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# 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.

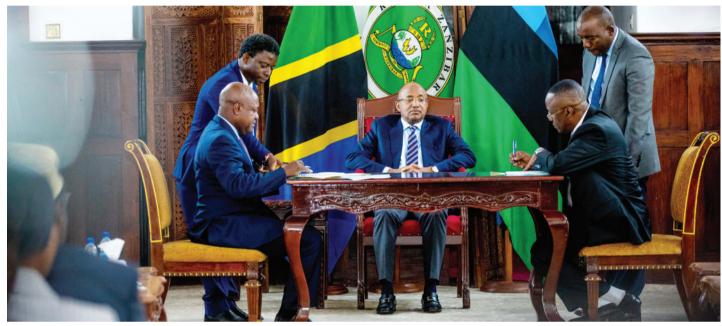
The area is located in Mbalizi town, stretching over a farm that formerly housed a meat factory operated Tanganyika Packers Ltd, officials said, noting that improvements in transport and transportation infrastructure in Mbeya Region were now attracting foreign investors.

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 Hokororo, 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:

# Govt mulls issuing revamped ID cards

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

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, information of the card holder.

**Arusha** 

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

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 Mohammed Abdullah, the Fund (NHIF) and the Tanzania permanent secretary, made 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.

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

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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

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

"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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**T**OMEN have a great contribution 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.

By Guardian Reporter

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,

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."

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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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 wellbeing 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 develop-

ment programs. "By investing in these vital sectors, the governenhance the overall qualthe report noted. 

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 7.1 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 penditure amounted to 1,149.1bn/-, of which 801.9bn/- was recurrent expenditure and 347.1bn/was for development pro-

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 ment of Zanzibar aims to same period in 2021/22,



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insurance membership number, social security number plus a passport, also carrying a serial number, apart from the identification taxpayer 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 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 brandished as a 'unique number,' he stated, noting that the Zanzibar Civil Status Registration Agency (ZC-SRA) 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

should form the referral basis for the proposed identity unification.

The more recognized identity cards are NIDA cards, East African passports and the digital driv-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)o 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.

On the basis of the August 2022 National Population and Housing Census, there are 62m people in the country at the moment, he added.



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

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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.

Public Service and Good Governance state minister in the President's Office, said cooperation between the country's top leaders help the nation to regoals.

The Zanzibar government 

Haroun Ali Suleiman, the and the union authorities were Constitution, Legal Service, 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 alise the various development public to take note of Islamic calendar.

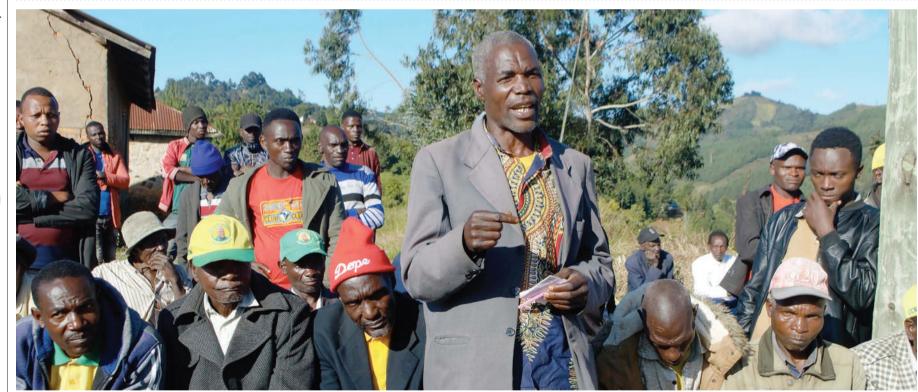
The commemoration went

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 vice provision in professional engaging in economic activities and other fields, she added. using religion as a pretext.

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 ser-

She said many women have



Geoffrey Mwakula of Kiwalamo 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

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-

crude oil pipe line from Uganda being 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 the district health services, but called 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

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

# Kikwete commends GGML on fight against HIV/AIDS

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

FORMER President Dr Jakaya Kikwete has commended Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) for leading the way in supporting the government's initiatives to fight HIV/Aids in the country.

Through the GGML KiliChallenge 2023 campaign that was initiated in 2002, GGML in collaboration with the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) have been raising funds to support the AIDS Trust Fund (ATF) and continue the fight

against HIV/AIDS

Speaking at a flag off event for 35 mountain climbers and 26 cyclists who will climb Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the campaign, Kikwete called on young people to be cautious about careless sex.

The event took place at the Machame Gate in Hai district, Kilimanjaro region, where the climbers will ascend and return on July 20, this year.

He stated that it is evident that HIV infections still exist and that it is important for Tanzanians, es-

pecially the youth, to be cautious about unprotected sex.

"If you plan a day and time to meet, don't forget to protect yourselves, let your partner know that you will bring it or take your own. Let's not forget to remind each other" he said

He commended the government for continuing to support the fight against HIV/AIDS and increasing the budget, but emphasized that the funds are not enough, so it is important for various stakeholders to support the ongoing campaign.

"The climbers of Mount Kilimaniaro are heroes, and I congratulate them for setting an example to be emulated. I encourage and wish them good luck, as they have made the courageous decision to sacrifice themselves for others. Congratulations," he said.

Terry Strong, GGML's chief executive officer, thanked the government for its continued support in the campaign.

He also wished the participants climbing Mount Kilimanjaro good luck and prayed for their safe re-

Jerome Kamwela, TACAIDS acting director said they will continue to collaborate with GGML to ensure that the goal of zero new infections, zero stigma, and zero AIDS-related deaths is achieved by 2030. Deputy Minister, Prime Minister for Policy, Coordination, and Parliament, Ummy Nderiananga assured continued support to the campaign and it has increased the budget for the AIDS Trust Fund from 14bn/- to 25bn/-.

Nurdin Babu, Kilimanjaro Re-

gional Commissioner announced that the region plans to contribute 51m/- to the campaign, and they have received 31m/- in cash from various donors.

Henry Mazura, leader of the climbing expedition, said they are well prepared to climb the mountain and return safely.

He also thanked the government, GGML and other stakeholders for motivating them in this difficult journey, which symbolizes the enthusiasm for fundraising for the



equipment worth 100m/- issued by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (Ruwasa). Photo: Correspondent Jaliwason Jasson

## **Kinana lauds President Samia** for creating Planning ministry

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibiti

ABDULRAHMAN Kinana, the ruling CCM vice chairman (Mainland) has praised the decision made by President Samia Suluhu Hassan of creating a ministry responsible for planning.

He also praised the move to make the Planning Commission under the office of the President, where she said it will increase the speed and certainty of development plans in the country.

Kinana (pictured) said yesterday in Kibiti District, Coast Region during a public rally organised by Kibiti MP, Ally Mpembenwe to explain the great work of implementing the CCM election manifesto 2020-2025.

"Recently the President has created a new ministry that deals with planning, in other words it is the Planning Commission which is in her office, it has only one goal, we have been doing many things in this country, but without good plans, the President saw that the ministry called the Ministry of Finance and Planning is doing more work to collect and use than to plan, she said no, I think it is good now to create a ministry of planning," he said.

He said that in Tanzania since the late Father of the Nation Mwalimu Julius Nyerere was alive, the ministry was there, it was the one that was planning the development of the country.



however later it was removed.

"The president in her experience saw no, there is no development without a plan, no income without a plan, no spending without a plan, so when this ministry and this commission starts working, I assure Tanzanians that development will be more urgent than the current and than you have ever seen.

"Therefore, we congratulate President Samia, we congratulate CCM for having good policies in place, because our President is the party chairperson and the government oversees the implementation of the party election manifesto," has said.



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NATIONAL NEWS

## **Guardian**

# 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 is 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 apart, 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 2,597 who see for the examination.

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

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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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## **Guardian**

# 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 form 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 Temeke 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 produces1400 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 Salam 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 Gandwo 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**

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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 : HO- 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

## $\label{principal duties} \textbf{Principal duties and responsibilities:}$

- 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 end 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.
   Undertake specific compliance and assurance reviews as and
- when necessary to address significant assurance concerns e.g. special and specific reviews as mandated by the Board or management.
- 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

employee's skills and abilities whenever reasonably instructed.

### Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required:

- Bachelor Degree in Finance/B Com Accounting, from a recognized College/University.
- ACPA (T) /ACCA is mandatory
- Minimum five 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

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.
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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.
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## How to apply:

Interested applicants should send an email 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.

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## NATIONAL NEWS



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 Salaambased 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. Reweikiza 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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(COMMERCIAL DIVISION)
AT DAR ES SALAAM
COMMERCIAL CASE NO. 77 OF 2022

FURNITURE CENTRE (DAR ES SALAAM) LIMITED.....PLAINTIFF VERSUS

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;

- (i) For payment of TZS 92,761,656 being the total outstanding amount for supply of various types of furniture.
  (ii) 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.

  (iii) 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.

