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Remove 50-year-old ferries, MPs demand

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE government needs to initiate urgent maintenance for ferries plying the various lakes as they are mostly aged more than 50 years, and without professional maintenance they risk to passengers' lives.

Selemani Kakoso (pictured), chairman of the Infrastructure Development standing committee of the National Assembly, issued this appeal in observations concerning estimates of the Ministry of Works for the next financial year, delivered in the debating chamber yesterday.

Maintenance centers for such vessels are not professionally organised, he said, highlighting that committee members visited project sites for building ferries and marine vessels, and found out that no one oversees the projects within the Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Services Agency (TEMESA).

"There were no funds allocated for maintenance of vessels from collected revenues," he told astonished MPs, elaborating that the ministry has been relying on one contractor for ferry construction and maintenance.

He said the private sector is being isolated from offering services like vessel construction and maintenance, urging the government to come up with a strategy of purchasing new ferries and marine vessels. Vessels of over 50 years must stop offering services, he emphasized, underlining the need to embrace competitiveness in building and maintaining ferries and other marine vessels.

He asserted that TEMESA should switch to commercial operational models by embracing transparency and value for money. However, a special expert should be recruited by the government to oversee funds management.

The Committee suggested that a portion of revenue generated from ferries and marine vessels operations should be used in financing regular light maintenance of the vessels. The government should now allow private vessels to operate in inland lakes

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US journal lists Samia among 100 most influential people

By Guardian Reporter

INFLUENTIAL weekly Time Magazine has listed President Samia Suluhu Hassan in its list of 100 most influential people for this year, along with Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former Liberian president and guest writer for the magazine, described Samia as a leader whose presence at Tanzania's helm has opened a door for dialogue between political rivals towards rebuilding trust in the democratic system.

"Efforts have been made to increase press freedom, and women and girls have a new role model," she wrote, commending President Samia, at the helm since March last year, for her "tonic" leadership style.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan took office in March 2021, and her leadership has been a tonic. That year has made a big difference to Tanzania. A door has opened for dialogue between political rivals, steps have been taken to rebuild trust in the democratic system, efforts have been made to increase press freedom, and women and girls have a new role model.

In September 2021, just a few months into her presidency, Samia Suluhu Hassan delivered a landmark speech as only the fifth African woman leader ever to address the U.N. General Assembly. She stood on the spot where I stood 15 years before as the first democratically elected woman President in Africa.

"As the first female President in the history of my country," she said, "the burden of



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa makes an inspection tour of Arusha's Kilombero mixed-goods market yesterday shortly before addressing members of the business community in the city. Photo: PMO

Foundation report sets up Africa's at COP 27 strategy

By Guardian Reporter

THE world ought to give the African continent greater consideration in efforts

directed at mitigating the effects of climate change as its contribution to the problem is minimal but is the most affected.

Clémentine Martin, communications

consultant for The Mo Ibrahim Foundation, said in a statement to global networks yesterday that the foundation had launched a

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NMB offers 1bn/- in seed financing for entrepreneurs

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank is setting aside 1bn/- seed fund investment to support new financial-sector start-ups and entrepreneurs who present unique, sustainable and tech-enabled solutions.

Prochest Kachenje, the bank's market research and innovation manager made this observation when briefing Education,

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NMB Bank Plc's innovations and development manager, Prochest Kachenje (in black T-shirt), pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday briefing Education, Science and Technology deputy minister Omary Juma Kipanga (R) at the bank's pavilion during the launch of the NMB-sponsored University of Dar es Salaam's Innovation Week. Left is the bank's UDSM Branch manager, Kingsley Chilambo, and second right is Superdoll board chairman Seif Ali Seif. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



expectation to deliver gender equality is heavier on my shoulders."

As she spoke these powerful words, I couldn't help but think how strong the shoulders of women leaders are and how much they can make a difference.

The recognition remarks for premier Abiy was on the other hand a throwback, citing his role in mitigating strained relations with neighbouring Eritrea, separated from Ethiopia after a long civil war.

"Abiy's peace treaty with Eritrean dictator Isaias Afwerki inspired hopes for a transformed region, but also planted the seeds for an Ethiopian civil war," the magazine says of the Nobel Laureate.

"In March, he declared a truce to allow humanitarian access to the region, which had been blocked for months. But like a previous 'humanitarian truce' in June 2021, it appears to be largely strategic, and little real aid has arrived," it acidly surmised.

Samia and Abiy are recognized in the 'Leaders' category alongside renowned global personalities as US President Joe Biden, his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and recently installed American Supreme Court judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, among others.

On Putin and Zelensky, Time CEO and editor-in-chief Edward Felsenthal writes: "Influence, of course, may be for good or for ill – a dichotomy never more visible than in this year's Time 100, which includes both Vladimir

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CRDB Bank Plc's head of consumer banking, Stephen Adili (3rd-R) presents photographic studio and ICT equipment to Fire and Rescue Force administration and finance commissioner Mbaraka Semwanza in Dar es Salaam yesterday for use in disseminating information to the public. Looking on (from-R) are CRDB senior alternative services manager Mangire Kibanda, CRDB senior customer service manager Farida Hamza, senior assistant commissioner (Fire & Rescue Force) Puyo Nzalayamisi and Ilala Regional Fire & Rescue Force Commander Superintendent Elisa Mugisha. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Premier wants small traders to conduct businesses confidently

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has appealed to petty traders and entrepreneurs to conduct their businesses confidently because the government wants them to realise their dreams. "The government recognizes you and will make sure you reap benefit so as to realise your life dreams. Capital invested in these stalls by the City Council amounts to 1bn/- and President Samia Suluhu Hassan added 500m/- to enable many stalls to be built for you," he said.

The Prime Minister is in one-day visit to Arusha City where he inspected Mbauda, Kilombero and Machame markets and talked to some of the small traders conducting businesses in those markets. Speaking at different times to the entrepreneurs yesterday, Majaliwa said the aim of the Phase VI Government is to empower small traders to increase their capitals and own big businesses. "The aim is for you to operate in recognized areas, so that you earn formal incomes and later become big businessmen who initially were mere

shoe shiners," he said. He called on them to make sure they operate in recognized areas to be easily reached for getting loans for capital. "In regard to capital, President Samia has already discussed with various banks in the country to have in place the criteria to enable you to access to loans. "I beseech you to conduct your businesses on tables installed in these markets, and that will be your address. Market officials will know where you are, doing what business and will be easy for them to guarantee your loans," he added.

Earlier, the PM inspected the construction of the three markets in the City of Arusha and discovered several shortcomings including lack of water, electricity and toilets as well harassment from the militia units. He instructed Arusha Regional Commissioner, John Mongella and Arusha District Commissioner, Said Mtanda to deal with these issues to make sure they are solved. "Here at the Kilombero market, the power post is just outside, why should it take a month or more while the letter for power connection was written since last month?" he said. When Majaliwa called Arusha District TANESCO manager, Amiri Chambua for explanation, the latter promised to finalise the issue today (May 25), adding that they were still in the preparatory stages.



Village and ward development committee members from Muganza and Murusagamba in Ngara District attend training on land and environmental law earlier this week in readiness for the upcoming Tembo Nickel land and asset survey. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NMB offers 1bn/- seed fund for entrepreneurs

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Science and Technology deputy minister Omary Kipanga who visited the bank's pavilion at a technology fair in Dar es Salaam. At the seventh University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) Innovation and Entrepreneurship week that commenced yesterday, the NMB executive said the fund will help scale up start-ups, to support sustainability of innovation countrywide.

The bank has initiated the NMB Sandbox arrangement for financial solutions innovators in the digital sphere to come up with such solution, as the bank is committed to partnering for bankable innovations, he said. Innovators will try out solutions they have devised and see how they can work effectively, where the bank will join successful innovators to develop an integrated service delivery facility, he elaborated.

NMB was aware that many start-ups fail to realize their goals for lack of funding, to clear procedural and other requirements for their products and services make it to the mainstream market. "That is why we have set aside funds to help them scale up their innovative ideas," he said, noting that the seed funds will be available to financial sector start-ups across the country by the set criteria. He strongly encouraged start-ups,

especially among the youth to seek out this opening by coming up with innovative ideas, underlining that wealth is increasingly being generated from the Information Communication and Technology (ICT) sector. The deputy minister commended the bank for supporting various initiatives rolled out by the government as part of its development agenda. In coming up with more innovators, liaising with the ministry is positive as it is in a position to identify more innovators, he added.

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preliminary study on the matter, titled '2022 Forum Facts & Figures,' examining The Road to COP27: Making Africa's Case in the Climate Debate.' The report comes exactly six months ahead of COP27 set for Sharm el Sheikh in Egypt, highlighting the need for greater consideration of Africa's specific position within the global debate on climate change. Mo Ibrahim, the founder and chairman of the foundation, said on the data that as the least industrialised continent, Africa has contributed the least to the global climate crisis, yet it is suffering the most from its consequences. "Thanks to its immense ecological and mineral resources, Africa has the potential to be at the heart of a sustainable future for both the continent and the world. As we now head towards COP27, hosted on the continent, it is vital that Africa's unique position is better understood and taken into account," he stated. Leaving Africa out of the equation not only hinders efficient climate action but also threatens global development and security prospects, the noted investor and philanthropist asserted.

Based on the latest data, the 2022 Forum Facts & Figures explores in detail the specific impacts of the climate crisis in Africa, and the way it intersects with pre-existing social and development issues such as poverty, food insecurity, political instability, and displacement, the statement noted. The findings point to the need for greater consideration of African-specific vulnerabilities within global climate solutions, if only to avoid failure in achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the African Union's Agenda 2063. The report then analyses the critical challenge of striking the right balance between climate protection and access to energy for all on the continent with the largest energy gap globally. It highlights the hurdles still to be overcome to make the most of Africa's renewable potential and the need to rethink the one-size-fits-all policies like excluding gas as a key transition fuel, adopted at COP26 late last year in Glasgow. It highlights Africa's consistent resource potential, with the continent possessing all the key assets to accelerate the global transition to a green and sustainable economy. But in order for this potential to be effectively and efficiently delivered, taking account of the best interest of Africa's people, the continent will need

to break from the "natural resource curse," the report asserts. Africa will have to focus on leveraging financial resources, strengthening governance frameworks and natural resource management, the authors intoned, highlighting that key findings include the fact that Africa accounts for just 3.3 per cent of total global carbon emissions since 1960, making it the least responsible world region for climate change. "In 2020, the whole of Africa's per capita carbon emissions were ten times lower than North America's, yet the impact of climate change is already hitting Africa hard," the authors remarked, while other findings show that between 2010 and 2022, the number of people affected by droughts reached 172.3m while those affected by floods reached 43m. Ten among the world's most climate vulnerable countries globally are in Africa, hosting 20.1 per cent of the continent's population, the authors noted, affirming that Africa is the most vulnerable continent to climate change due to pre-existing development challenges that exacerbate climate impact and lower resilience. A total of 39.7m additional people in sub-Saharan Africa could be pushed into extreme poverty by 2030 due to climate change, more than in any other world region, they said, pointing out that climate change is forecasted to push an additional 78m people into chronic hunger by 2050, over half of them in sub-Saharan Africa. Without climate action, sub-Saharan Africa is projected to see displacement and migration of up to 85.7m people, equivalent to 4.2 per cent of the continent's population, the report intoned. It similarly asserted that 600m people in Africa currently lack access to electricity and more than 930m lack access to clean cooking fuels, making Africa the continent with the lowest rates of energy access globally. "At 455.2trn cubic feet in 2020, African natural gas reserves could go a long way to meeting the continent's growing energy demand," it said, elaborating that 18 African countries are already gas producers but distribution of gas remains a key challenge. Gas accounted for less than 10 per cent of the total energy supply in half of the continent's gas producers while 22 African countries already use renewables as their primary source of electricity, but access to electricity remains limited in these situations, it added.

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Putin and Volodymyr Zelensky." Other leaders in the lineup include Chinese President Xi Jinping, European Union President Ursula von der Leyen and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. It elaborated the dichotomy as placing together "the Russian dictator behind a brutal war, and his foe, the Ukrainian President whose leadership has made him a rare heroic figure in our divisive time." President Biden also gives

commentary on the matter, saying "the people of Ukraine have a leader worthy of their bravery and resilience... The nations of the free world are more united, more determined, and more purposeful than at any point in recent memory to support Ukraine." This year's list features 49 women, including singer Mary J. Blige, TV personality and business mogul Oprah Winfrey, singer Adele, actress Sarah Jessica Parker, Zendaya and others.

Remove 50-year-old ferries, MPs demand

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The committee noticed delays in the construction of vessels by the Marine Services Co. Ltd (MSCL), while being surprised to hear that no funds were allocated for salaries, amid a shortage of ships in Lake Nyasa. A total of 3bn/- was injected in projects for construction and renovation of ferries, also used to widen Kigamboni berth for the Magogoni and Kisorya ferries, supervised by TEMESA, which was by late March

overseeing operations by 33 ferries and the seashore to decongest marine traffic and ease transport services, he urged. Shortfalls were noticed in the disbursements of funds for marine vessels construction and maintenance, with just 9.8 percent of the approved funds released for the project by late February, he stated. Marine vessels serving the Great Lakes lined up for maintenance are MV Mwanza, Hapa Kazi Tu, MV Umoja and MV Sangara, where the work is accomplished by 60 percent, 23 percent and 18.14 percent for the vessels, respectively.



Ayubu Kalufya (L), Vodacom Tanzania Plc's Lake Victoria zone head of sales, exchanges greetings with Dr Paulo Mhame, assistant director (Natural and Alternative Medicine) in the Health ministry. This was at an event held in Mwanza city yesterday in marking International Day for the Elimination of Fistula. Sponsored by Vodacom Tanzania Foundation, it was held in tandem with the launch of national guidelines on fistula treatment. Right is Bugando Medical Centre director general Dr Fabian Masaga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt to invest more in technical colleges to produce innovators

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TANZANIA will invest more in technical colleges than other higher institutes of learning because the former are responsible for producing real innovators, workforces and job creation firms.

Laying the foundation stone for the practical and clinical training wing at the Arusha Technical College (ATC), Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said, technical institutions in the country have proved themselves in creating able men and women who successfully undertake a number of development projects in Tanzania.

"Through colleges like ATC, the country gets apprentices, technical workers, field oriented work-force who really work, unlike other institutions that only produce theoretical supervisors," said PM Majaliwa.

The 'Ufundi Tower,' a three-floor structure nearing completion is being constructed at the Arusha Technical College and is set to accommodate a state-of-the-art Medical wing, Laboratory, an Office Block and Classrooms.

The Prime Minister was so impressed by the works that he suggested President Samia Suluhu Hassan should be the right person to inaugurate the 'Ufundi Tower,' facility upon completion later this year. Mr Majaliwa was undertaking a one-day tour of Arusha, inspecting various projects.

Dr Mussa Chacha, the Principal for Arusha Technical College said his institution was also undertaking other projects including the construction of a girls' hostel, capable of housing 428 students and which is nearly 75 percent.

The Hostel building, according to the Dean, is implemented through a Force Account payment method, through Arusha Technical College Production and Consulting Bureau (ATC-PCB).

A renewable energy training center at Kikuletwa Ward of Hai District in Kilimanjaro Region, also being executed under the Arusha Technical College, is on good stride and according to Dr Chacha; it will complement the ongoing Hydro-Electric dam being constructed at Stigler Gorge in the Nyerere National Park.

Regarding the 'Ufundi Tower', the construction was initially being bankrolled by the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) at the cost of 6.8 billion/- but later stalled following the global Covid-19 pandemic.

Later, the government moved to its rescue through pumping over 1.75 billion/- from relief funds disbursed through the Covid-19 rescue programs initiated by President Samia Suluhu.

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By Henry Mwangonde

France and COSTECH inaugurate 1.5bn/- project to support innovation in higher learning institutions

THE Embassy of France in Tanzania in collaboration with Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) has launched euros 570,000 (1.5bn/-) project to support innovation in higher learning institutions.

The two year project known as 'innovers' focuses on developing an enabling environment for innovation and entrepreneurship in three universities namely Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST) and the University of Iringa.

Funded by the French Embassy in Tanzania and implemented by Sahara Ventures to support Tanzania Higher Education Institutions towards the third generation universities

incorporating innovation and entrepreneurship beyond academics and research.

Speaking at press conference yesterday Nabil Hajlaoui said the project has three main objectives including strengthening institutional and material capacity of universities, supporting students' entrepreneurship journey, and promoting entrepreneurship for employment.

"The project is complementing the existing government's efforts to equip universities with knowledge, tools and promoting resources; innovation, self-employment and entrepreneurship skills," he said.

According to him, the project is

looking to work with on-campus innovation hubs and technology transfer offices to encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, technology transfer and research commercialization to create new solutions and employment opportunities.

COSTECH Director of Knowledge Management Dr John Mwera said the project comes at the right time when the government was implementing the Five Year Development Plan which also includes promotion of innovation.

Sahara Ventures chief executive officer, Jumanne Mtambalike said his company is an innovation hub composed of three entities: Sahara Consulting, which focuses on

impact project management; Sahara Accelerator, an impact accelerator supporting early-stage companies through technical support and access to investors; and Sahara Sparks, a business event management company.

Mtambalike said its mission is to build a stable ecosystem of innovation, technology and entrepreneurship in Africa through consulting and investment.

"Sahara Ventures also has expertise in agribusiness and has already led projects related to higher education. Sahara Ventures is in charge of leading the project and strengthening capacities of the three universities," he said.



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INSECTICIDE TREATED NETS (ITNs) ACCOUNTABILITY, TRACKING AND E-REPORTING SYSTEM FOR ZANZIBAR

1. Background and project description

USAID Tanzania Vector Control Activity (TVCA) is a five-year USAID funded contract being implemented by Johns Hopkins University-Centre for Communication Programs (CCP) Tanzania. TVCA implements proven, evidence-based vector control approaches in Tanzania with a focus on insecticide treated nets (ITNs). TVCA works with the Government of Tanzania (Mainland and Zanzibar) and other malaria stakeholders, to support Tanzania in its goal to eliminate malaria which is a public health concern.

Johns Hopkins Centre for Communication Programs (CCP) is soliciting quotes to award a purchase order for the development of the insecticide treated nets (ITNs) accountability, tracking and e-reporting system for Zanzibar. This purchase order will be awarded under USAID Tanzania Vector Control Activity Project managed by CCP and financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The procurement is subject to all applicable CCP, USAID and US Federal Government procurement regulations.

2. Purpose of the consultancy services

TVCA will contract a consultancy firm/company to develop an insecticide treated nets (ITNs) accountability, tracking and e-reporting system that suits the current needs of the program (Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Program (ZAMEP)) and Central Medical Store (CMS). The developed system will provide all the information related to the deliveries done at health facilities (name of the person receiving the consignment, details for communication purposes, scanned copy of sales invoices signed by the facility in-charge) that way increasing the accountability of the delivery processes.

3. Timeframe

Work will commence after the execution of the agreement by both CCP and the consultancy firm/company. All deliverables should be completed within the agreed timeframe of the execution of the agreement.

4. Required Experience

Previous experience in developing the health management systems and database development is highly required

5. Application Requirements

Interested applicants may request a full RFP document to infotvca@ju.edu and the deadline for requesting the RFP document is **31st May 2022 at 5 pm**. The deadline for application submission will be on **3rd June 2022 at 12:00 noon**.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES OF CONCEPTUALISING, DESIGNING, PRODUCTION, PUBLICATION AND MONITORING COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS IN TANZANIA REFERENCE NO: 0010007732

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 to establish several periodic communications campaigns, as such it requires to contract experienced specialised media agency/ies to manage media campaigns.

East African Crude Oil Pipeline Limited invites experienced and reputable media agencies to express their interest.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

- EACOP is seeking media agency/ies to produce, publish and monitor media campaigns at a national level in Swahili language including Maasai/English Language where required.
- The selection of channels of communication will depend on the target audience and might go beyond the use of Mainstream Media such as TV, Radio and Newspapers to Digital Media, Alternative Media such as posters and brochures, Folk media or a mix of media.
- Depending on the campaign, the deliverable can be limited to any level of pre to postproduction whereby for some campaigns the company might require management of media publications while for others it might require a full scope from designing to monitoring.
- A specific scope of work and deliverables will be agreed by the agency on an ad hoc basis depending on the campaign and policy of the Company at the time of procurement of a particular service.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration in Tanzania including a relevant business license.
- Proof of similar experience in providing related services.
- Proof of technical capacity to manage different stages of campaigns.
- Proof of ability to translate technical topics into simple communication.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Petroleum Local Content Regulations in Tanzania.

Interested organizations with the ability, capacity, and resources to provide any of the services listed above should express their interest by sending (together with the documents stated in the above section) and email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size **10Mb**) on or before **1600** hours East African Time (EAT), **7th June 2022**. Email subject should be **0010007732**.

Note: The Company 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 the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to submit a proposal in furtherance of the Request for Proposal process.

All Expressions of Interest should be submitted in the English Language.

Installation of ICT system at Malindi Port poised to increase ZPC revenues

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Minister for Works, Communications and Transport, Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed has said the installation of modern Information Communication Technology (ICT) system in Zanzibar Ports Corporation (ZPC) will help in preventing loss of government revenues.

Dr Mohammed made the remarks on Monday when launching ICT system at Malindi Port here.

He said the system will simplify service provision in ZPC and strengthen revenue collection.

The minister said he believes in a short period of time Zanzibar Malindi Port will be providing better services that will satisfy all stakeholders.

He added that the move will help in reducing existing challenges that hinder timely services provision and reduce complaints from some traders using the port.

"For a long time there have been

complaints from traders regarding the port's service capacity especially cargo clearance, hence the use of ICT will assist in speedy and timely clearance of goods imported via the port," he said.

He added that the system will incorporate pre-payment of import taxes before ships' arrival so that little time is used to clear goods after unloading of the goods.

"Goods clearance will be done online, the system that will reduce clearance time," he added.

For his part, ZPC director, Nahaat Mohammed Mahfoudh said by the new system ZPC expects to increase its incomes as per the government's goals.

