-Chief Investment Officer - Real Estate at GFH

GFH's investment strategy in the student housing sector focuses on building a diversified portfolio that targets universities within the top public 150 universities in the US, which are considered flagship universities in their respective states. These are institutions with proven pedigree, strong academic and sporting facilities and that have shown steady growth in enrollments year-on-year.

The student housing sector has performed well historically, even during the pandemic, as evident by an average stable occupancy rate well above 90% and an equivalent high

rental collections rate. Overall, the sector has witnessed supply shortages with the need for purpose built student housing assets that are within walking distance of Tier I institutions throughout the country spurred by rising enrollments and limited availability of University provided accommodations.

Commenting, Nael Mustafa, Co-Chief Investment Officer - Real Estate at GFH, said, "As part of GFH's growing real estate activities, we are delighted to continue our investment in the student housing sector, which is experiencing positive momentum given the rise in

US university enrollment, the growing US population and scarcity of class-A pedestrian, purpose-built assets. Our subsidiary Student Quarters also gives GFH and our shareholders a tremendous edge in this sector supporting value creation, alignment of interest and pure focus on achieving the targeted returns for GFH and its investors. They have an exceptional track record and experience and continuously rank among the top 25 student housing asset managers in the US."

Stephanie Lynch, Chief Investment Officer of Student Quarters, added, "We are excited to be growing our portfolio by purchasing these high-quality, well-located assets in exceptional markets that are within close proximity to top tier universities. We look forward to continuing to deliver compelling investment opportunities and demonstrate results."

Chinese real-estate developers are accepting wheat, Garlic, peaches as down payments for properties

By Katie Boon and Huiheng Tan

IN China's depressed real-estate market, desperate developers are accepting wheat and garlic as down payments for rural properties to boost sales.

The alternative payment method comes as analysts expect property sales in China to have dropped by 25% from January to June amid China's zero-Covid strategy.

China's citizens are also shying away from real-estate investments, preferring to hoard cash in China's uncertain economic climate.

To boost sales, property developer Central China Real Estate is offering a "swap wheat for house" promotion for homes in Minquan County, Henan Province, CNN reported, referring to a now-removed ad on the company's official WeChat account. Priced at 2 Chinese yuan (\$0.30) for every catty (21 ounces), buyers can pay up to 160,000 yuan (\$23,900) of their down payment with wheat. Prices of houses in the development range from 600,000 yuan (\$89,550) to 900,000 yuan (\$134,300).

The promotion will end on July 10 and is targeted at farm-

ers in the region, an agent from Central China Real Estate told Business Standard.

The company is no stranger to launching marketing campaigns targeting farmers. At the start of China's garlic season in May, the company accepted garlic as payment for another project in Henan Province, per the development's official WeChat account.

"On the occasion of the new garlic season, the company has made a resolute decision to benefit garlic farmers in Qi County," the company wrote in the WeChat post. "We are helping farmers with love, and making it easier for them to buy homes."

it added.

Central China Real Estate fell by 40.4% in net profit in 2021, per the firm's 2021 Annual Investor Relations report. The company did not immediately respond to Insider's request for comment.

The marketing strategy is not limited to one developer: Two other developers in the eastern Chinese cities of Nanjing and Wuxi were accepting watermelons and peaches from farmers according to state-run media outlet China News Weekly.

Chinese real-estate developer defaults renew fears of contagion to financial markets

The gloom in buyer sentiment is

exacerbating stresses for Chinese property firms, with another large real-estate developer defaulting on its debt. On Sunday, Shimao Group announced it missed interest and principal payments on \$1 billion of offshore bonds due on the same day.

"Due to the significant changes to the macro environment of the property sector in China since the second half of 2021 and the impact of COVID-19, the Group has experienced a noticeable decline in its contracted sales in recent months," Shimao wrote in a Hong Kong Stock Exchange filing. Sales by value plunged 72% in the first five months of 2022 when compared to the same period

in 2021, contributing to the company's liquidity crunch, Shimao added.

Other Chinese developers that have also defaulted on their dollar bonds since December 2021 include Evergrande, Kaisa Group, and Sunac China. The liquidity crisis started after Beijing cracked down on excessive borrowing by property developers.

Evergrande was the first major Chinese real-estate developer to default on its debt. This spilled over to other companies as banks tightened sector-wide lending, spurring concerns of a domino effect on China's financial sector and the rest of the world.

The Chinese government has stepped in to manage Evergrande's crisis, but with more Chinese property firms defaulting recently, contagion fears are resurfacing among investors. Dutch bank ING expects more property developer bond defaults in the second half of 2022 and into 2023, Iris Pang, its Greater China chief economist, wrote last week.

That's even though home sales have improved recently after Beijing pledged in March to support the property market. China's property sales in May fell 31.8% on-year an improvement from the 39% plunge in April, according to Reuters calculations using official statistics.

"Although this is a positive move for home sales, it is not positive for property developers that have defaulted on their bonds, whether onshore or offshore, as potential home buyers will stay away from homes sold by those developers to avoid non-completion risk and after-sales property management risk," wrote Pang.

"With developer debt stress expected to persist, authorities will probably continue to focus on boosting home sales to stabilize conditions by year-end rather than resort to bailing out developers," wrote analysts from the Eurasia Group, a risk consultancy, in a note on June 24.



AngloGold Ashanti Vice President for Sustainability in Tanzania and Ghana, Simon Shayo receives a recognition trophy from the President Samia Suluhu Hassan during the official launch of CCBRT's Maternal and Newborn wing in Dar es Salaam recently. AngloGold Ashanti - Geita Gold Mining Limited was recognized amongst development stakeholders who have supported CCBRT's maternal health initiatives. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Adanian Labs start-up AfyaRekod launches universal patient portal

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Over and above patients securely managing their health records, including prescriptions and hospital visit summaries, the AfyaRekod Universal Patient Portal offers a secure decentralised, multilingual and intelligent telehealth solution, health resources, symptom trackers, reminders and notifications, as well as the mobility of the record across multiple channels and devices. Though any patient can use these tools, it is especially useful for patients with chronic illness, parents, pregnant women, and patients with hereditary diseases.

The AfyaRekod platform extends to include doctors, offering a digital clinic with a B2B platform, tele-pharmacy tool and e-prescription platform. For providers, the platform has multiple functionalities such as hospital management, patient management, knowledge management and inventory management, as

well as an AI driven reporting tool, that allows organisations to make strategic decisions, predictions and early identification using data analytics. NGOs and other related organizations can register and manage their target groups on the platform.

AfyaRekod is Part of the NVIDIA AI program via AICE Africa and has over 150,000 users in Kenya alone and is launching in Nigeria, SA, Zambia in July. AfyaRekod is accessed via an app (android and iOS) and web portal via mywww.myrekod.com.

AfyaRekod's key partnerships include The Association of Sisterhoods of Kenya (AOSK), Healthy Mind Foundation (Nigeria), Alchemy (South Africa), AURA (South Africa), GE Healthcare, Telkom, The Africa Block-Chain Center, The AI Center of Excellence, Adanian Labs, and Lishe Living among others.

Currently in their B2B product, AfyaRekod has onboarded over 50 hospitals.

WORLD

Boris Johnson digs in as ministers, lawmakers desert UK government

LONDON

PRIME Minister Boris Johnson was defiantly hanging onto power yesterday despite the resignation of four top ministers and a seemingly unstoppable revolt by his own lawmakers, threatening to paralyse the British government.

More than 50 ministers have quit the government in less than 48 hours, saying Johnson was not fit to be in charge after a series of scandals, while dozens in his Conservative Party are in open revolt.

