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Fatuma Ally, a Standard Four pupil at Minazini Primary School in Dar es Salaam's Mwananyamala ward, pictured yesterday answering a question relating to sexual corruption. It was at a session of the sensitisation campaign dubbed 'Safari Salama Bila Rushwa ya Ngono kwa Wanafunzi Inawezekana' (literally, Safe journey without sexual corruption for students is possible) conducted by a women's community-based organisation known as Women Fund Tanzania-Trust - WAJIKI. The venue was Mwananyamala. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

## Reforms: Samia asks for patience, key stakeholders root for urgency

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday appealed to Tanzanians to be patient as they await a final report by the taskforce coordinating views on legal reforms to broaden democratic space in the country.

In an article released by the Presidential Communications directorate yesterday for the International Day of Democracy, the Head of State acknowledged that political parties have been agitating for freedom to conduct political activities including public rallies and free engagement with their members.

The taskforce has since indicated that parties can continue with political rallies but expressed reservations with regards to existing legal

provisions for such activities.

"Therefore, in that context, I advise that we wait for opinions and recommendation of the taskforce on legal reforms," the article affirmed, promising a statement on the matter soon.

At an activists forum, democracy stakeholders called on the taskforce coordinating the collecting of views on the new constitution to speed up the work to enable progress in drafting a new mother law.

Some participants at an event to mark the International Day of Democracy in Dar es Salaam accused the team appointed by the Registrar of Political Parties, Judge Francis Mutungi, of delaying the work.

Prof Ibrahim Lipumba, chairman of the Civic

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## Grain surplus in vast decline in 2021/2022

● Prices on the rise, no supply shortage yet, minister says

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has attributed increasing prices of food staples in the country to little rains in the outgoing farming season but insists the country is not experiencing any food shortage yet.

Dr Ashatu Kijaji, the Investment, Industry and Trade minister, told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that poor rains led to low food production in many parts of the country, leading to an increase in prices of rice, beans

and maize.

The lowly situation in food crops should not crowd out increases in the production of building materials like cement, iron sheets and iron bars, she said.

Maize output for the year 2020/2021 stood at 7,039,064 tonnes while demand stood at 5,978,257 tonnes, implying a 1,060,807 tonnes surplus. In 2021/2022 production dropped by 71 percent to 6,537,203 tonnes, with demand rising by 0.9 percent to

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By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE National Assembly yesterday demanded that the government take immediate steps to contain a wave of ongoing crime in major urban areas tied up with teenage gangs terrorizing the streets, nicknamed 'panya road.'

Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson issued this demand during the morning question and answer session after two MPs moved a motion, under section 54 (I) of the standing orders, to seek the Speaker's ruling on their proposal for the House to shelve other business and discuss the criminality situation as an emergency.

Segerea MP Bona Kamoli and Bahati Ndingo (Special Seats) sought for the Speaker's directive on the matter, pointing out that the situation has claimed lives and placed safety on a shoestring for thousands of urban dwellers, including MPs.

The city suburb legislator said the situation has affected people of all walks of life, "Therefore I am requesting the National Assembly to shelve

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other business and discuss the matter so that the government can take action to contain the situation which is threatening livelihoods of the people," he told the House, seeking a ruling from the chair.

Ndingo said that the criminals similarly wreaked havoc in Mara, Singida and Dodoma where MPs have also been affected, upon which the Speaker said the matter falls under section 55 of the standing orders. That means the government needs to address the matter in the usual way, she stated.

"However, the way the matter has been brought, I am required by House orders to

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## Govt, WFP reach accord over school feeding plans

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

SCHOOL feeding programmes will get a new impetus on the basis of a new five-year country strategic plan which started two months ago.

Sarah Gordon-Gibson, the country director for the World Food Programme (WFP) made this affirmation at the signing ceremony where the government to join the school meals coalition, set up during the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit.

Applauding the government for joining the coalition, she said that in the past the UN agency supported the school feeding programme for years and recognizes the importance of the programme.

Activist organisations have in the past few years worked to ensure that every child has the opportunity to grow, learn and thrive, bringing a group of WFP member states and partners to form the coalition.

The director commended the government for adopting the national guidelines on school feeding and nutrition services to basic education level pupils, embedded in signing into the International School Meals Coalition, an initiative aimed at providing school meals in a gradual manner.

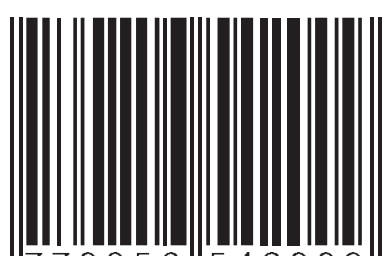
The pact requires that nutritious food be available to all school children everywhere by 2030, with 67 countries signing up along with 68 partner organisations. After 26 countries ratified the agreement, Tanzania becomes the 27th country to actually agree to start implementing the pact, and thus obliged to broaden availability of government funds for the school meals programme.

The programme is led by founding member states and supported by a secretariat supported by the UN agency, aiming to assist governments and their

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Tanga regional commissioner Omary Mgumba (2nd-R) pictured in Tanga city's Ngamiani suburb yesterday officiating at the launch of NMB Bank Plc's 11th branch in the region and 228th in the country. Second left is NMB chief of wholesale banking Alfred Shao and right is Tanga district commissioner Hashim Mgandilwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





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direct the government to address the matter with urgency and the heaviness that is required because this involves the security of our people and their properties," she elaborated.

On Wednesday, a University of Dar es Salaam second year student at the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, Maria Basso Paschal was killed by a gang of criminals during a home invasion.

The marauders, estimated at more than 10 young delinquents, invaded Kawe neighborhood in the city armed with machetes, raiding homes

randomly and robbing people of their valuables.

When they reached Maria's residence, they forced their way into the 15-room house, knocking down doors. They injured three people and killed the 24-year-old student.

Police confirmed the incident, saying the rampaging criminals committed the crime in the early hours of September 14 in the suburb.

Recently, groups of juvenile criminals have been breaking into houses, walking away with valuables, leaving many wounded during incidents reported in Dar es Salaam suburbs of Chanika, Tabata, Kawe and Kunduchi.

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United Front (CUF) said that it is a temporary taskforce with specific terms of reference but it acts as a permanent body.

"They should not take this open door to democracy for granted," he said, noting that no political party has the sole right to lead the country.

Earlier in March, the 25-man team chaired by Prof Rwekaza Mukandala, former vice chancellor for the University of Dar es Salaam, recommended in the preliminary report that the process of obtaining a new constitution starts after the 2025 general election.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan instructed the team to work on the preliminary process of collecting ideas and submit proposals.

Legislator Neema Lugangira (Special Seats) said the new law is important to resolve critical issues such as gender inequality in decision-making organs.

"There is very low representation of women from local authorities to national organs. In the National Assembly for instance, women make up only 9.1 per cent of elected MPs," she said.

"To change this, the new law must clearly stipulate candidate quotas to ensure that a certain percentage is

reserved for women."

Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, the Ubungu MP, said that when it comes to leading the country within the multiparty context, the key issue is the party's survival potential in governing the country.

"Much strength has to be invested in the survival of political parties to be able to walk in tandem with the needs of the people. It is time we stop pointing fingers at the ruling party and invest more on building a trusted party," he declared.

Fr. Dr. Charles Kitima, general secretary of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) said the multiparty system in the country seems to favor a few and undermine the weak. Democracy awareness should provide a healthier political environment, he said.

"For so long democracy stakeholders have been advocating a multiparty system in Tanzania. It's not new. Despite the platform, it's only a few parties that are favored which I think has reached a point where we need to break the narrative towards real political pluralism," he stated.

Dialogue on the International Day of Democracy sought to deliberate on the 30 years of the multiparty system in Tanzania and how to strengthen democratic resilience in the face of current challenges.

## Govt assures farmers on availability of quality seeds

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has assured farmers that there will be steady availability of quality seeds despite drought challenges facing some parts of the country.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Gerald Mveli said this on Wednesday here while briefing reporters during his visit at the farm owned by Agricultural Seeds Agency (ASA) at Msimba in Kilosa District and the Kilangali rice farm.

Mveli said the government through ASA has been producing enough quality seeds which are distributed to farmers countrywide at affordable prices.

He said apart from the drought impacting the farming season in some areas, ASA warehouses have adequate stocks of quality seeds.

"I assure farmers that there are sufficient stocks of seeds for maize, sunflower, sorghum and many other crops which will be sold to them at affordable prices," said Mveli.

However, he stressed on farmers to register their names to village executives in order to get government subsidized fertiliser.

He called on all officials starting at village level to educate farmers to make sure they are registered to get the subsidized fertiliser.

The deputy PS also called on fertiliser dealers to sell the farm input as per the

government's indicative prices and whoever found violating the directives, stern measures will be taken against them including court action.

He explained that there is adequate fertiliser and has already been distributed to all dealers who had entered into contracts with the government.

ASA chief executive officer, Dr Sophia Kashenge said ASA has ample seeds stocks which they have started distributing to all regions.

She said all the seeds have been certified by Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI).

Dr Kashenge further said during this season ASA expects to begin production of quality rice seeds at its Kilangali farm.

She said in the past two seasons the farm used to produce 400 to 500 tonnes of rice seeds per year, but after the completion of its irrigation infrastructures, the anticipation is to produce 1,490 tonnes per season, more than three times what they used to produce previously.

*"I assure farmers that there are sufficient stocks of seeds for maize, sunflower, sorghum and many other crops which will be sold to them at affordable prices"*



The US Ambassador to Tanzania, Donald Wright (2nd-L), The Pula Group president Dr Mary Stith (L), The Pula Group executive chairman Charles R. Stith (3rd-L), G. M. & Co. (T) Ltd managing director Gabriel Kassai and Brown Venture Group co-founder & managing partner Dr Chris Brooks in jovial mood at the opening of the Pula Group office in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The Pula Group International is a US-based company, with its primary operations in sub-Saharan Africa including subsidiaries Pula Graphite Partners and Pula Kahama Gold Partnership. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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partners to improve the quality of school meals and strengthen school meal systems.

This is done in a manner tailored to local contexts, also promoting the sharing of knowledge and best practices, she said.

"This is a major achievement, and I am very pleased that since then we have been working very closely together on an implementation plan, which hopefully will be launched by the end of the year," she further noted.

"Investing in children is one of the

best investments we can make in the future of a country, and school feeding is one of the best ways to achieve this."

In the area of agriculture, rural economy and food systems, around 1,700 jobs are created per 100,000 children fed while on nutrition and health, they provide a platform to improve nutrition for the first two decades of life.

This contributes to increased diet diversity and reduces anemia among girls by about 20 percent when school feeding is consistent and has appropriate ingredients, she asserted.

Globally, every dollar invested in

school meals yields nine dollars in return, in relation to productivity potential for the children and families.

"These numbers and many more highlight the importance of school feeding programmes not only for children but for entire communities," the director underlined.

On average, school feeding programmes increase school enrolment by nine percent and attendance by 10 percent annually, she stated.

Omar Kipanga, the deputy minister for Education, Science and Technology thanked WFP for spearheading the

school meals initiative, noting that the coalition is a milestone in improving provision and quality of education in the country.

"The food programme in schools is vital as we all know the relation between the health of children and their development," he said.

By joining the coalition, various stakeholders like development partners, non-governmental organizations, private and media will be able to work closely with the government in providing public education on the importance of school meals programmes, he added.



Prof Kitila Mkumbo (R), legislator for Dar es Salaam's Ubungu constituency, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday contributing to International Day of Democracy (Sept 15) debate on 30 years of the restoration of the multi-party political system in Tanzania. With him are Civic United Front national chairman Prof Ibrahim Lipumba (2nd-R), Special Seats legislator Neema Lugangira (2nd-L) and meeting moderator Lulu Urrio. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

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6,034,943 tonnes, with the maize surplus dropping 56.6 percent to 502,260 tonnes.

Rice production in 2020/21 season stood at 2,686,829 tonnes while demand was pegged at 1,095,743 tonnes, thus a net surplus of 1,591,089 tonnes, she stated, highlighting that in the 2021/2022 farming season the rice harvest dropped by 30.9 percent to 1,856,731 tonnes. Demand inched up to 1,065,534 tonnes, while the surplus

declined by 50.3 percent to 791,198 tonnes.

In the year 2021/2022 the production of rice dropped by 11.1 percent to 1,269,487 tonnes with demand peaking at 488,753 tonnes, thus a fall in the surplus to 780,734 tonnes, she said.

Cement production during 2021/2022 rose by 0.5 percent to 6,531,000 tonnes from 6,496,000 tonnes while iron bars output increased by 4.7 percent to 291,000 tonnes from 278,000 the previous year.

The production of iron sheets increased by 5.6 percent to 114,000 tonnes from 108,000 tonnes in the previous year, she further noted.

"Economically, I can say our hardware market is growing and this is a good indication for individual economy and the entire nation," she elaborated, urging cross border traders to formalise their activities by registering with tax authorities so that the country can keep reliable records of its output and foreign trade data.

The government was monitoring prices of basic commodities to protect consumers, producers and business activity, the minister affirmed, hinting the need to conduct discussions with distributors and manufacturers to seek efficiency mark-ups in distribution networks to operational costs and deflect price inequality in different regions.

The government want wider use of product networks to ensure the same prices in all regions, she added.





Ramadhani Mtindasi (L), project manager with the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa), pictured earlier this week briefing members of the Dar es Salaam regional political committee on progress in the implementation of the Makongo-Bagamoyo water project being executed by Dawasa with World Bank funding. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

# Tarura enters into 92 agreements for road construction in Mbeya Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Rural Roads Agency (TARURA) in Mbeya Region has signed 92 agreements with various contractors valued at 20.5bn/- for road construction in all seven districts of the region during FY 2022/23.

Mbeya TARURA Manager, Wilson Charles signed the agreement on Wednesday this week with the contractors saying the funds for the projects have come from various sources.

He named the sources as including Tanzania Road Fund (TRF), Constituency Fund, levies on petrol and diesel and appeals from other various sources.

He said the contracts signed are part of all contracts, adding that the signing of other contracts was witnessed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

"All these projects will be implemented in all districts of our region, we are making sure the projects will be implemented according to the required standard, as they aim to boost road infrastructures in our region," he added.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera called on the contractors who signed to make sure they abide by

the periods of the contracts to avoid legal steps for those who will fail to complete them in time.

He said once the time for the contract elapses there will be no additional time, hence they should do the work day and night.

He called on the contractors to do the job in adherence to the listed work standards according to the money value.

He also called on them to report to local officials in their project areas in order to be accorded with collaboration for smooth implementation of these projects.

Some of the contractors who signed their contracts thanked the government for trusting them and pledged to implement the work according to the required standards.

One of them, Esther Msiu, who is the chairperson of the women group that was awarded a tender, said earlier the government used to trust foreign contractors, but now it has also started to trust local ones.

She said in order to encourage the government to continue trusting them; they will make sure they will do the work by adhering to implementation procedures and guidelines provided.

# Z'bar 2nd VP: Find ways out of poor exam results in Unguja North Region

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdulla has appealed to education stakeholders in Unguja North to work together to solve the problem of poor examination results in the region.

Hemed made the call here on Wednesday this week at a meeting with parents, guardians and heads of elementary, primary and secondary schools, both public and private, aimed at boosting performance in the

education sector.

At the meeting held at Mkokotoni Vocational Training College, Hemed explained that parents, guardians and heads of schools are the supervisors of the children; hence cooperation will assist the nation in the future.

He also called on Unguja North Region officials to work together with the Ministry of Education through various alternative strategies to solve the problem regarding poor examination results.

"In general, examination results

for students in this region have not been good at all compared with other regions, hence parents, guardians and school heads should work together to remove this nagging stain that repeats itself every year," he said.

In regard to teachers' transfers, Hemed called on regional officials to collaborate with the Ministry to solve the problem that has been causing teachers' shortage thereby lowering education standards.

He also called on the Ministry of Education to make sure that for job

vacancies advertised, there should be a ratio among teachers in accordance to actual needs to avoid concentration of teachers in one area while shortage in others. "The government has decided to improve its workers' interests including those of teachers to make sure they work diligently and professionally," he added.

Speaking, the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Khamis Ali Juma said the ministry has mobilised itself to solve challenges facing teachers including their various allowances.

He also called on the schools' heads, parents and guardians to oversee students' camps when they prepare themselves for national examinations to avoid them turning into a source of problems and social decay.

# Activists appeal for amendment of Section 197 of the Penal Code

By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo

HUMAN rights activists have suggested the need for the government to amend Section 197 of the Penal Code of Tanzania (Chapter 16) and thus abolish the mandatory imposition of the death penalty.

They made the call in Dar es Salaam recently at a dialogue to share insights and best practices in East Africa on death penalty convened by the East Africa Law Society, REPRIEVE UK and the Pan African Legal Empowerment Initiatives (PALEI).

They tasked the government to overhaul the whole Tanzania criminal justice system inclusive of the amendment of section 197 of the Penal Code.

Section 197 of the Penal Code reads: 'any person convicted of murder shall be sentenced to death.'

This provision requires the Judge to sentence the accused convicted of murder to death without any other option. In fact, this provision negates the discretionary power of the Judge to consider the circumstances of the offender and the offence, and to determine whether the offence is one of the worst of its kind, warranting imposition of the death sentence.

PALEI chief executive officer William Kivuyo said: "As long as section 197 remains, it will be difficult for judges to impose different sentences considering the circumstances under which the offence of murder is committed."

Retired Justice Engera Kileo called upon the need for Tanzania to review penal policy adding that even in places where people are sentenced to life imprisonment unlike other sentences, there is remission.

"There is a need to review our penal policies, even life imprisonment could be certain number of years, and can get remission. A life sentence is better than the death penalty, as there is at least hope that one may come out one day, but upon conviction of death penalty, one has no hope for life," said the retired Justice.

Retired Justice Kileo is one of the few bold Judges who while in office issued some dissenting opinions in regard to death penalty thus setting precedent.

In one of the hearings on a case of Sadiki Mkindi Vs. the Director of Public Prosecution the retired Justice was quoted as saying "as for the sentence of death imposed on the appellant, I would not however endorse it because I am of the settled mind that it is unconstitutional."

She said: "Another aspect of the death penalty which concerns me is the fact that this is the only penalty where we do to the culprit according to what he did an eye for an eye. In my humble opinion we are reducing ourselves to the level of the accused."

This is not the first time that the government has been called to review the said provision as in 2019, the African Court called upon Tanzania to amend section 197 of the Penal code, on account that it was a violation of article 4 of the African Charter on Human and People's Rights.

In a celebrated case of Ally Rajabu, Others Vs. The United Republic of Tanzania the African court further ordered rehearing of the case

through a process that does not allow the mandatory imposition of the death penalty.

During the dialogue, delegates had an opportunity to share notes and to hear some best practices from Malawi, Kenya and other countries where they have managed to amend their Penal Code leading to the abolition of mandatory imposition of the death penalty.



Tarimba Abbas, legislator for Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni constituency, shoots a question at the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) in the National Assembly in Dodoma city on Wednesday. It was with regard to loans issued to youths, women and people with disabilities between 2015 and 2020. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

# Minister urges women, youth to explore AfCFTA opportunities

By Guardian Reporter

INVESTMENT, Industry and Trade Minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji has called upon women and youth to explore economic opportunities embedded in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), taking into account that the groups are key drivers in economic development globally.

Dr Kijaji made the call on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam when speaking at AfCFTA Conference on Women and Youth in Trade held from 12 - 14 September 2022.

She said that women and Youth are the heart of trade on the continent;

hence, their importance to the AfCFTA cannot be overstated.

"For the AfCFTA to be truly successful, businesses in particularly Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in critical sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing (clothing and textiles) and services (especially tourism), informal trading, and professional services in which women and youth are predominantly engaged, must be supported to thrive," she said.

In order to achieve this objective, the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union cemented a commitment to include a Protocol on Women and Youth in

Trade in the scope of the AfCFTA Agreement. Therefore, in support of the preparatory phase of developing the Protocol the

Conference dubbed: "Women and Youth: The Engine of AfCFTA Trade in Africa", is being organised. President Samia Suluhu Hassan, in her capacity as the AfCFTA Champion for Women and Youth in Trade, and the Secretary-General of the AfCFTA Secretariat, Wamkele Mene, hosted the conference.

Dr Kijaji said that women and youth need to be included in order to leverage on the opportunities offered under the agreement.

Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General of the AfCFTA Secretariat also said "The purpose of the conference is to promote the participation of women and youth in trade, as they are the drivers of intra-Africa markets and thus, need to not only be included in trade, but most importantly, be prioritised to foster opportunities under the agreement."

"Our convening in Dar is not just to talk, but to take action and to ensure that the entire continent understands that if the AfCFTA does not work for women, SMEs, young entrepreneurs, we will not succeed."

The conference featured plenary sessions, panel discussions, report launches, Q&A sessions and fireside chats with key personalities including Heads of States, political and business leaders across the continent among others. The sessions will be streamed live for online participants.

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## TCRA: Tanzania firmly on track on financial inclusion

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA is firmly on course towards financial inclusion, with the number of users of mobile money services increasing remarkably between March and June 2022, according to a recent report issued by the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA).

The June 2022 telecommunications, broadcasting and postal statistics by TCRA paint a rosy picture on access, usage and applications.

The number of mobile money accounts, transactions and the value of the transactions have increased significantly. It is estimated that more than one-third (41 per cent) of Tanzanians use mobile money services.

The statistics show that some 37.4 million mobile money accounts were active in Tanzania by June 2022. They made a total of 343.6 million transactions, with a value of about 11.6 trillion shillings. The transactions include sending and receiving money and paying for services and utilities.

The report shows that in the quarter period from March, 2022 to June 2022, the number of accounts increased from 36,749,298 to 37,407,233.

The number of transactions in the same period also rose from 30,148,997 to 343,639,879. Value of transaction also increased from 10,703,041,422,029 to 11,608,009,983,537.

The statistics show the trend in data usage and tariffs; with bundled and unbundled data services being the cheapest compared to voice and short messages (SMS).

