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# Samia: Women can rescue society from moral decline

## TIC hands investor steel rods plant plot

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

A 100-acre land plot for the construction of steel rods and allied products was at the weekend handed to an Indian investor by the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC). Rajendra Postimset, the investor, said after he was handed over the plot that he was attracted to the area after realizing that the Songwe International Airport (SIA) was nearby. The area is located in Mbalizi town, stretching over a farm that formerly housed a meat factory operated Tanganyika Packers Ltd, officials said, noting that improvements in transport and transportation infrastructure in Mbeya Region were now attracting foreign investors. Apart from the airport, there is a road from the location to SIA that will simplify transportation of equipment needed in operating the steel rod factory. He said for a long time he was looking for a suitable area for the factory, with TIC officials showing him available plots in Mtwara, Ruvuma and Songwe regions which were not satisfactory due to their poor road connections. "I plan to invest more than \$50m (115bn/-) in setting up the factory," he said, grateful for obtaining the plot, "and I hope we shall continue to collaborate well with the government." Gilead Teri, the TIC managing director, for his part said the investor wanted 200 acres of land for the project but the facilitator decided to give the sought land in phases according to needs. The factory will be a big one and will provide employment to Mbeya residents boost wellbeing and earn public revenues, he said, explaining that TIC was in the process of registering this investment. Deusdedit Hikororo, the TIC acting regional manager, said the office will make sure the investor is protected from land invaders and provided with essential needs to sustainably realise the project.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi witnesses yesterday's signing of a US\$200 million syndicated loan agreement between NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi (seated-L) and Dr Juma Malik Akili, permanent secretary in the Zanzibar government. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

**W**OMEN have a great contribution in the country's social and economic development and have exceptional power to rescue the society from disasters if well determined, President Samia Suluhu Hassan has declared. Addressing the Women Muslim Forum in Zanzibar in commemoration of the Islamic New Year, 1445, she said that many of the challenges facing the society today have grown to become big due to lack of religious basic education among children and youth. He appealed to religious leaders and women to help raise children to become good citizens, underlining that women have the responsibility and big contribution to censure the crumbling of ethics. They carry a big role in the society as they are the caretakers at family level and the wider society, she stated, affirming that religious books stress that women are the ones who take good care of the home and the whole family. She urged those in matrimony to show love to one another and always provide support whenever a partner falls into some challenge.

## Govt mulls issuing revamped ID cards

Set to carry NIDA number, voter card, passport, driving licence

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

EXPERTS in the Ministry of Information, Communications and Information Technology are working on a redesigned national identity card which groups all vital individual

information of the card holder. Mohammed Abdullah, the permanent secretary, made this observation during a stakeholders' meeting with experts from the Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA), the National Identification Authority (NIDA), Immigration Department, the

National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) and the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) held here at the weekend. Personal credential numbers issued by various institutions would be inserted into a unified set of numerals per person "to make residents' identification easier and manageable," he said.

He said the various registration systems neither read nor recognize one another, in which case individuals need to obtain all these cards separately, like the national identity number, driving licence, voter cards, health

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**In today's world, women are in the forefront in fighting for rights, participating in national issues as well as engaging in works previously reserved for men. But now women are working hard and producing outstanding outcomes,"**



Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority game wardens keep watch over the carcass of a marauding lion killed at Iramba village yesterday after attempts to make it return to the Ruaha National Park failed. Sources said the animal absconded from the park and began roaming various villages in Kilolo District, killing livestock. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

denouncing acts of violence as greatly affecting uplifting of families and the society at large. Muslims and the wider public need to promoting peace and unity, while focusing on initiatives to fight moral decay. The event's organisers should also think of preparing youth forums in future to address the deterioration of moral values, she stated. She expressed concern on the issue, urging women to play their part well in families and the society, underlining that moral decay was a chronic disease affecting the society. It is also paired up with other challenges such as domestic violence, household theft and drug abuse among the youth, she stated. The pace of moral decay was threatening social stability as actions that go against the country's culture were increasing day after day, requiring collective efforts to address it, the president affirmed. The event was organised to remind women of their responsibility to supervise ethics, she stated, underscoring the need for women and the rest of the public to reassess cultural roles and the major sources of the challenge.

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## NBC Bank, Zanzibar in 470bn/- credit pact

By Guardian Report, Zanzibar

NBC Bank has concluded a deal for 470bn/- (US\$200m) syndicated loan to the Zanzibar authorities to finance social services and infrastructure, to be paid over an eight year period.

An NBC statement issued here at the weekend said that NBC Bank was picked as "the mandated lead arranger, underwriter, book runner and security agent, working with NMB Bank as co-lender on this milestone

transaction." The loan will fund social services and infrastructure development initiatives to enhance livelihoods and drive economic growth across the archipelago, it affirmed.

"Drawing on its expertise in structured finance, NBC Bank has strategically partnered with the government of Zanzibar to catalyze positive change, foster sustainable development, and contribute to the improved well-being

of the Zanzibar community," it further noted. Theobald Sabi, the managing director, expressed delight in having a pivotal role

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in realizing Zanzibar's vision of inclusive growth and development, emphasizing that the credit arrangement was a milestone toward shared goals of sustainable development and positively impacting people's lives.

"NBC Bank remains committed to fostering economic progress and social welfare through responsible financial practices, catalyzing sustainable economic growth," he said.

President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi expressed gratitude to NBC Bank for its instrumental role in securing the credit line, acknowledging NBC Bank's unwavering commitment to the progress and well-being of the nation.

The credit facility would have a transformative impact on social services and infrastructure, enabling improved living standards, more employment opportunities and sustainable economic development.

This is perfectly aligned with the government's strategic development vision, he said, elaborating that the loan proceeds will be directed towards healthcare facilities, educational institutions, transportation networks and community development programs.

"By investing in these vital sectors, the government of Zanzibar aims to enhance the overall qual-

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insurance membership number, social security number plus a passport, also carrying a serial number, apart from the taxpayer identification number.

He was of the view that carrying seven different identity numbers was not healthy, so there is a need to consolidate the data into a single portal of information. Each registration system will be able to draw a person's information from the single source, he asserted.

These identification numbers issued by various authorities can be combined into a single identity tag to be branded as a 'unique number,' he stated, noting that the Zanzibar Civil Status Registration Agency (ZCSRA) was being enlisted in the plan.

"As we enter into the global digital economy, we have seen the importance of introducing a single, cross-platform identity number threshold for all citizens," he affirmed.

Experts in the meeting sought to design a common platform regarding which among the current registration system

ity of life, promote access to essential services, and facilitate long-term economic growth in the islands," he declared.

A recent report of the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) said that the Zanzibar economy grew at 6.8 percent in 2022, noticeably dwarfing the projection of 5.4 percent, largely driven by the recovery of the hospitality industry, as well as public and private investment.

With global shocks, inflation exceeded the target of 5 percent, standing at 71 percent on average for July 2022 to April 2023, it said, projecting a decline in 2023/24 in response to lower energy and food prices in the world market.

The resource envelope comprising domestic revenue and foreign grants levelled at 1,043.9bn/- from July 2022 to April 2023, realizing 93.6 percent of the target.

Government expenditure amounted to 1,449.1bn/-, of which 801.9bn/- was recurrent expenditure and 347.1bn/- was for development projects.

The debt stock was 2,742.6bn/- at the end of April 2023, compared with 1,224bn/- at the end of June 2022, with external debt accounting for 87.5 percent.

The current account balance recorded a deficit of \$286.7m, from a \$208.8m deficit for the same period in 2021/22, the report noted.

should form the referral basis for the proposed identity unification.

The more recognized identity cards are NIDA cards, East African passports and the digital driving licences issued by the Tanzania Revenue Authority in association with the Traffic Department of the police force, he said.

Upwards of 73 percent of individuals above 18 years have voter identity cards, many of them issued during the 2015 polls by the National Elections Commission (NEC) and revised for the 2020 polls.

The recent Finscope (financial inclusion) survey of 2023 set out that the penetration of the National Identification Number (NIN) rose from 10 percent recorded in 2017 to upwards of 57 percent this year.

With a unified identity card, pass holders will no longer be restricted to legal maturity as even adolescents will have identity numbers issued with a birth certificate, he pointed out.



Selemani Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to inaugurate waste management firm Givorah Recycling Limited. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

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"In today's world, women are in the forefront in fighting for rights, participating in national issues as well as engaging in works previously reserved for men. But now women are working hard and producing outstanding outcomes," she said.

Haroun Ali Suleiman, the Constitution, Legal Service, Public Service and Good Governance state minister in the President's Office, said cooperation between the country's top leaders help the nation to realise the various development goals.

The Zanzibar government

and the union authorities were closely working to realise development in communities, he stated, while Khalid Mfaume, executive secretary at the Zanzibar Mufti office, said the forum was meant to encourage the public to take note of Islamic calendar.

The commemoration went

along with issuance of free medical checkups in Unguja North Region where a good number of people came out to benefit from the service.

Ukht Fatma Mdidi, a contributor at the forum, said there are men who prevent women from engaging in economic activities using religion as a pretext.

She said many women have been stuck in houses by their husbands, refusing to allow their wives to go out and engage in economic activities. This situation denies the nation the availability of competent service provision in professional and other fields, she added.



Geoffrey Mwakula of Kivalamo village in Idete Ward, Kilolo District, seeks to know from Kilolo legislator Justin Nyamoga at the weekend about the future of the Dar es Salaam Port following the raging flurry of conflicting reports relating to the issue. The MP is on a routine tour of the constituency. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

# Minister commends Tanzania-France ties

By Guardian Reporter

THE Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dr Damas Ndumbaro, has said Tanzania's relations with France have helped to bring development in various sectors including increasing the number of tourists from the European country every year.

He made the remarks at the weekend in Dar es Salaam at the event to mark France's national day, known as Bastille Day.

Dr Ndumbaro said Tanzania and France have enjoyed cordial relations for a long time and has helped projects in agriculture, industry, health and tourism sectors.

He said France is the second country to bring in huge numbers of tourists - more than 100,000 per year and added that Air France has established direct flights from Paris to Dar es Salaam that will enhance the existing cooperation in various sectors.

"In the energy sector, there is the

crude oil pipe line from Uganda being built by a French firm," said Dr Ndumbaro and added that they celebrate France's national day while considering how the can boost the relations further.

"In 1789 France overthrew its monarchy and installed a democratic government, the day known Bastille Day, Bastille being France's notorious prison during the time," he said.

For his part, France's Ambassador to Tanzania, Nabil Hajlaoui said his coun-

try has been collaborating with Tanzania in efforts to bring development to the country. He said France is among two countries in the world with many tourists coming to Tanzania.

"We are proud of this day keeping in mind our solidarity with Tanzania has brought positive results and we shall continue helping one another in various sectors," said the French envoy.

# Ummy directs local councils to hire health employees on contract basis

By Guardian Correspondent, Kishapu

HEALTH minister Ummy Mwalimu has instructed all local councils countrywide to allocate funds from their internal revenues for health worker hired on contract terms.

The minister issued the directives on Friday last week during her visit in Kishapu District, Shinyanga Region where she received reports on health provision services in the district from the District Commissioner, Joseph

Mkude. She said the issue regarding shortage of health workers faces many areas because the health Ministry had no mandate from the President to hire workers, and that the mandate was provided this year, "hence I direct local councils to set aside funds from their internal revenues for hiring health on contract basis to alleviate the current shortage.

She also said the ministry will discuss with its various development stake-

holders, including Global fund and Benjamini Mkapa Foundation (BMF) to look into how they can assist in hiring health workers on contract basis.

She added that in Kishapu district that faces acute shortage of health workers, the ministry has provided it with 32 workers, the number that is still inadequate, but pledged to provide it with more.

For his part, Kishapu Member of Parliament, Boniface Butondo commended the government for improving

the district health services, but called on for more workers.

Earlier, Kishapu DC Joseph Mkude said the district has a shortage of 874 health workers, it has only 318 while the actual need is 1,192. He said the District has two hospitals, one government owned and two private, 64 health centres and 51 dispensaries.

He said the district also faces a shortage of ambulances, to which Minister Ummy pledged to provide it with three vehicles.



# TPSF launches special desk on guidelines for its members

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) has officially launched a special desk blueprint for members that will provide guidelines on environmental protection as the most favourable investment destination for the nascent carbon industry.

TPSF acting chief executive officer Raphael Maganga, made the remarks over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during the high level inter ministerial on carbon trading that united carbon industry stakeholders, all sharing the common goal of environmental protection and poverty reduction in communities.

He said simplifying and streamlining regulations is key to attracting both foreign and domestic investors hence the commitment into building a vibrant and sustainable carbon market that brings forth a brighter future for Tanzania.

"As Tanzania Private Sector we are establishing a special desk for climate change issue so that we are able to inform the private sectors players on measures on how to protect the environment and have a course of conduct to the private sectors to ensure that all companies in Tanzania adhere to climate change issues as part of their strategic plan," he said.

He further noted that the carbon market has emerged as a vital tool in mitigating climate change and promoting sustainable development worldwide. It provides an avenue for countries, organizations, and individuals to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and promote environmental stewardship.

He added: "By trading carbon credits, we have the potential to foster innovative solutions, encourage technological advancements, and protect our planet for future generations. And as the Tanzania private sector, we have a call to action, we must act now."

According to him, in this era of rapid global transformation, it is crucial for Tanzania to position itself strategically in the carbon market. With over 51% of the land covered with forestry, Tanzania has a unique opportunity to capitalize on our rich natural resources, embrace renewable energy solutions, and implement environmentally friendly projects that attract investment, create jobs and contribute to our economic growth.

Dr Selemani Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) said the government will continue creating an enabling environment for private sector engagement in carbon trading and explore various opportunities associated with carbon trading for climate mitigation in the country.

"I take this opportunity to reaffirm the government commitment and support to all investors and stakeholders to carbon trading in our country. Our government has high hopes on the outcome of this meeting hence the decision to offer its attention upon," he said.

According to him, more than \$1bn is expected to be mobilized annually through carbon trading in our country. We believe the carbon trading projects will support conservation and foster economic development in the country.

He also affirmed that the nation's achievement lies in on the implementation of climate related projects such as Standard Gauge Railway connecting Dar es Salaam port to regions of Tabora, Kigoma and Mwanza and to neighboring countries of Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi. Mwalimu Nyerere hydropower project construction by using \$3bn to generate 2115 Megawatts likewise the government modernizing transport system in Dar es Salaam City.

Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister Mary Masanja said the ministry's part is to utilize the carbon credit opportunity.



Tanzania Private Sector Foundation acting CEO Raphael Maganga speaks at high-level inter-ministerial dialogue on carbon trading held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. The event brought together a wide range of carbon industry stakeholders, all sharing the goal of environmental protection and poverty reduction in communities. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

# Z'bar to refer loan payment defaulters to ZAECA

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Higher Education Loans Board (ZHESLB) expects to refer to the Zanzibar Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) all hardcore debtors who failed to repay their loans.

This was disclosed here at the weekend by ZHESLB director, Iddi Khamis Haji to reporters at the event to launch guidelines for loans application organised by the Zanzibar Ministry of education and Technical Training.

Haji said there are about 12,000 who were provided with loans since 2011 and so far only about 5,000 of them had repaid the loans, hence we shall refer these to ZAECA as well as other appropriate steps including referring them to court.

He said that last year there were 480 loans applications from students and 100 of them missed and added that this year's loans budget is sufficient to provide all students who passed their form VI examinations.

He said this year ZHESLB antici-

pated to provide loans to 2,400 students who passed their Form VI exams.

For his part, Deputy Minister for education and Technical Training, Ali Hussein Gulam said according to Form VI examination results announced by NECTA last week, 2,570 students qualify to join higher education out of 2,587 who sat for the examination.

He commended teachers for the good job as well as parents and guardians for their collaboration in attaining these achievements. Gulam said the government has

increased its budget towards education infrastructures, ZHESLB and other education's operation costs to make sure the sector brings out great transformation.

He said the budget increase will spur improvements in the education sector and appealed to students needing loans to pursue higher education to grab the opportunity from both ZHESLB and HESLB to apply for the loans.