He said through ICT ZPC is expected to collect an average of 9bn/- per month from 3.5bn/- collected now.

Representative from the Finnish Embassy in Tanzania, Susan Kapararo said Zanzibar has shown its intention to bring changes through the use of ICT by ZPC while delivering its services.



Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority officials (R) brief National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (L, foreground) and Energy minister January Makamba (to her left) on Monday at the opening of week-long exhibitions by the ministry and institutions under it now in progress in Dodoma city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

US and Tanzania celebrate five years of partnership in horticulture development

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

REPRESENTATIVES from the US and Tanzania governments yesterday celebrated the achievements of the Mboga na Matunda ("Vegetables and Fruits") programme implemented under the Feed the Future initiative of the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

Through strong collaboration and enduring partnership with the government of Tanzania, the \$25 million-dollar, five-year MboganaMatunda programme improved the nutritional status of hundreds of thousands of Tanzanians in five regions across the country.

In her remarks at the MboganaMatunda closeout event, USAID Tanzania Mission Director Kate Somvongsiri said that unlocking the potential of Tanzania's agriculture

sector—which contributes nearly one-third of the country's GDP and employs 75 percent of the population—is the key to achieving broad-based economic growth and sustainable development.

Over the last five years, the Feed the Future MboganaMatunda activity collaborated with the government of Tanzania to improve planting, growing, and irrigation techniques; and improved seed variety and nutrition education for over 874,000 clients, of which 58% were youth. The activity also expanded the network of buyers and sellers of agriculture products; ultimately strengthening the overall capacity of the horticulture industry.

As a direct result of the activity's interventions, micro, small, and medium enterprises in horticulture invested more than \$154 million in horticulture and sold goods and services worth \$373 million.

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE government has said that construction and renovation projects of prisons slated in the 2022/23 will among other amenities contain separate private rooms for inspection.

Currently, male and female prisoners and inmates are not separated during the inspection process among other rules, male and female prisoners are required to take off their uniforms and queue on the same line for inspection.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Jumanne Sagini told the National Assembly yesterday that the ministry has in its 2022/23 budget estimates, requested 4.57bn/- that will be allocated to the Prisons Force for construction of six district new prisons that will consider privacy and dignity of inmates and prisoners.

Sagini pointed out that the six district prisons are Kilosa, Kaliua, Karatu, Kakonko, Gairo and Msalato.

"The ministry has chosen this

Govt to build separate inspection rooms for male and female prisoners - minister

district as a starting point which will be sustained in future fiscal budgets. At the same time, all prison renovation projects slated in the 2022/23 budget will observe separation of inspection rooms," said Sagini.

Sagini was responding to a question by Agnesta Lambert (Special Seats) who wanted to know plans by the ministry in constructing new prisons that preserve human dignity. He said funds for construction and renovation will be allocated according to the availability of funds.

"During 2021/22 the government had allocated 840mn/- for renovation of five prisons namely Maweni, Isanga, Kondoa, Lindi and Mkuza.

On the other hand, the Prisons Force had used local sourced funds in renovation of several prisons including

Rombo, Ukonga, Mkono wa Mara, Kwitanga, Idete, Mbigili, Shinyanga, King'ang'a, Butimba, Luanda, Liwale and Babati," asserted Sagini.

In the same vein, Tekla Ungele (Special Seats) questioned the renovation of Liwale prison that its infrastructure is in the worst dilapidated condition hence threatening prisoners' health.

In his response, Sagini said that the government has started renovation of Liwale prison by using local sourced funds. However, the Prisons Force has built a new administration block and seven residential houses for prison officers.

Construction of the houses has been accomplished and was launched late last month by the Freedom Torch campaign by the ruling party Chama Cha Mapinduzi.

"During the 2022/23 fiscal year the ministry has allocated 225million/- for accomplishing planned prisons renovation projects," said Sagini.

Nustrat Hanje (Special Seats) asked the deputy minister when will the government consider giving prisoners multiple and new pairs of prison uniforms as women are forced to put on the same underwear for months.

Sagini responded that the new budget will also look into the possibility of giving prisoners more than one pair of uniforms.

Deo Mwanjika (Njombe) questioned the government's plan in procurement of new prisoners' escort buses as the current ones are in bad condition for the safety and security of plying inmates and prisoners to the court of law back and forth.

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, Dodoma

THE Trade Union Congress of Tanzania (TUCTA) has advised the government to impose tax on local and foreign businessmen and multinational companies in the mining sector.

If they pay tax accordingly, the government will mobilize revenues for financing public services. The trade union wants them to be well taxed to increase revenue mobilization.

TUCTA president Tumaini Nyamhokya, made the remarks when opening a policy conference on revenue mobilisation in the Tanzania mining sector to finance quality public services and the care economy held in Dodoma recently. The conference was organised by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) and Tanzania's Public Services International (PSI) affiliates.

"Some big businesses are not taxed. There is a need to impose a tax to raise revenues that could finance quality social services," Nyamhokya said, stressing the importance of public tax justice education.

He said: "It's essential for all members of communities, including

TUCTA advises govt to impose tax on multinational, foreign and local firms in mining sector

workers, to understand it and know what is needed of them to implement tax justice."

According to him, the recent public servant's salary, including a minimum wage increase by 23.3 per cent announced recently, is a result of increased revenue collections but more could be done.

He said increasing public servants' salaries and minimum wage increase will top up some expenditures—workers who were walking several kilometers for lack of transport fare can now hire Bodaboda to take them to their workplaces, food vendors will increase customers, and bank customers will top up on their loans using the salary increment.

He said there is a need to increase efforts on revenue mobilisation so that all-important public services, including servants' salaries, can easily

be financed. "Our president has increased salary; if people and firms pay tax, the government will mobilize more revenues and increase the salary even more," he said.

Commenting on the mining sector, he said there had been a regulation that allows for a grace period or that gives incentives to investors where the investors work for a certain period before they start paying tax. We want this regulation to be reviewed or permanently removed as it affects our revenues negatively, and there is no proof that incentives contribute to attracting investors.

"Especially the mining sector to benefit from grace period or incentives, we would like to advise the government that these types of investors should start paying tax from the day business commences," he said.



Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima (C) cuts a cake in Dar es Salaam yesterday to install a new board of governors for the Institute of Social Welfare. She is with (from-L) ISW rector Dr Joyce Nyoni, board chairperson Sophia Simba, the ministry's permanent secretary, Dr Zainabu Chaula, and deputy permanent secretary Amon Mpanju. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika



EAST AFRICAN
CRUDE OIL
PIPELINE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CLEANING AND GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES REFERENCE NO: 0010007731

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Company Limited, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in Provision of Cleanliness Services and General Housekeeping Services at its Headquarter Offices Address building located at Bains Avenue Off Chole Road, P.O. Box 23139, Dar es Salaam.

The EACOP project involves 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 Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania, to Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

The Company, is currently located at Bains Avenue Off Chole Road, Address building occupying 5 storeys with a capacity of accommodating a total of up to 350 employees at a one particular time. The company is now inviting able and capable companies or organizations to provide the general cleanliness and housekeeping services to its offices as per the below requirements:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

General Office Housekeeping including:

- General cleanliness of the EACOP Offices at the Address Building including keeping the offices in a tidy, safe, and hygienic environment all the time.
- Responsible for ensuring good general sanitation (cleaning) activities such as sweeping, mopping, dusting and polishing of the office premises, kitchen and washrooms.
- Ensure all rooms are cared for and inspected according to standards.
- Protect office consumables and make sure there are no inadequacies, notify the Administration Coordinator or the landlord on any damages, deficits and disturbances to property/premises.
- Deal with reasonable requests from employees and visitors with professionalism and patience.
- Check stocking levels of all consumables and replace when appropriate.
- Adhere strictly to office rules regarding health and safety and be aware of any company-related practices.
- Should be readily available in arrangement and setting up of the venue in case we hold office functions
- All operations shall be in accordance with the standards of EACOP
- Ensure periodic office fumigations as per industrial standards.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate, and a Business Licence for the latest year available.
- Registration with EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an accepted application for registration at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017
- Previous 5 years of experience doing similar works of facility management for international companies/corporation
- Financial accounts for the previous financial year
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable local and industry standards for similar works.
- Certificate of Incorporation (attach copy).
- OSHA Regulatory practicing license
- Clients recommendations letter from Reputable National and International Companies.
- Workers Compensation Fund registration certificate.
- Evidence of registration to Social Security Sector in Tanzania
- Medical Health Insurance registration certificates
- Professional Indemnity Policy

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@ecop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 7th June 2022. Email subject should be 0010007731.

Note: The Company 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 the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to submit a proposal in furtherance of the Request for Proposal process.

All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.



EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) is implementing its five years Corporate Strategic Plan (2017/2018-2020-2022) which includes the network expansion in local, regional and international destinations as well as improvement internal capacity by filling the vacancies as per approved organization structure. Applications therefore invited from **qualified Tanzanians to fill the position of Financial Accounting Manager** in the Directorate of Finance

1. **POSITION: Financial Accounting Manager**
2. **REPORTING TO: Director of Finance**

3. QUALIFICATIONS:

- Holder of Master Degree in one of the following fields: Accountancy, Finance, Commerce or Business Administration majoring in Accountancy or related qualifications from recognized institutions.
- Must have either CPA (T), ACCA, ACA, CIMA or related professional qualifications recognized by NBAA and preferably registered as "Associate Accountant" or "Fellow Accountant".
- Must have at least eight (8) years of working experience in Aviation Revenue Accounting and must be in Senior position.
- Must have IATA Certifications including but not limited to Fares and Ticketing, Passenger and Cargo Proration, Interline Accounting and Control –Pax & Cargo) and Sales Accounting & Control
- Must be knowledgeable of accounting applications.

4. COMPETENCES

- Excellent analysis and report writing skills
- Strong interpersonal, communication and presentation skills
- Ability to manage, guide and lead subordinates
- Attention to details
- Problem-solving and flexibility
- Strong ethical standards
- Excellent decision-making skills

5. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The holder of the position will perform the following duties and responsibilities: -

- Owner of all accounting Standard Operational Policies (SOP) related to Aviation Revenue Accounting and shall maintain and update these in-line with existing financial regulation, Finance Act and IATA revenue accounting manual.
- Coordinate preparation of daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly revenue accounting reports to meet business needs and supporting business decisions.
- Overseeing and ensuring ICH billings is reconciled on each billing cycle to ensure accuracy, validity and completeness of invoices from business partners.
- Participate in pricing and fare committees by availing sales and business analysis at point of sales level, route level and Corporate business performance.
- Participate in budget committee in preparations of forecasted revenue by considering market parameters.
- Preparation of forecasted cash inflows from all company's revenue streams on quarterly and annual-basis.
- Develop and maintain strong relationships with all key stake holders both internally and externally to ensure smooth business continuity.
- Manage BSP sales by ensuring proper sales accounting, Collection and reporting.
- Develop and build capacity for revenue accounting team skills through in house trainings.
- Develop, implement and maintain revenue accounting process, systems and internal controls to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.
- Implement and maintain aviation industry regulations, bilateral agreements and alliance with business partners related to revenue accounting & management.
- Ensure quality control of processed revenue Accounting and reference data maintenance to ensure continuous improvement.
- Ensuring compliance on new updates and publications related to revenue accounting management issued by IATA.
- Develop and implement Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for managing and authorizing passengers' refunds.
- Responsible for month-end closing processes to include reconciling various G/L accounts, reviewing journal entries and preparing financial reports, for both internal and external reporting purposes.
- Demonstrate a strong understanding of end-to-end processes in all areas of Revenue Accounting aspects by providing reliable solutions and responses.
- Provide support to internal and external Auditors in all assignments related to revenue Accounting.

6. MODE OF APPLICATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Interested applicants must submit a **duly signed letter** for consideration of the application attached with the following: -

- i. A detailed curriculum vitae (CV),
- ii. Certified copies of all certificates (including secondary school), other relevant certificates. **Applicants who have studied outside Tanzania should have their certificates approved by relevant authorities Tanzania Commission for University (TCU) or National Examination Council- NECTA**
- iii. Two recent passport size photographs
- iv. Name and address of at least two reputable referees;
- v. Applicant's reliable contact address, email address and telephone number.

Note: Misrepresentation of facts and/or qualifications or any other information on application shall warrant legal consequences

7. CLOSING DATES:

Applicants should consider the following closing dates for each post as follows:

Within Fourteen (14) days from the first date of this announcement

The application letters should be directed to the following address: - Managing Director and CEO,

**Air Tanzania Company Limited,
P.O. Box 543,
DAR ES SALAAM
Date of issue 24.05.2022**

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA MINISTRY OF WATER



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

PROJECT NAME: TANZANIA SECOND WATER SECTOR SUPPORT PROJECT (WSSP-II)

Loan/Credit/Grant No. **IDA 59490**

23rd May 2022

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: Consultancy Services for the Assessment of Feasibility, Design and Construction Supervision of a Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) system to increase Water Resilience of the City of Dodoma.

REFERENCE NO.: ME-011/WB-WSSP-P150361/262954/2021/22/C/20

1. This request for expression of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for the project that appeared in the United Nations Development Business; Issue No. WB5803 – 12/16 of December 21, 2016.
2. The Government of Tanzania has obtained an IDA Credit (US\$225 Million) for the Second water Sector Support Project (SWSSP) and part of the proceed would be used for proposed Consultancy Services for the Assessment of Feasibility, Design and Construction Supervision of a Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) system to increase Water Resilience of the City of Dodoma. The Project shall be implemented by the Ministry of Water (MoW).
3. The consulting services ("the Services") are likely to include, but not limited to:
 - 3.1 Delineation of the recharge areas for the Makutupora aquifer and collection of data, identification of interventions;
 - 3.2 Feasibility Studies for interventions to enhance the recharge in the Makutupora Aquifer and improving management of the Makutupora Aquifer. This would include, but not limited to the following activities:
 - 3.2.1 Identify potential aquifers in the vicinity of Dodoma City
 - 3.2.2 Improvement of Makutupora pumping system.
 - 3.3 Preparation of Environmental Assessment and Environmental Management Plan, Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement Action Plan and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)
 - 3.4 Determine Cost Estimates, (Benefits and Economic and Financial Analysis) and Operation and Maintenance (O&M) – Cost Recovery and Water Tariff)
 - 3.5 Preparation of detailed designs and preparation of bidding documents for proposed interventions
 - 3.6 Supervision of construction and drilling works
4. The MoW now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - 4.1 Core business and years in business.

At least fifteen years of experience in development, design, and construction supervision of groundwater development and management projects as a core business, should have expertise in Water, Environment management, health and safety and site management of Managed Aquifer Recharge;
 - 4.2 Relevant similar experience, which should specifically include: -
 - 4.2.1 Experience in Consultancy services related to managed aquifer recharge
 - 4.2.3 Experience in aquifer mapping, geophysical survey, groundwater assessment and management, detailed design and preparation of tender document of groundwater studies of similar nature and complexity.
 - 4.2.4 A firm must demonstrate to have performed at least three (3) similar projects for the last 10 years
 - 4.3 Experience of having worked in sub-Saharan Africa or similar environment
 - 4.4 Technical and Managerial capability of the firm. (Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications and number of key staff. Do not provide CV of the staff. Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
 - 4.5 Should have management capacity to do this assignment with expertise in aquifer mapping, aquifer recharge, geophysical survey, groundwater assessment and management, detailed design and preparation of tender documents of groundwater studies of similar nature and complexity
5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9, 1.10 of the World Bank's Procurement Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest and unfair competitive advantage. Firm intending to submit expression of interest should not have conflict of interest and unfair competitive advantage as per Bank's Procurement Guidelines.
6. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. For firms participating in JV, each member of JV should independently meet the requirement of Eol criteria. For firms participating as Association of lead and sub consultant, only the experience and qualification of lead firm will be assessed as per Eol criteria.
7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank Guidelines: "Selection and Employment of Consultant by World Bank" dated January, 2011 revised July, 2014.
8. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:00 to 15:30 hours, Monday to Fridays inclusive, except on public holidays.
9. Expression of Interest marked "**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF FEASIBILITY, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF A MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE (MAR) SYSTEM TO INCREASE WATER RESILIENCE OF THE CITY OF DODOMA**" should be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by courier) by Wednesday 22nd June 2022 on or before 14:00 hour's local time. Electronic Submission is not allowed.

Physical Address is:

The Secretary Ministerial Tender Board
Ministry of Water,
Kolon Building adjacent to DUWASA Head office, PMU Offices,
Chimwaga Road,
40473 Dodoma, Tanzania

Attention:

Dr. Christopher Nditi
Director of Procurement Management Unit
E-mail: pmu@maji.go.tz

**Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Water**

Education stakeholders commend TEA

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

EDUCATION stakeholders have commended the Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) which manages the Skills Development Fund (SDF) for its efforts to promote and develop skills for approximately 32,000 Tanzanians in various projects with the aim of building self-employment or employment.

SDF is meant to enable institutions that provide vocational training in the country as well as community development colleges to provide training more efficiently and effectively.

Speaking at various times in Dodoma, education stakeholders are delighted with the TEA-funded Fund for how it helps Tanzanians to get rid of poverty through various training to develop their skills.

Dodoma District Commissioner (DC) Jabir Shekimwari is one of the stakeholders who expressed his feelings about the skills development training when he met some of the beneficiaries of the training at the Innovation Week 2022 Exhibition in Dodoma City.

Jabir added that innovation is the only way to overcome the challenges of life especially the challenges of income. He added that creativity requires perseverance to achieve goals and that is why TEA provides training through the skills development fund to empower designers to meet various challenges in the production of their products.

"I would like to express my gratitude to the government, which has recognized the contribution of entrepreneurs in creating jobs and through the Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) capacity building training and skills development in their products has been provided," said Jabir.

Minister: Many countries support Zanzibar's blue economy efforts

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

MANY countries worldwide have shown intention to support Zanzibar government's efforts in implementing its blue economy policies through the use of ports.

The remarks were made by the Zanzibar Minister for Blue economy and Fisheries, Suleiman Masoud Makame when closing a forum organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries that brought together various development stakeholders in blue economy as well as from the private sector to discuss the implementation of blue economy development projects.

Makame said the Zanzibar government continues with implementation of blue economy projects including the construction of a modern fish market, fish drying and processing factories, and ice making factories under sponsorship of the Korean government.

Speaking about marine

EZF announces second Visual Art Awards

By Guardian Reporter

THE Emerson's Zanzibar Foundation has announced a second Visual Art Award for the best art work submitted by local artists - as well as the 7th Film Award for the best Zanzibar production.

In a statement issued on Monday, EZF said: "This is the first time the two awards are being showcased and presented together, to highlight the incredible spectrum of talent on the island.

This year's theme is "Maisha ya Zanzibar" encouraging a deep and creative focus for our artists and film maker's experiences and interpretation of life and heritage in Zanzibar.

"We hope to bring our island's arts to greater national, regional and international attention," the statement reads in part.

According to the organisers, last year's exhibition was a resounding success with local celebrities, politicians and trendsetters present at the opening. Artworks were sold to buyers across the world - bringing to life, despite Covid-19 Zanzibar's vibrant colourful, rich tapestry of life through art. This is essential to our communities, that we become visible

Retired CCM Vice Chairperson Philip Mangula is another member who has had the opportunity to meet some of the beneficiaries of the skills development training through a grant provided by SDF under the supervision of TEA.

Mangula said, TEA has touched the lives of many Tanzanians through their skills training. He emphasized that most of the training provided was aimed at empowering the economics, but also helped them to overcome the challenges posed by the changing sciences and technologies.

"It is high time now for designers to focus on productive innovations to adapt to scientific changes including using these innovations to produce products that do not contain industrial chemicals," said Mangula.

One of SDF beneficiaries, Frank Kisamo, a resident of Arusha, notes that he saw an opportunity to make organic fertilizers that are used to stimulate agricultural ecology after hearing about training for the construction of a bio gas network and fertilizer production at the Gongali Model in Arusha.

Kisamo emphasizes that, he started activities to produce organic fertilizer in 2020 after receiving training where the fertilizer has had a large market different from what he expected as many people like it and it is available at low cost. Currently apart from producing fertilizers, he has been providing education in various areas such as primary and secondary schools as well as institutions.

SDF provides funding to institutions aimed at providing skills development training in six priority sectors which are; agriculture and agriculture economy, tourism and hospitality services, information and communication technology (ICT), transportation, construction and energy.

Minister: Many countries support Zanzibar's blue economy efforts

environmental preservation, he said the sea is among important resources if well utilised hence it is better for various stakeholders in fishing to educate the people regarding the subject.

For his part, a UNDP Country representative, Sergio Valdin said UNDP continues to support Zanzibar in its financial requirements for the implementation of priorities in the blue economy policy in order to realise the government goals in the development of the blue economy practically.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries, Aboud Suleiman Jumbe, said the forum is the Third Phase in implementation of financial requirements whereby in the current five-year period they expect to get USD 179 million that will be spent in the fishing and marine products sector.

He said the fishing and marine products sector is among important sectors that is designed to bring huge achievements and development to the country and the citizens in general.

as a growing economy in today's competitive creative arts.

The Emerson's Zanzibar Foundation was established in 2014 by the late culture and culinary legend Emerson Skeens (1948-2014). The Foundation provides active support for talented Zanzibaris to attract recognition and the opportunities they need and deserve.

The three awards complement Zanzibar's platforms, promoting the arts: Zanzibar International Film Festival and Sauti za Busara international music festival, as well as the Dhow Country Music Academy, all connected to Emerson's original vision plan.

The Maisha ya Zanzibar exhibition will be staged at the newly set up Emerson's Foundation Art Gallery, in Emerson on Hurumzi, one of the two unique and world-famous boutique hotels crafted by Emerson (the other being Emerson Spice). The assessment for the film award will be conducted at the same venue.

The award for the visual artists and film makers includes a substantial prize of 2 million TZS, each, an engraved trophy and a framed certificate for the winner. The runner-up receives a solo exhibition at the Emerson's Foundation Art Gallery.