Brandon Lewis, the Northern Ireland Secretary, became the latest Cabinet minister to quit early on Thursday, following the resignations of the finance, health and Welsh ministers.

"I cannot sacrifice my personal integrity to defend things as they stand now," Lewis said. It is clear that our party, parliamentary colleagues, volunteers and the whole country, deserve better.

A delegation of senior ministers and a senior figure representing Conservative lawmakers who are not in government went to Downing Street on Wednesday evening to tell Johnson he needed to go and to make a dignified exit.

But he refused to budge, and even sacked Michael Gove, one of his most effective ministers who, according to media reports, had told the British leader he should quit.

Not going

"I am not going to step down," Johnson told a parliamentary committee. The Sun newspaper quoted an ally of the prime minister as saying that rebels in his party would "have to dip their hands in blood" if they wanted to get rid of him.

Johnson has suggested that he had a mandate to govern from the almost 14 million voters who voted for the Conservatives in December 2019 when he swept to power with a promise to sort out Britain's exit from the European Union after years of bitter wrangling.

Dozens have publicly criticized Johnson's integrity after he was forced to apologize for appointing a lawmaker to a role involved in pastoral care, and had not recalled being briefed that the minister had been the subject of complaints about sexual misconduct.

The crisis erupted after lawmaker Chris Pincher who held a government role involved in pas-

toral care was forced to quit over accusations he groped men in a private member's club.

Johnson had to apologise after it emerged that he was briefed that Pincher had been the subject of previous sexual misconduct complaints before he appointed him. The prime minister saying he had forgotten.

It is the latest crisis to hit his administration after months of scandals and missteps, including a damning report into parties at his Downing Street residence and office that broke strict COVID-19 lockdown rules and saw him fined by police.

But despite the clamor for him to resign, James Duddridge, a Conservative lawmaker and close aide of Johnson, told Sky News the British leader "is buoyant, he is up for a fight" after a meeting with members of his top cabinet team.

Duddridge said Johnson and the newly-appointed finance minister Nadhim Zahawi would set out a new joint plan for the economy next week which would include tax cuts.

Earlier Johnson told a parliamentary committee: "I am not going to step down and the last thing this country needs, frankly, is an election."

Mandate

Johnson said had a mandate from the 2019 national election, which he won with a large majority, and it would not be responsible to walk away from the job in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis and war in Europe. Johnson has been a visible supporter of Ukraine after the Russian-Ukraine conflict erupted in late February.

Johnson also refused to say if he would try to stay in the job even if he lost a confidence vote from his own lawmakers. That could come next week if they agree to change the party's rules, which only allow one such challenge a year. He narrowly won a similar vote last month.

Opposition lawmakers said the chaos meant government could not function. Committees due to meet on Thursday to scrutinise legislation, including the National Security Bill, were being cancelled because there was no minister available.

"I do think the time has come for the prime minister to step down," Suella Braverman, the attorney general for England and Wales, told ITV late on Wednesday, although she said she herself would stay in post. "If there is a leadership con-



Prime Minister Boris Johnson

test I will put my name into the ring."

"The prime minister is deluded if he feels he can cling on in the face of collapsed parliamentary support," said a senior Conservative lawmaker on condition of anonymity. "He is embarrassing the Conservative Party and showing contempt for the electorate."

But culture minister Nadine Dorries said she was behind Johnson and, when asked if others also still backed him, she replied: "Yes, definitely." The dramatic resignations on Tuesday of his health and finance ministers triggered a growing swell of other ministerial departures and many Conservative lawmakers questioned his fitness to govern.

At parliamentary questions on Wednesday, some Conservatives struggled not to laugh when others poked fun at him and he took a pummeling from a committee of senior politicians over his past behavior, his motivation and some of the scandals that have come to define much of his tenure.

'Enough is enough'

The ebullient Johnson came to power nearly three years ago, promising to deliver Britain's exit from the European Union and rescue it from the bitter wrangling that followed the 2016 Brexit referendum.

Since then, some Conservatives have enthusiastically backed the former journalist and London mayor while others, despite reservations, supported him because he was able to appeal to parts of the electorate that usually rejected their party.

That was borne out in the Decem-

ber 2019 election. But his administration's combative and often chaotic approach to governing and a series of scandals have exhausted the goodwill of many of his lawmakers while opinion polls show he is no longer popular with the public at large.

In addition to the scandals, there have also been policy U-turns, an ill-fated defense of a lawmaker who broke lobbying rules, and criticism that he has not done enough to tackle inflation, with many Britons struggling to cope with rising fuel and food prices.

Despite even one-time supporters saying the current crisis could only end with his resignation, Johnson's spokesperson said he was confident of winning another vote by his party.

All might change next week when the 1922 Committee that sets the rules for the Conservative parliamentary party holds an election to its executive that could usher in a rule change to allow a second confidence vote on his leadership.

Johnson has tried to reassert his authority by quickly appointing Zahawi, a rising Conservative star widely praised for the successful rollout of COVID-19 vaccines, as finance minister.

In parliament, senior ministers struggled to contain their laughter as the opposition Labor leader poked fun at his cabinet for being in the "charge of the lightweight brigade".

"At some point, we have to conclude that enough is enough. I believe that point is now," said Sajid Javid, in his resignation speech as health minister, with Johnson listening stony-faced.

Agencies

Iran says it arrested UK deputy envoy, foreigners for 'spying'

TEHRAN

IRAN'S Islamic Revolution Guards Corps arrested the British deputy ambassador and other foreigners for "spying" activities such as collecting soil samples in prohibited areas, the official IRNA news agency reported Wednesday.

According to a video released by the IRGC Intelligence Organization, the IRGC has identified some diplomats of foreign embassies, including the British deputy ambassador, who were "spying" instead of carrying out their diplomatic missions, said the report.

"The British deputy ambassador had gone to Shahdad desert (in central Iran) with his family as a tourist, but as the recorded images show, this person was collecting soil samples in this area," the report said.

Western news outlets have identified the arrested British diplomat as Giles Whitaker, the deputy head of mission at the British embassy in Iran.

However, a spokesperson for Britain's Foreign Office said "reports of the arrest of a British diplomat in Iran are completely false."

Iran also identified, Maciej Walczak, a Polish scientist who visited Iran "under the guise of scientific exchanges," as another arrestee, saying he, as a tourist, went to the Shahdad region in Kerman province, where IRGC was holding a missile test, according to the IRNA report.

He and his companions collected samples of soil, water, rock, salt, and mud from the region near the testing area, the report reads.

Another arrestee is the spouse of a cultural advisor of the Austrian embassy, who visited the villages of Damghan city in Semnan province, and collected samples of the soil of the area, it added.

DPR embassy staff begin work in Russia, top diplomat says

DONETSK

THE Donetsk People's Republic's (DPR) Ambassador to Russia Olga Makeyeva and other embassy staff have already begun their work in Moscow, DPR Foreign Minister Natalya Nikonorova said in an interview with TASS.

"The ambassador and other embassy staff are already in Moscow, they have begun their work on the political track, as well as on consular, administrative and other issues," she pointed out. According to Nikonorova, the embassy will open on July 12.

The top diplomat noted that the ministry was actively boosting cooperation with the republics who had recognized the DPR. "First of all, it is about the republics who recognized our independence back in 2014," Nikonorova said, referring to the Lugansk People's Republic and South Ossetia.

"The Republic of Abkhazia recognized us in February 2022 and in March, we established diplomatic relations. We continue to strengthen interaction with Abkhazia," the DPR foreign minister added.