  (iv) 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.
- (v) For payment of the general damages as may be assessed by the court.(vi) For payment of legal fees, expenses, other resultant costs and expenditure incurred by the plaintiff as a result
- of defendant's breach and actions;

  (vii) For payment of any other costs, loss or liability incurred by the plaintiff due to defendant's actions.
- (vii) For payment of any other costs, loss or liability incurred by the plaintiff due to de (viii) For payment of costs of this suit; and
- (ix) 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.
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- 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;
- i) 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.



# 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-inperson.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 (ILRT) 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.



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 <a href="https://hcindiatz.gov.in">https://hcindiatz.gov.in</a> 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 Mbago

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 varsities," Prof Kihampa said.



Universal Communications Services Access Fund (UCSAF) representative Nadya Amir (R) pictured in Dares 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

# 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-

# 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 brailed 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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Above 10Mill 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 CounterForeign Currency [USD/EURO]					
TRANSACTION AMOUNT	RATES				
Below USD/EURO 4,000	2				

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Above USD/EURO 4000

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

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

MANY of those who have known ers". 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

"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-

That is why it is critical to support efforts by Transport minister Dr Harrison Mwakyembe 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 Mjimwema, 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 juicier 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. Overly dependent on imported raw materials as they were, the production units soon found themselves without enough foreign exchange to buy stocks. It was small wonder, then, that work eventually all but ground to a halt. That is why it is important to be more realistic in implementing current and future industrial and other development policies at least to steer clear of the above experience and ensure that the production units really 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.

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 The Guardian Limited Key Contacts

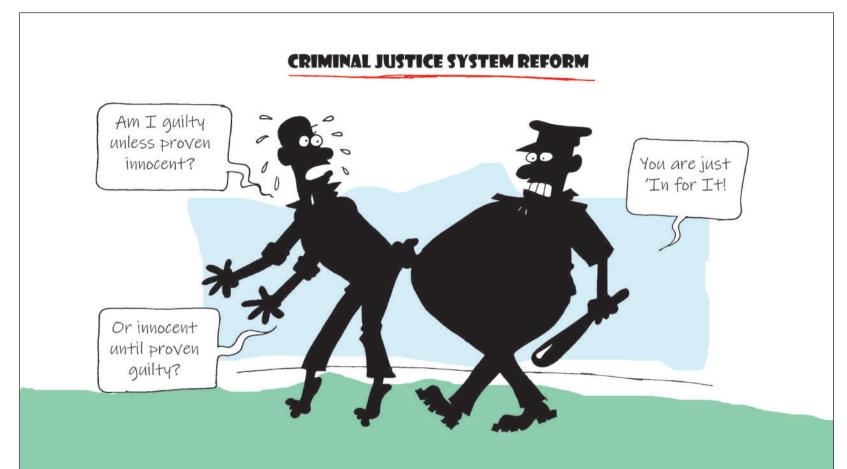
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# SBL-funded water project to serve 2000 residents of Handeni District

### 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 waterstressed rural areas.

minister Water deputy 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

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

"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 the firm's community programme fully exemplifies what we have 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 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-

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, eve-

"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



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

MERICAN 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 (UNF-PA) 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

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.

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# Family Planning

METHODS OF CONTRACEPTION



"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 strug-

gling 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

"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 aeas."

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

FRICA 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, Labour Organization's statistics,



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

According to the International

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 welfare 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 *laam. He can be reached on 0758-884436*.

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

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

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 1/62in 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 was 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 shortlisted 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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# Women recyclers in Bolivia build hope, demand recognition

By Franz Chávez

HEY haul many kilos of recyclable materials on their backs but receive little in return. These Bolivian women who help clean up the environment from dawn to dusk are fighting for recognition of their work and social and labor

The inhabitants of La Paz, Bolivia's political center, walk hurriedly and almost oblivious to the women of different ages silently opening heavy lids of municipal garbage dumpsters that are taller than the women

They use a homemade tool, a kind of hook with a long wooden handle, to dig through the unsorted waste, trying to avoid getting cut by broken glass, and in search of plastic containers, paper, cardboard or

People walk by on the avenues and squares without looking at them, and sometimes actively avoiding them. The recyclers feel this indifference and even rejection, but they overcome it with the courage gained over years and generations, convincing themselves that they have a dignified vocation.

"People call us dirty pigs (cochinas), they humiliate us and we can never respond," says Rosario Ramos, a 16-vear-old who accompanies her mother, Valeriana Chacolla, 58, sorting through the trash for recyclable

A study by the United Nations Joint Program on selfemployed women workers in the country describes them generally as being "of indigenous origin, adults with primary school education. Seventy percent of them are also involved in activities related to commerce, while 16 percent work in the manufacturing

Of a population of 12.2 million projected by the National Institute of Statistics for the year 2022, 5.9 million are women. La Paz is home to 1.53 million people.

Of the total population of this Andean country, 41 percent defined themselves as indigenous in the last census, while according to the latest official data available, 26 percent of urban dwellers live in moderate poverty and 7.2 percent in extreme poverty, including most of the informal recyclers.

On this southern hemisphere wintertime July night in La Paz, the group of women are virtually invisible as they gather around the dumpsters located in a corner of the Plaza Avaroa, in the area of Sopocachi, where residential and public office buildings are interspersed

with banks, supermarkets and other businesses. It's a good place for picking through the waste in the dumpsters, and the women find paper, newspapers, plastic and aluminum containers. Although the volume of waste is large, each one of the garbage pickers manages to collect no more than one or two kg on one of the days that IPS accompanied different groups of the women in their work.

The silence is broken on some occasions when salaried municipal cleaners show up and throw the women out of the place, because they also compete to obtain materials that they then sell to recyclers. This is a moment when it becomes especially clear that gar-

That is one of several reasons that forced the informal garbage pickers to come together in an association called EcoRecicladoras de La Paz. "There is no work for us, and they only listen to us when we organize," says María Martínez, 50, the recording secretary of the 45 members, who also include a few men.

In Bolivia, trash is not separated into reusable and non-reusable waste in homes or offices. This task is carried out by private recycling companies, who buy the raw materials from informal waste collectors such as EcoRecicladoras

Martínez, with slightly graying hair, says she comes out every evening. "I was a domestic worker until I was 30 years old. When my daughter was born I couldn't get a job. I collected plastic bottles, clothes and shoes and sold them to the factories, but the recycling companies who pay really low prices emerged," she com-

It takes about three months between the initial collection and the final sale of the recyclable materials. Martínez collects the materials, carries around seven kg on her back, walks about three kilometers and pa-



In the foreground, the secretary of Ecorecicladoras de La Paz, María Martínez (50), together with Carla Chávez (42) and her mother Leonarda Chávez (72) take a break from sorting through waste in the Sopocachi area of the Bolivian city of La Paz. CREDIT: Franz Chávez / IPS

tiently stores them until she has enough to sell them to the wholesaler.

"One year I collected 200 kg of scrap metal and sold it for 150 bolivianos (about 20 dollars)," she recalls. The recycling companies want to buy by the ton, she explains, with a grin, because it is impossible for them to reach that volume.

She represents a second generation of garbage collectors. Her mother, Leonor Colque, is two years short of turning 80, and has been combing through garbage dumps and trash on the streets for 40 years. On her back she carries a cloth in which she hauls a number of pieces of paper and some plastic waste.

"They should stay in school because this job is not for young girls," she recommends, sadly, because she could not achieve her goal of sending one of her daughters to a teacher training school.

At 58, Chacolla, like almost all women garbage pickers, is the head of her household. Her husband, a former public transport driver, lost his job due to health problems and occasionally works as a welder, doormaker or bricklayer

When she goes out to sort through trash she is accompanied by her daughter, Rosario, who explains and expands on what her mother says, calling for a change in the public's attitude towards them and respect for the work they do as dignified, emphasizing, as they all do, that they deal with recyclable waste, not garbage.

"I walk with the Lord in my heart, he always helps me," says Angelica Yana, who at 63 years of age defies the dangers of the wee hours of the morning in the ometers north of the city. "Nothing has ever happened to me," says Yana, who

Achachicala area, on the outskirts of La Paz, five kil-

leaves her home at three in the morning to scrape up enough to support a son who offers fine finishing masonry services, and her sick husband.

At the age of 70, Alberta Caisana says that she was assaulted by municipal cleanup workers while she was scrounging for recyclable materials. She now carries a credential issued by the Environmental Prevention and Control Directorate of the Autonomous Municipal Government of La Paz, and wears a work vest donated by development aid agencies from the governments of Sweden and Switzerland.

She relies on her uniform and identification card as symbols of protection from the indifference of the people and aggression from local officials.

The mother of a daughter and the head of her household, Anahí Lovera, saw her wish to continue her university studies frustrated, and at the age of 32 she combines collecting plastic bottles with helping in different tasks in the construction of houses.

Others, they say, sell clothes and other recovered objects in street markets, such as the famous one in Villa 16 de Julio in the neighboring city of El Alto, where used and new objects are sold in an area covering two kilometers.

Lovera's work appears to go smoothly, but she and her colleagues describe the moment of dealing with the buyers. They deliver an exact volume and weight of products and the buyers declare a lower weight in order to pay less.