Date tariffs are determined in megabytes, or MBS. One unbundled MB was sold for 8/- compared to 32/- for voice calls on the user's network (on-net) and another network (off-net). Local SMS were charged eleven shillings. One minute of voice is more expensive than a unit of SMS and data.

International calls continued to cost more than in the previous quarter

(March 2022). One minute was 1,888/- compared to 1,601/-, an 18 per cent increase.

Calling neighbouring countries (East Africa) cost 1,151/- a minute; it was slightly higher than in the previous quarter when it cost 960/-.

The statistics show that people talk and send SMS across networks (off-net) than within their networks (on-net), dispelling the belief that more calls, hence minutes, were made within networks.

The belief that people talk more within networks because of cheaper rates has been dispelled. The choice of SIM cards does not necessarily depend on the price of service within or across a network. They are now the same; partly thanks to the current interconnection rate. Consumers now opt for quality of services.

The statistics show that by June 2022, there were 56.2 million active SIM cards; of which 52 per cent are online. The number of registered SIM cards increased by two (2) per cent; from 55.4 million in March 2022 to 56.2 million in June. Telecom and internet penetration - the proportion of subscriptions compared to a country's population - stood at 92 and 48 per cent respectively.

The June 2022 statistics have a breakdown of SIM card registration by regions; with an overall average subscription of 1.9m/- per region.

In the postal sector, the statistics show that despite major advances in electronic communications, postal and courier communication still has a share in communications. Averages of 783 domestic items are posted daily. Internationally, 144 and 1,216 are posted daily to East African countries (EAs) and the Rest of the world (RoW) respectively.

TCRA collects communications statistics from all Communications Service Providers (CSPs); namely, telecommunications, internet, mobile money, broadcasting the national postal operator and courier companies.



Long-serving Ecuadorian mountain guide Karl Egloff (R), who broke the world's Mount Kilimanjaro fastest ascent and descent record in a mind-blowing 6 hours, 42 minutes and 24 seconds in 2014, poses for a photo with Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro fastest ascent and descent record holder, Gaudence Phesto Lekule, at the mountain's highest point - Uhuru Peak (5,896m above sea level) on Tuesday morning. They were on a special expedition organised by the Arusha-based tourism firm Everyday Safaris, with the event taking Egloff only 8 hours and 29 minutes through the Umbwe and Mweka routes. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

## NEMC destroys 44 tonnes of banned plastic shopping bags

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) has destroyed 44 tonnes of illegal plastic carrier bags in a continuation of a campaign to eliminate them in the market.

The plastic bags were destroyed on Wednesday at Wazo Cement Manufacturing Industry in an exercise that was supervised by NEMC director general Dr Samuel Gwamaka and the Kinondoni District Commissioner, Godwin Gondwe.

Speaking after the destruction of the plastic bags, Dr Gwamaka said the exercise to eliminate the illegal plastic bags is sustainable for the whole

country and urged business persons who produce such kinds of plastic bags to stop immediately because their days are numbered.

"This kind of plastic bags are not supposed to be used anywhere, they are not supposed to be used in packaging or to carry goods that is why we have decided to destroy them here to show people that we are very serious on this matter," he said.

He said the illegal plastic bags are dangerous for human beings and other living organisms and urged Tanzanians to stop using them to protect themselves on the consequences they may face.

Dr Gwamaka said in some places some business people use the illegal

plastic bags for packaging even for hot food which is very dangerous to human health.

He said the council conducted a public education campaign on the consequences of using plastic bags in packaging and succeeded to eliminate them in the market since its ban in June 2019 but this year some businessmen started to produce them again.

"We must be aware that there are legal requirements to packaging plastic bags and these are used only for packaged goods from industries and not this kind of plastic bags we see in the market. We will continue with this exercise and those who will be found with this kind plastic bags, legal measures will be taken against them," said

Dr Gwamaka.

Either, he said NEMC will continue with the campaign in all regions to ensure that the illegal plastic bags do not penetrate in the market.

Kinondoni District Commissioner, Godwin Gondwe, said among 44 tonnes of illegal plastic bags that were destroyed, 31 tonnes came from his district.

He said Kinondoni District is working day and night to ensure they eliminate in the market all illegal plastic bags and take action against the manufacturers.

He said the government decided to prohibit the supply and use of plastic bags which were being used for packaging various goods and products, but in recent days other business people started to produce and supply in the market.

He said the campaign will be continued as a move to protect the health of human beings and living organisms.



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### Request for Proposals (RFP)

#### Consultancy: High-level Renewable Energy Financing Sensitization and Capacity Building Training to Tanzania Bankers Association CEOs"

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is an international non-governmental organization founded in 1961 that works in the field of wilderness preservation and the reduction of human impact on the environment. The mission of WWF is to stop degradation of the planet's natural environment by conserving biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption, through cooperation with local communities to secure sustainable and resilient rural livelihoods as a key conservation approach with energy and climate change adaptation and mitigation as a cross cutting approach in all programs.

WWF Tanzania has secured some limited resources under Africa Energy Transition (AET) Project and would like to use the resources to conduct a high-level capacity building to Tanzania CEOs of financial institutions particularly from the bank's perspective on Renewable Energy financing in collaboration with Africa Sustainable Infrastructure (ASI) Project, with the objective of increasing financial flows and investments from private sector and banks for renewable energy development projects in Tanzania.

Terms of Reference (ToRs) has been prepared that will guide the technical expertise on the requirement for this assignment. The ToR requires the consultant(s) to design and develop a tailored high-level sensitization and capacity building training to Tanzania Bankers Association (TBA) CEO members. The long-term goal is that Tanzania commercial banks are effectively developing renewable energy financial models and products for public and private sector investment in Tanzania.

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[https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs\\_and\\_opportunities/consultancies\\_and\\_tenders/](https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/consultancies_and_tenders/) to download the TOR for more information, and should send your full proposal to: [procurement@wwftz.org](mailto:procurement@wwftz.org) (only electronic application will be accepted) and please, also remember that, for uniformity reasons, Technical and financial proposals should indicate the title of the assignment "Capacity Building Training to Tanzania Banker CEO Round Table" addressed to;

#### Secretary

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The application should be submitted to the above email by or before, before 1000hrs local time, **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022.**

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Small traders selling used goods at Nyerere Square in Dodoma city attentive as their names are read out yesterday ready for them to be issued with identification cards enabling them to do business at the city's new Machinga Complex open market yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

CITIZENS have been urged to reveal violence acts done against women and children in order to enable relevant authorities to take immediate required measures so as to eradicate the evil incidents in the country.

Speaking yesterday during the 9th Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Science (MUHAS) Wide Dissemination Symposium "Themed Addressing Violence and Mental Health Challenges in Tanzania; role of Research and Multisector Engagement" Commissioner for Social Welfare from the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Dr Nandera Mhando said that citizens need to support the fight by unearthing and reporting the incidents.

"Violence against women and children remains a big challenge in the country, and if you look at statistics more than 70 percent of those subjected to such acts are women, so concerted efforts are needed to fight this problem," she said.

She raised concern on the increase of violence cases saying that the situation needed collective efforts of

## Act on cases of violence against women and children, public told

the government and stakeholders so as to address it.

Dr Nandera noted that violence against children is implemented by close family members, something which affects the development of the children.

"Unfortunately most of the perpetrators do not face the law due to lack of sufficient evidence from families, neighbors, friends and siblings mostly because they are afraid of how the society and community is going to view them going forward which is not right," she noted.

She said: "Along with the government's efforts to increase community awareness on preventing and reporting incidents of violence, citizens have not yet reported these incidents for fear of being isolated from their communities and thus making such acts flourish in some areas in the country."

She further noted that violence actions are widely reported due to the education that welfare officers are

giving to journalists so that they help in exposing these actions.

"I call upon different stakeholders to work with our gender desk in giving education to more journalists so that they can be able to report these incidents in respective areas," he said.

Senior researcher at MUHAS, Dr Jessie Mbwambo said that mental health and violence has a significant impact on the national economy, maternal, and child health and to address such complex challenges need evidence based and informed policies.

She further noted that mental health and violence are intertwined and has remained one of the important research agenda for MUHAS.

"MUHAS has a role to play in addressing this burden through one of its strengths which is research," she said.

The effort aims to address the growing burden of violence in Tanzania that could partly be attributed to a growing burden of mental health challenges, she noted.



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## RE - ADVERTISEMENT: JOB VACANCIES

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is a local non-government organization affiliated to SOS Children's Villages International, a worldwide child care and protection organization that provides orphaned and destitute children with a permanent home and educational opportunities. Established 60 years ago, SOS Children's Villages International the umbrella organization, currently has Children's Villages and other projects in 135 countries around the world. Globally, it runs the SOS Children's Village Programme which has two main arms, i.e. Family Based Care based at SOS Children's Villages and Family Strengthening Programmes supporting families in local communities. SOS has been working in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1991, and implements its programs in the following locations Zanzibar, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa. SOS Children's Villages Tanzania seeks to recruit a suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacant positions;

**Job Title: Employment and Entrepreneurship Training Program Coordinator**  
**Duty station: SOS Children's Village Mwanza**  
**Reporting to: Program Manager**

### PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

EET Program Coordinator oversees development of projects related to young people, child participants, and adults of alternative care, family strengthening and others from the community and supports community systems and structures strengthening on behalf of the organization. The EET Program Coordinator works closely with Youth Empowerment Officer to promote youth Services through engaging the community and all stakeholders in the support of projects to meet the needs of local youth for them to become self-independent.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

#### 1. Lead the planning of the Social Centre program activities.

- Carry out/supports any assessment that will be conducted for Youth/social centre e.g. Baseline, feasibility study or up-date existing information for starting/or redesigning youth/ social centre project.
- Conduct research and statistical analysis; offers recommendations on community development opportunities.
- Identify key stakeholders including the Local Government Authority, Community-Based Partners and Youth/Social Centre Project participants (e.g. Child related Community groups/associations, structure/system members) and ensure their active participation in the project design and implementation putting a particular emphasis on child/youth participation.
- Draw-up an initial action plan together with key community stakeholders based on the findings from the feasibility study, baseline or any assessment, followed by annual plans with concrete programme activities based on the analysis findings, context and in line with the organisations mission, policies, strategic priorities and available resources.
- Ensure all Youth/Social Centre participants understand Children Village Program Policy, their roles and ready to engage accordingly. All key steps (context, assessment, available resources and in the best interest of the child) are effectively observed during Planning phase or redesigning of the Program.
- Identify local funding sources and apply for grants and other forms of local income, such as Community support grants from various grants foundations and government subsidies under different department such as Women/youth funds from Community development department at Mwanza City Council.
- Provide recommendations on available potential funding opportunities to the project participants, available partnership initiatives and the community needs and liaises frequently with community members, funders, and other stakeholders.

#### 2. Coordinate the implementation of programme activities

- Before the Program Coordinator EET implement new Community Program or any initiatives, he/she should evaluate existing scheme, identifying their flaws and highlighting where there is room for improvement. Then he/she should share with management how and where these communities' needs and aspirations can be met, devising strategies, considering budgetary restrictions and then working with a range of different existing community management to prepare and implement projects.
- Develop Youth empowerment training programme and curriculum packages that will be carried at the Youth/Social Centre
- Facilitate the Setting up the leadership to a community Committees, groups and Associations in identifying/securing and coordinating community resources necessary to implement Community Development Programs (Existing and new).
- Lead the implementation of programme activities with partners according to the objectives, actions and time frames outlined in the annual plan and joint action plan.
- Develop and scope viable programs with other community-based groups that reflect community assets and priorities.
- Ensure that the programme operates in accordance with the organisation's policies and procedures.
- Support capacity-building to Community-Based Partners (e.g. youth groups, Community Committees, Associations or Community Clubs) or Systems/structures like Child Protection Systems, to ensure the long-term sustainability of service delivery that is done by the organisation is anchored into their daily plan of actions/activities and their budgeting.
- Build a strong network of Community Based Partners, Committees and Groups that are existing in the community.
- Enforce the implementation of the Children's Villages Program Policy while keeping focus on the principles, social support networks strengthened and the actions and decision made by these committees, groups, structures etc. should be in the best interest of the child.

#### 3. Build and manage positive relations with the community and/or local authorities

- Identify strategic partnership and build strong relationships with respective community development department in the local government authorities, recognised community leadership and like-minded child related community groups/association, who share the organisation's vision, as well as those who provide complementary services to young people.
- Participate in community development forums/networks/conferences dealing/discussing issues affecting children of our target group.
- Search for various prospects for youth programs such as government grants, vocational training institution grants, to secure opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship skills.
- Build good relations with the local media (e.g. community radio), so child rights issues in general as well as the organisation's mission and objectives can be promoted on a regular basis. Engage the community in meaningful dialogue, including through social media, to achieve optimal outcomes.
- Build relationships with government agencies, community groups and local businesses that are willing to invest time and money into their local communities.
- Ensure appropriate consultation, participation, and feedback to the community in the development of policies and strategies related to youth and caregiver's initiatives.
- Establish strong working relationship between youth/social centre program and other program within SOS Children's Village; participate in development of guidelines and other working documents.

#### 4. Financial management and administration of the programme

- Ensure that the organisation's financial resources are used modestly and efficiently.
- Implement financial and administrative procedures, in line with policies/guidelines of the National Association and in consultation with financial support staff.
- Ensure program unit planning and budgets are in line with the organizational strategies.
- Ensure all programme expenditure/resource usage is in line with the annual plan and budget.
- Ensure the program comply with financial policies including procurement policy and procedures.
- Ensure there is no either underspending or overspending of the approved funds of the Social Centre Program and other Community strengthening activities budgeted in Mwanza.
- Ensure there is no fraud or corruption tolerated in Social Centre program in Mwanza. Any indications of corruption and fraud need to be reported as soon as identified.

#### 5. Establish mechanisms for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the programme

- Work very closely with Community Development Department at the Mwanza City Council to put in place effective monitoring and evaluation plans and systems, on the basis of the international systems requirements, as a basis for ongoing monitoring, self-evaluation and external impact evaluation. These tools shall facilitate both quantitative and qualitative evaluation, using participatory approaches.
- Monitor and evaluate youth programs in line with the result framework and M&E tools.
- Provide direct superior with regular up-dates on project activities and results, including regular written reports on a monthly/quarterly basis as required.
- Involve fully in Mwanza program annual progress report writing and submission

### 6. Contribute to the work of the broader organisation

- Participate in local, national and regional processes, meetings and structures within the organisation as required and agreed with the direct superior.
- Work closely and supports the documentation and communication committee in Mwanza to document and share good practices and lessons learned with colleagues to support and improve cross program and organisational learning.
- Work closely and supports the documentation and communication committee in Mwanza to prepare your program information as required for public relations and fund development purposes.
- Keep track of child rights issues in general as well as current social development issues and trends relevant to the organisation's mission, and ensure you identify the innovation areas to improve the Community Social Centre Project up and running in Mwanza.

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor degree in Community Development/ Community Economic development, Project Management, and any relevant field from recognized institutions.
- At least 4 years working experience preferably with NGO in this field.
- Basic facilitation skills.
- Ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Computer skills especially Microsoft word, Excel & the Internet.
- A good command of both oral & written English

**Job Title: National Reintegration Coordinator**

**Duty station: National Office, Dar es Salaam**  
**Reporting to: Head of Programs**

### PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

National Reintegration Coordinator provides overall coordination of the three-year project titled "Facilitating Responsible Reintegration of Children and Young People" at the national level by ensuring project quality and effectiveness. The holder of the post will be responsible to ensure the project is implemented to realize the anticipated results.. S/he will assist in the preparation of project implementation work plans, budget implementation and periodic reporting. Also, she/he will undertake partnership roles that include engagement with the government's Ministries, Departments and Agents (MDAs) such the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups. Other partners include the likeminded organizations and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working on children and young people reintegration processes.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Coordinate and manage the Responsible Reintegration project work for SOS Children's Villages in Tanzania
- Support and supervise project officers' project activities as national lead including taking overall responsibility for the reintegration coordination and technical capacity building of program staff supporting the reintegration in the field
- Spearhead the process of the design of a local data management systems and procedures for reintegration
- Ensure documentation and the organization of paper-based information are up-to-date.
- Use the database to monitor adherence to procedure on individual cases and ensure that roles and responsibilities are upheld.
- Leads national project team and drives project implementation according to plan, involving relevant staff, government and national CSO representatives.
- Provide thematic expertise on protection of children and young people, child empowerment, and family strengthening in the context of reintegration.
- Ensure that reintegration-focused child protection, livelihoods and other youth and family empowerment activities are implemented in a coordinated, mutually-supportive manner with relevant stakeholders.
- Act as SOS Children's Villages focal point for reintegration project initiatives with SOS Children's Villages in Tanzania.
- Ensure that procedures for the reintegration of children and youth are compliant with national and organizational legislation, standards, and policies
- Ensure project implementation is in accordance with project plan, donor proposal and partnership agreement.
- Submit progress reports as well as provide input for annual donor reports to the Regional Project Lead.
- Regularly updates the Head of Programs and relevant National Office departments of project developments and activities.
- Ensure formal and informal meetings with the Head of Programs and other National Office department heads for information sharing and decision making.
- Seek technical guidance/support from the Head of Programs on a regular basis.
- Participate in national platforms at addressing child vulnerability issues affecting beneficiaries of SOS target group and promotes the work of SOS to various organizations and communities.
- Build strong working relationships with national / location program managers
- Represent the project as well as the SOS Children's Villages Tanzania at internal and external meetings, conferences, and thematic coordination platforms

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- University Degree, preferably master's degree in Child Welfare, Social Work, Sociology or Community Development.
- Minimum 5 years programmatic work experience with an international NGO or other nationally recognized institution.
- Documented experience in case management, child and family tracing, reintegration, and reunification.
- Demonstrated commitment to capacity building of staff, a team player with demonstrable success coordinating program interventions in the reintegration field i.e. with children without parental care or living and working in the street
- Experience-based understanding of the inter-relations between children and young people reintegration and alternative care for children, and an ability to shape programming in a way that ensures the needs of reintegrated children are met while also advancing prevention of family separation.
- Knowledge of UNGA, UNCRC, ACRWC, the relevant national legal and policy frameworks
- Good problem solving, strategic planning and analytical skills
- Ability to plan well, set own targets and meet them
- Ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure.
- Willingness to travel and work regularly in field sites with basic standards of living and minimal comfort.
- Be both self-reliant and have the ability to lead and co-operate with others.
- Be able to work under minimum supervision to achieve the set objectives.

### HOW TO APPLY:

Interested candidates for any of the above positions should submit an application letter by email enclosed by only detailed and updated CV with telephone contacts, email address and details of at least 3 referees. The candidate MUST clearly indicate the title of position applied for. Only contacted candidates for the interview will submit copies of academic and professional certificates. This advert can be obtained on our website <http://www.sos-childrensvillages.tanzania.or.tz>. Closing date is 30th September, 2022. To apply please send to:

**The National Director SOS Children's Villages Tanzania.**  
**Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**  
**recruit.sostanzania@sos-tanzania.org**

**Please Note: SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is an equal opportunity employer and committed to keeping children safe from abuse and harm, therefore candidates applying for this post will be subject to child safeguarding recruitment procedures and checks.**

**Only short listed candidates will be contacted**

# Mpango inaugurates bus terminal, truck parking in Mwanza

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has inaugurated a bus terminal and truck parking in Nyamhongolo area of Ilemela Municipality in Mwanza Region worth 26.6bn/-.

Speaking soon after launching the two facilities on Wednesday, Dr Mpango asked the Mwanza Regional authorities to provide the business cages allocated at the terminal without bias.

The VP asked the Mwanza Regional Commissioner to ensure that there is transparency in the procedure that will be used to distribute the cages considering specific groups of the disabled, youth and women.

Dr Mpango instructed all citizens to ensure that they protect the infrastructure of the centre including water, electricity, and toilets.

He also asked the leadership of Ilemela Municipality to put in place measures to deal with disasters such as fire, first aid and proper waste management including equipment and technology suitable for waste collection and management.

The Vice President said that the Sixth Phase government continues to provide priority for strengthening transportation infrastructure in the Lake Zone region through the implementation of various projects.

He stated that Mwanza is a strategic region and the government leaders must ensure progress is achieved.

Dr Mpango criticized the construction of fuel stations for not following the established procedure including 500 meters after each station.

He asked the building permit issuers to comply with laws and regulations in order to avoid disaster that may occur to citizens in the event of an emergency.

Innocent Bashungwa, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) said the government expects to send 28.8bn/- to Ilemela Municipality to improve Mwanza city through tactical projects aimed to beautify the cities.

Bashungwa explained that the project will build a central kirumba market along with the roads that surround the market with 2.9 kilometers which together will cost a total of 12.7bn/-. He added that the project will involve construction of the Buswelu-Busenga-Coca-Cola Road with a length of 3.3 kilometers at tarmac level that will cost 4.6bn/- and Buswelu-Nyamadoke - Nyamhongolo road of 9.5 kilometers which will cost 11.5bn/-.

Ilemela district executive director Eng Modest Apolinary said that the projects are aimed at increasing income for the municipality, attracting investment as well as increasing the number of traders within the municipality.

He added that the project is expected to improve the transport environment and transportation of passengers and cargo as well as increased employment opportunities where it is estimated that 1300 different jobs will be available.



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## Farmers in Z'bar urged to embrace avocado farming

By Guardian Reporter

FARMERS in Zanzibar have been urged to capitalise on avocado farming so as to benefit from the booming market of the produce locally and outside the country.

Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock Shamata Shaame Khamis told the House of Representatives here that avocado farming has potential to transform lives of farmers and improve families' levels of nutrition.

He was responding to a question raised by Ziwani MP Suleiman Makame who wanted to know the government's strategies to promote avocado farming in the Isles.

Shamata said the ministry conducted a research in 1990 for some crops which have high demand in the global market and found that avocado can bring transformation to farmers.

He said the ministry will continue implanting strategies to promote farming of various crops which have high demand in the market so as to improve incomes of farmers and the nation at large.

He acknowledged that avocados are grown by several individuals in the Indian Ocean archipelago but the crop is generally reserved for home consumption; this is why the government and stakeholders are pushing for people to transform avocado growing into a profitable business.