The ministry, through ZHESLB will open its window for loans applications July 19 and close September 18 this year.

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## Dar City Council given 15-day ultimatum to issue permit for Givorah recycling firm

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE Dar es Salaam City Council has given 15-day ultimatum to issue an operational permit for Givorah Recycling Limited so that it attains an access to collect waste for recycling purposes.

Dr Seleman Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice-President's Office (Union and Environment) gave the directives over the weekend when launching Givorah Recycling Limited in Mbagalain the outskirts of Dar es Salaam.

Dr Jafo expressed his surprise after learning that the recycling company had not been granted a permit by an authority that has been overwhelmed by the produced wastes per day.

"There are people willing to help us handle the waste but no permit is given. This has really surprised me today. I will be so surprised to know that by 30th this month, the city of Dar es Salaam has not issued a permit to a waste disposal company," he said.

"From what I have heard, this company is still struggling to get a permit to collect wastes from Pugu Kinyamwezi dump. This is really odd. We have people ready to help us with waste management but no permit is issued to allow them to collect waste. This is a shocking thing that we have," he said.

Dr Jafo added: "Concerning this matter, I would like Hamadi Taimuru, the expert from the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to advise me because the dumpsite is owned by the city however it is the one complaining of it being overwhelmed. We have also heard that a large percent of waste is not taken to the dumpsite. I am now directing the city council to issue a permit for this company to go and help us remove the waste immediately."

He also expressed his belief on the DCC over the implementation upon the matter directing the Temeké Municipal Director Elihuruma Mabelya, to communicate with the city's director and ensure that the case is closed.

Shehzada Walli, Givorah coordinator, commended the government's support to the company in fulfilling its objective to control waste for a better and friendly environment.

He further noted that despite the investment initiative done by the company, the challenge has been on waste access whereas a great percent aim at selling it.

"The company has managed to collect 30 percent of the waste from 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF). We hereby urge the ministry to raise awareness to the community on the company's objective to protect and clean the environment."

Hamadi Taimuru, NEMC compliance promotion and monitoring manager said the council will advise Givorah on changing their license so that they are in a position to engage in other waste recycling.

Mabelya highlighted that Dar es Salaam city produces 1400 tonnes in a day, 964 tonnes are collected and 379 tonnes are not managed.

"All councils in Dar es Salaam depend on Pugu Kinyamwezi for waste disposal however it is evident that the dumpsite is overwhelmed. I commend Givorah's investment initiative. As a leader I pledge to offer my maximum cooperation in enhancing environmental development," he added.

## JKCI teams up with AfMA specialists to aid patients heart complications

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

JAKAYA Kikwete Heart Institute (JKCI) in collaboration with specialists from the African Doctors Association in the United States (US) have restored hope and joy to 20 patients who have problems of heart electrical systems.

In the special five-day camp conducted in Dar es Salaam which ended over the weekend, the patients underwent special surgery using a cathlab machine thus restoring their health status.

It was aimed at serving patients with problems with the electrical system of the heart as well as helping health experts who are still in school to learn more and increase their capacity.

Speaking about the camp, electro cardiologist at JKCI, Yona Gandye, said that 20 patients who underwent surgery in the camp should have paid not less than 500m/- but through the camp, some of the patients have received remission so they do not have to pay for their treatment.

"The patients we operated on are those whose heartbeats were going very low (heart block) and others whose heartbeats were going very fast," Dr Gandye said.

Dr Gandye said that diseases involving the electrical system of heart often have various reasons that lead to an error in the production of heartbeats, including being born with the problem or getting it due to having other diseases such as high blood pressure, heart enlargement and having a heart attack.

"When a patient has a problem with the heartbeat going up or down, he is in a dangerous situation and this can lead to a big heart problem or even death," Dr Gandye added.

Doctor from the African Doctors Association in the US, Nitish Badhwar said JKCI is one of the hospitals invested with modern equipment to serve heart patients, so Tanzanian patients should use the Hospital well because there is no need to pursue cardiac treatment services abroad.

Dr. Nitish said that due to the high cost of heart treatment equipment, the Africa Doctors organization decided to send equipment to help patients who are unable to pay for treatment as part of giving thanks to the community as well as saving lives.



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### Background

Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) is an indigenous NGO established under non-governmental organization act No 24 of 2002 in 2011. THPS works in partnership with the Government of Tanzania (GOT) through Ministries of Health (MOH) in Mainland and Zanzibar; Ministry of Gender, Youth, elderly and special groups; Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), and the Ministry of Home Affairs with a goal of ensuring accessible high-quality health care services to Tanzanians; through the strengthening of health and community systems.

THPS is looking for skilled, enthusiastic, creative, energetic individuals to fill the following vacant positions:

**Position Title : Senior Internal Compliance Manager (1 position)**  
**Reports to : Executive Director with dual reporting to Finance/Audit Committee Chair**  
**Location : HQ- Dar es Salaam**

### Overall Functions:

The Senior Internal Compliance Manager is responsible for the quality and performance of internal compliances for both financial and operations at THPS by providing the Executive Director (ED) and the Audit and Finance Board Committee with an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of THPS internal operations on internal controls, compliance, risk management and governance issues.

The Senior Internal compliance function is a key part of the assurance provision to THPS Board of Directors and Management. Its prime objective is to provide the ED and the Audit and Finance Board Committee, in an economical, efficient and timely manner, with an objective evaluation of, and opinion on, the overall adequacy and effectiveness of THPS' Internal controls, compliance, risk management and governance.

The Senior Internal Compliance Managers' function will be independent in determining the scope of an internal compliance assignments, performing the work and communicating the results of compliance work. The Senior Compliance Manager will have free and unfettered access to both the Executive Director and Finance/Audit Committee Chair in order to operate independently and objectively

### Principal duties and responsibilities:

- The Senior Internal Compliance Manager will advise the ED of the risks to which the organization may be exposed if the scope of compliance check is limited or qualified in any way.
- Manage THPS' Internal compliance function, including oversight of THPS' external co-sourcing partner relationships that are required to provide and deliver the assurance framework.
- Develop and maintain an Internal control strategies and Annual compliance check plan designed to provide an evidence-based opinion aligned to THPS risk profile. The plan should outline resources and skills required to meet the assurance needs to the Executive Director, the Trustees and Audit Committee in a focused, high quality and cost-effective manner.
- Prepare and Present Board papers to the Board Audit Committees meetings
- Keep on updating policies and procedures to guide the internal controls systems, work and provide support the teams, process owners to comply with the procedures in place and ensure to mitigate risks associated with processes and operations.
- Follow up to ensure the external audit findings and recommendations are implemented within the allowable period before the next audit
- Undertake and deliver to a high-quality assignment included in the annual internal review plan.
- Provide consultancy support, where appropriate, without taking on managements' responsibility.
- Contribute to ensuring that financial controls and other assurance processes and activities are appropriate and robust throughout THPS.
- Work closely with Finance Managers and Chief Operations Officer and other team members to identify and address key control issues and capacity gaps through assurance processes.
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- Provide technical direction in finance systems development to ensure appropriate procedures and control are built into key processes from the start.
- Work with the management team to raise awareness of risk management within THPS.

**Note:** The responsibilities are not meant to be an exhaustive list of tasks. The need for flexibility is required and the job holder is expected to carry out any other related duties that are within the

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### Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required:

- Bachelor Degree in Finance/B Com Accounting, from a recognized College/University.
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- Experience working for USG funded NGOs will be an added advantage.
- Excellent skills in Microsoft word, Excel, and outlook.
- Be of high integrity and able to maintain confidentiality.
- Proven record to work under minimum supervision and meet deadlines.
- Reading, written, and verbal fluency in English and Kiswahili

**Position Title : Internal Compliance Officer (1 position)**  
**Reports to : Senior Internal Compliance Manager**  
**Location : HQ- Dar es Salaam**

### Overall Function:

Under the leadership of the Senior Manager - Internal Compliance, the incumbent will work together along with the Senior Compliance Manager to provide assurance to the Board and management.

### Principal duties and responsibilities:

- Contribute to ensuring that financial controls and other assurance procedures and activities are appropriate and robust throughout THPS.
- Understand and conduct test of controls on a monthly basis on internal operating process through examination and review of documentation to identify gaps and key control issues for earlier mitigation.
- To provide assurance on the effectiveness of internal controls over Sub-recipient's management for helping achieve uniformity, quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of operations. This will involve the Intern to visit sub recipients in person to check whether they comply with terms and conditions as contracted with THPS on a quarterly basis.
- Be Involved in Inventory contenting and verification of Inventory physical balances at all THPS warehouses
- Conduct site visits to check whether supported health facilities patient care is provided to at least an appropriate ratio. This may involve travelling with program officials during supervision works to see whether the objective is achieved or not.
- Review and analyze program budgets to check whether they conform to THPS activities and all the budgeted activities are fully implemented.
- Conduct quarterly asset physical count and verification at all THPS supported site at THPS region
- To check whether assets are coded with a unique number for easier identification.
- Weather assets are properly used by the Organization and not subject to any impairment.
- Work along with the compliance manager to ensure compliance to all statutory requirements both at the institution and national level.
- Work along with the senior compliance manager to ensure the external audit findings and recommendations are implemented within the allowable period before the next audit
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### Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required:

- Bachelor Degree in Finance/BCom Accounting, from a recognized College/University.
- ACPA(T)/ACCA is mandatory
- Minimum three years' experience working in an internal audit department or recognized audit firm is preferred.
- Experience working for USG funded NGOs will be an added advantage.
- Excellent skills in Microsoft word, Excel, and outlook.
- Be of high integrity and able to maintain confidentiality.
- Proven record to work under minimum supervision and meet deadlines.
- Reading, written, and verbal fluency in English and Kiswahili

### How to apply:

Interested applicants should send an email [recruitment@thps.or.tz](mailto:recruitment@thps.or.tz) attaching their application cover letter one page maximum and CV four pages maximum by **28/07/2023** with a position title as a subject line, for example: "**Internal Compliance Officer**". Only short-listed applicants will be contacted. Please do not attach any certificates when submitting online.

THPS is an equal opportunity employer; women, people living with HIV/AIDS and people living with disability are encouraged to apply.



**Dar es Salaam resident Peter Mwasandube (L) receives a dummy cheque for 1m/- in prize from Chawote Campaign 'ambassador' Millard Ayo on Saturday after emerging one of the winners of the drive. Photo: Guardian Correspondent**

## No student will be expelled for not paying fees, school owner pledges

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE management of the Dar es Salaam-based school has vowed that no student will be sent home for failing to pay fees after the death of a parents and guardians.

Dr. Jasson Rweikiza, St Anne Marie Academy schools' director made the remarks over the weekend during the 20th Standard Seven graduation ceremony held at Mbezi Kimara Kwa Msuguri in Dar es Salaam.

"For the year 2021 alone, we lost 20 parents but all their children continue with their studies, none of them have been expelled. We have decided to do this because after the death of a parent or guardian, the children suffer a lot," said Dr. Rweikiza who is the Bukoba Rural MP.

"This programme started in 2019 and in 2020 during the COVID-19, 42 parents died, it was a big cry for us and for the children, we saw the importance of the program. Once a student enters St Anne Marie Academy and loses his parent or a sponsor he will continue to study here until he finishes, he will not be expelled," he said.

He said another thing they are proud of is raising the students to ethics and the situation has contributed to a great extent in getting good results in the district, regional and national exams.

He said there are religious leaders who

have been giving religious teachings and all students are obliged to attend religious services whenever their religious leaders are at the school.

"Here teachers teach day and night because our job is to make them successful every year, we make sure that the students succeed at high standards, we don't want parents to pay fees and they don't enjoy good results and that's why even in the recent form six results, 81 percent of our students got Division I and II," he said.

Elikana Manyilizu, Ubungo Municipality School Quality Controller, congratulated Dr. Rweikiza for the big investment he made in education.

"I congratulate you for guaranteeing necessary services for students and self-sufficient, enough water for cooking, washing, watering the fields, flower and vegetable gardens, clean and safe drinking water, the presence of water supply vehicles during water emergencies of DA-WASA when they are cut off," he said.

He said the school also has large fruit and vegetable farms for students' food, a cow and chicken breeding project for students' meat and eggs.

"I have visited various places, I have seen the school has good and adequate classrooms with necessary equipment such as chairs, tables, desks, I have seen good and adequate dormitories with beds for boarding students," he said.

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- Property on Plot No.112,Block "G",CT No.6368,Bomani area Tarime in the name of Charles Mseti,auction will be held on 2nd August 2023 starting at 12.00 hrs onwards.
- Property on Plot No.193,Block "L",CT No.13948,Songambele Tarime area in the name of John Magessa Nyakimwi, auction will be held on 3rd August 2023 starting at 10.00 am onwards.
- Property on Plot No.195,Block "L",CT No.13927,Songambele Tarime area in the name of John Magessa Nyakimwi, auction will be held on 3rd August 2023 starting at 12.00 hrs onwards.
- Property on Plot No.229, CT No.2701,Block "M",Magamaga area Tarime in the name of Yusuf Range, auction will be held on 3rd August 2023 starting at 14.00 hrs
- Property on Plot No.162,Block "C",CT.No.18200,Nyasaka area Mwanza in the name of Diomedes Rutengwa Rutabanzibwa,auction will be held on 4th August 2023 at 10.00 am.
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## Minister wants livestock and fishery stakeholders to register for summit

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

MINISTER for Livestock and Fisheries Abdallah Ulega (pictured) has called on players in Livestock and Fishery sectors to come in big numbers and register for participation in Africa's Food Systems Forum planned for September, this year in Dar es Salaam.

"My ministry has met here with over 300 stakeholders in livestock and fishery sectors on the significance of the forum expected to bring together 3,000 stakeholders in food systems and value," Ulega said, describing the event as a rare opportunity.

Speaking here over the weekend on how his ministry has prepared to ensure that its stakeholders register for summit, minister Ulega said the summit among others would promote opportunities existing in the sectors.

He said those stakeholders wanting to register should visit the ministry's website and find AGRF website [www.agrf-inper.com](http://www.agrf-inper.com) where experts from ministry work with AGRF national preparation committee to ensure everything goes as planned.

The minister said this year's AGRF 2023 committed to empowering youth and women to participate in food systems and value



chain.

"Under the stewardship of President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, Tanzania has made significant strides in promoting food security, sustainable agriculture and the Africa food systems summit will serve as a platform for the country to share its best practices and forge new partnerships," he explained.

He also showered praise on President Samia on the programme dubbed 'Building Better Tomorrow (BBT) for Livestock and Fisheries entrepreneurs' in which 738 youths in livestock and fishery sectors will benefit from

phase one.

According to minister Ulega, among the beneficiaries 238 were drown from livestock while 500 from fishery sector where they were trained and imparted skills and knowledge before they were given capital and exposed to markets.

The minister said meat and fish fillets exports from Tanzania has increased steadily from 1,774.20 tons in 2020/21 to 12,243.79 tonnes worth 51,894,622.44 US dollars in 2022/3 which showed major transformation in the sector.

Tanzania will be the first coun-

try to host the AGRF Summit organised by Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) since rebranded to Africa's food systems forum this to promote ambition transformation of Africa's food system and engagement.

The historic summit among others will attract over 3,000 delegates among them will include top leaders, thinkers, stakeholders in food systems and value chain and implementers in African food agriculture.

Earlier, the director general of International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) Prof. Appolinaire Djikeng said investors want assurance and security of their investments wherever they go and invest.

"Tanzania has conducive environment for investments and this what investors want to see when they invest in any part of Africa. We are ready to work with media to promote AGRF," said Prof. Djikeng.

