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World Bank passes 1.5trn/- soft loan for early learning, land tenure uplift

By Henry Mwangonde

AN agreement for a World Bank concessional loan amounting to US \$650m (1.5trn/-) to support learning in primary schools and improving land tenure systems was signed with the government in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Emmanuel Tutuba, the Treasury permanent secretary said at the signing ceremony that about \$500m is intended for the primary student learning project while \$150m will be used to implement the land tenure improvement project (LTIP).

The projects under the agreements are in line with the third national five-year development plan from 2021/22 to 2025/26, whose successful implementation will result in enormous impact in the education sector, including rolling out

information and communication technology (ICT) packages to 800 hub schools, he said.

In the land tenure improvement project, the objective is to strengthen the national land administration system and increase tenure security in selected Areas for both men and women, he explained, underlining that the project will enhance tenure security to 40 selected districts by the issuance of certificates of customary right of occupancy (CCROs), certificates of a right of occupancy (CROs) and residential licenses, among others facilitating forms of documentation.

The signed loan agreements add into the existing World Bank portfolio for national projects to US \$6.15bn, while the lender and the government are at present working to finalise

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Finance and Planning ministry permanent secretary Emmanuel Tutuba (R) and the World Bank's Country Director in Tanzania, Mara Warwick, pictured in Dodoma city yesterday exchanging documents on two soft loan agreements they had just signed. The 1.501trn/- involved will be directed into the improvement of primary school education and a project meant to strengthen land tenure security in the country. Photo courtesy of Finance ministry



TARI lectures farmers as worms ravage 5000 acres of rice, maize

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

SWARMS of armyworms have destroyed about 5000 acres of rice and 228 acres of maize in Kilombero district, Morogoro Region, causing massive losses to farmers.

Dr Kigonza Bilalo, director of TARI-Katrin at Ifakara in the region said yesterday that a team of researchers from the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute visited the affected areas to explain to farmers how to control the swarms of destructive pests.

Speaking to affected farmers, he said there are specific insect types for breeding to release in farms as they feed on armyworms, urging farmers to always seek experts' advice before using such insects

Farms of around 4,976 acres of rice in Kilombero were more or less destroyed

by the fall armyworms, he affirmed, stating that experts have been deployed to assist farmers on preventive measures to take in order to hinder the pests from invading more farms

"Unfortunately, some of the farmers have been rushing to the shops to purchase pesticides without seeking advice from extension officers, and this hasn't helped them as the worms have continued to increase," he affirmed.

Farmers need to take precautions whenever they notice grasshopper related pests starting to appear on their farms, as preventive measures help to avoid causing vast harm to crops, he elaborated.

Hussein Mohamed, a farmer at Kilima village, said this was the first time he experiences an invasion of pests since he entered into rice farming in the 1970s.

Kilombero district commissioner Hanji Godigodi said the fall armyworms were seen in 12 wards within Ifakara town council zone but seven wards were severely affected, listing them as Lumemo, Msolwa Station, Kiberege, Mang'ula, Mbasa, Kibaoni and Ifakara.

Skipping the insect control method, he said the government has already delivered 90 litres of pesticides to fight the invading armyworms, with the consignment distributed to farmers who had not been

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Ministry, EU in beekeeping value chain project roll-out

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government yesterday launched a 27.6bn/- funded by the European Union (EU) which will beekeeping value chain project be implemented in five regions in the mainland and two in Zanzibar.

Mary Masanja, the deputy minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, said at the launch yesterday that the ministry greatly appreciates that the EU approved the project, showing readiness to fund it.

Production in the beekeeping sub-sector is still low compared to available capacity, she said, noting that the government has put in place various strategies to improve production, with the BEVAC project one among government efforts to improve beekeeping via cooperation with different stakeholders.

The project's stated objective is to enhance the management of natural resources, including forests and the wider ecosystem, with the project, the Tanzania Beekeeping Value Chain Support



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(BEVAC), set to improve the beekeeping value chain.

It targets enhanced quality production and value addition of bee products, aside from strengthening trade and market access at local, regional and international levels, with intervention areas identified as Tabora, Kigoma, Katavi, Singida and Shinyanga regions, as well as Pemba North and Pemba South regions.

Project implementation stretches from 2021 to 2024 with the overall objective of ensuring quality honey produced in an environmentally sustainable manner, thus facilitating increased market penetration, she stated.

Intended outputs of the project include ensuring institutional capacity and an enabling environment for beekeeping value chain actors, that it is strengthened while enhancing women's engagement in the business value chain, she further noted.

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Tanga port expansion not on schedule - MPs

By Guardian Reporter

MEMBERS of the Standing Committee on Infrastructure Parliamentary have lauded the government for providing the funds to upgrade the port of Tanga to international standards, but expressed worries on the pace of construction work.

Selemani Kakoso (pictured), the committee chairman, issues a summation of what the committee saw at the weekend after an inspection tour to view expansion work. He



asked the Tanzania Ports

Authority (TPA) to work to upscale cargo volumes handled by the port for the region's prosperity, once the project is completed.

"It is our hope that when the expansion project is completed, the volume of cargo handled by the port will increase and revitalize Tanga Region's dormant economic activities," he said.

The Ministry of Works and Transport through the national port ought to need to closely supervise the contractor, China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC), to complete the project on time and to agreed standards, he emphasised.

"The contractor has assured us that the project will be completed by early May but I do not trust that it will be completed at that time due to the unsatisfactory work pace," he said.

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able to purchasing the input in shops. The district authorities were also liaising with the Ministry of Agriculture to obtain permits for another 1500 litres of pesticides for distribution in

other areas, he stated.

Hoff Mwakaje, an Ifakara extension officer, said authorities were conducting visits to affected farmers to issue instructions on precautions in handling the destructive pests.

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frameworks as well as developing regional strategic plans for upgrading the value chain in specific areas will be part of the thrust of the project, while the other output is improving capacities of beekeeping value chain actors, such as the management of bee reserves and beehive apiaries.

Capacity building of selected beekeeping groups and cooperatives, and improved aggregation system and supply chain to processors and processing centres performance enhancement goals are also envisaged.

The final output is market access and strengthening the trading of bee products, ensuring business support organizations and associated sectors are enabled to take up business interests, trade policies, including erasing regional non-tariff barriers and boosting international market pursuits.

At the launch of the project, the European Union head of delegation acknowledged that the beekeeping sector in Tanzania has experienced accelerated growth in recent years following a series of donor-backed government initiatives.

Experts affirm that the demand for honey and beeswax exceeds available supply, against a background of high global demand expected to grow even further, he stated, noting that there is a huge area of forest and woodlands in Tanzania that is ideal for developing the beekeeping industry.

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by providing alternative income sources in climate-vulnerable areas, he stated.

Honey produced in Tanzania is generally considered to be of low quality and production varies across seasons due to variations in rainfall distribution, while the quality and quantity of the supply of raw honey to aggregators and processors have many challenges he pointed out.

Most processing units are performing poorly and are highly underutilized due to lack of business skills, aggregation capital and inadequate equipment and infrastructure, he further asserted, acknowledged that cases of well-performing supply chains linked to privately-owned processing units exist.

They have effective quality control and management systems which make them competitive for export markets such as the European Union and the United States, he remarked, noting that EU countries produce only 60 percent of their honey demand.

"The remaining part is supplied by Ukraine and China," he said, elaborating that through bilateral cooperation between Tanzania and EU, the country can access that market especially when quality preconditions exist.

"This is a good example of quality cooperation between EU and the government of Tanzania and we are happy for its launch," he told the gathering, underlining that the project is part of Tanzania Forest Services management in partnership with the International Trade Centre, working with the Belgian development agency (ENABEL).

'More transparency on hidden and distressed debts can reduce global financial risks, support recovery'

By Guardian Reporter

DEVELOPING countries face growing risks from financial fragility created by the COVID-19 crisis and non-transparent debt, according to a new World Bank Development Report 2022.

As rising inflation and interest rate increases pose further challenges to recovery, developing countries need to focus on creating healthier financial sectors.

World Bank Group President David Malpass said: "The risk is that the economic crisis of inflation and higher interest rates will spread due to financial fragility. Tighter global financial conditions and shallow domestic debt markets in many developing countries are crowding out private investment and dampening the recovery."

Malpass said it is critical to work toward broad-based access to credit and growth-oriented capital allocation to enable smaller and more dynamic firms - and sectors with higher growth potential - to invest and create jobs.

Carmen Reinhart, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of the World Bank Group said: "Prior to crises, it's often the things that you don't see that ultimately get you. There is reason to expect that much vulnerability remain hidden. It's time to prioritize early, tailored action to support a healthy financial system that can provide the credit growth needed to fuel recovery. If we don't, it is the most vulnerable that would be hit hardest."

According to the report, high levels of non-performing loans and hidden debt impair access to credit, and disproportionately reduce access to finance for low-income households and small businesses.

The global public health crisis triggered by COVID-19 quickly turned into the largest global economic crisis in more than a century, resulting in major setbacks to growth, increased poverty rates, and widened inequality.

In response, governments initiated large and unprecedented emergency support measures, which helped

mitigate some of the worst social and economic impacts, and increased sovereign debt levels - already at record highs in many countries before the crisis.

The response also exposed several challenges with private debt that now need to be urgently addressed - including a lack of transparency in reporting non-performing loans, delayed management of distressed assets, and tighter or no access to credit for the most vulnerable households and businesses.

The report highlights several priority areas for action, including early detection of financial risks. Since few countries have the fiscal space and capacity to address all challenges simultaneously, it outlines how countries can prioritize resources depending on their context.

Surveys of businesses in developing countries during the pandemic found that 46 percent expected to fall into arrears.

Loan defaults could now sharply increase, and private debt could quickly become public debt, as governments provide support. Despite the severe contraction in incomes and business revenues resulting from the crisis, the share of non-performing loans remains largely impacted and below expectations.

In low-income countries, dramatically increased levels of sovereign debt need to be proactively managed in an orderly and timely manner.

The historical track record shows that delays in addressing sovereign debt distress are associated with protracted recessions, high inflation, and fewer resources going to essential sectors like health, education, and social safety nets, with a disproportionate impact on the poor.

In low-and-middle income countries, 50 percent of households are unable to sustain basic consumption beyond 3 months. The average business reports that they only have cash reserves to cover two months of expenses.



Former Prime Minister John Malecela (R, foreground) pays his last respects to his daughter Dr Mwele Ntuli Malecela after a requiem mass held in Dodoma city yesterday. Until her recent death in Geneva, she was the Director of the World Health Organisation's Geneva-based Department of the Control of Non-Priority Tropical Diseases. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

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another set of pipeline projects, he affirmed.

The latter will draw resources from the balanced allocation of the International Development Association (IDA) 19th lending cycle targeting relatively poor countries, likely to secure additional resources from the main World Bank portfolio (IBRD) if IDA allocation will not be sufficient, he elaborated.

Mara Warwick, the country director for Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe said that it is encouraging to note that primary

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school enrollment in Tanzania rose by more than 2.5m since 2013, with the country now having 12.3m students attending pre-primary and primary school classes.

The education sector is still constrained by inequitable access to early learning and primary education for rural, marginalized and vulnerable groups, inadequate school

learning environments exacerbated by declining financing and a higher population, shortage of teachers and considerable incompetence in teaching and knowledge imparting skills, she declared.

"The project will provide results-based financing to catalyse reforms and interventions aimed at improving the public-school learning environment,

improving teacher competencies and the quality of classrooms," she asserted.

The overall goal is to ensure an education system that supports all children, including the most marginalized, to enroll early, develop strong foundation skills and complete a quality education cycle, the director added.



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan (L), pictured in Dodoma city last week presenting to Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe a handout on a recent marketing survey on Tanzania's agriculture. They later held talks on ways to enhance and diversify the two countries' cooperation in various aspects of the sector. Photo courtesy of Indian High Commission

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underlining the need for close supervision of the project.

Atupele Mwakibete, the deputy minister (Transport), assured the committee that the ministry will make sure the port expansion project is completed on time, and at standards reflecting its monetary value.

Karim Mataka, the TPA acting director general,

affirmed that recommendations given by the committee will be taken up and intensely pursued.

The port expansion project is billed to cost 400bn/- wholly arising from budgetary funds, involving the construction of two 450 meter berths, purchase of hoisting to serve ships, refurbishing cargo warehouses and increasing the depth at the berths, he added.

Kyela farmers get 30,000 modern oil palm seedlings

By Guardian Correspondent, Kyela

FARMERS in Kyela District, Mbeya Region have been provided with 30,000 modern oil palm seedlings to produce palm oil, with the aim of reducing poverty and alleviating edible oil shortage in the country.

80 per cent of Kyela farmers depend on farming for their livelihoods and among crops they depend on most is rice for food, and cocoa and oil palm as cash crops.

Due to the crops' importance, currently grown below required levels, the government, through Kyela District Council have started growing modern oil palm seedlings and provided to farmers free of charge while extension officer provide education on the cultivation of the crop.

For start, the Council has provided 30,000 seedlings which should be grown through modern farming practices that will yield big harvests.

Ndimagwe Mwanunyanze, a resident of Njia Panda Kapwili, praised the Council for the step but said the old palm oil trees should be improved due to their importance because, he said, the modern ones cannot provide the component able to make soap.

He said oil from old oil palm trees is refined to get palm oil (mawese) while their kernels (mbosa) is used to make soap.

Mwanunyanze added that palm oil cultivation provides employment to youth, especially women whom have formed groups to make soap hence it would be better for the old oil palm trees to be improved, and not ignored.

Speaking to this paper yesterday, the district agriculture officer, Kennedy Nzirano said the Council's aim is to make sure farmers abandon old farming practices for modern farming and that is why they have started growing modern oil palm seedlings for free distribution to them.



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Barrick corporate manager Neema Ndossi (2nd-R, foreground) briefs South Sudan's Energy and Minerals minister, Martin Gama Abucho (3rd-L), on the goldmine's operations when the latter's visiting delegation toured the firm's pavilion on the sidelines of the International Minerals and Mining Investment Conference held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Right is Barrick corporate affairs coordinator Abela Mutiganzi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt hails WCF on job well done

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Employment, Labour, Youth and Disabled, Patrobas Katambi has applauded the Workers Compensation Fund (WCF) for the good work that among others, reduction of employers' contributions to the funds.