A Dodoma Region entrepreneur (R) briefs former CCM Vice Chairman (Mainland) Philip Mangula (2nd-L) in Dodoma city at the weekend on mushroom-based products. This was at a pavilion at the ongoing Innovation Week 2022 exhibition. Left is Tanzania Education Authority director of projects and resources, Waziri Salum. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TRA in Z'bar gives seven days to luxury car importer to pay 308.5m/- import tax

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

TANZANIA Revenue Authority (TRA) in Zanzibar has given seven days to Turky's Mifuko Company owner Tourky Salum Turky to pay 308.5m/- import taxes after his request for tax exemption for his imported luxury vehicle was rejected by the Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Saada Mkuya Salum.

Addressing reporters in his office here yesterday, Zanzibar Deputy TRA Commissioner, Juma Hassan Juma said they are forced to take the step after the Finance Minister explained that tax exemption application was made contrary to the laws and before it was handed to Insurance Board security.

Juma said already the firm has been informed to visit TRA offices to finalise tax payment within seven days else legal steps will be taken against it.

"In case they fail to pay the taxes demanded within the given time, we shall take legal steps via the Insurance Board security executed before the vehicle was released from Malindi port," said Juma.

He said tax exemption application was rejected for the second time after the owners had appealed to Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA) opposing the decision by the former Finance and Planning Minister, Jamali Kassim Ali, before it was again rejected by the current minister.

He said when authorities administering laws issue decisions they are supposed to be guided by the laws concerned and not by sheer personal will.

Juma said TRA will make sure the demanded tax is fully paid to protect government revenue and will collaborate with other government

authorities.

Meanwhile, acting public relations and tax payers' education manager, Makame Mohamed Khamis said after the minister's decision the importer is required to finalise payment procedures before the vehicle's registration card is given.

However, he said the vehicle was given registration Number Z-1 after the payment of 15m/- but is not allowed to be on the road.

In her decision, Minister Saada Mkuya Salum said application for the vehicle's tax exemption was made contrary to the laws governing investments and that was the main reason for its rejection.

"You can only grant tax exemption during the construction of the project and not after the project has been completed and start production," stressed the finance and planning minister.



Juliana Simon (2nd-R), a customer care officer with the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa), pictured yesterday registering Mpiji-Mageo residents for connection of water to their homes following completion of the implementation of Machimbo-Kilongo water project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Kyela

SOKOINE University of Agriculture (SUA) and Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) have embarked on research to empower rice farmers in Mbeya Region to use organic fertilisers.

The research aims to assist rice farmers to do away with industrial fertiliser and instead use organic fertiliser including manure and compost in their farms to increase crop production.

Speaking here at the weekend to rice farmers from Makwale, Mababu and Ndobu wards in Kyela District, SUA lecturer Dr Siwel Nyamba said from the research conducted, farmers will be able to increase their rice harvests.

Dr Nyamba said in addition to increased harvests, farmers will also be able to protect the soil condition of their farms.

"Farming using organic fertilisers is identified as 'ecological farming' and it

Government, TARI call upon rice farmers to use organic fertilisers

has huge benefits to farmers including protection of soil nutrients and the health of consumers, but also increase crop harvests compared to the use of chemical fertilisers," Nyamba said.

For his part, soil researcher from TARI-Uyole William Mmari called on farmers who were enrolled in the plan for the first time to be patient, claiming that the benefits will not be immediate.

He said "this is because organic fertilisers have all nutrients needed by plants, but are not in huge quantities; hence the benefits will be gradual compared to industrial fertilisers."

For his part, Mababu Ward Extension Officer, Benjamin Mwajumba said the coming of ecological farming is a big opportunity for the people in their economic wellbeing, since they

will avoid great expenses in buying industrial fertilisers.

"Prices for industrial fertilisers have been going up significantly in recent years and eat up farmers' incomes from crops," Mwajumba said.

For their part, rice farmers in Kyela District, including Tumaini Masinga thanked the government for the project saying it will assist them to protect the soils in their farms as well as avoiding consuming foods with harmful chemicals from industrial fertilisers.

He also thanked Advancing Agricultural Agenda for Smallholder Producers (ANSAP) for bringing together various stakeholders involved in the crops value chain to enable farmers produce crops profitable for their own wellbeing.

Health ministry hands over telemedicine equipment to Ruvuma regional hospital

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

THE Ministry of Health has handed over telemedicine equipment to Ruvuma Regional Referral Hospital that will enable people to access specialized services within the region.

Speaking immediately after handing over the equipment at the Ruvuma Regional Referral Hospital, telemedicine coordinator, Dr Liggye Vumilia, said the service is especially important for people living in remote areas such as Ruvuma Region.

He said all citizens who would be in need of specialist healthcare and services would now be able to access them at Ruvuma Referral Hospital instead of traveling long distances where the government has selected the hospital as one of the country's top five hospitals.

Dr Vumilia said the delivery of the equipment to the Ruvuma Regional Referral Hospital was in line with the instructions of the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa when he launched the X-Ray machine at the Ruvuma Regional Hospital in 2019, he ordered the establishment of an online medical service at the hospital.

"The government through the Ministry of Health has selected Ruvuma Referral Hospital to be among the first hospitals to have the equipment," stressed Dr Vumilia.

He said the Universal Communications Fund has provided one billion shillings for the purchase of online medical equipment for five hospitals in the country and that network equipment is being sent to those hospitals and will be integrated to start the work of providing specialist services to patients.

However, he said the institute of technology in the country intends to install telemedicine equipment after the handover where at Ruvuma Referral Hospital a special room has been set up for the installation of such equipment.

According to the coordinator, the service is expected to be provided in 21 referral hospitals in the country and that the internet treatment service in those hospitals will be connected to Bugando - Mwanza Zone, Benjamin Mkapa - Dodoma Zone and Mbeya Zone.

"We will have four national hospitals that will have specialist services which are Muhimbili National Hospital, MOI, Ocean Road Cancer Institute and Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute which specializes in heart diseases," stressed Dr Vumilia.

He said the internet treatment service at Ruvuma Referral Hospital would enable any patient to access specialist services without having to travel long distances like Muhimbili National Hospital.

Ruvuma Regional chief physician Dr Magafu Majura thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the support of telemedicine equipment that will enable citizens to be tested in Ruvuma region and the tests will be sent online so that the patient is aware of his illness. This will reduce the cost of transportation and accommodation for the patient.

"By using online medical equipment we will be the same as those in Dar es Salaam, the people of Ruvuma Region and neighbouring Mozambique and Malawi will now receive specialist services in Songea," stressed Dr Majura.

Ministry of Health Communications Officer Catherine Sungura said the government has also provided 630 million shillings for the construction of an emergency ward building at Ruvuma Regional Referral Hospital and that across the country the government is building emergency ward buildings at eight referral hospitals.

Sungura also said the government has provided 150 million shillings for the renovation of the intensive care unit (ICU) at the Ruvuma Regional Referral Hospital where all the projects have been fully implemented.

"The government through the Ministry of Health has selected Ruvuma Referral Hospital to be among the first"

Govt to start countrywide land survey, formalisation exercise



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister Dr Angelina Mabula addresses private lands stakeholders in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Beatrice Philemon

THE government is soon expected to commence a country-wide land survey and formalisation exercise so as to identify plots suitable for agriculture.

Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development minister Dr Angelina Mabula made the remarks yesterday at the ministerial Public-Private Dialogue to discuss challenges facing the land sector, opportunities available and what should be done to increase the contribution of the sector in terms of attracting investment and business and economic growth.

The event was organised by Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) bringing stakeholders from both the public and private sector.

She said all the identified areas will be gazetted by the government and no people will be allowed to utilise it for unplanned activities.

Dr Mabula said the main goal of the exercise is to protect land and prevent invaders who normally invade agricultural land, build houses or conduct other unplanned activities.

She said the surveyed land will be issued for farmers as per their approved needs and demand.

"We have decided to embark on this programme after discovering that the agricultural land is now being invaded by people and using it illegally for human settlements, industrial purposes and other unplanned projects," she said.

Elaborating on unplanned settlements, Mabula said the ministry will start providing capacity building for ward, chairmen and street leaders

on how to supervise unplanned settlements to prevent land invasion within their localities.

Vice chairman of the Agricultural Council of Tanzania (ACT), Jitu Son said that the ministry should come up with new guidelines and laws that will strongly fight land invaders.

He also called for increased public awareness for the people to support protection of land including agricultural plots.

Son said there is a big challenge of people invading agricultural plots and establishing settlements and industrial activities in the Arusha, Dodoma and Manyara regions.

"We need to learn from Europe, South Africa, the United States (US) and Rwanda to protect our agricultural land and all areas that have green belt should be reserved," he said.

According to him, for people willing to obtain plots for house construction, the ministry should allocate special plots for sale for settlements, real estates, industrial and social services.

"The ministry should also ensure that it assists investors to have required infrastructure services such as water, electricity, road and other social and economic needs in all surveyed plots to prevent them from invading the agricultural areas," he added.

TNBC executive secretary, Dr Godwill Wanga called on Tanzanians to legally utilize the available land for farming so as to improve livelihoods.

Wanga called on the government to review and reduce land use planning and formalisation fees so as to allow TNBC members and other people to formalise their plots.

Tanzania praised for supporting women with soft-term loans

By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo in Kisumu

TANZANIA has won praise for its soft loans disbursement to women in its municipalities, a move that has seen some gender activists delegates to the just ended Africities Summit in Kisumu call other countries to emulate.

The accolades were showered during the Africities Summit in Kisumu at a special session titled Women Day whose topic was Protection of Women Land Ownership as a Factor to Economic Empowerment.

During the presentation, the Morogoro Municipal Council Mayor, Lucas Lemomo, a panelist, told delegates that the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania guarantees every citizen the right to own land.

"The Land Act 5 of 1995 and Village Act 4 guarantees equal entitlement of ownership of property. In Tanzania 15 percent of land is titled and as of 2018, there was an increase of land ownership by women at 24 percent and this is according to DANIDA," said Lemomo.

According to Lemomo customary certification of land indicates that individual women own 30 percent of the chunk in the country.

"In order to solve challenges which women face Tanzania has initiated loans disbursements where 10 percent of revenue collection is reserved for the purpose. In Morogoro municipalities 358 thousands million were disbursed as a soft loan scheme to women from the 10 percent source of revenue collection for the financial year 2020-2021," said the mayor. We need to empower women in education, control or ownership of land, make them partners in political posts, and enable them to access loans," said Lemomo.

Ironically, women in Tanzania are faring much better than black women in the United States when it comes to land and housing ownership where according to Valerie White a gender activist from the gigantic state, "black women in the US, are 50 percent less likely to own a home and it is modest and tough to retain."

"One quarter of black women in the US live in homes which have difficult conditions. States should invest in community infrastructure and housing," said White.

A delegate from Chad who preferred anonymity called upon African States to emulate the Tanzanian example to provide loans to women with small interest rates to enable them to buy land where they can build houses.

A panelist from Ntente for Community Development in Zimbabwe Elizabeth Markham, said Africa needs a much stronger gender component when it comes to land ownership for women, mentioning one the setback as the little awareness by women at the grassroots level on the frameworks on inheritance, control and ownership of land. "We need to link women with duty bearers and local governments to address the challenges," she said.

Fatma Malik, another gender activist mentioned equal rights of land as a prerequisite for the world to achieve development goals.

"The agriculture labour force constitutes 43 percent of women. States should give women access to land ownership for the world to achieve food security by 80 percent," said Malik.

The Africities Summit 2022 was the 9th and was held in Kisumu, one of the fastest growing intermediary cities in Kenya. The summit brought together 11,000 delegates from all over the world, more than the 8,000 that had been anticipated before where the President of the Republic of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta graced the event.

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Sighting of albino animals a good day for science, cultural tourism potential

REPORTS from Arusha are abuzz with excitement after a second white buffalo was spotted in Tarangire national park less than a week after the first one was seen in the same area, with these appearances in the Tarangire-Manyara ecosystem baffling researchers and conservators. We all know of human albinism but zoological albinism isn't quite rare, seen for instance among snakes, and at times baboons. Its interest lies not just in the science, but also in attractiveness for tourism, and some oral literature arising from it.

These instances lead to excitement among specialized groups of researchers, but it is unclear if the animals are kept in view such that a promoter can tell potential visitors to come and see albino buffalos for instance, of they will be left to disappear in the wild. For one thing, one can't add up instance of sightings of not so ordinary animals left in the wild and still add up to figure how many animals of that sort the park carries.

The reason is that a national park is part of the wild, where no animal is assured of survival as an individual, but unless there are extremely unlikely circumstances, herds of animals will still roam the area in a regular and predictable manner. So we are likely to be sure that the buffalo herd in which one or two albino buffalos were seen will still be there, but not whether that or other albino buffalo will be there

too. If a pride of lions get excessively curious, especially if those animals are still young, they go after them, and it isn't just lions that hunt that sort of herd but hyenas or wild dogs bring down small buffalos too.

At the same time it is unclear if from a research perspective the sort of albinism noticed in those animals is a minus in their survival abilities (apart from chances of being excessively spotted by predators), or unlike human albinism it doesn't affect much of their ability to adapt to their surroundings. Albinism in humans is a vivid impairment of body functions at the skin level, but so far conservation authorities have not said much what animal albinism involves. The point is that if scientists say it is harmless and has no durable impact on survival ability, having more of them even in special limited spaces can boost tourism.

Given that cultural tourism is on the rise, having exclusive park spaces - and Arusha has a few such parks like the snake park - it follows that a zoo facility where such animals simply contend with the elements and not with predators can be designed, and constitute another travel item on the menu. A significant amount of folklore can be researched upon, put across and expanded, from the tidbits that reporters have collected from local people on the sightings of albino animals. It could be interesting to know such events in detail if there are memories, to compare with others.

Investment in human resources ought to accelerate maternal health services

HUMAN resources is the set of people who make up the workforce of an organisation, business sector, industry, or economy. A narrower concept is human capital, the knowledge and skills which the individuals command. Similar terms include manpower, labour, personnel, associates or simply: people.

The human-resources department (HR department) of an organisation performs human resource management, overseeing various aspects of employment, such as compliance with labour law and employment standards, interviewing, administration of employee benefits, organising of employee files with the required documents for future reference, and some aspects of recruitment (also known as talent acquisition) and employee offboarding. They serve as the link between an organisation's management and its employees.

The duties include planning, recruitment and selection process, posting job ads, evaluating the performance of employees, organising resumes and job applications, scheduling interviews and assisting in the process and ensuring background checks. Another job is payroll and benefits administration which deals with ensuring vacation and sick time are accounted for, reviewing payroll, and participating in benefits tasks, like claim resolutions, reconciling benefits statements, and approving invoices for payment. HR also coordinates employee relations activities and programmes including but not limited to employee counseling. The last job is regular maintenance, this job makes sure that the current HR files and databases are up to date, maintaining employee benefits and employment status and performing payroll/benefit-related reconciliations.

It is against the backdrop of the government which has urged non-state actors to continue investing on human resources for health as part of a key strategy to accelerate maternal health services provision in the country.

Speaking during the plenary session titled "Improving Human Resource for

RMNCAH Services: Innovations and Prospects" organized by Benjamin Mkapa Foundation at the RMNCAH Annual Scientific Conference in Dar es Salaam on Thursday, Director of Health Services at the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, Dr Ntuli Kapologwe said the health sector needs health workforce with competencies to provide care at all levels of health facilities.

The conference was led by the Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children.

"The government has invested in the improvement of infrastructure and we cannot address the shortage of skilled staff in these facilities alone. We need more partners to come and invest in HRH deployment," said Dr Ntuli.

On maternal death challenges, Dr Ntuli said statistics indicates that more than 90 percent of maternal deaths occur within health facilities simply due to lack of adequate human resources for health.

Sometimes, the challenges in maternal health are compounded not only by minimal manpower, but also lack of competent and skilled health care workers in the facilities, he said.

"We appreciate partners like Mkapa Foundation, Amref, MDH and many more who continue to invest on HRH, but we also have the challenge of unequal distribution of human resources; for example, Dar es Salaam alone has about 40 per cent available skilled work force in the country leaving 60 per cent distributed to other regions and districts," he added.

Sharing government plans on strengthening maternal and new-born health services, Dr Ntuli explained that they would soon be rolling out the voluntarism guideline and strategy to curb shortage of skilled health personnel at health facilities.

"We are grateful that Health Minister, Dr Dorothy Gwajima launched the National Health Workforce Volunteerism Guideline a few months ago; we are now working on the acceleration plan which will give us more direction on how to implement it at every facility level," he asserted.



Fighting inflation excuse for class warfare

By Anis Chowdhury and Jomo Kwame

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THE world is being pressed by financial interests to raise interest rates, ostensibly to check inflation. After the US Federal Reserve started raising interest rates, more central banks have been doing likewise.

Considering inflation's contemporary causes, such 'follow the leader' central bank mimicry cannot check it except by slowing economies. Worse, this has meant taking on huge new risks, seriously damaging world economic prospects in the medium and long-term.

Inflation bogey dangerous

Much earlier, World Bank supported research had shown moderate inflation - in the range of 15-30 per cent - was not harmful to growth, and could "be reduced only at a substantial cost to...growth".

Nonetheless, "The ratio of fervent beliefs to tangible evidence seems unusually high on this topic". Unsurprisingly, central banks are still trying to keep inflation below 2 per cent - an arbitrary target "plucked out of the air", due to a "chance remark" by New Zealand's finance minister then.

Raising interest rates will derail recovery and worsen supply disruptions and shortages due to the pandemic, war and sanctions. European Central Bank (ECB) Executive Board member Fabio Panetta has noted the euro zone is "de facto stagnating" as economic growth has almost stopped.

As policymakers struggle with inflation, growth and wellbeing are being subjected to huge risks. As Panetta warns, "monetary tightening aimed at containing inflation would end up hampering growth that is already weakening".

Interest rates rising globally

Among emerging markets and developing economies, South Africa's central bank raised interest rates for the first time in three years in November 2021.

On 24 March 2022, the Bank of Mexico raised interest rates for the seventh consecutive time. On the same day, Brazil's central bank raised interest rates to its highest level since 2017.

On 4 May, the Reserve Bank of India raised interest rates - its first rate change in two years and first rate hike in nearly four. On 5 May, Chile's central bank raised interest rates. Pressed by finance to curb inflation, more central bankers are tightening monetary policy.



Without evidence or reasoning, they insist higher interest rates will check inflation. Their recognized adverse effects for recovery and growth are dismissed as unavoidably necessary short-term costs for some unspecified long-term gains.

But despite facing higher inflationary expectations, tightening international monetary conditions, and Ukraine war uncertainties, the ECB and Bank of Japan have not joined the bandwagon, refusing to raise policy interest rates so far.

Interest rate - blunt tool

But central bankers' dogmatic stances, knee-jerk responses and 'follow the leader' behaviour are not helpful. Even when inflation reaches dangerous levels, raising interest rates may still not be the right policy response for several reasons.

First, raising interest rates only addresses the symptoms - not the causes - of inflation. Inflation is often said to be a consequence of an economy 'overheating'. But overheating can be due to many factors.

Higher interest rates may relieve overheating, by slowing economic activity. But a good doctor should first investigate and diagnose an ailment's causes before prescribing appropriate treatment - which may or may not require medication.

It is widely accepted that the current inflationary surge is due to supply chain disruptions - exacerbated by war and sanctions - especially of essential goods such as food and fuel. If so, long-term solutions require increasing supplies, including by removing bottlenecks.

Higher interest rates reduce aggregate demand. But simply raising interest rates does not even address the specific causes of inflation, let alone rising prices due to supply disruptions of essential goods, such as food and fuel.

Interest rate - indiscriminate

Second, the interest rate affects all sectors, everyone. It does not even distinguish between sectors or industries needing to expand or be encouraged, and those that should be phased out, for being less productive or inefficient.

Also, raising interest rates too often, and to excessively high levels, can squeeze, or even kill productive and efficient businesses along with inefficient or less productive ones.

US bankruptcies had soared in the early 1980s after US Fed chair Volcker's legendary interest rate spike. "Thousands of businesses that took out bank loans could fail", warned a leading UK tax advisory firm recently.

Third, interest rates do not distinguish among households and businesses. Higher interest rates may discourage household expenditure, but also dampen all kinds of spending - for both consumption and investment.

Hence, overall demand may shrink - discouraging investment in new technology, plant, equipment and skills. Thus, higher interest rates adversely affect long-term productive capacities and technological progress of economies.

Debt, recessions and financial crises

Fourth, higher interest rates raise debt servicing costs for governments, businesses and households. With the exceptionally low interest rates previously available after the 2008-09 global financial crisis (GFC), debt burdens rose in most countries.

These undoubtedly encouraged risky, speculative behaviour as well as unproductive share buybacks, increased dividends, and mergers & acquisitions. Interest rate hikes have triggered many recessions and financial crises. Thus, raising interest rates now will likely trigger a new,

albeit different era of stagflation.

The pandemic has pushed public debt to historic new highs. Forty-four per cent of low-income and least developed countries were at high risk of, or already in external debt distress in 2020.

Before the COVID-19 crisis, half the small island developing states surveyed already had solvency problems, i.e., were at high risk of, or already in debt distress. Thus, raising interest rates can trigger a global debt crisis.

Fifth, paradoxically, higher interest rates raise debt-servicing expenses, especially mortgage payments, for indebted households. Costs of living also rise if businesses pass higher interest costs on to consumers by raising prices.

Hence, the main beneficiaries of low inflation and higher interest rates are the holders of financial assets who fear the relative diminution of their value.

Developing countries vulnerable

Developing countries are particularly vulnerable. Higher interest rates in developed countries - particularly the US - trigger capital outflows from developing countries - causing exchange rate depreciations and inflationary pressures.

Higher interest rates and weaker exchange rates will aggravate already high debt service burdens - as happened in Latin America in the early 1980s after US Fed chair Volcker greatly increased US interest rates.

To discourage sudden capital outflows and prevent large currency depreciations, developing countries raise interest rates sharply. This may lead to economic collapse - as in Indonesia during the 1997-98 Asian financial crisis.

Although pandemic response measures - such as debt moratoria - provided some relief, business failures rose nearly 60 per cent in 2020 from 2019. Middle- and low-income countries saw more business failures.