"It is my plea to farmers in the Isles to ensure that they see this opportunity and venture into avocado farming as it has been proved that the crop can lift people from abject poverty and increase foreign currency," he said.

He said there are huge demand and a reliable market for the crop in China and Europe.

Tanzania is among the largest producers of avocado in Africa. In 2019, Tanzania produced 40,000 tonnes of avocados and the production is estimated to increase by 20 percent annually.

Of the total avocado production, around 65 percent was absorbed by the domestic market, 14 percent was consumed on-farm, including six percent waste and only 21 percent was exported mainly to the European Union market.

Prominent avocado producing areas in the country are the regions of Mbeya, Njombe, Songwe and Iringa in the southwest, as well as in Kilimanjaro, Arusha and Tanga in the northeast of the country. The other regions are Kigoma and Kagera in the northwest and Morogoro in the east of Tanzania.





Haroun Ali Suleiman (L), Minister of State in the Zanzibar President's office (Constitution, Law, Public Service and Good Governance), exchanges views with Mfenesini constituency's Zanzibar House of Representatives member, Machano Othman Said, on the legislative assembly's grounds at Chukwani in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

## Z'bar govt sets aside 2.3bn/- for ZIPA's new headquarters

The Zanzibar Minister of State in the President's Office (Economy and Investment) Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga has said the government has allocated 2.3bn/- for the construction of Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA) headquarters at Mazizini in Unguja outskirts.

Soraga said this in the House of Representatives when issuing an implementation report of the House's Economy Committee on the ZIPA's investments.

He said it is essential to have modern offices for ZIPA so as to strengthen

services of the authority in attracting and serving investors.

He added that investment activities have increased following the government's decision to open investment doors; hence needing a modern headquarters for ZIPA's ever increasing activities.

"I would like to inform you that

the call from the House's Economy Committee on the lack of ZIPA's modern headquarters has been heard, and the government has set aside 2.3bn/- for the construction," he said.

He further said the Zanzibar government has made great efforts to reform ZIPA so as to make it one stop-centre to serve all investors.

He added that to a large extent, the reforms has simplified investors' aims and expectations in getting permits within the shortest time possible.

He acknowledged that previously, investors were facing a number of challenges due to bureaucracy by some of the authority's officials, but now the problem has greatly been addressed.

## Govt advises MIGA to increase support to key sectors in Africa

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

FINANCE and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has requested the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) to strengthen their engagements and support to Africa so as to support development of key priority sectors.

Dr Nchemba was speaking in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday during the opening of a two-day African Investment Dialogue.

He said that the dialogue comes at the right time where Africa is at a critical development juncture in the sense that it seeks to accelerate economic growth to meet national development goals in line with the sustainable goals (SDGs) and the African Union's Agenda 2063 during these challenging times.

He said active engagement will drive Africa's recovery and build resilience from unforeseen shocks.

"It is therefore important for our countries to discuss a topic that is critical in driving sustainable recovery in the African continent. Africa's economy, still reeling from the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, is facing an increasingly gloomy and uncertain outlook with risks tilting on the downside."

According to Nchemba, the Ukraine war has complicated domestic resource mobilization in African countries, already worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic and the increased frequency of natural disasters in the context of climate change.

He further said that in the midst of rising and unsustainable debt levels, African countries are being forced to reduce their fiscal space at a time when they should be increasing it. Thus, the role of international investment in complementing domestic public investment is now of paramount importance.

Nchemba said that international trade and foreign investment are important recipes for economic growth and development. "I believe we can jointly agree that foreign direct investment is among the significant external sources of capital inflows.

Together they serve as an important vehicle for transferring of financial resources, technology, management know-how, job creation, and access to new markets," he explained.

Dr Nchemba noted that countries that are open to international trade tend to grow faster, be innovative and improve productivity which provides higher income and more opportunities to their people.

"Open trade also benefits lower income households by offering consumers more affordable goods and services. Integrating with the world economy through trade and global value chains helps drive economic growth and reduce poverty.

Global flows of FDI are seen to recover following the myriad negative shocks triggered in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic. Global trade is also seen to recover strongly by 26.6 percent after contracting by 7.5 percent in the previous year.

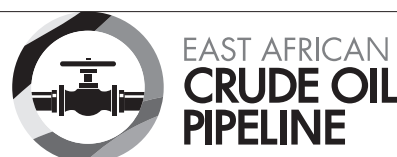
The ongoing war in Ukraine on top of the pandemic effects is resulting in triple pressures in food, fuel and finance to most countries.

The dialogue was organized by the Tanzania government and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) to promote Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). The multi-country roundtable brought together international foreign investors with government representatives from Tanzania, as well as other East and southern African countries.

Key stakeholders from the private sector had an opportunity for a candid dialogue with government representatives about optimizing investment conditions to draw more FDI into the region.



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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE SERVICES REFERENCE: 0010007924

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Limited (COMPANY), is mandated with the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. It shall be 1,443 kilometres (km) long, of which 296 km will be in Uganda occupying a 30-meter-wide corridor.

The company plans on engaging a reputable insurance services provider to provide medical insurance cover to EACOP Staff based in Tanzania. East African Crude Oil Pipeline Limited invites experienced and reputable service providers to express their interest in providing Medical Insurance Cover for its staff.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The Company is inviting eligible and reputable insurance providers with adequate experience and expertise to provide medical insurance covers for over 150 Company's staff and their eligible dependants across Tanzania and in East Africa particularly in Tanzania within the Company's areas of operations regions which include Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Dodoma, Singida, Tabora, Shinyanga, Mwanza and Bukoba.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

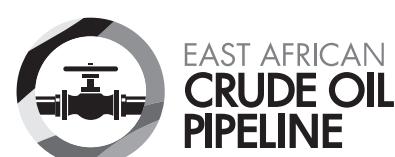
Service providers expressing their interest are requested to submit the following minimum documents:

- Copy of current Business Licence.
- Copy of certificate of Registration or incorporation.
- Valid current Tax Clearance Certificate.
- Registration and licensed with Insurance Regulatory Authority as Insurance Providers.
- Audited financial reports for the previous three years.
- Proof of ability to provide an electronic system or an application (software) to monitor utilization. Evidence of providing similar services to corporates in Tanzania for the past five years. This can be in a form of two letters from current client.
- List of experienced, competent, and qualified affiliated hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, and laboratories across the operations areas of the Company.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver required scope of services.
- Proof of registration on the National Supplier Database by the Energy and water Utilities Regulatory Authority of Tanzania (EWURA) or an approved application at the time of submission.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to [procurement.tz@eacop.com](mailto:procurement.tz@eacop.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022**. Email subject should be **0010007924**.

**Note:** The EACOP Co will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.

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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF COUNSELLING SERVICES TO EACOP STAFF REFERENCE: 0010007926

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Limited (COMPANY), is mandated with the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. It shall be 1,443 kilometres (km) long, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

The Company plans procuring the services of an experienced and Certified Counsellor for EACOP Tanzania employees. East African Crude Oil Pipeline Limited invites experienced and reputable service providers to express their interest in providing Counselling services to the employees in Tanzania.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The Company is seeking a prospective service provider with adequate experience and expertise to provide Counselling services to the employees and their immediate families within an international Company with employees from different nationalities, beliefs and background. The immediate family shall include the spouse(s), children, and house helpers.

The scope of counselling will range from performance counselling to personal and family matters counselling, compliance counselling, change management counselling and other areas that impact the employee's wellbeing.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Service providers expressing interest are requested to submit the following documents:

- Three (3) years of proven experience as a registered Counselling entity by relevant authorities in Tanzania.
- Copy of current Trading licence/ Business Licence.
- Copy of the Certificate of Registration or incorporation
- Audited financial reports for the previous three years.
- Evidence that the service provider has provided professional counselling services to its clients in the last 5 years. This can be in the form of two letters from the provider's current clients
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).
- Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver required scope of services, Organisation profile (or brochure) detailing services provided, organisation chart, Key clientele, and proposed key personnel that will work and their relevant experience in providing similar services
- Proof of registration on the National Supplier Database by the Energy and water Utilities Regulatory Authority of Tanzania (EWURA)

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to [procurement.tz@eacop.com](mailto:procurement.tz@eacop.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022**. Email subject should be **0010007926**.

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## Technology solutions on water scarcity not vital just for Z'bar

ZANZIBAR authorities and experts from across Africa have been attending a two-day water conference in Zanzibar on ways to sustain the management of groundwater resources in a changing climate scenario.

Researchers in the management of water resources from several African countries have been deliberating on the issue as experienced and addressed in many countries.

Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has fittingly graced the event and found occasion to point that even developed countries face such problems, requiring the designing of workable and effective solutions.

The Zanzibar authorities were engaged in a brainstorming session with researchers in the water sector to find ways of ensuring the reliable supply of clean and safe water in the wake of climate change effects.

One of the proposals discussed was the use of technology to 'transform' hard water into soft water, which the authorities recognise as a challenge for the long run.

The more realistic position was that reliance on ground sourced water in Africa will be the way to go for years to come, thus requiring practicable conservation techniques and stop-gap measures to forestall intense shortages later.

Meeting sources said that there were 57 abstracts from the scientific researchers present, with vital insights to share the water for all sorts of domestic and industrial uses, as well as public and private claims to water flows.

But there was an air of pessimism as data from the European Environment Agency indicated that some 20 per cent of Africa's land is under threat of water shortages, with Europe more at ease in relation to water supply owing in part to its temperate climate.

While governments and development are realising the urgency of the need for funds to steer alternative approaches in enabling people to access water at the right time and at affordable cost, 'big

ideas' are needed.

Just as applies elsewhere in Africa, Zanzibar relies heavily on underground sourced water including from bore holes, natural springs and drilled wells.

Replenishing these sources with predictable and adequate rains is proving increasingly unassured, and hence the need for even bigger funds with which to adopt better technologies for conservation, enabling greater precipitation, etc.

Combating the effects of climate change requires not just conservation of water that exists underground but also making it better for supply of the precious liquid to increase, which means making the planting of trees a large-scale and endless activity.

Even as experts point out the impact of expanding agro-based activities on remaining woodlands and in forest reserves, we must admit that there are millions of hectares of territory that need replanting with trees and other vegetation.

Clearly, that can't be done to satisfaction by local government orders and corporate social responsibility alone; it needs a World Bank-kind of expansive and well-supported initiative.

That is why international development cooperation agencies taking part in the Zanzibar conference and likely to take up that subject not only with their hosts for this week but with other governments as well need to brainstorm on their own to find means of executing a global tree planting campaign.

There is similarly the need to evaluate performance in terms of hundreds of thousands of square kilometres of land planted with trees each year, with assured supply of water for the seedlings.

That could mean sparing existing resources for pumping up water, accessing pumps and hiring part-timers to water seedlings across ranges of territory.

Continuing merely to protect existing forest patches would evidently be unrealistic as those zones are under the same population pressures which have long led to global deforestation.

## New highway safety features could be pursued with the utmost urgency

THERE were reason for optimism for highway road users at midweek following news that the government was launching a US\$500m (over 1bn/-) road assessment project to identify weaknesses on highways and upgrade safety features, chiefly with a view to curbing road carnage in the country.

The optimism arose from the introduction of the Tanzania Road Safety Assessment Programme (TanRAP), which stems from the United Nations road safety collaboration project backed by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). This translates into a new Africa-wide project meant to help sort out road carnage.

Accordinging to a technical presentation, this is a ten-step plan designed to protect road users from road crashes via deliverables constituting the approach.

The technique is admittedly a bit detailed, but we have local examples of elaborate service roads, at times having a roundabout facility to ease the burden borne by main roads.

Distinct trouble spots have different improvement approaches that are best applicable, with the ready option of separating the major lanes at specific spots. Where the danger is low, service roads may suffice.

There are several highway spots where occurrence of accidents is notoriously frequent, apart from city intersections that are quite often problematic.

At times it is driver error or negligence like ignoring traffic lights owing to speeding, which is simply unacceptable.

Technical solutions are often pursued because it is impossible to eradicate true human error, nor indeed map out its frequency, but diminishing chances of fatalities is attainable.

Experts talk of having vehicles installed

with software to check the country's highways and determine safety levels along existing roads and proposed road upgrades.

If information collected could be used in road designing and upgrading to reduce or tame crashes and fatalities, that would be the best-case scenario. The total bill underlined so far is upwards of 1bn/-, but no amount is too high if we are to stop road crashes that claim the lives of thousands of people annually with a lot more people maimed.

While this pursuit of technological solutions could make a difference in highway travel, it is harder to think of a similar approach to forestall accidents involving speeding motorcycles, especially with youths ride them.

The younger the riders are, the more they appear to relish motorised recklessness - which commonly leads to deaths and costly amputations in hospitals. The crucial input there is safety helmets, but regulatory authorities also need to seriously consider the state of roads, just to be on the safe side.

Placid Badji, a UNECA official, has aptly noted that safer road systems "should not only be forgiving of human errors but also responsive to the needs of road users".

The idea that by 2030 all new roads need to have achieved technical standards for all road users that take into account roads meeting a three-star rating or better is vital, but further improvement would come in handy.

With highways the problem is lorries, buses or cars in mixed-crash scenarios. This view seems to encompass all that the UNECA project sees, while safety measures are needed on narrow roads where motorcycle crashes reign. Debate and action on this should continue without end.

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## Brazilian journalist: 'Brazilian president puts our model of journalism to the test'

By Fernando Belzunce

BRAZILIAN journalist Sérgio Dávila is leader of what is widely regarded as the most respected and feared newspaper in South America generally and Brazil in particular, Folha de Sao Paulo.

With his country's upcoming (October 2) elections, he faces a great challenge for the country and for his newspaper.

So in just three weeks, after the elections, Dávila will know whether the newspaper where he grew up as a journalist and which he now edits, will have to deal with Jair Messias Bolsonaro, a leader with serious anti-democratic leanings, or with Lula da Silva, whose return could further agitate a country in constant turmoil.

The two presidential candidates, representatives of this global era of extreme polarisation, are well aware of Folha de Sao Paulo's onslaught.

**Question to Dávila: How do you cover such a decisive election?**

The challenge for us is always to be non-partisan. Folha's editorial principles are independence, impartiality and critical journalism. But we don't want to treat different candidates as equals either. There are two main candidates, Jair Bolsonaro and Lula da Silva, but the former stands out for constantly attacking democracy and the Brazilian electoral system itself, so we have to provide extremely critical coverage based on facts. This does not mean that we are going to do friendly coverage of the other candidates, such as Lula. No. We will do a very critical coverage of everyone.

**Folha de Sao Paulo stood out in the early 1980s for its defence of democratic restoration. Now you are very critical of the Bolsonaro government. Are the two eras comparable?**

The role of journalism is fundamental in both moments, which are historical but also different. Before there was a country under a dictatorship and now we have a democracy. In the 1980s the newspaper gave a voice to people who fought against the dictatorship, while now there are many voices that can express themselves freely.

**There have been direct online attacks by the president of Brazil on one of your journalists and also online persecution of other editors. How do you protect your professionals?**

This president is very combative with journalists, especially if they

work for Folha de Sao Paulo and most especially if they are women. Patricia Campos, the journalist who was attacked, meets all the conditions. We ask our journalists to be very careful about what they publish on social networks and we ask them to let us know if they suffer any kind of attack, virtual or otherwise. In such cases, we put our legal team at their disposal. We also offer special training to protect mental health.

**What does the (mental health and journalism) training cover?**

It teaches techniques to be safe in the social environment. It is very important. After two years of the Covid-19 pandemic, we had to be concerned about mental health and we expanded that initiative because of the exposure of our journalists on social media. We also hired a psychologist to listen to our professionals. Any editor can book an appointment and talk about what she or he needs. The (lady expert) consults Monday to Friday all afternoon and has no more time for the next two months. She is doing a great job. It is very important to deal with mental health professionals.

**Former US President Donald Trump cancelled subscriptions to The New York Times as soon as he came to the White House and Bolsonaro announced the same decision about Folha de Sao Paulo when he came to power in Brazil. How do you see this parallel?**

Bolsonaro said he would cancel Folha's subscription, but in the end he kept it. It is more complicated to react to our exclusives if he doesn't read us. Indeed, Trump is his great inspiration and we are very worried about what might happen if he is not re-elected. Should we be worried about a coup d'état? It is not impossible.

**You have been very controversial, with opinions that have caused unease among some readers. Why is it so difficult for plurality of opinion to be appreciated?**

Plurality of opinion has been a hallmark of Folha since the 1970s. We have almost 200 columnists and bloggers who represent a wide ideological diversity. What happens is that in such a politically polarised world, as in Spain, it is very difficult to remain plural. We recently published an article by a very controversial Bolsonaro minister. You can imagine... They criticise us a lot from the progressive or conservative side, but now more from the progressive side - saying that this is not the time to be plural and that we have to publish only one type of opinion.

We refuse to do that. I think the Bolsonaro presidency tests our model of journalism. It is easier to be The New York Times, which is a partisan newspaper positioned in favour of the Democratic Party than to be Folha, which is a newspaper critical of all the candidates. We were very critical of Lula's presidency and published big exclusives. Now we are doing the same with Bolsonaro. But opinion is plural. This principle cannot be put aside because to do so would be to give up doing Folha de Sao Paulo.

**Decades ago, your company took on the major challenge of distributing the newspaper throughout Brazil, with more than 1,300,000 copies sold on Sundays. How do you work on the presence of your medium in society when the physical product is falling?**

These numbers are very important, but the digital ones have an enormous dimension. The Internet has 120 million users in Brazil and Folha reaches 30 million of them. We also have 360,000 digital subscribers, a big number for the Brazilian reality. The positive side is that Brazil is a continental country, so getting the print edition to every corner is very expensive. Also, we have many readers in Portugal or the United States who no longer depend on the print edition. We are not in the business of printing pages, but in the business of producing content according to professional journalistic principles. That is our job.

**What challenges do you face in the digital environment?**

Our challenge is for Folha to make the best possible transition from print to digital, maintaining its great influence in the Brazilian public debate. Very modestly, I think we are achieving this. We were the first to have a digital subscription model in Brazil and we stand out for being pioneers in big digital bets.

**To what extent does the digital subscription strategy set the newsroom on its path?**

Having large revenues from subscribers makes you less dependent on the moods of the market - on the economic situation or advertisers. In the end, the subscription makes you even more independent.

**Years ago you left Facebook because the platform changed its rules unilaterally. What is your current relationship with the platforms?**

We were the first to leave Facebook because they changed the algorithm in a way that was detrimental to

professional journalism. Years later, when they changed it again, we came back. Our line of argument with the platforms was always that they should pay for content that helps drive their business model. This is because what we produce, the product of professional journalism, is what drives social media businesses. Kitten videos have their limit....

**To tackle the digital challenge, you will place a lot of importance on training and the selection of new journalists...Right?**

It is absolutely key. We subsidise courses that journalists want to do and we always promote specific seminars. We are also very rigorous in the recruitment process. We have a job bank and three or four very demanding professionals examine each candidate. We focus on diversity.

**Why did you decide three years ago to bring in a diversity editor?**

Brazilian society is incredibly diverse and tremendously unequal. We wanted to respond to this problem with an ambitious programme and we were pioneers in creating the position. The main mission of this editor is to ensure a diversified vision, which affects the hires we make, but also our content, our interviewees, our sources and even our readers, as we want them to better represent the Brazilian plurality. The editor has very broad responsibility and has the capacity to act horizontally throughout the company. We have data that show that our audience has diversified and that this is already working. We also have the highest percentage of black journalists ever at Folha.

**Do you think this is a good time to be a journalist?**

Yes, I think it is. Journalism is more fundamental now than ever - because of everything we are going through, because of the polarisation, because of the attacks on democracy and because of the attacks on journalism itself. If I were a young student today, I would choose journalism again. It may sound very funny, but an old Folha columnist used to say that after World War III only cockroaches and journalists would remain in the world. I say journalists will tell the story of the cockroaches.

• A World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) dispatch originally published in Spanish as an article by Spain's ABC (newspaper) and a group of regional newspapers. Fernando Belzunce is the chief editor of the Vocento group, which includes ABC.





**N**INE months in and almost four months out of 2022 is a time for any career-minded individual to go back to the drawing board; recharge and reflect, look back at the past months of the year and plan for what's to come.

Also, it could be a great time to seek a promotion, ask for a raise or consider jumping to another company. But employee loyalty also pays. Therefore, the decision to stay or move to a new job should not be made hurriedly.

With a constant distraction from work emails, deadlines and never-ending to-do lists, it can be hard to simply step back and reflect. But those quiet moments are key for career advancement. It's therefore so important to set aside space to sit back and look through the bigger picture behind and ahead of you.

You could begin by setting aside one hour of doing nothing and who knows, you might come to the conclusion that you aren't really in need of that promotion. But also if one hour seems like lots of time wasted, start with 30 minutes while you grab lunch and try to not scroll through your phone as you sit quietly and reflect. Or, if you take time off during the holidays, spend a leisurely morning to contemplate.

Be certain to carve out that space and time for yourself because when we cut out the distractions and

## This ninth month of 2022 is time to evaluate and decide to stay or go



the external influences, we can be surprised what comes from within us and how much it could curate our decisions.

Again, as an employee, you routinely work towards achieving the company goals yet we rarely do that on a personal level. So, this is not the time to let yourself get stuck in a vacuum related to your existing job but to think about your expertise on a broader scale and use that to assess where you want to go. With the remaining months of the year, set goals and leave your current job out of it.

Also, because how you spend most of your time translates into what you prioritize the most, you ought to think about what you consumed your time on most in the past months, did you say yes to unnecessary things? Which projects were not beneficial? What would you like to spend more time on these remaining months and next year?

By asking yourself these tough questions, you could start by breaking it down to what you spend your time on in a typical day, which lead to the number of hours in a week and eventually a whole month and then figure out how to optimize it. If you're intentional about how you view your time, you can use it to make things happen. Examine how you used your time and use that to inform the year ahead.

All in all, in case you're considering changing a job, make sure you've squeezed out everything you can first at your current job. Majority of us look to other jobs when we feel unchallenged and if that's really the case, then it's a good move but first, take inventory of whether you have exhausted every possibility of change from this current position.