WCF has reduced the rate for contributions by employers' from 1 per cent to 0.6 per cent in efforts to help workers who are exposed to hazards in the course of implementing their duties.

He also insisted that the decision to donate computers to the Public Service Commission was in line with supporting President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts in helping all workers in the country.

At the event, PSC Secretary, Mathew Kirama said the goal of his commission was to provide timely services for all and that the slogan of his institution was: 'Prevention is better than cure', meaning all workers should exercise their safety while at work.

"The computers we have received will help us to ensure all public servants are getting all the required services online and on time," he said.

The Deputy Minister was speaking just a few minutes after handling over several computers to the Public Service Commission (PSC), which aimed at helping all public servants from across the country to file their queries electronically without being forced to travel to the country's headquarters.

"WCF is doing commendable job for intensifying the good collaboration with the government institutions especially in matters that need technology in filing all complaints," said Katambi, adding that the management is seriously committed to serve Tanzanians.

The reduction on the employers' luggage from 1 to 0.6 percent, the deputy minister said, was one of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts in ensuring that workers were benefiting for their rights.

Speaking at the occasion, WCF director general, Dr John Mduma said that the fund was full committed to ensuring that all employers were comfortable during the implementation of their duties as well as ensuring that they were getting their packages once they are accidentally injured at their places of work.

Dr Mduma further said that WCF was still strong despite the implementation of the much touted blue print under the office of the prime minister.

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March to May 2022 forecast points to higher chances of strong rainy season

By Guardian Reporter

THE IGAD'S Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) have announced that heavy rains could fall over East Africa in the next three months.

Southern to central parts of the region have the highest chances of receiving more rain than normally at this time of year, particularly southern, central and northern Tanzania, eastern Uganda, northern Burundi, eastern Rwanda, southern and western Kenya, eastern South Sudan, western Ethiopia, a few localities in southern and south-eastern Ethiopia, and southern and northern Somalia.

However, western South Sudan, and central and north-eastern Ethiopia are likely to receive less rain than usual.

ICPAC estimates that high temperatures could be recorded in southern Tanzania, most of Kenya, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea, and

northern Sudan.

The March to May (MAM) season constitutes an important rainfall season, particularly in the equatorial parts of the region where it contributes up to 70 per cent of the total annual rainfall.

Dr Guleid Artan, ICPAC Director said: "It is important to note that global climate models have low skill in predicting the MAM season, and stakeholders should prepare for the worst. Given that we have experienced below average rainfall in the past three seasons, a wetter than normal season doesn't mean that the region will immediately recover from the impacts of drought, especially in the eastern parts of the Horn. This is why I urge all to consult our weekly and monthly forecasts as they have a much higher degree of predictability."

IGAD's Executive Secretary, Dr Workneh Gebeyehu stated: "Beyond immediate humanitarian assistance, there is urgent need for regional and international cooperation to support national efforts to build community resilience through investing in sustainable development as the most effective approach to managing recurrent drought."

In the region's worst hit by drought, the current trends are comparable to those observed during the 2010-2011 famine and 2016-2017 drought emergencies.

The Food Security and Nutrition Working Group co-chaired by IGAD and FAO, estimates that 12 to 14 million people are currently highly food insecure in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia.

Looking ahead, it is likely that the situation in the affected areas will intensify through the transition period to 2022 March-May (MAM) rainfall season - this is being closely monitored and reported in ICPAC's Drought Situation Updates. Beyond this point, the situation will be informed by the season's performance.

However, considering the high livestock off take and deaths reported so far and that the MAM harvests start around August, it is worth noting that any positive impacts will be realized much later.

IGAD urged governments of Member States to step-up investments in drought resilience-enhancing interventions especially IDDRSI, and adopt innovative drought risk management approaches including activation of a forecast based

anticipatory actions.

ICPAC is a designated Regional Climate Centre by the World Meteorological Organization. Its seasonal forecast is based on an analysis of several global climate model predictions customized for East Africa.

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When Barrick took over the management of the North Mara, Bulyanhulu and Buzwagi gold mines in 2019, it swiftly revived these long-dormant operations in a new partnership with the Tanzanian government. By the end of 2020 they had paid dividends of \$250 million as well as the first tranche of a \$300 million settlement with the government. Barrick also invested \$1.8 billion in the country's economy, spent \$6.7 million on community development and recruited 600 new local employees, with Tanzanian nationals now making up 96% of the mines' workforce.

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MPs urged to push govt to amend Marriage Act

By **Getrude Mbago**

MEMBERS of Parliament have been urged to help push the agenda to amend the Marriage Act, 1971 so as to fight child marriage, which has been affecting a number of young girls from achieving their dreams.

Tanzania's Marriage Act of 1971 sets the minimum marriage age for girls at 15 with parental consent and 18 for boys.

Rebecca Gyumi, executive director of Msichana said in a bid to end child marriage in the country, the law should be amended specifically sections 13 and 17 which provides for girls to be married before the age of 18.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Gyumi said by continuing remaining mum on the laws, a number of young girls also fall into the traps which kill their dreams with others taking difficult decisions of killing themselves.

She said the organization condemns the recent action taken by one of the young girls known as Rebeca Benjamin (17) a resident of Izunya ward in Nyang'wale district, Geita region who recently hanged herself to death due to stress caused by challenges of being marriage at a young age.

"Rebecca committed suicide using a rope. The young girl was complaining why she was getting divorced whenever she got married and she was already being divorced three times," stated a report issued by the Geita Regional Police Commander (RPC) Henry Mwaibambe.

Gyumi said the organisation condemns the act and calls on the government and stakeholders to take immediate action so as to rescue lives of other young girls who have also fallen into the trap of adolescence marriage.

"We recognize the power that MPs have and we are sure that through them, we can make changes in the law, child marriage poses several health risks to the girls. Statistics show that three out of five girls are married before 18 years," she said.

Gyumi also said the organisation recognizes that for change to take place, the community must be able to join forces with the government in preventing child marriage as well as taking action against those who practice such marriages.

In a landmark 2016 decision, the High Court ruled the provisions were unconstitutional, and directed the government to uplift the legal age of marriage to 18 years for both girls and boys.

This ruling followed a legal challenge by the Msichana Initiative, an organisation advocating for girls' right to education in Tanzania.

Their petition argued that the Marriage Act violated girls' fundamental rights to equality, dignity, and access to education, and contravened Tanzania's Law of the Child Act.

The government appealed against the High Court decision, but the Court of Appeal upheld the 2016 High Court ruling.

With two out of five girls being married off before their 18th birthday, Tanzania has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world, according to UN estimates.

According to Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey (TDHS) data from 2015- 2016, Shinyanga region leads by 59 per cent of the total challenge followed by Tabora 58 per cent, Mara 55 per cent, and Dodoma region which has 51 per cent and Lindi region 48 per cent from the big five leading regions.



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Dr Kigonza Bilalo (C, gesturing), Director of the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute centre at based at Ifakara in Morogoro Region, pictured at the weekend explaining to farmers from Kilama village how to fight off invasions by armyworms. Photo: Correspondent Ashton Balaigwa

Dr Mwinyi directs ministry to equip Kidimni health centre

By **Guardian Reporter**

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has directed the Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Elderly, Gender and Children to ensure that Kidimni health centre is equipped with manpower and equipment to facilitate provision of quality health services.

Dr Mwinyi made the call yesterday during the launch of the newly constructed Kidimni Health Centre in Kusini Unguja Region.

He said completion of the health centre makes the government more responsible for ensuring that there are professionals and required staff, which include providing the centre with enough medical equipment and medicines.

The Isles's President said the opening of the centre also gives huge relief to the residents who have been grappling to access quality health services for years.

"Some of the services offered at the centre will not be available in other

nearest health facilities, especially for diagnostic services, so the centre will be receiving more people from different areas and service providers have to be ready for this," he said.

Dr Mwinyi said the government will continue taking measures to strengthen the provision of health services saying that its commitment was to work with development partners in strengthening infrastructure, access to specialists, medicine and medical equipment.

To achieve this goal, the government is ongoing with the construction of hospitals in ten districts in Unguja and Pemba, where in Central District the hospital will be built at Mwera Pongwe area, while the Southern District will be built at the Kitogani area.

"Apart from the hospitals, we are continuing with the commitment to build a referral hospital which will also serve as a Medical Training College in Bunguni, South Unguja region," he explained.

He recommended support from various

development partners including non-governmental organizations as well as religious institutions for supporting the government in facilitating and strengthening access to health services in the country.

"I would like to thank our friends from the Good People organization of South Korea and the NOAH Development Association as well as wananchi for working together to support construction of Kidimni health facility," he added.

Meanwhile, Dr Mwinyi wanted the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training and the Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Elderly, Gender and Children to announce job opportunities, saying that the priority should be for those who were volunteers in various areas.

He said the government is now working to issue employment opportunities in the health sector as it wants the important sector to have enough workforce especially with the ongoing construction of health centres

and hospitals.

Nassor Ahmed Mazrui, Minister for Health, Social Welfare, Elderly, Gender and Children said the construction of the health centre was a great success and will improve access to health services among residents in the areas.

Unguja South regional commissioner Hadid Rashid Hadid commended the NOAH community for being in the forefront to support development initiatives in the region.

He said the community has helped in the construction of Kidimni school as well as providing supportive equipment for the district and regional offices as well as supporting persons with disabilities (PwDs).

Earlier, Korean ambassador to Tanzania Kim Sun Pyo said his country will continue cooperating with Tanzania and the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar in various aspects to push for development.

Permanent secretary, Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Elderly, Gender and Children Fatma Mrisho commended the NOAH association and the Good People organisation for extending their support to construct the health centre which upon its completion, it will cost total of 355.6m/-.



TANZANIA ZAMBIA RAILWAY AUTHORITY
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JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) is a Statutory Institution owned by the two Governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia on a 50/50 share holding basis, with its registered head Office being in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The Authority has two Regional Administrative Centres, one in Mpika, Zambia and the other in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Applications are invited from suitably qualified Tanzanians to fill the vacant position of:

Job Title	: Senior Civil Engineer
Salary Scale	: TSG 12
Reporting to	: Regional Civil Engineer (T)
Location	: Regional office, Dar es salaam
Number of post	: Two (2) post

JOB PURPOSE

The Senior Civil Engineer will be responsible to plan, initiate, co-ordinate and control all civil engineering works pertaining to the construction and maintenance of track, bridges, utility buildings, feeder roads, water supply and houses with a view to meet TAZARA objectives.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Obtain instructions from superior related to overall regional maintenance and repairs on permanent way interrelates with current activities with a view of streamlining plans for same.
2. Prepares own regional maintenance and repair plans of the permanent way, bridges and tunnels, side line structure as submitted by the districts with a view of establishing regional plans for smooth execution.
3. Provide technical advice to subordinates and contractors with a view of ensuring to standard specifications and achieve desired objective.
4. Monitors fulfillment of the overall maintenance repair plans in the approved and emergency levels with a view of controlling these activities to the acceptable financial and material support.
5. Carry out joint periodical inspections with district to assess to find out track defects and the quality of will done by the maintenance units/gangs to ensure that overall technical state of the permanent way in the region is achieved.

6. Prepare periodical technical reports regarding the state of the permanent way with a new of appraising superior on same in order to harness support for rectification of defects and improve condition of track for operational requirements.
7. Participate in the investigation of the causes of the services

train accidents and arrange for the materials tools and equipment for expeditions disposal of the accident and immediate restoration of smooth and safe track operationally.

8. Initiates preparation of budgetary plans for consolidation with a new of highlighting operational problems related to track so that overall management budget attached priority and support to maintenance and repair activities of the track for smooth and safe operations.

CORE COMPETENCIES

1. Goal-oriented and able to work independently to achieve results, as well as able to collaborate with a diverse team.
2. Able to write analytical and technical reports
3. Strong interpersonal, communication and leadership skills
4. Ability to manage and prioritize tasks and projects
5. Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

1. Form IV/VI Certificate
2. Bachelor's degree in Civil/Infrastructural Engineering or equivalent from a reputable University
3. Six (06) years relevant experience as engineer, two (2) of which should be at Senior Engineer level
4. Not more than 45 years of age
5. Post graduate work experience at senior level, will be an added advantage;
6. Registered Member of the Engineers registration board (ERB) as professional engineer in Tanzania.

MODE OF APPLICATION

Only candidates who meet the specified requirement need to apply to the address indicated below, enclosing their detailed curriculum vitae, certified copies of educational certificates, names and address of three traceable reference.

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Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority
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JOB OPPORTUNITY

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified Tanzanians to fill the vacant position of:

Job Title	: Senior Technician Civil
Salary Scale	: TSG 10
Reporting to	: Senior Civil Engineer (T)
Location	: Dar es Salaam and Mbeya
Number of Post	: Two (2) post

JOB PURPOSE

The Senior Technician Civil will be responsible to supervise construction projects at sites including dams, roads, buildings etc, giving technical advice and ensuring that work is done within the required specifications and agreed time.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Prepares bills of quantities and sometimes diagrams and submits same to superior for approval and agreement with consultants of the project.
2. Prepares work schedules to show the activities to be done, number of people and other resources required and duration of the project.
3. Mobilizes all the necessary resources, ensuring that they are sufficient to last up to the completion of the project.
4. Mobilizes all the necessary resources, ensuring that they are sufficient to last up to the completion of the project.
5. Discusses and resolves issues affecting the smooth progress of the project with consultants and workers so that the quality and progress of work are maintained.
6. Prepares project progress reports on actual work being done, materials used or required, problems that may

- cause delays etc and submits same to superior.
7. Carries out any other duties directly related to the construction and maintenance of buildings, water supply systems etc.

CORE COMPETENCIES

1. Goal-oriented and able to work independently to achieve results, as well as able to collaborate with a diverse team.
2. Able to write analytical and technical reports
3. Strong interpersonal, communication and leadership skills
4. Ability to manage and prioritize tasks and projects
5. Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

1. Form IV/VI Certificate
2. Diploma in Civil Engineering, Building / Construction/Infrastructure or its equivalent from a reputable College or University/Full Technician Certificate
3. Three (3) years relevant work experience
4. Not more than 45 years of age
5. Post graduate works at Technologist level, will be an added advantage;
6. Registered Member of the engineering registration board (ERB) in Tanzania.