ILRI has worked in Tanzania since 1994 on issues ranging from market mechanisms to food safety and livestock policy. In Tanzania, it focuses on sustainable identification of mixed crop-livestock systems through increasing productivity and value chain development.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
 (COMMERCIAL DIVISION)  
 AT DAR ES SALAAM  
 COMMERCIAL CASE NO. 77 OF 2022

FURNITURE CENTRE (DAR ES SALAAM) LIMITED.....PLAINTIFF  
 VERSUS  
 PLUS NETWORKS TANZANIA LIMITED.....DEFENDANT  
 DECREE

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff, FURNITURE CENTRE (DAR ES SALAAM) LIMITED, by way of a plaint, instituted this suit against the defendant praying for judgment and decree as follows:

- For payment of TZS 92,761,656 being the total outstanding amount for supply of various types of furniture.
- For payment of the agreed interest on the outstanding amount at the rate of 3% per months computed from the dates the payment fell due to the date of filing this suit.
- For payment of interest at the commercial rate prevailing at the date of judgement, or at such rate as the honorable court may deem fit and just accruing and computed from the date of filing the suit to the date of judgement on the outstanding amount of TZS 92,761,656.
- For payment of Tanzania shillings 15,000,000.00 as specific damages arising from the loss of profit during the period which the defendant withheld payment from the plaintiff.
- For payment of the general damages as may be assessed by the court.
- For payment of legal fees, expenses, other resultant costs and expenditure incurred by the plaintiff as a result of defendant's breach and actions;
- For payment of any other costs, loss or liability incurred by the plaintiff due to defendant's actions.
- For payment of costs of this suit; and
- Any other relief (s) as the Honorable Court may deem fit and just to grant.

This matter coming up for default judgment on this 10th day of July, 2023 before Hon. A. A. Mbagwa, Judge in the presence of Edgar Nditi, learned advocate for the plaintiff and in absence of the defendant

**THIS COURT DOTH HEREBY ORDER THAT:-**  
 Judgment and decree are hereby entered against the defendant, PLUS NETWORKS TANZANIA LIMITED as follows:  
 (i) Payment of TZS. 92,761,656 being the total outstanding amount for supplied furniture.  
 (ii) Payment of the agreed interest on the outstanding amount of TZS. 92,761,656 at the rate of 3% per month computed from the dates the payment fell due to the date of filing this suit.  
 (iii) Payment of interest on the decretal sum of TZS. 92,761,656/= at the commercial rate of 10% from date of filing the suit to the date of judgement.  
 (iv) Payment of TZS 5,000,000/= say Tanzania shillings five million being the general damages  
 (v) Payment of costs of this suit;  
 (vi) In terms of Rule 22 (2) of the High Court (Commercial Division) Procedure Rules, the plaintiff is ordered to publish the decree at least in two newspapers of wide circulation in the country within ten (10) days from the date of this judgment.

Given under my hand and Seal of this Court on this 10th July, 2023.

A.A. MBAGWA  
 JUDGE  
 10/07/2023

**High Commission of India  
 Dar es Salaam**

**Date: 17.07.2023**

**Subject: Tender Inviting Bids For Supply And Installation Of 04 Units Of 300 Ltrs Solar Water Heater Setup In The Chancery Building Of The High Commission Of India, Dar-Es-Salaam**

High Commission of India, Dar-es-Salaam invites sealed quotations from reputed, experienced and financially sound Companies registered under relevant Tanzanian Companies Law which can supply and install the **04 Units Of 300 Ltrs Solar Water Heater Setup In The Chancery Building Of The High Commission Of India, Dar-Es-Salaam Building.** The Tender document inviting bids for this work can be downloaded from the Mission's website <https://hcindiatz.gov.in> in the What's New Section under the heading **"Tender Inviting Bids For Supply And Installation Of 04 Units Of 300 Ltrs Solar Water Heater Setup In The Chancery Building Of The High Commission Of India, Dar-Es-Salaam"**

## TCU opens window for first degree programme

By Getrude Mbagwa

THE Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) has opened its first window of application for first degree programme for the 2023/24 academic year, calling upon all eligible candidates to send their applications to the respective universities.

This comes a few days after the National Examination Council of Tanzania (Necta) released the 2023 Form Six results (ACSEE) where the number of passes have increased by 99.23 per cent, a 0.26 per cent increase compared to last year's 98.97 percent performance.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, TCU executive secretary, Prof Charles Kihampa said the window commences officially from July 15, to August 4.

Prof Kihampa however urged the applicants and the general public to avoid being misled by dishonest people who introduce themselves as agents or middlemen claiming to provide services on how to join higher education institutions.

"Let me caution those who are expected to apply for the courses in universities to be careful with people who call themselves as middlemen because our application systems are digital and there is no middle person who can help you to send the applications, make sure you apply directly to the websites of respective universities," he explained.

He reminded the applicants to thoroughly read the enrolment guidelines issued by the commission before applying. According to him, TCU has a special undergraduate admission guidebook for the 2023/24 academic year which is useful for the undergraduate students to go through it before commencing their applications. The book is available on the commission website.

"We have three groups of people who are eligible to apply for higher studies including form six leavers, ordinary diploma and those with foundation courses from the Open University of Tanzania (OUT). All information on how to apply and minimum requirements are found in the TCU website and respective varsites," Prof Kihampa said.

# Govt cautions media on coverage of gender violence in Tanzania

By Getrude Mbago

MINISTER for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Dr Damas Ndumbaro has urged journalists to stop misusing their profession by spreading reports that stimulate the increase of gender-based violence (GBV) acts but instead, be part of the initiatives to completely eliminate the vice.

According to him, there were some media practitioners who have been forgetting to stand up to their professional ethics by being part of those who spend time stimulating implementation of GBV acts in the society, which is not good and unprofessional.

Inaugurating a two-day training for journalists and editors from various media stations in Dar es Salaam on Friday last week, Dr Ndumbaro wanted media practitioners to support the government in the ongoing initiatives and campaign aimed to curb the increasing incidents of torture within the society.

He urged journalists to adhere to professional ethics and be patriotic when conducting their duties which include fairness and adherence to media laws, a matter which will keep them on the safe side while implementing their duties but also contribute to the country's tranquility and development.

He however commended some media practitioners who have been in the forefront in educating the public on various issues including impacts of GBV.

Esther Msambazi, head of legal aid services at the ministry said they have been working in collaboration with various stakeholders to ensure that citizens easily access legal services and at low costs.

"Media industry is one of our close stakeholders, we have been working with them very well and we see good outcomes because through their reporting, the public get to know various issues including their rights and how to fight for them," she said.

According to her, the media training is the third in a row and all of them are producing positive outcomes as they have helped widen understanding to the journalists who are now reporting well on the issues they face in society.

Lilian Timbuka from Tanzania Editors Forum (TEF) called for stakeholders to support the Mama Samia Legal Aid campaign which has now seen a great aid to poor Tanzanians both in rural and urban areas who were previously living a difficult life by being denied their rights.

In February, this year, the government in collaboration with various stakeholders launched a three-year national campaign aimed to expand legal aid support and access to justice in the country.

Dubbed: "Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign" and implemented by the Constitution and Legal Affairs Ministry, the campaign will run from February 2023 to February 2026 focusing on massive public education on legal issues and systems, human rights and fight against gender-



Universal Communications Services Access Fund (UCSAF) representative Nadya Amir (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting to Airtel Tanzania Public Relations manager Jackson Mmbando the 2023 Tanzania Digital Award's Best Customer Care award. The mobile phone services provider emerged top in the effective use of digital technologies to foster mutual and positive relations with customers and the public in 2022-2023. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Don't hide PWDs at home, expose them to show their talent, cleric advises public

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

TANZANIANS have been urged not to hide people with disabilities (PWDs) at home and instead expose them to the public so that they can be able to show their different talents they have.

Speaking over the weekend during the climax of Building a Caring Community dubbed 'BCC-Disability Festival 2023' the Deacon Elirehema Joshua Kaaya said that PWDs can be exposed to education starting from lower to higher levels and if they are grown up they can do various socio-economic activities as any other normal person.

Kaaya explained: "We have been deal with the children mental disabilities from the age of 2 to 22 years for the past ten years ago and we have experienced that disabilities are often seen as a curse or misfortune in the community, but now I thank God that most of the parents and guardians are aware of the problem that's why the number of the children with mental disabilities have increases in various centres that dealing with rehabilitations."

Kaaya is also the Managing Director of BCC, a charity organization under Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania Northern Diocese (ELCT-ND) that provides a comprehensive set of support services for children with intellectual disabilities.

The BCC Coordinator said that her organization has a total of 10 centres in Moshi Municipality with more than 229 children with different disabilities including Neurodevelopmental Disorders such as Autism, Down Syndrome, Hyperactive brain disorders, learning difficulties, and physical disabilities, among many others.

He further added that, there is no definable physical and social infrastructures for the people with disabilities in most of the schools in Tanzania from primary school to higher learning institutions.

According to him, even in the special integrated schools there is no special learning materials for the people with disabilities like brailled text books for the pupils/students with low vision or total blind; the problem that hinders their studies, thus ended up beggars in streets.

"Also, community members should have enough knowledge on the rights of people with disabilities to avoid stigma to the people with disabilities by hiding them in their houses," she insisted.

Kaaya appealed local government to have community interventions to identify people with disabilities and enroll them in schools as some people do hide them in their houses.

Sr. Woinde Nkya, BCC's occupational therapist said that children with special learning needs refer to children with learning difficulties, a behavior disorder and/ or a disability.

"These children have diverse abilities and learning needs. Parents or caregivers are often the first to notice that their child's development is delayed or that their child is having problems at school," Nkya said.

According to her, the term disability includes children with an intellectual disability, physical disability, vision impairment, hearing impairment, language disorder, mental health conditions or autism.

"Children with learning difficulties experience difficulties with learning in one or more areas of the curriculum. These difficulties may vary in cause, nature, intensity and duration," Sr Nkya said.

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PRODUCTS/ SERVICES	BUSINESS CURRENT A/C	PREMIUM CURRENT A/C	PERSONAL SAVING A/C	SALARY A/C	MTOTO SAVING A/C	JIPANGE SAVING A/C	WEKEZA GROUP A/C	MALENGO SAVING A/C	FOREX ACCOUNT USD & EURO	JIWEKEE SAVING A/C	MHB PAMOJA A/C	MSOMI ACCOUNT
Account opening	100,000.00	50,000.00	20,000.00	0	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	100,000.00	10	0	50,000.00	10,000.00
Minimum operating Balance	100,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0	10,000.00	100,000.00	10	10,000.00	50,000.00	5,000.00
Interest Payable	N/A	N/A	3.00%	3.00%	6.00%	2.00%	3.00%	2% < 10Mil 4% >= 10Mil	0.50%	2.00%	2%	3.00%
Interest bearing amount	N/A	N/A	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	500,000.00	20,000.00
Monthly Maintenance fee	20,000.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	Free	Free	Free	Free	2	Free	Free	Free
Deposit	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Monthly Statement	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Adhoc statement Per page	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

### OTHER CHARGES

SERVICES	AMOUNT (TZS)
Certificate of Balance	30,000.00
Confirmation to the Auditors	30,000.00
Search for information above 5 years	15,000.00
Cheque book cost (Per Leaf)	600.00
Status report	30,000.00
Stop payment order	30,000.00
Dishonoured cheque for lack of funds or refer to drawer or effect not cleared	100,000.00
Dishonoured cheque due to the technical error caused by customer	60,000.00
Dormant Account Activation	Free
Account Closing on Customer Demand	10,000.00
Counter cheque per leaf [Within the Bank]	15,000.00
Salary Processing fee [ per Transaction]	1,000.00
Customer ID	10,000.00
Pre-Mature breaking of Fixed Deposit on customer request	Minimum of 50% of the accrued interest
CCTV Camera footage searching request from Customer	30,000.00
Uncollected Cheque Book/Destruction	5,000.00
Visa Card Issuance-Classic	10,000.00
Visa Card Issuance-Gold	15,000.00
Replacement Visa Card-Classic	15,000.00
Replacement Visa Card-Gold	25,000.00
Umoja Card Maintenance fee	1000 per month
Visa Card- Classic Maintenance fee	3,000 per QTR
Visa Card-Gold Maintenance fee	5,000 per QTR
Uncollected ATM Card	5,000.00
PIN reset fee	5,000.00
Withdraw fee local (Umoja ATM)	1000-99,000=1500 100,000-400,000=1700
Withdraw fee other Bank (Domestic Banks)	3,500
Withdraw fee other Bank (International)	11,000
Balance inquiry Umoja ATM	300
Balance inquiry other Domestic Banks	950
Balance inquiry other Bank (International)	2,000
Decline Domestic [Insufficient fund]	1,000
Decline International [Insufficient Balance]	1,500
QR transactions	3% of Transaction Amt
POS transactions	3% of Transaction Amt
E-commerce transactions	3% of Transaction Amt

Cash Withdraw Over the Counter [TZS/ USD/EURO]	
TRANSACTION AMOUNT	RATES
Wekeza/Jiwekezee	2,000.00
Bellow 10 Mil	3,000.00
Above 10Mil to 50 Mil	0.10%
Above 50Mil to 100 Mil	0.090%
Above 100Mil to 300 Mil	0.089%
Above 300 Mil	0.079%
Cash Withdraw Over the Counter Foreign Currency [USD/EURO]	
TRANSACTION AMOUNT	RATES
Below USD/EURO 4,000	2
Above USD/EURO 4000	0.1% more than USD/EURO 40

AGENCY BANKING CHARGES	
TYPE OF SERVICES	RATES
Deposit	Free
Balance Inquiry	500
Min Statement	700
Transfer of fund within MHB	2,000
Transfer of funds to other Bank	13,000

AGENCY BANKING WITHDRAWAL FEE	
AMOUNT	FEE
Up to 50,000	850.00
50,000 - 100,000	1,000.00
100,000 - 300,000	2,000.00
300,000 - 500,000	3,500.00
500,000 - 1,000,000	4,500.00
1,000,000 - 3,000,000	6,000.00
3,000,000 - 5,000,000	10,000.00

MOBILE BANKING CHARGES				
WITHDRAWAL CHARGES			FUND TRANSFER CHARGES	
MINIMUM [TZS]	MAXIMUM [TZS]	RATES [TZS]	Transfer of Funds within MHB	2,000.00
0	10,000	800	Transfer of funds to other Bank	13,000.00
10,001	19,999	1,800	<b>EFT/SWIFT/TISS</b>	
20,000	49,999	3,500	EFT within the Bank (Incoming)	Free
50,000	99,999	5,200	EFT to other Banks	1,500.00
100,000	199,999	7,200	TISS Transfer	10,000.00
200,000	499,999	8,200	T.T. Transfer	-
500,000	999,999	10,500	<b>STANDING ORDER</b>	
1,000,000	2,000,000	11,200	Instructions within MHB	FREE
2,000,001	3,000,000	12,000	Standing Order to other Bank	10,000/=
3,000,001	5,000,000	15,000		

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## We owe it to ourselves to make Dar port a cash cow - yet again

MANY of those who have known Dar es Salaam port during better times will sometimes be wondering what was really behind the virtual collapse of one of the nation's cash cows.

For that is what the port was - one of the few key revenue earners that the country could count on, thanks to concerted efforts to ensure that its operations ran efficiently.

Besides handling the country's exports and imports, the port was the gateway for landlocked Zambia, Burundi, Rwanda, DRC and later Uganda and Malawi.

But while things seemed to be running smoothly, at least on the surface, rot was slowly setting in. It worsened in the late 1980s, manifesting itself in congestions with attendant costs, pilferage and general breakdown in efficiency that saw most loyal clients move away. Many did so reluctantly because relocating meant abandoning set ties and starting afresh elsewhere.

Tanzanians seeing one of their key revenue sources going under before their own eyes scrambled for solutions, one of which was to lease out the port's container service to a private operator. But even after this measure more had to be done.

According to the World Bank, in an Economic Update released on Tuesday, the country loses US\$1.8bn (equivalent to 2.9trn/-) annually due to inefficient services at Dar es Salaam port.

"The port of Dar es Salaam is characterised by a long dwell time, taking 10 days on average to unload merchandise, clearing and transporting it from the port," it notes.

"The excessive dwell time is mainly due to slow processes, including customs clearance processing and excessive storage periods," it adds.