The World Bank's Pulse Enterprise Survey - of 24 middle- and low-income countries - found 40 per cent of businesses surveyed in January 2021 expected to be in arrears within six months.

This included more than 70 per cent of firms in Nepal and the Philippines, and over 60% in Turkey and South Africa. Business failures of such scale can trigger banking crises as non-performing loans suddenly soar.

Instead of checking contemporary inflation, raising interest rates is likely to greatly damage recovery and medium-term growth prospects. Hence, it is imperative for developing countries to innovatively develop appropriate means to better address the economic dilemmas they face.

What if you're found with 'skin of a stolen animal'?

By Telesphor Magobe

IN the last column we briefly looked at the lessons learned from a recent terrorism and economic crimes case that drew the attention of many people, including diplomats representing their countries in Tanzania.

It involved Chadema national chairman Freeman Mbowe and his three co-accused in the High Court of Tanzania (Corruption and Economic Crimes Division) in Dar es Salaam this year. However, the accused were released after the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) entered nolle prosequi on behalf of the Republic.

Although there are many lessons we could have learned from the case, we just mentioned a few of them because it was impossible to cover them all. Nevertheless, one conspicuous area had to do with the knowledge and use of the Police General Orders (PGO), especially during investigation, arrests, interrogation and taking statements of criminal suspects, thanks to cross-examination.

The PGO referred to above is a 747-page document (English version) or a 764-page document (Kiswahili version), whose volume may put you off even before reading it. Yet, it is a useful instrument to all members of the Police Force in their duties. With this in mind it suffices to say that there is need for improvement in criminal justice processes.

Today, I invite you to look at a different issue which you might be familiar with, but you might as well not have taken the trouble to think of whether it has any legal consequences for you or not (with or without the fault of your own).



It is about being found with stolen property - not necessarily that you stole it, but because you bought it from a vendor who had stolen it or who had bought it from a person who stole it. Of course, there is no worry if you know you have never stolen anything or you have never knowingly bought any stolen property. But there are circumstances, which if you knew the consequences, you could have been more careful!

Just imagine if you are found with stolen property, but at the time of getting it you had no reason to believe or there was no way you could have discovered it had been stolen, how long will it take for you to be exonerated from responsibility?

You might be familiar with the work of vendors as they travel from place to place, selling various goods. Sometimes when you are in a vehicle and you are in a traffic jam or even when you are walking some vendors might come to show you that they are selling clothes, shoes and other goods. One or two

vendors may be selling watches and mobile phones. They just show you when they are near you, otherwise they keep them hidden.

Suppose a vendor is selling a mobile phone at a very cheap price you can afford and you are tempted to buy it because you need it! Now after buying it you may go home and start using it.

Suppose there is a person who had his or her mobile phone stolen and went to report it to the police who started tracing it and found it with you. Or suppose the vendor who sold it to you happened to be arrested and during interrogation he or she said to have sold the mobile phone to you and was able to identify you and you were arrested. What will you do to make the police believe you are not part of a criminal network?

Possibly, the police may want you to show them a receipt of which you don't have because normally vendors don't issue receipts to buyers. But if you don't have a receipt and you are among the suspects who have been traced by the police, what will you do to prove that you didn't steal it or you didn't buy the property you knew had been stolen?

You may recall a famous Kiswahili saying "akutwaye na ngozi ndiye mwizi" [the one found with the skin of (a stolen) animal is the thief] and this is what people generally believe. So, what can you do in such a circumstance?

Theft is defined as the act of taking another person's property without his or her consent/permission with the intention of permanently depriving him or her of such property. According to Section 258(1) of the Penal Code (Chapter 16, R.E. 2019), "A person who fraudulently and without claim of right takes anything capable of being stolen, or fraudulently converts to the use of any person other than the general or special owner thereof anything capable of being stolen, steals that thing."

Fraudulent taking of anything capable of being stolen [see Subsection (2)(d) and (e)] includes "an intent to deal with it in

such a manner that it cannot be returned to the owner in the condition in which it was at the time of taking or converting it or in the case of money, an intent to use it at the will of the person who takes or converts it, although he or she may intend afterwards to repay what has been stolen".

Receiving or retaining stolen property is covered in Section 311. Subsection (1) states that 'any person who receives or retains any property, knowing or having reason to believe it to have been stolen, extorted, wrongfully or unlawfully taken, obtained, converted or disposed of, is guilty of an offence and is liable to imprisonment for ten years'.

The case of Iddi Waziri v R [1961] E.A provides some factors that establish the accused person knew the property he or she bought was stolen. One of those factors is a person selling a commodity or product "very much below the market price".

This, according to the court, "is sometimes an indication of guilty knowledge in the buyer...[and] tends to indicate inferentially that the latter person himself [or herself] has acquired it illicitly and had guilty knowledge." In another case decided in 1970 six accused persons, who were appellants in the case, were charged with receiving and retaining stolen property and were accordingly convicted of those offences.

This should alert us that when we meet people selling TV sets, watches, mobile phones, laptop or desktop computers and other goods at very low prices we should be careful lest we find ourselves in trouble (with or without the fault of our own). So, take care!

Today's proverb: "Fortune favours fools."

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Food insecurity fears mount amid conflict

WITH the number of people without enough food each day reaching a record high last year, the Russia-Ukraine conflict is adding to this problem.

The crisis has severely affected food production, sending prices soaring worldwide. It has also triggered protectionism of food products in certain countries, and the lack of food could cause instability in some nations and regions.

On May 4, the annual report by the Global Network Against Food Crises said that about 193 million people in 53 countries or territories experienced acute food insecurity at crisis levels or even worse last year. This represents a rise of nearly 40 million people compared with the record numbers recorded in 2020.

Conflict was the main driver of food insecurity even before the Russia-Ukraine crisis started on Feb 24.

David Beasley, executive director of the UN World Food Program, said, "Acute hunger is soaring to unprecedented levels and the global situation just keeps getting worse."

He added that conflict, the climate crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic and surging food and fuel costs have created "a perfect storm", while the Russia-Ukraine conflict is "piling catastrophe on top of catastrophe".

"Millions of people in dozens of countries are being driven to the edge of starvation. We urgently need emergency funding to pull them back from the brink and turn this global crisis around before it is too late," he said.

Russia and Ukraine are among the world's most important producers of agricultural commodities. Both countries are net exporters of agricultural produce and play leading supply roles in global foodstuff and fertilizer markets.

Last year, Russia and Ukraine ranked among the top three global exporters of wheat, maize, rapeseed, sunflower seeds and sunflower oil, according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, or FAO. Russia was also the world's top exporter of nitrogen fertilizers and the second leading supplier of potassium and phosphorous fertilizers.

Chen Yangfen, a researcher at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences' Institute of Agricultural Economics and Development, said the production, processing and transportation of sunflower seeds, wheat and bar-

ley in Ukraine's main producing areas have basically stagnated due to the conflict with Russia. As March to May is the wheat and corn planting season, and with the conflict continuing, Ukraine could miss out on this season, seriously affecting annual grain production.

Figures from Ukraine's Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food on April 28 showed that spring crops had been sown on 2.5 million hectares of land in the country, accounting for only 20 percent of the projected planting area.

Uncertainty also surrounds the prospects for Russian exports. The West, led by the United States, continues to step up sanctions against Russia, which have also had a great impact on Russia's agricultural production, particularly pesticides, seeds and produce for export.

Chen said: "Russia's agricultural production is highly dependent on imported seeds, but some seedling companies have said they will stop non-essential business in Russia. Some international grain merchants also said they will reduce investment in Russian agriculture, all of which will directly hurt the country's agricultural sector and global food supplies."

FAO projections suggest that in view of this situation, the number of undernourished people worldwide could grow by 8 million to 13 million people in 2022-23, with the most pronounced increases occurring in the Asia-Pacific region, followed by sub-Saharan Africa, the Near East and North Africa.

According to the World Bank's Commodity Markets Outlook report published last month, the Russia-Ukraine conflict will result in oil prices rising by more than 40 percent this year, and non-energy prices growing by nearly 20 percent. Wheat prices are projected to rise by over 40 percent.

Fears increase

Ervin Prifti, a senior economist at the International Monetary Fund's research department, said the pandemic set the world back by a decade, pushing the prevalence of undernourishment to 9.9 percent through a combination of lost income and food price rises. The Ukraine crisis added to pandemic-related factors, which had been pushing up food commodity prices for almost 18 months.

The fallout from the conflict has yet to become fully apparent, but the situation could wors-



An Egyptian farmer displays wheat. The African nation has banned food exports since the Russia-Ukraine conflict started.

en, depending on how several risk factors play out in coming months, including the progress of planting in Ukraine, Prifti said.

The likelihood of a "perfect storm" resulting in even higher food prices has increased due to exceptionally tightened global fertilizer supplies that may push down yields in the current or next agricultural year, he added.

Prifti said a shortage of food "outside of fragile and humanitarian contexts" is highly unlikely, but many countries are also experiencing increased food prices due to high energy costs and supply chain disruptions.

"To the extent that some wages and incomes, especially in poor households, are not able to keep up with the price increases, purchasing power could be eroded, resulting in a higher likelihood of more people having to switch to qualitatively inferior diets or even falling below the undernourishment threshold," he said.

Prifti added that increased food prices will be experienced globally, but some countries are more vulnerable than others - for example, low-income nations heavily dependent on wheat imports.

"Disruptions may be even greater for countries with strong trade links to Russia and Ukraine, as rerouting imports from other nations may take time. Specifically, countries in the Middle East and North Africa such as Egypt, Lebanon and Tunisia seem to fit

this profile," Prifti said.

More generally, low-income countries heavily dependent on food imports should expect higher bills for produce, along with rising food price inflation. In turn, these factors may put pressure on the budgets of governments that provide subsidies to make food more affordable for their people, he added.

Chen said Middle Eastern, North African and South Asian countries, especially developing nations such as Lebanon and Yemen, will bear the brunt of the Ukraine crisis, as they already face a food insecurity emergency and are highly dependent on Russia and Ukraine for food imports.

"Given the large export scales of Russia and Ukraine, trade restrictions in the short term, and rising prices for global agricultural produce, it is not easy for these regions to obtain alternative food sources, and their import costs will rise significantly, aggravating the already serious food insecurity situation," he said.

David Laborde, a senior research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute, or IFPRI, said South Asian countries such as Bangladesh could also be affected by the military conflict in Europe, which has disrupted global trade of key supplies such as wheat, vegetable oil and fertilizers.

According to an IFPRI report issued late last month, Bangladesh, which depends on imports of such supplies to feed its large popula-

tion, "faces the prospect of rising food insecurity."

Clayton Hazvinei Vhumbunu, a research fellow in international relations at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, said the Russia-Ukraine conflict has triggered a global economic shock. Three main factors resulting from the crisis will ultimately impact food security in Africa rising oil, fertilizer and food import prices.

He said the conflict triggered rising oil prices in Africa and elsewhere in the world. Rising fuel prices, considered to be the most severe since the 1973 oil crisis, have been experienced in most African nations since March, triggering inflation that will limit some households' access to food.

The Russia-Ukraine conflict has affected the supply and cost of fertilizers, and the impact has started to be felt by African countries that import sizable amounts of fertilizers from these two nations.

Moreover, many African countries, including Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan and Tunisia, are heavily dependent on food imports from Russia, especially cereals, sunflower oil and maize. The Russian-Ukraine conflict may worsen the situation and result in further food insecurities, Vhumbunu said.

He added that the conflict is a serious concern, as Africa already faces food security threats, and the continent accounts for nearly 80 percent of all Low-Income Food-

Deficit Countries worldwide.

"Therefore, global conflicts that alter trade, production and consumption patterns are a grave concern to Africa, especially considering the fact that we are still building back on the destruction caused by the pandemic," he added.

Exports curbed

Li Yonghui, a researcher of Russian studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said the world is not running out of food yet. However, fears of scarcity, rather than actual conditions in food markets, and the prospect of future shortages, have prompted some major food producers to restrict exports of agricultural produce.

"Some countries have enough food stocks, but that doesn't mean their surplus supplies will go to nations that already face food shortages, because they (food-sufficient countries) fear that if the Russian-Ukraine conflict continues for a long time, they will first have to ensure that domestic needs are met," she said.

An IFPRI blog said that since the Russian-Ukraine conflict began, as of early last month, the number of countries imposing food export restrictions had risen from three to 16.

Russia temporarily banned exports of white sugar and sugar cane, along with grain exports to the Eurasian Economic Union. Ukraine has banned exports of wheat, oats and other staples crucial for global food supplies to en-

sure adequate stocks for its population during the conflict. Other notable suppliers imposing restrictions include Indonesia, which has banned palm oil exports, Argentina, where a ban on beef exports has been imposed, and Turkey, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, which have prohibited exports of a range of grain produce. Meanwhile, India banned wheat exports that did not have government approval.

Prifti, from the International Monetary Fund, said food protectionism caused by banned grain exports will result in similar action being taken by other countries, leading to further tightened global food supplies, which will worsen shortages and trigger rising prices and volatility.

A series of trade restrictions during the 2007-08 global food price crisis resulted in even higher prices and heightened food insecurity.

"The same is true for panic-driven stockpiling by countries that artificially raise demand and contribute to global imbalances in reserves," Prifti said.

According to the IFPRI blog, research on the impact of export restrictions during the global food price crisis suggests that such policies contributed to 40 percent of the increased agricultural prices at that time.

Prifti added that food price inflation is neither a necessary nor sufficient condition for political instability, but history has shown that it can raise social tensions. Sometimes, combined with other conditions, such inflation can trigger public discontent.

Li said that as food price inflation increases globally, and with no quick resolution to the Russia-Ukraine crisis in sight, more countries may impose export restrictions. Protectionism in the agricultural sector would further worsen food insecurity in economically backward nations.

If the food situation continues to worsen, it may lead to political instability and even social unrest in such countries and regions, she said, adding that governments should provide subsidies for the poor to help them cope with rising food prices.

Monika Tothova, an economist at the FAO, said food assistance is crucial for countries severely affected by the Russia-Ukraine conflict, but such help does not address the root causes of food insecurity, such as conflict and lack of economic activities.

As conflict was the main driver of food insecurity even before the Russia-Ukraine crisis began, she urged global communities to address this situation. **Agencies**

China stays committed to path of human rights development

By He Yin

CHINA, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), adheres to a people-centered approach and puts people's interests in the first place when pursuing human rights. Advancing human rights through development and promoting whole-process people's democracy, the country has facilitated the full and free development of every individual.

China's path of human rights development conforms to the trend of the times and suits China's national conditions. It has been proven to be successful.

To respect and protect human rights is a persistent pursuit of the CPC. Launching a decisive battle against poverty that is unprecedented in scale and intensity, China has historically eradicated absolute poverty, an issue that had bothered the Chinese nation for thousands of years, which has made a more solid material foundation of the country's human rights development.

China is constantly developing whole-process people's democracy, improving legal framework to ensure human rights and firmly safeguarding social equity and justice, making people's democracy more extensive, fuller in scope and sounder in practice.

The country has built the world's largest education, social security, and medical and health care systems. There are 1.03 billion Chinese people included in the basic national pension scheme and 1.36 billion in the national basic medical insurance. The average life expectancy of Chinese citizens rose from 75.4 years to 77.9 years, and the ratio of middle-income earners increased from a quarter to around 1/3. The constant improvement in the living standard and quality of the Chinese people is exactly a reflection of the country's progress in human rights.



Photo taken on April 12, 2022 shows children of a kindergarten in Shuikou township, Changxing county, east China's Zhejiang province in a tire rolling game. File photo

The progress couldn't have been achieved without the guidance of a science-based philosophy of human rights development. The core of the CPC's philosophy of human rights development upholds a people-centered approach, puts people's interests in the first place and ensures the principal status of the people.

What highlights China's human rights development path is the focus of the country on the people.

Protecting the democratic rights of the people and unleashing their enthusiasm, initiative, and creativity, China has made its people the major participants, promoters and beneficiaries of the cause of human rights development. It is practically promoting the overall development of the people, and concrete progress has been achieved in realizing common prosperity.

China's people-centered human

rights philosophy has won recognition from many international observers. They said other countries should learn from China's people-centered approach to achieve common development, and China's practice, which has offered more sense of fulfillment, happiness and security for the 1.4 billion Chinese people, has provided valuable experiences for other countries to promote human rights development.

China is the world's largest developing country. It believes that development holds the master key to solving all problems and advances its human rights progress.

Chinese President Xi Jinping said that the right to subsistence is a primary basic human right and the ultimate human right is that people can lead a happy life.

What drives the country's constant human rights progress is its human rights philosophy based on its national conditions that the rights to existence and development are the primary basic human rights.

According to the Human Development Report released by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Human Development Index (HDI) of China rose to 0.761 in 2019 from 0.499 in 1990, making China the only country that has leaped from the low human development category to the high human development category since HDI was measured globally by the UNDP for the first time in 1990.

The UN Human Rights Council has adopted China's resolution entitled "The Contribution of Development to the Enjoyment of All Human Rights" for three times, and

China has also won broad recognition and support from the international society for its philosophy of advancing human rights through development.

The historic achievements of China's human rights fully indicate that to respect and protect human rights, countries must recognize the universality of human rights and develop an approach that suits its national conditions.

Human rights have historical, specific and practical contexts. It's unrealistic to talk about human rights without taking into consideration of a country's social and political conditions, as well as its history and culture.

In judging whether human rights are upheld in a country, one cannot use other countries' standards, still less apply double standards or use human rights as a political tool to interfere in the affairs of other countries.

No one can claim to be perfect in human rights protection; there is always room for improvement. China has embarked on a new journey to fully build a modern socialist country, which is also a new start in the country's human rights development.

China will keep its people-centered approach, unwaveringly follow its path of human rights development, and attach more importance on respecting and protecting human rights, so as to make constant progress in human rights development and make greater contributions to the global cause of human rights.

People's Daily

Zimbabwean designer brings visual language to fashion

HARARE

IN a world in which conformity is the order of the day, Tarisayi Gweje's fashion designs are known for standing out from the conventional.

One of her dresses - made from leather and decorated with beads - teleports the admirer to the pre-colonial era.

"My way of producing these gowns, it's a way of trying to think out loud and show people out there this is what we were, this is how we were going to be like if we hadn't been colonized before," Gweje told Xinhua in an interview.

As a visual form of art, fashion can be an outlet to express the mind, she said. "I have been thinking, what if we were still in that era

before colonization? What were we going to be looking like? Were we going to produce fabric or we were going to develop using our natural pods, leather and many other things?" she said.

Gweje is a fashion designer focusing on avant-garde and haute couture in her creations. Her norm-defying fashion is presented in the most unexpected forms.

For avant-garde pieces, she mostly uses found objects and recycled materials. Her haute-couture dresses are mostly made from natural materials. Another gown in her collection presents a stunning juxtaposition of Western fashion with African culture.

The work is currently on



Tarisayi Gweje (L), a fashion designer, dresses a model at the National Gallery of Zimbabwe in Harare, Zimbabwe, on May 18, 2022. File photo

display at the National Gallery of Zimbabwe under the theme "BreakTheBias". The exhibition celebrates the achievements of women and female artists. "My art and my work is a way of expressing myself. It's a way of expressing how I am thinking, or how I wish things would be like," Gweje said.

Another display, a black dress decorated with spoons, narrates the situation where people work hard but are hardly rewarded for the work.

"So the spoons were representing the people who are working very hard and earning very little, yet there are so many other people, they are really a few people who are not working but they are earning large amounts of

money and they are splashing money out there," Gweje said.

Beads are a common feature of her traditionally themed costumes. She said they symbolize woman's chores in a highly gendered society - so time-consuming yet barely noticed and therefore unrewarded. She said her art also aims at drawing attention to environmental degradation.

"For Avant Guard, I decided to use found objects to clean the environment that I live in and make use of the things that we think are no longer useful. I find it very fascinating that I can make some art pieces or some designs that are acceptable to the world out there with those things that people think are un-

necessary," she said.

Gweje is among a new crop of African stylists taking over international fashion. To date, the artist has graced many international fashion shows.

Traditionally, dressing served as a method of cultural expression by people who occupy present-day Zimbabwe.

Colonization forced the adoption of western-style clothing, and until now, Western fashion served as one of the foundations of local fashion.

Presently, local designers including Gweje are redefining African fashion, taking Western fashion and molding it into African styles.

Xinhua

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AngloGold Ashanti shows commitment to long-term investment in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

ANGLOGOLD Ashanti Chief Executive Officer Alberto Calderon on Monday met with President Samia Suluhu Hassan to provide an update on the investment in Geita Gold Mine Limited, the country's largest mining operation.

"We are deeply honoured to meet with Her Excellency, the President, to outline for her our investment priorities that will ensure a long and profitable future for Geita Gold Mine and its important stakeholders in Tanzania," Dr Calderon said, adding:

"We look forward to demonstrating our ongoing and strong commitment to Geita as we make a considerable investment in its long-term future, and to Tanzania, which continues to improve its global position as a destination for mining and exploration."

Geita Gold Mine is in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Mwanza region, one of the world's most prospective areas for gold mining.

It is a cornerstone asset in AngloGold Ashanti's global portfolio, receiving considerable capital investment and exploration expenditure of \$135m in 2021, and a further \$169m this year, to help increase production and extend its life.

This investment has facilitated the development of three, new underground mines at Nyankanga, Star & Comet and Geita Hill, and also led to significant exploration success in the discovery of the large and growing Nyamulilima open pit mine, which is now in production.

The mining operation now boasts a large Mineral Resource of 8.3Moz of gold and an Ore Reserve of 2.65Moz employs almost 6,000 permanent employees and contractors.

It is also AngloGold Ashanti's safest mine, with no lost time injuries reported for more than three years.

Since Geita started production more than 20 years ago, the mine has delivered more than \$1.9bn in taxes and royalties to Tanzania and provided jobs for thousands of people from local communities.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured with AngloGold Ashanti CEO, Dr Alberto Calderon after talks at Chamwino State House in Dodoma.

Today, Tanzanians comprise 98% of its workforce and 82% of the mine's executive leadership team.