"This sector isn't noticed by society, especially because we work with waste, that is, with what society throws away; this work is 'devalued'," Bárbara Giavarini, coordinator of Redcicla Bolivia-Reciclaje Inclu-

One sign of the public's recognition of the "grassroots recyclers," as they call themselves, could be the direct, sorted delivery of the waste, which would facilitate the women's work, she said.

Redcicla, a platform that promotes the integrated treatment of waste, has been helping since 2017 to organize them and bring visibility to their work, while fostering the delivery of waste from citizens to "grassroots recyclers" and working for the recognition of their work as dignified.

The president of Ecorecicladoras de La Paz, Sofía Quispe, supports the idea of getting help from local residents in sorting materials and delivering them to their affiliates, instead of throwing them into dumpsters where they are mixed with products that prevent subsequent recycling.

Quispe is a 42-year-old mother of three. Like most of her fellow recyclers, she walks about two kilometers on foot in search of dumpsters, dressed in the customary indigenous wide-brimmed hat and pollera

On the night that IPS accompanied her, she did not find the dumpster that was usually on Avenida 6 de Agosto, probably because it had been removed and taken to another part of the city.

The impoverished garbage picker was once a skilled seamstress who worked in small family-owned factories in the Brazilian city of São Paulo. Upon her return due to an illness, she was unable to raise the money she needed to buy a machine and raw materials.

She was also discouraged by the lack of interest among local residents in buying garments made in Bolivia, as they preferred low-cost clothing smuggled into the country as contraband.

Leonarda Chávez, another 72-year-old head of household, who collects recyclable materials every day with her daughter Carla Chávez (42) and granddaughter Maya Muga Chávez (25), feels satisfied because she can see her dream come true.

This month, her granddaughter earned a diploma in Business Social Responsibility, with which she completed her university education, in addition to a degree in commercial engineering and business administration, in a country where higher studies do not always guarantee good jobs.

Among the darkness and the objects discarded by people, hope is also alive. Rosario Ramos took the lessons of hard work and created her own goal: "I will study advanced robotics and prosthetic assembly," she says with a confidence that contrasts with the group's sad stories.



The president of the women's group Ecorecicladoras de La Paz, Sofia Quispe, walks along the central Arce Avenue in this Bolivian city in search of dumpsters where local residents throw their waste. CREDIT: Franz

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# Fertiliser manufacturer hopeful as new crop season set to open

By Henry Mwangonde

HE 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 Odhia-

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 fertiliser 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 helt 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 chil-

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

"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,"

However, she says coming to Dar es Salaam two years ago to search children up, ensure that they go for a better life exposed her to a number of friends who advised rent. 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 consid-

ering 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 to school besides paying a house

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 deg-

radation 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 Mollel 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 pregnan-

"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

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

He said the district will be accorded priority in the implementation of dam building projects for irrigation, fast delivery of industrial fertiliser beginng 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 politi-

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

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## **FEATURE**

# Spending money on education is investing in humanity

By Abigail Van Neely

S the 2030 deadline for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) looms, Education Cannot Wait's director Yasmine Sherif warned, "We are failing the promises we made on everything in the sustainable development goals, but especially on education because, without education, we cannot achieve any of the other sustainable development goals."

Sherif was speaking at the "Ensuring Education Continuity: The Roles of Education in Emergencies, Protracted Crises and Building Peace" conference at the United Nations headquarters - where speaker after speaker called for an immediate increase in funding for education in crisis zones.

T he conference was co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan, Italy, and Switzerland, UNICEF, ECW, Global Partnership for Education (GPE), UNESCO, Save the Children, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Japan NGO Network for Education. The event was created with the goal of addressing the "crucial role of education as a life-saving and life-sustaining intervention in an emergency." It took place as a side event during this week's High-Level Political Forum.

This discussion came at a critical time. Earlier this week, the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Report painted a grave picture of progress towards achieving the quality education goal proposed for 2030. Four out of every five countries studied experienced learning losses following the COV-ID-19 pandemic.

At the end of 2022, there were 34.6 million refugees, the highest global number ever recorded, of which 41% were children. According to ECW, 224 million crisisaffected children need education. Over half of these children - 127 million - are not achieving the minimum proficiencies in literacy or numeracy.

"It is critically important during this [High-Level Political Forum] that we emphasize that education is a fundamental human right," Ambassador Kimihiro Ishikane, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN, said.

Noting that seven years remain before the SDG deadline, Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education at UNESCO, urged Member States to commit to the Safe Schools Declaration, an intergovernmental agreement to protect education in times of armed

Seakers emphasized the importance of consistent education even during times of crisis.

During protracted emergencies in areas that have been disrupted by man-made conflicts or natural disasters, education continuity provides children and communities with a "sense of normalcy", Awut Deng Acuil, Minister of Education in South Sudan, remarked. "[This] fosters social and emotional wellbeing of learners affected by crises.'

Two weeks ago, ECW launched a program in South Sudan to sup-



Speakers at the "Ensuring Education Continuity: The Roles of Education in Emergencies, Protracted Crises and Building Peace" conference at the UN today called for an immediate increase in funding for education in crisis zones. Credit: ECW

port the young nation's vulnerable girls and boys, including children fleeing the conflict in neighboring Sudan. Acuil highlighted that education is more than just knowledge gained in the classroom. She explained that it involves essential social-emotional learning, supports country development, builds resilience, promotes conflict resolution, and can even assist with economic recovery.

"Continuity of education for millions of children affected by crises remains at stake. Though we all know that one, education is a fundamental right for all children, and education continuation in high emergency situations remains a high priority for many communities," Acuil said. "Education is more than service delivery. It is a means of socialization and identity development through the transmission of knowledge, skills, values and attitudes across generations. It is, therefore, an important tool for the sustenance of peace, for without education, we cannot have peace," said Asaju Bola, Minister from the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the UN.

Somaya Faruqi, ECW's global champion and an engineering student and captain of the Afghan Girls Robotic Team, spoke about the

power of academic achievement as a means to inspire gender equity. After her robotics team's success in international competitions, more Afghan girls were given permission to join.

"The key to all these processes was education. Accessible education for girls and for boys equally," Faruqi said.

Now, following the Taliban's return to power in Afghanistan, Faruqi describes her home country as "a prison for girls" she had to flee.

The event showcased the measures that UN agencies have been taking to ensure education continuity. The UNESCO Qualifications Passport initiative provides refugees with a means for their qualifications to be certified and recognized in their host countries. UNESCO and UNICEF jointly launched the Gateways to Public Digital Learning, a global initiative for schools, learners, and teachers to have access to quality digital learning tools.

Digital learning and alternate forms of education provision were noted as significant tools to invest in, especially for students located in remote areas or in those communities who are unable to attend traditional public schooling. Ultimately, as Frank van Cappelle, Senior Advisor of Education, UNICEF, noted, "a holistic approach is needed; a flexible approach is needed... The human element is key."

However, despite some gains, funding remains a barrier to the success of these programs. According to Charles North, the CEO of the Global Partnership for Education, the number of children impacted by crises is rising, but funding is not.

Rotimy Djossaya, Executive Director for Policy, Advocacy, and Campaigns at Save the Children, called for "timely debt relief for countries whose debt burdens are threatening their ability to invest in education." He cited statistics that four out of fourteen low and middle-income countries spent more on servicing external debt than they did on education in 2020.

The event showcased a continuous, pressing need for education to be made a priority on the national and global levels. As Sherif noted, education is the foundation of a "more prosperous world."

"Spend money on education, invest in humanity."

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ECW director Yasmine Sherif and other delegates at the "Ensuring Education Continuity: The Roles of Education in Emergencies, Protracted Crises and Building Peace" conference at the **UN. Credit: Abigail Van Neely/IPS** 



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# BUSINESS



## StanChart seeks to acquire new business model

By Francis Kajubi

STANDARD Chartered Bank Tanzania has reaffirmed its commitment to drive the socio-economic development of Tanzania as it enters a consumer, private and business banking (CPBB) agreement with Access Bank Plc.

Standard Chartered Bank and Access Bank Plc (Access) announced on Friday to enter agreements for the sale of the bank's shareholding in its subsidiaries in Angola, Cameroon, Gambia, and Sierra Leone, and its consumer, private and business banking business in Tanzania

This progress is a follow up from April 2022 when the bank strategically decided to divest from a number of markets, namely Lebanon, Angola, Cameroon, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and Jordan, and to exit the CPBB business in Côte d'Ivoire and Tanzania.

In Tanzania, the bank shall exit CPBB") also known as retail banking operations to focus solely on its Corporate, commercial and institutional banking (CCIB) business also commonly referred to as corporate and institutional banking.

According to the bank's statement circulated to the press yesterday, the agreement with Access for the sale of the bank's business in Sub-Saharan Africa is in line with Standard Chartered's global strategy, aimed at achieving operational efficiencies, reducing complexity, and driving scale.