But worse still, the bank points to those with what it calls "rent-seeking behaviour...exacerbated by the use of discretionary rules contributing to typical asymmetric information problems between administrators and us-

ers".

That is why it is critical to support efforts by Transport minister Dr Harrison Mwakymbe seeking to end the problems facing the port and the nation at large. Fortunately, initial measures effected by the minister are already showing positive results.

It is important that as a nation we do not lose the momentum of efforts to reform the port, if we are to fully exploit its potential.

The Tanzania Ports Authority is planning to modernise seven berths, which entails the strengthening and deepening of berths and the construction of Ro-Ro berths, and the installation of conveyor belts for bulk cargo handling.

The others include the development of bulk liquid custody transfer tank farms at Mjimbwema, the procurement of a floating dock and the construction of four additional berths.

All these measures are aimed at increasing the efficiency of the port and are expected to yield higher revenues in the near future.

But, for now, the biggest challenge is to ensure that the port's image is restored by purging from the facility's ranks any official alleged to have engaged in corrupt activities or done anything to reduce its efficiency.

The other challenge is that of making the port more inclusive, as called for by stakeholders, through incorporating small and medium enterprises in its plans.

We owe all this to Tanzanians who have for so long been crying for the return of the efficient port of old they so much prized.

**\* This is a minimally edited version of the editorial comment we published sometime in the third week of May 2013 edition - just about ten years and two months ago. We have decided to re-run it in view of the raging debate over current plans by the government to step up and improve the port's operations. - Editor.**

## Going forward, we need to learn more from the experience we have gathered

NO country can realise its growth objectives or attain its development goals if it does not ensure that its people can - and do - effectively engage in productive activities.

And for that to happen, there must be efficiency-enhancing conditions, this meaning having in place policies that encourage efficiency and the regulatory capacity to implement those policies.

One of the planks of Tanzania's development vision is adding value to most agricultural products and other natural resources by processing them to enable them to earn the country higher prices in the world market.

Indeed, it is both about processing farm produce and other natural resources as well as properly serving all the other sectors of the economy.

The concept of the basic industry strategy, partly implemented during the era of the erstwhile planned economy, was to build industries which provided implements and inputs to the other sectors of the economy to ensure efficient production of goods and services. Of course, not all worked to the expected levels of delivery and sustainability, as some of the assumptions were not realistic enough. For instance, the market was too small.

Indeed, any failure to enforce the agreements entered into with some of the investors who acquired the former public production units could well be due to lack of resources! True, some of the new owners might have flouted transfer terms. But the situation might have been much better were there no serious shortage of the resources needed to make things tick. This is experience worth learning from as we move into the future.

ally grow the national economy. Obviously, this calls for a strong and smart facilitating and regulating framework.

We badly need to continue seeing the base and basis for this kind of activity up and running. This seems a realistic goal, but it requires coordinated implementation of our various plans. We are talking about the need for government institutions that will create conditions supportive of the various actors. Knowing as we do that with liberalisation we are looking at the bulk of the investment coming from the private sector, we need to ensure that these are properly enabled to execute the tasks at hand and ahead of us. But can we genuinely claim to have enough of the institutions that are ready for the tasks before us?

The answer is that we need to do more. For instance, are the likes of the ministries overseeing the Industries, Trade and Investment portfolios adequately armed in terms of, say, expertise and budgetary resources?

When we have to make do with inadequate resources, we just cannot realistically expect the government to efficiently oversee the implementation of any of our development policies, visions or strategies.

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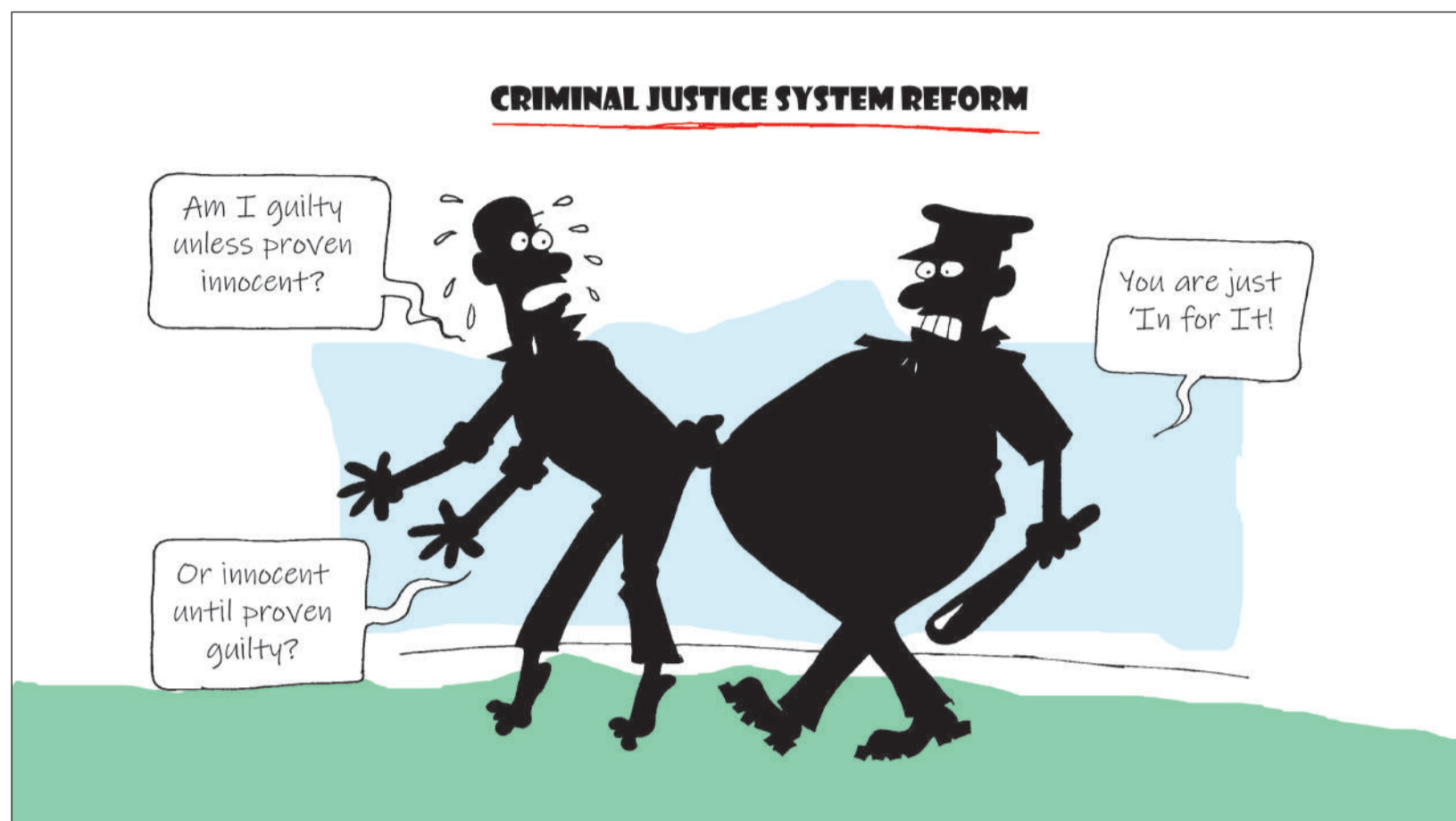
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## SBL-funded water project to serve 2000 residents of Handeni District

By Guardian Correspondent

THE government has commended Serengeti Breweries Limited for its contribution to the implementation of projects focusing on the provision of free, clean and safe water to Tanzanians in water-stressed rural areas.

Water deputy minister Maryprisca Mahundi extended the compliments at Kwamaizi in Handeni District on Friday during the handing over of a water dam project the firm has built in Kideleko ward.

She said SBL's interventions "demonstrably complement the government's efforts to enhance the provision of potable water in our country's rural areas, which is expected to reach 85 per cent by 2025".

Work on the project began in February this year as collaborative execution involving WaterAid Tanzania and the Water ministry of Water as technical implementers, while SBL chipped in with financial support to the tune of 380m/-.

The deputy minister said the government was busy with the construction, refurbishing and expansion work at various water sources.

"This is with a view to improving and stepping up the provision of clean and safe water in rural areas," she noted, adding: "Thus, what SBL has been doing is commendable because it augments the government's efforts to boost the

supply of clean and safe water in areas where the precious liquid is badly needed."

She elaborated: "I am delighted to see private sector players on the forefront in addressing pressing issues such as inaccessibility of clean and safe water in our communities. For instance, it is largely owing to SBL's commitment to water projects that residents of Kwamaizi village will now have access to free, clean and safe water."

She said the execution of the 380m/- project had taken "barely five months", acknowledging WaterAid, the Handeni Trunk Main Water Supply Scheme and the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RuWasa) for "diligently and successfully overseeing the work".

Underscoring the importance of ensuring the sustainability of the project, the deputy minister commended SBL and WaterAid for "going beyond the call of duty" by providing training women at Kwamaizi on various issues related to WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene).

"This will equip the trainees with knowledge and skills on how to manage the dam, and thus ably supplementing the implementation of the government's 2021/2035 programme involving the protection of water catchments in the country," she explained.

SBL managing director Dr Obinna Anyalebechi meanwhile noted: "The funding of the Kwamaizi project by SBL is in line with one of

the firm's community programme support pillars that focuses on water provision to communities deprived of the vital resource."

He said the programme, popularly known as "Water of Life", was primarily meant "to replenish or give back to the community the equivalent of every drop of water that our company consumes in its operations".

"For instance, this year we are duty bound to give back 87,000 cubic metres of water, equivalent to the total amount of water to be consumed across our three breweries - in Dar es Salaam, Moshi and Mwanza," he added.

The SBL executive said they had gone an extra mile and funded the provision of WASH training to women beneficiaries around the firm's respective areas of operation "and they are now well armed with the knowledge and skills required to benefit from this project while ensuring it remains sustainable for many years to come".

For his part, WaterAid Tanzania Country Director Anna Mzinga said: "SBL has been one of our key partners in implementing water projects across the country, their commitment to this cause being admirable."

She explained that, through the partnership, more than two million Tanzanians chiefly in rural areas like Kwamaizi now have access to free, clean and safe water.

"The Kwamaizi project wonder-

fully exemplifies what we have been doing for the past 40 years and what we will continue to do towards fully achieving our mission," she further noted.

She said WaterAid was determined to continue supporting efforts to "add meaning to people's lives, communities and economies by making water, sanitation and hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere".

"That essentially means building capacity in ways that last, including by prioritising sustainable systems, institutions and services," Mzinga declared, adding: "Between us (project partners), we have the commitment, experience, resourcefulness and connections to add value to the lives of millions more people."

SBL is the second-largest beer firm in Tanzania, with its brands accounting for over a quarter of the market by volume in the country. WaterAid is an international organisation with a vision to ensure universal access globally to safe water, quality toilets and improved hygiene services by 2030. It has a presence in 28 countries.

WaterAid Tanzania started working in 1983 and has already executed water, toilet and sanitation projects in 11 regions. It has also collaborated with the government and other development stakeholders and reached more than eight million people living in the peripheral areas of cities as well as rural areas.



Water deputy minister Maryprisca Mahundi (L) and Serengeti Breweries Limited managing director Obinna Anyalebechi (R) pictured at Kwamaizi in Handeni District at the weekend applauding during the handing over of a dam built with funding from the firm chiefly to supply potable water to residents of the village and its environs. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



# We need to bridge information gap to increase family planning uptake

By James Kandege

AMERICAN poet and journalist Robin Morgan famously wrote that "Knowledge is power. Information is power. The secreting or hoarding of knowledge or information may be an act of tyranny camouflaged as humility."

Reliable information becomes more important when it comes to issues derailed by its lack or inadequacy of it such as family planning. Various studies have shown that misinformation contained in myths, rumours and misconceptions, is one of the barriers to family planning uptake in many countries.

In fact, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) defines family planning as "Information, means and methods that allow individuals to decide if and when to have children. This includes a wide range of contraceptives -including pills, implants, intrauterine devices, surgical procedures that limit fertility, and barrier methods such as condoms - as well as non-invasive methods such as the calendar method and abstinence. Family planning also includes information about how to become pregnant when it is desirable, as well as treatment of infertility."

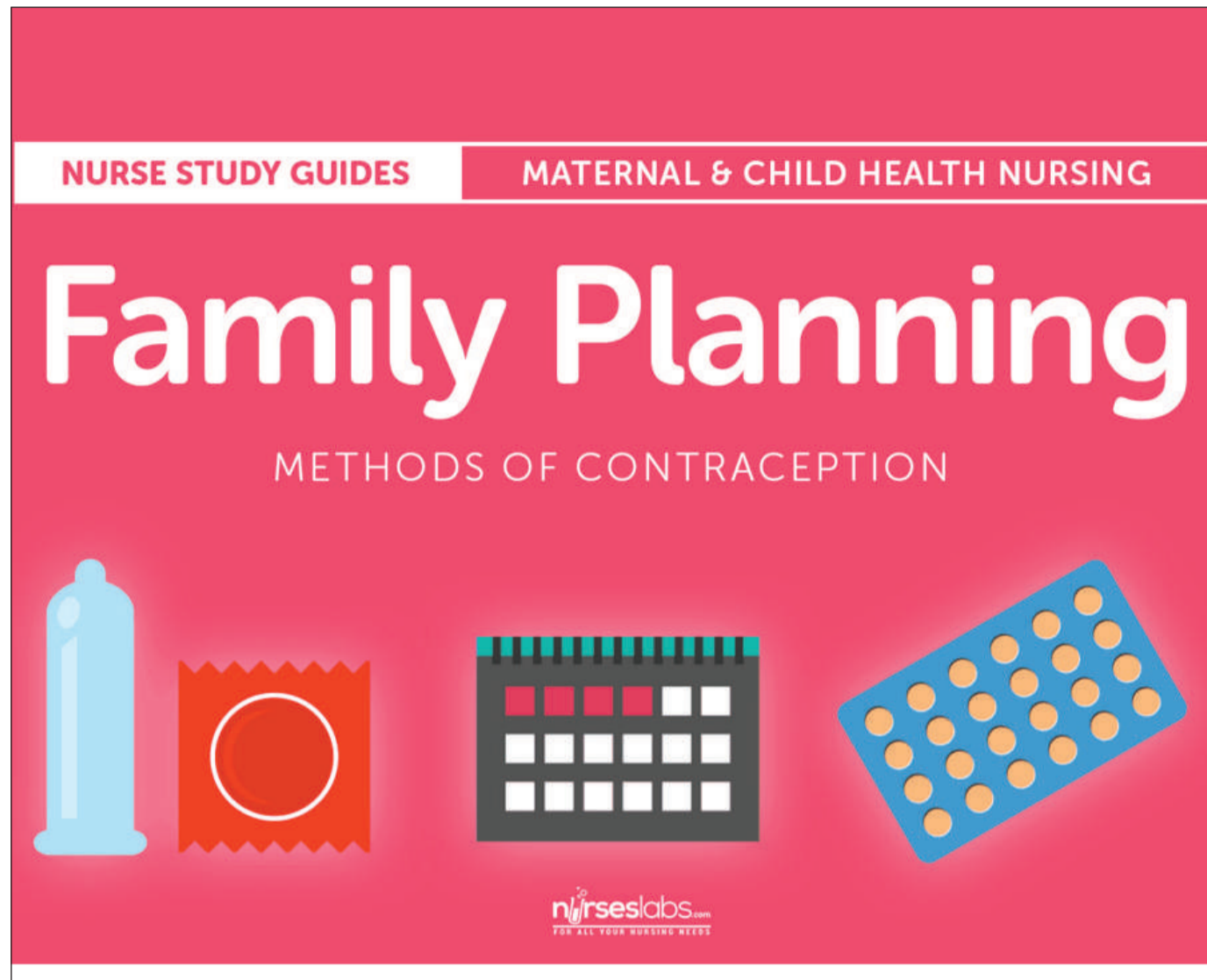
Tanzania is one of the countries with the lowest family planning uptake and one cannot rule out low awareness as one of the reasons. According to the 2022 Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), only 38 percent of married women use any contraceptive method, including 31 percent who use any modern method and 7 percent of women use any traditional method.