MODE OF APPLICATION

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The Regional General Manager (T)
Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority
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Tanzania Ports Authority deputy director general Karim Mattaka (2nd-R) briefs members of the Parliamentary Infrastructure Committee who toured the port at the weekend led by their chairman, Selemani Kakoso, on how flow meters work. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Morogoro DC calls for active community engagement in water sources preservation

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

AUTHORITIES in Morogoro District have suggested the need of involving local communities to protect water sources on the slopes of Uluguru Mountains—a ridge running roughly north-south and rising to 2,630 metres altitude at its highest point.

On the main Uluguru range, 50 villages touch the forest boundary and over 151,000 people are found within the mountain area, often at increasing densities at higher altitudes up to the forest boundary.

District administrative secretary (DAS) Ruth John made the call over the weekend after touring the Mlimani Ward, whose residents do agricultural activities within 20 meters from rivers that flow to Mindu Dam, the main supplier of water services in Morogoro municipality.

She said the municipal council has to design inclusive techniques that will involve smallholder farmers and other water users to enable Morogoro Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (MOROWSSA) to provide equal water

services to thousands of people living in Morogoro Municipality.

"In my tour in the Mlimani Ward discovered that people in the area do farming in unfriendly ways which has a negative impact on rivers that pour water into Mindu Dam. This is unfair. We need to educate people on how to conserve water sources," the DAS said.

According to her, his office in collaboration with ward councillors will sit down and come up with by-laws that will be applicable to anyone who will be found running agricultural activities in an unfriendly manner.

She however said that planting trees alone does not have to be associated with a serious decision to make our dream true before 2025.

MORUWASA's business manager, Lyang'onjo Kiguhe said agricultural activities conducted during the dry season have a negative effect during rainfall season for example in siltation in the Mindu dam, a situation that hinders water purification.

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Family of deceased journo paid 15m/- compensation from insurance company

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

FAMILIES of three journalists who recently died in a road accident in Mwanza have been paid a total of 15m/- consolation money.

The money was given here yesterday by Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) in collaboration with Alliance Life Insurance given to the deceased families.

During their lives the journalists were members of disasters insurance group provided by TCB.

In the insurance cover any member who dies is paid 5m/- and the families of Husna Milanzi, Antony Chuwa and Johari Shani received a total of 15m/-.

Speaking at the brief event, Nyamagana district commissioner, Amina Makilagi thanked TCB and Alliance Life Insurance for handing out the money.

She said the deceased died while on duty and that the group they had joined had been an important pillar because their families have received compensation.

"The money cannot be equated to the actual value of a human being, but death is unavoidable and that is what happened, it has left a lesson to journalists," she said.

She advised TCB to establish a celebration fund that will be providing loans to fund weddings and school children's fees.

The chairman of the insurance group for journalists, Peter Saramba, meanwhile thanked TCB and Alliance Life Insurance for extending a hand of condolence to the deceased's families.

Speaking at the event, Saramba said there were a total of 31 members in the group but after the deaths of three members, 28 have remained.

He appealed to journalists to join the group as insurance against disasters including death.

TCB representative Francis Kaaya (pictured) said they were extending the hand of condolence to group members, wife, husband, children whenever any member of the group dies.

He also called on other journalists in the country to join the life insurance provided by the firm.



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TARI in special tests for grape wine seeds from South Africa

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THIRTEEN grapevine lines for best wine grape seeds varieties from South Africa have been planted at the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Makutupora and Hombolo centres in Dodoma Region.

The development is part of efforts by wine processors to advance the quality of Tanzania's wine sector in collaboration with the ministry of agriculture through TARI Makutupora.

Being the first stage, the international renowned grapevine lines were over the weekend planted in isolated areas at Makutupora and Hombolo centres for evaluation of different diseases, among others.

"According to the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticide Authority (TPHPA) all plants from outside the country must be planted in isolated areas, a distance from relevant local plant species, for special screening and limitation of contamination of possible diseases," the Director General (DG) for TARI Makutupora, Dr Cornel Masawe told The Guardian.

He informed that, apart from diseases control, the imported germplasm will be evaluated in terms of their adaptivity and performance in the country.

He named the 13 grapevine lines in question which are a mixture of red and white grafted scions as pinotage, cabinet sauvignon, syrah, merlot, durif and carignan, chardonnay, chenin black, Semillon, Ramsey, R99, R110, and S04.

"After passing through the professional evaluation and prove success, the grapevine lines will be inspected and certified by the Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) before being introduced to local farmers as official new wine varieties," according to Dr Masawe.

Moreover, he expressed optimism that the envisaged varieties will play major role in helping the wine making industry in Tanzania to carve a fresh successive niche.

"The imported varieties are the most global famous for bottling international wines and thus, we're remaining optimistic that upon their official release they will enable local processors to manufacture

international wines," he observed.

Last year, Prime minister Kassim Majaliwa held a round table meeting with grape farmers and wine processors to deliberate among others, viable ways to boost performance of the wine sector, the gathering in which the processors raised concern over shortage of grape wine varieties in the country.

To that end, the processors opted to import the best wine grape seeds varieties from South Africa under the supervision support from TARI-Makutupora.

However, in concerted efforts to improve the side, TOSCI has recently conducted characterization for another grapevine line at TARI-Makutupora which is also inline to be released as a new wine variety.

The characterization was based on the tests for distinctiveness, uniformity as well as stability (DUS).

TARI-Makutupora is in the process to install modern technological facilities at its lab, targeting to digitize wine making technologies in Tanzania.

According to Felista Mpore, the research officer at the department of Crop Innovation and Post-Harvest Management at TARI Makutupora, the digital equipment has already arrived in the country from France, Italy and South Africa.

"Among others, the prime target is to ensure for professional additional value chain for grape products, but also, to scale-up conduction of diverse wine research and trainings," she informed.

She named the 200m/- worth facility as wine tank with capacity to absorb up to 10,000 litres, basket press, a crusher machine, a digital bolometer for measuring wine quality, screw capping machine and wine pump.

Others are digital PH meter, digital refractometer and a special wine cooling unit.

"The envisaged lab is projected to play meaningful role in monitoring production of quality wine," she expressed.

Though placed second after South Africa for brewing best wines within the continent, there are only two wine grape varieties grown in Tanzania, Makutupora Red and Chenin White, a situation which limits the country's ability to produce wider varieties of wines.



Abbas Tarimba, legislator for Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni constituency, speaks in the city yesterday at the opening of a preliminary feedback workshop on a pilot project on ways to combat sexual violence. It was jointly organised by the Legal and Human Rights Centre and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and attended by residents of the city's Makumbusho and Mwananyamala suburbs. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Lack of funds thwarts implementation of country's road projects, House hears

By Grtrude Mbago, Dodoma

INSUFFICIENT funding to the Roads Fund Board (RFB) has been cited as one of the major challenges that thwart implementation of various roads projects in the country, the House heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Works and Transport Godfrey Kasekenya said this yesterday in the House when presenting the board's annual report for the year ended 30th June 2020.

The report showed that inadequate financing continued to be the main challenge in the 2019/20 financial year. The amount of funds disbursed to Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) and Urban and Rural Roads Agency (TARURA) for maintenance was equivalent to 37.8 percent of their maintenance requirement.

This has led to build-up of back-log maintenance and further deterioration of the roads network.

The deputy minister however said the RFB has resolved to devise and implement more strategic measures so as to address the challenges of

increasing maintenance needs of the country's roads.

These include promotion and support of low cost technologies for road construction and maintenance as well as labour-based technologies and use of locally available construction materials.

"It was found out that the main reason for deterioration of roads condition is not the current revenue allocation but rather the huge financing deficit of the Fund. Therefore, the board has resolved to devise strategies to increase financing capacity of the Fund and promote low cost technologies as well as other measures to reduce maintenance costs," he noted.

Kasekenya also noted that overloading and vandalism of road furniture is another challenge to the board as it increases roads maintenance costs from premature maintenance.

"The board has continued to improve monitoring and oversight at weighbridge stations by upgrading systems at the stations. Regarding vandalism of road assets, the board

has directed the agencies to adopt materials that are not susceptible to theft such as plastic material for road signs," he said.

He further urged all road stakeholders to play their part in ensuring that maintenance needs are reduced by refraining from actions that lead to roads damage like overloading and vandalism of roads' furniture.

To improve funds adequacy, the board re-submitted the proposal for review of rates of fuel levy and introduction of new sources of revenue for consideration.

The proposal included a new rate for fuel levy as well as introduction of compulsory motor vehicle inspection and insurance levy as new sources of funds. The board continued to strengthen monitoring and supervision of revenue collections at collection centres including weighbridge stations.

During the year, the board reviewed the current revenue allocation formula for national and district roads.

"Results from the review suggested revision of the current revenue

allocation of 70 percent to 30 percent for national and district roads respectively to 68 percent and 32 percent. However, results from the sensitivity analysis indicated that the proposed new allocation would lead to a sharp decrease in percentage of national roads with good condition from 83.7 percent in 2019 to 13.5 percent in 2022," he noted.

In addition, the proposed allocation formula would lead to a sharp increase of national roads with poor condition from 5.4 percent in 2019 to 82.3 percent in 2022. The study confirmed that the main reason for deterioration of roads condition is not the current revenue allocation but rather the huge financing deficit of the Fund.

The board also continued to strengthen TARURA's capacities to effectively perform its mandate for management of the district roads network. This included financial support to recruit key staff on contract basis, procurement of equipment and securing office accommodation for regional coordinators and council managers' offices.



Lahmeyer Consulting Engineers Limited director Ngwisa Mpembe (R) and Mbeya Water Supply and Sanitation managing director Gilbert Kayange exchange documents on a MoU on the Kiwira river water project architecture. The event was held in Mbeya city at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Grace Mwakalinga

Every student should plant one tree at school - Dodoma RC

By Guardian Reporter, Mpwapwa

DODOMA regional commissioner, Anthony Mtaka has launched a tree planting campaign in the region and directed each student to plant a tree in the school, to make Dodoma green.

Mtaka made the remarks yesterday while also mobilising for sorghum cultivation in Kingiti Village, Mpwapwa District.

He said education officers should make sure every school has trees and that the campaign aims to make sure every student has a tree.

"Make sure a student at schools

learn, has an area for cleaning, rears his/her tree, and a school garden in order to learn about tree planting and environmental preservation. I want to see Dodoma with trees that provide shade," he added.

He also called on TARURA managers to make sure trees are planted along road sides and appealed to the people not to plant trees anywhere.

He added that he was not ready to see the city council hustling people to pay crops levies without investing and educating them and mobilise them to engage themselves in farming.

"You must charge (levies) on what

you have invested, the levy official knows the meaning of farming, a person charges 1,000/- while he doesn't know how the farmer has toiled, one day I will stop you from charging them levies," he said.

"The World Food Programme (WFP) has provided training to sorghum farmers, and how have you, the executive director prepared yourself... when farmers have produced over 10 times of the crops to what they produce now, you wait until they produce then you start saying there is no space for crops' storage," he said.

The Head of WFP Tanzania Office, Nima Sita said in addition to the mobilisation of tree planting, there are also 51 villages being assisted by WFP through the sorghum project in which last 20,000 tonnes of the crop was sold, out of 11,000 tonnes produced in Mpwapwa.

"For Dodoma Region, in the sorghum project there are 222 villages in all districts and we expect this year to reach 50,000 tonnes, and in regard to trees we have planted 62,000 natural trees and 6,000 fruit trees and here in Mpwapwa 17,000 trees have been planted," she added.

3 irrigation projects in Namtumbo incomplete over shortage of funds

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

THREE irrigation projects in Liger, Kitanda and Limamu wards in Namtumbo District, Ruvuma Region are yet to be fully completed due to various reasons including lack of funds to run the projects.

This was revealed by the coordinator for the Network for Tanzania Farmers (MVIWATA) in Ruvuma Region, Laika Haji at the weekend at a one-day training seminar on his follow up reports on public resources in the farming sector.

The training seminar attended by councillors and representatives of various farmers' groups aimed at making follow ups of public resources in the agriculture sector.

He said MVIWATA is a farmers' tool established to unite small farmers to enable them have one voice in defence of their economic, social cultural and political interests.

He said in Ruvuma Region it implements the good governance project and making follow ups on public resources in Namtumbo district where there are three irrigation projects which are yet to be completed since their establishment.

He also said the water project for Mtakuja Village in Limamu Ward launched in 2007/13 costing 267.3m/- has not seen water being supplied to the project area.

He said as for now the project has no any tangible benefit to the residents of the area.

Laika added that in regard to the irrigation scheme project at Namahoka Village, Liger Ward, records show that it began in 2007 and officially completed in 2014 and aimed to

benefit 2,141 farmers and cost 370m/- is now operational even though dispute has emerged as to the correct number of beneficiaries.

In regard to Namtumbo district council, reports show that it recognizes the irrigation project that cost 429.67m/- and completed by 100 percent.

He also mentioned the irrigation scheme project at Njomlele Village in Liger Ward saying upon follow up by the Public Expenditure System Survey (PETS) it showed that it began in 2008 and completed in 2009 costing 400m/- but only 31m/- was actually spent.

He said the scheme was aimed to benefit 150 farmers and council reports reveal that a total of 90 hectares are being cultivated with rice two seasons a year, but it is not clear as to the number of farmers the scheme was aimed to benefit.



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Baraka Saad Co. Ltd director Baraka Chilumbe (C) pictured at the Tanzania M22 Mining Investment Summit held in Dar es Salaam yesterday briefing Minerals minister Dr Doto Biteko (R) on the mining, adding of value to and sale of diamonds and other gemstones. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Guardian Correspondent, Iramba

Revoke licences of owners, holders of dormant mining exploration, ministry orders

DEPUTY Minister for Minerals Dr Steven Kiruswa has instructed the Mining Commission to revoke licenses of owners and holders of dormant mining exploration so that they are given to other people who are ready to operate the mines.

Dr Kiruswa gave the directives in Iramba District, Singida Region at the opening of a one-day stakeholder's conference to discuss opportunities and challenges in the mining sector held at the Iramba District Council.

"I call on mining license holders as well as those with mining exploration licenses but are not operating to start working immediately before the ministry takes action to cancel their licences," he noted.

He said for the government to get revenues, the Mining Commission must begin the process of tracking license holders who are not operating so that their licenses are revoked.

Dr Kiruswa said that in Iramba District there are 694 people owning mining exploration licenses but only

102 are working. He said the district has also offered five mining licenses whereas four among them are owned by a Chinese's company—Sunshine Mining Ltd.