Access Bank will provide a full range of banking services and continuity for key stakeholders including employees and clients of Standard Chartered's businesses across the five aforementioned countries.

The statement says that Access Bank and Standard Chartered will work closely together in the coming months to ensure a seamless transition, with the transaction expected to be completed over the next 12 months.

Commenting on the agreement, Herman Kasekende, CEO, Tanzania, Standard Chartered, said: "We have been present in Tanzania for over 106 years and we believe passionately in this country's immediate and longer-term future. Under the agreement, Access Bank will only acquire the CPBB business in Tanzania. Pending regulatory

approvals and execution of the sale, we would like to assure our clients that all our products, services and banking channels will operate seamlessly with our agreement with Access Bank."

He said the bank believes that it has achieved a good outcome by finding the best home for its businesses with the best interests for its employees.

Following this announcement, he said, the bank will continue its operations in Tanzania with a focus on the CCIB business. The bank will keep clients informed throughout the process appropriately.

He asserted that Access Bank has the scale, know-how and product range to provide a seamless transition and continuous high standard of service to StanChart clients. The two banks will work closely to ensure smooth transition to the clients with minimal disruption

"As we look into the future, we are excited about the continued growth and prosperity of Africa and remain committed to Tanzania. Our enhanced focus on supporting foreign direct investment;

Commercial entities and large-scale catalytic infrastructure development is aimed at leveraging our global footprint through the group to connect international companies to activities in this market," he emphasized.

The bank's focus is also aimed at facilitating the growth of local businesses and assisting with the development of enabling infrastructure and improving access to services for Tanzanians.

"We are committing resources to grow the franchise in Tanzania. As a systemically significant provider of financial services, we are committed to continue offering services to our stakeholders and communities and stand true to our brand promise to be Here for Good." he added.

This transaction remains subject to the approval of the local regulators and the banking regulator in Nigeria.

Access Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Access Holdings Plc and a leading full-service commercial bank operating through a network of more than 600 branches and service outlets, spanning three continents, 18 markets, and 52 million customers.

# Digital illiteracy denies women to access public procurement deals

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

oor financial capabilities and digital illiteracy have been perceived as the biggest hurdles for women small and medium enterprises (WSMEs) to access public procurement platforms, like Tanzanian National e-Procurement System (TANePS).

This was said last week during a workshop in Dar es Salaam by the Assistant Research Fellow with the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), George Temba when presenting research findings by ESRF which jointly collaborated with REPOA and Women and Social Protection Tanzania (WSP), in a broader project to increase the capacity of women owned businesses to participate in public procurement in Tanzania.

The project was funded by a Canadian International Development Centre (IDRC) based in Nairobi, Kenya.

He said that women-owned SMEs are generally excluded from the public procurement system worldwide.

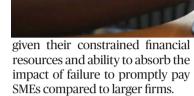
"Public procurement is an important policy tool for a country's growth, and socio-economic transformation," he said.

Temba mentioned some of the constraints facing WMSEs in accessing government supply contracts among others as: Inadequate awareness and compliances of the law and regulatory procedures regarding affirmative action policies, gender responsive procurement (GRP) process and Gender Sensitive Legal and Regulatory Framework.

Big corporations and governments' complex structures are difficult for women-owned SMEs to penetrate.

Price competition can also deter the participation of special groups in the public procurement process.

Bureaucracy and delaying payments that create devastating effects on women-owned SMEs,



Other includes inadequate resources, mainly financial, human and time, among women-owned SMEs to spend in the application and the initial financial needs of projects.

Women SMEs also tend to have less business experience, and other competing family and unpaid care engagements.

But many have inadequate information about the government and corporate systems, including calls for bids. This is especially challenging for start-ups, women SMEs and non-mature businesses in the ecosystem.

Unreasonable demands and high technical requirements whilst the majority of Women SMEs have limited finance skills, as well as human and social capital.

Digital illiteracy is a hurdle for women's SMEs to access public procurement platforms that are increasingly available via government portal (e-procurement) due to high connectivity and related challenges.

Corruption/ sextortion, forced sexual favour, "double bribery" and/or other forms of sexual corruption are perceived to be wide-

spread.

Others are weak bargaining power, women's limited skills; and limited ownership of long-term assets [ for collateral].

Tanzania's Public Procurement Policy (2012) strives to: Create a well-functioning, competitive, accountable, and transparent procurement system.

Prompt and secure the confidence of all procuring entities and discourage socio-economic exclusion including gender-based discrimination

Public Procurement Policy: 30 percent of annual procurement budget to support special groups; 10 percent youth, 10 percent people with disabilities, 5 percent women and 5 percent elderly.

For his part, Researcher and Project Coordinator with Women and Social Protection Tanzania (WSP), Habambi Philemon said that due to limited knowledge and skills to access, and use TANePS, only 9.5 percent of the WSMEs are skilled enough to access and use the TANePS.

Only 5.51 percent won competitive government contracts, while 94.52 percent never won in the past two years.

20.25 percent of WSMEs reported certification/registration into TANePS as a major setback to ac-

cess government tenders.

11.98 percent reported limited technical skills to fill tenders in the procurement system.

For intervention WSP has worked with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) to train WSMEs on how to access and use TANePS, skills training for WSMEs on bidding.

He said that over 384 WSMEs from all districts in Dar es Salaam region have undergone training on how they would address all those challenges.

Senior Visiting Research Fellow with Repoa, Prof. Paschael Mihayo suggested that in order for women entrepreneurs to address challenges facing them they need to increase efforts to understand policies and legal framework related to public procurement.

They also need to network and share information among themselves so that they can bid for public procurement contracts.

They should learn from successful businessmen who are more experienced in the field.

Furthermore, they should try to work at the basis of intergenerational exchange. In the sense that, they should learn from young people and teach them how they can also become successful.

# Govt wants to substitute tobacco farming in Tabora

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Tabora

THE government is planning to embark into a strategic campaign to push for mass production of cotton in Tabora region, as an alternative crop to discourage tobacco farming.

The development surfaces following an improving trend in cotton production within the mid-western region, amid the production of tobacco, the region's historical cash crop, is shrinking due to severe effects of climate change and other factors.

In recent years, cotton production in the region started to take a new shape after the introduction of the Victoria Cotton Project, the initiative which imparting the farmers with needed agronomic practices and technologies, resulting into improved yields and productivity.

The Victoria cotton project is a partnership between Brazil, Tanzania, Kenya, and Burundi, with the goal to increase the institutional capacity and human resources training in the use and dissemination of technology in the cotton production sector.

Through the project, farmers are gradually increasing their per acreage production level from formerly 200kg to more than 500kg now, whereby the ceiling target is to produce 1,200kg per acre.

In his opening remarks at the end of last week during the 'Cotton Technologies Farmers Field Day' (CTFFD), held at Usisya Village of Urambo district in Tabora Region, the Urambo District Administrative Secretary (DAS), who graced the event on behalf of the District Commissioner, said plans are afoot for the government to embark on a strategy to further promote cultivation of cotton in the district, and the region as a whole.

"We're expecting to launch a serious campaign to help attract many farmers to venture into cotton production since the experience from the project proved that the region can perform better in the country's cotton sector," he unveiled.

For his part, the regional agricultural officer, Saidi Babu said the crop was flourishes well in at least six districts of the region, including Igunga, Nzega, Uyui, Tabora municipal, Urambo and Kaliua.

"Currently, we're considering cotton as a substitute economic cash crop for tobacco in the region." he said.

Tobacco, he added, the Tabora's famous cash crop, is currently faced some market challenges, it production is not environmental-friendly due to mass tree cuttings to serve it for drying process.

In implementing the

5,802,019.08 USD worth project, the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI), in its Mwanza-based Ukiriguru Centre, is partnering with other stakeholders, several stakeholders were bridging efforts, including the Ministry of Agriculture of Tanzania, the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC), the Brazilian Cotton Institute (IBA), the Federal University of Lavras (UFLA), and the Tanzania Cotton Board (TCB).

Dr. Furaha Mrosso, the Acting Director for Research and Innovation at TARI, who doubles as the Manager for Crop Research and Postharvest Management, in his briefing during the event, said the state -owned agricultur research Institute will continue to cooperate with diverse stakeholders to help improve the performance of the sector in the region

the sector in the region.

Dr. Paul Saidia, the Director of TARI Ukiriguru Centre, said the project has been providing training, technical assistance and demonstration plots to thousands of cotton farmers who have been working hard to improve their crop management and increase their yield.

"The initiative, under the financial auspices from Brazil has trained the cotton growers over recommended new planting space of 60 centimeters from row to row , and 30 centimeters from hole to hole, bringing the number of the cotton plants to 44,444 per acre from the formal 22,222 plants," he detailed.

One of the excelling beneficiary farmer, Ngaga Luhemeja, said the project has assisted him to improve yield at his plantation from 200kg to 510kg per acre, and he was expecting to fetch more results.

Jennifer Kabaka, agricultural officer in the department of crop development at the ministry of agriculture, expressed that the parent ministry will continue to work with TARI, cotton board and the development partners to ensure there's enough certified seeds and proper technology to spur cotton production in Tanzania.