Agencies



DRC, Rwanda agree to de-escalate tensions

KINSHASA

PRESIDENT Felix Tshisekedi of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and his Rwandan counterpart, Paul Kagame, on Wednesday agreed on a de-escalation process after the resurgence of a rebel group had fueled tensions between the two countries.

The consensus was reached after a tripartite meeting brought together the two leaders and Angolan President Joao Lourenco as a mediator in Angola's capital Luanda, which was convened at the request of the African Union.

The meeting was aimed at helping restore confidence between Kinshasa and Kigali, according to a statement released by the DRC presidency.

Since the end of March, the March 23 Movement (M23) has been on the offensive in the

eastern DRC province of North Kivu, causing thousands of civilians to be displaced.

The DRC authorities accused Rwanda of secretly supporting the rebels to destabilize the east part of the country, while Rwanda has denied the allegation.

At a press briefing on Wednesday, the leaders confirmed that the Rwanda-DRC Joint Permanent Commission, which had not met for several years, will be revived, as part of the de-escalation process they have agreed upon.

The commission will hold a meeting on Tuesday in Luanda over such issues as the normalization of DRC-Rwanda diplomatic relations, an immediate cessation of hostilities and an unconditional withdrawal of the M23 rebels from the DRC, said the statement of the DRC presidency.

Agencies



A Congolese army tank heads towards the front line near Kibumba in the area surrounding the North Kivu city of Goma on May 25, 2022 during clashes between the Congolese army and M23 rebels. AFP

IT'S been two years since the revised Forest Law took effect in China on July 1, 2020.

In the past two years, judiciary authorities have strictly abided by the principle stipulated by the law, which requires the country to prioritize ecology and protection and pursue sustainable development through a method that combines conservation and afforestation. As a result, a legal protection wall has been built and constantly consolidated for forest ecology.

In January this year, a case of destruction of ecological resources proposed by the Yuelu District People's Procuratorate in Changsha, central China's Hunan province came to trial, which involved illegal logging of 454.84 cubic meters of timber and serious damage to the local woodland.

According to law, the six criminals

Forest Law builds legal protection for ecology

in the case were put into jail with sentences ranging from a year to three years and 11 months. Besides, they were ordered to pay over 104,000 yuan (\$15,528) in total to compensate for ecological losses and apologize to the public on media outlets above the municipal level for civil public interest action.

It was the first case in Changsha in which the suspects were requested to compensate for the ecological damages they had caused in the whole process of the crime, including illegal felling, transporting and trading of trees.

The case mirrored the judiciary protection of forest ecology carried out by Chinese judiciary authorities with the strictest system and rule of law.

Since 2019, courts at all levels across China have concluded 403,989 cases of first instance related to forest resources, including 268,180 civil lawsuits.

On June 14 this year, the Supreme People's Court, China's top court, released an interpretation on dealing with forest-related civil disputes, as well as 10 supporting model cases, to improve the system of rules applicable to environmental and ecological laws, and promote science-based protection and utilization of forest resources from the legal perspective.

In recent years, innovative compensation measures were emerging, such as alternative restoration and non-in-situ greening.

Procuratorates in southwest China's Guizhou province have introduced civil compensation to the evaluation system of criminal offenses, urging suspects and defendants to restore the ecological environment through afforestation efforts.

The people's court in Anji county, Huzhou, east China's Zhejiang province has dispatched 120 court officers to 215 villages and communities to ensure that compensation is made for every criminal case related to environmental resources.

The Intermediate People's Court of Chunlin district, Changchun, north-east China's Jilin province has signed 164 re-greening agreements since 2018,

replanting 886.74 mu (59 hectares) of forests.

"The Forest Law stipulates an approach combining conservation and afforestation, so we should make innovations in the way we restore ecology based on particular forest environment, to ensure a science-based and timely recovery of the functions of the forest ecology," said Xie Deti, a professor with the College of Resources and Environment, Southwest University.

Upholding the concept of restorative justice, judiciary departments are guiding the perpetrators to turn from "destroyers" to "recovers" of the ecological environment, which synergizes the legal, social and ecological effects of the

judicature, Xie said.

Over the past two years, the Forest Law has provided a legal basis for advancing ecological progress, protection, cultivation, and utilization of forest resources, said Wang Xiang, an official with the Legislative Affairs Commission of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, adding that the law is promoting coordinated eco-socio development and forest ecological protection.

To strive for carbon peak and carbon neutrality goals is an important measure for China to address acute resource and environmental constraints and achieve sustained development. Forest is the largest carbon pool in the terrestrial ecosystem. It bears important ecological functions such as carbon sequestration.

People's Daily

UN report warns global hunger figure rose to 828m in 2021

ROME

THE number of people affected by hunger rose to 828 million in 2021, an increase of 46 million from the previous year, the United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said in a report on Wednesday.

The 2022 edition of "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World" (SOFI) report -- drafted by the FAO and four other UN agencies -- carries fresh figures on nutrition and food accessibility at the global level, including the latest estimates of the costs and affordability of a healthy diet.

The report said the number of people affected by hunger has increased by 150 million since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This would risk pushing the international community further away from reaching Goal 2 of the UN Sustainable Development Agenda, which is to end hunger and malnutrition by 2030.

"After remaining relatively unchanged since 2015, the proportion of people affected by hunger jumped in 2020 and continued to rise in 2021 to 9.8 percent of the world population," the SOFI said. "This compares with 8 percent in 2019 and 9.3 percent in 2020."

The number of people unable to afford a healthy diet rose by 112 million to almost 3.1 billion, "reflecting the impacts of rising consumer food prices during the pandemic."

The UN agencies added that the actual figure could be even larger once final data on income losses in 2020 become available.

"The ongoing war in Ukraine is disrupting supply chains and further affecting prices of grain, fertilizer and energy," the report warned. "In the first half of 2022, this resulted in further food price increases."

At the same time, more frequent and severe extreme climate events are disrupting supply chains, especially in low-income countries."

Around 2.3 billion people in the world -- or 29.3 percent of the global population -- suffered from moderate or severe food insecurity in 2021, an increase of 350 million compared to before the pandemic.

Nearly 924 million people -- or 11.7 percent of the global population -- faced food insecurity at severe levels, an increase of 207 million in two years, according to the report.

The SOFI also highlighted that "the gender gap in food insecurity continued to rise in 2021," with an estimated 31.9 percent of women suffering moderate or severe food insecurity compared to 27.6 percent of men. Some 45 million children under the age of five suffered from wasting (the deadliest form of malnutrition) last year. Overall, some 149 million children under five had stunted growth and development due to a chronic lack of essential nutrients, while 39 million were overweight.

"Looking forward, projections are that nearly 670 million people -- or 8 percent of the world population -- will still be facing hunger in 2030, even if a global economic recovery is taken into consideration," the SOFI said.

The UN agencies urged governments to "repurpose the resources they are using to incentivize the production, supply and consumption of nutritious foods" in order to help making healthy diets less costly and more affordable for all.

Finally, the report suggested that governments could do more to reduce trade barriers for nutritious foods, such as fruits and vegetables.

Assessing the situation of hunger, malnutrition and food accessibility at the global level, the SOFI is jointly published every year by the FAO in cooperation with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Children's Fund, the UN World Food Programme and the World Health Organization.

Xinhua

S. African president warns citizens against under-age drinking

CAPE TOWN

SOUTH African President Cyril Ramaphosa on Wednesday warned citizens against under-age drinking, saying the country is losing its future generation to this "scourge."