Geita Gold Mine also remains one of Tanzania's largest taxpayers, a position it has held for several years, with total payments to the government of \$242m in 2021.

It is also one of the most significant investors in social projects around the mine, with \$6.1m invested on community and social investments last year.

"We are grateful for the ongoing support we have received from the government in Tanzania and are proud of our contribution to our host communities through a range of social invest-

ments in education, agriculture, healthcare, infrastructure and economic development," said Dr Calderon.

"We are committed to ensuring Geita remains a vibrant, profitable mine in the long-term that is able to create lasting benefits for its many stakeholders in Tanzania."

Two Z'bar firms in high-profile project to digitise ZPC operations

By Guardian Reporter

FORTRIS Company Limited in collaboration with a Finnish-based Wartsila Voyage has launched a high-profile project aimed to digitise the operations of Zanzibar Ports Corporation (ZPC), increase efficiency and revenue collection.

The e-port project vision set forth by Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, under Blue Economy government initiatives, underscores the important need to utilize technology to enhance economic development not least in the maritime operations of the port to increase revenues generated and tax collected.

At the ZPC e-port project launching event officiated by the Minister for Transport and

Infrastructure, Dr Khalid Mohammed Salum, and Zanzibar Ports Corporation Director General, Nahaat Muhammed Mahfoudh, Fortris Company Limited and Wartsila Voyage, the firms responsible for the implementation of this high profile ICT based project, commended the government of Zanzibar for its foresight in understanding the current port systems infrastructure deficiencies and immediately making the necessary investment provisions to fix the shortfalls through building an e-ports digital infrastructure that will also fully complement and tie into the proposed port expansion and modernization program.

Speaking, Fortris Company Limited chief executive officer Morris Hamza Aziz cited the

rapid growth in the global supply chain and port market competition within East Africa which presents difficult challenges for ZPC to efficiently handle its operations with the current ICT systems and port infrastructure.

He said developing and modernizing the port will be a key contributor to sustainable economic growth.

"Once completed, the e-port project will improve port efficiencies in double figure percentages and will complement the government objectives and social economic development targets earmarked under the Zanzibar Development Vision 2050 which will improve livelihoods and positively transform the economy in line with the Blue Economy objectives," he said.

He noted that the traditional method of doing business in the ports major operations is leading to inefficient port administration, revenue leakage compounded by poor revenue collection, inability to track costs incurred in all port operations, lack of a real-time exchange of information among departments and other stakeholders causing port congestion and vessel delays and lack of accurate monitoring and control of activities.

Aziz said the project will be delivered by Fortris Company Limited in collaboration with Wartsila Voyage a Finnish registered specialist maritime operations company bringing on board their industry-leading Vessel Transportation System (VTS). The strategic vendors/subcon-

tractors will include: Technodyn- the exclusive distributor of IFSs Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system in Sub-Saharan Africa, implemented by Envecon, a Global IFS Service and Channel Partner, VTEK (Vision of Technology) a Turkish based Technology Company bringing on board its Terminal Operating System (TOS) and Resources Solutions and their globally recognized Fuel and Fleet Management System (FMMS)

Others include TechVariable an Indian based Software Development and Engineering Company supplying the customized Integrated Business Dashboard and e-Portal System, X2X Group, Dubai-based IT Infrastructure and Technology Consulting firm responsible for the Technical Project Management

(TPM), Quality Assurance, and Control (QA/QC) of the project.

Minister for Works, Transport and Communications, Dr Khalid Mohammed Salum the new technological system will greatly help to deliver cargo without using paperwork and payments will be made online.

He said the project work in improving the delivery of services and attract more traffic and customers to the port due to improved turn round times and accountability

"Fulfilling the most important expectation of the government of ensuring the proper and reliable collection of taxes coupled with collection of significantly increased revenues from enhanced ports services. Assisting to provide the marine traffic information for the proper management and se-

curity of our ports using modern electronic technology," he noted. It will also help expand the speed, efficiency and reach of marine, vessel, and cargo handling operations including container yard planning and cargo clearance thus reducing running costs, improving and increasing port traffic and revenues.

This e-port project will play a major role in digitizing the port and keeping ZPC at the center of the Blue Economy in Zanzibar. The project will also increase operational capabilities, reduce running costs, improve and build maritime skills for many Zanzibaris, increase port traffic and revenue north of 50 percent, extremely conservative, and enhance the international benefits of IALA.

EFDs game-changer in improving business and revenue collections

By Guardian Reporter

A CROSS-section of the business community has applauded the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) for introducing the Electronic Fiscal Devices (EFDs), saying it has shown an enormous impact on their businesses and revenue collection.

In separate interviews traders say through the use of the machines, it is easy to boost businesses and at the same time make the task for TRA to collect taxes easily.

"In that way, we can altogether improve the country's economy as well as to increase the tax compliance culture, which in turn minimizes tax evasion—a major challenge in many African countries including Tanzania," said John Minja, Dar es Salaam-based businessman.

Through his liquor business, Minja says EFDs make his business easier as he doesn't need much to stay in the shop as everything is sold using the machines, "something that makes me assure of what I sold and not."

He also said that TRA has come up with electronic tax stamps (ETS) through the 'Hakiki Stempu App' which is found and can be installed on people's phones.

"To me as a businessman, the use of EFDs and the introduction of ETS is a very good idea as the new app to help consumers to verify the authenticity of different consumables," he said.

"To us, this is okay as it makes the buyer buy something that can verify it instantly," says Abdulmarik Karim, a Dar es Salaam-based trader.

Karim describes the digital app as good as helping consumers to prove if the goods they are purchasing have quality.

According to Karim, EFDs transmit tax information to TRA directly and have a tax memory capacity that stores data for some years making it easier to track records.

It also helps to avoid conflict during the audit and tax assessment as well simplifies objections and appeals against tax assessments and also helps in the reduction of tax collection costs.

In that arrangement, buyers can verify the stamps were installed on companies that produce beer, wine and spirits, sweetened flavored water, and other non-alcoholic beverages, like energy and malt drinks and soda. It also in-



Some of the trained officials; train the retailer on how the 'Hakiki Stempu' (Verify the Stamp) app works in one of the shops in Dar es Salaam.

involved enrolling electronic stamps on fruit juices (including grape must), vegetable juices (under Heading 20.09), and bottled drinking water. Under the new setup, manufacturers can streamline their production and have a good count without theft cases and end-user the user is able to get a quality product, fewer fake products in the market now.

A Mwanza-based trader Isabela Maganja views EFDs as a redeemer in her beverage business, encouraging others to venture into the effective use of the system. "It has improved my business because of the trust buyers have in my shop...

they know for sure that what I'm selling be it beer or juice is genuine," she says, commending TRA for coming with that initiatives.

"In the past, I thought EFDs makes me to pay more tax than with manual method, but after being educated I came to understand that the use of machines is everything on what I do," says Majorie Pallangyo of Arusha, suggesting TRA to put more efforts on public education as many traders are unaware on the importance of tax revenue towards business success.

She says many traders are not aware of the potential benefits of EFDs, that's why they're up

and down getting out of TRA officials, but rather they should take them positively as their visits are meant to support business growth.

Majorie is encouraging the taxmen to make the EFDs machines available everywhere to increase revenue collection.

"I know it's important that's why I'm stressing the need to have one in at least every selling point," she said, suggesting the need for TRA to use a friendly approach that will not push anyone out of business.

TRA has recently introduced a door-to-door campaign aimed to visit the traders to hear their challenges as well as furnish them with tax compliance education.

TRA principal tax management officer, Stephen Kauzeni says among others the campaign educates business people on the effective use of EFDs and issuance of EFDs receipts. "We're here to ensure that unregistered traders are registered by obtaining Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), promote the issuance of EFD receipts as well as remind traders to sell products that protect consumer health as well as encourage verification of ETS," Kauzeni says.

According to him, the authority will continue enhancing its education and awareness programmes for taxpayers in order to improve voluntary tax compliance and thus expand the tax base.

He urges traders and other taxpayers to utilize the education by making sure that they conduct their activities as per the country's laws which include issuing EFD receipts and paying their taxes on time.

Traders on their part commended TRA for embarking on the campaign saying that education was still needed as some of the traders are unaware of

the machines and their importance.

He also urges buyers to develop a culture of demanding fiscal receipts for every purchase made from their sellers for the government to get its required revenues for the country's development.

TRA has made significant improvements in the ICT system aimed at increasing efficiency, accountability, transparency, and simplifying the collection of government revenue at present. This also includes other fruits like bananas, tomatoes, and all kinds of packaged alcoholic beverages.

So far, factories that are already connected to the Electronic Stamp system across the country are 286, and imports of imported goods are 106, so through the Stamp Verification app, the government will be able to collect appropriate taxes and implement various development projects and social services for the benefit of Tanzanians.

It's high time for producers and exporters to use the ETS system honestly as the system has many benefits for them including protecting their products in the market against counterfeit goods as well as supporting fair tax estimates.

Available data show that excise duty collections have risen 60 percent if the three years prior to the rollout of ETS on beer, wines, and spirits is compared to an almost similar period after the rollout.

TRA collected 297.2bn/- as excise duty on beer, wine, and spirits (both locally-produced and imported ones) during the three years before January 15, 2019, but from that time to June 2021, the amount rose to 476.7bn/-, available data shows. There had been double-digit excise duty growth rates from all the products on which ETS have been stamped.

Those who dare: Feminist movements in Sudan, Lebanon and Syria

NEW DELHI

THE year 2019 was not just a time before the world saw the global pandemic, but also a time when the world saw mass political uprisings with women at the forefront. The MENA region in a way led this force, in Sudan women played as drivers of the revolution, protesting decades of corruption, socioeconomic grievances and gendered violence. Nubian queen became the symbol of the revolution in Sudan which finally saw the overthrow of the dictatorship in 2019.

In Lebanon, the revolution was called 'feminist', due to the participation of women in large numbers, who were "shaping the direction and character of the revolution." The unwavering courage demonstrated by Lebanese women attracted multiple misinformation, serious sexual objectification, misogynist slurs and mocking on various media platforms. Not that it held the women back, they continued to be at the forefront creating history, as always.

In Syria, the wait has been long, it's been a decade of the revolution and war, the Syrian feminist movement, despite the roadblocks, ongoing war, crisis and patriarchal norms has continued to become stronger and the women defining figures and symbols of the Syrian revolution. Women such as Razan Zaitouneh, Samira Al-Khalil, Mai Skaf, Fadwa Sleiman, are women who will be remembered for their bravery and courage through the Syrian revolution. A decade later, Syrian women continued to fight not just the remnants of the war, but the continued patriarchy in the country.

Feminist movements have always

been challenged, not only because they are reclaiming their spaces and power, but also because 'proximity to power' threatens misogynists everywhere. Women, however, as seen through these revolutions, have challenged the very idea of dualism, and demonstrated their desire to stay, fight, and have their voices heard.

Sudanese Women in Media: 'Press Freedom is my Right'

According to Reporters Without Borders (RSF), Sudan ranks 151 out of 180 countries in the RSF's World Press Freedom index. "A military coup d'état on October 25, 2021, signaled a return to information control and censorship. Journalists are working in a worsening climate of violence; threats have intensified in recent years with the emergence of new militias and armed movements. Reporters are systematically attacked and insulted in demonstrations, by both the army and rapid-response forces. The government exploits the private lives of women journalists to intimidate them," the report stated.

Roya Hassan, a podcaster and feminist writer from Sudan in an interview given to IPS News says, "Sudan is a very hard country for women Journalist, there is patriarchy, there is authoritarianism, even the community is very backward, so for us women journalists, as changemakers and feminists - producing knowledge, sharing knowledge, creating knowledge is a very important and valuable tool."

Earlier this year, according to this report, three press bodies in Khartoum signed a press code of honour along with other documents for the Sudanese Journalists Syndicate demonstrating their efforts and commitment to re-



Roya Hassan

store the organization since the head of the Sudanese Sovereign Council, Lt. Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burham, dissolved all the syndicates and professional unions. In 2019, the head of the Sudan's journalist union was detained by the military, and Media watchdog RSF had recorded at least 100 cases of press freedom violations during the protests that finally led to al-Bashir's overthrow in April that year.

"The government does not welcome people discussing human rights, femi-

nist issues, political issues, I didn't get hurt physically, but I know photographers who have been beaten up, jailed, tortured just for doing their jobs. I have been lucky, but it doesn't make it any easier for any of us in this environment," says Hassan.

Lebanon: A Feminist Revolution

The first revolution in Lebanon started on 17 October 2019, an incredibly important moment that was the culmination of years of activism. What followed these protests was an economic breakdown that dragged the country to the brink of becoming a failed state, COVID-19 pandemic, Beirut port explosion, and the current ongoing elections. Lebanon's protest movement, which later became known as the October Revolution or the October 17th Uprising, saw women participating at an unprecedented level.

In an interview given to IPS, Alia Awada, feminist, activist and co-founder of No2ta - The Feminist Lab, said, "I think women and girls in our region deserve to be heard, but we also need to provide them with legal knowledge and understanding of how to deal with certain political issues, family laws, social-economic issues, and make decisions based on them."

"I have been working on campaigns focusing on women's rights, child rights and refugees, and other campaigns to fight domestic violence and sexual violence, to call for the rights of kids and everyone else".

Lebanon ranks one of the lowest countries in the world on the Gender Gap Index, 140 out of 149, and its ranking in terms of women's participation in the labour force is one of the lowest globally. Women protesters, activists and public figures have often faced serious sexual objectification, followed by massive online trolling against them.

Campaigning, Awada says has been very challenging in the country, "We need to do these campaigns to put pressure on the government, who are overlooking certain issues, like we did in Lebanon through the 522 campaign which was against Lebanese rape-marriage law."

Through her work, Awada continues to "cook potions and experiments with formulas to shake the patriarchal status quo that has been weighing on the lives of women and girls for too long. "I want No2ta to be a safe space, a strong feminist lab, where we spread the knowledge and produce high quality feminist work that would influence social change and behavior towards of the public towards women," Awada said.

Women in Syria: Empowerment and Resilience

After 10 years of humanitarian crisis, war and displacement, Syrians are still struggling to put food on the table, nearly one-third of all children are chronologically malnourished, and more than 6.5 million children need urgent assistance. The war brought one of the largest education crises in recent history, with a whole generation of Syrian children paying the price of conflict.

The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) has reported 13.4 million people need humanitarian and protection assistance in Syria, with 6.7 million internally displaced persons. "Millions of Syrians have been forced to

flee their homes since 2011, seeking safety as refugees in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan and beyond, or displaced inside Syria. With the devastating impact of the pandemic and increasing poverty, every day is an emergency for Syrians forced to flee. As the crisis continues, hope is fading," the report said.

"Lots of efforts have been going on, from the political side, from the social side, from the emergency humanitarian community side, there are a lot of efforts being put in to find a solution that would give justice back to the Syrian people and refugees who have been suffering for the past 11 years," says Rawan Kahwaji, co-executive manager and advocacy coordinator of DARB in an interview given to IPS.

"However, it is important to remember the role women play, not just in the Syrian society or political level, but also on a social level. Focusing on peace processes, we as NGOs must ensure there are spaces that will be inclusive of women, gender sensitive, we have ensured that when we talk about transitional justice, women and their perspective are included in those discussions, what justice means for a woman and how we can build a more gender sensitive Syria for the future," says Kahwaji.

One of the big impacts of the war that were thrust upon women was the role of the provider, which in turn became their source of empowerment, but not easily. According to this report, only 4 percent of Syrian families were headed by women before 2011. That figure has now become 22 percent. Severe economic crisis and not enough food for people to eat has been propelling women into looking for work, but the challenges of human rights faced by women in Syria, whether discriminatory laws, patriarchal culture, exclusionary politics of the regime, continue to a big barrier.

"As someone who has been through this refugee journey, being a refugee is challenging, being a woman refugee even more challenging. We have multiple issues and challenges that we have to face on a regular basis, whether it is legal, economic, social, work or simply places that are unsafe. If you are a widow or lost your partners, or you are the breadwinner of the family, there are difficulties in finding work, in a new country or community. Having no legal rights, or clear legal rights makes it more difficult," says Kahwaji.

Syrian law abounds with many clauses that are discriminatory on a gender basis, be it law denying Syrian women right to grant citizenship to their children, personal status laws, property laws, the penal code and others. This legal discrimination is thus one of the most "prominent factors that has undermined, and continues to undermine, the status of women as active citizens in society, due to the forms of vulnerability that the law enshrines."

Within Syria, women are underrepresented both in national government and local councils, because of security concerns, and conservative societal beliefs regarding women's participation in public life. While efforts to increase women's participation in peacebuilding and governance have made strides, but only at a local governance level, it still remains stunted overall. This report stated, nationally, women held only 13 percent of seats in parliament in 2016 in Syria, a proportion lower than both the global and regional averages.

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CLUES: Down

- taxes levied on goods and services
- send goods to another country for sale
- hotel with car parking
- close to the market
- all costs of production
- value remaining after the deduction of tax
- unpleasant mood in business
- number of items sold
- move up especially in sales
- to divide by measure
- used in road-making
- cost-cutting action

Across:

- the process of investing
- an indefinite long period
- a person who has dropped out of a course of business study
- a rodent
- marks left behind
- Peso is their monetary unit
- an underground railway systems in Paris/London
- taxes on goods imported
- live to raise animals to sell
- live in a complex social colony
- speak falsely
- a tax on retail purchases
- amount of money
- perceive with the eye

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BUSINESS

SMEs urged to embrace digitally-driven finance and payment solutions

By Staff Reporter

WITH barely a few days gone after the successful launch of its ambitious customer outreach campaign dubbed "Teleza Kidigitali" in Dar es Salaam, NMB Bank over the weekend took a step further to extend the campaign to the Northern Region - Arusha as part of its quest to boost financial inclusion and extend financial services to the un-

banked.

Speaking during the official launch of the campaign held at Kilombero market in Arusha, the NMB Bank Head of Retail Banking Filbert Mponzi said the bank's campaign seeks to increase financial inclusion and reduce the unbanked gap and make banking services accessible to all.

Mponzi urged Arusha residents to embrace digitally-driven finance and



Small business owner

payment solutions adding that it is a more secure and convenient way of doing business.

He noted that in today's digital world, for businesses to fully capitalize on this unique opportunity and ignite a longer-term behaviour change

among its customers, they must ramp up the speed in which they are embracing digital payment solutions.

"Small business owners and their customers are often hesitant to use digital payment systems to make transactions. As a bank, we are obliged to

bring these digital payment solutions closer to the people and sensitize them on how they can capitalize on them to ensure simplicity and securedness of their operations," Mponzi said.

He noted that apart from saving the customers' time, the campaign comes

with extra benefits that include customers being able to effect payments through NMB Pesa agents without necessarily visiting the bank physically.

He noted that the bank's clients will be able to secure instant loans ranging from 1000/- to 500,000/- without presenting any collateral or security.

"We will be providing instant loans through the 'Mshiko Fasta' product and the terms and conditions are very friendly with no interest rate of collateral. Tanzanians should open up a bank account to enjoy the benefits of this campaign," he said.

On their part, the Kilombero market traders thanked the bank for its commitment to offer flexible loans to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and expressed gratitude that the loans will help to uplift their businesses.

"NMB Bank has really simplified our businesses by bringing digital payment solutions closer to us. Sometimes we have missed customers because the customers prefer making payments electronically. This new digital payment system will give us a lot of relief. We will not hustle any more looking for change," said Hassan Athumani, a Kilombero trader.

DSE Plc targets to reach 40 pct of women involvement by 2027

By Guardian Reporter

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) is targeting to increase women involvement in both company and board by 40 percent in the next five years from currently 32 percent.

According to annual report 2021, DSE emphasizing that gender equality makes business sense as it increases productivity and return on investment for businesses.

The DSE says is therefore working to ensure diversity and gender equality through promoting equal representation of both genders in the organization; equal consideration of both genders in avail-

able positions; and having in place policies and systems that support a gender balanced environment.

As of 2021, 32.14 percent of staff are female and 67.86% are male, while at the board level 12.5 percent of Directors are female and 87.5 percent are male.

"The DSE has set targets to ensure that these statistics are enhanced to achieve at least 40 percent representation of women by 2027," says the annual report.

Apart from ensuring diversity within the organization, the DSE say will further ensure awareness on diversity and gender equality among its members through annual sus-

tainability trainings and events such as the Ring the Bell for Gender Equality that is conducted annually in collaboration with UN-Women, UN-SSE, UN-Global Compact, and WFE.

"Through these initiatives, the DSE is able to communicate the importance and relevance of gender equality in business and its continuity," it says.

Meanwhile, the exchange has entered into an agreement with the National Housing Corporation to purchase an office space at the Morocco Square project currently under construction.

The space to be acquired is 900 SQM which is expected to cost \$2.1 million.

According to annual report,



DSE Chief Executive Officer Moremi Marwa

the Exchange has already settled the first and the second instalments to the acquisition amounting to \$1,274,400 which is 60 percent of the total cost and therefore there is a commitment of \$849,600.

The exchange say will continue to implement appropriate strategies to enhance growth and profitability as outlined in the DSE Five Year Strategic Plan. The main drivers of improved performance is derived from enhancement of pre-and post-trade transparency on equity and bonds as well as the DSE Enterprise Acceleration Program (DEAP)

In terms of market performance, trading value decreased to 104bn/- from turnover of 591bn/- in 2020; this being due to among others, the one-off transaction in 2020, the impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on the decline in foreign investors participation who contribute significantly on the equity liquidity. However, in secondary bonds market segment, bonds turnover (in trading value) increased by 21 per cent to 2,572bn/- in 2021 from turnover of 2,124bn/- in 2020.

LONDON

Louis Vuitton investigates counterfeit selling in China

LOUIS Vuitton has denied allegations that its Changsha boutique in China has sold a fake bag to a customer.

A legal document disclosed online last week revealed that the French luxury house was ordered earlier this year by the local court of Furong district of Changsha, the provincial capital of Hunan, to compensate a customer who bought a Vaugurard handbag and a small accessory last September for 22,350 renminbi, or \$3,350, from the

brand's boutique in luxury shopping mall Changsha IFS. The bag was later authenticated by a third party as fake.