Held under the theme of 'Use Modern Technology to Improve Poduction and Poductivity' the Cotton Technologies Farmers Field Day' (CTFFD) was tailored to provide a vital podium for the growers in the region to observe the relevant technologies in the field, as well as exchanging vital experience and challenges for the future betterment of their production

Despite being a strategic crop, cotton production and productivity in Tanzania has been crippled with numerous setbacks in recent years, such as poor agronomic practices, pests and diseases, low quality seeds and lack of access to markets.

Cotton stands among key strategies crops in Tanzania, produced in 17 regions and 56 districts by attracting a total of 500,000 farmers, covering a total of 1,000,000 acres with the production estimated between 122,000 and 370,000 tons annually.



The Urambo District Administrative Secretary (DAS), Innocent Nsena (3rd left) congratulates Ngaga Luhemeja (4th R), a cotton farmer in Usisya Village of Urambo District in Tabora Region for managing to yield bumper after being empowered by the Cotton Victoria Project. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

# BoA (T) rewards final winner of digital campaign

**By Guardian Reporter** 

**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 I-phone 14 pro prize joining others who have won the prize in the previous weeks.

The raffle was conduct-

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

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 at BoA's head office, in ed 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 rev- uct and services with more enue 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 Mwiyombella, 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 prodexciting 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 Eurafrican 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.

**India, UAE to** 

trade in local

link payments

India and the United Arab Emir-

ates agreed to use their respective

local currencies for cross-border

transactions, as Prime Minister

Narendra Modi pushes the rupee's

The two memorandums of un-

derstandings will facilitate "seam-

less cross border transactions and

payments, and foster greater eco-

nomic 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

The pacts will help the countries build a framework for rupee-dirham transactions, along with in-

terlinking payment and messaging systems, as well as their respective

card switches, RuPay and UAES-

WITCH, allowing "mutual accept-

ance of domestic cards and pro-

cessing of card transactions," the

The moves are closely entwined with Modi's aspirations to take the

rupee global as India positions it-

self as an alternative to China in manufacturing. So far, that year-

long campaign has made little

headway, Bloomberg News report-

Total local currency trade vol-

umes 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 fis-

Still, Saturday's agreements will

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 na-

tion in 2020-21, second after the

US, according to a government

statement in February. According

to World Bank estimates total re-

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central bank said.

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**NEW DELHI** 

# Dr Gwajima to open empowerment meet for girls, women

**By Guardian Correspondent** 

The minister of community development, gender, women and special groups Dr Doroth 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 journalist 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

According to the minister, the land rights advocacy organization- Landesa Tanzani, 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 Mhoja and the director of Global Advocacy Esther Mwaura will also attend the sideline meeting.

Speaking with journalists last week in Dar es Salaam, Dr Mhoja 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.



# 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

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 centralbank 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 sta-

forecast **Economists** 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

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 a researcher with the Chinese mainly caused by sluggish de-

mand. 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, 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.

## **BUSINESS NEWS**

# The rise of cement price and future of construction sector

By Guardian Correspondent, Dar es Salaam

he 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 manufactures acted to accommodate an excise duty of 20/- a 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 largescale 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-tosand ratios used during plastering, concrete making, brisk 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 lowincome 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 Salam crumbled after being erected due to low quality, and roads under construction that were detected to be of subsstandard 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 cementto-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

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

**Guardian** 

### 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 influ-

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 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 creditcard borrowing by Americans who still have extra

"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.

# MONDAY - WEDNESDAY FROM 10:30 PM 21:30 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF Habari za saa Shamsham za Pwani 11:00 Al Jazeer

### **ITV PGM SCHEDULE**

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ITV Top 10

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Kumekucha Kishindo Soap: In Love with Ramon

Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt Habari za saa

Habari za saa Kipindi maalum: NSSF rpt

HABARI

Habari za saa

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Watoto wetu

Jungu kuu rp

Habari za saa

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Jungu Kuu Shika Bamba

Igizo: Slay Queen

ITV Top 10

00:30 Al jazeera

SUNDAY 16 July

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# WORLD

# UK defence chief to step down as lawmaker at next election

LONDON

BRITISH Defense Minister Ben Wallace will not stand as a member of parliament (MP) in the next UK national election, and will leave government when Prime Minister Rishi Sunak carries out his next cabinet reshuffle, he told The Sunday Times newspaper.

Wallace, a member of the ruling Conservative party, has been MP for Wyre and Preston North and its predecessor constituency in northwest England since 2005.

He has been defense secretary for four years, helping lead Britain's re-

sponse to Russia's special military operation in Ukraine.

"I'm not standing next time," he said in an interview with the newspaper, but ruled out going "prematurely" and forcing another by-election.

Sunak is facing three by-elections next week, and opinion polls suggest his Conservative party could lose all of them. A general election must be held in Britain within the next 18 months. The Sunday Times said a cabinet reshuffle was expected in September.

The newspaper said Wallace told Sunak his plans on June 16 but had hoped to make the announcement over the



Britain's Defense Minister Ben Wallace arrives for a cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street in central London on July 4, 2023. AFP

summer before leaks forced his hand.

There had been speculation over Wallace's future in recent weeks. Boundary changes will see his parliamentary constituency scrapped at the next election and he had not publicly sought another seat.

He had been considered as a potential successor to NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg but Stoltenberg's contract was extended this month by another year.

Wallace also warned Britain could be drawn into more conflicts.

decade, the world is going to be much more unsafe, more insecure. I think we will find ourselves in a conflict. Whether it is a cold or a warm conflict, I think we'll be in a difficult position," he said. **Agencies** 

"Towards the end of the

## African leaders on Ukraine peace mission to have opportunity to talk with Putin - Kremlin

MOSCOW

THE African leaders on a Ukraine peace mission will have an opportunity to talk with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the upcoming Russia-Africa summit in St. Petersburg in late July, Kremlin



Spokesman Dmitry Peskov (pictured) told TASS on Satur

Diplomatic sources told TASS earlier on Saturday that the African leaders of the Ukraine peace mission from Egypt, Zambia, Comoros, Congo, Senegal, Uganda and South Africa expected to meet with the head of the Russian state before the opening of the Russia-Africa summit in St. Petersburg or during its work.

"The summit's program is still being prepared. But there will surely be an opportunity to talk on the sidelines," Peskov said, responding to a question about whether such a meeting was possible in St. Petersburg.

As one of the sources told TASS, the seven African leaders agreed to continue efforts and discuss proposals under the Ukraine peace mission.

A delegation of seven African countries that included the presidents of Zambia, Comoros, Senegal and South Africa, the Egyptian prime minister and representatives of the Republic of Congo and Uganda visited Kiev on June 16 where it held talks with Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky.

The following day, the mission was received by Russian President Vladimir Putin in St. Petersburg. On behalf of the delegation, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa outlined on June 17 the plan of 10 principles that might lay the foundation for the peace process in Ukraine.

The Russia-Africa second summit and economic forum are scheduled to take place in St. Petersburg on July 27-28. **Agencies** 

# Xi stresses high-quality cybersecurity development

**BEIJING** 

Xi, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks in a recent instruction on the work of cybersecurity and informatiza-

Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, China has achieved significant progress in the cybersecurity and informatization work, with the Party's leadership

place a system for integrated cyberspace management, and its system and capacity for cybersecurity have been constantly improving.

He said the important role of the cybersecurity and informatization work is increasingly prominent in the new era.

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ernance with Chinese character-

Vigorous efforts should be made to advance the high-quality development of the cybersecurity and informatization undertakings, and make new achievements in boosting China's strength in cyberspace, thus making new contributions to building a modern socialist country in all respects and advancing national rejuvenation on all fronts,

A national meeting on work concerning cybersecurity and informatization was held from Friday to Saturday in Beijing.

Cai Qi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and a member of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee, attended

by Ding Xuexiang, a member of the Standing Committee of the Committee and vice premier, who also attended the meeting.

Xi's instruction has charted the course for advancing the cybersecurity and informatization work in the new era, and must be implemented, Cai said.

Cai called for solid efforts to implement the strategic arrangements made at the 20th CPC National Congress regarding the cybersecurity and informatization

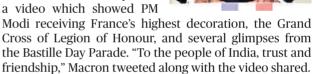
In his summary speech, Li Shulei, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, called for promoting high-quality development of the cybersecurity and informatization work to provide strong support for building China into a great country and achieving national rejuve-

## 'To the people of India...': President Macron shares highlights from PM Modi's France visit

**PARIS** 

SHARING the highlights of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2-day official visit to France, President Emmanuel Macron (pictured) hailed the relations shared between the two nations.

Taking to Twitter, the French President posted a video which showed PM



The video also showed French President Macron meeting Bollywood actor, R Madhavan, who was also invited at the banquet dinner in Paris which was hosted in honour of Prime Minister Modi.

The video also highlighted several moments of friendship between the two leaders in France.