Ramaphosa sounded the warning at the mass funeral for 21 young victims of last week's tavern tragedy in East London, Eastern Cape Province.

The youngest victim who died in this tragedy was 13 years old, and the country is still waiting for the result of toxicology.

Legal drinking in South Africa is 18 years old. He recalled major alcohol-related incidents that killed

young women and children in the past, blaming under-age drinking for alcohol related violence, road accidents, driving drunk and unprotected sex.

"Alcohol is highly addictive. It is something to be consumed in moderation and responsibly, and only by those who are of the legal age to do so, and mature enough to handle its effects," he said.

The president said South Africa has extensive laws to address and combat alcohol abuse, but has to strengthen implementation, calling on all mayors to appoint Local Drug Action Committees in every ward and to give them the necessary support from the municipality.

How Putin will participate in G20 summit will depend on state of global affairs – MFA

MOSCOW

EXACTLY how Russian President Vladimir Putin will take part in the G20 summit in November will depend on the situation in the world and the sanitary and epidemiological situation in Southeast Asia, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday.

"Regarding the November G20 summit, an official invitation from Indonesian President Joko Widodo addressed to the Russian leader has been received. Jakarta was tentatively informed of President Vladimir Putin's intention to take part."

The format of participation is subject to clarification depending on the development of the situation in the world and taking into account the sanitary and epidemiological situation in Southeast Asia," the ministry said in a statement.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will lead a Russian delegation at a face-to-face foreign ministers meeting of the G20 on the Indonesian island of Bali on July 7-8.

"Russia regards the G20 as the leading forum for international economic cooperation and as an effective mechanism for multilateral governance, on the basis of which well-considered decisions should be made in the interests of the whole world," the statement said.

The ministry said the G20 was created to counter the global financial and economic crises, promote the inclusive achievement of sustainable develop-



ment and economic growth, and in response to the growing role of large emerging markets in the world economy.

According to the statement, Moscow highly appreciates the activities of the current Indonesian chairmanship, impartiality in leadership, and a focus on practical results.

"We share the relevance of the priority issues declared by Jakarta: healthcare, energy security and digitalization. We are ready to make a significant contribution to making progress in all these areas by the time of the Bali summit on November 15-16 of this year."

Indonesia's course towards multilateralism, consideration of the interests of all participants in the group sets the right vector of work," the ministry said.

Young Africans see China as most influential country

NAIROBI

YOUNG Africans consider China as the country wielding most influence on their continent, according to the "African Youth Survey 2022" commissioned by South Africa's Ichikowitz Foundation last month.

The survey, which was conducted in 15 African countries, showed that 76 percent of young people view China's influence as positive while 77 percent see China as the foreign country with most influence on their continent.

Ivor Ichikowitz, chairperson of the Ichikowitz Foundation, told Xinhua that the African youth have faith in the future of the relations between China and Africa. Chinese products, ranging from clothes and plastic products to home appliances, can be found on the shelves of street stores as well as large shopping malls across Africa.

"I have many Chinese-made household appliances and a washing machine, they have helped me a lot," says Kenyan actress Fridah Mure, adding that Chinese products are both affordable and made with high-quality standards.

In recent years, young Africans buyers have been attracted not only to Chinese-made necessities, but also to electronic products from Chinese manufacturers such as Huawei and OPPO, and to applications such as TikTok.

"China is the manufacturing center of the world. Most of the products we consume would come from China, both in terms of technology and other areas you know," Martin Githinji, a 30-year-old Kenyan social media content creator, told Xinhua at the launch of the newest Tecno smartphones in Kenya's capital Nairobi on June 20.



Contestants take part in the 21st Chinese language proficiency competition for foreign college students in the Kenya Division at the University of Nairobi in Nairobi, Kenya, June 24, 2022. Xinhua

According to Githinji, Chinese manufacturers have won many consumers in his country as they offer a wide range of basic products at different prices.

Tecno is a brand of Chinese smartphone maker Transsion Holdings, which dominated the African smartphone market with a combined unit share of 47.9 percent in the fourth quarter of 2021.

Chinese companies, like Tecno, have also transferred much of their technology to Kenya, said Anthony Brian Otieno, product manager of Tecno.

"We are now even able to assemble some of our devices here." Since the founding of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in 2000, Chinese

companies have built or upgraded more than 10,000 km of railways and nearly 100,000 km of highways across Africa, and created a total of over 4.5 million jobs, according to official data released last November. These projects, including roads, ports, and digital connectivity, have boosted African countries' development and created many jobs for the population, especially the young people.

The Chinese-built Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) has just celebrated its fifth anniversary of safe operation.

In addition to its speed, convenience and affordability, the SGR, which connects the country's capital to its busiest Mombasa port, offers young people opportunities to develop their careers.

In particular, female locomotive drivers admitted that their lives had been transformed after securing employment with the SGR com-

muter service. "I was able to take the speed railway in China and see how they operate the railway industry," said Conciliar Owire, who became one of the first batch of female locomotive drivers after the SGR began operation in 2017.

Owire, who was promoted to be a senior superintendent of the Africa Star Railway Operation Company that runs the SGR, also told Xinhua that she hopes to implement what she saw in China to the railway network in her country.

Xinhua

China's biological economy gets on higher stage

By Lu Ya'nan, Li Xinping

CHINA is one of the countries in the world that boast the greatest abundance of biological resources and see the broadest consumption market of life and health products. With complete categories and systems of the biological industry, the country is in an advantageous position to accelerate the development of biological economy.

In Yangling district, northwest China's Shaanxi province, a research team completed the evolution of nearly 400 generations of corns in just a few months with a biological breeding technology; in Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park of Shanghai, the CAR-T therapy is giving cancer patients new hopes; in Heze, east China's Shandong province, 229 million kWh of electricity is generated annually with a straw-fueled condensing turbine and a high-temperature and high-pressure water cooled vibrating grate, which helps reduce emission of 100,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide and 1,500 tonnes of sulfur dioxide.

Technological breakthroughs are constantly being made. Artemisinin earned China the first Nobel Prize in the field of physical science. Currently, China ranks second in the world in terms of the number of innovative drugs developed, and also enjoys comparative advantages in domains such as gene detection, super rice, artificially synthesized starch, and vaccines.

Industrial innovation stays active. In recent years, 1/3 of the enterprises listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange's sci-tech innovation board were engaged in the biological sector. Between 2016 and 2020, the R&D spending of pharmaceutical enterprises above designated size, or those with annual main business revenue of 20 million yuan (\$2.99 million) or more, was growing 8 percent on average each year. Today, China's biological fermentation products account for over 70 percent of the global market share.

Regional agglomerations are taking shape. In the sector of biological economy, the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, Yangtze River delta, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and Sichuan-Chongqing economic circle have become new high grounds of innovation. They are home to around 80 percent of



Technicians of a bioelectronics company based in Ma'anshan, east China's Anhui province, check the growth of microalgae after an energy-saving lighting technology developed by the company is applied, Jan. 12, 2022. File photo

Chinese listed companies, and produce 90 percent of China's Class-I innovative drugs and 85 percent of China's specially approved innovative medical apparatus and instruments.

Recently, a plan on the development of biological economy during the 14th Five-Year Period (2021-2025) was issued. This is the first five-year plan issued for the industry in China. Biological economy encompasses a wide range of aspects. Therefore, to achieve development targets, the plan proposes to foster and expand the following four key industries, including healthcare, biological agriculture, biological energy and environmental protection, and biological information.