For example, have you left professional development on the table or are there places internally that you can seek a new challenge? Whether it's internal training or the ability to attend conferences, you should exhaust every opportunity your company offers you. Then if it seems worth staying, assess your pain points and figure out how you can negotiate out of them.

Well, as you look towards 2023, going back to how we began the year on a career note is crucial in order to smash those goals and aspirations that you have set for yourself by end year and the beginning of the next year. Do not shy away from reflection and honest assessment.

## Lack of job opportunities should not be an excuse for undervaluing education

BY THOMAS LYIMO

**T**HERE are many people who have made in life without good academic papers. In fact, there are examples of dollar billionaires all over the world who dropped out of college and pursued their dreams. Some of these dropouts are amongst the richest human beings on this planet earth.

Here at home, there are very successful people without academic papers to show. There are businesspeople, miners, livestock keepers, musicians and even politicians—some of whom brag in parliament that they are only standard seven leavers yet they legislate and speak for the people better than their colleagues with degrees, masters and PhDs.

I recently listened to an informal debate at a certain joint where one man energetically argued that sometimes going through education system is a waste of time. This fellow went ahead to strongly advise a young lady who was set to join form five that self-employment is better than more schooling.

I listened to that friend of mine carefully but I eventually positively criticized him. It is indubitable that we may all be successful but with different levels. What is more important is success but if there is a possibility of more success, things are still good.

There are some scholars who believe that life is thinking. I may agree with them because even my teachers and other role models in several ways inspire me to think. One among those



who influenced my thinking is Robert Schuller, an American author. This man has come up with an idea of possibility thinking.

His line of thinking comes in handy when it comes to debate about unemployment and schooling. The insufficient number of formal employment opportunities especially in the government has made some individuals (educated and less educated) try to dis-

value education. This practice is based on wrong thinking on the role of education. If someone critically examines the role of education, they may agree with me that education is meant to improve our thinking above other benefits it can offer.

But due to our orientation which is not necessarily correct, education should lead directly to employment and especially formal, salaried and

pensionable white collar employment.

Formal education can enable a person secure employment, either in private sector or public sector. Being employed is something good because both private and public sectors need professionals who can perform several tasks for the betterment of the entire society. But employment in the private sector does not deny an individual a right to

self-employment because that liberty is guaranteed by the constitution.

Formal education helps us get experts who are important in the society as their role cannot be substituted by other people, let say entrepreneurs. Taking into account the positions of a doctor and an entrepreneur, we can learn something useful. A doctor can easily opt for entrepreneurship but the case may not

be so for entrepreneur opting for treating people if they had not trained in medicine.

My advice to the young lady who was to join form five was that she was to go ahead and pursue interests of her choice in education but what she should not forget is that she may or may not get employment after schooling but that shouldn't mean end of life.

If someone is tired and working in a profession they

chose, they can opt for other things like business or a consulting and many others in the name of self-employment. But consider the possibility of a successful businessperson whose education did not go beyond secondary education starting a law firm!

The fact is that there are some posts in the government or private sector that you can never be given unless you have a verifiable training that qualifies you for the posts. No matter how successful in business you are, you cannot be appointed senior lecturer at the College of Business Education (CBE) if you do not possess the right papers.

It is high time teachers and enlightened parents who are the first teachers to advise children not to look at role models who are not educated and end up devaluing education. There is no need to fear telling pupils the truth if we want to emancipate them.

Perpetuating some of the ethics of education, we agree to one another that a good teacher would tell a pupil the reason for his own failure if necessary, provided the fact that human beings are not perfect, that is if that teacher really wants to help them.

It is time teachers introduced pupils to possibility thinking so as to make them resilient and hence successful in life. Teaching is doing something beyond helping pupils pass school examinations.

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# Africa struggles on with neo-colonialism

After a quarter century of economic stagnation, African economic recovery early in the 21st century was under great pressure even before the pandemic, due to new trade arrangements, falling commodity prices and severe environmental stress.

## European scramble for Africa

Africa's borders were drawn up by European powers, especially following their 'Scramble for Africa' from 1881 ending by World War One. Various culturally, linguistically and religiously different 'ethnic' groups were forced together into colonies, to later become post-colonial 'nations'.

Europeans came to Africa seeking slaves and minerals, later building colonial empires. The US attended the 1884 Berlin Congress, dividing Africa among European powers. Colony-less 'late-comer' Germany got Southwest Africa and Tanganyika, now Namibia and mainland Tanzania respectively.

Namibia's Herero and Nama peoples revolted unsuccessfully against German occupation in 1904. General Lothar von Trotha then ordered "every Herero ... shot". Four-fifths of the Herero and half the Nama died!

Communities were surrounded, with many killed. Others were held, with many dying in concentration camps, or driven into the desert to die of starvation. In 1984, the UN Whitaker Report concluded the atrocities were among the worst 20th century genocides.

## Asymmetric interdependence?

Europe's post-Second World War recovery benefited immensely from their primary commodity exporting colonies. After the wartime devastation, European imperial powers relied on colonial currency arrangements for precious foreign exchange.

Imperial power also ensured captive colonial markets for uncompetitive post-war European manufactures. Recovery and competition brought down commodity prices, especially after the Korean War boom. For well over a century, such



Elizabeth II dancing with Nkrumah, 1961.

prices have declined against those for manufactures.

As decolonization became inevitable, French politicians promoted the notion of 'Eurafrica', mimicking the US Monroe Doctrine's claim to Latin America. French elite discourse insisted African independence should be defined by (asymmetric) 'interdependence', not 'sovereignty'.

Although Germany lost its few colonies in Africa after losing the First World War, the influential West German Die Welt wondered wistfully in 1960, "Is Africa getting away from Europe?"

## From decolonization to Cold War

The US was the first nation to recognize Belgian King Le-

opold II's personal claim to the Congo River basin in 1884. When Leopold's brutal atrocities and exploitation of his private Congo Free State domain, killing millions, could no longer be denied, other European powers forced Belgium to directly colonize the country!

Since then, the US has shaped the Congo's destiny. The US has been keenly interested in its massive mineral resources. Congolese uranium, the richest in the world, was used in the Hiroshima and Nagasaki nuclear bombs. But Washington would not allow Africans control of their own strategic materials.

Patrice Lumumba became the first elected prime minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). An advocate

of pan-African economic independence, his wish for genuine independence and sovereign control of DRC resources threatened powerful interests.

Lumumba was brutally humiliated, tortured and murdered in January 1961. The shameful assassination involved both US and Belgian governments which collaborated with Lumumba's Congolese rivals.

## Struggling to stand up

Pan-Africanist leader Kwame Nkrumah wanted independent Ghana to chart an 'anti-imperialist' path, staying non-aligned in the Cold War. He wanted hydroelectric dams to power Ghana's industrial progress, beginning by smelting its bauxite to develop an aluminium

value chain.

The US, UK and World Bank agreed to finance the Akosombo Dam, on condition it provided cheap energy to a Kaiser Aluminium subsidiary to process alumina for export to Kaiser. This arrangement was only rescinded decades later, early this century.

Ghana made technical cooperation agreements with the Czechs and Soviets to build two other dams. But both were ended after Nkrumah was overthrown in a military coup abetted by Washington in February 1966. Thus, Nkrumah's development ambitions for Ghana were killed.

A scaled-down Bui dam was finally built by Chinese contractors decades later. Nkrumah's 1965 book, Neo-colonialism: The Last Stage of Imperialism, was probably the final straw in embarrassing the West.

Elsewhere, Tanzania's Julius Nyerere's Ujamaa 'African socialism' focused on developing villages and food security. Western antagonism ensured Ujamaa's failure, while his efforts were harshly condemned to deter other Africans from trying to chart their own paths.

Meanwhile, Nyerere's pro-Western contemporaries were supported by the West. Such countries, e.g., neighbouring Kenya and Uganda, received much more Western aid although their development records have not been much better.

At independence, Zambia had no universities, with only 0.5% completing primary education. The country's copper mines were mostly in British hands. Most people survived on limited land for the villagers, without electricity and other amenities.

Hemmed in by Western-supported racist states, President Kenneth Kaunda - a devout Christian - sought foreign help to bypass hostile South Africa and Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) to change the landlocked nation's fate.

After the US and World Bank refused to help, he reached out to the Soviet bloc and China. China built a \$500 million railway linking Zambia to the Indian Ocean through Tanzania.

Côte d'Ivoire has long been a major producer of cocoa and coffee. But three decades of misrule by its pro-Western founding father, Felix Houphouët-Boigny, ensured endemic poverty and stark inequalities, culminating in civil war.

In 2020, almost 40% of its people lived in 'extreme poverty'. In 2019, the middle-income country's human development index score was a low 0.538, which dropped to 0.346, when adjusted for inequality.

Both Kaunda and Houphouët-Boigny later abandoned their early, more neo-colonial policies. Zambia nationalized copper mines, hoping to improve living conditions, instead of en-

riching foreign investors.

Meanwhile, Ivorian cocoa was withheld to secure better prices. But both efforts failed, as copper and cocoa prices collapsed. Thus, both nations were severely punished for trying to better their fates.

## Non-alignment best

During the first Cold War, Western hostility to African aspirations forced many to turn to the 'socialist camp' to build infrastructure and develop human resources. Washington then was as concerned with economic gain as countering 'Reds'.

The Kennedy administration had increased foreign aid, urging allies to do likewise. But instead of supporting African aspirations, the West pursued its own economic interests while claiming to support post-colonial aspirations.

Increasing African government indebtedness over the 1970s forced many to accept structural adjustment programme policy conditions imposed by international financial institutions from the 1980s. Of course, developing countries following International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank prescriptions became Western darlings.

Nyerere observed: "The IMF ... makes conditions and says, 'if you follow these examples, your economy will improve'. But where are the examples of economies booming in the Third World because they accepted the conditions of the IMF?"

Cold War considerations have also meant US interest in Africa has waxed and waned. Now, the West warns of imminent Chinese 'takeovers' and nefarious Russian designs. China seems more interested in financing and building infrastructure, while Putin promotes Russian exports.

Neglected by the US after the first Cold War until its 21st century African initiatives, including Africom, African nations have increasingly welcomed alternatives to the West, albeit somewhat warily.

Together, the world can help Africa progress. But if support for the long cruelly exploited continent remains hostage to new Cold War considerations, Africans will choose accordingly. Non-alignment is now the pan-African choice.

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By Guardian Correspondent

# Communication service users urged to protect their personal information

**T**HE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has urged users of communication services in the country to avoid dumping lots of private or personal information so as to protect themselves from being conned and swindled.

TCRA principal communication officer, Semu Mwakyanjala, said although most of the users of telecommunication services in the country conform to rules and regulations for online services, there are some few who misuse and abuse them, engaging themselves in criminal acts like online theft, conning and theft of information used in online money transactions.

Semu wants the users to ensure that confidential information like passwords used for mobile money or bank transactions are well protected and should not be shared to anyone.

He made the call recently in Kigoma when he spoke to members of the public at Kalinzi village near the Tanzania-Burundi border.

The education is part of TCRA's ongoing campaign known as "Kwea Kidijitali" to enhance the level of understanding on the significance of proper and safe



Semu Mwakyanjala, Principal communication officer with Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority, explains communication services and products to traders at an open market in Kalinzi village, Kigoma Region, near the Tanzania-Burundi border. Photo: TCRA.

use of information and communication technology (ICT) services.

Mwakyanjala reiterated that, password and other confidential information should not be shared with other people, even closer

friends and relatives. He also told people to use passwords that are a mixture of words and numbers

and to change them regularly. "User of a digital device creates a password as a word, letter, or

combination of these to prevent unauthorized access to the device, the information stored in the device, an email account, or mobile financial account must be strictly protected," he noted.

Mwakyanjala discouraged the use of patterns on smartphones as a means to encrypt user information alerting that it is possible for third parties to guess and break into and access personal information in their gadgets.

Due to the increase of cybercrimes, the use of strong passwords that involve combination of different characters is very important alerting that common have started to guess simpler passwords like those that include year of birth.

"It is important for users of communication devices to refrain from generating simpler passwords that could be guessed by people with bad intention who want to get into their personal information," Semu insisted.

As most on-line commenters are bent to acquiring personal information posted on social networks, the TCRA officer advised communication service users should exercise caution whenever deciding what to share on on-line platforms. Furthermore, he urged users

not to engage with individuals who phone them seeking their passwords or personal information; emphasizing on not cooperating with them even if the caller claims to be from the network provider they use.

"If you receive a call from a normal phone number, do not follow the instructions; instead, send the fraudulent number or a text message to the number '15040' so that legal action can be taken against the suspected criminals. This number is toll free; attracting no charge for the service," Mwakyanjala emphasised.

He advised mobile phone users to verify total number of Sim cards registered using each user's National Identification Number (NIN) from National Identification Authority (NIDA) by dialing '106#'. The short code is also used for the verification of status of registration.

Kigoma is the country's leading region in palm trees cultivation that yield palm oil where Mwakyanjala urged the locals of the to utilize communication opportunities to find markets for the rare, valuable crop.

Residents in the region applauded the government for improving the communication services and for creating chances to easily access distance markets for their products something which has improved their income.

## Climate-smart agricultural practices delivering life-changing benefits for Tanzanian women

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

MARIAM Tungu, a woman farmer from Ikungi District in Singida Region spent decades cultivating the small piece of land behind her home and had resigned herself to yielding only enough to sustain her family.

In 2020, women from her village of Kipumbuiko joined forces and formed agricultural groups to pool resources and cultivate large pieces of land.

"If we got lucky, we had a little extra to sell and give our children some meat or eggs that week but sustaining this didn't seem possible at the time".

Mariam's story is similar to that of many women farmers in the country, experiencing challenges of access to land, discriminatory social norms and attitudes, and limited access to credit and agricultural inputs like improved seeds and modern farming equipment.

In 2020, women from her village of Kipumbuiko joined forces and formed agricultural groups to pool resources and cultivate large pieces of land.

That same year, as part of the UN Women and UNFPA joint programme "Realizing Gender Equality through Empowering Women and Adolescent Girls", supported by KOICA, UN Women partnered with Farm Africa to capacitate small-holder farmers' groups in Kipumbuiko and surrounding villages on modern, climate-smart agricultural practices to improve sunflower farming productivity.

The partnership with the Ministry of Lands and the district council has demonstrated how it can yield positive results



The groups were trained and given improved sunflower seeds and enhanced access to markets through Agricultural Marketing Cooperatives. They will also improve crop storage through a newly constructed warehouse boosting post-harvest sales.

To date, over 300 women have benefited from the programme, increasing their income almost two-fold.

With the increased income, Mariam started a small chicken farm, and her group diversified their crops, adding tomatoes, onions, and watermelon.

With evidence showing that increasing women's land ownership improves their farming productivity, under the UN Joint Programme, UN Women

partnered with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements, and local authorities to draft village land-use plans for women to obtain certificates of customary rights of occupancy (CCROs), allowing for the ownership of land under customary law.

"This enabled the issuance of over 5,000 CCROs in four villages of the Ikungi district, most of which were issued to women," said Hodan Addou, UN Women Representative in Tanzania.

"The partnership with the Ministry of Lands and the district council has demonstrated how it can yield positive results," she added. "Through the multi-faceted approach, the programme employs, women have not only been

able to increase their access to land to expand farming activities, and are also better equipped to employ better, more modern practices to improve their productivity. Furthermore, through the newly constructed warehouse in Ikungi, they can store their produce after harvest and negotiate better sale prices," said Addou.

As beneficiaries of the capacity building on land rights, Mariam and her husband agreed to register both their names on their land, giving her joint ownership rights.

"I am now officially a landowner. And if anything happens to my husband, my rights will be protected. I couldn't hope for a greater blessing," said Mariam.

## Outreach campaign increases Covid-19 vaccine uptake in Tanzania, states WHO

By Guardian Reporter

AS Tanzania continue to implement and promote uptake of COVID-19 vaccine following a slow start last year, several regions have now shown a huge improvement due to the implementation of community mobilisation campaigns, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has acknowledged.

Vaccination is important to avoid severe COVID-19, in turn relieving the health system the burden of hospitalising critically ill patients. Moreover, controlling the virus curtails evolution of newer variants.

Dr Zabulon Yoti, acting WHO country representative to Tanzania said in a statement that: "With the low coverage in specific regions, we have decided to get involved at regional and district levels including, working with partners on community engagement and mobilization at grassroots level."

He said WHO has been supporting the national response to COVID-19 since 2020, with national plans, sub national plans, surge personnel, equipment and supplies. In vaccination, the WHO has been supporting national and micro planning at district level.

He said while maintaining technical support at national and sub national level, the WHO additionally focused on Manyara, Rukwa and Songwe and four districts in Zanzibar for additional technical and financial support.

Until June 2022, the regions that have these districts had not attained 11 percent coverage of COVID-19 vaccination.

But due to the outreach campaigns reaching communities in various parts have increased uptake of Covid-19 vaccine, he said.

"As of the August 5, this year, the total number of fully vaccinated people in Tanzania stood at 14,893,598. This translates to about 24 percent of the total population and 48.4 percent of the eligible population 18 years and above," he noted.

He said: "Intensification of advocacy and community level outreach was also adopted by many regions during the third round of intensified campaign, learning from its effectiveness in Ruvuma region that consistently maintained a high vaccination rate. Fittingly, the Minister of Health recognized Ruvuma with

an award placard when launching the third round in Dar es Salaam on June 2, this year," he noted.

He said results of the engagement at community level show that the approach has potential to take Tanzania to its goal of reaching 70 percent of the population with Covid-19 vaccination, therefore protecting its people from the worst of the pandemic.

"Different from our earlier approach, this time went deeper and wider in our communities. Earlier our advocacy took place at regional level and left it to leaders to cascade. This time the regional commissioner himself addressed advocacy meetings a district level, where community leaders participated" said Suleiman Manzoa, Regional Immunization and Vaccination Officer in Manyara.

Leveraging its global technical leadership and in collaboration with the RHMT, WHO led the process of micro-planning, developed the curriculum for training of health workers and community champions, developed standard data collection tools, vaccine distribution plan and management as well as supportive supervisory plans to guide the campaign.

WHO deployed public health experts in technical coordination, risk communication and community engagement, finance and administration, data management, monitoring and evaluation to orient the campaign to results-increased number of people that vaccinate daily.

"With that, it was possible to monitor daily performance at the ward and district levels and notice health facilities or wards performed below expectations and therefore needed extra support. In this approach, we take vaccination where people are which is what we usually do in house to house campaign. However, in this approach, we take advantage of gatherings of people be it in markets, churches, schools, meetings name it."

To avoid duplication of efforts from Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics, (JHPIEGO) and Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) coordinated with WHO so that WHO provided technical and financial support for the implementation of the campaign for four days while JHPIEGO, extended the campaign for five more days and CHAI

leveraged on WHO presence in Babati District council to ensure that the council met its target.

During the nine-day campaign supported by WHO (five days) and JHPIEGO and CHAI (four days) the target population coverage in Manyara region increased from a baseline of 4.3 percent to 20 percent. No doubt the effort has contributed to increase the percentage of COVID-19. "WHO has enabled us reach at the point we have reached today. They engaged with the top regional leadership and together decided to take the approach of infusing advocacy downward and take advantage of events and house to house approach in the campaign."

It is expected that the results in increased vaccination rate in these regions, will provide practical lessons that can replicated to increase vaccination in other areas facing similar challenges.

The initiative is already showing encouraging results. In Manyara region, where WHO provided technical and financial support during advocacy meetings at regional district level vaccination increased four folds.

To extend the momentum WHO Tanzania turned toward two regions the bottom of the chart—Rukwa and Songwe. A community mobilization campaign that engaged popularly appreciated persons (champions) to promote vaccination in their localities was launched in Sumbawanga Rukwa by the regional Commissioner, Joseph Mkirikiri.

Supported by WHO, champions traverse their communities and engage their communities to accept vaccination. As WHO promotes vaccination, another partner, JHPIEGO has facilitated vaccination team in all four districts. Paid for their performance, these team have welcomed the intensified promotion.

WHO is supporting a total of 219 champions in Nkasi district and Sumbawanga municipality and 130 champions in Zanzibar's West A and West B districts as well as Mkoani and Micheweni districts.

The new impetus has not been limited to Manyara and Rukwa alone. The ministry of health and regional and district authorities across the country have taken advantage of implementing partners in their area to leverage resources and reach deeper in their communities.



# UN South-South event highlights power of cooperation for peace and development

TORONTO

A UN panel held underlined the impact of South-South Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) projects as vital tools for enabling sustainable development and peace in developing countries.

Organized by the UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (UNDP) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the joint virtual side event explored how to strengthen cooperation among developing countries and discussed various SSTC projects. The panel was part of the annual Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo occurring from Sept. 12 to 14 in Bangkok, Thailand.

SSTC refers to a collaboration whereby traditional donor countries and multilateral organizations help create initiatives between two or more Global South nations. Support is typically given in the form of funding, training, and/or management.

In her opening remarks, Elizabeth Spehar, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, emphasized the importance of these collaborations. She pointed to the role that organizations like the Group of Seven Plus—a collective of 20 conflict-affected countries that promotes stability through peer learning and advocacy—can play in helping vulnerable countries tackle their most pressing problems.

Only 18 percent of conflict-affected countries are currently on track to reach the UN Sustainable Development Goals, she noted.



Ruchira Kamboj, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Haoliang Xu, Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support and Alhaji Fanday Turay, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations spoke about South-South initiatives around peace-building and development. Credit: Juliet Morrison/IPS

The panel also discussed how cooperation could help countries during conflict resolution.

Alhaji Fanday Turay, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, commented on how SSTCs were crucial to resolving his country's civil war. "Sierra Leone was plagued with 11 years of civil war that led to not only the loss of lives and properties but a breakdown in institutions and a retardation of development in all forms. However, through regional and cross-regional interventions and cooperation, Sierra Leone was reinstated as a democratic and peaceful state."

Turay cited key examples that showcased how Sierra Leone had benefited from SSTC collaboration around ensuring peace. This included the deployment of a Western African peacekeeping mission to implement the Lomé peace agreement and the establishment of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee in Sierra Leone—a step set out in the peace accord, which was overseen by the UN.