On top of returning the amount of money the customer spend on the brand, Vuitton was ordered to pay an additional three times the amount of the bag, which was 67,050 renminbi, or \$10,050, as a compensation.

In a statement sent to local media, Vuitton said it has appealed the de-

cision. It confirmed that the brand has settled with the customer as it respected the Chinese court order, but it denied that the brand has ever sold any fake goods through its own retail network, and it never agreed that bag which later turned out to be fake was sold from Louis Vuitton.

In the verdict, the court said Vuitton did not submit evidence to prove that the customer was a professional extor-

tioner for fraud-fighting, while the customer submitted a shopping receipt and payment records, which could confirm that the bag was purchased from the store on that day.

A legal expert told the local press that Vuitton has the obligation to prove that it has delivered an authentic item to the consumer, and the store can also provide evidence of the sale of goods such as surveillance footage to prove

that they delivered a real item. If the brand can not submit the evidence, it would bear the risk of losing the case.

The expert added that based on the triple compensation ruling, the court found that Vuitton had fraudulent behavior of selling counterfeit goods. If the brand is not satisfied with the judgment of the first instance, it can appeal within 15 days from the receipt of the judgment. If Vuitton is still not satisfied

with the judgment of the second trial, the brand can also apply for trial supervision and continue to insist on its claims.

The topic of Louis Vuitton allegedly selling fake bags became a trending topic across Chinese social media over the weekend, and many authentication centers reported a surge in business as a result.

Some suggested that the customer might have switched the bag, while some suspected that this was an inside job.

Kenya Airways decides to put ticketing services on hold in Malawi over acute scarcity of dollars

NAIROBI

KENYA Airways has suspended ticketing services in Malawi over the country's biting forex crisis.

Malawi is facing acute shortages of foreign exchange currency forcing foreign traders to halt or suspend some of their operations in Malawi.

"Following increasing foreign currency repatriation difficulties experienced in Malawi in the recent past, Kenya Airways regrets to inform our Trade Partners that Kenya Airways has suspended ticket issuance authority in the Malawi market," said Kenya Airways in a statement.

"Subsequently, with immediate effect, the ticketing authority for all agents (including KQ CTOs and ATOs) in Malawi shall be withdrawn until further notice."

Malawi has been facing a forex crisis for months. KQ joins Ethiopian Airlines which also suspended ticketing services in the country over the forex crisis.

Ethiopian linked the move to the inability of the Reserve Bank of Malawi to remit money to their accounts due to dwindling forex reserves.

So, passengers traveling from Malawi on these airlines now must buy their tickets from agents in other countries.

Affected travellers can buy tickets online where they will be required to make payments using either credit or debit card.

Malawi expects to agree on a deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to offset the foreign exchange shortage crisis.

Kenya Airways first launched a direct flight from Nairobi to Malawi's commercial capital Blantyre (BLZ) in southern Malawi in 2013.



President Mnangagwa praises investments by China in African states

HARARE

ZIMBABWEAN President Emmerson Mnangagwa has praised Chinese investment for changing the economic landscape in his country and other parts of Africa, while blasting the West for plundering African resources for decades.

In his weekly column for the government-run *The Sunday Mail* newspaper, Mnangagwa (pictured) said that the Chinese investment's late entry into Africa had made a telling difference over a short time.

"They have brought value and employment to our economies and societies, enabled through mutually painful partnerships never experienced before in our troubled history as a continent," he wrote.

"We have seen Chinese capital supporting landmark and iconic infrastructural projects across the African continent," he noted, adding, "Here in Zimbabwe, China has helped fund and implement several projects in the sectors of energy, air transport, water, real estate, industrial value ad-

dition, mining and defense."

"All these have secured and bolstered our independence while changing the structure of our economy in this season of punitive Western sanctions," the president said.

However, the West, Mnangagwa said, has been unhappy about the Chinese footprint on the continent and advising African leaders to be wary of the Chinese, as well as the Russians, Indians, Brazilians and Arabs. "Apart from generous grants, interest-free or light loans, they have now come back to the continent they helped liberate as new, non-traditional investors. Read against time and historical circumstances, they are new and latecomers in this domain, unlike Western interests which have been exploiting our continent even well before its formal occupation," he said.

"Including here in Zimbabwe, we have seen some Western governments sponsoring several false environmental and mining advocacy groups which seek to agitate communities against non-Western mining in-



terests," he said. "Their advice to us is false and cynical; we reject it with utter contempt it deserves."

Citing as an example Bikita Minerals, situated in the Bikita hills of Masvingo province in Zimbabwe, he said it is the West that sponsors the opposition to protest against the presence of Chinese miners in Bikita as the community's claims are old ones traced back to when the mine was run by the Western owners.

"Ironically, Bikita Minerals was only taken over by a Chinese investor earlier in the year, after being owned and exploited by Western interests for many years since the resource was discovered back in colonial days." "While those mining properties were in Western hands, both long before our independence and after, not once did the host communities benefit. Nor were host communities incited, mobilized and sponsored to defend their depletable resource and environment," he said.

The mine was on the brink of collapsing until the new investor rescued it and expanded its operations with fresh capital, thus securing jobs for Zimbabweans, he said.

Cotton production hit as supplier of GM seeds pulls out

NAIROBI

AN Indian firm contracted to supply genetically modified (GM) cotton seed to Kenyan farmers has stopped distribution of the planting material, dealing a big blow to President Uhuru Kenyatta's manufacturing agenda.

Agriculture Cabinet secretary Peter Munya (pictured) said the Indian-based conglomerate Mahyco - the sole maker and distributor of the seed worldwide, has had running problems with supplying the product to local farmers.

Kenya had in 2018 approved the cultivation of GMO cotton to boost production under the open field cultivation while commercialisation started in 2020 as the government sought to increase volumes of the crop to spur manufacturing, which is one of the items on the Big

Four agenda.

"We want Kenya Agriculture Livestock and Research Organisation to develop our own cotton seed because we cannot rely on one company, which is no longer selling the seed to our farmers," he said.

Mr Munya said it was important for Kenya to have its own variety of hybrid seeds to avoid running into supply problems.

Rajeev Arora, Mahyco Africa regional manager, said "I have no comment on this" when the *Business Daily* reached out to him.

The hiccup in supply has hit cotton farmers as it has delayed the planting of this year's first season, which was to coincide with the long rains that began in March.

Roy Mugira, acting chief executive at National Biosafety Authority - sector regulator - said there had been a challenge in terms of



seed multiplication by the sole company that was given the task.

"The challenge that we are having now is seed multiplication, a company that was given that role had some challenges but I think that is being addressed by the authorities," said Mr Mugira.

Kenya was banking on this high-yielding variety, which requires less rain and minimum usage of pesticides to improve productivity.

Cotton production has been falling in the country since the 1980s with Kenya relying on imports to bridge the deficit.

According to the directorate of fibre crops, Kenya requires a total of 120,000 bales of lint per year meaning that the country imports over half of the required quantities to keep the factories running.

There are about four active ginneries in the country at the moment - in Meru, Baringo, Makueni and Kitui.

China's increasing high-techs boosts demand for workforce

BEIJING,

SIGNIFICANT shifts are underway in the employment situation of the Chinese workforce, fueled by the country's rapid development of innovative and high-tech industries.

Latest data from a research unit under Liepin, a job-hunting website, shows that industries including intelligent manufacturing, integrated circuits, artificial intelligence and biomedicine are short on talent.

To be more specific, the Talent Shortage Index (TSI) of the semiconductor industry is 1.91, a new high in the past two years, and the index of biomedicine has reached as high as 4.4.

The TSI reflects the supply and demand of talents. An index above one indicates short supply, while a reading below one means excessive supply. "Changes in the country's industrial structure have led to shifts in the employment structure, which is shown by the TSI," said Xing Zhenkai, deputy head of the research unit under Liepin.

On the one hand, with the transformation and upgrading of traditional industries, the demand for digital talents has become more urgent.

From April 2021 to March 2022, demand for digital talents in finance, auto machinery manufacturing, and pharmaceutical and medical industries increased by 44.04 percent, 39.03 percent and 32.96 percent, respectively, according to Xing.

On the other hand, the rapidly-expanding emerging industries such as AI and metaverse create huge demand for highly skilled employees.

For example, the number of job openings in metaverse surged 37.07 percent on year last year, following a 13.59-percent increase in 2019 and a



The programme has reached over 1,000 girls in Arusha, Dar es Salaam and Mwanza, with plans to expand into other regions this year

14.6-percent rise in 2020.

Founded in 2017, Beijing Huanqing Envi-

ronment Technology Co., Ltd. focuses on energy conversion of rural waste, resource

recovery from agricultural waste and the manufacturing of high-end special agricul-

tural machinery equipment.

"We need talents in agriculture, machinery, intelligent manufacturing, and project management, among others," said Chen Xin, manager of the environment technology firm.

"The company will provide about 200 jobs for college graduates this year, and some positions remain unfilled so far," Chen said.

As China moves up the industrial value chain, business needs and job requirements change accordingly, and employees, therefore, have to strengthen their skills to stay competitive in a fast-changing world, analysts said.

China aims to create over 11 million new urban jobs and keep a surveyed urban unemployment rate of no more than 5.5 percent in 2022.

"We should step up efforts to broaden employment channels and provide a high-quality workforce to drive the country's high-quality economic development," said Yao Kai, director of a research center under the Fudan University.

BEIJING

Apple looks to ramp up manufacturing outside China

APPLE is looking to bump up production outside China, the *Wall Street Journal* reports, echoing similar pre-pandemic headlines.

This time the tech giant is apparently urging its manufacturing partners to consider shifting some production outside of China because of frustrations with the country's strict covid-19 protocols, which have led to lengthy lockdowns of hundreds of millions of people and travel restrictions.

Apple has long relied on China for the vast majority—more than 90%, writes the *Journal*—of its manufacturing. A small percentage of its products are

produced in India and Vietnam. Now the *Journal's* sources, identified only as people familiar with the talks, say that both countries have been named as potential destinations for added manufacturing.

Apple's inching away from China could be just the beginning.

If the report is accurate, Apple's rebalancing away from China could lead other tech companies to follow suit.

China is already seeing a sustained decline in foreign investment with outflows reaching \$17.5 billion in March alone, according to recent data from



the Institute of International Finance (IIF), a US-based trade association. It has called the shift "unprecedented." It's also unique: Other emerging markets have not seen the same investor reaction during the pandemic, the association said.

China's refusal to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and its ongoing war there is another reason investors and US companies are backing away from the country. Political analysts have furthermore feared that China will feel emboldened by Putin's war in Ukraine to act on plans for an attack on Taiwan.

Meanwhile, the country's un-

rivalled zeal in pursuing a "covid zero" strategy, not to mention energy crunches that led to outages in 2021, have also sparked concerns about its domestic economy.

Besides Apple, major firms like Starbucks, Dupont, and Estée Lauder have all blamed lengthy covid lockdowns for operational hurdles and slower sales, writes CNBC. Before the pandemic, Apple was also motivated to move some of its production outside China because of its exposure to geopolitical risks.

Despite the snowballing list of reasons that China may look less attractive to US companies,

some analysts say not to expect drastic or swift change.

Apple has spent decades building its assembly hubs and relationships in China, where it has access to a massive pool of skilled talent and solid infrastructure, the *Journal* also underlines. Plus, as with other US-based firms, making products in China gives Apple easier access to China's enormous domestic consumer market.

"Supply chain diversification is quite tricky because people always talk about it, and boardrooms love to discuss it," Nick Marro, global trade leader at The Economist Intelligence Unit, recently told CNBC, "but often at the end of the day people find it's difficult to implement."

WORLD

Does the Commonwealth have a future after Queen Elizabeth?

LONDON

AS Queen Elizabeth celebrates her 70th year on the throne, there are questions about whether the Commonwealth of Nations, which she was instrumental in creating and remains one of her proudest achievements, has a future when her reign is over.

The Commonwealth evolved out of the British empire, and Elizabeth became its head in 1952 when she became queen, three years after the London Declaration formally created the voluntary association in its current form.

Now it is one of world's biggest international organizations, made up of 54 countries, almost all of which were former colonies of the United Kingdom, covering some 2.5 billion people or about one third of the world's population.

The 96-year-old queen has always been at its heart, but there are suggestions it has already become outdated and irrelevant.

"I think perhaps the Commonwealth has historically run its course," said Philip Murphy, professor of British and Commonwealth History at the University of London. "And what you're really seeing now is the ghost of an organization."

Commonwealth members range from wealthy nations such as Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada - who still all have the queen as their head of state - to populous India, as well as tiny Pacific republics such as Nauru.

Supporters say it provides a network to foster international cooperation and trade links, with a focus on promoting democracy and development, and addressing issues such as climate change.

So when Barbados cut its ties with the British monarchy last year when the Caribbean nation became a republic, it was keen to remain part of the Commonwealth.

"The Commonwealth is beneficial to many Caribbean nations as well as many African nations and it links us into countries like Australia and New Zealand and Canada," said Barbados-based David Denny, general secretary for the Caribbean Movement for Peace and Integration, a non-government organization.

The organization was regarded as playing a significant role in helping to end apartheid in South Africa, and Murphy says it has uses for smaller, less powerful members. But he remains unconvinced of its wider benefit.

"The Commonwealth talks about the importance of promoting democracy,



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II

tackling climate change, tackling gender inequality," he told Reuters. "But the Commonwealth isn't necessarily a logical framework internationally in which to deal with any of those problems."

Where the organization could have a role, Murphy says, is in dealing with the legacy of the British empire and colonialism, with a new purpose of dealing with issues such as reparation and restitution.

'Massacred'

"We were massacred and killed for the economic development of Britain," Denny said.

"The nation states within the Commonwealth should demand reparation for that suffering from the royal family, from the British government, all of the British companies that would have benefited from slavery and the exploitation of our African people throughout the Commonwealth nation states."

Another question the organization will have to address is who will lead it, with Denny arguing it should not be the British royals, despite Commonwealth leaders agreeing in 2018 that Elizabeth's son and heir Prince Charles should be her successor although the role is not hereditary.

Charles's eldest son Prince William, after a difficult tour of the Caribbean nations earlier this year when he faced protests, calls for reparations and an apology for slavery, suggested he might not get the job.

"Who the Commonwealth chooses to lead its family in the future isn't what is on my mind," said William. "What matters to us is the potential the Commonwealth family has to create a better future for the people who form it, and our commitment to serve and support as best we can."

However, in the meantime, there is no question of the importance of the organization to its current head.

Agencies

Russian economy will remain open – Putin

SOCHI

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin assured that the Russian economy in the new conditions will remain open.

"Under the new conditions, the Russian economy will certainly be open," he said at a meeting yesterday.

"Moreover, we will expand cooperation with those countries that are interested in mutually beneficial partnership," Putin stressed.

According to him, "a whole range of issues is important here". "This is organizing convenient payment infrastructure in national currencies, establishing scientific and technological ties and, of course, increasing the capacity of logistics chains, increasing their efficiency, and creating new routes for cargo transportation," the president listed.

"In recent months, the strategic significance of this work has increased significantly," Putin emphasized. He noted the necessity of diversifying transport flows due to some countries' wishes to "close for Russia."

"The actions of some countries, their wish to close for Russia, not to close Russia, but particularly to close for Russia even to their disadvantage, have shown how important it is to promptly diversify transport flows nowadays, to expand corridors towards predictable, responsible partners," he said.

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Western sanctions blamed for global food crisis

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin said on Monday that the West had triggered a global food crisis by imposing the severest sanctions in modern history on Russia over the conflict in Ukraine.

The conflict and the West's attempt to isolate Russia as punishment have sent the price of grain, cooking oil, fertilizer and energy soaring.

United Nations chief Antonio Guterres said last week that he was in intense contact with Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, the United States and the European Union in an effort to restore grain exports from Ukraine as a global food crisis worsens.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Kremlin said, agreed with the UN's assessment that the world faced a food crisis that could cause famine.

"Russia has always been a rather reliable grain exporter," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

"We are not the source of the problem. The source of the problem that leads to world hunger are those who imposed sanctions against us, and the sanctions themselves."

Russia and Ukraine together account for nearly a third of global wheat supplies.

The UN has said 36 countries count on Russia and Ukraine for more than half their wheat imports, including some of the poorest, among them Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

It came as the number of people forced to flee battlefields, violence, human rights violations and persecution has crossed the staggering milestone of 100 million for the first time on record, the United Nations Refugee Agency said on Monday.

The "alarming" figure must shake the world into ending the conflicts, the UNHCR said in a statement.

The UNHCR said the numbers of forcibly displaced people rose toward 90 million by the end of 2021, spurred by violence in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Myanmar, Nigeria, Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Negotiations will come?

Moscow will be ready to return to negotiations with Kyiv "as soon as Kyiv shows a constructive position", RIA cited Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko as saying on Monday.

Still, Ukraine ruled out a ceasefire or any territorial concessions to Moscow on Sunday as Russia reportedly stepped up its military operation in the country's east and south after declaring victory in its monthslong campaign to take the strategic port of Mariupol.

Polish President Andrzej Duda offered Warsaw's backing, telling lawmakers in Kyiv on Sunday that any loss of Ukrainian territory would be a "huge blow" to the entire West. Duda was the first foreign leader to address the Ukrainian parliament in person since Russia started its "special military operation" on Feb 24.

At the parliamentary session, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky renewed a plea for stronger economic sanctions from the West against Russia.

Shortly after both finished speaking, an air raid siren was heard in the capital, a reminder that the battles raged on even if its front lines are now hundreds of kilometers away.

Agencies

Xi offers China's proposal to tackle global security challenges

BEIJING

GLOBAL peace and development is faced with challenges posed by the Ukraine crisis at a time when the world has yet to emerge from the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To tackle the peace deficit, Chinese President Xi Jinping has put forward China's proposal. In his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2022, Xi proposed for the first time the Global Security Initiative (GSI).

Built on the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security Xi laid out eight years ago, the initiative seeks to promote the establishment of a balanced, effective and sustainable security architecture.

Over the years, Xi has enriched his security vision and elaborated on it on various international occasions. The following are some highlights of his remarks in this regard.

May 21, 2014

In his keynote speech delivered at the fourth Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia Summit held in Shanghai, Xi said: "We need to keep pace with the changing circumstances and evolving times. One cannot live in the 21st century with the outdated thinking from the age of Cold War and zero-sum game."

"We believe that it is necessary to advocate common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security in Asia. We need to

innovate our security concept, establish a new regional security cooperation architecture, and jointly build a road for security of Asia that is shared by and win-win to all," he said.

Sept. 26, 2017

While addressing the opening ceremony of the 86th Interpol General Assembly, Xi said that "countries should adopt a concept of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, and jointly respond to security challenges."

He called for promoting global security governance in a more fair, reasonable and effective way, saying: "Countries, while maintaining their own security, should take into account other countries' security."

July 25, 2018

At a business forum at the 10th BRICS summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa, Xi called on BRICS countries to promote common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security.

He also stressed that BRICS members should address issues that matter to all through consultation and oppose hegemony and power politics.

March 26, 2019

At the closing ceremony of the China-France Global Governance Forum held in Paris, the Chinese president called for joint efforts and mutual assistance to address the peace deficit.

It is advisable to uphold a new vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable



security, discard Cold-War and zero-sum mentalities, reject the law of the jungle, and settle conflicts by peaceful means, Xi said.

Nov. 10, 2020

While addressing the 20th meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Beijing, Xi said: "We need to safeguard security and stability and build a community of security for us all."

"Security and stability are the number one precondition for a country's development, and

thus concern the core interests of all countries," he said, adding: "We need to act on the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, address all forms of threats and challenges effectively, and foster a sound security environment in our region."

Sept. 3, 2021

Addressing the opening ceremony of the plenary session of the sixth Eastern Economic Forum, Xi called on all parties to form synergy to safeguard re-

gional peace and stability.

All parties need to narrow differences and build consensus through dialogue and exchanges, embrace the concept of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, and work for a harmonious and tranquil homeland for us all, Xi said.

April 21, 2022

In his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2022, Xi proposed the GSI to promote security for all in the world.

"It is important that we stay committed to the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, and work together to maintain world peace and security," Xi said.

He also called for "taking the legitimate security concerns of all countries seriously, uphold the principle of indivisible security, build a balanced, effective and sustainable security architecture, and oppose the pursuit of one's own security at the cost of others' security."

May 19, 2022

When delivering a video address at the opening session of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Xi called for building a global community of security for all.

Both history and reality tell us that seeking one's own security at the expense of others' will only create new tensions and risks, the Chinese president stressed.

Xinhua

BRICS ministers eye cooperation on new industrial revolution

XIAMEN

BRICS industry ministers met virtually on Monday, calling for deepening innovative cooperation on the new industrial revolution for achieving sustainable development goals in a stronger, healthier and more resilient manner.

The sixth BRICS Industry Ministers Meeting was held via video link in the port city of Xiamen, east China's Fujian province.

BRICS is the acronym for an emerging-market bloc that groups Brazil, Russia, India, China and

South Africa.

During the meeting, the ministers had in-depth exchanges on promoting comprehensive cooperation, digital transformation of traditional industries, and collaboration on industrial and supply chains.

Xiao Yaqing, minister of industry and information technology, reviewed progress that has been made since the first Meeting of BRICS Industry Ministers in 2015, and lauded progress made through BRICS practical cooperation on industry with the establishment



of the BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR), alongside the BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center.

Xiao noted that, as the world faces a pandemic and drastic changes that have not been seen in a century, the Chinese government has taken proactive measures to balance pandemic response and socioeconomic development.

China stands ready to work with all parties to deepen innovative cooperation on the new industrial revolution for achieving sustainable development goals in a stron-

ger, healthier and more resilient manner, the minister added.

Representatives present at the meeting issued a joint declaration, in which they encouraged the BRICS countries to deepen industrial cooperation and expedite the recovery and growth of the industrial economy through jointly creating an open, fair, vibrant and resilient environment, while fostering a stable, secure, mutually beneficial system for cooperation on industrial and supply chains.