The DHS found that use of any method of contraception ranges from 11 percent in Simiyu Region to 52 percent in Lindi Region. Implants emerged as the most commonly used contraceptive method among married women (14 percent), followed by injectables (9 percent). Among sexually active, unmarried women, 45 percent use contraceptive method, including 36 percent who use any modern method and 8 percent using any traditional method.

I recently met Mariam Mohammed who only 30 years old but has already given birth to six children. She hails from Puge Village, Nzega District in Tabora Region and was not shy to say that she has no formal education.

She came to Dar es Salaam recently and a relative who opened her eyes with some information about family planning. Back home, she was a victim of all manner of false information about family planning.

"They said it is a sinister plan erase our race from the face of the earth but my relative in Dar es Salaam asked me if any of those people help me feed my six children and the answer was no. I decided to go for family planning," she said.



"I shared this with my husband who was also hesitant but after telling him the need to concentrate on education the children we already have, he bought the idea."

Both the husband and wife are farmers although her husband sometimes works on other people's fields to earn money when such works are available. The wife used this reality to convince her husband that it is better to educate the six children instead of having more children.

After the go-ahead from her husband, she visited in clinic in Dar es Salaam the next day and opted for injectable after consultation. She describes her trip to Dar es Salaam as the best to have ever happened to her.

"I am very happy. My husband is also very happy," she said.

Katavi, Simiyu, Tabora and Geita are regions with very low use of contraceptives for married and sexually active unmarried women aged between 15-49 years. The regions have between 11

and 22 percent of contraceptive use, according to the 22 DHS.

According to James Mlali, a Social Worker, based in Dar es Salaam, many communities in Tanzania have been trapped in extreme poverty due to unplanned families.

"We have seen people in villages, even towns and cities struggling to provide for their large families in terms of properly feeding and sending their children to school," he said.

Mlali said that large families affect not only parents and the children involved but also government's development plans because more resources are needed for basic services such as health and education.

He advised that Tanzania needs to create more awareness on why couples should have children according to their ability to provide for them and people should know of the various forms available so that one chooses what works for them.

"Our country needs to put more emphasis on family planning

because it reduces maternal mortality and improves family savings and hence development," he said.

"Investing in awareness on contraceptive use will later lead to economic improvement especially in the regions with large families but low level of education as seen in the DHS."

According to him, the DHS data of 2022, education is crucial in changing people's mindset about family planning.

"It is evident that migration of people from rural areas to cities and towns help them better understand the matter and plan their families. This means that there is information gap in rural areas."

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Godwin Mollel is on record saying that there is need to ensure that education on family planning is accessed by communities so that they can make informed decisions on the number of children they want to have and avert unwanted pregnancies.

"We need to ensure that every person especially women of reproductive age have access to family planning methods in all public health centres countrywide," he said.

The government launched a family planning drive in 2012 when it pledged to increase availability of modern contraception methods at all levels of its health system.

The move was due to the fact that healthier families lead to a more prosperous nation. The country committed to an increase of spending on family planning commodities by about 20 percent, from USD6.1 million to USD7.3 million by 2020.

Tanzania has also engaged policymakers, organisations working in health and other stakeholders in strengthening outreach services while at the same time challenging traditional norms that hinder uptake.

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# It's high time our qualified youths sought job opportunities abroad

By Adonis Byemelwa

AFRICA has the world's youngest population, with a median age of 19.7 years. Such a large youthful population ordinarily symbolizes energetic workforce and valuable asset for the development prospects of any region. But the dire employment situation for young people across Africa continues to snuff out their potential.

According to the African Development Bank, in 2021, one-third of Africa's then 420 million young people aged between 15 and 35 years were unemployed, another was vulnerably employed and only 1 in 6 was in wage employment.

Youth are the majority workforce in Tanzania with the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) 2020/21 Integrated Labor Force Survey showing that they take up to 83.1 percent of the country's population hence the most affected by unemployment.

In addition to being large in number, the youth are energetic, courageous and have new ideas that can accelerate socioeconomic development if they are well coordinated and involved in the economic activities of our country.

As a teacher, my attention was recently drawn to a WhatsApp group created by unemployed teachers and aptly named Educators' Unemployment Platform. The social media group has a total of 322 participants from across the country, with the aim of ensuring that any advertised teaching vacancy is immediately put in the limelight for group members to see and apply.

I submit that such innovative ways should help our youth find job not only here in Tanzania but also abroad. Yes, we have intellectuals who have what it takes to work abroad.

Comparatively, our neighbours in Ugandan and Kenyan do better than us when it comes to looking for job opportunities beyond their borders. There was a time when Kenyans and Ugandans dominated Tanzanian English medium schools.

We should also find sectors in which we can penetrate regionally and internationally. We should find our niche, be it teaching Kiswahili or whatever we are so good at. Kenyan in particular boasts substantial numbers in diaspora which has positive impact in its remittances.

We should make good use of opportunities such as the East African Common Market whose principles allow free movement of labour among member states. Let's go to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda and even South Sudan.

Statistics show that there are a good number of Ugandan and Kenyan educators in Cambodia, Sudan,



Rwanda and Burundi, to mention but a few but Tanzanian teachers struggle to get similar chances to teach Kiswahili which is largely a subject like any other and not a medium of instruction in schools.

To say the least, based on my interactions with colleagues command of English, acumen alongside confidence have enabled many from the two East African Community teachers to sell their skills than Tanzanian teachers do. It is time we borrowed a leaf from daring people.

According to the International Labour Organization's statistics,

global youth unemployment has increased by 3.4 million from 2007 to 2012 and is expected to continue increasing in the future. Statistics also show that the number of employed youth declined by 22.9 million in 2021 as compared to 2019 statistics despite the growth of the youth population by 12 million for the same period.

The problem of youth unemployment has become a threat to the social, economic and political stability of most developing countries. Economically, youth unemployment has led to labour market instability, increased wel-

fare costs, erosion of tax base and unused investments in education and training.

Socially, youth unemployment is not only of concern to the unemployed ones but also to society and family members. It is the expectation of most young people to find employment, especially after completion of their education. Failure to find employment results in demoralization, depreciation in their human capital and deterioration in their employment prospects which leads to social exclusion.

Apparently, the government is

doing everything possible to bolster and otherwise improve the country's education system. This is particularly in terms of educational quality and universality.

The new challenge currently is the rapidly growing shortage of qualified teachers vis-à-vis the rapidly increasing numbers of pupils at both primary and secondary school levels of classroom instructional education.

A study report on the subject matter sourced from the National Bureau of Statistics revealed that for example, the total numbers of primary and secondary school teachers in 2017 had dropped by 4.01 and 1.7 percent respectively by 2021.

Nevertheless, the number of primary and secondary school pupils had shot up by 19 and 52 percent respectively in the same five-year period. In other words, the teacher-pupil ratio had swollen from the recommended normal of 1/45 to 1/50 in 2017 and 1/62 in 2021 and is still growing, while untold numbers of college graduates (potential teachers) remain jobless.

There is a school which recently invited more than 100 applicants for a single teaching job and each was interviewed in six minutes. Based on the above statistics, it would be foolhardy for a school to call more than 100 applicants for interviews while it fully knows there are limited slots. Human resources management teaches us that any advertised employment vacancy should have a probability of 4.0 success for the would-be shortlisted candidates. Doing the opposite is against the set labour best practices.

The government should reign in employers who apply bad interviewing and job advertisement mode by the private sector which see applicants somewhat humiliated.

Human resources managers need to have established minimum criteria for each job seeker in order to effectively screen and evaluate the needed candidates. From entry-level positions to the C-suite, every position should be reviewed to determine the knowledge, skills and abilities that are necessary for success. Doing so could not warrant success for short-listed candidates interviewed in six minutes.

Many employers have historically required a college degree for positions that could be filled with workers holding other types of credentials and experience. Ensuring the basic requirements for a position are not overinflated can expand the pool of talent from which the employer is recruiting and also create a more diverse workforce. This should act as a piece of advice for school administrators and of course to the unemployed teachers.

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# Fertiliser manufacturer hopeful as new crop season set to open

By Henry Mwangonde

THE global fertiliser company Yara Tanzania has said that it is gearing up for the new crop season with expected high demand of fertilizer across the country.

Winstone Odhiambo, Yara Tanzania managing director said this over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking during a meeting with Yara fertiliser distributors drawn from across the country to review last season's performance and map out a plan for the new crop season.

He said the company was gearing up for the new crop season with expected demand for fertilizer across the country.

Yara is one of the largest fertilizer manufacturers and distributors in the country and also plays a critical role in the distribution of fertilizer under the government's subsidy programme.

Odhiambo said Yara is working closely with other stakeholders so that affordable fertilizer reaches farmers, especially smallholder growers who form the majority farm-level producers.

"I want to assure farmers that

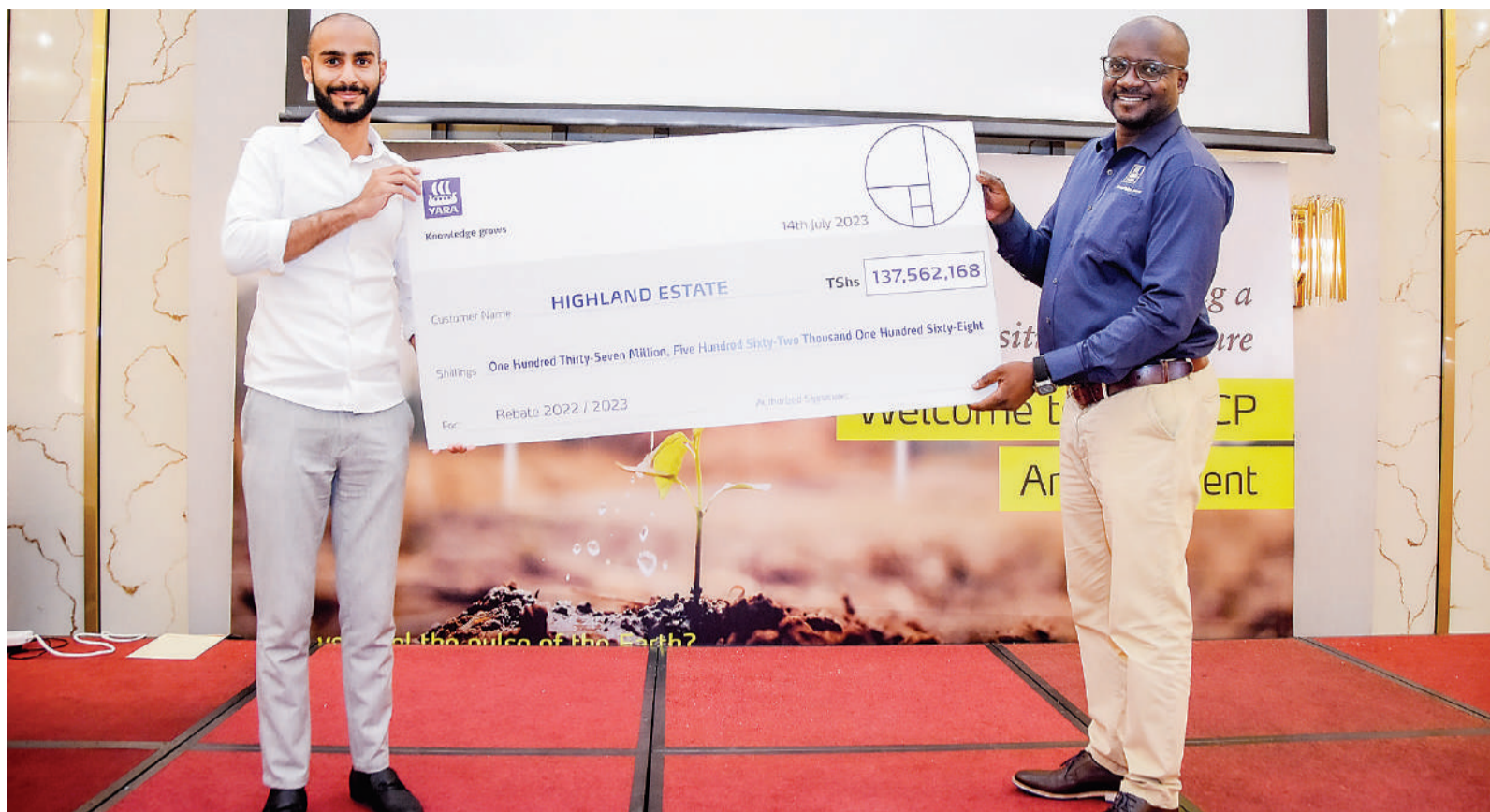
Yara is committed to addressing any challenges to deliver fertilizer timely in the coming season. I am confident that with the improvement of the fertilizer subsidy digital platform, supplies will now be speeded up," said Odhiambo.

Some 50 dealers who attended the meeting appealed for timely release of payments under the subsidy programme so that it was easy for them to serve farmers' requirements on time.

A representative of the Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Agency (TFRA) explained that hitches in the agency's online Agro dealer tool have been fixed for smooth management of the programme.

The improved digital tool will now enable fertilizer dealers to effectively manage their fertilizer orders across different suppliers and also in the movement of stock. The government last financial year introduced subsidized fertilizer and allocated Sh150 billion towards the effort.

Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe revealed in June that the government had spent 345.6bn/- by April 2023 on the back of high demand for fertiliser in the coun-



Yara Tanzania managing director Winstone Odhiambo (R) presents a dummy cheque for fertilizer rebates to Abdul Pirmohamed of Highland Estates Tanzania Limited at a meeting held at the weekend between Yara and its agents from across Tanzania to discuss the forthcoming farming season. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

try. According to the minister, 342.73m/- tonnes of fertiliser was procured during the period and benefited 782,553 farmers across the country.

To improve the supply of its fertilisers and other crop nutrients, as well as empower Tanzanian owned businesses, Yara Tanzania has enrolled its distributors on a profitable champion programme, with dealers earning millions of shillings in annual bonuses and family leisure trips.

"At Yara, our network of distributors do not only

sell fertiliser but we have a holistic approach where we empower them to also become agents of empowering farmers who are their customers with agronomist knowledge and practice to boost yields and income, mostly among smallholder growers," said Odhiambo.

Yara senior agronomist Maulid Mponda Mkima said through the company's new technology manufacturing plant in Dar es Salaam, Yara is contributing to farmers' empowerment and food security through

its range of blended fertiliser called Microp, rich in nutrients, affordable and responds to climate change challenges.

"Microp range of fertilisers is now the price of Tanzania, helping cut down on expensive imports and tackling soil health which is now critical to farmers' productivity and food security," said Mponda.

# 'Migration to cities changing societies on family planning issues'

By Guardian Correspondent

MARIAM Muhamed is 30 years old, yet she already has six children.

Mariam, who hails from Puge village in Nzega District, Tabora region and has no formal education and proper job, says raising and feeding her six children is a hard task.

"Back then, while in Puge village, we saw it as a normal thing to marry at a tender age and all that remained was to bear children," she says.

However, she says coming to Dar es Salaam two years ago to search for a better life exposed her to a number of friends who advised her to use contraceptives so as to limit the number of children she and her husband wants to have due to life hardships.

"I disclosed this to my husband and luckily enough he also bought the idea and we visited a health centre so that we can better plan our family," she says.

She adds, "Now, after opting for a syringe method contraceptive, I am comfortable, I no longer have

thoughts in my mind that I can conceive and have another child."

Mariam and her husband who normally does manual jobs says they are now concentrating on raising their six children.

"Feeding is a big problem considering the hard life in the city. Sending them to school also means that you have to provide transport to some and also 500 shillings so that they can at least eat fried cassava during break time," she says.

Mariam says it is hard to make ends meet, all the time, the little she gets, she has to think of how to put food on the table, dress her children up, ensure that they go to school besides paying a house rent.

She says however that two years ago, she met a friend with whom they traded together in business and after paying a visit to her, she advised her to go and see a doctor and be counselled about contraceptive use.