"It is very clear that the civil war in Sierra Leone ended as a result of collaborative efforts from member states of the global south and other development partners."

SSTCs have also been used to boost the capacity of women's participation in peace negotiations.

Panelist Juanita Millan Hernandez, UN Senior Mediation Adviser from Colombia, detailed her experience leading an intensive ceasefire training course for women in conflict areas, whereby training one group led to a ripple effect; the newly trained officers shared their expertise with others.

This sharing created important networks in areas where before, there were very few women equipped to participate in negotiations. Hernandez noted that establishing these networks was especially important given the peacekeeping field is dominated by older men, with specific views of security and peace.

By making the training comprehensive, the course also ensured trainees were able to tackle various types of conflict, significantly bolstering their ability to meaningfully participate.

"The idea is for them to not only be part of one attack, one negotiation, but also [to be] the face of security arrangements that can go to a very local situation in which all of these techniques, tools, and technical knowledge will be useful for them to solve and to participate in the more technical part of these processes. [...] We are trying to build the capacity of each course around 25 women, but they will [be able to] replicate the knowledge to two more women in the locality."

In closing the event, Haoliang Xu, Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Director of Bureau for Policy and Programme Support underscored the need for developing countries to lean on each other's expertise and collaborate in tackling tough issues.

"There is no international system in which the national governments have to transfer resources to support less developed areas [...] To ensure that the level of development meets certain standards internationally, the best tool we have is solidarity and development cooperation."

"The resource and capacity limitations that many fragile and conflict-affected countries face can be enormous. Solidarity and peer-to-peer support through cooperation spearheaded by entities like the group of seven plus today, are more important than ever."

The need to bolster South-South initiatives became especially clear during the pandemic, Ruchira Kamboj, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, asserted during the event's panel.

"As we witnessed, the COVID pandemic has tested the resilience of multilateral institutions, and the global south has been largely fending for itself. In realizing that, [...] South-South cooperation has become even more crucial."

Kamboj gave several examples of contributions India has made in recent years to bolster the capacity of other developing countries, including launching the first single country UN Development Partnership Fund (India-UN Fund) and offering its open source COVID-19 vaccine delivery software to interested nations.

She also emphasized the power of knowledge sharing among developing nations.

"Sharing valuable capacities, experience and knowledge amongst developing countries can be a catalyst for development as opportunities have improved for sharing the fruits of knowledge, technology, and growth."

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

3 LETTERS: ART, APE, RID  
4 LETTERS: MOOT, DIET, SURE, OVEN, NETA, WAGE, PAID  
5 LETTERS: AROMA, TEASE, DAILY, ASANA, EVADE  
6 LETTERS: ASMARA, ASCEND, KARATE, DENTAL, TYRIAN  
7 LETTERS: FARANGA,  
8 LETTERS: AGRARIAN  
10 LETTERS: MADAGASCAR

CLUES: Across  
1 Selling of black Africans  
5 one of the two branches of Islam  
7 consumed  
8 a male honey-bee  
10 a pen for pigs  
11 Masai warrior  
13 greater, further  
15 total number of points made in a game  
17 slaughterhouse  
19 a way of acting  
20 citrus fruit

Down:  
1 neither very good nor very bad  
2 sharp-tasting or sour  
3 a thick cord made of twisted fibres  
4 to give as a gift to charity  
6 an expanse of land  
7 molluscs having wormlike bodies and spiral protective shell  
9 Chief city of Sri Lanka  
12 soft, delicate  
14 to go or come in  
16 to adhere, to be attached  
17 short for amplifier  
18 fuss or difficulty

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WORD-FIT SOLUTIONS: BOUNDARIES, CAFE, KAPODEI, AOHSEE, PLUNGE, SOON, WDA, LEGALESE, IDEM, TABOOS

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: SOUTHERNER, CROW, KNEPALU, CHOREAN, SNAP, GESTURES, USER, WONDER

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# MORTGAGE FINANCE BAD LOANS RATE LOW AT 0.2 PCT

By Guardian Reporter

**M**ortgage lenders are not experiencing bad debts compared to other sectors of the economy, after the new report indicated that it has the lowest Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) rate.

According to banking supervision annual report for 2021 by Bank of Tanzania (BoT) NPL mortgage finance accounted for 0.2 percent last year, which was within the tolerable rate of not more than 5 percent.

This was experienced after the report shows audited profit after tax of mortgage finance institutions increased to 1,823.7mn/- last year compared to 1,538.3mn/- recorded in the preceding year.

The increase in profitability was attributed to increase in interest income by 2.1 percent to 21,775.3mn/-

compared to 21,338.1mn/- recorded in 2020.

"Performance of the mortgage finance institutions business continued to improve as supported by increase in capital, total assets, loan portfolio and profitability," says BoT report.

Total capital of mortgage finance institutions also increased by 5.9 percent to 51,345.0mn/- compared with 48,476.9mn/- recorded in 2020, attributed to increase in profitability.

The report says mortgage finance institutions therefore met capital adequacy requirements as provided in respective regulations.

Total assets of mortgage finance institutions increased by 5.6 percent to 219,400.8mn/- from 207,800.7mn/- recorded in 2020.

The increase was attributed to increase in investment in government securities by 22.4 percent to 64,146.3mn/-



Most lenders offer loans for home purchase and equity release PHOTO/FILE

from 52,420.9mn/- and growth of mortgage loan portfolio by 4.2 percent to 147,760.5mn/- from 141,865.1mn/-.

The major sources of funding for mortgage finance institutions were

borrowings (59.4 percent), corporate bonds (16.0 percent) and shareholders' funds (23.4 percent).

Loan portfolio of mortgage finance institutions increased by 3.8 per-

cent to 148,066.6mn/- compared to 142,695.2mn/- recorded in the preceding year.

The increase was mainly caused by recovery of businesses from the nega-

tive effects of COVID-19 pandemic.

During this year, BoT reports that mortgage market registered 7.5 percent annual growth in value of loans, during the year ending June 2022, compared with June 2021; the market update report issued by Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has shown.

The outstanding mortgage debt during the year ending June this year increased to 509.99bn/- equivalent to \$220.23 million from 474.45bn/- equivalent to \$205.36 million recorded in June 2021.

A quarterly average mortgage debt size increased to 82.56mn/- equivalent to \$35,654, from 76.74mn/- equivalent to \$33,213 recorded in June last year and 81.49mn/- equivalent to \$35,276 in March 2022.

However, the ratio of outstanding mortgage debt to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) decreased to 0.29

percent in June compared to 0.35 percent recorded in June 2021.

The update notes that there was one new entrant into the mortgage market during the year, as the number of banks reporting to have mortgage portfolios increased to 33 from 32 in June last year.

Mortgage debt advanced by the top 5 Primary Mortgage Lenders (PMLs) accounted for 65 percent of the total outstanding mortgage debt while typical interest rates offered by mortgage lenders ranged between averages of 15 - 19 percent, the update says.

CRDB Bank Plc is the market leader commanding 38.02 percent of the mortgage market share, followed by Stanbic Bank (8.11 percent), Azania Bank (7.13 percent), NMB Bank Plc. (6.82 percent) and NCBA Bank (4.63 percent).

# CRDB Bank gets \$130m to boost corporate, SMEs lending

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank has secured \$130 million from international markets to unlock working capital for the corporate and SME sector in Tanzania, including project and infrastructure finance linked to the commodity sector.

Investec Bank, together with Intesa Sanpaolo successfully raised the fund in the form of a syndicated term loan facility.

Intesa and Investec were joint coordinators and book runners for the transaction, with Investec also acting as the facility agent for the deal in Tanzania outside of the government and public sector.

"We are very excited to have closed this agreement. The raised funds from international market will improve the bank's overall capitalisation and support our lending portfolio to corporate and SME sector in Tanzania and Burundi. I would like to thank Investec Bank and Intesa for their support," said Abdulmajid Nsekela, CRDB Bank Group and CEO.

CRDB Bank becomes the first bank in the country to have pulled a successful deal of raising fund from international market.

According to Nsekela, the target was to raise \$50m, but the bank's strong performance attracted many international investors, resulting in a total of \$130 million



CRDB Bank CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (L), Loan Syndication Director, Intesa Sanpaolo Gustaaf Eerenstein (2nd L), Head of African Structured Debt Solutions at Investec Bank Limited Rowan King (2nd R), and Head of International Banking at Bank One Limited Carl Chirwa (R) sign a \$130 million syndication loan agreement for CRDB Bank to boost corporate and SMEs financing. The event was held at CRDB Bank headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO/GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

raised.

"As a leading Bank in Tanzania, CRDB Bank continues to explore business opportunities in strategic sectors that will bring the much needed development to boost the

country's economy. This fund will help us boost our lending activities and further strengthen our leadership position," he added.

CRDB Bank is the first bank in Tanzania to be rated amongst the

top ten stable and safer to invest in African with a "BI stable outlook" by Moody's Investors Services.

Head of Africa structured debt solutions at Investec Bank Rowan King said the transaction is a vote of con-

fidence by global financial institutions in CRDB and the Tanzania economy.

"Tanzania has proved to be crucial part of the African growth story over the last few years. Many of the key commodities produced in East, Southern and Central Africa are exported through Tanzanian ports, and in the light of demand for the key commodities that Africa produces, the country is playing an ever more important role in inter-African trade - opening the region to Middle Eastern and Asian markets from both an import and export perspective," he said.

The \$130m raised was two-and-a-half times the launch amount, said Leanne Large, head of loan distribution and syndication at Investec Bank.

"This indicates a high degree of comfort in CRDB Bank's credit worthiness, which, coupled with a broad spread of investors in the facility, demonstrates a healthy interest in the placement," says Large.

CRDB is an integrated financial services provider and the largest bank in Tanzania, with an asset base of 8.8trn/- (\$3.8bn as at December 2021).

Intesa Sanpaolo's Gustaaf Eerenstein commented: "The overwhelming success of the transaction, attaining 150 per cent oversubscription, is a testament to the management and people of CRDB Bank."

He said the transaction bodes well for CRDB to further diversify its funding base, and to be able to successfully tap international markets.

# Kenyan SGR revenues up by 7.8 pct to Sh7.1 billion

NAIROBI

Cargo and passenger revenues from the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) rose 7.8 percent to Sh7.1 billion in the six months to June, extending recovery from the global Covid-19 disruptions.

The latest data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) shows that the passenger train crossed the Sh1 billion mark in a half year period for the first time since the train was launched, boosting efforts for the project to break even.

The passenger train raked in Sh1.24 billion in the six months ended June, a 49.6 percent jump from Sh829 million posted in similar period last year.

The cargo service, which mainly subsidises the passenger line, marginally grew to Sh6.17 billion in the six months from Sh6.04 billion in similar period last year.

This comes even as the modern rail prepares to take a hit coming from increased competition from the road transporters following President William Ruto's order to revert port operations to Mombasa.

The government is banking on improved performance of the SGR to ease the burden on taxpayers who have in the past been forced to pay for operational costs of the trains as the project struggles to break even.

Kenya requires additional cash from the railway business to ease the taxpayers' burden of paying the loan and also the Chinese firm that runs that SGR passenger and cargo trains.

The collections largely driven by a spike in the number of passengers in the period is the highest in the first half of the year since the SGR started operations in 2017.

The growth reflects the surge in passenger traffic as the SGR sold 1.121 million tickets in the six months to June, a 48.7 percent jump from 754,313 tickets over similar period a year ago.

Operating costs of the SGR have in the past dwarfed revenues, fueling public outrage over the viability of the landmark project.

The project cost \$3.2 billion (Sh323.2 billion) that was largely borrowed from the Exim Bank of China from May 2014.

SGR operates passenger services from Nairobi to Mombasa and an inter-county service with stations at Athi River, Emali, Kibwezi, Mito Andei, Voi, Miasenyi, and Mariakani stations.

Passengers pay Sh1,000 on economy class seats and Sh3,000 on fast class seats between Nairobi and Mombasa aboard the express train.

# CBE requires 1.2bn to construct girls' hostel in Mbeya

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

The College of Business Education (CBE) has organized fundraising activity to collect a total of 1.2bn/ for the construction of girls' hostel at its Mbeya campus.

This was said yesterday by CBE, Rector, Professor Emmanuel Mjema (pictured), when speaking to reporters about the fundraising which is scheduled to reach the climax on Sept 24 in Mbeya.

He said they have decided to start with the construction of girls' hostel because of their vulnerability when they stay off campus compared to male students.

He said the Speaker of the National Assembly Dr. Tulia Ackson is the patron of the CBE Mbeya campus and she has been in the forefront to solicit funds from various stakeholders for the construction of the planned girls' hostel.

Professor Mjema said many diploma and certificate students are at adolescent stages so it becomes very difficult for them to stay off campus while pursuing their studies.

"To start with female hostels does not mean that we don't care about male students affairs, but we consider the fact that girls are more vulnerable when staying off campus environment compared to boys, but after this we will continue with boys hostels," he said.



College of Business Education rector, Prof Emmanuel Mjema addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Either, he said the college has done all efforts to reach various stakeholders including institutions, public and private agencies to solicit

funds for the construction of the hostel.

"We have engaged honorable members of parliament who are important stakehold-

ers in education sector and we would like to ask others well-wishers to join hand with us in this campaign to make our dreams come true for the benefit of our girls," he said.

He congratulated various stakeholders who have already contributed in the fundraising and those who have promised to contribute.

Professor Mjema mentioned donors who have already contributed as NMB, Weigh and Measures Agency (WMA), Business Registration and Licensing Authority (BRELA), Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), National Housing Co-operation (NHC), St John University, CBE members of the board, CBE alumnae and current student, Mbeya Regional

Commissioner, Mbeya, Juma Homera, who have donated 5,000,000.

"I would like to congratulate Mbeya RC Juma Homera and Tanzania Education Authority TEA, Bahati Gezye because they have been very close to us to make sure that this mission is successful," he said.

"On behalf of the CBE Mbeya Campus patron Dr Tulia Ackson, we welcome all stakeholders to this fundraising on 24 September at Eden hotel Mbeya to join us to make this event successfully," he appealed.

He asked all well-wishers to contribute through their NMB account 20601100030, TigoPesa 0710 999237 and MPESA 0742 135979.



# KENYAN DEVELOPERS EYEING PRIME CITY LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSES

NAIROBI

Property developers are eyeing partnerships with the new city administration to access prime land near the central business district (CBD) for affordable housing units.

Housing and settlement are one of the core pledges by the government to curb the large deficit of suitable shelter for low-income earners.

Prime land close to the city centre is largely in the hands of the government and developers reckon it would be perfect for new residential houses.

"The National and County Governments, together with parastatals and other quasi-government institutions are also the largest land bankers in locations near the city centre that are ideal for affordable housing development," said Samuel Karuki, chief executive of Mi Vida Homes.

"We see this as an opportunity to partner with credible institutional developers in the production of affordable housing as suitable land remains a key



Nairobi City skyline

cost hindrance in this important agenda."

According to the Center for Affordable Housing, Kenya has an accumulated housing deficit of two million housing units, growing by 200,000 units annually. This is mainly due to the difference between the demand for 250,000 housing units and an estimated

supply of 50,000 units every year.

This has resulted in more than 60 percent of urban Kenyans living in slums and other low-quality housing without adequate sanitation.

President William Ruto's manifesto pledged building 250,000 units annually through a public-private partnership that the devel-

opers are keen on.

He promised to grow the number of mortgage accounts from less than 30,000 to one million by enabling low-cost deals and establishing an affordable long-term housing finance scheme.

Uhuru Kenyatta's Jubilee administration had also established a keen interest in affordable hous-

ing as one of the key pillars of its Big Four Agenda.

The government had targeted to set up 500,000 new affordable units between 2018 and this year, through both public and private sector endeavours, but fell short of target because of, among other things, the high cost of land and slow rollout of projects by the private sector.

The government managed to build units in Ngara, Parklands, and Pangani among other areas near the city centre.

More than 186,000 housing units had been registered for construction across the country by the National Construction Authority under the Affordable Housing programme of the last administration.

This is, however, still not enough to meet the demand, given that more than 350,000 Kenyans are registered under the Boma Yangu online platform, which is being used to facilitate the purchase of the cheaper houses.

Location is a primary determining factor for most homeowners and property developers, especially with the prime properties in or close to the city centre consistently outperforming those further from the central business district in terms of price.

## Starbucks stores count to increase to 9,000 by 2025 in China

SHANGHAI

Coffee giant Starbucks said Wednesday that its store count on the Chinese mainland is expected to grow to 9,000 by 2025, providing 35,000 new jobs for employees.

"Through the launch of the Starbucks China 2025 purpose-driven growth agenda, we reaffirm our strong confidence in the prospects and opportunities of the Chinese market with concrete commitments and actions," said Belinda Wong, chairwoman of Starbucks China, adding Starbucks is now more resilient than ever after navigating challenges since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With an investment of about 1.1 billion yuan (about \$159 million), a Starbucks coffee creative park in Kunshan, east China's Jiangsu Province, will be completed and put into operation in the summer of 2023.

Starbucks revealed that they plan to set up its first digital technology innovation center on the Chinese mainland, for which the company will spend more than 1.4 billion yuan.

The number of Starbucks stores on the Chinese mainland has grown dramatically over the past decade and will reach 6,000 by the end of the company's fiscal year in September 2022.

# Asha Mambo breaking gender barriers in mining field

By Guardian Correspondent

Working as a woman in a male-dominated field is not an easy task.

Culturally, women are perceived as weak and that those who have gone to school must work while neatly dressed. But, growing to be a woman engineer is not a walk in the park.

Asha Mambo (pictured), who works as Superintendent, underground Mining at Barrick North Mara Gold Mine, has broken the gender barriers, by venturing in mining engineering field, the profession dominated by male.

"At first, you seriously need to prove yourself to the rest of your colleagues that you are capable...You need to get dirty and open to learning from everyone. You need to respect both experience and qualifications," confidant Asha said in an interview.

"Today, I am very fortunate to be working in an environment in where I am taken seriously as a woman. I am supported, mentored, coached and encouraged to grow."

She says she used to face a challenge of being surrounded by male colleagues but with passion, dedication and commitment as well as equipped with right mentors, she proved to them that she was willing and able.

"It is also fantastic to see that the company provides a workplace where employees are recognized for their performance and awarded irrespective of gender. This makes the workplace safe for everyone," she says.

Being a mining superintendent, Asha

is responsible for overseeing all aspects of underground operations and her duty entails ensuring the mine operates efficiently in terms of safety, production and costs.

She is also part of Barrick's North Mara underground leadership team where she works with fellow leaders in an effort to drive changes that would see the mine achieving world class in mining excellence.

Asha has also been entrusted with responsibilities of being the project lead for both the construction of a waste dumpsite at Makerero and for extension of NMGM Airstrip.

Both projects, she says, completed successfully in line with the design and recorded zero incidences.

Having achieved that, all she has to say is that girls must not regard gender as a limiting factor for them to achieve their aspirations.

She says the mining industry has space for everything and that they only need to dare and grab the chances as they present themselves.

Asha's career journey started in 2005 when she joined the University of Dar es Salaam where she studied engineering.

That was after she successfully completed her Advanced Level of Secondary schooling at Msalato Girls Secondary School

in Dodoma where she passed with flying colors.

Encouraged by her father who used to work in the mining industry, Asha decided to go for practical training at Barrick's Tulawaka and Bulyanhulu mines between 2007 and 2009.

She later joined the Mbeya-based cement firm, Lafarge Tanzania (which is currently known as LafargeHolcim) where she was attached to different on-the-job training programmes as Mining Engineer in Lafarge Egypt and Mombasa, Kenya.

"I joined Acacia North Mara Gold Mine as a Section Lead for Mining Projects and Services for Open pit in 2015 and later in 2017 on underground team as Section Lead...That was how I later came to be Barrick Gold's Mining Superintendent," explains Asha who is registered as a professional Mining Engineer by the Engineers Registration Board.

Asha, who is currently doing an online course for the award of the First Class Mine Manager certification from Western Australia, delights in enrolling and coaching more women in the mine and seeing that their number in that field rises.

From other recently-hired women engineers to women truck operators and from women drillers to dispatchers, Asha

has a hand in them all and she is happy to see them progressing well in their career paths.

"We currently have two amazing women Engineers in the names of Dominica and Noela who work as planners. Recently, we hired Happiness as Truck operator who was awarded as the best employee for the year in 2021. We also have a brilliant Mining Engineer in the name of Kesia who works as a driller... Ulinda and Edna are our two other Women Engineers who work as Mining Dispatchers," she details, adding that she was looking up to working with many more women in the near future.

But all this could not have been possible had it not been for Barrick's gender diversity and inclusion policy.

The policy, she says, supports gender diversity and inclusion, from the recruitment, on-the-job training to the management levels.

"In all those areas, women are given the chance which gives them more confidence...It's up to us to ensure we efficiently utilize this space to meet both personal and company goals," she says.

Despite her busy schedule, Asha - who has mothered one son - still finds time for fitness and leisure.

Her day starts very early in the morning with exercises.

"While on rotation, I dedicate all my time to my family...Fitness is part of my daily routine," she says, noting that jogging is on top of her early morning schedule.

She also loves reading and dancing when exposed to a loud music.



# Qatar-Tanzania trade exchange increases by 66pct in 2021

By Guardian Correspondent

Trade exchange between Tanzania and Qatar increased by 66 percent in 2021 to QR 282 million from QR 169 recorded in 2020, data by the Qatar Chamber of Commerce show.

Qatar Chamber's assistant director General for Government Relations and Committees Affairs, Ali Bu Sherbak al-Mansouri (pictured), said the Qatari-Tanzanian enjoy close relations of which two governments have forged for many years.

Currently, Tanzania is exporting various goods to Qatar ranging from pearls, precious stones, metals, edible fruits, nuts, peel of citrus, fruits, melons, wadding, felt, twine, cordage, coffee, tea, mate and species.

In exchange, Qatar is exporting to Tanzania various goods include ceramic products, electrical, electronic



equipment, articles of apparel, not knit or crocheted, edible fruits and nuts.