He said that Sunshine Mining Ltd started mining activities in December 2021 and that until January 2022 it has produced 23.4 kilos of quality gold. He said due to its operations, the government received 200m/- in royalty and inspection fees.

He said that Iramba District Council got over 10m/- through services levy.

Iramba District Commissioner Selemani Mwenda said that gold reserves are found in a number of villages including Nkonkilangi, Misigiri, Wembere, Mampanta, Mgongo, Kisonga Shelui, Kinambeu, Maluga, Nkinto, Merera, and Nduguti.

Mwenda said that in a period of between May 2019 and February 2022, a total of 1,540,424.81 grams of gold worth 167,351,596,598.31/- were sold at the Shelui minerals exchange centre. He said the government received 10,041,095,795.90 in royalties.

Iramba District Executive Director, Michael Matomola said the district's contribution to government revenues from gold sales is higher compared to others in Singida Region.

Matomola said that from 2019 to 2022, the district has sold 1,036,874.11 grams of gold worth 109,467,965,554.50/-.

"I call on mining license holders as well as those with mining exploration licenses but are not operating to start working immediately before the ministry takes action to cancel their licences"

Mainland, Z'bar govts 'cooperating' on postcode address system in all regions

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

MAINLAND and Zanzibar governments are cooperating in the implementation of the residential postcode address system in all regions in both parts of the Union, the task that is to be finalised in May this year so as to facilitate the country's population census slated for August this year.

Speaking here yesterday at a meeting on the implementation of the postcode system, Zanzibar Second Vice President, Hemed Suleiman Abdullah, called on the Isles five regional commissioners to make sure the funds allocated for the exercise are spent for the work intended.

He said in case the money is misused or otherwise embezzled, they will lose their regional commissioner's statuses.

He added that the government has

allocated 28bn/- for all regions in both Mainland and Isles for the exercise.

"I have decided to speak out about this to make the exercise a success and if the funds are misused, your job as regional commissioners will come to an end," said Second VP Hemed.

He said both governments of the Union have resolved to implement the postcode address system to simplify the identification of residence addresses of all Tanzanians.

He said the postcode address system has been proved to be a better address system that goes in tandem with the world's technological advances especially in the digital economy.

He added that the system has huge benefits in regard to the issue of defence and security especially in firefighting and rescue operations.

For his part, Information,

Communication and Information Technology Minister Nape Nnauye said the implementation of the postcode addresses system exercise and the census exercise were two different issues but depend upon each other, as the postcode exercise is intended to fortify the census exercise.

He said the postcode address system is a trip towards digital Tanzania as without postcode addresses that would be impossible to achieve.

For his part, Zanzibar's Minister of State, Second Vice President's Office (Policy, Coordination and House of Representatives) Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed said these issues need joint cooperation hence after the meeting everyone should implement his responsibility to make sure the postcode address system and census exercise are carried out accordingly.

Cleric crusades for enhanced efforts to promote tourist attractions in Tanzania

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Muheza

THE Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Tanzania Dr Maimbo Mndolwa has called for enhanced efforts in promoting the country's tourist attractions to boost revenues and attract investors.

Dr Mndolwa made the remarks over the weekend when speaking at a function to inaugurate the newly established Magila Falls Eco Resort tourist site. The investment has been made possible by a Tanzanian who lives in Canada Dr David Mchaina.

The new site which deals with waterfalls and natural forest tourism will partly be operated by the investor and the Anglican Church Diocese of Tanga. The two signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to cooperate with Magila Falls Eco Resort tourist

sites, whereas visitors will also have an opportunity to get a package of church history.

Magila Msalabani Anglican Church in Muheza is one of the tourist and historical sites because of its historical monument as the first East Africa Anglican Church where the priesthood began there.

The bishop said most of the investors focus on investing in national parks while Tanzania is endowed with a lot of wealth and historical sites which can be developed and boost government revenues.

"As the church we have decided to partner with our fellow Tanzanian to promote our natural features, church history and cultural tourism which will not only benefit us but also the nation and surrounding communities," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Mchaina said he has decided to invest in the country because of the conducive environment, adding the 700m/- project will also benefit the villagers as the Muheza district council is also a partner.

He commended Magila ward residents for agreeing to allocate land for the project calling upon other Tanzanians living abroad to also invest in the country.

He said through the investment, the people of Magila village will benefit in various social aspects including getting jobs, construction of classrooms at Magila primary school and construction of water wells.

The Magila Falls Eco Resort is on the eastern side of the East Usambara Mountains in Muheza District, Tanga Region.

By Guardian Reporter

'South Sudan has to join EAC single customs area'

THE East African Business Council has urged South Sudan to fully implement the East African Community (EAC) single customs territory protocol to spur trade within the bloc.

Transporters, traders plus clearing and forwarding agents made this observation at a dialogue between public sector agencies and private operators at the Elegu/Nimule one-stop border post linking South Sudan with Uganda yesterday.

Delayed implementation of the protocol by South Sudan hampers efficient clearing of cargo at the border, with truckers having to wait for up to two days in the parking yard, a continuing situation despite that South Sudan joined the EAC in April 2016.

In 2020, the country's export to the EAC zone reached \$87m while importing \$573m worth of goods from the partner states, rising from \$2.6m exports and \$400m imports at the time it joined the EAC respectively. Uganda's imports from South Sudan amounted to \$86m in 2020 while exporting \$357m worth of goods, on the basis of data from the International

Trade Centre.

Participants in the EABC dialogue urged the EAC Secretariat to mobilize resources to support South Sudan in finalising the construction of the one-stop border post (OSBP); facilitating more rapid implementation of EAC protocols and commitments enabling smooth trade flows.

"The OSBP concept is not operational due to the delays in the construction of the facility on the South Sudan side of the border," officials said, noting that the Ugandan side of the OSBP facility hosts South Sudan's customs agency, awaiting the replication of the facility on the other side.

Traders urged digitization of the customs system to skip manual processing of documents by South Sudan customs officers as it delays clearance.


Other impediments to easier trade flows include high Covid-19 testing fees for small traders taking goods across the border, currently at \$25 on a daily basis on the Ugandan side. Inadequate

knowledge of customs procedures by traders crossing the border and delayed construction of a cross border market are other problems.

A market facility eases business by storage of merchandise and diminishes lorry queues at the border, which affects the trading of perishable goods like fish, bananas and cabbage by women cross border traders at the Elegu/Nimule post.

The women traders urged speeding up infrastructure improvement and a desk dedicated to their needs on the South Sudan side, with Lamech Wesonga, the EABC manager for policy and standards commending South Sudan's move to waive visa fees for East African citizens, appreciating the cooperation between South Sudan and Uganda in promoting regional trade.

That means South Sudan has to fully integrate into the EAC, the EABC-TMEA public-private dialogue concluded, convening over 40 officials from trade facilitation agencies and private operators.



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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Position: Country Director
Reference: MA/CD/KAS/09/01/22
Reports to: The Board of Directors
Organization: Maternity Africa
Duty Station: Kivulini Maternity Centre, Ngaramtoni ya Chini - Arusha

Maternity Africa (www.maternityafrica.org) is a Christian-based, charitable, non-governmental organization registered in Tanzania. It is devoted to making childbirth safe by providing access to good maternity services and treatment of obstetric fistulae and other birth related injuries. We serve the poorest, most vulnerable women by providing free, quality reproductive health care. All programmes have been developed to have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of mother and child by minimizing maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality.

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The Position
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The Country Director we are looking for is a highly motivated, accomplished and energetic individual who will bring long-term strategic vision, insights, professional excellence and proven leadership and management experience, preferably of health institutions. The Country Director will lead an organization employing over 70 staff, including a small number of short-term volunteers from outside Tanzania. He/she will report to a governing Board of Directors and be accountable for delivering the organization's strategic direction and goals.

To be successful, the position requires an individual who has a demonstrated personal integrity, compassion, firmness, strategic vision, strong interpersonal and communication skills and is a team player.

Key result areas
 Strategy: Champion and provide leadership in implementing Maternity Africa's rolling five-year strategic plan focusing on its vision, mission, values and strategic objectives, under the oversight of the Board of Directors. This includes the prospect of commencing and implementing new projects in other parts of Tanzania.
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Key Qualification, Specifications and Experience

- Degree (preferably Masters) in Medicine and/or Surgery or equivalent qualifications from an accredited University AND/OR Professional or senior academic qualification in a business, management, hospital administration or related field.
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The legal status of women: Still thorny road to equality

WOMEN from all countries have much to share with each other about their own cultures, experiences, successes, and failures. Today, as always, women are the primary caregivers worldwide. They bear and nurture the children, and they manage the household for our families. But they also work outside the home.

We want and expect them to have equal opportunities in business, in the professions, and in public service. We want women and expect them to be paid as much as men for the same work.

While women have made tremendous advances in this century, the process of achieving gender equality is still an ongoing one, in this country and throughout the world. In many respects, we have traveled far, although we have a way yet to go. We remember the old adage that "[t]he test of every civilization is the position of women in the society."

One big cost of inequality is that African economies do not reach their full potential. In many countries, for example, women account for most unpaid work, and are overrepresented in the low productivity informal sector and among the poor. Raising the female employment rate could contribute significantly to Africa achieving its goal in SDGs of becoming a middle-income countries.

Economic opportunities for women matter not just because they can bring money home. They also matter because opportunities empower women more broadly in society and this can have a positive impact on others. If women have a bigger say in how household money is spent this can ensure more of

it is spent on children.

Improvements in the education and health of women have been linked to better outcomes for their children in many countries. In giving power to women at the local government level led to increases in public services, such as water and sanitation.

Just as the costs of inequality are huge, so is the challenge in overcoming it. The gaps in opportunity between men and women are the product of pervasive and stubborn social norms that privilege men's and boys' access to opportunities and resources over women's and girls'.

What is therefore required is a sustained, comprehensive drive to end inequality. This will require addressing multiple and reinforcing barriers to equality among families, job and product markets, as well as among formal and informal institutions.

A first step would be to improve the access for girls to education to reduce the in-built disadvantages that they have from birth onwards. This is recognized by many across sub-Saharan countries and there has been a lot of progress, with initiatives such as Educate Girls in many countries tackling the root causes of gender inequality in education. Many countries have achieved gender parity in primary education and more must be done to narrow the gaps in secondary education.

A second step would be to address market and institutional failures that lock women into low return, highly vulnerable forms of employment and of self-employment.

Much can be achieved by encouraging the creation of a large number of jobs that are seen as suitable and safe for women.

Development at peril with reading culture abandoned

A reading culture is an environment where reading is championed, valued, respected, and encouraged. Students select their own reading material, at a time and place of their choosing. They are willing and active participants, who anticipate the satisfaction they'll get from picking up a book.

Readers who go on to develop a life-long love of literature not only decode, segment, and blend with ease, they have a genuine adoration for the power of prose. In order to stimulate a lasting love of reading, it's crucial that we build a strong reading culture in schools.

Several years ago the late third-phase President Benjamin Mkapa unveiled his book 'My Life, My Purpose' at a function held in Dar es Salaam. We congratulated Mkapa not only for providing Tanzanians the insight of his life and presidency, but also he might be spurring confidence to potential book writers - the commodity that had been fast disappearing.

Several years ago, when launching a Book Festival in Dar es Salaam organised by Tanzania Book Council (Bavita) the then Vice President Mohamed Gharib Bilal threw a challenge to authors in the country to write books which would be marketable to all sections of the community instead of sticking to school teaching books.

He revealed what has been the truth until this day - that the nation was hurting for lack of a reading culture among the people, as a nation without readers was like "dessert without fruits".

The situation is near apathetic - young and upcoming authors have almost failed to produce books and distribute them to the market probably because they don't know or demand of their target customers or because this time many people read intensively when faced with examination in order to get certificates or jobs.

In fact we doubt whether the country still has authors of note, no doubt because of the invasion of satellite TV, Internet etc, that saw the reading culture within the general public all but disappeared in the country.

Kenyan renowned author Ngugi wa Thiong'o whilst on a visit to Tanzania several years ago also aired his misgivings on the diminishing of reading culture among Africans and that such a phenomenon was detrimental to African development.

He believed that the root causes for this state of affairs was donor dependent funds, which perpetuated many Africans to depend more on books authored by Europeans than by Africans. He said that was precisely a way of maintaining neo-colonialism on the continent.

So as we embark on the reinvention of the reading culture we should also endeavour to decolonize and emancipate ourselves from these external literary forces.

For Tanzanians, it is a challenge to our authors and policy makers. Many books we use in schools especially in higher education institutions are still imported from abroad.

Many prestigious bookshops in Dar es Salaam and elsewhere in the country have vanished over the years due to the disappearance of readers. In 1960s and 70s, one would witness young people, including students in commuter buses reading novels by English authors such as James Hadley Chase, Earle Stanley Gardner or Alistair Maclean.

That is of course history, as our people now opt to watch English Premier League matches on TV or Hollywood films. This has contributed to their poor mastering of the English language.

As stated with the spread of satellite TV and use of Internet, coupled by the availability of many online books, local authors thought they can now breathe since whatever is needed in class can be obtained online.