According to the plan, original in-

novation capability shall be enhanced in the healthcare industry, focusing on drugs, vaccines, advanced diagnosis technology and equipment, as well as biomedical materials, so as to strengthen the supply chain of high-end biological medicines and equipment.

The plan also encourages the development of modernization-oriented biological agriculture. It says new-gen products of biological breeding, biological fertilizer, biological feed, and biopesticide shall be developed, and the protection, development, and utilization system of germplasm resources shall be improved.

The plan says new types of food, such as artificial proteins, shall be

developed, so as to upgrade the food industry and reduce the environmental impacts brought by traditional breeding industry.

Besides, the plan proposes new scenarios of biological energy, biological environmental protection and biological information, such as the knowledge model and algorithm for assistant decision making in the treatment of major diseases.

Keeping risks controllable is one of the most important principles for developing biological economy. The plan has thus decided to hasten the construction of the bio-security guarantee system and establish a national biological resources sharing system. To create a sound environment for innovation and development of biotechnologies, the plan also proposes to set up several pioneer zones to pilot reforms in key links of biological economy, such as sci-tech innovation, admission, and regulation.

People's Daily



Fiston Mayele

Mayele, Bangala, Inonga up for TFF awards' top accolade

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) awards ceremony took place in Dar es Salaam yesterday with the Congolese trio of Fiston Mayele, Yannick Bangala, and Henock Inonga in the race to scoop the Player of the Year award.

The ceremony organized by TFF to recognize the best players, both men, and women, will honour those who have performed well this season in the NBC Premier League, Women's Premier League, Championship, Azam Sports Federation Cup, and First Division League.

Young Africans 'Yanga' goal-getter Mayele headed into the award ceremony with the tag of favourite to win the biggest award.

He was contesting for the award a week after he was left as a disappointed runner-up to Geita Gold FC's forward George Mpole in the Golden Boot race.

Mayele was also nominated for the Azam Sports Federation Cup Best Player award alongside Abdulhamis Suleiman of Coastal Union.

There was a total of 57 categories of awards to be presented at the gala including the Goal of the Year award and overall categories such as the Team of the Season.

Asha Djafar is well placed for a double in the Women's Player of the Year category.

The Simba Queens SC striker will bag the top scorer award while competing with Amina Ally of Yanga Princesses and Fatma Issa of Simba Queens SC in the Player of the Year category.

Yanga's goalie, Djigui Diarra, will face

Shamsa Ford: Musicians, film industry practitioners should not entertain fake life

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TANZANIAN actress, Shamsa Ford, has urged her fellow artists to live genuine life based on their income rather than seeking praise from people for showing off while struggling to make ends meet.

Shamsa issued the plea, saying she, for one, had to spend two years without having a private car once she had sold the one she was owning.

The actress revealed she had to use taxis and bajaj, stressing she did not feel humiliated for her move, given that was the reality.

She said that after selling her car due to the challenges she experienced in her life, she did not have a car for two years, noting her decision to settle for taxis and bajaj did not hurt her.

"I did not force myself to rent cars for the sake of showing people that I am fine. I solved my problems because that was the reality," Shamsa noted.

She wrote on her social network account that there was a time when she was with her baby in a bajaj, the child

asked her when she would get a car.

The actress revealed her child moreover asked her to take a picture whilst posing in front of other people's cars.

"I, the other day, heard him pray, saying God give my mother a car, God has helped me... I have bought a car that may not be valuable but I appreciate it," she said.

The artist said God has helped her purchase the car, adding that it helps her in transportation given she can go anywhere.

She appealed to fellow artists to learn not to force themselves into having expensive possessions that they can hardly afford.

Shamsa stressed: "They should further not compare their lives with other people's so that they can live peacefully."

"They will otherwise suffer humiliation for seeking to live a fake life, showcasing their own certain things while they hardly do," Shamsa disclosed.

Registration output indicates higher competitiveness in CAF tournaments

By Correspondent John Kimbute

FRENETIC activity is being noticed in the manner in which the leading Premier League sides, especially the top three now gearing for continental tournaments, are seeking out players from near and far to strengthen their strength in various departments.

Even newly crowned Premier League champions, Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, who earlier seemed content with the squad they built or administered over the past year, have spared no effort in seeking out some key players.

Neither Yanga nor their next street rivals have said for sure who among their foreign professionals will stay or leave, some were removed a bit earlier.

Who precisely makes the continental competitions was decided at the last minute in the Azam Sports Federation Cup final encounter between Yanga and versatile Coastal Union.

Everybody knew the Tanga club, somewhat middle-ranked in the final Premier League standings, would put up their very best- and an additional run- to hit the continental bar.

In addition, it was clear that the league winners would have a difficult time putting up the game required to put away a spirited challenge, being engrossed with festivities nearly the whole week earlier, with the FA Cup being little more than a prestige addition.

There was a joking atmosphere as to who wished for a Yanga win in the final and who would have wished



Geita Gold FC left fullback, Amos Charles (C), seeks to get the better of Polisi Tanzania fullback, Darius Peter, as the sides locked horns in this season's clash in Geita last month. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GEITA GOLD FC

for something else, but that assumes there is a psychic input in the result, as to which was the more popular side.

That apart, it is evident that the big winners in the match outcome were Geita Gold FC who, being fourth in the league outcome, would have made way for Coastal Union had they grabbed the Federation Cup.

Only in this context could 'prayers' make much sense here, while the rest was just wishful thinking.

Looking at the league standing, all the same, it would appear that the outcome was better for local clubs' competitiveness in the continental tournaments, as the tournaments need solid clubs which do not have to seek out well-wishers to make this or that trip when the tournament they are involved in kicks off.

That is what happened with Biashara United of Mara in the past season, putting in danger the four teams' allocation was the leading club (Simba SC, perennially) to do as much the coming season, or for that matter the new club champions.

They have been busy picking experienced players to make a difference this time.

That is why the failure of the Tanga side to make it to the continental run diminishes the risk of vetting a side that is ill-prepared to put up with the challenges of continental tournaments.

The right outing for most Premier League sides is regional championships, but they are virtually non-existent as only Mapinduzi Cup is assured.

Even here the organizers need to work around to get attractive terms for all participating sides to motivate them to fly to Zanzibar for the tourney, as it is becoming an intra-Union mini-league to find the best side, a non-existent overall Tanzanian league champion- and runners up.

Geita Gold FC looks like it will not have the sort of problems that Biashara United tried to surmount, and visibly also stalked Coastal Union, as some of its more notable creditors are nowhere comparable

to the sponsoring firms of the three top sides.

Again, with an effort, the gold miners can build a better squad at short notice as they have deep pockets, even if their spending plans are yet to hit any headlines as yet, but the mere fact that they are making an effort at holding to George Mpole - vainly, many will swear - and tapping others is noticeable.

It is a side with financial potential, unlike the struggling Premier League sides.

At the same time, the hitherto dormant Azam FC is showing signs of revitalization in recruitment, going some ways to compete with the city archrivals for signing George Mpole, aside from its other solo efforts.

Being assigned uncontested club sponsors to whom the management is accountable will in a sense be accompanied by a vision of what is to be done, to recover the glory that the club enjoyed at the start.

Similarly, the side has started to build a sort of fan base, that it isn't just Simba SC, Yanga grey matter.

While the collapse of regional competitions has diminished somewhat the soccer flavour in the months that follow the end of the season, the solid achievements of Simba SC and repeated admission of four teams in the regional tournament are kind of making up for this loss.

When four capable teams can play more than one round at least, the fans are likely to have plenty of entertainment and also much to talk about, well beyond reducing the continental run to the local rivalry, discounting all other teams or issues.