"There is a common desire to develop cooperation, in light of the enormous potentials owned by the two countries, as there is an interest from Qatari businessmen to learn about the opportunities available in Tanzania in the tourism and agricultural sectors, and to benefit from the assets it possesses in terms of natural resources, good agricultural lands and strategic location" al-Mansouri added.

He said this recently when the Tanzanian Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism officials held a joint meeting with representatives of the

Qatar Tourism Committee at the Qatar Chamber.

The discussion focused on aspects of cooperation in the tourism sector and ways to enhance it and review relations between the two countries.

The meeting dealt with encouraging business owners to exploit the opportunities available in the field of travel and tourism.

Speaking during the meeting Permanent Secretary of the Tanzanian Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism Professor Al Yamani Sedoyeka, said that Qatar's host of the FIFA World Cup represents a good opportunity for both countries in the tourism sector, noting

that the objective of the delegation's visit is to promote Tanzanian tourism in Qatar and the opportunities galore in this sector to attract Qatari investors.

He explained that there is interest from the Tanzanian side to develop economic relations and establish partnerships with the Qatari counterpart at the level of the private sector, to exchange experiences.

Sedoyeka reviewed the investment environment in Tanzania and the incentives provided by the government to Qatari investors wishing to establish businesses, noting that Tanzania is rife with investment opportunities in various sectors and areas.



## CONSTRUCTION

## PAN AFRICAN TO BUILD NEW UNDERGROUND GOLD MINE

JOHANNESBURG

**M**id-tier Africa-focused gold producer Pan African Resources is effectively building a new internally-funded underground gold mine on two levels of the Evander underground gold mine in Mpumalanga, CEO Cobus Loots said on Wednesday when the company reported record production for the 12 months to June 30 and distributed more than R400-million in dividends.

A video flighted at the results presentation described Evander as possibly one of the world's largest unexploited gold orebodies.

The addition of 24 level, and now 25 level and 26 level, has given Evander Mines a life-of-mine of 14 years, with increased expected gold production.

The 25/26 level project will be funded by internal cash flows assuming a reasonable gold price environment.

"The Evander underground has been a real success story for Pan African in recent years and we look forward to ramping up this operation further in the years ahead," Loots told Mining Weekly in a Zoom interview. (Also watch attached Creamer Media video.)

The underground team, which also delivered an excellent safety performance, produced almost 50 000 oz at the low all-in sustaining cost of \$1 100/oz.

The 25 and 26 levels project will require two years of fairly elevated capital to execute and then have the benefit of the expenditure for more



Pan Africa mineral processing plant in Mpumalanga Province

than ten years.

The current low-cost Evander 8 Shaft operation is focused on the mining of the shaft pillar, from which high-grade ounces are extracted.

Pan African's use of underground support packs allows for extraction of the shaft pillar while providing permanent support for the shaft. This allows mining to continue at the lower 24, 25 and 26 levels.

This provides access to more

than 500 000 oz of gold using infrastructure that is already in place, which allows the company to reap the benefits of sunk capital spent over a decade of mining.

Experience gained and the many upgrades already completed at Evander underground have laid the groundwork for further quick-payback life extensions, which is good news for investors, the surrounding communities and supply-chain companies de-

pendent on the mine.

The 24/25 levels project is not only on track to deliver its first production on schedule in 2023 but is paving the way for the provision of 65 000 oz of gold a year for more than eight years - and significantly extends the life of the operation.

"What we're doing at Evander underground is very exciting. Evander underground is certainly not without a checkered past. In 2018, we had

to press the reset button and basically put the underground on care and maintenance, and we looked at the options and we then commenced with pillar mining on a shaft pillar at 8 Shaft, and that's been a fantastic success for Pan African.

"It's safe, it's generated great cash flows, and it also has allowed us the opportunity of relooking at the design for 24 to 26 level, and [to] come up with development and execution plans, so that's what we're busy with now," Loots told Mining Weekly.

"Two weeks ago, I visited the new fridge plant on 24 level. The F line is ready to be mined on 24 level, and there are a number of improvements. We've changed the layout to an on-reef development layout for 25/26, which means that there'll be very limited waste.

"We're equipping a ventilation shaft that runs up to 17 level to do hoisting, which means you cut out a massive number of conveyors, so that improves your mine call factor and your ability to produce.

"You have a new fridge plant and new infrastructure close to the face and then a number of other improvements also in terms of ore storage etc. This will be a great operation for us in the years to come. It's a world class reserve that we have there.



## Dubai planning to provide 15,800 homes to citizens

DUBAI

Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of Dubai Executive Council Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum (pictured) has launched an integrated housing plan to provide 15,800 homes for nationals in Dubai over the next four years.

The move follows the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, said a Wam news agency report.

Sheikh Hamdan said: "Developing high-quality housing for nationals is a major priority for His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and this vital area is overseen by His Highness. I follow up on the progress of housing programmes with my brother H.H. Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance".

He said the government objectives is not only to provide homes for nationals, but also to develop integrated residential communities, provide a high quality of life and create a social system that ensures family stability.

"Over the coming months, we will launch a series of community projects under the auspices of the Higher Committee for Development and Citizens Affairs to ensure a high quality of life for all members of the community," said Sheikh Hamdan during a tour of several housing projects.

He was accompanied on the tour by Mattar Al Tayer, Commissioner General of Infrastructure, Urban Planning and Wellbeing Track; and Omar Bu Shehab, Executive Director of the Mohammed bin Rashid Housing Establishment.

The projects he visited during the tour included Al Warqa 4 and Al Khawanej 2 where construction works are underway on several housing projects worth AED1.7 billion (\$462.84 million).

During the tour, His Highness was briefed on the new vision and plan of the Mohammed bin Rashid Housing Establishment focused on offering diversified housing options for nationals and accelerating the processing of all housing applications, over the next 20 years.

The plan overseen by the Higher Committee for Development and Citizens Affairs aims to provide housing services in line with the vision of the leadership and build 15,800 homes for nationals in Dubai by 2026.

It also seeks to implement the approved housing programme in Dubai, which features the construction of 4,000 residential units with different options by 2026.

During the visit to the Al Warqa Housing Project, Sheikh Hamdan reviewed models of villas. Construction works in the AED177 million project have achieved a completion rate of 45 percent.

The 136 villas being built as part of the project are designed to ensure optimal utilisation of space. Each villa has four bedrooms and other residential facilities. The completed units will be delivered in 2023.

Sheikh Hamdan also reviewed plans for upcoming projects that form part of the Al Khawanej 2 National Housing Project to be built at a total cost of AED1.56 billion.

## Firm for two 100MW solar projects in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG

Sola Group and Tronox have finally reached financial close on two 100 MW solar projects in South Africa, roughly six months after signing power purchase agreements.

Two 100 MW solar power plants in South Africa's North West province have reached financial close, with construction now expected to begin Sola Group, a Cape Town-based renewables developer, secured approval from the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (Nersa) to build the projects back in May.

The corporate power purchase agreement was signed in March with US-based titanium products supplier Tronox, which operates several mines and smelters in the region.

The electricity will be supplied to five Tronox facilities in the Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal through wheeling agreements, under which state-owned utility Eskom will pay for the maintenance and upkeep of infrastructure to transmit the electricity.

"These are the first projects of this scale in South Africa that are



The electricity will be supplied to five Tronox facilities in the Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal

based on pure private bilateral trade. It's also a great plus for the country that these projects are 100 percent South African owned, financed, constructed,

operated and managed," said Dom Wills, CEO of Sola.

The projects raised a total of ZAR 4 billion (\$233.6 million) of funding for construction and de-

velopment. Sola partnered with African Rainbow Energy to raise the funds.

The debt arrangement was led by PepperTree Capital, with the

Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) lending ZAR 3.1 billion.

Other lenders included three of the South Africa's major banks - Absa, Nedbank, and Standard Bank.

The legal advisers on the transaction were Pinsent Masons, Hogan Lovells, Faskens, Allen & Overy and ENS, said Sola.

The design and construction of the projects will be the responsibility of South African construction company WBHO, with engineering services supplied by Sola.

The company sees the project as a potential breakthrough for the private energy market.

"We hope the model of private power through bilateral agreements continues to become more widely adopted," said Wills. "The benefits to the end user are competition, choice and ultimately a more diverse contribution to the power system."

The South African government raised the threshold for the distributed-generation solar segment to 100 MW in August 2021, exempting developers from applying for generation licenses to improve the entire permitting process.

The new rules also imposed a wheeling fee to be paid Eskom for the maintenance and upkeep of its infrastructure to transport the energy.

## Gold mine construction on track for Tietto in West Africa

ABIDJAN

West African gold developer Tietto Minerals appears to be on an unwavering pathway towards precious metal production at its 3.45 million ounce Abujar project in Cote d'Ivoire, with construction work at the site well underway.

The company is charging towards a maiden end-of-year gold pour and has notched up an imposing list of development milestones associated with its mine site infrastructure.

Recent structural work at Abujar has seen its accommodation and cafeteria take shape, its gold processing equipment being constructed and work on its ore crushing systems take a step closer to completion.

Assuming everything goes to plan, the company says the project could produce over 260,000 ounces of gold in its first year of



SAG mill construction at Tietto Minerals' Abujar project in Cote d'Ivoire. Credit: File

production and 1.2 million ounces during the first six.

Management has high hopes for Abujar and previously suggested

the asset had all the hallmarks of a significant gold operation including a ground laden with high-grade mineralisation and a robust

commercial backing given the project is fully funded to production.

The company plans to continue extracting value out of Abujar using its "drill and build strategy".

The plan will see the developer continue to chase gold across its over 1,100 square kilometre land package whilst closing the loop on its production ambitions through the development of the Abujar open pit mine.

Tietto already has its foot on a 98.7 million tonne resource at the project grading 1.1 grams per tonne gold for 3.45 million ounces of the precious yellow metal.

Abujar's gold resources are contained within three of its deposits.

The AG deposit takes in a 55.2 million tonne resource at 1.4 g/t gold for 2.43 million ounces whilst the southern lying APG deposit hosts a 41.9 million tonne inventory running 0.7 g/t gold for 0.96

million tonnes.

Further north at the SG deposit the company holds 1.6 million tonnes at 1.2 g/t gold for .06 million ounces of gold.

Tietto has its eyes on a raft of targets within a 20km spread of the project and is keen to finish testing the zones by year's end - a play it hopes could add even more ounces to its already hefty reserves.

The company will target any potential extensions using its six company-owned diamond rigs. The low-footprint equipment allow Tietto to achieve an extremely economical drilling rate of just US\$35 per metre and can be easily mobilised to its new targets.

As Tietto continues its construction and drilling efforts at Abujar it could be in line for a frantic end of year with the potential crescendo being its maiden December gold pour.



## WORLD

## WHO chief: End of COVID pandemic is 'in sight'

LONDON

THE world has never been in a better position to end the COVID-19 pandemic, the head of the World Health Organization said on Wednesday, his most optimistic outlook yet on the years-long health crisis which has killed over six million people.

"We are not there yet. But the end is in sight," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters at a virtual press conference.

That was the most upbeat assessment from the UN agency since it declared an international emergency in January 2020 and started describing COVID-19 as a pandemic three months later.

The virus has killed nearly 6.5 million people and infected 606 million, roiling global economies and overwhelming healthcare systems.

The rollout of vaccines and therapies have helped to stem deaths and hospital admissions, and the Omicron variant which emerged late last year causes less severe disease. Deaths from COVID-19 last week were the lowest since March

2020, the UN agency reported.

Still on Wednesday, he again urged nations to maintain their vigilance and likened the pandemic to a marathon race.

"Now is the time to run harder and make sure we cross the line and reap the rewards of all our hard work."

Countries need to take a hard look at their policies and strengthen them for COVID-19 and future viruses, Tedros said. He also urged nations to vaccinate 100 percent of their high-risk groups and keep testing for the virus.

The WHO said countries need to maintain adequate supplies of medical equipment and healthcare workers.

"We expect there to be future waves of infections, potentially at different time points throughout the world caused by different sub-variants of Omicron or even different variants of concern," said WHO's senior epidemiologist Maria Van Kerkhove.

With over 1 million deaths this year alone, the pandemic remains an emergency globally and within most countries.



WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

"The COVID-19 summer wave, driven by Omicron BA.4 and BA.5, showed that the pandemic is not yet over as the virus continues to circulate in Europe and beyond," a European Commission spokesperson said.

WHO's next meeting of experts to decide whether the pandemic still represents a public health emergency of international concern is due in October, a WHO spokesperson said.

Global emergency  
"It's probably fair to say most of the world is moving beyond the emergency phase of the pandemic response," said Dr Michael Head, senior research fellow in global health at Southampton University.

Governments are now looking at how best to manage COVID as part of their routine healthcare and surveillance, he said.

Europe, the United Kingdom and

the United States have approved vaccines that target the Omicron variant as well as the original virus as countries prepare to launch winter booster campaigns.

In the United States, COVID-19 was initially declared a public health emergency in January 2020, and that status has been renewed quarterly ever since.

The US health department is set to renew it again in mid-October for what policy experts expect is the last time before it expires in January 2023.

US health officials have said that the pandemic is not over, but that new bivalent vaccines mark an important shift in the fight against the virus. They predict that a single annual vaccine akin to the flu shot should provide a high degree of protection and return the country closer to normalcy.

## Kenya disowns Polisario, endorses Morocco's position in Western Sahara dispute

RABAT

KENYA's newly elected President, William Samoei Ruto, announced today revoking his country's recognition of the Polisario's self-proclaimed Sahrawi republic, and endorsing Morocco's stance in the Western Sahara dispute.

Ruto made the comments following a meeting with Morocco's Foreign Affairs Minister, Nasser Bourita, with the newly elected Kenyan president even announcing that he will move to "wind down" the Polisario Front's presence in his country.

He also expressed his gratitude at receiving King Mohammed VI's congratulations on becoming president, saying in a tweet: "At State House in Nairobi, received congratulatory message from His King Mohammed VI."

The tweet continued, "Kenya rescinds its recognition of the SADR and initiates steps to wind down the entity's presence in the country." Following the Bourita-Ruto meeting, Morocco and Kenya issued a joint statement stressing the East African country's support for Morocco's Autonomy Plan for Western Sahara.

The statement reads: "Out of respect for the principle of territorial integrity and non-interference, Kenya fully supports the serious and credible autonomy plan proposed by the Kingdom of Morocco, as the only solution based on Morocco's territorial integrity, to resolve the dispute."

It went on to add that "Kenya supports the United Nations framework as the exclusive mechanism to achieve a lasting and permanent political solution to the dispute over the Sahara issue."

Prior to announcing his country's support for Morocco's territorial integrity, President Ruto had received from King Mohammed VI a message in which the Moroccan monarch congratulated him on his election as Kenya's fifth democratically-elected president.

Arguing that Kenya's August 2022 elections have further consolidated the country's position as a beacon of democracy on the continent, the Moroccan monarch expressed satisfaction with the new Kenyan president's pledge to strengthen and deepen bilateral relations between his country and various states in Africa and beyond.

Meanwhile, Ruto stressed his country's willingness and commitment to work to strengthen relations with Morocco, praising the leadership of Majesty King Mohammed VI in promoting policies of tolerance in the Maghreb region, as well as his contributions to continental peace and security.

The news comes as a further indication of Morocco's largely effective continental diplomacy, with Kenya joining a growing list of African countries that have embraced Morocco's stance on the Sahara dispute.

However, the newfound Kenyan support for Morocco is particularly telling as the East African country has long had an ambiguous and sometimes even slightly pro-Polisario stance on the Sahara dispute.

In March of last year, Ruto, who was then Kenya's Vice-President, took issue with the presence of a Polisario diplomatic mission in Kenya. He appeared to describe his country's Western Sahara stance as problematic, saying: "The representation of the Polisario in Nairobi makes no sense."

He also urged the African Union to once and for all put an end to the Western Sahara dispute by recognizing Morocco's sovereignty over the region.

"The conflict around the Sahara is only an excuse to allow Algeria to continue to squander the wealth of its people on lost causes," he said. "Instead of causing unnecessary conflicts and divisions within the African Union, this pan-African body must ensure that the territorial integrity of the 54 members is respected according to the AU charter which prohibits interference in the internal affairs of sovereign countries."

## South Sudan to offer 14 new oil blocks to investors

JUBA,

SOUTH Sudan said Wednesday that it will offer 14 new oil blocks to investors in a bid to increase production to pre-war levels of 350,000 barrels a day.

Chol Deng Thon Abel, Managing Director of South Sudan's state-owned oil consortium, the Nile Petroleum Corporation Limited (Nilepet), told this to journalists in Juba, the capital of South Sudan, during the closure of the 5th annual oil and power conference.

"We have 14 oil blocks that are not been taken, and we invite international companies that are here to seize the opportunity to apply for these blocks. South Sudan is actually very busy nowadays attracting international companies to come and invest in the oil industry and this conference is a very good platform to exchange ideas with international companies," Thon said.

South Sudan is currently producing 175,000 barrels a day in blocks 1, 2 and 4 and blocks 3 and 7, and block 5A in Unity state. "We have a lot of countries now saying that we actually need to increase production because there is a huge need for crude because you have the sanctions on Iran, Venezuela and of recent Russia and this is where South Sudan is positioning itself to do production enhancement," Thon said. Nilepet is among 15 entities sanctioned in 2018 by the US State Department on allegations of funding the conflict that broke out in December 2013.

Xinhua

## Xi receives Order of the Golden Eagle awarded by Kazakh President Tokayev

NUR-SULTAN

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Wednesday afternoon received the Order of the Golden Eagle, or "Altyn Qyran" Order, awarded by Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev at the Ak Orda Presidential Palace in Nur-Sultan.

In the splendid marble hall of the palace, national flags of China and Kazakhstan lined up neatly, filling the room with a warm and dignified atmosphere. Tokayev delivered remarks before awarding the order.

He noted that the visit of Xi today, the great Chinese president, is a tremendous honor for Kazakhstan.

President Xi is a genuine great leader who has the wholehearted support of the Chinese people, Tokayev said, adding that under the remarkable leadership of Xi, China has made enormous development progress, eradicated extreme poverty, and built a moderately prosperous society in all respects, and the Chinese nation is marching on a new journey toward great rejuvenation.

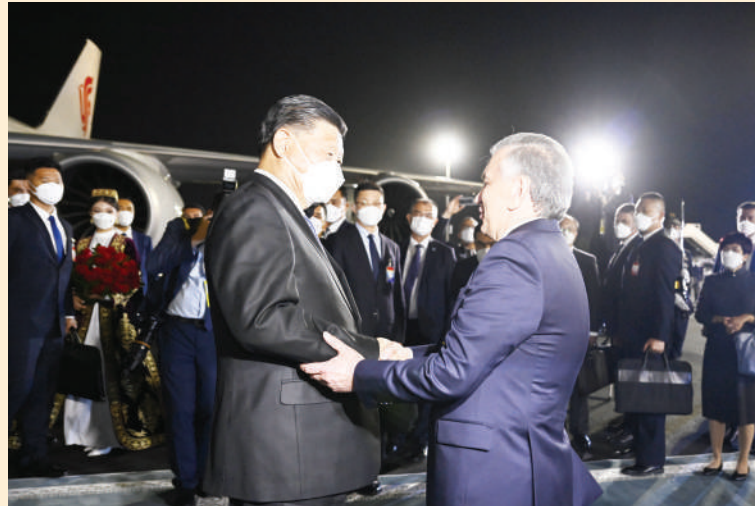
He said he believes that under

the wise leadership of Xi, China will realize the grand goal of fully building a modern socialist country as scheduled.

Xi put forward the great initiatives including Belt and Road cooperation and the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, and has made outstanding contribution to building a new type of international relations, Tokayev said, adding that the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative put forward by Xi are of particular strategic significance in resolving risks and challenges faced by today's world.

Tokayev highly commended the historic role and extraordinary contribution of Xi in consolidating friendship between the two peoples and in promoting Kazakhstan-China relations, and noted that Xi's visit today will go down in the history of Kazakhstan-China relations.

Kazakhstan is ready to work with China to advance shared prosperity and development of the two countries, deliver for the wellbeing of the two peoples, and join hands to create an even brighter future, he said. Tokayev



Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in Samarkand to pay a state visit to Uzbekistan and attend the 22nd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), on Wednesday. At the airport, Xi was warmly greeted by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov, Foreign Minister Vladimir Norov, Governor of Samarkand region Erkinjon Turdimov and other high-level officials. Xinhua

awarded the Order of the Golden Eagle to Xi.

The two heads of state took pictures together. Delivering remarks upon receiving the order, Xi described Tokayev's awarding him the order as a demonstration of the great importance Kazakhstan places on China-Kazakhstan ties and the reservoir of goodwill of the people of Kazakhstan towards

the people of China.

Over the past three decades since the establishment of diplomatic ties, China-Kazakhstan relations have kept growing on a high level, Xi said, adding that the two sides have cemented political trust, cooperation has flourished in various fields, efforts to promote high-quality Belt and Road cooperation have delivered

fruitful results, and the two sides have also engaged in close coordination in international affairs, all of which have provided strong support to the development and rejuvenation of both countries and injected strong impetus into regional peace and stability.

A bright future lies ahead for the lasting friendship, win-win cooperation and shared prosperity between the two countries, Xi said.

Xi said that he deeply cherishes the order, which symbolizes the friendship between the two peoples, and shared his conviction that with the concerted efforts of both sides, China-Kazakhstan relations will soar high and fly far like a golden eagle and deliver more benefits to the people of the two countries.

The Order of the Golden Eagle is the highest order of Kazakhstan awarded to individuals in recognition of their significant contribution to Kazakhstan's national development and friendly external relations. Ding Xuexiang, Yang Jiechi, Wang Yi and He Lifeng, among others, attended the ceremony.

Xinhua

## Russian MFA spokeswoman says she received US visa to attend UN General Assembly

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said that she had received a US visa to attend the UN General Assembly in New York.

"Yes, they [the Americans] gave me a visa," she said, answering a corresponding question during a Soloviev Live TV broadcast yesterday.