PM Modi, on his visit to France, participated in the Bastille Day celebrations as the Guest of Honour, on Friday. He visited France at the invitation of French President Macron.

"To mark the 25th anniversary of the India-France Strategic Partnership, a 241-member tri-service Indian armed forces contingent led by a military band also participated in the Parade," the PMO said in a statement.

The Indian Army contingent was led by the Punjab Regiment, followed by a complement from the Rajputana Rifles Regiment.

During the parade, the Indian military contingent marched to the patriotic tune of 'Sare Jahan Se Accha,' while a squadron of Indian Air Force (IAF) Rafale fighters participated in a flypast over the Champs-Elysees at the Bastille Day Parade.

Rafale Jets of the Indian Air Force, from the 101 Squadron from Hashimara, formed a part of the flypast during the parade. "A giant in world history, with a decisive role to play in

the future, a strategic partner, a friend. We are proud to welcome India as our guest of honour at the 14 July parade," President Macron said.

PM Modi and President Emmanuel Macron met notable dignitaries during the Bastille Day Parade in Paris. July 14 marks the anniversary of the storming of the

Bastille prison on July 14, 1789, during the French Revolution, which symbolizes the democratic values of 'Liberty, Equality and Fraternity', the central theme of both the Indian and French constitutions.

CHINESE President Xi Jinping has stressed the need to thoroughly implement the important guidelines of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee on boosting China's strength in cyberspace, and to vigorously advance the high-quality development of the work on cybersecurity and informatization.

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AFTER concluding his day-long visit, Prime

"Concluding a productive UAE visit. Our na-

tions are working together on so many issues

aimed at making our planet better. I thank HH

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zaved Al Nahvan for the

The visit was "a short but a very significant

visit, a landmark in the partnership between

India and the UAE," said Foreign Secretary Vi-

nay Mohan Kwatra before PM Modi emplaned

Briefing about PM Modi's UAE visit, Kwatra

said that the Prime Minister has held "exten-

sive discussions with the President of the UAE

He also termed the visit to be of "tremen-

dous strategic significance" as it showcased

the "deep bond of friendship and trust" be-

tween the Prime Minister and the President of

India and UAE had signed the Comprehen-

sive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)

last year and since the signing of that impor-

tant strategic landmark agreement between

the two countries, the trade and economic

partnership and engagement has grown sig-

nificantly between the two countries, Kwatra

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan."

warm hospitality," tweeted PM Modi.

Minister Narendra Modi has left from Abu

Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) for Delhi.

**ABU DHABI** 

for New Delhi.

the board, Xi said.

He said that China has put in

The country has accelerated its efforts to boost self-reliance and strength in science and technology while strengthening law-based governance of cyberspace, Xi said, adding that new strides have been made in boosting China's strength in cyberspace.

Xi stressed adherence to sev-Party exercising leadership over



istics.

He also underscored the need to coordinate development and security, strengthen the capability to ensure cybersecurity of the country, and promote building a community of a shared future in Xi said in the instruction.

the meeting and made a speech. Xi's instruction was conveyed

PM Modi concludes 'productive' UAE visit, departs for India

gether important segments of the ecosystem in economic engagement that brings about ever increasing greater strategic economic convergence between the economies of India and the UAE."

The MoUs also reduce the transaction time. the transaction cost and essentially ensure an enormous ease of business at the level of trade between India and UAE.

"Similarly, the linking up of the payment and the messaging systems of the two countries will add another dimension to our greater economic convergence and also harnesses the synergies between the two economies," he further explained.

The Foreign Secretary also said that PM Modi's visit will perhaps open-up "new pathways for India" to look at structuring similar partnership with other countries both in the region and beyond.

In the video message, Kwatra also noted that PM Modi's visit puts in place "new foundations for partnership in economic domain" which will bring about greater strategic convergence

in the months and years ahead. He also said that the visit will expand economic linkages between India and UAE through the linking up of payment and messaging systems of the two countries and expanding another important layer which is the field of education cooperation between the two countries.

## China's FAST telescope finds key evidence for existence of nanohertz gravitational waves

them being "interlinking the payment and the

messaging systems of the two countries," Kwa-

Explaining the importance of these MoUs,

Kwatra said, "What it essentially does is put to-

tra said in a short video message.

CHINA'S Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Radio Telescope (FAST) recently found key evidence for the existence of nanohertz gravitational

The research was conducted by the Chinese Pulsar Timing Array (CPTA) collaboration, which comprises researchers from the National Astronomical Observatories of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (NAOC) and other institutes. Their findings were published online in the academic journal Research in Astronomy and Astrophysics (RAA) on June 29.

The finding indicates China's leading position in the world in terms of the studies on nanohertz gravitational

According to Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity, space-time is curved. Acceleration of massive objects disturbs the surrounding spacetime and produces "ripples" which

COP28, in Abu Dhabi, UAE on Saturday. ANI

nership in a couple of important ways."

another pillar of that strategic economic part-

PM Modi and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi

witnessed an exchange of "important agree-

ments" one of them being on "trade settle-

are known as gravitational waves. Li Kejia, a researcher with the NAOC, told People's Daily that the detection of nanohertz gravitational waves helps astronomers better understand the origins of the universe.

The signals of gravitational waves are extremely weak, but they offer a direct method for probing masses that do not emit light. Therefore, astronomers have long aimed to detect and the universe. Global physicists and asuse gravitational waves to aid in the tronomers have been racing to detect

observation of the universe.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets with the Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, the President-designate of UAE

He noted that "visit this time puts together ment in local currencies" and the second of

Objects of greater mass produce gravitational waves of lower frequency. "For example, the most massive celestial body in the universe, the supermassive black hole binaries in the center of galaxies, mainly generate gravitational waves in the nanohertz band," said Li.

Using nanohertz gravitational waves in cosmic observation is thus hugely important in studying key problems in contemporary astrophysics such as supermassive black holes, the history of galaxy mergers, and the formation of large-scale structures in

nanohertz gravitational waves.

Xu Heng, associate researcher with the NAOC noted that the detection of nanohertz gravitational waves can be very challenging due to their extremely low frequency, where the corresponding period can be as long as several years and wavelengths up to several light-years.

"Using FAST-like large radio telescopes to conduct long-term timing observation of millisecond pulsars with extreme rotational stability is the only known method for effectively detecting nanohertz gravitational waves," he added.

Regional pulsar timing array collaborations, including the North

American Nanohertz Observatory for cal confidence level(with a false alarm Gravitational Waves, the European Pulsar Timing Array and the Australian Parkes Pulsar Timing Array, have been collecting pulsar timing data for more than 20 years, with the aim of detecting nanohertz gravitational

Taking advantage of FAST's high sensitivity, the CPTA research team monitored 57 millisecond pulsars, which formed a Galactic-scale gravitational wave detector sensitive to nanohertz gravitational waves. They found key evidence for quadrupole correlation signatures compatible with the prediction of nanohertz gravitational waves at a 4.6-sigma statistiprobability of two in a million).

The team used independently developed data analysis software and data processing algorithms to achieve its breakthrough at the same time as other international groups. Independent data processing pipelines produced compatible results.

Luis C.Ho, Chair Professor of Peking University noted that it was a scientific prediction that the mergers of supermassive blackholes produce nanohertz gravitational waves, and this long-anticipated prediction has finally been proved by the CPTA research team.

People's Daily

Moscow resolutely condemns Kiev's attempts to attack Russian nuke plants, says diplomat

## **MOSCOW**

MOSCOW resolutely condemns Kiev's plans to use terrorist methods against Russian nuclear power plants that may cause a large-scale nuclear disaster in Europe,



Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova (pictured) said on Saturday.

The Russian diplomat issued this statement in the wake of a Ukrainian drone attack on the town of Kurchatov where the Kursk Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) is located

"We resolutely condemn Ukraine's evil plans to actively use terrorist methods against Russian nuclear power plants, which may lead to a large-scale nuclear disaster in Europe. We call on the international community and the leadership of the IAEA [International Atomic Energy Agency] and the UN to pay close attention to Kiev's irresponsible behavior and strongly condemn it," Zakharova said.

The Kiev regime has embarked upon the path of terrorism and the probable target of Ukraine's drone provocation on July 14 was the Kursk Nuclear Power Plant, the diplomat said.

"On July 14, an unmanned aerial vehicle fell and exploded in the town of Kurchatov in the Kursk Region where the Kursk Nuclear Power Plant is located. Thanks to the well-coordinated operation of the air defense forces protecting the station, critically important sites were not damaged. No one was hurt. However, the probable target of Ukraine's new provocation was exactly the NPP, which again testifies that the Kiev regime has embarked upon the path of using nuclear terrorism methods," the diplomat said.