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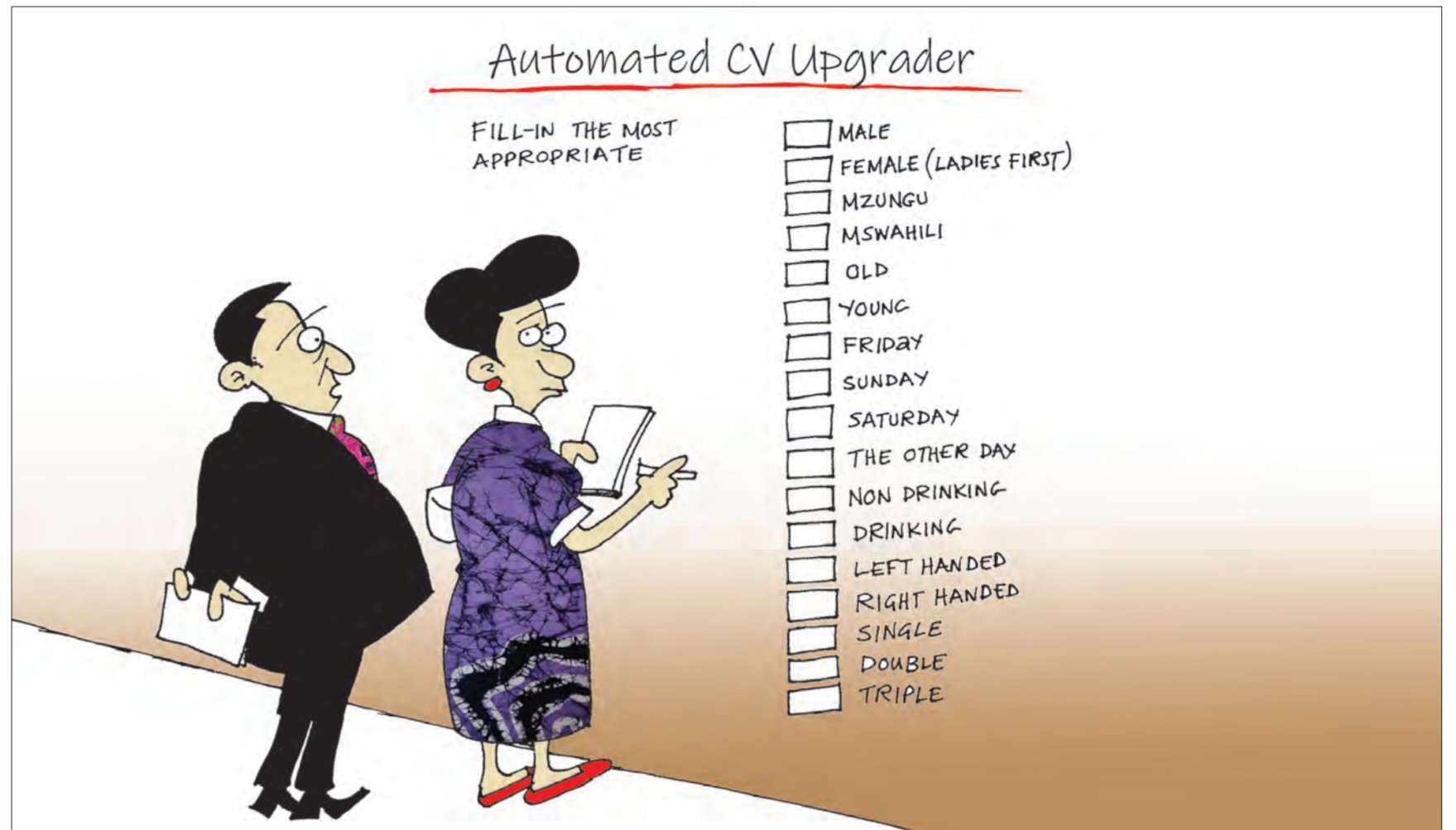
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By Special Correspondent

GLOBAL warming produces two sets of additional problems for Zimbabwe besides the general higher temperatures: A greater probability of drought each season and a higher probability of more cyclones sweeping in from the Indian Ocean.

A lot of our droughts are generated by the weather patterns associated with El Nino events in the Pacific Ocean where the pile-up of warmer water in the west of the central Pacific sloshes back and creates wind patterns that bring more rain to some parts of the world, and less rain to other parts of the world, such as Southern Africa.

In addition, the trend towards later starts to our rainy seasons has been linked by some to global warming, but in any case even in good years we now see the rains start later than our parents remember, and that presents its own problems.

Tropical cyclones, tropical storms and tropical depressions will become more frequent as the world becomes warmer.

This pick up their energy from the sea, and the warmer the sea they pass over the more energy they will acquire and the more water they will be able to absorb.

More energy means higher winds, and more water sucked up means more rain must fall when that water is released. The warmer seas also means more modest depressions can build up into cyclones.

The upshot is that we will see more cyclones each season, that these will, on average, tend to be more damaging and that they will bring more rain.

We can cope with climate change if we apply science

We have already seen one tropical depression enter Zimbabwe this cyclone season in the south-west Indian Ocean and we can expect around another six to cross our borders.

While the Meteorological Services Department can predict from the averages and other factors how many we are likely to see in a season, it cannot predict their intensity or how much rain they will bring.

Some of those that arise over the ocean will miss Zimbabwe, as Cyclone Batsirai did last week. There are more than seven depressions to cyclones each season, but our statistics show fewer because some do not get as far as Zimbabwe.

Those counting should consider that Cyclone Idai was the ninth of its season.

This greater risk of cyclones means we need to be able to monitor progress of a cyclone and be able to make better predictions of how much rain it may dump on Zimbabwe and how strong the winds might be.

While satellite imagery can do a great deal to allow the Met Department to know where and when one arises and monitor its course, other equipment is needed to measure these other properties.

This is now already in the country or, in the case of the weather radars, on the way as efforts are made both by the Government and development

partners to make sure our weather experts have what they need.

As Ministry of Local Government and Public Works, July Moyo, noted this week when accepting the first batches of the new equipment, if we have the right warnings and we have put in place the right plans we might have cyclone damage but not cyclone deaths.

This does not seem an unreasonable goal.

The main need is to get the warnings to the right areas on time and to have the necessary support and planning in place. One problem has been knowing what level of alert to give.

After Cyclone Idai we drew up sets of plans.

The fairly low energy tropical storm and depressions seen since then have not needed evacuation, although precautions were taken and the alert system at least managed to get to everyone in the affected areas, usually along the Eastern Highlands, that they needed to be careful, and they were.

We lost roof sheets and saw other damage, but at least did not have anyone killed.

The other policy that we need to press ahead with as we look towards more drought and more cyclones is to have more dams.

If an ever increasing percentage of our annual rainfall is going to come with cyclones, storms and depressions,

we will see more rain in fewer days, so we need to store what does come.

The Second Republic has already upgraded our dam construction programme and now needs to take it to further levels.

The water engineers have worked on these models for some time.

When Lake Mutirikwi was built some decades ago the designer came in for a lot of ridicule over the next few years as the dam never filled for some time.

Then one of these major cyclones turned up over the Lowveld and the dam filled rapidly and he was vindicated. He had designed to catch the Lowveld cyclonic rainfall and keep it stored for several years.

The same attitude and planning must now be put in place for other good dam sites.

This means we can use the cyclones to help ameliorate the other unpleasant side-effect of climate change, the droughts, and even be able to give more farmers access to supplementary irrigation at the start of a season to get crops established before the main rains fall.

In other words applied science can help us avoid some of the worst of the effects of climate change by being better able to predict what is going to come and monitor what is actually happening and some engineering can help us use one set of effects to beat back another set.

Party politics should not derail service delivery

By Special Correspondent, Windhoek

NAMIBIA'S ruling party SWAPO will towards the end of this year hold its elective congress where a new top leadership will be elected to steer the ruling party for another five years.

The top posts up for grabs include that of party president, vice president, secretary general and deputy secretary general.

The congress will also elect members of the central committee from where the influential politburo would be picked from.

As customary, the countdown to the mother body's elective congress is a topical issue among those harbouring political ambitions as well as those who are still trying to come to terms with the party's performance in the last Presidential and Parliamentary elections and the Local Authority and Regional Council elections. In both elections, the ruling party lost some

ground to the opposition, including falling short of the symbolically important two-thirds majority in parliament.

Now as the focus shifts to the intra-party democracy within the party, there is enough reason to believe there is a high likelihood for yet another largely contested Swapo elective congress.

As it is, party leaders are playing their cards close to their chests, while intense campaigning is rumoured to be the order of the day behind the scenes.

President Hage Geingob, who is constitutionally still eligible to contest a second term as party president, has in the past hinted he will not be seeking another term to lead the ruling party.

In an interview on the eve of his 80th birthday last year, Geingob told New Era, prospective candidates vying for the party top posts should slug it out on their own and not expect the guided democracy principle to come into play. The guided democracy principle was

used as a succession plan in Swapo, which saw Founding President Sam Nujoma nominating former president Hifikepunye Pohamba as his anointed successor.

After serving two terms as head of State, Pohamba, while also serving as Swapo president abruptly left his Swapo presidency position, paving way for Geingob to succeed him. The stakes are equally high this time around and it will be interesting to see how the party goes around the succession issue as congress approaches. However, Swapo can ill-afford to allow disunity and discord to dictate the agenda.

The danger of institutionalised factionalism, indiscipline and disunity are all well documented judging by past experiences, which have seen breakaway factions formed.

This week, Swapo chief administrator Sophia Shaningwa warned members against coming up with toxic slates ahead of the congress. "We are cognisant that due to the political architecture and nature of

contestation, people always tend to form groupings.

"However, we have learned from previous years that groupings, factions or teams shall not do us any favour. We must be able to go into such internal elections united, and also emerge more united in the name of our party," Shaningwa told party leaders and staff in Windhoek this week.

In July 2020, during the closing ceremony of a three-day introspection conference in Windhoek, Geingob implored ruling party leaders to "bury" and end slate politics. Indeed, the party will face a tougher test of character at the upcoming elective congress, which can yet be described as a watershed make or break moment.

As contestations and campaigning for Swapo roles take centre stage in the coming months, it is our sincere hope that the political mudslinging and petty infights will not derail service delivery across the country. Personal ambition and Swapo interests should not come before that of the nation.

Lessons must be learned before next Takuba Task Force deployment, following France-Mali relations breakdown

By Lori-Anne Théroux-Bénoni and Sam Kwarkye

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron has announced the withdrawal of Barkhane and Takuba forces from Mali, but expressed commitment to “continue ... joint action against terrorism in the Sahel region, particularly in Niger and the Gulf of Guinea.”

Presenting a common front, Macron announced this at a press conference that included the presidents of Senegal and Ghana – who are chairing the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States (Eco-was) respectively – and the president of the European Union (EU) Council. Their sentiments echoed those of Macron.

But will France and its allies simply shift their anchorage in the region? Or will they transform their strategies based on lessons learnt from their previous interventions?

The 17 February announcement, also backed by Canada, was made against the backdrop of a deteriorating relationship between Mali, France and other European and West African countries.

Tensions heightened after the August 2020 coup in Mali and the military transitional authorities’ delays in proposing a consensual calendar for holding elections. The lack of progress on the reforms that should precede elections also raised concerns that the military government was planning to remain in power indefinitely.

A central problem has been the reported collaboration between Mali’s transitional government and the Russian private military group Wagner, which Mali denies. For European partners, however, this was considered a red line.

French and other European officials argue that Mali has already benefited from major multilateral security arrangements. These include the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali, European Union Military Training Mission, the European military unit Task Force Takuba and the G5 Sahel Joint Force, and Operation Barkhane.

However, this substantial international support deployed gradually over the past decade hasn’t reversed the course of insecurity. Mali’s apparent decision to explore new military alliances seems to reflect dissatisfaction with existing partnerships – and European countries should ask themselves why this is.

The restructuring of Barkhane and Takuba will be negotiated by June and will have immediate consequences for Mali and the Sahel. But the intended geographical shift to the Gulf of Guinea countries also has important



French soldiers patrol in Diabaly, Mali, 23 January 2013. France announced on 17 February 2022, that it is withdrawing its troops from Mali in a joint statement issued ahead of an EU-Africa summit in Brussels. (Photo: EPA-EFE/NIC BOTHMA)

implications for coastal states, particularly Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Senegal and Togo.

Implementing a counter-terrorism approach like that in the Sahel without identifying its shortcomings and assessing rationales, practices and existing security arrangements is risky for coastal countries and the region. Instead of just cosmetic changes and a new geographic focus, a thorough review is needed that identifies lessons learnt. Yet there’s been little public acknowledgement that the decade-long Sahel strategy might have been inadequate.

Major shortcomings include lack of investment in prevention efforts, particularly on socio-economic issues, social cohesion and the political, justice and governance fronts. Another problem is the heavy military focus that aims to defeat terror groups by ‘neutralising’ their leaders without a plan to address the local concerns these groups use to gain ground. Forging

alliances with non-state armed groups, stigmatising some communities and not prioritising the protection of civilians are other costly mistakes that shouldn’t be repeated.

Another lesson is that dialogue with some insurgents shouldn’t be ruled out. Since 2016, research by the Institute for Security Studies in the Sahel has revealed that violent extremist groups are segmented. Foot soldiers, middle managers and leaders don’t necessarily have the same interests. This opens avenues for nationally led and owned discussions at several levels.

Lessons from the Lake Chad Basin show the importance of incentivising defections from violent extremist groups and planning early to manage the large numbers which may leave. These efforts should be guided by community consultation to ensure ownership.

Dealing with the root causes of violent extremism, managing the security challenges and

anticipating next steps require joint efforts at regional and global levels. Some external technical assistance, financial support and experience sharing are needed, but West African countries shouldn’t over-rely on outside support. They must retain their political leadership and ownership of initiatives.

The Sahelian example shows that external funding comes with delays, constraints and differences in strategic agendas that aren’t always attuned to local, national and regional contexts. Macron’s insistence that France’s proposed counter-terrorism support will be demand-driven is a tacit acknowledgement of past errors that have fuelled popular resistance to French – and by extension European – foreign policy in the Sahel.

The proposed shift to West African coastal states reflects the spread of terrorism beyond Mali and the Sahel, which has been a reality

since 2016. Yet attacks in coastal states are just the tip of the iceberg. For years, their territories have been used for financing, procurement, transit, rest, and recruitment purposes. So these countries have involuntarily contributed to fuelling insecurity in the Sahel for a long time.

Coastal states are aware of the threat and have attempted to prevent the expansion through military and non-military approaches. But against the backdrop of numerous recent attacks in Côte d’Ivoire, Benin and Togo, and as coastal states consider joint counter-terrorism action with multinational forces, lessons must be taken from the Sahel. These should inform how the countries define the scope, objectives and risks of such operations.

Upcoming consultations “will set the parameters for joint actions by June 2022,” and a ministerial meeting is to be organised by the Sahel Coalition, says the communiqué signed by France, Canada and West African and European countries.

These platforms offer opportunities to identify mistakes, draw lessons and use them to redesign new responses. This is the only way to ensure that a decade from now, West African and Sahelian citizens aren’t facing an even more dire security, socio-political and humanitarian situation.

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Will a presidential election end South Korea’s tattoo taboos?

SEOUL
DOY, one of South Korea’s most famous tattoo artists having inked the likes of Brad Pitt, just wants to practice his craft without fear of going to jail or hefty fines.

South Korea is the sole developed country in the world where tattooing is considered a procedure that only medical professionals are capable of legally performing.

That leaves almost all of the country’s 50,000 tattoo artists at the mercy of potential police raids and prosecution, facing fines of up to 50 million won (\$42,000) as well as prison terms, in theory as much as life.