The diplomat noted that the US has issued visas to some members of the Russian delegation, particularly Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and a number of accompanying persons, but



the issue of obtaining visas for the rest of the delegation has not yet been resolved.

"You can do whatever you want, you can build any kind of barriers, you can build borders, but we will still go ahead," Zakharova stressed, "If they don't let us in this way, we will consider other ways. It does not make any difference. We can't be led astray, we don't need to be obstructed either from inside or outside."

Russia's Permanent Representative to the UN Vasily Nebenzya told reporters on Wednesday that the US had not

yet issued visas to most of the Russian delegates heading for the UN General Assembly High-Level Week. At the same time, the diplomat urged not to speculate on whether this could lead to the absence of the Russian delegation at the event.

Earlier, the Russian Foreign Ministry told TASS that the head of the department and some members of the Russian delegation to the 77th session of the UN General Assembly received American visas on Tuesday to travel to New York, where the headquarters of the world organization is located.

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## Prospering ports contribute strength to China's foreign trade sector

AT this peak period of foreign trade, ports in China are kept very occupied. Satellite-navigated autopilot guiding vehicles are running between terminals and container yards, and gantry cranes automatically taking containers to preset destinations.

According to statistics released by the Ministry of Transport, Chinese ports handled 1.34 billion tons of cargos in July, up 5.7 percent year on year, and the country's container throughput rose 11.2 percent from a year ago to 26.36 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) during the same period.

The remarkable performance of the port industry mirrored the vital

ity and huge potential of the Chinese economy, especially when the country is facing an increasingly severe international situation, COVID-19 resurgences at home, and increasing downward economic pressure.

Over 90 percent of foreign trade in China is shipped by sea, and that's why the throughputs of ports are considered one of the important economic indicators.

Since this year, China's foreign trade has been impacted by exterior environment and COVID-19 resurgences. However, the country has vitalized market entities by deepening the reform of cross-border trade facilitation, continuously optimizing

business environment at ports, and implementing a series of policies stabilizing foreign trade.

The rapid development of cross-border e-commerce, the emergence of overseas warehouses and other new business models, as well as the proactive measures taken by foreign trade enterprises have also gained strong development momentums for the foreign trade sector.

The sound operation data reported by ports fully indicated the strong resilience of the foreign trade sector of China.

Industrial and supply chains are a key factor affecting the development of ports. At present, navigation chan-

nels at major ports of China are under efficient and orderly operation, delivering stable and growing operational indexes. It to a large extent comes from the safe and smooth operation of industrial and supply chains.

Since this year, relevant departments have worked to ensure smooth freight and logistics, enhanced regional synergy and coordination and substituted road transportation with water and railway transportation, to make logistics arteries smoother. As a result, ports and terminals are running stably, offering solid logistics support for foreign trade and making positive contribution to the stability of global industrial and sup-

ply chains. The sound performance of major Chinese ports also comes from their continuously improving services and infrastructure.

As of the end of 2021, China had 20,867 operative berths, including 2,659 berths capable of handling 10,000-ton ships or even larger. World-class port clusters have taken shape in the country's Yangtze River delta, Tianjin-Hebei region, and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

So far, China has mastered key technologies for the construction and operation of automated container terminals, and currently owns the most automatic ports in the world

both under construction and completed.

Relying on the large transport capacity, low cost, low pollution, small land occupation and other comparative advantages of water transportation, many ports have expanded their services to the lower and upper streams of the industrial chain and even other industries.

Their proactive efforts to seek changes have improved their comprehensive service capability, and the extended industrial chain also boost the internal forces driving development and promoted the integrated development of ports, industries and cities.

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## Swedish PM announces resignation

STOCKHOLM

SWEDEN'S Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson announced her resignation on Wednesday after losing the election.

Andersson (pictured), also leader of the ruling Social Democratic Party, conceded defeat at a press conference following the election on Sunday.

She said she would hand in her resignation notice yesterday after it emerged that the opposition blue bloc consisting of the Moderate Party, the Christian Democrats, the Liberal Party and the Sweden Democrats, had won 176 of the 349 seats in parliament.

Meanwhile Andersson's red bloc, consisting of her Social Democratic Party, the Left Party, the Green Party, and the Centre Party, won 173 seats.

"Tomorrow I will, therefore, request my dismissal as prime minister, and the responsibility for the continued process will pass to the Speaker and the Parliament," Andersson said.

She will now lead a transitional government until the new one has been installed, and thereafter she will lead the Social Democrats in opposition.

"We have made the largest increase in voter support in 20 years and we are not only Sweden's largest party -- we are also the largest party in northern Europe. I am proud and grateful that almost two million Swedes chose to vote for us," Andersson said.

Despite the blue bloc ending up with three seats more than the red bloc, some analysts consider the blue bloc as fragile, since the Liberal Party has vowed not to tolerate a government that includes the Sweden Democrats.

There are also fundamental differences between the Sweden Democrats and the other parties in the bloc when it comes to issues such as the unemployment insurance and other



economic issues.

Also, during the election campaign Ulf Kristersson, leader of the Moderate Party -- which after decades lost its position as Sweden's second largest party to the far-right Sweden Democrats -- repeatedly said that the Sweden Democrats would not be included in his government should his bloc be victorious.

"It is now clear that the Sweden Democrats is now Sweden's second largest party and I know that this worries many Swedes," Andersson said.

In a video posted on Facebook, Kristersson said that political polarization had "become far too great also in Sweden."

Meanwhile, Andersson said she was prepared to explore another solution should Kristersson's efforts to form a government fail. "If it turns out that Ulf Kristersson's intended basis does not hold together, then of course my door is open," Andersson said.

"We Social Democrats are ready to cooperate with anyone who wants to be part of the solution to the problems that Sweden is facing."

Andersson took over from Stefan Lofven as both leader of the Social Democrats and the country's prime minister last November, following a period of political turbulence. She therefore became Sweden's first female prime minister.

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## Russian sanitary shield is meant to protect people from biological threats – Putin

MOSCOW

THE main purpose of the sanitary shield created in Russia, is to protect the people from possible future biological threats, President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday as he met with the staff of the Russian sanitary watchdog that marks its 100th birthday.

"Among the priorities is the creation of the so-called sanitary shield of our country. Its main goal is to protect Russian citizens from biological threats possible in the future. The implementation of this project will make the diagnostics of infections quick and accessible," the president noted.

Thus, it will be possible to diagnose any unknown infection within a day, he explained. Experts believe a test system to detect it can be developed within four days.

"I am sure you will certainly solve all these tasks - all tasks that are directly related to improving the well-being and quality of life of our citizens," Putin said addressing the staff of the Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing.

Russia's COVID-19 case tally rose by 51,735 over the past day to 20,208,878, the anti-coronavirus crisis center reported on Wednesday. **Agencies**

## Zimbabwe relocates 100 elephants to northern parts of country amid drought

HARARE

THE Zimbabwe National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority (ZimParks) said Wednesday that since July this year, it has relocated 100 elephants and a significant number of wild animals from the arid southern parts of the country to the north where there is better vegetation and water.

ZimParks spokesperson Tinashé Farawo told Xinhua that the Authority issued permits for the transfer of 2,650 animals from the Save Valley Conservancy to three national parks in the north namely Tsapi, Chizarira and Matusadonha.

The animals targeted for relocation include 400 elephants, 2,000 impalas, 70 giraffes, 50 zebras, 50 buffaloes, 50 elands, 10 lions and 10 wild dogs.

The relocation exercise began in July and so far, 100 elephants and a "significant number of other wild animals" had been relocated, he said.

He said the main reason for relocation was to depopulate overcrowded areas and create a balance in the ecosystem.

Climate change induced-drought resulting in loss of habitat, food, and water was posing a risk to the animals and the only way to protect the habitat was to make sure that we create a balance by relieving pressure on overcrowded ar-

eas, Farawo said.

Zimbabwe has become prone to frequent droughts in recent years due to climate change, posing the risk of hunger not only to humans but also to wild animals.

Zimbabwe has an overpopulation of elephants numbering over 100,000 against an ecological carrying capacity of 45,000. The jungles are located in four main ecological zones, and two of the zones are overpopulated.

The four zones are North West Matabeleland where the country's biggest game park Hwange is located, South East Lowveld where the second biggest park Gonarezhou is located, as well as the Sebungwe region and mid Zambezi in the northern part of the country.

This is not the first time that ZimParks has moved the animals. In 2018, it moved 100 elephants from the South East Lowveld to mid Zambezi while plans to relocate 600 elephants in 2020 were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The relocation programme is an expensive exercise and ZimParks has in the past lamented inadequate funds to successfully carry out the programme. **Xinhua**



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## Thousands file past Queen Elizabeth's coffin in London

LONDON

MOURNERS from all walks of life filed past the coffin of Queen Elizabeth through the night as she lay in state in London's ancient Westminster Hall, paying their final respects to Britain's longest-reigning monarch before her funeral on Monday.

After days of processions and ritual as the queen's body was brought to London from Balmoral, Scotland, where she died last Thursday at the age of 96, this was the opportunity for ordinary people to take a direct part in a ceremony.

As King Charles returned to his Highgrove home in the southern English region of Gloucestershire after days of scheduled events, officials expected some 750,000 people to view his mother's coffin before the lying in state ends at 6:30 am (0730 GMT) on Monday.

The line stretched back several miles along the south bank of the River Thames, past landmarks such as Tower Bridge and a replica of Shakespeare's Globe Theater, crossing Lambeth Bridge as it neared Westminster Hall. People waited many hours.

Thomas Hughes, 20, who waited nearly 14 hours overnight with his brother, said finally viewing the coffin was overwhelming.

"You do it all because you want to pay respect to this lady ... and I think when you put yourself through that, and then you get to the moment you're waiting for you are just that little bit more emotional," he said. "It's a very powerful thing."

Most were Britons but some were from overseas. They were young and old, and included former soldiers in military medals and babies being carried by their parents. Many stopped by the coffin to bow their head. Others wiped away tears.

Some were there to represent elderly parents, others to witness history and to thank a woman who, having ascended the throne in 1952, was still holding official government meetings just two days before she died.



Members of the public queue on Lambeth Bridge in London on Wednesday to view the coffin of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, lying in state at Westminster Hall. **AFP**

### Funeral

Queen Elizabeth's coffin lay in the center of Westminster Hall on a purple catafalque placed on a red platform. It was covered by the Royal Standard flag and topped with the Imperial State Crown placed on a cushion, alongside a wreath of flowers.

Soldiers and 'Beefeaters' - the red-coated warders usually found guarding the Tower of London - stood vigil with bowed heads.

Among the first inside was Kenneth Taylor, 72, from Reading in central England, who had come with a neighbor and stayed overnight in a tent in the queue.

Tearing up, Taylor said that on seeing the queen lying in state, he felt sad. "A lump came to my throat."

"You know, we've lost someone special. Her service to this country was really steadfast and unswerving. And she's probably what I would call the queen of queens."

The casket had been brought to the hall from Buckingham Palace atop a gun carriage and escorted by soldiers in scarlet ceremonial uniforms in a solemn procession on Wednesday afternoon.

King Charles, his sons Princes William and Harry and other senior royals walked behind - the two princes united

in grief despite a rift between them. Harry marks his 38th birthday on Thursday.

William and his wife Kate will travel to the royal residence of Sandringham in eastern England on Thursday to view floral tributes left there by members of the public.

The full-scale ceremonial procession on the day of the queen's funeral is likely to be one of the biggest the country has ever witnessed and will pose a huge security challenge.

Royalty, presidents and other world leaders are expected to attend, although certain nations, including Russia, Afghanistan, and Syria, were not extended invites.

French President Emmanuel Macron was the latest leader to say he would attend the funeral.

US President Joe Biden, who has also said he will be there, spoke to the new king on Wednesday and "conveyed the great admiration of the American people for the Queen," the White House said.

The Times newspaper reported that British Prime Minister Liz Truss was expected to hold one-on-one talks with Biden and other world leaders on the sidelines of the funeral, but officials have said any such meetings will be informal.

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## Rising 'excavator index' indicates China's dynamic economy

THE climbing "excavator index" mirrors China's endeavors to rev up infrastructure construction and stabilize investment and growth.

Statistics showed that 65.4 percent of all engineering equipment across China were operating in July, higher than the January-June figure of 60.37 percent. In the first half of this year, the total working hours of excavators increased 6.86 percent year on year.

The rising trend of the "excavator index" is corroborated by relevant statistics released by the National Bureau of Statistics of China (NBSC).

According to the NBSC, infrastructure investment grew 7.4 percent year on year in the first seven months of this year, which was 0.3 percentage points higher than the January-June figure.

Over 134,000 new infrastructure projects commenced in the first half of this year, up 26,000 from a year ago. The total investment of new projects expanded 22.9 percent year on year during the same period, and the paid-in investment (real estate investment not included) went up by 18.8 percent.

These figures fully indicate that China's efforts to make proactive investments in infrastructure have paid off. As a matter of fact, it takes time for engineering projects to turn investment into tangible achievements. It is believed that as more policies are implemented to stabilize the economy, effective investments will be further expanded.

Infrastructure offers solid support for economic and social development. Major infrastructure projects, involving a number of industries, can attract huge investment and create massive job opportunities. They play an important role in stabilizing macro economy.



The China Import and Export Fair Complex (Phase IV) is under construction, Sept. 5, 2022. (Photo by Chen Zhiqiang/People's Daily Online)

This year, both central and local policies have been issued to improve traditional and new infrastructure construction.

To bolster areas of weakness, China is steadily pushing forward the implementation of 102 megaprojects earmarked for the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) period, and some 2,600 smaller projects were already spun off from these megaprojects.

Besides, the country has kicked off a vast plan to build regional data center clusters in its western region that process data generated in the east. Currently, over 3,100 "5G+Industrial Internet" projects are under construction across China, and more than 1.85 million 5G base stations have been established.

This not only offers solid support for stabilizing the fundamentals of the Chinese economy, but also contributes to the construction of the country's modern infrastructure sys-

tem.

China is currently at a critical stage of economic recovery. It should give full play to the role of effective investment in economic recovery to consolidate previous achievements and further stabilize macro economy. It should give support to projects that aim at both near-term and long-term benefits. Transport, energy, logistics, and rural infrastructure, as well as new infrastructure projects shall be major areas of investment, so that more momentums will be gathered for expanding effective investment.

Besides, effective investment must be well utilized through market-oriented manners. For instance, the leading role of special bonds must be brought into full play. In the first half of 2022, effective investment driven by special bonds offered important support for stabilizing economy. Gross capital formation contributed to a 0.8-percentage rise in

China's economic growth.

Though the Chinese economy still faces challenges and problems, the fundamentals sustaining China's long-term stable economic growth remain unchanged.

The rising "excavator index" reflects China's accelerating infrastructure construction, as well as growing benefits of and confidence in investment. Such a positive trend is generating new impetus driving continuous development of the Chinese economy.

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## Geita Gold FC attacker promises win in 2022/23 CAF CC clash against Hilal Al Sahil

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

**L**AST season's NBC Premier League top goal scorer, Geita Gold FC's George Mpole, has said his outfit is eager to turn the tables on South Sudan's Hilal Al Sahil when the clubs meet in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup first preliminary round's return leg in Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

Geita Gold FC will host Hilal Al Sahil in the second tier of continental club tournaments at Azam Complex Stadium, seeking to make it to the next round of the showdown.

Mpole who bagged 17 goals in last season's NBC Premier League, last week did not travel with his side to Sudan for the CAF club tournament's first leg tie.

Geita Gold FC, which is making its maiden appearance in the CAF club tournament, lost 1-0 to Hilal Al Sahil, courtesy of a goal scored by Omer Shamali.

Mpole on Wednesday assured his squad's supporters and football-loving Tanzanians that he will be available for the second leg.

Should Geita Gold FC successfully book a ticket to the next round, the side needs to beat the visitors by more than two goals.

"I did not travel with the team to Sudan as I had some health issues but now I'm ready to serve my team and my country, we will make sure that we emerge the



Geita Gold Football Club

winners, we are asking all Tanzanians and football-loving people in the country to come at Azam Complex Stadium in their large numbers to cheer the team," he said.

Mpole further attributed his side's loss in Sudan to a lack of experience in international matches.

"I was not with the team in Sudan but I watched the game on TV, we played well and created a lot of scoring chances but failed to utilize them, I think lack of experience cost us," he said.

Mpole and the rest of his outfit's players and coaches, as well as

officials, toured the offices of GF Trucks and Equipment Limited, one of the outfit's sponsors, in Dar es Salaam.

The GF Trucks and Equipment Limited signed a one-year sponsorship with the outfit.

The firm's Marketing Manager Salman Karmali said they were delighted with the club's performance in Sudan. According to Karmali, the company will award any player who will score on Saturday.

"We entered into a sponsorship agreement with Geita Gold FC as the aim is to see the team perform well in the CAF Confederation

Cup," the official noted.

"We are happy that although the team lost it played well and we are confident that it will do well at home and progress to the other stage," he said.

Geita Gold FC's assistant coach Mathias Wandiba said they are working on his players' shortcomings observed in the previous clash. He promised that his side will perform well at home.

"We played well, only that luck was not on our side, I'm sure on Saturday the team will do well, we aim at bringing making people in the country proud," he said.



Yusuf Chipu

## Coastal Union appoints Chipu as new head coach

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

COASTAL Union SC management recently announced Kenyan Yusuph Chipu as the club's new head coach to replace Tanzanian Juma Mgunda who joined Simba SC.

The Tanga side's leadership had last week stated it was in the process of looking for a new head coach.

Simba SC announced Juma Mgunda as the side's interim head coach to work with his assistant Selemani Matola after releasing Serbian coach, Zoran Manoljovic.

Before Simba SC had gone to Malawi to confront Nyasa Big Bullets FC in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League first preliminary round's first leg, the outfit was briefly under Matola's tutelage.

The former Simba SC midfielder led his club in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League duel against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC which ended in a 2-2 draw.

Mgunda was in charge during Simba SC's away tie against Nyasa Big Bullets FC in Malawi, which witnessed the Msimbazi Street club notching a 2-0 victory.

The one-year contract between Simba SC and Manoljovic stayed for two months.

Manoljovic joined Simba early in June 2022, replacing Spaniard Pablo Franco

Martin who left the club at the end of May.

Mgunda's first assignment was, as a result, in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League's first preliminary round's first leg against Nyasa Big Bullets at Bingu Stadium.

On the same day, Coastal Union Secretary-General Omari Ayubu released a statement claiming the club had no official information about Mgunda moving to Simba SC.

Ayubu stressed the Tanga club's leadership has so far found the issue on social media.

The official noted that Mgunda's contract with Coastal Union ended and the squad was in negotiation with the tactician on extending his contract.

Coastal Union's spokesperson Miraji Wandu recently revealed the process of finding another head coach was in the pipeline and the coach will be announced soon.

The official noted: "I want to get rid of doubts, before our match against Namungo FC on September 17, the name of our new head coach will be made public."

Coastal Union was before Chipu's appointment under the tutelage of assistant coach Joseph Lazaro who led it in a league match against Polisi Tanzania that ended in a 0-0 draw.



Dar es Salaam's Minazini Primary School's pupils take part in a traditional sport during break last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

## DAWASA soccer outfit shines in Water Cup in Morogoro

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) team has got off to a good start in a sports tournament, known as Water Cup, taking place in Morogoro.

The DAWASA soccer side commanded a 3-0 victory over Tabora Water and Sanitation Authority (TABORA WSSA) in a duel that took place at the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) campus ground.

Players making the DAWASA side showcased impressive performances and won the hearts of a handful of soccer fans that had turned up at the venue.

The DAWASA squad notched goals via Patrick Ntuli who netted a brace and Prosper Nyagawa who scored the third goal.

Speaking after the match, DAWASA

side's coach Mohamed Magali said that the intensive preparation they had embarked on before the commencement of the tournament turns out to be the reason for their achievement.

He also commended DAWASA Chief Executive Officer Cyprian Luhemeja who has facilitated the side's preparation, as well as seeing to it that it acquires equipment for the Water Cup.

"We have all blessings from our management, our players are in high spirit, in our daily activities we ensure good standards and quality so we want to do the same in the football tournament," Magali disclosed.

He promised that his outfit looks forward to overcoming Lindi Water and Sanitation Authority's squad in the coming game which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday next week.

## Government closes in on starting Dodoma Stadium construction

By Polycarp Mchira, Dodoma

CONSTRUCTION of the proposed ultra-modern sports venue in Dodoma is still on course and is scheduled to start soon, the parliament was informed yesterday.

The building of the 100,000-capacity stadium complex was proposed about six years ago during the Moroccan King's visit to Tanzania at an estimated cost of \$100m.

The government's preparedness to start the construction was revealed in Dodoma on Monday by Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports, Pauline Gekul, when responding to a question asked by Morogoro South MP, Innocent Kalogeris (CCM).

"What is the government doing to start the construction as soon as possible instead of waiting for support from the Moroccan leader?" Kalogeris asked.

In response, the Deputy Minister noted that the government is looking for funds for the projects, adding that the construction will start soon.

"The project is unavoidable since it is in the ruling party manifesto and it is also a key facility for the capital city," Deputy Minister stated.

A lot has been said about the project, with many wondering when it will officially start.

The then Minister for Information, Culture, Arts, and Sports, Harrison Mwakymbembe, once revealed that

the country's proposed Dodoma Stadium project had moved closer to the construction stage following the completion of seismic, topographical, and feasibility studies which had to be repeated to ensure maximum safety of the structure and the spectators.

The project has been in the pipeline since 2017 after King Mohamed VI of Morocco pledged to build the biggest stadium in the East African country following his visit in 2016.

Mwakymbembe explained that Dodoma city is prone to earthquakes and therefore his ministry had a huge task of conducting seismic, topographical, and feasibility studies, which for accuracy purposes, had to be

repeated.

He also mentioned that the national government has already acquired land for the Dodoma Stadium project, which is bigger than the initial hectares needed.

The proposed mega stadium will, upon completion, have the capacity to accommodate between 85,000 to 100,000 spectators, more than any other stadium on the continent.