Xinhua

Zelensky's desire to meet only with Putin is PR effort – Russian diplomat

MOSCOW

READINESS of Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky to meet only with Russian President Vladimir Putin for continuation of the negotiating process is a pure PR effort, First Deputy to the Russian envoy to the UN Dmitry Polyansky said on the air with Soloviev Live TV Channel.



"This is definitely a pure PR effort," the diplomat said. "People that are not in the know do not understand that summit talks must be prepared thoroughly, and the agenda must be agreed from both sides and some groundwork of experts must be done by that time, otherwise there is no need to talk," he noted.

"We were not the ones that froze talks. Some contacts are being implemented and we expect in a way answers from Ukrainians from proposals worded some time ago," Polyansky added.

The Ukrainian President said on Monday he was ready to meet the Russian President only and only in case the issue of conflict ending would be discussed during negotiations.

On May 13, press secretary of the Russian President Dmitry Peskov informed that Moscow does not reject the meeting between leaders of Russia and Ukraine but it is impossible to hold it without preparation.

East African Community calls for closer cooperation with China

THE East African Community (EAC) welcomes investors from China to implement various projects in the region with a population of about 300 million, said Peter Mathuki, EAC secretary general, in a recent interview with Xinhua.

"We welcome investors from China to come and work with us in East Africa so that we can now develop this part of Africa for the good and prosperity of people but also for the prosperity of China," said Mathuki, adding that China and East Africa have a lot to work together to make sure their economies prosper from the cooperation.

China is one of the most progressive countries that have tried to partner East African countries in so many sectors, and largely supports infrastructure programs in East African countries by grants, financing mechanisms or technical assistance, he said.

"The Belt and Road Initiative aims to ensure that as you develop infrastructure you also increase trade and secure trade routes in a more advanced way, and make countries very interdependent," said Mathuki, adding that the initiative is not only improving infrastructure in East Africa but also increasing trade volume.

Mathuki has also pledged full support for the Global Development Initiative (GDI) proposed by China at the UN General Assembly last year, saying the GDI will foster global economic partnerships.

"The proposal is very important because it addresses poverty alleviation, food security and COVID-19 response, the issues that touch the hearts of the people of East Africa," he told Xinhua.

"We are willing to work with China, and we encourage more countries and international partners to take advantage by joining this Global Development Initiative," said Mathuki.

On the Chinese government's move to set up a special envoy for the Horn of Africa affairs, Mathuki said, "we welcome that proposal because where there is peace then there is promise of development," adding that once the Horn of Africa remains peaceful it potentially becomes an economic hub for this continent.

Mathuki has also urged Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in Africa to prepare for and take advantage of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which will create a market of 1.3 billion people and a combined GDP of about 3.4 trillion U.S. dollars.

"In terms of the economies, East Africa stands very strong and the EAC is going to play a very big role in strengthening the AfCFTA," he said. East African countries should approach AfCFTA as a team, urging investors from China to invest in Africa and capture the huge AfCFTA market, said Mathuki.

The EAC groups Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

Zimbabwe hosts elephant summit to discuss elephant management

HWANGE

An elephant summit kicked off Monday in Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park as participating countries seek to build consensus on elephant management and wildlife conservation.

The summit, which will run till May 26, will be a platform to discuss the growing burden of growing elephant overpopulation and the impact of the existing ban on international trade in ivory.

In addition, participating countries want to come up with a common position with regard to elephant management ahead of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) 19th Conference of Parties (COP 19) in November in Panama.

Western countries and animal rights activists have been opposing the ivory trade arguing that increased poaching is threatening the survival of African elephants.

Conservationists in Zimbabwe, however, continue to argue that selling off the country's ivory stockpiles, now estimated to be worth 600 million U.S. dollars, will help fund national conservation efforts.

Zimbabwe, which has the second-largest herd after Botswana, has a population of more than 84,000 elephants against a carrying capacity of 40,000.

UNGA resolution calls for efforts to mitigate food security crisis

UNITED NATIONS

THE General Assembly on Monday adopted a resolution that calls for international efforts to mitigate the current food security crisis.

The resolution calls on the international community to urgently support countries affected by the food security crisis through coordinated actions, including the provision of emergency food supplies, food programs, financial support, and increased and diversified agricultural production.

It calls for the promotion of a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system under the World Trade Organization.

The resolution calls on the international community, including the Group of Seven and the Group of 20, to place global food security at the top of their agendas and to support multilateral efforts in finding affordable solutions to the crisis.

It calls on member states and other relevant stakeholders to keep food and agriculture supply chains functioning, to support farmers, including small-scale and family farmers, with technical means and assistance that enable them to produce



Laborers unload wheat grain from a trailer at a wholesale grain market on the outskirts of Amritsar, India, on April 16, 2022. File photo

their crops and livestock sustainably, and to refrain from hoarding food and commodities.

It stresses the need to keep trade channels and markets open for the movement of food, fuel, fertilizer and other agricultural inputs and outputs, and notes the importance of working toward eliminating all forms of protectionism. It also stresses the need to keep fuel prices affordable to

limit the volatility of essential food prices, and calls on countries not to hoard energy commodities.

The resolution calls on international financial institutions to find urgent, affordable and timely solutions to support developing countries, in particular, those highly indebted, in responding to the food security crisis, through, but not limited to, facilitating, access to debt relief, concessional finance and grants.

It calls on member states, the United Nations, humanitarian and development organizations and other relevant actors to urgently and effectively respond to, prevent and prepare for rising global food insecurity affecting millions of people.

It also calls on member states to heed the urgent UN humanitarian appeal to assist countries facing armed conflict, drought, starvation and famine with emergency aid and urgent funding.

Xi always faces problems with positive attitude: Senior South African official

"I first met President Xi Jinping in 2013. He was then visiting South Africa, one of the destinations of his first overseas trip since assuming the office of president," said Anil Sooklal, deputy director-general for Asia and Middle East at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) of South Africa, in a recent interview with People's Daily.

Sooklal, who is also South Africa's BRICS Sherpa, often comes into contact with Chinese President Xi Jinping on many occasions, such as mutual visits between Chinese and South African leaders and BRICS meetings.

"We held a grand ceremony to welcome Xi in our administrative capital Pretoria. It was a bright day. The honor guard played the national anthems of South Africa and China, and performed a 21-gun salute to welcome President Xi with the highest courtesy," Sooklal recalled the first time he met Xi nine years ago.

Sooklal, as an official with the DIRCO, greeted Xi with his colleagues at the square where the ceremony was held.

"With a smile on his face, he walked toward us and shook hands with us one by one. He made us feel that he was both a venerable elder and a long-expected friend. I can actually feel his great personal charisma," Sooklal said.

As time passes and their association increases, Sooklal has learned more about Xi. "I found that President Xi never evades problems when talking with leaders of other countries. Instead, he always faces them with a positive attitude," said Sooklal, who believes that this derives from Xi's deep thinking about the international landscape.

"President Xi has called African countries China's 'good brothers' on many occasions, and believes that countries, no matter big or small, strong or weak, should coexist peacefully and respect each other," Sooklal said, adding that as the leader of the world's second largest economy, Xi's engagement with Africa with such a gesture reflects the global vision of the leader of a major country and his concern for African countries.

"If I had to describe my feelings about Xi with one word, it would be 'sincerity'," he continued.

"To understand Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, we definitely need to read 'Xi Jinping: The Governance of China,'" said Sooklal, who has read all three volumes of the book.

Under the leadership of Xi, the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese government have adhered to the people-centered development



Anil Sooklal, deputy director-general for Asia and Middle East at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa. File photo

philosophy over the past decade, Sooklal said.

Through the battle against Covid-19, China has always put the people's lives and health before everything and united the entire nation in the strongest way, Sooklal pointed out.

This has not only fully guaranteed people's safety and health, but promoted the resumption of work and production under the normalization of epidemic prevention and control measures, ensuring economic growth and people's livelihood, he noted.

High-quality development is one of the changes in China over the years that have deeply impressed Sooklal.

China has strived to develop innovation-driven economy, and become a front-runner in Internet economy, high-speed railways, long-distance high-voltage power transmission and transformation technology, and other fields.

"During my visits to China, I noticed that more and more high-tech parks have been built across the country, especially in the eastern coastal areas. Some new business forms have constantly emerged, and traditional labor-intensive industries are undergoing transformation and upgrading in China," Sooklal said.

China is endeavoring to make manufacturing more intelligent, which will benefit the entire

world, he added.

Noting that China's development is oriented toward the world, Sooklal believes that the joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has expanded trade and investment exchanges, promoted infrastructure construction in countries and regions along the routes of the initiative, raised their industrialization level and improved people's life in these countries and regions.

China's proposal of building a community with a shared future for mankind represents China's wisdom in solving global issues and realizing peace and development of human society, and has become a distinct banner leading the progress of human civilization, Sooklal pointed out.

"As an African diplomat, I deeply understand that the ever-growing China has always been a defender and promoter of the interests of developing countries. In particular, China has provided a large amount of selfless assistance, including vaccines, for many countries, especially African countries, amid the pandemic. It has sent a clear signal to the world through practical actions: the CPC not only leads the Chinese people to a better life, but also works unremittingly for the building of a world featuring common development," he said.

British expert rules out new pandemic as monkeypox spreads to more countries

LONDON

AS cases of the Monkeypox virus have been reported Sunday in more non-endemic countries, a British virologist said it wouldn't become a COVID-like pandemic.

"Monkeypox is not a COVID situation and it will never be a COVID situation. It will be a problem, but it will be a problem that we will ultimately manage to control. I'm quite convinced," said Paul Hunter, a specialist in medical microbiology and communicable disease control. "Ultimately,

it's something we will be able to control before it becomes a really big issue. The reason for that is we have already have a pretty effective vaccine, the same vaccine we use with smallpox.

And the really useful thing with this vaccine is that you can give it to somebody after they've been in contact with a case," Hunter told Xinhua in an exclusive interview. "So the way you would control this is identifying every case that you can as quickly as you can and then vaccinating all their closed contacts.

The technical term is ring vaccination for this. You vaccinate a ring around the case and hopefully then stop that spreading further," he added.

More than 120 cases of the virus, a close relative of smallpox, have now been reported in a disease normally confined to parts of Africa. With Israel, Switzerland and Austria among the latest countries to confirm Monkeypox cases, at least 15 countries have reported the outbreaks.

The UK Health Security Agency has reported on Monday 36 additional cases of monkeypox in England, bring the total number of monkeypox cases confirmed in England since May 7 to 56. Besides Britain and mainland Europe, there have been cases in the United States, Canada and Australia.

Hunter said many, but not all of the cases, have been reported to be in men who have sex with men. "So, it's quite plausible that it's spreading now amongst sexually active networks in a way that typically in Africa, you wouldn't see.

"This is probably 'an infection that is spreading primarily amongst sexual networks of close contacts, but not exclusively so. And you do get some infection spreading from outside. So we're not at the moment

sure how it's going to behave, so I think we have to be very cautious," he said. Monkeypox is also potentially more severe in children who contact the virus, said Hunter, also a professor of medicine with the Norwich Medical School at the University of East Anglia.

"There is an issue with monkeypox in children. In African cases we do see more severe disease in children than we do in adults," Hunter said.

Hunter said more cases were likely to be reported in Britain and elsewhere in the coming weeks. "But I think the UK Health Security Agency is right when it says this isn't generally a disease that spreads very easily, and so it probably wouldn't be come much of a risk to the general population.

But certainly, with some parts of the population appearing to be more at risk there will be a need for appropriate advice and management when they've been into contact with cases," Hunter said.

At the moment, Hunter said, there are still a lot of scientists who "don't know about how this virus is spreading, and what networks it's spreading through, and how people are being infected and from whom, because it almost certainly will be passed from somebody else."

"I'm pretty sure people will be doing a lot more of the genetics on this, but I think most of us are going to be having to do quite a bit of background reading over the next few days to make sure we know what's been going on.

The last two years, we've been reading pretty much only coronavirus stuff," he said. "Undoubtedly there is a lot of nervousness around at the moment about viral infections amongst the general public, and much of that nervousness is well placed.

I think we have to consider each new infection that we're exposed to on what we know about that infection," the expert said.

The information and knowledge we acquired with COVID doesn't necessarily apply to monkeypox, and it is a very different infection to COVID that isn't going to cause anywhere near the same sorts of levels of harm that COVID has to people's, public health and indeed to society."

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SPORT



Juhudi Secondary School youngsters participate in hockey drills at Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park venue in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Simba SC coach dismayed by away ties' results

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC head coach Franco Pablo Martin has said he must address his squad's failure to get good results in the away stadiums after the side had registered less impressive results in various ties this season.

The Dar es Salaam side had last weekend managed a 1-1 draw with Geita Gold FC in an NBC Premier League clash which took place at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza.

Coach Martin disclosed his team's problem has proved to be serious, so it is his responsibility to do extra work to resolve it.

The coach revealed he will see to it the problem is addressed next season if he will not fulfil his duty this season.

The Spaniard gaffer pointed out: "We have had the problem of failing to get good results in the away stadiums, I have to work hard to end this problem by collaborating with my players, it has become common."

"This problem hurts me as a coach, I believe it hurts fans too, so we have to solve it...if we will not do so this season, it should be eliminated next season," the gaffer said.

The 1-1 draw continued to frustrate Simba SC's plan to defend the top-flight's title for the fifth time in a row.

The defending champion is still occupying second place in the Premier League standings with 51 points.

League leader Yanga, which is widely tipped to emerge as this season's winner, has continued to cling to the top position with 64 points.

Meanwhile, Martin has admitted he has a

lot of work to do for his side which is shaping up for this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) last four's duel against Yanga.

The match is scheduled to take place at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza on Saturday, with the teams expected to meet for the fourth time this season.

The two Tanzania soccer giants have already met twice in this season's NBC Premier League and drew 0-0 in both ties.

Yanga had earlier cruised to a 1-0 victory over Simba in this season's Community Shield game which was played in Dar es Salaam earlier this season.

Coach Martin said there is a big problem in his squad after playing two games against Azam FC and Geita Gold FC without a win, noting the outcome came about due to the players' irresponsibility.

He said his entire team did not play well in the two away Premier League games, so the outfit's technical bench has a lot to do before confronting Yanga on Saturday.

Martin disclosed: "Currently the whole team is playing badly from the back to the striking force, we also have a lot of players nursing injuries, Kapombe, Inonga, and Bocco have been added to the list."

The coach added: "Right now we are heartbroken, physically, mentally and this is our performance ahead of Saturday's tie against Yanga."

Simba SC reached the semi-finals of the ASFC with a 4-0 victory over Championship club, Pamba FC, Yanga knocked Geita Gold FC out of the last four on penalties after the clubs had settled for a 1-1 in regular 90 minutes.

Samia to grace Dar artist's book launch

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is expected to be an official guest at the 30th Anniversary of Hip Hop artist, Joseph Mbilinyi 'Sugu', known as 'The Dream concert', to be held at the Serena Hotel in Dar es Salaam on May 31.

Samia will also preside over the launch of Mbilinyi's book on the day.

The event will also have ambassadors, ministers, other guests, and leaders of various cadres attending it.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, 'Sugu' said various artists will be joining the festival which will also see President Samia launch his book that sheds light on 30 years of his music career.

The artists who will accompany 'Sugu' include Judith Wambura 'Lady Jaydee', Ambwene Yesaya 'AY', Joh Makini, Khamis Mwinjuma 'Mwana FA', and others.

"The aim of the 'Dream concert' is to show young people how patient and committed the veteran artists are, after the launch we hope we will have a 'Dream Tour' and a celebration of my success and contribution to music and inspire young people to dream big and work for them to

succeed in life," he said.

'Sugu' said they have put in place special arrangements to invite fans from different parts of the country to take part in this historic event.

He said after the 'Dream concert' he will have the 'Dream Tour' for five regions to promote his book titled 'Muziki na Maisha, From The Street to Parliament, which will be launched by President Samia.

'Sugu' said his visit to the higher learning institutions targets to talk to students about issues of having big dreams in terms of self-employment and employment.

He clarified that he will on June 4 visit SAUT College in Mwanza while on May 11 the artist will be at IAA College in Arusha.

'Sugu' is on June 18 set to visit MUST College in Mbeya on, and on June 25 the artist will be at UDOM College in Dodoma.

The musician will wind up his tour with a visit to the University of Dar es Salaam on July 2.

Along with leading college debates during the tour, the artist will hold music concerts.

CRDB Bank Events and Sponsorship Manager, Lilian Kanora, whose institution is the event's sponsor, said they are happy to support the event because it is part of their responsibilities.

SPORTS

Local basketball fans in wondrous dreamland

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AS is widely known, the NBA Basketball League of America is justly considered to be the most exceptional basketball league on terra firma.

Indeed, through the years, the NBA League has produced international sporting icons of great stature such as Julius 'Dr. J' Irving, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, and arguably the greatest basketball player of all time, Michael Jordan 'Air Jordan', among others.

In the present day, the production line of top-notch talent has not wavered as can be seen by the rise of Giannis A., Lebron 'King' James, Jayson Tatum, Luka Doncic, and the sharpshooting guard Stephen Curry.

Little wonder then that tickets to watch live NBA League games are among the most prized commodities in the realm of global sports.

Viewed against this backdrop then, the recent news that NBA Africa and KFC Africa will forge a marketing partnership that will result in coveted benefits for hoops fans in eight African countries is a news story that must sound like music to the ears of the people inhabiting the said eight countries.

Chief among these benefits is the much sought-after opportunity for basketball fans to win tickets to watch live NBA League games in the States, which would indeed be a bona fide godsend for die-hard basketball fans on the continent.

It is important to note here that the aforesaid eight African countries include Tanzania, Botswana, Ghana, Nigeria, and Senegal among others.

Indeed, the opportunity to watch NBA League clashes live is an enticing and deeply tempting one, which many will take up once the partnership between NBA Africa and KFC Africa comes to fruition.



Dar es Salaam's Unmatched basketball team's player, Kye Mwakalago (front), dribbles past the Highview team's players during drills at Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park court in the city last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Let us raise our glasses then and toast to this partnership between NBA Africa and KFC Africa, which is admittedly still in its nascent stages.

Let us now zero in on a recent groundbreaking and landmark deal that was signed between USA Soccer and its male as well as female players.

The contents of the deal specify that all prize monies will be equally divided between the national men's football team and the national women's soccer team of the USA.

Indeed, the deal is so radical that it sets apart the USA as the first country in the world to sign such an egalitarian contract.

It is hoped then that other countries in the world will emulate the USA's impeccable move on this issue of gender equality in sports.

Quite frankly, a whole lot more needs to be done around the globe to attain gender equality in all sports, football included.

For example, there needs to be an infinitely more aggressive promotion of women's football, which would result in greater levels of sponsorship.

Here on home soil, for instance, the Tanzania Football Federation and Tanzania Women's Football Association (TWFA) could join forces to air a

weekly 30-minute television show which focuses on the national women's football league, which is in dire need of greater promotion.

All in all, there needs to be greater investment channeled into women's football worldwide.

That being said, though, the USA took a laudable and gigantic step recently which looks set to spark a U-turn in the way other people think about gender equality in football.



Dar es Salaam youths feature in soccer training at the Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park venue last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

JKT Tanzania FC striker lifts 2021/22 Championship top goal scorer honour

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

EDWARD Songo, JKT Tanzania FC goal-getter, has laid his hands on the 2021/22 Championship's top goalscorer award, having ended the season with a total of 15 goals.

The forward was followed by Dar es Salaam's Diamond Trust Bank (DTB) FC attacker Amissi Tambwe that has recorded 14 goals, Danny Mrwanda of Mbeya's Ken Gold FC with 13 goals, and Tambwe's fellow forward, Nicholas Gyan, with 12 goals.

Others are Mbeya's Ihefu SC goal-getter, Andrew Sinchimba, with 11 goals, and Abiud Mtambula of Kitayosce FC that recorded nine goals.

Mohamed Hamisi of Kigoma's

Mashujaa FC that recorded nine goals and Warsha Machungwa of Shinyanga's Mwadui FC that also notched nine goals are other goal-getters in the Championship.

The 2021/22 Championship climaxed last Saturday, with Ihefu SC clinching the silverware and DTB FC ending second.

The second tier's top two sides have got an automatic promotion to the next season's Premier League.

Tabora's Kitayosce FC settled for the third spot after collecting 61 points, followed by JKT Tanzania FC in the fourth place after collecting 51 points. The two clubs have secured an opportunity to compete in the Premier League promotion/relegation playoffs with sides that will come 13th and 14th in this season's Premier League.

The battle for this season's Premier League best goal scorer honour is equally exciting,

with Geita Gold FC striker, George Mpole, and Fiston Mayele of Yanga in a thrilling battle for the award. Both have recorded 14 goals as of early this week.

Mpole was nominated for the NBC Premier League's April Best Player prize.

The goal-getter last Sunday scored his 14th goal during his club's league tie against Simba SC which took place at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza.

Mpole netted his goal in the 20th minute before Simba's striker Kibu Dennis leveled matters for his outfit in the 28th minute. Namungo FC goal-getter Relians Lusajo is placed third with 10 goals, Dennis consequently registered his seventh goal in this Premier League season.

Simba SC, now sitting second, added one point following Sunday's results, having recorded 51 points.

There is a 13-point margin between the outfit and top-flight leader Yanga that was held to a 1-1 draw by Mara's Biashara United in Mwanza on Monday.

Geita Gold FC remained in the fifth position with 35 points after the draw with Simba.

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The artists who will accompany 'Sugu' include Judith Wambura 'Lady Jaydee', Ambwene Yesaya 'AY', Joh Makini, Khamis Mwinjuma 'Mwana FA', and others

The what-ifs that haunt Liverpool as title bid falls short

LIVERPOOL, England

THERE are always what-ifs when a team gets so close to glory. Liverpool may yet end the 2021-22 season as Treble winners if they add the Champions League to the FA Cup and Carabao Cup already won by Jürgen Klopp's players this year, but when they analyse how they missed out on clinching the Premier League title, it will come down to seven crucial minutes.

Manchester City trailed 2-0 at home to Aston Villa while Liverpool laid siege to the Wolves' goal at Anfield, desperately attempting to score the goal that would give them the lead and take them top of the table with less than 20 minutes to play.