Kursk Region Governor Roman Starovoit said on July 14 that over the past night a Ukrainian drone had fallen in the town of Kurchatov where the Kursk Nuclear Power Plant is located. The drone's explosion damaged the facade and windows of an apartment building, with no one hurt in the attack. Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that each time Russian air defense systems demonstrated their high efficiency. Agencies

## Biden forgives \$39b in **US student debt using** programme tweak

## **WASHINGTON**

US President Joe Biden's administration will cancel \$39 billion in student debt for more than 804,000 borrowers, the Education Department said on Friday, describing the relief (IDR) plans.

as the result of a "fix" to income-driven repayment Borrowers will be eligible for forgiveness if they have made either 20 or 25 years of monthly IDR payments, the department said. The IDR

borrowers and forgives their remaining balance after a set number of years. "These borrowers will join the millions of people that my administration has provided relief to over the past two years - resulting in over \$116 billion in loan relief to over 3 million borrowers under my administration," Biden said

program caps payment requirements for lower-income

The department said the relief addresses what it described as "historical inaccuracies" in the count of pavments that qualify toward forgiveness under IDR plans.

"For far too long, borrowers fell through the cracks of a broken system that failed to keep accurate track of their progress towards forgiveness," Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said.

Biden has said he will pursue new measures to provide student loan relief to Americans after the Supreme Court blocked his plan to cancel hundreds of billions of dollars

The Education Department has launched a regulatory "rulemaking" process to pursue his \$430 billion loan relief

plan. That process is expected to take months. Friday's relatively smaller relief falls under a separate, payment count adjustment program that the Biden administration announced in April 2022, the department

In a statement, Vice President Kamala Harris said the administration "will continue to fight to make sure Americans can access high-quality postsecondary education without taking on the burden of unmanageable student loan debt".

# **Exhibition highlights cultural imprint of Maritime Silk Road**

THE year 2023 marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Against this backdrop, Fujian Museum in Fuzhou, southeast China's Fujian province, kicked off an exhibition on the cultural imprint of the Maritime Silk Road in May.

The exhibition is planned to run from May to August. By exhibiting cultural relics, historical materials, and pictures, it aims to highlight the cultural imprint of the Maritime Silk Road and underline the historical and practical significance of harmonious coexistence and the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

The Maritime Silk Road bore witness to the communication and exchanges between the Chinese nation and the outside world on the vast blue ocean. It left to mankind rich cultural heritage, which reflects the diversified and interactive civilizations of the world like

Since the BRI was proposed by China, the Silk Road-theme exhibition has become a hotspot in the cultural industry.

In 2013, Fujian Museum took the lead in holding a joint exhibition of cultural relics featuring the Maritime Silk Road in collaboration with relevant authorities. The exhibition was held in more than 20 countries and regions as well as the United Nations (UN) headquarters, arousing enthusiastic response.

Today, just in time, Fujian Museum is staging another exhibition featuring the Maritime Silk Road.

Facilitating trade in porcelain, silk, tea, and spices, the Maritime Silk Road also served as a path to cultural exchanges, mutual benefit, peace and friendship for various countries along the road.

The ongoing exhibition at Fujian Museum displays 295 pieces (sets) of cultural relics in 35 museums across China, including important archaeological finds. The exhibits represent essences selected from a large number of heritage resources to restore the trade, people-to-people and cultural exchanges along the Maritime Silk Road from different perspectives.

The exhibition highlights the historical scenes and cultural connotations of exchanges and mutual learning among different civilizations. The area is divided into four sections focusing on distinctive topics, namely China's maritime history, trade in goods, overseas relics in China, and cultural integration.

The visit begins with the exhibition of China's maritime history. The section featuring China's maritime history serves as the beginning part of the exhibition.

According to ancient books, during China's Han Dynasty (202 B.C.-A.D. 220), Chinese officials and merchants set sail from Xuwen county in south China's Guangdong province and Hepu county in south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, with gold and silk fabrics to ancient countries in Southeast Asia and South Asia to trade for pearls, glass beads, and other exotic products. It is widely believed as one of the signs of the formation of the Maritime Silk

A lot of archaeological discoveries serve as new evidence for the Maritime Silk Road, such as the cultural relics from West Asia unearthed in ancient tombs of the Han Dynasty in Hepu county, the ancient port site of the starting point of Chinese monk Jianzhen's sixth voyage to Japan during China's Tang Dynasty (618-907) - the Huangsipu Site, and the Nanhai No. 1 shipwreck dating back to Chi-



Photo shows a silver tea roller displayed at an exhibition featuring the cultural imprint of the Maritime Silk Road held at Fujian Museum in Fuzhou, southeast China's Fujian province. File photo

na's Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279).

This section has put on display relevant cultural relics to depict three major historical events in China's maritime history: Emperor Wu of the Han Dynasty dispatching ships and envoys from Hepu and Xuwen to foreign countries, Chinese envoys' missions to ancient state Goryeo during China's Song Dynasty (960-1279), and the famous Chinese navigator Zheng He's voyages to the Western Seas during China's early Ming Dynasty (1368-1644).

Among the exhibits in this section, the gold ingots housed by the Hubei Provincial Museum are displayed, which date back to the reign of Emperor Yongle of the Ming Dynasty. The exhibits, engraved with inscriptions of purchase records from the West, are tangible evidence of Zheng He's voyages to the Western

The exhibition section for trade in goods mainly focuses on porcelain, silk and tea, three categories of exports from China in ancient times representing the influence of Chinese civilization overseas.

Porcelain has played an important role in trade along the Maritime Silk Road. The porcelains exhibited in this section include celadon porcelain wares made in the famous Yue kilns and Longquan kilns in east China's Zhejiang province, white porcelain found in kilns in north China's Hebei province, multi-colored porcelain wares such as the tri-colored glazed pottery of the Tang Dynasty, and blue and white porcelains of different styles.

A wide-sleeve long robe found in the tomb of Huang Sheng, a girl who lived in the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279) in Fuzhou, is on display in this exhibition section. The tomb

is praised as a treasury of silk in the Southern Song Dynasty for its numerous and diverse silk fabrics unearthed.

Fujian's silk fabrics manufacturing industry embraced unprecedented prosperity during the Song Dynasty. The decoration techniques including adorning fabrics with gold, colored drawing, and embroidery were widely used to beautify clothes.

Traces of such techniques have also been found in silk fabrics unearthed in China's neighboring countries, which can fully prove Fujian's position as one of the major production bases of silk exports in the Song Dynasty.

Various kinds of tea sets from the Tang and Song dynasties are also shown in this section, including a glass saucer and teacup as well as a silver tea roller discovered in the underground palace in Famen Temple in northwest China's Shaanxi province. The tea roller belonged to Emperor Xizong of the Tang Dynasty, who used it before ascending the throne.

The third exhibition section featuring imported goods from ancient China manifests the inclusiveness of the Chinese civilization. Exhibits include such cultural relics as imported gem ornaments and glass artifacts unearthed from Guangxi, Hunan and Fujian Among these exhibits, a peacock blue-

glazed pottery bottle from the period of the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms (907-979) is the most precious treasure of Fujian Museum. It is so far the best-preserved peacock blueglazed ware unearthed in China.

The large pottery bottle is shaped like an olive and evenly covered with blue glaze on its outer surface, conveying a sense of exotic

beauty. Experts believe that this pottery ware was likely imported from ancient Persian regions in West Asia.

Various censers and spices are also exhibited in this section. Besides, a special experience zone has been set up through joint efforts of Fujian Museum and Fujian University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, in a bid to create an interactive experience for

The last section of the exhibition features the integration of diverse cultures. A whiteglazed sitting statue of Chinese sea goddess Mazu made in a kiln in Dehua county during the Ming Dynasty is rather representative of the cultural relics exhibited.

The statue is made of white and delicate porcelain and a bright and smooth layer of glaze, with the glaze sparkling with a slight yellow tinge. It depicts the scene of Mazu sitting upright in a grand gown and with a square flat-topped crown on her head, vividly showing the sea goddess' solicitude for people making a living on the sea.

White porcelains produced by kilns in Dehua enjoyed great popularity in the Ming and Qing dynasties. They were sold to regions as far as

The Maritime Silk Road is old and yet still vibrant. It is a route on the sea that has helped improve people's well-being to create a better life, as well as a link that has enhanced exchanges and mutual learning among different civilizations.

Today, new cultural connotations are being injected into the ancient Maritime Silk People's Daily Road.

## UN Security Council extends mandate of political mission in Haiti

## **UNITED NATIONS**

THE UN Security Council on Friday adopted a resolution unanimously to extend the mandate of the UN Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH) for a year, till July 15, 2024.

Resolution 2692 decides that BINUH's police and corrections unit will include up to 70 civilian and seconded personnel to serve as police and corrections advisors and to scale up its strategic and advisory support to the training and investigation capacities of the Haitian National Police.

The resolution reiterates the need for all Haitian stakeholders to continue to facilitate a Haitian-led, Haitian-owned political process to permit the organization of free, fair and credible legislative and presidential elections, and further requests all Haitian stakeholders to urgently reach an agreement on a sustainable, time-bound and commonly accepted roadmap for elections.