"I was lucky enough that even my husband agreed to the idea because feeding our children was a problem, yet, every night we met as a married couple," she says.

Now, she says her family is happy to have made such a decision as currently the only focus is on raising their six children.

Katavi, Simiyu, Tabora and Geita are among the regions with very low use of contraceptives for sexually married and sexually active unmarried women aged between 15-49 years.

The regions have only about 11-15 percent of contraceptive use, according to the Tanzania Demographic Health Survey (DHS) 2022, making them to be ranked poorest amongst other regions in the country.

According to a Social Worker, James Mlali, many communities have been trapped in extreme poverty due to unplanned families.

"We have seen people in villages, even towns and cities struggling to raise families, in terms of feeding them and sending their children to school," he says.

Mlali told The Guardian that the move has not only been negatively affecting the country's economy but also failure of the government in implementing its development plans.

He says the country need to put much emphasis now on family planning as the move not only reduces maternal mortality and improves family savings and development, but it as well avert environmental degradation and decreases child labour.

According to Mlali, the government needs to invest in education on modern contraceptives use.

He says there are a number of such methods that can be used to control births, which includes tablets, condoms use, syringe as well as stitches a family and unmarried sexually aged women can opt to use.

"Investing in education on contraceptive use, will later lead to economic improvement especially in the regions with low levels of education like Tabora, Simiyu and Katavi and Dodoma.

According to him, the DHS data of 2022 has shown that education was crucial in changing people's mindset about family planning.

"It is evident that migration of people from rural areas to cities and towns has helped them to better plan their families as opposed to those still living in rural areas," he says.

Tanzania government however has asked for all women of reproductive age to visit health centres and have access to modern family planning methods to avert unwanted pregnancies.

Deputy Minister for health Dr. Godwin Mollé says there is a need to ensure that education on family planning is accessible to communities so that they can make informed decisions on the number of children they want to have and avert unwanted pregnancies.

"We need to ensure that every person, especially women of sexual age, have access to family planning methods which are accessed at free costs in all public health centres countrywide," he says.

This according to him will reduce unwanted pregnancies while at the same time ensure that communities have families that can be managed.

The government launched a family planning initiative in 2012 when it pledged to increase the availability of modern contraception methods at all levels of its health system.

The move was due to the fact that healthier families lead to a more prosperous nation, this made the country commit to an increase spending on family planning commodities by about 20 percent, from \$6.1 million to \$7.3 million by 2020.

Tanzania has also engaged policymakers, health organisations and other stakeholders to strengthen outreach services while at the same time challenging traditional norms and family sizes.

According to available data from The Challenge Initiative (TCI)-Tupange Pamoja Project, family planning services reached 267,407 women in Dar es Salaam region from July 2018 to June 2019, of which, 80 percent received a long-acting reversible method.

TCI-Tupange Pamoja Project is a regular forum for communication between pharmacists and local health department facilitated government training of pharmacists on contraceptives service provision including counselling clients on different types of methods.

# Government ready to incorporate Chato District into BBT initiative

By Guardian Correspondent, Chato

THE government has said it is ready to incorporate Chato District in Geita Region into the huge Build a Better Tomorrow (BBT) project owing to the district showing it was strategically ready in enhancing the economy through irrigation farming.

The remarks were given by the deputy minister for Agriculture, Anthony Mavunde at the launch of agricultural and economic revolution campaign in the district and commended the district for being the first nationally to implement farming guidelines at lower levels.

He said the district will be accorded priority in the implementation of dam building projects for irrigation, fast delivery of industrial fertiliser beginning 2023/24 farming season, quality seeds and extension services. He explained that the step aims to minimise inconveniences on the youth and women from unemployment whereby through the project, the residents will have a new hope economically, socially and politically.

Chato District Commissioner, Deusdedit Katwale said the poverty level in Chato District has been discouraging despite its having huge resources in terms of land that can alleviate poverty.

He said through his office, they resolved to utilise experts from SUA who helped to prepare robust strategies to attain the government's aim in making sure people benefit by commercial farming and abandon traditional farming that has been of little benefits to them. For his part, Jackson Masakia, SUA expert on irrigation appealed to the government for land in the district to be used as demonstration farm in commercial farming.



Vivo Energy Tanzania head of marketing and communication Grace Kijo (L) presents motorbike to 'Jaza Ushinde Tana na Engen' promotion winner Hatibu Kusaga of Korogwe District at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





# BoA (T) rewards final winner of digital campaign

By Guardian Reporter

**J**ESCA Rutta emerged the lucky winner of the Bank of Africa (BoA) Tanzania digital campaign "Transact & Win" in its final raffle draw conducted in Dar es Salaam at the weekend.

Jesca, the bank's customer emerged the lucky winner of the iPhone 14 pro prize joining others who have won the prize in the previous weeks.

The raffle was conducted at BoA's head office, in

the presence of the Senior Gaming Inspector from Gaming Board of Tanzania, Pendo Mfuru.

The Transact and Win campaign kicked off on 1st April 2023 and ran for 3 months.

Speaking during the draw session, Jesse Jackson, BoA's chief digital officer said that, as the campaign draws to an end we are pleased with the engagement and excitement that the campaign has brought to our customers which has further reflected in the performance of



The Head of the Digital Services Division of Bank of Africa - Tanzania, Jesse Jackson (R), presents a modern smart phone to Jesca Alex Rutta (L), the winner of the third draw of the bank's digital services campaign held in Dare Salaam at the weekend. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

this campaign via the revenue collected.

The campaign is a reflection of the bank's strategic objective to digitize its products and services in turn promoting financial inclusion as well as ease for customers to access the bank's services.

Nandi Mwiymbella, the head of Marketing and communications added that the bank is looking forward to continuing with more engaging campaigns and activities that will lead to more interaction with the bank's prod-

uct and services with more exciting rewards to be provided.

BoA is a private commercial bank operating in Tanzania serving Corporate, SME and Retail customers. It began operations in Tanzania in June 2007 after acquiring Eurafrikan Bank which had been operating in Tanzania since September 1995. BoA is part of the Bank of Africa Group that began its operations in 1982 in Mali. It's a multinational Pan-African banking group operating in 18 African

countries including; West Africa, East Africa, Central Africa and representative offices in Paris, Spain, London, UK and China. Since 2010, BoA has become a majority owned subsidiary of BMCE Bank, which is the 3rd. largest banking group in Morocco, and present in 31 countries and 4 continents.

It currently has a network of 19 Retail branches including; 9 in Dar es Salaam and 10 upcountry Arusha, Mwanza, Zanzibar and all other major cities.

# Dr Gwajima to open empowerment meet for girls, women

By Guardian Correspondent

The minister of community development, gender, women and special groups Dr Dorothea Gwajima (pictured) is representing President Samia Suluhu Hassan to officially open the sixth international conference targeting to advocate for gender equality and girls prosperity in all spheres of life in Africa.

Speaking with journalists at the end of last week, minister Dr Gwajima said the special conference, which will be attended by women from across the world, will be held from Today to Thursday in Kigali, Rwanda.

She said the participants of the meeting will include women in various social groups, civil societies, youth activists groups, government officials and development partners, seeking to share experiences, and discuss ways to enhance

advocate women rights on land, environment, health and climate change.

"Presenters of the conference will discuss women land ownership rights, tools to enhancing gender equality and sustainable development, conflict resolution, natural calamities mitigations, effects of climate change, food security and poverty," she said.

"During this gathering, women, human rights stakeholders and gender equality will discuss ways to empower women in various spheres of life."

She said the objectives of the meeting branded as "Women Deliver", which is being held every four years, is seeking to sensitize gender equality and girls prosperity in all spheres of life.

According to the minister, the land rights advocacy organization - Landesa Tanzania, a chapter in collaborations with

Women Deliver will also organized the sideline meeting on climate change, to be attended by the Kigali's meeting participant.

The Landesa Africa executive director Dr Monica Mhoya and the director of Global Advocacy Esther Mwaura will also attend the sideline meeting.

Speaking with journalists last week in Dar es Salaam, Dr Mhoya said the sideline meeting will equip participants with ways that will help to mitigate effects of climate change, economic opportunities and women's land ownership.

The director of Brac Tanzania Suzan Bipa said they are expected to organize the dialogue involving three ministers including Dr Gwajima, the Liberian minister of gender and the minister of gender in Rwanda to specifically discuss economic empowerment among adolescent girls.



# India, UAE to trade in local currencies, link payments

NEW DELHI

India and the United Arab Emirates agreed to use their respective local currencies for cross-border transactions, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi pushes the rupee's role on the global stage.

The two memorandums of understanding will facilitate "seamless cross border transactions and payments, and foster greater economic cooperation between the two countries," the Reserve Bank of India said in a statement issued over the weekend, as Modi and the central bank's Governor Shaktikanta Das inked the agreements with the UAE's President Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi.

The pacts will help the countries build a framework for rupee-dirham transactions, along with interlinking payment and messaging systems, as well as their respective card switches, RuPay and UAES-WITCH, allowing "mutual acceptance of domestic cards and processing of card transactions," the central bank said.

The moves are closely entwined with Modi's aspirations to take the rupee global as India positions itself as an alternative to China in manufacturing. So far, that year-long campaign has made little headway, Bloomberg News reported earlier this month.

Total local currency trade volumes are negligible at around 10 billion rupees (\$120 million) since the project began, according to people familiar with the matter, compared with India's total goods trade of \$1.2 trillion in the last fiscal year.

Still, Saturday's agreements will likely ease financial flows between the two nations.

The UAE is a vital source of work for overseas Indians and accounts for 18 percent of total remittances sent back to the South Asian nation in 2020-21, second after the US, according to a government statement in February. According to World Bank estimates total remittances in India in 2022 stood at \$111.2 billion.

# China's economy struggling to gain traction

BEIJING

The comparison with last year, when Shanghai was enduring a Covid-related lockdown, will make Monday's gross domestic product data look a lot better than was actually the case.

GDP likely grew 7.1 percent for the quarter on a year-over-year basis, up from 4.5 percent in the previous period, according to economists surveyed by Bloomberg.

Compared with the first quarter of 2023, though, it probably rose just 0.8 percent. Monthly data for industrial production, retail sales and fixed investment - all scheduled for Monday - are expected to show a marked slowdown in June. Retail sales growth, in particular, likely slid to 3.3 percent from 12.7 percent in May.

Economists are focusing on the latter figures to get a fuller picture of China's recovery.

The signs so far have been disappointing: manufacturing activity is contracting, deflation is looming, export demand is falling, and recent holiday spending was subdued.

Speculation has grown that the People's Bank of China will add more stimulus after a surprise interest-rate cut in June.

Officials signaled on Friday that more support may be on the cards, although it's likely to be limited in scope and targeted toward specific sectors, like the property market and private businesses.

All economists surveyed by Bloomberg predict the PBOC will keep the rate on its one-year policy loans unchanged at 2.65 percent on Monday, while some expect a small net injection of funds.

"The PBOC wants to avoid adding too much stimulus too quickly. It has learned from experience that blasts of monetary easing can cause unwanted side effects,"

Elsewhere, a pivotal UK inflation number will help signal the size of the next rate move, retail sales take center stage in the US, and central bank decisions from Turkey to South Africa may deliver some drama.



People's Bank of China complex

Retail sales figures on Tuesday highlight a busy week of US indicators ahead of the Federal Reserve's July 25-26 policy meeting. Economists project a healthy 0.5 percent advance for June sales that would add to evidence of a resilient consumer.

Bolstered by steady growth in employment and worker pay, household demand - while cooling - has underpinned the economy. A sustained increase would help limit recession risks in the wake of the Fed's aggressive rate-hiking campaign.

Residential construction, home sales and builder sentiment data will offer a fresh read on a housing sector that's started to stabilize.

Economists forecast housing starts retreated in June after the sharpest gain since 2016. Contract closings on existing-home purchases are seen declining as higher mortgage rates continue to impact the resale market.

On Tuesday, a Fed report is projected to show little change in factory output last month, underscoring a sluggish manufacturing

sector.

The highlight in Canada will be inflation data for June after the headline figure slowed to 3.4 percent in May. The key focus will be two measures tracked by the Bank of Canada: the trim and median core rates, and service inflation. Their persistence above target contributed to Wednesday's decision to hike rates to 5 percent.

Fresh data on existing Canadian home purchases and retail sales will show if consumption remains strong despite rising borrowing costs.

# China's pork prices expected to increase slightly

BEIJING

Pork prices in China are expected to experience modest increases in the future, despite a week-on-week decline from July 3 to 9, experts said.

During the period, the average pork price tracked by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs was at 18.98 yuan (about US\$2.66) per kilogram, down 32.9 percent year on year.

In June, pork prices went down 7.2 percent year on year, official data showed.

Pork price declines were mainly caused by sluggish demand.

However, with the overall improvement of the pork supply and demand situation, pork prices are expected to rebound slightly in the future, according to experts.

"With the gradual reduction of sow production capacity, the supply of piglets decreased in the first quarter, and it is expected that the oversupply situation will be alleviated in the third quarter," said Zhu Zengyong,

a researcher with the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

"Pork purchasing and storage and other related measures will play a supporting role in market sentiment and guide the orderly improvement of the supply and demand pattern. Pork prices are expected to bottom out and rebound, but the price increase may be limited in the short term," said Wang Likun, a researcher with the Development Research Center of the State Council.

# The rise of cement price and future of construction sector

By Guardian Correspondent , Dar es Salaam

The extent of the recent rise in the price of cement on large scale construction projects has started to unfold more fully, with large-scale consumers of the product most hard-hit, in what threatens to trigger off a domino effect that reverberate across the construction sector, a survey by this paper has revealed.

The increment follows adjustments in ex-factory prices as manufacturers acted to accommodate an excise duty of 20/- kilo slammed on the product, which took effect July 1 this year, a move that was blessed in the current budget for this year approved in the August Parliament.

Already retail cement consumers have echoed their concern over the raise which they say it constrains efforts to build houses, with resellers joining the chorus as sales nose-dive as the rise keeps customers at bay.

The cement price rise happens at a time when there are large-scale projects in the country with works-in-progress, including the ambitious Mwalimu Nyerere hydroelectric plant, the standard gauge rail and contracts to build trunk roads to bolster the countrywide road transport network.

A seasoned engineer in Dar es salaam, Eng. Ambary John, said if the price of cement continues



to rise, people should expect the mushrooming of houses and structure with low quality.

“When the cost of construction rise up due to the rise in the cost of raw materials, especially cement, most builders might be tempted to compromise quality to balance the cost of cement, given that strength of many structures depend on concentration cement quality,” he said

He further added that there are standard technical cement-to-sand ratios used during plastering, concrete making, brick and heavy duty structures, which if compromised to any extent, can result into low quality and the

risk of the structure falling apart or deteriorating faster than the depreciation rate.

Eng. John asked the government to regulate the price of cement, in order to enable low-income people to not only build houses, but be able to afford the quantity of cement needed to come up with quality structures.

There have been numerous incidences in the country, in which multi-storey buildings in Dar es Salaam crumbled after being erected due to low quality, and roads under construction that were detected to be of sub-standard quality and rejected or revision ordered for the whole

road or affected sections.

A cement bricks maker in the city, Robert Julius Wageni, said the rise in the price of cement has decreased the number of customers who were purchasing the product from him, given that he sells bricks to customers from the low-income bracket, who are sensitive to price rise.

“I was selling bricks at the price of 1,100/-, but due to the rise in the price I have been forced to increase the price in order to cover the extra cost resulted from new cement price,” he said

A survey carried out in various parts of the country has established that some brick makers

have started to adulterate their products, stretching the cement-to-sand ratio to produce up to 50 bricks per the standard 50kg bag, as opposed to the standard 35-bricks per 50kg bag for them to compensate the increase of price per bag.

The engineer hinted that the rise is likely to affect contractors with works-in-progress, especially in large-scale construction projects, awarded prior to the rise, and will be forced to use measures various cost-cutting measures to absorb the extra cost caused by the rise in cement price.