Some City fans had already given up on Pep Guardiola's team at the Etihad, with ESPN's Rob Dawson reporting that a number had started to drift out of the stadium with it seemingly inevitable that Liverpool would score and claim the initiative at Anfield.

Had Liverpool been able to find their second goal while City trailed 2-0, who knows how big a demoralising blow it would have inflicted on Guardiola's players? Had Liverpool scored, the Etihad may have emptied even further and drained all hope of a late fightback.

But it was City who scored the next goal, with Ilkay Gundogan sparking the onslaught that delivered three goals in five minutes and transformed the mood at the Etihad. Liverpool missed their moment, and the atmosphere inside Anfield went from euphoric to silent in the space of a few seconds.

What if Liverpool had scored before City? What if?

But having eventually beaten Wolves by 3-1 and ending the season with 92 points – one fewer than City – Liverpool's failure to win a second title in three years comes down to the fine margins that make all the difference.

They only lost two league games all season – at West Ham and Leicester – and ended the campaign as the only unbeaten side in 2022, so it is the near misses that will haunt Klopp and his players.

Liverpool were 2-0 up at Chelsea after 26 minutes on Jan. 2, but ended up drawing 2-2. It was the same story at home to Brighton in October, when 2-0 became 2-2, that time after being two goals clear after 24 minutes.

Klopp's team also conceded winning positions to draw against Brentford, Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspur. Despite finishing 18 points clear of third-placed Chelsea, Liverpool ended the season having failed to beat any of the top four, drawing twice against City, Chelsea and Spurs.

So these are the games where the title was lost, even if it seems harsh to find fault in a team that amassed so many points and lost just twice.

But on the final day of the season, in the final moments, Liverpool had the chance to really turn the screw on City by going ahead against Wolves, and they were unable to do it. By the time Mohamed Salah managed to put Liverpool ahead on 84 minutes, City had already turned defeat into victory by scoring three times in five minutes through Gundogan (twice) and Rodri.

It is Liverpool's misfortune to be enjoying their peak years under Klopp at the same time City are collecting trophies under Guardiola. Over the last four years, Liverpool have won one title and finished runners-up behind City twice – with 92 points this season and 97 in 2018-19. Those tallies would have been enough to win the title in all but four of the 30 seasons during the Premier League era, but Liverpool just happen to be competing with a team that has set the bar so much higher than the previous champions.

"Ninety-two points is crazy with all the games we play," Klopp said. "There are worse scenarios – we could have been a point ahead [on the final day] and not made it – but we don't feel good. We were close, but not close enough."

Where Liverpool have outperformed Guardiola's City is in the Champions League, and Klopp's side can put further daylight between themselves and their Mancunian rivals if they beat Real Madrid in Paris next Saturday.

It will be Liverpool's third Champions League final in five seasons and they can win a second European Cup in that time – and seventh overall – by winning in the Stade de France. City, of course, have yet to win the Champions League.

Having gone so close and endured such dramatic tension on the final day of the league season, Liverpool will need time to overcome the disappointment of missing out on the title and the improbable glory of the quadruple.

But by the time Saturday comes around, winning a seventh European Cup will be all that matters and, if they do that, missing out on the title will quickly fade from the memory.

"We have had an exceptional season," Klopp said. "I would have preferred they [City] were 5-0 up after 10 minutes so we could just play out game, but the season was close, so close."

"We have five days to prepare for the final against an incredible team, but that's what we will do. Losing this will only increase our desire to succeed."

ESPN

Madrid motivated by Salah 'disrespect' - Valverde

MADRID

REAL Madrid's players have been motivated by Mohamed Salah "disrespecting the badge" when he said he would prefer Madrid over Manchester City as Liverpool's Champions League final opponent, midfielder Fede Valverde has said.

Salah revealed after Liverpool's semifinal win against Villarreal that he wanted to face Madrid – who beat City a day later – in the final in Paris on May 28.

Madrid and Liverpool last contested the Champions League final in Kiev in 2018, with Madrid winning 3-1 and Salah forced off with a dislocated shoulder after clashing with Sergio Ramos.

"I want to play Madrid, I have to be honest," Salah told BT Sport on May 3. "City are a really tough team, we played against them a few times this season, but I think if you ask me personally, I would prefer Madrid."

"Because we lost in the final against them, I want to play against them, and hopefully win against them."

Valverde – speaking in an interview with Spain's 'Club del Deportista' magazine and published by Marca on Monday – said those comments would serve as extra motivation in Saturday's final.

"Obviously they're words that everyone can take however they want," Valverde said. "I'm his opponent and it's like disrespecting the Real Madrid badge, the players... The only thing we must do is give our best, try to show why we're in the final and let's hope we can give another trophy to the fans and to Real Madrid."

Madrid have enjoyed a rollercoaster Champions League campaign this season, with comebacks at the Santiago Bernabeu required against Paris Saint-Germain, Chelsea

and Manchester City in the knockout stage to reach the final.

"The first thing to do is thank the fans, because when the game seems lost, when you can't find spaces, the team isn't feeling good, the fans are always there to support us," Valverde said. "That gives us a plus, an energy that you can't explain. The game isn't over until the referee says so."

"The biggest one was against City. It's very difficult to go through again when you're losing in the 89th minute, you blink and you're winning. They're things that don't happen often in life."

He added: "I don't know if it's fear [that opponents feel], or the pressure that the stadium and the fans generate. They know they're playing Real Madrid and they're capable of doing anything, and you can see that. When the coaching staff, the team and the fans feel that, it's like the Bermuda Triangle."

The final pits Madrid's LaLiga winners against a Liverpool team who missed out on the Premier League title by one point on the final day of the season.

The clubs are two of the most successful sides in Champions League history, with Madrid having won a record 13 European Cups, and Liverpool joint-third in the all-time rankings with six.

(Agencies)

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Inside Story: Why, and when, Mbappe chose PSG over Real Madrid

LONDON

IN the end, just like a title race or World Cup final, it was a saga that ran right to the end. After courting astronomical offers from his current club, Paris Saint-Germain, and LaLiga giants Real Madrid, Kylian Mbappe made his choice to stay in the French capital and now has the chance to not only build his own legacy, but build the project around him.

On Monday, he spoke of his belief in the PSG "project" rather than the money on offer: "Leaving my country wasn't the right thing. There's a sentimental aspect to this, and the sporting project has changed as well." But how did he get here? What was the critical moment in negotiations? And what's next for both teams?

ESPN's Julien Laurens, Rodrigo Faez and Alex Kirkland tell the story.

*Mbappe gets the keys to PSG

After months of talks, negotiations, mind-changing moments, twists, meetings, huge bids, uncertainties and doubts, Mbappe waited until the end of it all and made his decision himself. On his own.

He listened to the opinions of his mum, Fayza, and his dad, Wilfried; he consulted with his lawyer, Delphine Verheyden, and even took phone calls from Emmanuel Macron, the French president, who asked him to stay in Paris. He received messages from some of the most powerful men in France, all of them saying the same thing.

In the final days leading up to his choice, his mum travelled to Qatar to meet with PSG's hierarchy, while Mbappe spent a day in Madrid. Everything had been building to this moment starting back in January, when ESPN reported of PSG's sudden optimism in being able to extend Mbappe's contract. The forward told both clubs back in February that he would do it his way in terms of deadlines, timings and ways of deciding. Last week, both clubs' final offers were on the table, and he was happy with both of them, but neither club knew what the outcome would be.

Real Madrid have tried to sign the France star since he was 11, making recruitment pushes several times (in 2011, 2016, 2017 and 2021, and again this summer) over the past 12 years. In the end, the French club needed him to stay. PSG's Doha-based ownership couldn't bear the thought of not having the biggest star playing for them while Qatar hosted the World Cup this summer. And while both clubs believed at some point that he would join the other side, he eventually decided to remain in Paris. It was not an easy call, but he felt it was the right one for him.

So how will the deal work? At 23, he is now the highest-paid player in the world. He received a three-year contract, a salary of €57 million net per season, various bonuses potentially worth €300 million over the three years of the deal, sources told ESPN FC. But the most important thing is not even financial.

PSG have given him the "keys" to the club. He will have – and already has had – his say on the choice of manager, sporting director and probably players on the squad, too. Mbappe wanted to be the face, the head and the heart of the PSG project, and they've cleared a path so he can be just that.

From here, there is so much for him to achieve at the Parc des Princes: to beat Edinson Cavani's record as the club's all-time top scorer (he is already just 29 goals behind), to win PSG's first Champions League, to be a PSG player during the 2024 Olympic Games in the French capital and many more. The new chapter starts now. – Laurens

*PSG's next steps

With Mbappe's extension will come a lot more changes at PSG, and it didn't take long for the effect to ripple through the club.

Mbappe didn't want to work with Leonardo anymore, and on Saturday night, only a few hours after the official announcement of the forwards' extension, PSG told the sporting director he was sacked. To replace him, as ESPN revealed on Saturday afternoon, Mbappe put forward the name of Luis Campos.

The pair worked together back in Monaco, where Campos always protected the young prodigy. (Mbappe joined the club's youth set-up in 2013, working his way up to the first team in 2016.) They were very close then, and still are, and the Portuguese is considered as the best talent-spotter and recruiter in European football.

Campos was also waiting for an opportunity like this: after three years as di-



Kylian Mbappe

rector of football in Monaco and then another three at Lille, he's set to arrive in the French capital after a brief stint advising Celta Vigo.

Sources told ESPN that Campos would have likely joined Real Madrid – he spent a year as a scout for Real Madrid in 2012-13 – had Mbappe decided to go to the Bernabeu; instead, they are expected to be reunited in Paris.

One of the first tasks awaiting Campos will be to reshape this squad as the Ligue 1 champions desperately need money to come in. He will have to recruit cleverly, too, though Mbappe's decision to stay could change everything for some players on PSG's radar. Midfielder Aurelien Tchouameni, who is also being pursued by Real Madrid and Liverpool, is reportedly considering the Parisians' offer more seriously than he was before. Ousmane Dembele is out of contract in Barcelona this summer, and suddenly, the possibility of joining his great friend Mbappe in Paris is a very interesting proposition. Paul Pogba is in the same category, considering the chance to form something special with his France teammates closer to home.

Mbappe wants a more balanced squad than the current one given their inability to get it done in Europe, but does that mean that he wants Neymar out? The Brazilian is certainly under pressure. In Doha, they've not been satisfied by his performances this season, or by his lifestyle, either. But he signed an expensive new contract of his own last May, meaning he would be tough to move out.

Then there is the question of the manager. Sources told ESPN that it's increasingly likely Mauricio Pochettino will be sacked as PSG look to start this new chapter with someone else.

Beyond that, the list is long and varied: Julien Lopetegui, Marcelo Gallardo, Christophe Galtier, Joachim Low, Antonio Conte and Thiago Motta have all been discussed, with more candidates to be added. Zinedine Zidane, who didn't want to work with Leonardo either, is still the preferred choice, but the former Real Madrid manager will be hard to convince, especially after this battle with his own club over Mbappe.

The other main candidate at the moment is Ruben Amorim. The young Sporting Club de Portugal manager, 37, has done an incredible job in Lisbon winning the league last season and doing well in the Champions League. Luis Campos believes in him and wants him in Paris, though he has a release clause of €30m in Portugal.

The new few days will be crucial, but as part of his new deal, Mbappe will be a big part of the decision-making process. – Laurens

*Real Madrid's strategic error

Mbappe was supposed to be the foundation of Real Madrid's new sporting project. His pursuit has dictated the club's entire transfer strategy not just

this summer, but in previous years, too. Madrid's limited spending – Eduardo Camavinga is the only first-team player they've paid for since 2019 – was designed with Mbappe in mind, as their relative frugality gave Madrid the funds to make bids worth up to €200m for him last summer.

It also enabled the club to make what was, according to sources, an unprecedented offer to Mbappe this year. (Madrid balked at giving him input at the executive level but were fine with giving him 100% of his image rights and a significant salary: the club was ready to pay him around €130m as a signing bonus, plus a significant salary.)

Yet building an entire strategy on the belief that Mbappe would keep his word and resist PSG's pressure now looks like a glaring strategic error, and the timing is awful, too. The only comparable signing in terms of age, profile and projection, Erling Haaland, is also beyond their reach – for now, at least – at Manchester City. Madrid were keen on Haaland, but Mbappe was always their top priority. The Norway international could have been pursued more aggressively had the club known how the Mbappe saga would end.

The truth is that with the sting of Mbappe's rejection still fresh, even Real Madrid don't know exactly how they're going to react. But nobody doubts that they will react. Missing out on Mbappe is arguably more of a blow in terms of image and prestige than in footballing terms – Vinicius Junior's progression means a left-sided forward would not ordinarily be a priority – but headline-grabbing action will be needed to mitigate some of the damage done and seize the initiative again.

There are different approaches available to them: The club could look to land another elite player, even if they might not match Mbappe's star power, or divide the money that had been allocated to the Mbappe deal between a handful of relatively smaller signings to strengthen multiple areas of the team. Monaco's Tchouameni has been a midfield candidate, and the Mbappe money would help Madrid compete for his signature with Premier League rivals. (It might also be a chance to save face against PSG, who are also interested in the young midfielder.)

In attack, a string of names will be linked as Mbappe alternatives. Could Madrid revive their previous interest in Barcelona target Robert Lewandowski? How about Barca's out-of-contract winger Dembele? Or Liverpool's Mohamed Salah? Or Tottenham's Harry Kane? Right now, those names are merely speculative, as the club was focused solely on landing Mbappe. Once the Champions League final with Liverpool is out of the way, Madrid will get to work on planning for life without him. – Kirkland and Rodrigo Faez

Meanwhile, Kylian Mbappe said Paris Saint-Germain's "sporting project" rather than financial considerations convinced him to snub Real Madrid and sign a three-year contract extension with the French champions.

The forward, speaking at a news conference on Monday alongside PSG president Nasser Al-Khelaifi, also denied that his desire to exert a greater influence off the field had been a part of discussions, and left the door open to a possible departure in 2025.

PSG announced Saturday – ahead of their last game of the season against Metz at the Parc des Princes – that Mbappe would be signing a new deal, bringing an end to one of the most high-profile transfer sagas of recent years.

"Everybody knows I wanted to leave last year. But things are different now, in sporting terms and personally," Mbappe said. "Leaving my country wasn't the right thing. There's a sentimental aspect to this, and the sporting project has changed as well. ... We spoke for months about the sporting project, and we spoke about money for just a few minutes."

On Saturday, sources told ESPN that the 23-year-old had personally contacted Madrid president Florentino Perez to reveal his U-turn after days of uncertainty around his future.

"I made my decision last week," Mbappe said. "I spoke to Florentino Perez. I have a lot of respect for him and for Real Madrid. They did everything to bring me there and make me happy, so I thank them for that."

Mbappe has been a long-term Madrid target, coming close to joining the club several times, including last summer, when they made a series of bids worth up to €200 million, hoping to take advantage of his contractual situation.

Madrid stayed in touch with Mbappe's camp throughout this season and believed they had the player's word that he would join them when his contract expired on June 30.

The forward denied that PSG offered him the club captaincy – as well as input on transfer policy and other key decisions – to persuade him to stay in Paris.

"I'm not going to go beyond my role as a player," he added. "You don't need special responsibility to be involved in this project. There's a captain at this club, Marquinhos, and I'm not looking to take over from him. I don't need to be captain to give my point of view."

Mbappe – who was born and grew up in Paris – has been at PSG for five years, becoming the club's second-highest scorer of all time with 171 goals, including a hat-trick in Saturday's 5-0 win over Metz.

However, when asked Monday whether he expected to remain at the club beyond 2025, Mbappe refused to rule out a move away.

"Something I've learnt in football is you should look ahead, but not too far ahead," he said. "A year ago I didn't think I'd be sitting here, and now I've signed a new contract. ... I'm focusing on this new project. I don't know what will happen in the future. I don't know where I'll be in three years."

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Yanga's midfielder, Salum Abubakar 'Sure Boy'.

Yanga opted to rest key players targeting ASFC semi-final, says Kaze

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA resorted to resting several key players when the club came up against Mara's Biashara United in this season's NBC Premier League tie that was played in Mwanza on Monday.

Cedric Kaze, Yanga's assistant coach, admitted that this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) last four's clash against Simba SC is one of the reasons for the decision.

Kaze said the footballers were further given a rest after the side's technical bench felt that they were not ready to give the team good results against Biashara United and implement the squad's plans.

Yanga failed to get three points in the clash against Biashara United that was played at CCM Kirumba Stadium, as the clash ended in a 1-1 draw.

Some first-team players including Djigui Diarra, Yanick Bangala, and Salum Abubakar were rested and watched the Monday match in the stands.

Right fullback Kibwana Shomari was also not included in the squad while midfielder Khalid Aucho and winger Said Ntibazonkiza started on the bench.

Aucho hardly took part in the clash whilst Ntibazonkiza was a second-half substitute.

Kaze said in an interview that one of the reasons for resting the players was the ASFC semi-final match against Simba SC.

Simba SC also rested some of the players when the club took on Geita Gold FC in an NBC Premier League clash that took place in Mwanza last weekend.

The footballers are, among others, defender Henock Inonga and keeper Aishi Manula.

Kaze noted: "We played on Friday (against Mbeya Kwanza FC), today is Monday, a player's body should be scientifically restored after 72 hours (three days).

"But we also can't hide behind that, we want to go to the Federation Cup final so that's what we are focusing on but a big part is a recovery," Kaze added.

COSAFA Cup is perfect preparation for September AFCON qualifiers

CAPE TOWN

THE timing of this year's Council of Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAFA) Cup which will be staged in Durban, South Africa from July 5-17 is perfect for the region's coaches to cast their net far and wide ahead of the round of Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers that will be played in September.

Twelve of the 14 members of COSAFA are involved in the group stages of the continental qualifiers, and each will be dreaming of a place at the finals in Côte d'Ivoire next June and July.

The action gets underway with the first two rounds in June before the next two fixtures are played in September, ahead of a final round of games in March 2023.

So the positioning of the COSAFA Cup is perfect for the region's coaches to take stock after their opening two games, and perhaps either try different combinations or work to solidify those that are already in place.

It is an opportunity to look at new players and form cohesion within the group ahead of what will be a crucial set of games for all teams in September.

South Africa is the perfect example of a team that did just this last year in quite unusual circumstances.

A raft of COVID-19 infections just ahead of the 2021 COSAFA Cup in Gqeberha meant they were forced to change their squad quite substantially in the days leading up to the tournament.

But many of the players who featured as the side went on to lift the title and went on to cement places in the campaign for the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers, where Bafana Bafana was one goal away from reaching the third round.

There will be many players this year across all teams hoping to be selected so they can impress and push for a place in the squad for the qualifiers.

For teams to reach the semi-finals in Durban, it could mean as much as three weeks in camp, which is invaluable for coaches, who usually have very little time to work with players in international football.

There will also be the chance for some scouting - quite incredibly Group H in the AFCON qualifiers contains three COSAFA sides, namely Zambia, Comoros Islands, and Lesotho.

There is every chance they may meet in Durban too, giving each other an early look at what to expect.

Lesotho and Zambia will meet in back-to-back AFCON qualifiers in the September window.

Other COSAFA sides paired together in the qualifiers are Angola and Madagascar in Group E, while South Africa will no longer face old foes Zimbabwe after the latter was ousted from the preliminaries due to their FIFA suspension.

AGENCIES

TFF to lodge complaints to CAF concerning unfair treatment of Serengeti Girls



Tanzania's Serengeti Girls footballers jubilate after the squad had posted a goal in a 2022 African U-17 Women's World Cup qualifying showdown clash against Cameroon that was held in Yaoundé on May 22. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THE Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has lodged a complaint with the Confederation of African Football (CAF) against the unfair treatment of the Tanzania U-17 girls' team, Serengeti Girls, before African U-17 Women's World Cup qualifying tournament's fourth-round tie between the squad and Cameroon played in Yaoundé last weekend.

Serengeti Girls garnered a resounding 4-1 victory over their opponents to gain an upper hand ahead of the rematch which is expected to take place at Amaan Stadium in Zanzibar on June 5.

Some Tanzania players were forced to show their bodies to Cameroon football officials before the second half to prove their gender.

Cameroon's U-17 women's side technical bench's officials and some officials of the country's football federation (FECAFOOT) had suspected Serengeti Girls had fielded a few boys in the playing squad.

The officials went to the stadium and forced the suspected players to show their bodies to prove their gender.

Wilfred Kidao, TFF Secretary-General, said the incident was a manifestation of discrimination and humiliation that could not be ignored.

Kidao said for a long time Tanzania has been subjected to indecent acts in sports but it had neglected them, noting it is now time to take action.

"We have submitted our grievances and we believe strong disciplinary action will be taken against Cameroon," Kidao said.

The commissioner of the game, Jackline Ndirumukando, said she had submitted a report explaining the incident.

"I refused to let them go to the stadium, but they forced me, they interfered with my work so I made a statement," she said.

Serengeti Girls' skipper, Noela Patrick, condemned the incident and called on the aggrieved players to calm down as the TFF takes action.

Noela said the event would not lower their morale to win the rematch at home.

This is not the first time Tanzanian teams have been subjected to inhumane treatment in major tournaments.

In African U-17 Women's World Cup qualifying showdown's second and third rounds, Serengeti Girls bundled out Botswana and Burundi respectively.

Serengeti Girls handed Botswana a humiliating 11-0 aggregate loss in the second round.

In the first leg that took place at Amaan Stadium on March 6, Serengeti Girls hammered Botswana 7-0.

The second leg clash which was played in Francistown on March 20 had Serengeti Girls having an upper hand and ultimately cruising to a 4-0 win over Botswana.

Burundi U-17 women's squad was Serengeti Girls' victim in the third round ties. The first leg that took place in Ngozi ended with Serengeti Girls commanding a 4-0 win.

The second leg that took place in Zanzibar had the Burundi U-17 women's squad proving a hard nut to crack and ultimately posted a 2-1 win over the opponents.

It nevertheless could not guarantee Burundi U-17 women's team progression to the fourth round because Serengeti Girls notched a 5-2 aggregate victory.

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Flexibles by David Chikoko



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