It encourages continued close collaboration and enhanced coordination between BINUH, the UN Country Team in Haiti, regional organizations and subregional organizations and international financial institutions with a view to helping the Haitian government take responsibility to realize the long-term stability, sustain-



A person carries a child past Haitian National Police attempting to repel gangs in a neighborhood near the Presidential Palace in the center of Port-au-Prince, Haiti on

and economic self-sufficiency of the

It encourages member states, international financial institutions, and other entities to contribute to the Basket Fund for security assistance to Haiti, and further encourages member states and relevant international organizations to provide Haiti with capacity-building, technical support, and the training of national customs, border control, and other such relevant authorities.

It encourages member states to provide security support to the Haitian National Police in response to the appeal from the Haitian prime minister and the UN secretary-general, including through the deployment of a specialized force, upon consultation with Haitian stakehold-

It calls on UN member states to prohibit the supply, sale, or transfer of small arms, light weapons,

able development, food security, and ammunition to non-state actors engaged in or supporting gang violence, criminal activities, or human rights abuses in Haiti, as well as to prevent their illicit trafficking and diversion. It demands cooperation between member states to prevent illicit arms trafficking and diversion, including through inspecting cargo to Haiti, as necessary.

The resolution emphasizes the importance of allowing and facilitating unhindered humanitarian access to all people in need, and the full protection, safety and security of medical and humanitarian personnel and assets.

BINUH, a special political mission established by the UN Security Council in 2019, is tasked to advise the Haitian government in promoting and strengthening political stability and good governance, preserving and advancing a peaceful and stable environment, and protecting and promoting human rights.

## Cairo summit drives Sudan's neighbours toward unified stance on ending conflict

A high-profile summit that brought together Sudan's seven neighboring countries reached a comprehensive Forces (RSF) stops attacks on civilians effort that has the potential to succeed and public facilities and engages in inin resolve the deepening conflict in clusive political dialogue. the African country, according to political analysts.

The summit, held in Cairo on Thursday, was attended by leaders of Egypt, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Chad, Eritrea, the Central African Republic and Libya, as well as high-ranked officials from the African Union and the Arab League. "It is a fresh bid to revive international moves via the mediation of neighboring countries to halt fighting between rival Sudan's military factions that triggered a humanitarian crisis," said Salah Halima, former chairman of the Arab League office in

The African leaders agreed on forming a ministerial mechanism comprised of the foreign ministers of Sudan's neighboring states to formulate an executive action plan to end the fight. Its first meeting will take place in Chad. In the communique issued on Thursday, the leaders expressed full respect for Sudan's unity and sovereignty and called for nonintervention in the domestic conflict.

They also agreed to facilitate aid delivery through neighboring countries in coordination with international agencies and organizations concerned. Sudan's military-led Transitional Sovereign Council lauded the communique as constructive toward

the restoration of security and stability in the country and expressed willingness to cease military operations when the paramilitary Rapid Support

The RSF also reiterated support for regional and global efforts to end the war in Sudan and called for combined efforts of relevant parties to reach a comprehensive solution for Sudan as soon as possible. Sudan has been rocked by violent conflicts since April 15 between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the RSF.

The ongoing war in Sudan has left more than 3,000 killed and at least 6.000 injured, according to the Sudanese Health Ministry. More than 2.8 million people have been displaced, mostly internally, since the conflict broke out in Sudan, according to figures released by the United Nations.

Halima explained that both sides affirmed their readiness to collaborate with regional players to settle the war because the summit's communique in Cairo put a comprehensive plan for a cease-fire away from any foreign inter-

The timing of the meeting in Cairo was significant given the armed conflict in Sudan's capital Khartoum has extended to the troubled Darfur region and Blue Nile state, raising more concerns about worse deterioration of political, economic, and humanitarian conditions and destruction of many facilities and substructure services, he told Xinhua.

## **NAIROBI**

THE African Union has outlined its educational program for 2024 amid a biting shortage of 17 million

teachers in Africa. Mohamed Belhocine, the AU commissioner for Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation, said that despite the global crises facing the world, the continental body would dedicate itself in 2024 to seeking solutions to education poverty in Africa.

"The teaching profession is not given more attention. People are no longer choosing the teaching profession because it is perceived as losing the prestige it previously enjoyed. This has become a global problem," Belhocine said at a briefing in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, Friday evening.

The African Union is currently holding its Executive Council, which comprises foreign ministers and their counterparts in charge of various dockets under discussion at a mid-year coordination summit set for July 15-16 in Nairobi, the capi-

The AU official said the global community has agreed to relegate the Russian-Ukraine conflict, the debt crisis, and the global financial crisis in favor of education.

The UN held its summit on transforming education, a parallel summit that took place on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in 2022 to discuss transforming education in Africa. Belhocine disclosed that the AU will be holding another side event this year during the UN General Assembly, to talk about transforming education in

The summit will attempt to seek

solutions to challenges such as the ority areas, which will define its declining quality of science teach-

African Union unveils comprehensive plan for education in Africa for 2024

Belhocine said, noting the declaration of the year 2024 as the theme year was not enough but the starting point. "We intend to galvanize all energies to move the education agenda," Bolhocine told reporters.

The AU is working on an educational roadmap for its 2024 theme and has identified the 10 priority areas reforming the teaching profession as top pri-

theme for the year 2024.

The roadmap is focused on reading and education fit for the 21 century, building a resilient education system relevant to quality and learning in Africa, said the AU official, noting the theme of the year would be an opportunity to advocate for the quality of educa-

A technical education partnership has also been created along with partners interested in education. The theme of education would

also focus on addressing the enrolment rate in schools across Africa which is rising. The picture becomes dramatically different with the declining number of teachers or those joining the teaching pro-

"The depth of the education problem in Africa is quite deep. To get (a) 100 percent enrolment and transition rate, we need 17 million teachers. We have a long journey to go. It means the children going to school are too many for one teacher," the AU commissioner

said, stressing that the continental body would focus on teaching reform, focusing on transforming education through comprehensive teacher programs.

The African leaders also agree on the need to decolonize the teaching of African history so that it tells the African story in an elaborate manner other than glorifying colonial supremacy over Africa.

"We shall decolonize the teaching of history in Africa to ensure that the old colonial way of teaching history is not continued. It is important that we re-own the teaching of history," Bolhocine said.

Xinhua

# **Guardian**



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 justended 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) when met the press at his

# 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.

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

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 almost universal. 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 Brazuka FC initiative in Dar es Salaam. Individual youths can also seek

At a glance, Brazuka is not cially as these days going to cessfully.



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,

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 Brazuka 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 Brazuka 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 coundifferent from academy activ- tries have been heard about naity, seeking out young boys tional youth soccer sides, often for intensive training, often picked to European lower-end attached to a school espe- league sides, and often quite suc-

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

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 Brazuka 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 Brazuka 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 ceive youths from Tanzania and 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 homebased 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

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 rehe firmly declined, I do not want them to die in my hands!



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 week-

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."

- 'World's Greatest' -

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

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.

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

since Sean Rice, the Declan, received the call that changed the course of his son's career. Rice was 14 at the time, a diehard 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 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 lusimply did not stand out years. 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 like: 'This kid is going to

understandably asked how the club failed to ORE than see what Rice might beyears come, 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 club decided he was not 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 dicrously talented, Rice for the taking in recent

> 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



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

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 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 quickly the situation at been on the move a year in 2021, Mount spoke

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 inbecause they will be in conceivable 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

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 football evolves, and Arsenal have seized an opportunity to make Rice, once a Chelsea boy, one of their own.

## 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.

speculation, the energetic midfielder - who is a cornerstone of Gareth Southgate's England team which reached the after Chelsea European Championship final in 2021 and World Cup quarter-finals last year - will make the step up to a club playing part here, though: they 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 lenge this season, and the five-mile switch from the London Stadium to the Emirates Stadium, surpassing



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

City played their 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 chalafter falling short to Pep Guardiola's City in the league, he wasn't going to be beaten in the transthe £100m Manchester fer 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

ting a chunky bump in salary too. He was paid only £60,000 per week at West Ham, £1,488 per hour. That's a generous annual salary for most but a ing day but every hour

Rice will be get-

small paycheque com- round the clock, even England peers, like Tottenham's Harry (£200,000 per Kane Manchester week), United's Marcus Rashford (£200,000), Chel-Raheem Ster-(£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-aweek salary works out at £36,000 per day, and not just during the work-

pared to many of his when he's asleep. And presumably, he sleeps

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

Lionel Messi signs contract with Inter Miami through 2025



Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's head coach, Abdihamid

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

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimb

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

"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 train-

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

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

### **By Guardian Reporter**

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

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



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

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

women and children.

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 Kiseto (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, Kiseto, 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 national 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 Manyara, Dodoma, and Shinyanga.

"Now it is Ruvuma's turn, the campaign will 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

He mentioned the challenges

include the presence of opportunities, ownership, and control. many incidents of sexual

violence, especially against The minister revealed there is also little under-Ndumbaro further said standing among a section of that there are still oppreslegal aid service providers sive traditions in society and justice practitioners to that are harmful to certain provide services on time. groups, and little under-

"This campaign targets standing of society about to provide education to gender issues, economic 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 chil-

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



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

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