Doy, who like many fellow tattooists practises from a modest building with no signage, was himself fined 5 million won (\$4,180) last year after a video of him inking a popular Korean actress went viral. The 43-year-old has appealed the ruling. A survey conducted by the union of 650 tattoo artists Doy leads has also found six cases since last April of artists being sentenced to jail – usually for two years.

But change could well be on its way.

Over the last 10 years, tattoos have become increasingly popular among young South Koreans. BTS band member Jungkook famously has several and while tattoos are usually covered up on TV, celebrities have not been reticent about show-

ing them off on social media. At the same time, appreciation for “K-tattoos”, often distinguished by fine-line drawing, intricate detail and bold use of color, has grown at home and abroad.

That has not escaped the attention of the ruling party’s candidate for the March 9 presidential election, Lee Jae-myung. In a move seen as courting young voters, Lee last month said it made no sense for the industry to be illegal, noted it was worth an estimated \$1 billion and promised to back bills now pending in parliament to legalize tattooing.

“I’m really grateful for the pledge. It’s probably the best artistic inspiration that tattooists have had recently,” Doy, whose real name is Kim Do-yoon, said at his parlor.

Lee currently trails Yoon Suk-yeol from the conservative main opposition People Power Party, 34 percent to 41 percent, according to a public opinion poll by Gallup Korea. Yoon’s party has not yet decided its position on traditional tattoos but supports legalizing so-called cosmetic tattoos, which are semi-permanent and popular in South Korea for enhancing eyebrows, eyelines and hairlines.

Ahn Cheol-soo, a third candidate with 11 percent support who has had his eyebrows tattooed to look bushier, has not announced his position on the matter.

Public support for legalizing the industry appears to be growing.

According to a Gallup Korea poll last year, 81 percent of South Koreans in their 20s and about 60 percent of those in their 30s and 40s are in favor of legalization.

About 3 million people in South Korea have at least one tattoo and if semi-permanent cosmetic tattoos are counted that rises to 13 million, according to a 2018 estimate by a local medical device maker the Standard.

But for many of South Korea’s older generation, tattoos are associated with gangs and go against the Confucian belief that altering the human body means disrespect to one’s parents. The country’s main medical group, which contends tattooing with needles is an “invasive” procedure that can damage the body, also opposes legalization.

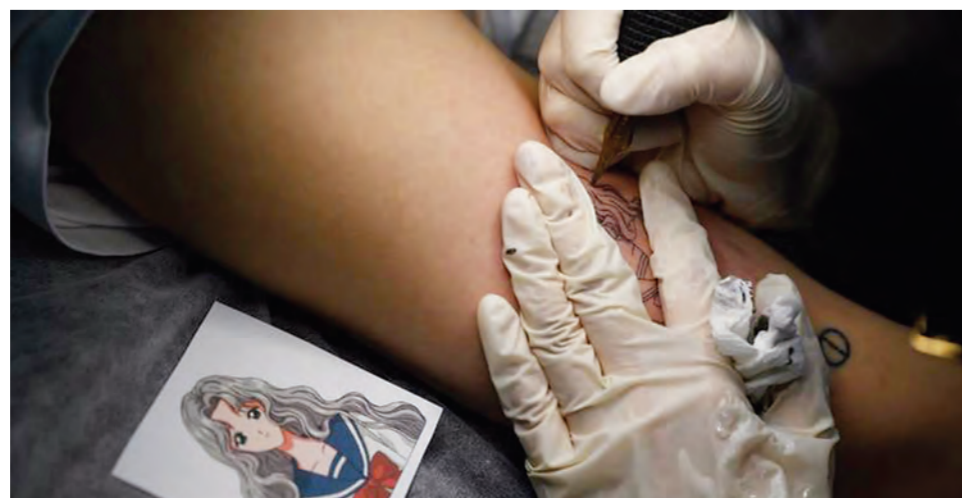
“Except for like covering scars, from a medical perspective, I think tattooing through needles is self-harm, not an expression of freedom,” Hwang Ji-hwan, a dermatologist and an advisor at the Korean Medical Association, told Reuters.

“We are trying to protect the public’s health,” he said.

Doy said many of his colleagues have already left to work overseas, some applying for an artist visa to the United States.

“Our country could have managed the industry better and grown it to add value to the economy. But it feels like we may have lost that timing so it is extremely sad,” he said.

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China keeps promises as Winter Olympics draws to triumphant close

BEIJING

THE Olympic flame has been extinguished, bringing down the curtain on the Beijing 2022 Winter Games, but the passion still lingers from the sports gala that has enlivened and inspired the world amid the pandemic.

After all 109 medal events had been decided, the closing ceremony was held on Sunday at the National Stadium in Beijing, the first ever city to have hosted both the Summer and Winter Olympics. The Olympic baton now has been passed to the Italian cities Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, which will host the 2026 Winter Games.

The 2022 Winter Olympics stands out as it both provided a stage for the world's top winter sports athletes and also highlighted China's efforts to host a safe and sustainable global-scale event.

Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), lauded the Beijing Winter Olympics as "truly exceptional" when addressing at the closing ceremony Sunday night.

"The Olympic spirit could only shine so brightly, because the Chinese people set the stage in such an excellent way - and in a safe way," said Bach.

"The Olympic Villages were outstanding. The venues - magnificent. The organization - extraordinary... This unforgettable experience was only possible because of our gracious hosts, the Chinese people," he added.

THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT SHINES

"Let the Olympic spirit of peace, mutual respect, and understanding shine throughout the Games and beyond," said UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in a video message to the opening of the Games on February 4.

And the smooth running of the Olympics has met what the organizers promised - that is, to warm up the world through greatness in winter sports and offer up tear-jerking and heart-filled moments.

Ski prodigy Gu Ailing caused a huge sensation at the Olympics, as the 18-year-old became the first freestyle skier to win three medals in a single Games, inspiring millions of people of younger generations.

"It's really great to see and it's so inspiring. She makes me want to be a better skier myself. I think she's amazing for the sport," said British freestyler Zoe Atkin.

Inspiring stories of breakthroughs also came at the National Speed Skating Oval, where Sweden's Nils van der Poel lowered his own previous world record in 10,000m and home favorite Gao Tingyu became the first-ever Chinese male Olympic gold medalist in speed skating.

The host nation dispatched a 388-member contingent, including 177 athletes. With its largest-ever presence in the Winter Games, China recorded its best-ever Winter Olympic haul of 15 medals, while powerhouse Norway leads the medal count with 37 medals, 16 of which are gold.

But medals are not all that matters at the Olympic Games. After losing to the United States, China's curling duo Fan Suyuan and Ling Zhi presented their American counterparts, Vicky Persinger and Chris Plys with a set of pin badges featuring Bing Dwen Dwen, the mascot for the Games that has gone viral.

China's four-time Olympian Xu Mengtao finally realized her dream of winning an Olympic gold in the women's aerials and she burst into tears before receiving a long hug from American freestyle skier Ashley Caldwell. "Taotao! Olympic champion!" Caldwell warmly said to Xu, referring to her nickname, adding, "I am so proud of you!"

Despite coming in last in the women's 3,000m, German speed skater Claudia Pechstein embraced the result as if she had won a gold. "It's my success!" remarked the 49-year-old who made history to become the oldest woman Winter Olympian, and the first-ever female to compete in eight Winter Olympics.

SAFE AND SPLENDID

With more than 10,000 athletes, journalists and officials from around the world having descended on Beijing, the organizers met the daunting challenge of holding a safe Games by employing a closed loop system that went into operation in late January.

Typified by daily nucleic acid testing and designated shuttle buses connecting different facilities, the closed loop saw COVID-19 cases decline from a peak of 26 cases on February 2 to zero on February 13 and only one new positive case was reported since February 16.

"The situation inside the closed loop is safe and there is no



International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach speaks at the closing ceremony of the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games at the National Stadium on Feb. 20, 2022. Xinhua

sign of virus transmission, which can be said to have met our expectations," said Brian McCloskey, chief of the Beijing 2022 Medical Expert Panel.

Christophe Dubi, the IOC's Olympic Games Executive Director, spoke highly of China's efforts to hold a virus-free Olympics. "Really no effort is spared, no stone unturned to keep everybody safe. The degree of sophistication of the operation is something unprecedented," he said.

"The COVID-19 countermeasures at the Village were at the highest level, and officials were diligent on social distancing and mask-wearing requirements. After each meal, tables and eating areas were disinfected," said Furkan Akar, a Turkish short-track speed skater.

China has lived up to its promise of deliv-

ering the world a "safe and splendid" Winter Olympics, as it also went to great lengths to showcase a future world which has robot chefs cooking meals, self-driving cars and smart navigation supported by augmented reality and artificial intelligence.

Off the competition venues, athletes have taken to social media to share stories about their life since arrival, and dishes that satiate their appetites are among the most popular hashtags.

"It is very obvious that the athletes are happy and are more than happy. They are extremely satisfied with the venues, with the Villages, with the services having been offered, and with the safety within the closed loop under these very difficult circumstances," said IOC chief Bach.

And the Games has attracted unparal-

leled viewership. According to Timo Lumme, managing director of television and marketing services for the IOC, about two billion people worldwide have been tuning in to watch the Olympics.

"The IOC-owned Olympic social media accounts have surpassed 2.7 billion engagements for Beijing 2022. There, I'm not speaking of the many other means and platforms," Bach said, noting the trend towards digital engagement with the Games is also record-breaking.

AN ENDURING OLYMPIC LEGACY

Beijing 2022 has been a journey about both physical and human infra-

structure: encompassing green construction and reuse of venues, and massive investment to fuel domestic participation in winter sports.

Several technologies were applied for the first time to realize a carbon-neutral event. All competition venues were powered with renewable energy, marking a first in the Games history. As a gesture of the Games' sustainable intent, the National Speed Skating Oval in downtown Beijing - which measures 12,000 square meters - is the first Olympic venue in the world to use carbon dioxide for making ice.

The impressive Big Air Shougang has seen world's top snowboarders flying down ramps built on the side of former cooling towers, but the gigantic ski ramp rising from a disused steel mill was designed with a bigger agenda: boosting the winter sports industry and tourism.

"The design of new solutions for the venues will be a sign for everyone else that it is doable," said Dubi.

"Sports venues and infrastructure are certainly the tangible legacies of the Games, but the human capital is possibly an even more impactful aftermath. Engaging and educating children and youths about the Olympic Games and Olympic values goes beyond sport," he added.

The world can expect the passion generated for winter sports to loom larger and longer, as more Chinese people become true-hearted winter sports enthusiasts due to the Games.

As of last October, around 346 million people - about a quarter of the country's population - have participated in winter sports since China's successful bid to host the Winter Olympics, according to the National Bureau of Statistics. China's winter sports industry is projected to achieve one trillion RMB in value by 2025.

China's fulfillment of its pledge to engage 300 million people in winter sport was praised by Bach, who hailed it as an "unprecedented, great achievement" and an important legacy of Beijing 2022.

"With over 300 million people now engaged in winter sports, with the great success of the Chinese athletes, the positive legacy of these Olympic Winter Games is ensured," said Bach.

"With the truly exceptional Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 we welcome China as a winter sport country."

And the inspiration derived from the 2022 Olympics goes far beyond sport.

"What we could learn is that in the Olympic movement if we are united, we can be extremely resilient," said Bach, adding that this has been demonstrated by organizing Olympics under the pandemic.

The Games could also very much contribute to expanding the global knowledge and better understanding of China's philosophy and ideas, said Muhammad Asif Noor, secretary general of the Pakistan Shanghai Cooperation Organization Friendship Forum.

The Games' motto of "Together for a Shared Future" corresponds to China's aspiration of building a community with a shared future for mankind, he added.

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Fan Suyuan (2nd L) and Ling Zhi (2nd R) of China pose for photos with Christopher Plys (L) and Vicky Persinger of the United States after their curling mixed doubles match at the National Aquatics Center on Feb. 5, 2022. (Xinhua/Wang Jingqiang)

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MATI in drive to produce graduates who're job creators and not seekers

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

THE Ministry of Agriculture Training Institute (MATI) has reaffirmed its commitment and determination to equip its staff with current knowledge and skills on practical training.

MATI, which is almost all over the country, is now shifting its teaching and learning process from theories to practical training to produce employable personnel.

Speaking during a tour of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Ifakara Katrin) in Morogoro Region recently, Agriculture ministry's assistant director training institute support, Dr Mashaka Mdangi assured the youth who aspiring to join the training institutes that the curriculum and all courses are tailored to produce job creators and not job seekers.

The MATI curriculum requires all students to learn practical training for 60 per cent and theory for 40 per cent when at school.

"I call on all students who have completed their secondary schools to apply for various courses and join our training institutes," he said, adding that MATI are currently offering special courses that enhance technical capabilities of field personnel and practical training.

Dr Mdangi further said shifting from theory to practical training goes in line with the changing world of technology and the directives of the Ministry of agriculture.

According to him, there are nine curriculums that have been improved and approved by the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) to suit the current demand and the farmers in particular.

The institute offers education and training that not only enables

students to acquire higher levels of skills, knowledge and understanding of their courses but also provides solutions to the farmers and food production and security.

He explained that the courses include irrigation engineering, land use planning and management, agriculture production, crop production, sugar cane technology, sugar production, horticulture and agro-mechanization. The institute is well equipped and staffed with qualified and experienced trainers in the fields named above

He said with ever increasing population, the need to increase food production with latest technologies cannot be over emphasised. Great efforts have been made by the government to improve teaching and learning infrastructures.

Citing Ifakara Katrin, he said so far the sixth phase government has issued 800m/- to improve and expand the Institutes learning and teaching infrastructures including hostels so that it can enroll a large number of students for this academic year.

"We've 112 students and we want to expand to 200 students and put up more hostels. The students are learning agriculture production at certificate and diploma level."

"We are inviting all form four and form six students who have completed their secondary schools and passed science subjects or those who have completed MATI colleges and obtained certificates can also join for diploma level," he said, adding that the institute has set aside enough land for agriculture particularly for teaching and learning purposes.

"Therefore, when at the college, the students will acquire practical knowledge of both strategic crops and many others so that when they



Heads of various agricultural institutes in the country to discuss on how to support the sector more. They met at TARI Ifakara (Katrin) recently. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

complete their study, they will be able to work very successfully in their own fields, at their respective workplaces and solve challenges facing the farmers on food production," he said.