The delivery of the new stadium will put Tanzania in a better position to bid for hosting major continental sports events such as the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), African Canadian Soccer & Cultural Association (ACSCA), as well as other top athletics events such as All-Africa Games and World Athletics Championships.



## Potter frustrated as Salzburg hold Chelsea

LONDON

GRAHAM Potter admitted Chelsea have to “improve the little details” after Red Bull Salzburg spoiled his first match in charge with a late equaliser in Wednesday’s 1-1 draw in the Champions League.

Potter was on course for a winning debut when Raheem Sterling put Chelsea ahead early in the second half at Stamford Bridge.

But the former Brighton boss, who replaced Thomas Tuchel last week, had to settle for a point as Noah Okaka punished sloppy defending to equalise in the closing stages.

It was a largely underwhelming performance from Chelsea, underlining the work Potter must do to repair the flaws in the expensively assembled squad left behind by Tuchel.

“It’s always irritating when you concede a goal. Overall the defensive performance was quite good, it’s just the little details we will have to improve,” Potter said.

“We’re disappointed with the result. We scored a good goal, but lost a bit in the second half.”

Tuchel was dismissed last Wednesday in the aftermath of Chelsea’s embarrassing 1-0 loss at Dinamo Zagreb in their Champions League opener.

Having taken just one point from their first two Group E matches, Chelsea now face a fight to qualify for the knockout stages with two matches against AC Milan looming.

“It is what it is, we have to dust ourselves down. Personality and application was good, we will get better,” Potter said.

“It has not been easy for the boys. They have responded to us really well over the last few days. The attitude has been fantastic. No complaints apart from the fact we have not taken three points.”

With Sunday’s Premier League game against Liverpool postponed due to the forthcoming funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, Potter will have to wait until October 1 for his second game when Chelsea travel to Crystal Palace after the international break.

At least that will give Potter time to find his feet after he was appointed just 24 hours after Tuchel’s shock exit – sparking what the 47-year-old described as a “whirlwind” week as he starts the biggest challenge of his career.

Potter earned widespread admiration for his impressive work with Brighton, who enjoyed their highest Premier League finish last season when the Englishman led them to ninth place.

But thriving on a limited budget at Brighton provides only scant preparation for the unique demands of handling a club of Chelsea’s ambition.

Potter had never even been to a Champions League game before walking into Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

- Defensive mishaps -

Surprisingly used at left wing-back in Potter’s 3-4-3 formation, Sterling spent much of his time more concerned with attack than defence.

The England forward had a close-range volley blocked and Marc Cucurella’s cutback reached Mason Mount, whose shot fizzed wide from the edge of the area.

In the first game since Tuchel was sacked, Chelsea supporters, many shocked by his ruthless dismissal, paid tribute to the German in the 21st minute.

AFP

## Napoli overcomes missed penalties to beat Rangers 3-0

GLASGOW, Scotland

AFTER missing two penalty kicks, Napoli finally scored on its third try en route to a 3-0 win at Rangers in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Forty-year-old Allan McGregor saved two penalty kicks from Piotr Zieliński, but the Rangers goalkeeper could not keep out the third scored by Matteo Politano in the 68th minute.

Defeat for 10-man Rangers was sealed with late goals by Napoli substitutes Giacomo Raspadori in the 85th and Tanguy Ndombele in stoppage time.

Napoli has recorded back-to-back three-goal wins to lead Group A with six points. Rangers is in last place after losing heavily again. Liverpool beat Ajax 2-1 in the group on Tuesday.

A game in Glasgow postponed for 24 hours – because of the demands on police resources after the death of Queen Elizabeth II in Scotland – proved worth waiting for in a frenetic 13-minute spell in the second half.

The spot-kick saga started in the 55th when Rangers defender James Sands, the United States international on loan from New York City FC, got a second yellow card and was sent off for bringing down Giovanni Simeone as he prepared to shoot.

Zieliński’s right-footed penalty low to McGregor’s right was parried toward Politano who slotted the ball between McGregor’s legs.

A video review showed Politano entered the penalty box before the kick was taken, so referee Antonio Mateu Lahoz called Zieliński’s back from the center circle to retake the penalty.

Zieliński again shot to McGregor’s right and again the ball was pushed away, this time to safety.

The third spot-kick followed Borna Barišić blocking Khvicha Kvaratskhelia’s shot with his arm, and this time Politano stepped up to score. His left-footed shot was touched by McGregor diving low to his left on its way into the net.

A final indignity for Rangers was the referee awarding a penalty deep into stoppage time for an apparent handball. That decision was overturned on video review.

AP

# Haaland’s spectacular goal earns City 2-1 win over Dortmund

MANCHESTER, England

THE cross reached Erling Haaland at shoulder height, about a meter in front of the Manchester City striker. No problem for this generational talent.

Producing a spectacular acrobatic volley with the outside of his left foot, Haaland completed a late comeback by City against Borussia Dortmund – the German club he left in the offseason – in a 2-1 win in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Dortmund kept its former star in check for almost the whole game, with City unusually sloppy in possession and getting increasingly frustrated at Etihad Stadium.

Indeed, Pep Guardiola’s team hadn’t even had a shot on target before John Stones – a center back playing out of position at right back – popped up just outside the area and, egged on by the home crowd, smashed a swerving shot high into the net from outside the area in the 80th minute.

Haaland’s winner four minutes later was even better. Joao Cancelo sent in a cross from the left with the outside of his right foot and Haaland showed amazing agility to leap high and redirect the ball into the net with his left foot.

Guardiola said it reminded him of a famous goal scored by Johan Cruyff for Barcelona against Atlético Madrid in 1973-74.

Haaland impressed himself, too, with the goal that took his overall tally in the



Manchester City’s Erling Haaland, right, scores his side’s 2nd goal during the group G Champions League soccer match between Manchester City and Borussia Dortmund at the Etihad stadium in Manchester, England, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022. (AP Photo)

Champions League to 26 in 21 games.

Asked if he thought Dortmund defended well against him, Haaland said: “They didn’t stop me. I scored.”

The Norway striker has now scored in six straight games for City in all competitions, and 13 in eight games in total.

This was one of his quietest games in a City shirt. Yet he still scored.

“That shows his quality,” said Dortmund midfielder Jude Bellingham, who put the German team ahead in the 56th. “He’s not always in the game, but you give him half a sniff and it ends

up in a goal.”

City has opened Group G with two straight wins in its latest bid for a first Champions League title, and now heads into a double-header against FC Copenhagen. Two wins against the Danish champions and City might seal a place in the last 16 with two games to spare.

Guardiola was not happy with his team’s performance against Dortmund, however.

“We played in the wrong gear today,” he said. “No aggression. Incredibly passive.”

After a forgettable first half that saw Dortmund

successfully smother City, Bellingham gave the visitors the lead by darting in between Manuel Akanji and Haaland – who were his teammates last season – and glanced in Marco Reus’ cross from the left.

City was transformed after the introduction of Bernardo Silva, Phil Foden and Julian Alvarez in a triple substitution.

“They changed our pace and there were two excellent goals,” Guardiola said.

Meanwhile, in Milan, AC Milan will likely be even more eager to extend Rafael Leão’s contract after the Portugal forward again starred in a Rossoneri win.

Leão earned a penalty – converted by Olivier Giroud – and set up Milan’s second for Alexis Saelemaekers last help his team beat Dinamo Zagreb 3-1 in the Champions League on Wednesday. Tommaso Pobega all but sealed the result 13 minutes from time.

The 23-year-old Leão was one of the stars of Milan’s title-winning team last season. He has also scored three goals in six Serie A matches this season and will be sorely missed when Milan hosts Napoli as he is suspended for this weekend’s match.

“There’s not much difference between Italian matches and the Champions League,” Milan coach Stefano Pioli said. “Now we’re facing Napoli, which is a top team like Chelsea, we will have to find solutions in attack seeing as Leão is suspended.”

“If we play at our top level we can win all the matches in all the competitions.”

Milan is already in talks to extend Leão’s contract, which expires in 2024. Chelsea, which is also in Milan’s Champions League group, is one of the clubs interested in him.

“We’ve already started talking with him about renewing, many months ago,” Milan director Paolo Maldini said. “Rafa knows that to become even stronger than now the best solution is to stay with us. We are a young squad that is growing.”

“He still has to learn a lot of things, but then if he gets to a level that’s better than Milan I think it’s also normal that he’d leave. But we intend to do great things

and grow with him. We didn’t receive an official written offer from Chelsea, but there was an informal one and naturally it was rejected.”

It was Milan’s first win in the competition this season after it opened with a 1-1 draw at Salzburg. Dinamo beat Chelsea in their opener. It was also Milan’s first home win in the Champions League in almost nine years, since a win over Celtic was followed by three losses and three draws at San Siro.

Milan dominated on Wednesday but lacked accuracy up front and it took it until the stroke of halftime to break the deadlock after Leão had been brought down by Dinamo defender Josip Šutalo.

Giroud drilled the penalty into the bottom right corner.

And Milan doubled its tally immediately after the break when Leão shimmed his way into the area and crossed for Saelemaekers to head in from close range.

Dinamo pulled one back in the 56th minute, also through a lovely bit of skill, when Bruno Petković released Mislav Oršić with a cheeky back-heeled pass and the Croatia forward slotted the ball into the bottom right corner.

Leão also had a hand in Milan’s third. He picked out Pobega and the Italy midfielder played a one-two with Theo Hernández before firing in off the underside of the crossbar for his first Champions League goal.

AP

# Real Madrid punishes wasteful Leipzig to stay perfect

MADRID

AS Leipzig wasted chance after chance, Real Madrid stayed calm.

It was just a matter of time before the defending European champions punished Leipzig.

Madrid fended off Leipzig’s good start and scored late goals with Federico Valverde and Marco Asensio to extend its perfect start to the season with a hard-fought 2-0 win in the group stage of the Champions League on Wednesday.

Valverde found the net from inside the area in the 80th minute and Asensio added to the lead in stoppage time to salvage Madrid’s eighth victory in a row in all competitions.

In its first home game in the competition since winning a record 14th European title, Madrid had struggled from the start and failed to pose much of a threat against a tough Leipzig squad until Valverde opened the scoring.

The visitors created most of the scoring opportunities early on in the Group F match at the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, with Christopher Nkunku and Timo Werner failing to capitalize on their chances for Leipzig.

“We are brutally disappointed,” Leipzig defender David Raum said. “We were able to make it an even game. If you take the lead, take it into the break, maybe something is possible for us. Them scoring with the first and second shot on goal is brutal, but that’s Real Madrid.”

Valverde got on the board with a curling left-footed

shot after a pass across the area by Vinícius Júnior, and substitute Asensio sealed the victory with a low shot from the edge of the box after a free-kick pass by Toni Kroos.

“Leipzig is a good team,” said Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois, whose handful of good saves kept Madrid with a clean sheet. “We didn’t create much in attack but we converted the chances we had.”

Madrid had only failed to score in one of its last 40 home matches in the group stage of the Champions League. It has kept seven clean sheets in its last nine Champions League group-stage matches.

Leipzig had not failed to score in its previous seven Champions League matches. It had kept only one clean sheet in its last 14 games in the European competition.

“We suffered in the first half but we were able to improve and control the game,” Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said. “We came back from halftime with more energy.”

Madrid had won seven straight in all competitions, including the UEFA Super Cup final against Eintracht Frankfurt to start the season. Five of its victories came by two or more goals, including the opening 3-0 victory at Celtic in the group stage of the Champions League last week.

Madrid was still without the injured Karim Benzema, the team’s best player last season. Ancelotti played with Valverde, Rodrygo and Vinícius up front, leaving Eden Hazard on the bench.

Kroos also started on

the bench, with Eduardo Camavinga and Aurélien Tchouaméni starting in midfield along with Luka Modrić. In defense, Ancelotti played with David Alaba as a left back and Nacho Fernández as a central defender along with Antonio Rüdiger.

“It was an intensive match in which we were not able to reward ourselves for a decent and appealing performance. I think we deserved more,” Leipzig coach Marco Rose said. “But it is quite clear that you need a top performance for 90 minutes to beat Madrid.”

It was the second Leipzig match for Rose, who replaced Domenico Tedesco after the team’s opening 4-1 loss to Shakhtar Donetsk at home. Leipzig defeated Borussia Dortmund in Rose’s debut in the Bundesliga at the weekend.

Meanwhile, in Haifa, Israel, Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappé set each other up and Neymar added a late goal, adding gloss to an otherwise disappointing

performance as Paris Saint-Germain won 3-1 at Maccabi Haifa in the Champions League on Wednesday.

After Maccabi midfielder Tjaronn Chery volleyed in a cross in the 24th minute, Messi gave a sloppy PSG side a much-needed equalizer from Mbappé’s cross from the right in the 37th.

“We fell asleep a bit and conceded the first goal. Then we were able to make the difference after that,” Mbappé said. “I hope all three of us continue to score because it means we’ll win games.”

Messi’s exquisitely weighted pass then sent Mbappé running down the left in the 69th, and he clipped the ball into the bottom right corner for his third goal in two group games.

Neymar latched onto Marco Verratti’s lofted pass from midfield in the 88th, controlled the ball on his right thigh and drilled it in to end a barren run in the Champions League dating

back to December 2020.

PSG tops Group H with six points along with Benfica, which won 2-1 at Juventus in the other game.

But this was a disjointed PSG performance at times against a Maccabi side inspired by the silky Chery. “We need to work hard and we need to improve quickly in the way we play,” Mbappé told broadcaster Canal Plus.

Wearing the No. 10 jersey – but far less illustrious than PSG’s No. 10, Neymar – Chery went close to making it 2-0 on the stroke of halftime.

With some brilliant improvisation that Neymar would have been proud of, Chery juggled the ball three times and then hit a fizzing 25-meter shot that PSG goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma palmed away low down.

Mbappé missed a chance early on when he tried and failed to round Maccabi’s goalkeeper Joshua Cohen. Donnarumma then made a low save before the home side struck first.

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## Taifa Stars' fixtures for mini-tournament confirmed



Taifa Stars' players take part in the squad's training session in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for African Nations Championship qualifiers' tie against Uganda's Cranes that was held in the city in August. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has revealed national side Taifa Stars' fixtures for an international mini-tournament in Libya.

The city of Benghazi is to host the international mini-tournament during the FIFA international break from September 21-27.

Taifa Stars are due to take on Libya and Uganda national teams. The games are meant to prepare Taifa Stars for the 2023 AFCON qualifiers next year while Uganda will use the tournament as part of their build-up for their U-23 AFCON qualifiers that serve as the

gateway to the 2024 Summer Olympic Games.

Uganda and Libya will open the tournament on September 21, whereas Taifa Stars will take to the pitch against Uganda on September 24 in what will be the third game between the two sides within a month.

Taifa Stars were eliminated by Uganda on a 4-0 aggregate in the 2022 African Nations Championship qualification matches, losing home and away and ultimately costing coach Kim Polusen's job.

The East African neighbours

will meet again in March next year in a back-to-back AFCON qualifiers doubleheader.

Both are fighting for one of the two tickets in Group G which also has Niger and favourites Algeria.

The tournament concludes with a match in which Taifa Stars face their hosts Libya on September 27.

Tanzania and Libya were in the same group in the previous AFCON qualifiers.

In head-to-head records, there is nothing to separate Tanzania and Libya, each has

won one, drawn one, and lost one in their three previous games.

All three matches will be played at the Benina Martyrs International Stadium, renamed in honour of the so-called Martyrs of February, the people who were killed in fighting to gain control over Eastern Libya during the Libyan crisis.

Until 2011 it was officially named Hugo Chávez Football Stadium with a seating capacity of 10,550.

On Monday, Taifa Stars head

coach Honour Janza summoned a squad of 23 players including eight foreign-based players that will take part in the mini-tournament. The squad will enter a residential training camp on Saturday.

### Full squad:

Goalkeepers: Aishi Manula (Simba SC), Beno Kakolanya (Simba SC), and Said Kipao (Kagera Sugar)

Defenders: Kibwana Shomari (Yanga), Datus Peter (Kagera Sugar), David Luhende (Kagera Sugar), Abdulmalick Adam (Namungo FC), Abdi Banda (Chippa United, South Africa), Carlos Protas (Tusker FC, Kenya), Oscar Masai (Geita Gold FC), Dickson Job (Yanga), and Abdallah Mfuko (Kagera Sugar)

Midfielders: Himid Mao (Ghazl El Mahalla, Egypt), Sospeter Bajana (Azam FC), Mzamiru Yassin (Simba SC), Faisal Salum (Yanga), David Uromi (Moroka Swallows, South Africa), and Mohamed Issa Banka (Namungo FC)

Forwards: Mbwana Samatta (KRC Genk, Belgium), Simon Msuva (Al Qadisiyah, Saudi Arabia), Ibrahim Joshua (Tusker FC, Kenya), Said Khamis (Hatta Club, UAE), and Habib Kiyombo (Simba SC)

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## TFF sets date and venue for Ordinary General Assembly

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) has confirmed the date and venue for this year's Ordinary General Assembly.

It will be the 17th general assembly and will be hosted in Mwanza on November 14, 2022.

"The 17th Tanzania Football Federation Ordinary General Assembly shall be held on November 14, 2022, in Mwanza," reads the press issued by the federation.

Twenty-five member associations make up the delegates in the TFF General Assembly.

Also expected to attend the AGM are 16 NBC Premier League clubs' representatives, a representative each from TFF recognized association for football coaches, an association for football referees, women, and an association of football players.

Members of the TFF executive committee, invited dignitaries, the federation's management and staff and several other stakeholders are also expected to attend the meeting in Mwanza.

The assembly is hosted on a rotational basis with each region of TFF given an opportunity upon a decision by the executive committee. Last year's AGM was hosted in Arusha and the year before that it took place in Tanga.

Previously, the TFF AGM was mostly held in Dar es Salaam where stakeholders would be called from all over the country to discuss the game.

The assembly takes place annually where delegates convene and review activities carried out in the previous 12 months plus planning for the future.

Some of the key areas of address in the Ordinary General Assembly include activity reports, financial statements, approval of budgets, admission of new members, and dismissal of members among others.

In the technical report, among the items that are likely to dominate discussions at the meeting are Taifa Stars' head coach Honour Janza's appointment and the roles of Kim Poulsen in the national junior team following his removal from the senior team.

The General Assembly will discuss a schedule for it as well as any other matters that may be brought up by either federation members or executive committee members.

The recent failure to qualify for the 2023 African Nations Championship and the foreign player rule amendment might as well form part of the discussion on the way forward for Tanzanian football.

## DTB Gymkhana secures progression to 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup last four

By Guardian Reporter

THE DTB Gymkhana cricketers have booked a place in the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's last-four, thrashing Novum Strikers by five wickets in a knockout clash that took place last weekend.

The knockout match, dubbed 'Eliminator', brought together sides that finished in second place in groups A and B of the showpiece, seeking to secure progression to the last-four round.

Novum Strikers finished second in Group B with a 0.0034 net run rate, following victory in four matches and loss in one.

The tournament's Group B had witnessed DTB Gymkhana taking the second position having recorded a 0.4240 net run rate, having come out victorious in four ties and loss in one.

Fireworks were set to be on show in the knockout clash given both clubs enjoyed an impressive run in the round-robin stage and they made the duel worth watching.

Novum Strikers raced to 120/8 in the allotted 20 overs once they had got the opportunity to take the crease first, with the club's top-order heroics coming in handy.

Jatin Darji, deployed at number three, was the batsman with the most runs having recorded 48 runs which included two boundaries and two sixes.

The veteran cricket ensured his outfit solidly take on DTB Gymkhana's attack, pushing the batting side's total to 120 runs with 1.1 over remaining.



Mohammed Yunus of DTB Gymkhana cricket side (L) gets the ColorFlex Man of the Match prize from an official after the club faced Novum Strikers in a 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's knockout tie, dubbed 'Eliminator', early this week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Earlier the openers Amin Solanki and Morris Auma did their best to impose themselves in the duel despite facing pressure posed by DTB Gymkhana's bowling unit. Solanki recorded 17 runs that included three boundaries, and fellow opener Auma ended with 15 runs.

Experienced performer Issa Kikasi played part in the batting team's efforts to end the innings with a better total, notching 23 runs.

Efforts by Novum Strikers to put a bigger score were frustrated by early exits of the remaining members of the batting unit, with none manag-

ing to end with two-digit scores.

Amit Raghuvanshi, Gurvinder Singh, and Mohammed Yunus had impressive bowling figures when DTB Gymkhana fielded, as the trio notched two wickets each.

The youthful DTB Gymkhana side, later, efficiently mounted a successful chase, notching 122/5 in 19 overs to make it to the last four.

Abdullah Jabiri led the batting onslaught having posted 26 runs whilst nailing a boundary and a six.

Openers Kheel Suchak and Raghuvanshi had early on given the club a good start, with Suchak posting

16 runs and Raghuvanshi notching 19 runs.

Yunus took the crease following skipper Harshel Shah's exit and forged an unbeaten partnership with Gurvinder Singh to catapult their club to victory.

The youthful Yunus notched 25 runs not out, whereas Singh made his way back with unbeaten 15 runs.

The DTB Gymkhana, for that matter, will come up against Alliance Caravans in the second semi-final at a date that will be announced by the tournament's organizers.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of the tournament, while co-sponsors of the showdown include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, and Pepsi.

Other sponsors are Aruti, Pigabet, Black and Decker, Harab Motors, All Season Hotels, Novum Energy, Diamond Trust Bank, I&M Bank, Aurobindo Pharmacy, Azania Bank, and Horizon Teleports.

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The Petrofuel DC Cara-

vans T20 Cup tournament, which has participating outfits locking horns in 20-over formatted duels, brings together the country's best cricket teams.

It is the only cricket competition organized by a private entity under the affiliation of the Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) and the DC.

The showdown is regarded as the country's biggest T20 tournament and it is usually held during the last quarter of the year.

The competition is backed by several companies in the country which support the initiative as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities.

Previous editions of the tournament have been graced by government officials and foreign envoys.

They include former Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports Harrison Mwakyembe, his deputy Juliana Shonza, and Director of Sports in the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuph Singo.

Former India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sandeep Arya, and top officials from various firms are other dignitaries that have graced the competition's previous editions.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