Were it that Azam FC and Geita Gold FC put their resources to beef up club needs, and both put up a reasonable show in the CAF runs as Yanga might conceivably do as well, the soccer scenario would be altered somewhat.

It would be much more pluralistic, though it could take some years.

Mgunda: Coastal Union will not stop players from seeking greener pastures



Juma Mgunda

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

COASTAL Union's head coach Juma Mgunda has stated that domestic players, including those turning out for his outfit, have the right to look for greener pastures.

The tactician was adamant the performers have the right to head to any team which is ready to offer good payment for them.

He issued the comments in the wake of rumours that several top domestic clubs were seeking to rope Coastal Union's footballer Abdulhamis Suleiman in.

Suleiman was on Monday announced as Azam FC's newly signed footballer after having an impressive spell at Coastal Union this season.

Yanga and Simba SC were previously rumoured to have been seeking Suleiman services.

Mgunda also conceded the top Premier League sides that showed interest to register Suleiman had come up with good offers.

He revealed the offers came about because of the good performance Suleiman showed in the 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup final between the Tanga squad and Yanga at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha last week.

Suleiman did not only score a hat-trick in the

clash which ended with Yanga winning 4-1 in the penalty shootout but also troubled Yanga's defense.

Mgunda noted: "A player's transfer from one team to another as soon as Premier League comes to an end is unavoidable, teams compete to acquire player's sign by coming up with good offers."

"If you know your financial status is limited, why stop a player to move elsewhere?"

"I don't want to, in one way or another, stop a player from moving on if he gets a good offer, it's sin."

The gaffer revealed: "The negative effect of prohibiting player from moving to other outfit is that you are creating hatred between you and the player, frustrating good relationship."

He further disclosed that he is pleased with Coastal Union midfielder Victor Akpan's move to Simba SC for next season's Premier League.

Suleiman had earlier conceded to have received many offers from various teams but Coastal Union remained his priority, whenever an agreement with another outfit would not be sealed.

The midfielder revealed: "Despite many offers I have received I'm waiting for my bosses' say, if we fail to agree, I will find another outfit."

Ronaldo signing ruled out by Bayern CEO

MUNICH

BAYERN Munich have no intention of signing Cristiano Ronaldo from Manchester United this summer, with CEO Oliver Kahn stating that a deal for the 37-year-old would not "fit with our philosophy."

Sources have told ESPN that Ronaldo has informed United bosses that he would like to move during the transfer window, with Bayern, Chelsea and Napoli cited as potential destinations.

But, according to Kahn, Bayern will not be making a move for the Portuguese great.

"As highly as I rate Cristiano Ronaldo as one of the greatest, a transfer wouldn't be a fit with our philosophy," he told German magazine Kicker.

Bayern's attack has long been led by the prolific Robert Lewandowski, however the 33-year-old has told the Bundesliga champions that he wants to leave the Allianz Arena this summer.

Sources have told ESPN that Barcelona made a third offer for Lewandowski last week, worth more than €40 million. Kahn has publicly insisted that the Poland striker is not for sale.

United similarly insist that Ronaldo, who scored 24 goals last season, is not available for transfer and that new manager Erik ten Hag "wants and expects" him to be part of the squad next season.

However, sources have told ESPN that in reality that stance is softer, although they would prefer Ronaldo moved abroad rather than join Premier League rivals Chelsea. He has a year left on his contract at Old Trafford with the option of another year.

Ronaldo is keen to continue playing in the Champions League and competing for major honors in the late stages of his career. United missed out on qualification for Europe's top competition and are again making a fresh start under Ten Hag.

Ronaldo was due to begin training with the rest of United's international players at Carrington on Monday but was given permission by the club to take an extended break because of "family reasons."

The squad are scheduled to fly to Bangkok on Friday but sources have told ESPN that Ten Hag does not yet know whether Ronaldo plans to train in Manchester this week or make himself available for the tour.

(Agencies)

Bullish Laporta says Barca want to keep De Jong

BARCELONA

BARCELONA president Joan Laporta has again said the club wish to keep Frenkie de Jong, despite continuing to negotiate his possible departure with Manchester United.

ESPN reported last week that Barca and United had reached an agreement over a transfer worth an initial €65 million rising to €85m, although the make-up of the add-ons remained a source of discussion.

However, Laporta said on Saturday that he would do all he could to retain De Jong's services, and he repeated the same message at the presentation of new signing Franck Kessie on Wednesday.

"Frenkie is a Barcelona player and, save there was the need to let him go him, he is not available," Laporta said.

"We do not want to sell him. There are offers for him and if at any moment it was in our interests, we could do a deal, but that is not the case. We don't want to sell him."

Throughout United's pursuit of De Jong, sources have told ESPN that the player's preference is to remain at Barca, who he joined from Ajax in 2019.

Reports in Spain have said Barca would like De Jong to take a pay cut as they attempt to bring their wage bill down, but sources have told ESPN the Dutch international is unlikely to do so.

De Jong, 25, previously agreed a salary cut when he penned a new deal in 2020 and, over the last 18 months, has earned significantly less than he should have with the promise he will be compensated over the final four years of his deal, which expires in 2026.

Meanwhile, Laporta said a contract offer remains on the table for Ousmane Dembele, who has technically been a free agent since his Barca deal expired last week.

Laporta said there is "no deadline" for the French winger to decide his future and that his camp "want to keep talking."

The Barca chief also expressed optimism that the club will be able make further signings once they have sold a further 15% of their television rights.

AC Milan midfielder Kessie and Chelsea defender AndreasChristensen have both signed on free transfers this week, and sources have told ESPN that BayernMunich's RobertLewandowski, Leeds United's Raphinha and Sevilla's JulesKounde remain targets.

Barca sold 10% of their domestic TV rights for €207.5m last week, but the club still need to bring in more capital to be able to operate outside of LaLiga's tough financial restrictions.

"We are working on further signings which can be executed when further commercial deals are in place," Laporta added.

"I won't give a number in terms of how many players will come in. What I will say is we will have a more competitive team next season with the players we have signed and those we will sign."

(Agencies)

PSG's new manager, Christophe Galtier, sounds the part but must hit the ground running

By Julien Laurens, ESPN Correspondent

THE good thing about having to wait so long to be officially appointed is that at least you have plenty of time to prepare. This was especially true for Christophe Galtier, Paris Saint-Germain's new manager and the sixth appointment of the Qatar Sports Investment (QSI) era in charge of the club, as he was more than ready for his first-ever press conference in his new role.

It took what felt forever to officially sack Mauricio Pochettino after 18 tumultuous months in charge and in the mean time, Galtier was getting ready. He had known for days that he would be next to take up position on the Parc des Princes bench, so he was able to think carefully about what to say, how to say it and how to start his era in the right way.

He did just that on Tuesday. He used strong words -- "discipline", "demanding", "collective" -- when asked about his approach with this squad. His tone was strong and self-assured. He wanted to look the part and start defining the new rules under him, starting with timekeeping. "It's good to see that all the players were on time today..." he said, which means a lot.



Christophe Galtier Head coach of PSG and Nasser Al Khelaifi President of PSG during Paris Saint-Germain Press Conference at Parc des Princes on July 5, 2022 in Paris, France. (Agencies)

A broad lack of discipline within the squad was an issue under Pochettino, and Galtier knows it. He has already decided that as early as their trip to Japan next week for PSG's preseason tour, there will be team rules and sanctions if they are not followed to the letter.