Being located near TARI centres across the country there are 14 MATI's centres and other 15 private institutes. TARI director general Dr Geoffrey Mkamilio said the Institute's mandate is to conduct, regulate, promote and coordinate all agricultural research activities conducted by public and private research institutes or organisations in Tanzania. To do this efficiently and effectively, TARI needs human resources and other graduates from MATI. TARI has strengthened the national agricultural research system to enhance development and dissemination

of technologies, innovations and management practices (TIMPs) to address the real needs of farmers and other agricultural stakeholders.

"We cannot talk of agriculture and research without human resources. That's why they have set aside a total of 1,077.5 acres that will be evaluated to determine their soil fertility and crop varieties that can be grown here so that it can facilitate practical training. The students will conduct field training here of all the crops. That's why we have come to visit this place with the Ministry's department of training extension services and research," he said.

TARI Ifakara (Katrin) is about 14 km from Ifakara town and 230 km South-West of Morogoro Municipality. The

climate is good; it is sub-humid tropical grassland and experiences a bimodal rainfall with an average of 1400 mm per annum. Agriculture ministry's director for land use planning and management, Eng. Juma Mdeke said the land under institutes has many uses and is vital to research activities. Citing an example, Mdeke said in some research areas, from one nursery to another it may take more than one kilometer. Therefore, the institutes require enough land to conduct fruitful research. Therefore, as land use planning and management will make sure that the land under institutes are surveyed and issued with title deeds to protect from invasion.

"This land is very important for our institutes for learning purposes. Within

one year from now, we shall make sure that we survey, identify the boundaries and secure title deeds. I therefore urge the community surrounding our institutes to respect the boundaries," he said.

TARI Ifakara centre manager Dr Atugonza Bilaro directed the ministry to produce adequate improved seeds to meet farmers' demand.

"We've put in place plans and strategies to advance technology and produce enough paddy improved seeds with unique aroma. We don't want farmers to run short of improved seeds," he said, calling for more investment in terms of physical infrastructures especially irrigation infrastructures and other facilities like tractors to expand more farming areas.

Artists call for fair distribution of royalties according to the law

By Guardian Reporter

THE Creative Industry Network Tanzania (CINT), in partnership with Twaweza is calling for the government and Copyright Society of Tanzania (COSOTA) to review their approach to the distribution of royalties to artists.

On 28 January 2022, COSOTA distributed royalties worth 312,290,259/- to 1,123 artists for 5,924 works of music covering the collection period of July to November 2021. These royalties were received from seven radio stations.

However, this distribution violated both the spirit and the letter of the law in a number of key areas.

CINT called on the government to take its role as a regulator and COSOTA as a collective management organization and therefore a distributor, and for both of them

to urgently review the process for distribution of royalties in order to help the creative industries in Tanzania to grow.

The issues highlighted by CINT include distribution of royalties collected between January 2019 and June 2021: Royalties were last distributed by COSOTA in August 2019 covering the period to the end of 2018. However COSOTA are required to distribute royalties at least once per year. In the announcement for distribution of royalties in January 2022, no mention was made of royalties collected between 2019 and 2021 and these royalties have not been distributed.

Royalties distributed to a sample of musicians such as the Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Act requires COSOTA to distribute royalties on the basis of log sheets. These should be collected from across the

country from a range of users of creative works.

"However COSOTA announced that they had used radio logs for some musicians as a sample for the distribution. This is discriminatory, contrary to the law and unclear because there is no way to know how COSOTA decided what royalties to distribute to whom," CINT said in a statement.

"Lack of transparency by COSOTA: It is unclear to stakeholders where COSOTA submits its accounts. There is no transparency when it comes to the collection and distribution of royalties. This means that creators of copyrighted works have no way to understand how COSOTA is collecting and distributing money on their behalf. This leads to a breakdown of trust and can create conflict within the sector," they said in a statement.

"Supporting the arts and culture basket fund: In their announcement about the distribution of royalties, COSOTA informed the public that royalties that had been received from South Africa, which were a relatively small amount has been transferred to the arts and culture basket fund. This is in violation of the law which clearly states that foreign royalties need to be

paid directly to the relevant content producers. In addition, the law states that a percentage of royalties received can be allocated to a basket fund for artists and their welfare. The arts and culture basket fund has not yet started working and does not as such have any members therefore distributing royalties to this fund violates the requirements of the law," the statement said.

"Absence of a COSOTA Governing Board: Since 2008, COSOTA has not had a Governing Board. This means that there are a number of decisions being taken by the management that violate the law. For example, the distribution of royalties is supposed to be preceded by a general meeting, which was not done."

In view of these violations of the Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Act in the recent distribution of royalties, and recognising the significant contribution of artists and all creators to the country's economic and political development, the Creative Industry Network Tanzania called on COSOTA to stop the distribution of royalties to enable a review of the beneficiaries to ensure they are in line with existing laws and

regulations. They should restart the distribution of royalties only once they are satisfied that they have addressed any problematic clauses in these regulations.

Robert Mwampembwa, Managing Director of the Creative Industry Network Tanzania, said: "We've been advocating to the government, via the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, to address the challenges with distribution of royalties and the governance of COSOTA for a number of years.

"It is clear that creators contribute significantly to peace and solidarity in the country as well as to economic growth. They need to be nurtured and have their rights respected. We ask the government to engage with us to solve these problems for the benefit and development of all Tanzanians creators."

Aidan Eyakuze, Executive Director of Twaweza, said: "Twaweza works to amplify citizens' voices so that they can be part of decisions that affect their lives. As this example of royalty distribution shows, the voices of artists and creators are rarely considered when decisions about their sector are made. We hope that this united call to review the process of distributing royalties to make it more open and fair will be heard."

RC lauds TRA for taxpayers education campaign in Mara

By Guardian Reporter, Musoma

MARA Regional Commissioner, Ally Hapi has praised Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) for following traders to their business premises to educate them about various issues concerning taxation, the step that is expected to motivate them to pay taxes voluntarily.

The RC made the remarks during a team of TRA officials visit to his office to brief him on the door to door taxpayers' education campaign that ended in the region yesterday.

He said there are some countries in which a person vying for leadership position, his taxpaying history is examined and if he was seen to evade paying taxes, he loses the chance to contest the sought leadership position.

"I believe one day we shall reach that stage - a good taxpaying history should be one qualification and should be held with pride by the contestant," he added.

For his part, TRA Director for Taxpayers' Education, Richard Kayombo thanked the Mara regional officials, traders' leaders and all traders for the cooperation provided to the TRA campaign team that reached 4,014 traders.

"During the exercise we have reached 4,014 traders whereby in Tarime district we visited

2,088 traders, Bunda District (1,126 traders) and Musoma Town (800)," said Kayombo.

For his part, Mara Region's Chairman of Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA), Boniface Ndengo thanked TRA for providing taxpayers education in the region that included amendments to various tax laws whenever these are

Musoma District traders, at different times praised the TRA team for going from door to door to provide them with taxpayers' education, and added that the step will make them not to repeat mistakes they have been making in regard to tax paying.

Nyangaro Mseti, a trader in Musoma Town said the procedure helps them to get enough time to ask questions so as to get clarifications regarding various challenges they face on taxation.

Another Musoma based trader, Eunice Julius said in the past they were usually summoned to one place to be educated on tax issues, but some traders never attend because they found it difficult to close their businesses fearing loss of sales.

Mara Region taxpayers' education campaign officially kicked off February 7 and ended yesterday February 21 and visited all district of the region.



TRA principal tax management officer, Stephen Kauzeni in a jovial mood with the Musoma Municipal trader, Eunice Mmari yesterday during a door-to-door taxpayer education campaign in Mara Region. Photo: Courtesy of TRA.

Children with disabilities are not problems to solve, but potential to nurture, says Nujeen Mustafa

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Born in Syria 23 years ago with cerebral palsy, Mustafa had never seen the inside of a classroom until she made a 3,500-mile journey from Syria to Germany in a wheelchair aged 16 years. She entered the German education system in Grade 8 and completed her GCSE at 21. Her compelling story is captured in the book 'Nujeen, One Girl's Incredible Journey from War-Torn Syria in a Wheelchair'.

"Back in Syria, I was homeschooled by my older siblings because the infrastructure was not accessible for people with disabilities. My siblings taught me how to read and write. I read books on my own and watched television to compensate for the lack of formal education," Mustafa tells IPS.

Mustafa addressed the recent Global Disability Summit in a session with Education Cannot Wait Director Yasmine Sherif. The Government of Norway, the Government of Ghana, and the International Disability Alliance co-chaired the summit during which participants committed to "eliminating stigma, barriers, and discrimination against persons with disabilities through legislation, policies and advocacy work done together with organizations of persons

with disabilities."

"Nujeen's incredible journey is an inspiring story of hope. However, for a majority of children with disabilities in the midst of armed conflict and crises, their stories, unfortunately, don't end as positively as Nujeen's," says Sherif. "We can no longer leave these children, among those left furthest behind, in the shadows."

According to UNHCR registration data, an estimated 11.7 million Syrians are displaced. Three percent of the registered Syrian refugee population lives with disabilities.

Globally, the World Health Organization (WHO) statistics show that approximately 20 million out of the 135 million people in need of humanitarian assistance live with some form of disability and lack rehabilitation support and assistive technology.

The WHO says this figure does not include people with conflict-caused disabilities. Within this context, Mustafa says invisible disability is a most pressing issue for people with disabilities and more so children in conflict and crises.

"People in conflict situations or those fleeing conflict are likely to have acquired a disability. Perhaps they lost a leg, an arm, sight, or hearing due to conflict. Of concern, data on refugees or internally displaced persons are not filtered or seen through the disability lens," she observes.

"Often hidden from society, children with disabilities are, more often than not, much more invisible. Even in rehabilitation or a country's reconstruction processes, accessibility and inclusion of children with disabilities are not taken into account."

Research by WHO confirms that volatile and unpredictable safety and



Children with disabilities can flourish to their full potential if given access to education, says Nujeen Mustafa.

Mustafa is an author and a disability rights advocate on a global platform, becoming the first Syrian person with a disability to brief the United Nations Security Council in 2019.

Families or caregivers of every child with a disability need to be educated to recognize the potential in their child. To fan this potential, not despite the disability, but because of it.

Education, she emphasizes, is a vital part of building a confident and self-assured individual who is ready to go out, face the world and fulfill their potential.

Mustafa says social barriers and stigma surrounding disability within current education systems must be broken down. This calls for a more comprehensive understanding of who is at school, who is not, and why.

Placing children with disabilities at the heart of humanitarian crisis response requires the systematic documentation of existing protection gaps.

"We are dealing with a multilayered problem that includes factors such as logistics, management, planning, and implementation of crisis response as well as social barriers," she says.

Against this backdrop, Mustafa spoke of the frequently unmet needs of vulnerable children with disabilities in conflict and emergencies. She painted the harsh reality of lack of aid, at best, great difficulties in accessing safe, quality, and disability-inclusive education.

"I am a firm believer in disability-inclusive education because this is how we eliminate stigma towards people with disability. If people from all walks of life know and interact with one person with a disability and especially at a very young age, perceptions around what is considered the norm will change," she says.

Mustafa's own experience with Germany's education system affirms her belief that under the right conditions, children with disabilities can flourish to their fullest potential to become agents of positive social change.

"Whether it be individual, societies or organizations, we should stop perceiving children with disabilities as burdens - because they are assets. Children with disabilities are not problems to solve."

Mustafa called upon humanitarian agencies to raise awareness of the importance of education. To ensure that when countries in protracted conflict and emergency crises or fragile peace resume some semblance of education, children with disabilities are not left further behind.

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security situations in emergency and protracted crises create significant and critical protection gaps.

"Children with disabilities are being left behind the education system because, in crisis situations, there are many competing priorities. I do not believe that enough organizations have the necessary data concerning people, and more so children, with disabilities in emergency and conflict situations," Mustafa says.

There is, therefore, a great and urgent need to work on mechanisms that could detect invisible disability, which requires significant concerted efforts from individuals, families, humanitarian organizations, and governments.

"We need to prioritize systematic awareness-raising of the specific needs of children with disabilities at the high-level decision-making process. People that can make a difference in the lives of these children do not see them," she cautions.

"Education is the building block towards a proper future, but children with disabilities are not seen as people worth investing in. There is a perception that education or training will be of no value to these children because there will be no opportunity for them to utilize acquired knowledge."

As such, UNICEF's most recent data shows one in every ten children globally have a disability, and nearly half of all children with disabilities are likely to have never attended school.

"My siblings bought me books every school year so that I consume the same content as my peers. This was of high value to me. It helped me cope and come to the realization that perhaps there were some alternative ways for me to get an education similar or close to what my peers had," Mustafa recalls.

This family support built her confidence and drove her to explore her potential. Today,

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Clues include 'Selling of human beings', 'having the power to do things', 'harbours', etc. Solutions include 'S O U T H I S U D A N', 'S U G A R C A N E S', etc.

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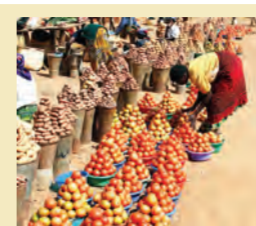
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Why mismatch between manufacturing growth and job creation

By Francis Kajubi

OFFICIAL data show number of manufacturing and processing industries steadily increasing since 2015 to date, but they have minimal impact in creating enough jobs, to overtake the leading agricultural sector.

The Economy Status report for June 2021 by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) shows agriculture, forestry and fisheries lead in Tanzania's employment contribution with 61.5 percent with 14.17million people.

Business and maintenance come next at 14.5 percent with 3.35million jobs.

Hospitality and food services take the third position at 4.1 percent with 952,086 employees followed by the industry sector at 3.7 percent with 853,360 direct and indirect jobs.

During the past six years, the central government had prioritized the industrialization economic model by canvassing reasonable local and foreign direct investments in the sector, targeting to create as many employment opportunities, especially youth and women.

Exaud Kigahe, Deputy Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment told Smart Money that of the 80,969 industries, micro-industries form over 80 percent. The micro-industries are largely owned by small entrepreneurs.

Micro-industries or enterprises topped 62,400 as of October 2021 according to Kigahe. They are formed with the minimum investment capital of 5mn/- and can employ one person.