## Twitter's ad revenue has dropped by 50 per cent

LONDON

Twitter is still spending more money than it's making, according to Elon Musk. In the early hours of Saturday morning, the billionaire tweeted the company was suffering from an ongoing negative cash flow issue due to an approximately 50 percent drop in advertising revenue and heavy debt burden. “Need to reach positive cash flow before we have the luxury of anything else,” Musk said.

The admission comes in the same week that Twitter's ad-revenue sharing program began paying out some creators, including a handful of far-right influencers.

On Friday, Musk also claimed the social network could see “all-time high device user seconds usage” sometime this week. He also previously said almost all the advertisers who had left the platform following his takeover in October had “either come back” or “said they will come back.”

According to an estimate research firm Sensor Tower shared with Bloomberg, advertising spending fell by 89 percent to \$7.6 million during a two-month period earlier this year. Per Reuters, Twitter has annual interest payments of about \$1.5 billion due to the debt the company took on when Musk took it private for \$44 billion.

This is the latest sign the aggressive cost-cutting measures Musk has undertaken in the last year have not been enough to put the company on solid financial footing.

It also suggests the company's newly appointed CEO, Linda Yaccarino, has her work cut out for her as she works to rebuild Twitter's advertising base.



## Bank results flash warning signs for Wall Street

NEW YORK

Citigroup (C) CEO Jane Fraser (pictured) did not mince words at the end of last week when discussing how the Wall Street side of her bank performed during the second quarter of 2023.

“The long-awaited rebound in investment banking has yet to materialize,” she said in a release, “making for a disappointing quarter.”

The early results are in from some of the country's biggest banks, and they are flashing warning signs of a rough week ahead for Wall Street.

Morgan Stanley (MS) and Goldman Sachs (GS), two of the world's biggest dealmakers, are due to report Tuesday and Wednesday. Bank of America (BAC), which has a big Wall Street operation, also reports Tuesday. All are expected to show drops in investment banking and trading from the first quarter.

What Friday's results showed is that big banks are like JPMorgan (JPM) and Wells Fargo (WFC) that have sprawling consumer franchises are performing well because they are able to charge more for their loans and benefit from a surge in credit-card borrowing by Americans who still have extra money.

“The consumer is in good shape,” JPMor-

gan CEO Jamie Dimon told analysts. “They are spending down their excess cash.”

But Friday also revealed that corporate clients are not providing as much of a lift, which is hurting the banks that rely more heavily on them.

CEOs remain cautious about everything from the direction of interest rates to relations with China to the larger US economy, dampening the optimism needed to buy other companies, go public or take on more debt.

“Corporates are pretty cautious,” Fraser told analysts Friday, citing the prospect of another Federal Reserve interest rate hike, tensions with China and concerns about limited economic growth.

“I think clients have been trying to understand and get their arms around both the macro and the market outlook for a while. I think they now seem to accept the current environment is the new normal and are beginning to position themselves globally.”

This caution was most evident in the performance of Citigroup's corporate and investment banking unit, which helped push overall profits at the bank down 36 percent. Investment banking revenue fell by 24 percent in the second quarter, to \$612 million.



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## Brazuca FC a youth soccer enterprise that raises excessive hopes for professional soccer

By Correspondent John Kimbute

**I**N the old days, new crazes in town were films, fashion, or songs, but of late there are new things where those amazed at its promised activity seek to follow what it takes to have a grab.

It is a kind of sports betting to see if talent will be rewarded with leaving the country to play professional soccer, where unavoidably just a few stand to succeed, but the level of animation is rather astonishing.

It is a globally scattered soccer side, with branches in practically all countries with such yearning.

An online check shows that the youth soccer entity, known outside as 'Brazuca', is a commercial tag growing out of World Cup finals fantasy, where it appears countries compete to produce balls to be used in the competition.

In 2010, South Africa produced a 'Jabulani' ball, and in 2014 Brazil created the 'Brazuca' legend with Adidas, a long-term global soccer partner, producing the ball.

The name was chosen from online voting and seemingly implies something like 'al watan' here.

What is not clear unless one delves too far into the chronicle is whether the current youth enterprise still has anything to do with Brazil, as it appears to have become a term to suggest sporting friendship among the youth, mid-teens especially who can be allowed to travel.

Those still too young are unlikely to be allowed by parents to follow soccer dreams abroad, the parameter that appears to animate most movers of the Brazuca FC initiative in Dar es Salaam. Individual youths can also seek access.

At a glance, Brazuca is not different from academy activity, seeking out young boys for intensive training, often attached to a school especially as these days going to



Footballers making one of Dar es Salaam street teams participate in a training session at a ground located outside Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in the city recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

secondary school is regularized, almost universal.

Yet with academies the proper intent is to raise soccer abilities, leaving professionalism to chance, without for once losing the probability of such an opportunity on the horizon.

With Brazuca on the other hand, the possibility of moving out is dangled as if it is the real objective.

Yet one needs to take a back seat and try to figure out the psychology of the local initiative, pulling youths to a world soccer club where they can play for clubs abroad.

What is astonishing is not that a young fellow can indeed be picked to play outside as that has been common for a while but the idea being cultivated that nearly everyone can make it.

Just how much local soccer talent is needed outside it is the issue, and an impression is being created that 'the sky is the limit'.

For once, those who discuss the Brazuca FC initiative on radio shows do not focus on actual success cases of going out, and when that comes up it is a reflection of some past events, especially by adult footballers.

Youths shifting to other countries have been heard about national youth soccer sides, often picked to European lower-end league sides, and often quite successfully.

Some are already being picked for the national side, but the majority grew up with big-league sides.

Based on the experience of trials with youth soccer players heard from trainers like Ramadhani Singano, a veteran of the city rivals and running an academy, there is a checking mechanism to these dreams.

Youths do not express interest in either Brazuca FC or an academy where this enterprise is fairly well known but need to foot their bills like travel and accommodation to arrive there.

In that case, there is an additional checkpoint later, if one is spotted by a scout and signed up, to depart.

So the local Brazuca FC tries to widen the circle of those who can be seen and for a time, watched and perhaps be selected for trials and hopefully, a trip abroad.

It is an academy with a different vision, where passing with flying colours is not to be followed by admission into youth sides of major Premier League sides, but by flying out of the country.

The big expectation in that regard is that in due course we stand a chance of harvesting the fruits of a sizable foreign presence for the senior national team, Taifa Stars.

This is what can be noticed with teams of neighbouring

countries which were in the past whipping bags in regional competitions, and which in turn makes the proper African Nations Cup (AFCON) quite different from the tourney of home-based players, African Nations Championship (CHAN).

For years, our outfit for the CHAN was not different from the proper senior national side, when we had three players out there in professional soccer, namely Mbwana Samatta, Thomas Ulimwengu, and Simon Msuva.

Now we have a whole crop of young players living abroad, just called for national team trials as it were.

Just as the local Premier League scene is becoming more competitive by leaps and bounds, it appears the same situation characterizes the West European scene.

Finding players from Africa is like they are just paying for the ticket if they come across really good talent, which is similarly not easy due to poor physical formation up to the mid-teens.

One story that comes up in the newsroom is that, at one point, Arsenal's legendary coach Arsene Wenger was asked to receive youths from Tanzania and he firmly declined, I do not want them to die in my hands!



Director General of the Gaming Board of Tanzania (GBT), James Mbalwe, displays the first winner prize in the Regulatory Bodies category won by the institution at the just-ended 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) when met the press at his office in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Gaming Board awarded first prize in 2023 DITF

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Gaming Board of Tanzania (GBT) has won the first winner prize in the Regulatory Bodies category at the 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) which concluded in the city last weekend.

Tanzania Trade Authority (Tan-Trade), the trade fair organizing body, introduced a popular vote procedure to find the winner for the category.

This year, people were allowed to choose the winner by voting online, as opposed to previous years which had a special committee going through the booths and then selecting the winners.

"We consider these to be a great achievement for us and we thank Tanzanians for recognizing us and appreciating the good work being done by the Gaming Board of Tanzania," GBT's Director General, James Mbalwe, disclosed.

He said while addressing journalists at his office in Dar es Salaam

last weekend the public recognizes the contribution of the sports betting sector in the development of the country.

"In this fiscal year ending June 2023, a total of 160bn/- of direct tax will be collected from the sector on an increase of 148bn/- collected in the previous financial year 2022," Mbalwe said.

He said GBT will continue to carry out its responsibilities by existing laws, regulations, and procedures.

"Gaming is entertainment, not employment, it's employment for operators but entertainment for players," GBT boss noted.

He said GBT has been operating for 20 years since its inception and as time goes by, it has only grown stronger.

The GBT's Senior Public Relations Officer, Zena Athumani, pointed out that apart from ending as the winner in the Management Authority group, GBT was named the third winner of the Best Exhibition Booth this year.

## National karate squad set for Great Lakes showdown

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA's national karate team will participate in this season's Great Lakes tournament slated to take place in the Republic of the Congo from today to July 23.

The national team, made up of 20 players selected from various regions of the country, is battling it out in the regional showdown that has brought together more than 14 countries including invited countries.

This is the second time for Tanzania to participate in the showdown, it did so for the first time in 2021 and ended second overall. The Republic of the Congo won the tournament.

Tanzania took second place in the 2021 showdown after overcoming performers from Ethiopia, Uganda, Burundi, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Seychelles, Comoros, Mauritius, Djibouti, Eritrea, and Rwanda.

The Tanzania Karate Federation officials that have accompanied the squad to the showdown include the federation's president Yahya Mgeni and Technical Committee secretary,

Lawrence Mapunda.

Mgeni revealed last weekend the team had intensive preparations under two foreign coaches, a Burundian coach for Kumite and a Nigerian coach, Sensei Ahmad, for Kata.

He said Tanzanians should expect the national squad to excel in the showpiece and called on sports stakeholders to put their weight behind the sport.

According to Mgeni, karate's participants have what it takes to win the country honours in high-profile tournaments, therefore, sports stakeholders ought to back them.

Mapunda disclosed the national karate squad had better preparations for the showdown, adding the squad had been in training camp in Dar es Salaam for more than one week.

The official promised Tanzanians the squad will put on a convincing showing and return with lots of medals and trophies, insisting the team will replicate its 2021 exploits.

According to Mapunda, the delegation for the showdown is made up of 20 players and five officials.



A section of St. Anne Marie Academy Primary School's pupils, whose school is located at Mbezi Kimara Kwa Msuguri in Dar es Salaam, showcase various outwears to the guests that attended the 20th Standard Seven graduation ceremony that took place at the school last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MWENDAPOLE

## Dar school keen on nurturing sports, arts talents

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE management of St. Anne Marie Academy, located at Mbezi Kimara in Dar es Salaam, has promised to continue promoting arts and sports talents found in the school.

Jason Rweikiza, St. Anne Marie Academy's Director, stated so during the 20th Standard Seven graduation ceremony held at the school in the city last weekend.

He revealed the promise after the school's pupils had showcased a fashion show, as well as singing and dancing skills.

Some of the pupils sang and danced to various popular Bongo Flava genre songs to the guests that attended the function.

Rweikiza said that human success does not depend on classroom education alone, insisting the school's management has seen the importance of developing students with talents in various sports so they can rise to prominence.

He said the school's sports teachers have been working hard to recognize pupils' talents in athletics, football, basketball, and music.

He said that the school has realized every student does not need to excel in subjects such as mathematics, history, biology, and physics to be successful in life.

"You have all seen the talents shown by the students here, (they have) sung and danced Bongo Flava songs, showcased fashion, this shows that these students

can achieve success in the future if we develop them," Rweikiza said.

"A student can be an artist, if he does well and succeeds in life through works of art, he can be a good football player and succeed through his talent, so we are focusing on nurturing those with such talents," he said. The graduation ceremony saw St. Anne Marie Academy's students and pupils showcase their talents in dancing, singing, and fashion show.

The fashion show witnessed the stu-

dents showcasing the outwears they have designed in collaboration with their teachers.

Rweikiza said that a student may not be exceptional in studies but he/she might have either arts or sports talent that can help him/her achieve success in life if his/her talent is nurtured.

He said the school moreover plans to see to it that its students perform well in their studies because the school boasts a good record.



## Lionel Messi signs contract with Inter Miami through 2025

MIAMI

Argentine superstar Lionel Messi has signed a contract through the 2025 season with Inter Miami, the Major League Soccer team announced on Saturday.

The 36-year-old striker, who sparked Argentina to a World Cup title last year in Qatar, is set to be unveiled by the team in a Sunday ceremony and expected to join Inter Miami on the pitch by Friday.

"I'm very excited to start this next step in my career with Inter Miami and in the United States," Messi said in a statement.

The seven-time Ballon d'Or winner's arrival in Miami from Paris Saint-Germain has already caused a sensation and is expected to spark greater interest in the game and MLS across the United States.

It's also hoped the long-time Barcelona talisman can revive the fortunes of a Miami squad at the bottom of the MLS Eastern Conference at 5-13 with three drawn.

"This is a fantastic opportunity and together we will continue to build this beautiful project," Messi said. "The idea is to work together to achieve the objectives we set and I'm very eager to start helping here in my new home."

Messi's debut match is planned for Friday when Inter Miami will host Cruz Azul in the Leagues Cup, a revamped competition between MLS and Mexican league squads.

It's the biggest boost for MLS since English star David Beckham, now a co-owner of Inter Miami, joined the Los Angeles Galaxy in 2007. He launched the MLS Miami squad in 2020 after years of trying to find a stadium site.

"Ten years ago, when I started my journey to build a new team in Miami, I said that I dreamt of bringing the greatest players in the world to this amazing city, players who shared the ambition I had when I joined LA Galaxy to help grow football in the USA and to build a legacy for the next generation in this sport that we love so much," Beckham said in a statement.

"Today that dream came true.

"I couldn't be prouder that a player of Leo's caliber is joining our club... The next phase of our adventure starts here and I can't wait to see Leo take to the pitch."

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Inter Miami head coach Gerardo "Tata" Martino has managed Messi in two separate prior stints -- with FC Barcelona in the 2013-14 campaign, winning the 2013 Spanish SuperCup, and from 2014-2016 with the Argentine national team.

Maestro Messi captained the Albiceleste to victory at the 2021 Copa America as well as the Qatar World Cup and has records of 103 goals and 175 appearances for Argentina.

"We're overjoyed that the greatest player in the world chose Inter Miami and Major League Soccer," MLS commissioner Don Garber said.

"His decision is a testament to the momentum and energy behind our league and our sport in North America."

Messi is set for a glitzy arrival ceremony on Sunday at "The Unveil" with 18,000 expected to watch his first public event with his new club, followed by his first training session on Tuesday.

"We made a promise to build an ambitious club that would attract the world's elite players," Inter Miami managing owner Jorge Mas said.

"A heartfelt thank you to our fans that never stopped believing. Together we will continue to turn dreams into reality."

With iconic Messi expected to be joined by Spanish midfielder Sergio Busquets, the hope is Inter Miami can rise from a doormat to a champion.

"Lionel Messi is an incomparable talent," said Inter Miami sporting director Chris Henderson. "What he brings on and off the field will elevate everyone around him."

His legend has few rivals.

Messi is a two-time World Cup Golden Ball winner, a three-time UEFA Men's Player of the Year Award winner who also has six La Liga Best Player titles.

Messi is a four-time UEFA Champions League winner, an Olympic gold medal winner, has played on 10 La Liga champions, two Ligue 1 champions and taken seven Copa del Rey titles.

He played for Barcelona from 2004-2021 before joining Paris Saint-Germain for two seasons, making 75 appearances across all competitions, tallying 32 goals and 35 assists.

AFP

# Declan Rice was meant to join Chelsea-but they missed the boat and Arsenal pounced

By Sam Dean

**M**ORE than 10 years have now passed since Sean Rice, the father of Declan, received the call that changed the course of his son's career. Rice was 14 at the time, a die-hard Chelsea fan and John Terry obsessive, and the news was not good: he was being released from the club's academy.

It remains one of the toughest experiences of Rice's life. Chelsea, he has said, was everything to him. There was no expectation that he would be let go, and no reason provided when that call arrived. Speaking last year, Rice said he still does not know why the club decided he was not up to the required standard.