That attention to detail and order is one of the reasons why Paris went for him. Zinedine Zidane was QSI's first choice and their preferred option, but once it was clear that he was waiting for the France job, Galtier became the man and in pivoting to the former Nice coach, PSG went in a direction more oriented around hard work than bling.

Galtier certainly fits that vision, though his relationship with PSG's new sporting director, Luis Campos -- the pair worked

together in Lille for three seasons -- played a big part. Campos believes in him and his ability to succeed. Having Galtier alongside him gives the Campos more power too. Eventually, PSG should have a strong, cohesive link between sporting director and manager, something that was almost never the case since the Qataris took charge over 11 years ago.

There were always tensions between the various duos tasked with taking this club to the top: whether it was Leonardo and Laurent Blanc, Leonardo and Thomas Tuchel, Leonardo and Mauricio Pochettino, Patrick Kluijver and Unai Emery, or Antero Henrique and Thomas Tuchel, the dissonance was always an issue. Now, things should be different. The axis is strong: Campos and

Galtier will pull in the same direction as they want the same things and get on so well.

Notable, the decision to bring in Campos was Kylian Mbappe's call. The France star forward wanted to work with him again, like when they were in Monaco at the beginning of it all. Galtier was Campos' call so in a way, hiring Galtier is also Mbappe's call. The Paris-born prodigy is certainly happy with the appointment of the former Nice manager.

But how long will this harmony last?

Galtier knows the rules and pressure he'll face at PSG; he'll also be aware that he and his new team must hit the ground running pretty quickly. There will be a bit of patience, of course: as for every new manager, it is understandable that he will need a bit of time to implement his ideas, and it could well take some time.

One of the reasons why Pochettino was sacked was because the style of football was poor. PSG have to play well even if they fell short in big games, but they rarely did under the former Tottenham manager. Galtier will have to do better.

"When you have such a great squad, you have to also play well, not just win," said Galtier during his introductory press conference. At his previous

clubs -- Galtier spent seven-and-a-half years at Saint-Etienne, followed by three-and-a-half at Lille and last season at Nice -- Galtier managed to foster a strong, collective spirit and built teams capable of hitting you hard on the counter-attack, especially Lille.

At Nice, Galtier wanted more possession and control of games, but his squad struggled to fulfill this brief, with results below what was expected. However, PSG is arguably the best squad he will ever manage and he should find it a little easier to implement his methods and deliver his message. "It's a privilege to have a squad of this level," he added.

Galtier's first idea is to start the season with a three-man defence, which is intriguing because he played with a "flat" 4-4-2 formation at Lille and at Nice. But he believes that the 3-5-2 or the 3-4-1-2 will ultimately be the right formation for this squad, but it will come with puzzles to solve higher up the pitch. For example, he'll have to decide where to play Lionel Messi in this "back three" system. And what if Neymar ends up staying? There's no way to accommodate Mbappe, Messi and the Brazilian in a formation with three defenders. It could be a losing battle before the season even

begins depending on PSG's transfer business.

He will also have to untangle the hierarchy between the posts. With two world-class goalkeepers in the squad last season, Pochettino chose to not name an official No.1 between Gianluigi Donnarumma and Keylor Navas, but it will be different under the Frenchman. Expect him to make a call and stick to it: it's also worth noting that in his career as a manager, his reserve goalkeeper at the start of the season never became the No.1 over time.

Overall, Galtier hit all the right notes at his unveiling, but he will need to quickly convince fans, QSI and the players of his vision. It's not just because he only signed a two-year contract (with the option of a third season), but also because he knows that there is scepticism around his appointment: he is from Marseille, he is not a big name, he has been successful as a coach, but while setting up his teams to play quite basic football. A lot of the ultras are reportedly not impressed by his arrival.

The short deal offered to him also shows that PSG as an organization are waiting to see if he will be up for the task. At times in recent years, PSG has proven too tough for most. Can Galtier break that trend?

Jury finds man guilty of murdering rapper Nipsey Hussle

LOS ANGELES

A 32-year-old man who grew up on the same streets in the same gang as Nipsey Hussle was found guilty Wednesday of first-degree murder in the 2019 shooting of the Grammy-winning rapper, who rose above his circumstances to become an inspiration to the neighborhood where he was eventually gunned down.

The Los Angeles County jury also found Eric R. Holder Jr. guilty of two counts of attempted voluntary manslaughter for gunfire that hit other men at the scene. Prosecutors had sought two counts of attempted murder. Holder also was found guilty of two counts of assault with a firearm on the same men.

Holder, wearing a blue suit and face mask, stood up in the small court room next to his lawyer as the verdict was read. He had no visible reaction. His lawyer, Deputy Public Defender Aaron Jansen, conceded during the trial that Holder shot Hussle, 33, whose legal name is Ermias Asghedom, but had sought a lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter.

Jansen said in an email that he was deeply disappointed in the first-degree murder verdict.

"It was always going to be tough given the high profile circumstances surrounding the case," Jansen said.

He added that he and Holder were grateful that the jury agreed that the attempted murder counts were overcharged. They plan to appeal the murder conviction, he said.

A jury of nine women and three men deliberated for about six hours over two days before reaching

the verdict. Most of their deliberations took place Friday, and they promptly came to their unanimous decision Wednesday, briefly reconvening after a four-day break. A pair of typos on the verdict form discovered as the results were read forced jurors to briefly return to deliberations before the outcome could be made official, but they had no bearing on the outcome.

"We are both proud and I am a little relieved that the verdict came in a complete, absolute agreement with the charges that Eric Holder murdered Ermias Asghedom in cold blood," Deputy District Attorney John McKinney said outside the courtroom. "We hope that today is a day in which the Asghedom family and the friends and fans of Nipsey Hussle around the world will find some measure of closure."

No relatives of Hussle were in the room when the verdict was read, nor did any attend the trial.

The judge has a wide range of options when he sentences Holder on Sept. 15. The first-degree murder charge alone carries a sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

"Obviously nothing that happened here today can heal the wound, nothing that happened here today can restore Mr. Asghedom to this world, but we hope that there is some resounding peace in the fact that his killer will be in prison likely for the rest of his life," McKinney said.

The verdict brings an end to a legal saga that has lasted more than three years and a trial that was often delayed because of the pandemic.

Hussle and Holder had known each other for



FILE - Rapper Nipsey Hussle attends an NBA basketball game between the Golden State Warriors and the Milwaukee Bucks in Oakland, Calif., March 29, 2018. Three years after rapper Hussle was gunned down outside a Los Angeles clothing store that he founded to help revitalize the neighborhood where he grew up, a trial will finally begin Wednesday, June 15, 2022, for the man charged with killing him. (AP Photo)

years growing up as members of the Rollin' 60s in South Los Angeles when a chance meeting outside the clothing store the rapper opened in his neighborhood led to the shooting, and his death.

The evidence against Holder was overwhelming, from eyewitnesses to surveillance cameras from local businesses that captured his arrival, the shooting and his departure.

The shooting followed a conversa-

tion the two men had about rumors that Holder had been acting as an informant for authorities. Jansen argued that being publicly accused of being a "snitch" by a person as prominent as Hussle brought on a "heat of passion" in Holder that made him not guilty of first-degree murder.

Hussle's close friend Herman "Cowboy" Douglas, who was standing next to him when he was shot and testified at the trial, said the conversation

heard does not explain the killing for him.

"It feels good to get some closure, but I still need to know why," Douglas said after the verdict.