He has his suspicions, of course. At the time of the decision, Rice was going through a huge growth spurt. His coordination was affected and his running power was diminished. In a year group that was ludicrously talented, Rice simply did not stand out from the rest.

With the benefit of hindsight, now that Rice has been signed by Arsenal in a deal worth £105 million, the obvious conclusion is that Chelsea made a significant mistake back then. For some time, their fans have

understandably asked how the club failed to see what Rice might become, and how they did not appreciate the talent they had on their hands.

All these years later, though, there is another question which is equally fascinating, if not more so: why has Rice not gone back to Chelsea? Within the game the expectation has always been that he would ultimately return to Stamford Bridge, and it is certain that numerous Chelsea managers have wanted that to happen. Instead, he has joined Arsenal.

It could be argued that Chelsea have let Rice slip through their fingers not once, but twice. Firstly as a 14-year-old, and secondly since his breakthrough at West Ham United. As a boyhood supporter of Chelsea, who grew up down the road and is best friends with academy graduate Mason Mount (pictured below, third from left, with Rice, second from right, and Reece James, far left, at Chelsea as children), Rice had effectively been there for the taking in recent years.

Frank Lampard tried to push for Rice during his first spell as Chelsea's head coach. "When I was at Chelsea before, I wanted to bring in Declan Rice," Lampard told the Diary of a CEO podcast this month. "I was like: 'This kid is going to



Declan Rice was unveiled by Arsenal, after his £105m transfer, on Saturday. Agencies

be the captain of Chelsea for the next 10 years."

Thomas Tuchel, Lampard's successor, is also a huge admirer of Rice, so much so that he attempted to convince the midfielder to move to Bayern Munich this summer. And Graham Potter, Tuchel's successor, is thought to have encouraged the club to move for Rice in the January transfer window, when Chelsea instead signed Enzo Fernandez from Benfica.

The fact that Rice has left West Ham for a different London club, then, is a measure of how quickly the footballing landscape in the capital has changed – and how quickly the situation at

Chelsea has evolved.

A large part of it, evidently, comes down to timing. With a European trophy to his name and only two years remaining (including a one-year option) on his West Ham contract, this summer is the natural time for Rice to leave the London Stadium. And right now, Arsenal are a far more appealing option than Chelsea, not least because they will be in next season's Champions League.

Mount's dispute with Chelsea would have been followed by Rice

If West Ham did not have that one-year option in Rice's contract, he would probably have been on the move a year

ago. At that point in time, it was Arsenal who were outside the Champions League, while Chelsea were managed by Tuchel and had recently won the Club World Cup. Chelsea would have been the obvious destination, rather than Arsenal.

It is also worth considering the Mount situation. The Mount and Rice families are known to be close and it is inconceivable that Mount's contract dispute with Chelsea and subsequent departure to Manchester United would not have been followed by Rice. The players are so close that, in the moments following Chelsea's Champions League triumph in 2021, Mount spoke

to Rice on a video call from within the dressing room.

The chaos of Chelsea's 2022/23 season, and their failure to qualify for the Champions League, meant that they never had a chance of signing Rice this summer. That ship, which was within their reach not so long ago, had sailed into the distance.

For those of a Chelsea persuasion who had hoped to see Rice in a blue shirt, the timing of his exit from West Ham can therefore not have been worse. For Mikel Arteta and Arsenal, it has been perfect. As a club and a project, Arsenal are perhaps more attractive now than they have been for almost two decades – as evidenced by the fact that they went head-to-head with Pep Guardiola's Manchester City in the battle for a star player, and they won.

Rice grew up in Chelsea colours, with Terry's name and number on his back, and even after his release there must have been times when it felt like he was destined to play for the club again.

For the young Rice, heartbroken at 14, that was the dream. But people change and football evolves, and Arsenal have seized an opportunity to make Rice, once a Chelsea boy, one of their own.

THE TELEGRAPH

## The eye-watering sums behind Declan Rice's record transfer to Arsenal

By Lawrence Ostlere

DECLAN Rice has become the most expensive British footballer in history with his long-awaited transfer from West Ham to Arsenal finally being completed.

Rice was dropped from Chelsea's academy aged 14 but he was picked up by West Ham where his determination and dedication shone through. He made his senior debut for the Hammers aged 18 before establishing himself as a key player in the team. After the retirement of Mark Noble last year, Rice was his natural successor as club captain, and finished his West Ham career lifting the club's first piece of silverware since the 1980 FA Cup when they won the 2022/23 Europa Conference League.

Now, after years of speculation, the energetic midfielder – who is a cornerstone of Gareth Southgate's England team which reached the European Championship final in 2021 and World Cup quarter-finals last year – will make the step up to a club playing Champions League football when he joins Mikel Arteta's Gunners.

Here is a closer look at the eye-watering numbers involved.

\*A record sum  
Arsenal are paying £105m for Rice to make the five-mile switch from the London Stadium to the Emirates Stadium, surpassing the £100m Manchester



Declan Rice

City paid Aston Villa for their captain Jack Grealish and setting a new record for a British player. And it will be narrowly short of the most expensive signing by a Premier League team, after Chelsea paid £105.6m for Argentina's World Cup winner Enzo Fernandez in January.

City played their part here, though: they fought for Rice's signature and the ensuing bidding war forced Arsenal to come up with a huge, unrejectable offer. Clearly Arteta had made Rice his top priority to lead another title challenge this season, and after falling short to Pep Guardiola's City in the league, he wasn't going to be beaten in the transfer market too.

That £105m fee is an initial £100m with a further £5m of potential add-ons, depending on Arsenal's success during Rice's stay at the club.

\*A giant pay rise

Rice will be getting a chunky bump in salary too. He was paid only £60,000 per week at West Ham, a generous annual salary for most but a

small paycheque compared to many of his England peers, like Tottenham's Harry Kane (£200,000 per week), Manchester United's Marcus Rashford (£200,000), Chelsea's Raheem Sterling (£350,000) and Grealish (£300,000).

Rice turned down a new contract reportedly worth around £100,000 per week to stay at West Ham and is now set to earn £250,000 per week at Arsenal. That will see him vastly increase his annual salary from around £3m to £13m, and that is before endorsements and other earnings. He will be Arsenal's second-highest earner behind only Brazilian forward Gabriel Jesus (£265,000).

\*Hourly rate  
Rice's new £250,000-a-week salary works out at £36,000 per day, and £1,488 per hour. That's not just during the working day but every hour

round the clock, even when he's asleep. And presumably, he sleeps well.

\*Top earners

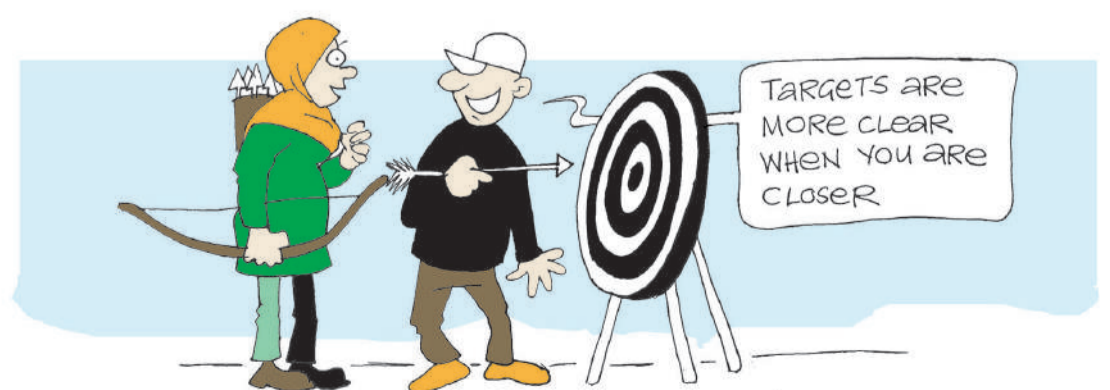
For all Rice's riches, he remains some way short of the best-paid Premier League stars. Manchester United's Casemiro earns £350,000 per week, and even he is eclipsed by Manchester City's star duo, Erling Haaland (£375,000) and top dog Kevin De Bruyne (£400,000).

And yet De Bruyne seems thoroughly mistreated when you compare his pay packet to the three global superstars taking home far more. Kylian Mbappe is paid £1.6m per week by Paris Saint-Germain, while Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi both take home around £3.5m each week, at Inter Miami and Al-Nassr respectively.

Rice has some catching up to do.

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**Lionel Messi signs contract with Inter Miami through 2025**

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Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's head coach, Abdihamid Moallin.

## Moallin described as perfect for KMC FC's new project

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

KINONDONI Municipal Council FC is keen on participating in one of the CAF inter-club showdowns after successfully holding on to its place in the 2023/24 NBC Premier League.

The outfit, popularly known as 'Kino Boys', narrowly escaped relegation after beating the now-relegated Mbeya City FC in the 2022/23 Premier League playoff fixtures.

The Kinondoni Municipality-owned outfit has hired a USA tactician of Somali origin, Abdihamid Moallin, as the club's head coach on a one-year deal to achieve the outfit's ambitions.

Kinondoni Municipality Mayor, Songoro Mnyonge, revealed: "The reason for bringing a new coach is to build a quality team for the 2023/24 season."

The official added: "We are determined to have a solid squad that will challenge opponents in the coming season, for we aim to regain the past glory when we did well in the league and made it to the CAF Confederation Cup."

KMC FC had a successful season in 2018/19, finishing fourth in the Mainland Premier League behind Simba SC, Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, and Azam FC.

"To reach the goal, we will have to go through changes that require the services of an instructor who will bring us to the quality we aim for, this is why we have hired Abdihamid Moallin as head coach," Mnyonge noted.

According to the Mayor, Moallin's advantage lies in his age, energy, and experience.

According to Mnyonge, the club believes these qualities will be valuable in building a strong and modern team for the coach, who is both youthful and experienced.

According to the Mayor's announcement to the media, KMC FC fans will soon receive updates on new players and improvements to the squad and technical bench, given the head coach has already made a pact with the club.

He moreover mentioned that they will soon disclose the date and location of their pre-season training camp.

Moallin, the former Azam FC head coach, has taken over as the new KMC FC coach, replacing Jamhuri Kihwelo.

Kihwelo assumed the role after the dismissal of Rwandan coach, Thierry Hitimana, and his entire technical staff due to the outfit's poor performance before the end of the season.

Following Kihwelo's achievement, the Mayor lauded his contribution but noted that they replaced the outspoken Tanzanian coach for the transformation of the club.

During his time, Kihwelo fought bravely for KMC FC to avoid relegation to the next season's Championship League.

## TCA optimistic over national U-19 cricketers' quest for success in ICC World Cup Qualifiers



National U-19 cricket team's players take part in training at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) ground recently to shape up for the 2023 ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifiers slated to take place in the city from July 23-31. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

By Guardian Reporter

**T**ANZANIA Cricket Association (TCA) is optimistic that the national U-19 cricket team will excel in the 2023 ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifiers slated to start in Dar es Salaam at the end of this week.

The showpiece, slated for July 23-31, will involve U-19 crickets squads from six countries- Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Uganda, and hosts Tanzania- battling for qualification for the 2024 ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Atif Salim, TCA information officer, revealed recently the association expects the national team will perform well and ultimately secure qualification for the ICC U-19 World Cup.

The official revealed: "We expect the team to secure the top prize (in the qualifiers) because it has been a long time since we became ICC members that we should get

one of our teams to qualify for the World Cup."

He noted: "We have been coming close, especially in women's cricket, in which we made it to the final of the U-19 women's World Cup Qualifiers and lost to Rwanda."

Salim disclosed: "If you look at the men's U-19 team, in the 2021 ICC U19 Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifiers, the team lost to Uganda, if the team would have lost by a slim margin it would have made it to the World Cup."

The TCA official disclosed 40 players from various parts of the country were earlier selected to make a provisional squad for the national U-19 squad which took part in intensive training in Dar es Salaam.

The official pointed out

that the cricketers were, thereafter, trimmed to 19 players that were later reduced to 14 cricketers that form the final squad for the national U-19 side.

The 19 cricketers are skipper Johnson Nyambo (Mwanza), Laksh Bakrania (Dar es Salaam), Karim Kiseti (Tanga), Baraka Laizer (Arusha), Jaffari Kanyita (Morogoro), Issa Safari (Arusha), Hamza Ally (Tanga), Ayoub Hamisi (Mwanza), Alhaji Sadik (Tanga), and Ally Hassan (Arusha).

Augustine Mwamele (Morogoro), Umar Shaik (Dar es Salaam), Omary Ramadhani (Morogoro), Acrey Pascal (Dar es Salaam), Raymond Francis (Mwanza), Mohammed Abdullah Imtiyaz (Dar es Salaam), Abdulrazak Mohamed (Dar es Salaam),

Mohammed Simba (Tanga), and Khalid Amiri (Gairo) complete the squad's list.

Salim revealed: "We have few players that played in the previous edition (held in 2021)-Nyambo, Bakrania, Kiseti, and Sadik, the rest are new players, so, we so far have five players (with experience) but I think the ones that have come in are good and will help us win this tournament."

The official said: "They have been playing a lot of club tournaments and have experience of playing against tough opponents (in club tournaments), their participation in the tournaments has been a good advantage for us."

Former Kenya senior national cricket team player, Jimmy Kamande, is the na-

tional U-19 cricket squad's coach, and senior cricketer, Ally Mpeka, serves as the squad's manager.

"Most of the players making the final squad come from various centers including Arusha, Tanga, Morogoro, and Dar es Salaam, the most conspicuous aspect is the players' ability," the TCA official revealed.

According to Salim, cricketers making the national U-19 team come from all development centers supervised by TCA. The official noted: "We now also have some players from new centers including Gairo (Morogoro) and we expect other new centers like Chamwino and Kongwa (Dodoma) to also bring us more players."

Salim pointed out that TCA congratulates all 19 players that worked tirelessly to earn a spot in the final squad for the national U-19 team to represent the country, adding the cricketers are the future of Tanzanian cricket.

Players making the national U-19 side featured in the 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 50 Overs Division A's League, which took place in the city from February 5-July 9.

The ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifiers (formerly ICC Africa U-19 Championships) are a series of regular cricket tournaments organized by the International Cricket Council (ICC) for U-19 teams from its African member nations. It is the regional qualifier for the ICC U-19 World Cup.

## Traditional dance troupes to colour Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TANZANIAN traditional dance troupes, circus artists, and other performing arts groups are expected to colour the 'Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign' that will be held in Ruvuma from July 22.

Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Damas Ndumbaro, confirmed while speaking at a workshop on sexual violence in the media that took place in Dar es Salaam recently. Ndumbaro said the campaign started at the beginning of this year and has already taken place in Manjara, Dodoma, and Shinyanga.

"Now it is Ruvuma's turn, the campaign will be coloured by performances and will involve various methods such as poets, songs, dancing, circus, and other related activities to convey the message to the community," Ndumbaro stated.

He said that the three-year campaign aims to increase the speed of the provision of legal aid to the community so that it understands its rights and responsibilities.

"Despite the good work done by legal aid service providers, our society is still faced with several challenges that undermine the government's efforts to achieve the desired goals," he said.

He mentioned the challenges

include the presence of many incidents of sexual violence, especially against women and children.

Ndumbaro further said that there are still oppressive traditions in society that are harmful to certain groups, and little understanding of society about gender issues, economic

opportunities, property ownership, and control.

The minister revealed there is also little understanding among a section of legal aid service providers and justice practitioners to provide services on time.

"This campaign targets to provide education to end the situation and make

the society understand its rights and responsibilities," he said.

He said that the government wants people to do their daily activities without either fear or distraction, as long as they do not violate the constitution and laws of the country.

The Mama Samia Legal

Aid Campaign is invested in ensuring legal aid services benefit women and children.

The campaign's slogan is 'Unite with Mama Samia to oppose cruelty, respect the dignity of your fellow, protect your neighbours' child'.



Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Damas Ndumbaro, speaks in Dar es Salaam last weekend on the Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign that is set to take place in Ruvuma from July 22. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