After years of grinding that won him underground acclaim -- his nickname was both a play on the name of comedian Nipsey Russell and a nod to the hustle the future hip-hop star showed in making music and selling CDs -- Hussle had just released his major-label debut album and earned his first Grammy nomination when he was killed. He was a widely beloved figure in Los Angeles, especially in the South LA area where he grew up and remained after gaining fame, buying property and opening businesses.

A year after his death, Hussle was mourned at a memorial at the arena then known as Staples Center, and celebrated in a performance at the Grammy Awards that included DJ Khaled and John Legend.

It was more than two years after that when the man who shot him would go on trial.

"Today was really about Nipsey Hussle and the legacy that he leaves behind," McKinney said Wednesday. "This verdict and the story of his life will be talked about for sure at Crenshaw and Slauson, but the meaning of it will carry far beyond those streets."

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Suma banks on competence in quest for vice-presidency at Yanga

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

A contestant for the vice-president post at Yanga, Suma Mwaitemba, has noted that she will go to the polls as a competent soccer administrator.

Suma stressed she should not be considered based on her gender.

She is contesting for the vice-president post in Yanga's election which has been slated for Saturday in Dar es Salaam.

Suma is taking part in Yanga's election for the second time, given she had earlier vied for the position of Executive Committee member.

She said she believes she is good enough to be the club's vice-president in the coming leadership given she knows the outfit well.

According to Suma, if gets the post she will make sure she works to support the president-elect.

Suma revealed: "I'm not asking for a vote because I am a woman. I urge members to assess my ability and experience, not the gender."

She further expressed outrage at Hersi Said that is eyeing the club's presidency for his choice of a contestant for the vice presidency.

Said had launched his campaign in Dar es Salaam mid-this week alongside Arafat Haji who is eyeing the vice-presidency.

"I cannot blame a candidate for choosing another candidate, although strategically it in my view may not be right to do so because they are candidates," Suma said.

She pointed out: "Yanga is not a proponent of co-candidacy as is the case with political parties, if you have decided to run you have to distinguish yourself by explaining your policies, goals, arguments and what you want to do."

"No one will be able to work on their own after being elected, but it still does not exclude everyone from presenting his policies by being backed by another candidate," Suma revealed.

Salum Mayanga pours praise on Mtibwa Sugar players after surviving relegation



Mtibwa Sugar's defender Salum Kanoni celebrates notching the outfit's third goal in this season's Premier League promotion/relegation playoff match against Prisons at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya last week. The duel ended in a 3-1 win for Mtibwa Sugar.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MTIBWA Sugar head coach Salum Shaban Mayanga has congratulated his players for the hard work they have done against Tanzania Prisons and managed to remain in the next season's Premier League.

The sugar millers remain in the Premier League thanks to a 3-2 aggregate victory over Prisons in two promotion/relegation play-off ties that took place at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya and Manungu Complex Stadium in Morogoro.

Prisons succumbed to a 3-1 defeat to the Morogoro side in the first leg which took place

in Mbeya, with attacker Jaffary Kibaya netting a brace and defender Salum Kanoni scoring the other goal for the latter.

In the second leg, Prisons put on spirited displays and notched a 1-0 win over Mtibwa Sugar at the latter's backyard two days back that however hardly helped the former.

Mayanga said it was not easy

for his players to fight in those games, but they have mostly fought for their team and achieved their goal after finding themselves battling it out in the playoffs.

"I congratulate my players for the good work they have done, it has certainly not been easy to achieve this, their fight has been a joy for all Mtibwa fans,"

the tactician revealed.

The gaffer noted: "All that remains is to look at how to prepare for the new Premier League season so that we can participate well and not repeat the mistakes that brought us to play-offs for the 2021/22 season."

He revealed: "I will sit down with the officials and advise

them on technical issues to strengthen the few areas in our squad."

"I am confident we will succeed in dealing with the mistakes that have been repeated over and over again," Mayanga pointed out.

Mtibwa Sugar has played the top flight's promotion/relegation play-offs for the second season in a row, following their side's poor performance in Premier League games and finding themselves falling into the trap.

In 2021/22 NBC Premier League, Mtibwa Sugar finished 13th with 31 points, winning seven matches, drawing 10, and losing 13.

As for Prisons, they will continue to play other promotion/relegation play-off matches against JKT Tanzania that won this season's Championship promotion/relegation play-off ties against Kitayosce.

JKT Tanzania garnered a 3-1 aggregate win over Kitayosce in the knockout duels.

Prisons will be away to JKT Tanzania in the first to be held on July 9, before the former finishes the remaining leg at Sokoine Stadium on July 13.



Arusha Gymkhana Club (AGC) tennis player Omary Sulle is one of the players representing Tanzania in the Davis Cup's Africa Zone Group II playoffs hosted by Rwanda.

Dar tennis players endure poor start in Davis Cup's Africa Zone tournament

By Correspondent Joseph

Mchekadona

TANZANIA's tennis team has had a less impressive start in the ongoing Davis Cup's Africa Zone Group II playoffs that are taking place in Rwanda.

The squad's head coach Salum Mwaitemba said on the opening day of the showpiece, the squad lost 2-1 to Sudan but he promised that the team will do well in the coming games.

The coach stated: "We did

not start well as we lost to Sudan but I'm sure we will bounce back in the coming games."

"I'm very sure of that, remember that this is the first time we are competing in Davis Cup playoffs," he said.

The country is represented by Frank Menard, Dofuu Swalehe, Omari Sulle, Abubakar Risasi, and Rashid Swalehe.

The team's trip to Rwanda was facilitated by CPS Zanzibar Limited which is promoting tennis in Tanzania via sponsoring the team and

presenting other donations.

Recently Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) president Dennis Makoi hailed CPS Zanzibar Limited for its commitment to the development of the sport in the country.

Makoi this said last Saturday when CPS Tanzania Limited handed over flight tickets to the players.

"We are delighted with the support from CPS Zanzibar Limited, they have made it possible for our team to travel and compete in Rwanda in Davis Cup, we thank them for

the gesture," he stated.

The national women's tennis team which was to travel to Montenegro to compete at the ongoing Billie Jean King Cup failed to depart due to visa hitches.

This year's Billie Jean King Cup is the 59th edition of the women's tennis tournament.

The players who were to represent the country are Naitoti Singo, Aurelia Mushi, Barbara Mollel, and Edna John, while Rehema Athuman was set to be the coach and delegation's leader.

Azam FC set for pre-season camp in North Africa

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

NBC Premier League side, Azam FC, says it will camp either in Egypt or in Tunisia to prepare for the coming season which is expected to kick off next month.

Azam FC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Abdulkarim Amin, disclosed in an interview that the management wrote to teams in the two countries, requesting friendly ties against the latter in the pre-season camp but they are yet to get a response.

He, however, stopped short of mentioning the teams his team proposed for the friendly matches, saying once everything is ready the outfits will be made public.

"We have planned to have a pre-season camp in either Egypt or Tunisia, we are of the view that teams in those two countries can give us a good test, they also have good resources," he said.

Amin that is better known as 'Popat' maintained that his side is geared for the coming NBC Premier League and other local and continental tournaments.

The team which has never won any major domestic title in the past four seasons has roped in players, seeking to enjoy success next season.

The footballers are Nigerian midfielder, Isah Ndala, Tape Edinho, and Kipre Junior both from Ivory Coast, and Tanzanians Cleophae Mkandala, Nathaniel Chilambo, and Abdulhamis Suleiman.

The team has also boosted its technical bench by hiring Spanish Dani Cadena as goalkeeping tactician, and Tanzanian Kali Ongala as strikers' trainer.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