"In Tanzania there are 17,267 small-scale industries. This kind of industry can be established with the minimum capital above 5mn/- and can employ up to five

people. There are 684 mid-sized industries that can be established with the minimum capital of 50mn/- and have a capacity to employ 200 people and above," said Kigahe.

He asserted that Tanzania had registered 628 large-scale industries as of October 2021 that can be established worth the minimum capital worth 800mn/- and can offer more than 100 jobs at a time.

The NBS report states that industries contributed 8.4 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) throughout the 2019/20 fiscal year compared to 7.9 percent in 2015/16, making a slight gain by 0.5 percent.

On a yearly basis, in 2020 the industrial sector grew by 4.5 percent compared to 5.8 percent in 2019.

The statistics shows the value of industries in the country in 2015 at constant price grew from 7.41trillion/- in 2015 to 10.65 trillion/- in 2020. During the period, total GDP grew from 94.35 trillion/- to 129.10 trillion/- of the corresponding periods.

On the other hand, industry value at current market price grew from 7.41 trillion/- in 2015 to 12.54 trillion/- in 2020. In this case, total GDP is anticipated to grow from 94.35 trillion/- in 2015 to 148.52 trillion/- in 2020.

NBS states that in 2015/16 minimum monthly wage for workers in industries, trade and commerce was 115,000/-

During the period industries, trade and commerce created 239,017 jobs which is projected to have raised to 280,941 workers in 2019/20. However, the same minimum wage has been maintained to date.

Industries alone, according to NBS, are projected to have employed 267,544 workers at the end of 2020 up from 225,620 workers in



Workers at one of the liquor manufacturing industries in Dar es Salaam. (File photo)

2015.

"Things haven't changed since 2018. I almost earn the same amount of salary regardless of daily increment in the cost of living. There is only an increment of 15,000/- from the 120,000/- I used to earn in 2017," said Amina Baruani (27) who works for Jia Xiang Company Limited, a textile manufacturer in Vingunguti Dar es Salaam.

She suggested that government should come up with a minimal monthly payment for manufacturing and processing industries employees that would at least make them afford the cost of living, especially in the wake of commodity inflation.

Projected employment number for persons aged 15 and above in the private, public and self-employment was 23.03 million in 2019/20 from 20.98 million in 2015/16 which is equivalent to a growth of 8.90 percent. This means that there were 2.05 million new employees across all sectors.

Zaituni Mkoga (32) Temeke resident told Smart Money that she has been working for HAWAI Products powdered milk processing facility in Changombe Dar es Salaam.

"This is the third year since I started working for this industry. I have decided to work so that I join forces with my husband in finding a better life. I earn 120,000/- a month. Even with this meagre salary, I am forced to work because almost all industries offer such an amount," said Zaituni.

NBS figures show that the banking sector had extended big amounts of loans to industries. Industries came next with receiving big loans after the other economic sectors category. There were 13 different sectors that banks issued loans of the period under review.

Commercial banks extended loans to industries worth 1.67tril-

lion/- in 2015/16 that is projected to be 1.88trillion/- at the end of 2020.

According to the national statistics bureau, Tanzania had 50,778 at the end of 2015 that increased to 80,969 in October 2021.

On yearly based statistics, NBS states that in 2020, industrial production grew by 4.5 percent compared to 5.8 percent in 2019. The slowdown in growth was due to a shortage of imported industrial raw materials following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The contribution of both manufacturing and processing industries to GDP decreased slightly to 8.4 percent in 2020 from 8.5 percent in 2019.

Senior Economist Prof Samuel Wangwe, told this paper that not only increment in numbers of industries is important but there should also be high and frequent production of raw materials to feed the industries.

He said if industries are filled with enough raw material, they have a chance to boost productivity and therefore offer more jobs to different groups of the community.

On the other hand, the Integrated Labour Force Survey 2020/21 (ILFS) released September 2021 states that the employment rate in manufacturing and processing industries grew by 7.8 percent in 2020/21 from 6.5 percent in 2014 in Tanzania mainland while in Zanzibar it grew to 17.1 percent from 14.6 percent respectively.

On the total percentage of employment by status, the survey shows that own account workers or self-employment leads in the country's workforce portfolio, followed by contributing family workers and employees take the third position.

The ILFS figures show that in Tanzania mainland 48.4 percent of the work force was employed in own account jobs as of 2014 that raised to 52.5 percent in 2020/21.

In Zanzibar, the rate of self-employment has decreased to 59.3 percent in 2020/21 compared to 60.4 percent in 2014. Family workers in the mainland have decreased by 31.7 percent in 2020/21 compared to 35.5 percent in 2014.

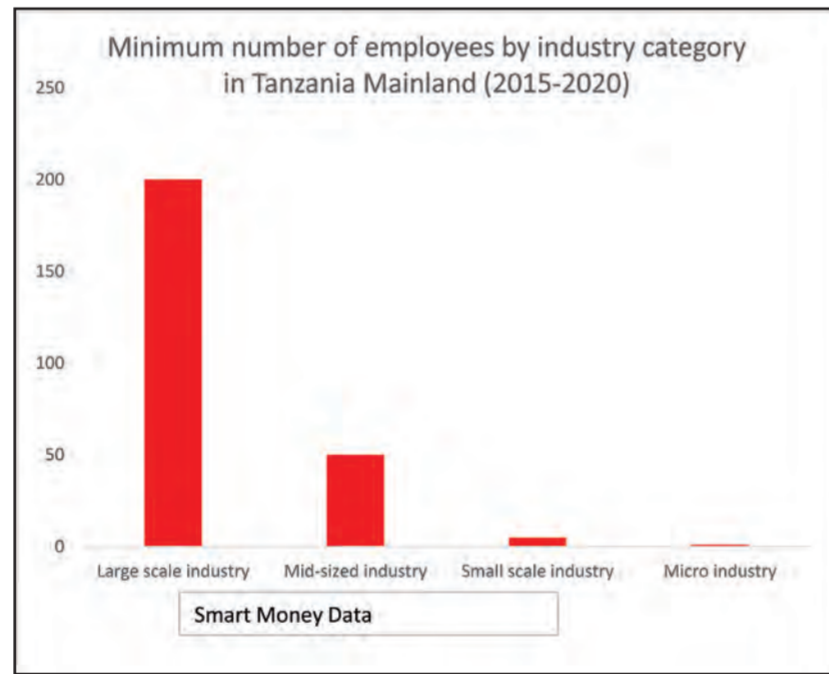
Employees in various sectors in the mainland have slightly increased to 13.5 percent compared to 13.4 percent of the periods under review. In Zanzibar, employees increased by 27.7 percent compared to 26.2 percent in the corresponding period.

On the contrary, in the mainland employers have decreased to 1.6 percent in 2020/21 from 2.7 percent in 2014. In Zanzibar, employers decreased by 4.7 percent in 2020/21 compared to 5.1 percent in 2014.

With regard to unemployment rate, the ILFS shows that it decreased to 9 percent in 2020/21 from 10.3 percent in 2014/15. On addressing unemployment, a university scholar in humanities, education and social development Dr George Kahangwa, told Smart Money recently that serious government's investment in the agriculture sector is of crucial importance.

Dr Kahangwa suggested simple technologies in the agriculture sector that would enable small holder farmers to use few resources but harvest enough yields.

"The change of perception among youth that agriculture is only for those who failed schools must also be addressed if unemployment is to be resolved," said Dr Kahangwa.



Cloves unit price per tonned up by 500 per cent end of 2021

By Francis Kajubi

MONTHLY cloves unit price per ton hit US\$31,285 (72.35million/-) at the end of December 2021, an increase of 500 percent compared to US\$5,200 (12.03million/-) during corresponding period in 2020.

The quarterly economic bulletin for the fourth quarter of last year shows during the period between September and December 2021, cloves unit price per ton was US\$15,289 (35.36million/-) from US\$4,950 (11.45million/-) per ton in the corresponding quarter in 2020.

The quarterly bulletin figures released at the end of last week show rise in cloves unit price have contributed into pushing up total value of its exports from Zanzibar to the rest of the world worth projected to be US\$10.75million (24.86billion/-) in the fourth quarter ended December 2021.

The cloves export value has increased from US\$1.01million (2.35billion/-) of the corresponding period of December 2020 according to the central bank's quarterly economic

bulletin of December 2021.

Available data show the volume of cloves export increased to 1,500 tons during the fourth quarter from 200 tons exports in the quarter ended 2020.

On Zanzibar's export of non-traditional goods portfolio, total value for seaweeds dropped to US\$1.66million (3.83billion/-) for the quarter ending December 2021 from US\$9.58million (22.15billion/-) for the corresponding quarter in 2020.

Seaweeds export volume was 4,100 tons in 2021 quarter four compared to 2,500 tons in 2020. Its unit price per ton is projected to be US\$428 (989,795/-) in 2021 compared to US\$2,401 (5.55million) per ton in 2020.

However, value for manufactured goods exports is projected to be US\$2.54million (5.87billion/-) in the fourth quarter of 2021 from US\$2.29million (5.28billion/-) of 2020. Value for fish and fish products exports is projected to be US\$498,000 (1.15billion/-) in 2021 from US\$388,000 (897million/-).

Generally, the BoT bulletin states that exports of goods and services are projected to hit US\$49.7million (115.63billion/-) in 2021 compared with US\$40.1million (92.50billion/-) recorded during the fourth quarter ending 2020.

The total value of goods exports is projected to be US\$18.4 million (42.55billion/-), higher than US\$14.2 million (32.84billion/-) of the corresponding periods, largely on account of increase in exports of cloves.

BoT asserts that during the review period, service receipts increased by 20.7 percent to US\$31.3 million in 2021 as compared to 25.9 million of the corresponding quarter in 2020.

The increase in service receipt was mainly associated with an increase in tourism earning.

On the other hand, the quarterly bulletin states that imports of goods and services amounted to US\$121.9 million which is 5.3 percent lower than US\$128.7 million recorded in the corresponding quarter in 2020, mainly due to a decrease in

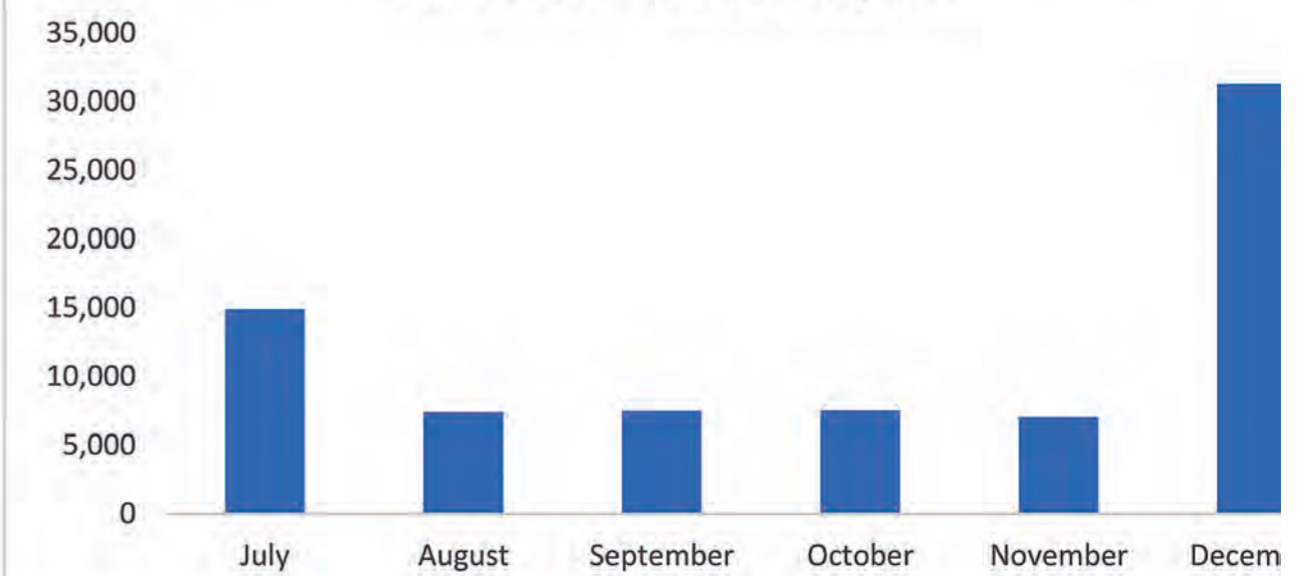
service payments.

Meanwhile, Zanzibar's annual headline inflation averaged 2.2 percent in the quarter ending December 2021 compared to 1 percent recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2020.

The quarterly clarifies that the increase was mainly attributable to a rise in prices of non-food items particularly petroleum products.

"Despite the increase, inflation was still below the country's target of not more than 5 percent for 2021/22. Food inflation decreased to an average of 0.2 percent in the quarter ending December 2021 from 1.5 percent recorded in the corresponding quarter in 2020, mainly due to adequate food supply" reads the BoT fourth quarter report.

Zanzibar Monthly Cloves Price From July 2021 To December 2021 in USD/Ton



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Kilwa seaweed farmers facing marketing, technological snags



By Beatrice Philemon

SEAWEED farmers in Zanzibar earn twice or three times what those in Kilwa district do, The Guardian has learnt.

This is due to the fact that farmers in Kilwa sell their products to individuals, mainly traders, will offices in Dar es Salaam, while those in Zanzibar are selling through the state trading corporation.

According to the BOT data, the unit price of exported seaweed from Zanzibar declined significantly from \$2,400.8 per tones in December 2020 to 427.6 in December 2021, a decrease of 82.2 percent.

Speaking on behalf of her fellow farmers, the secretary of Tumaini Jipya kwa Wanawake Kilwa (TUJWAKI) Pili

Kuliwa said maximum seaweed prices is ranging between 600/- and 1500/- per kilo in Kilwa Kivinje, but the price is low in other areas.

She said seaweed farming in Kilwa is largely untapped and has not brought considerable outcomes on the income to the level of poverty reduction.

Currently, the sector is dominated by smallholder women, but there is a need for the government to encourage more investors.

Kilwa seaweed farming can be an effective commercial activity for improving the lives of people, while

stimulating economic growth.

Although women are engaged in this sector, there is unequal bargaining power between farmers and buyers. Buyers always dictates the price setting.

"As farmers we need government intervention on the side of pricing," she said.

They called on the government to help them to construct market infrastructure, where they will sell their products.

"Right now, we don't have special

premise for selling our products and we just sell them as they come," she said. According to her, 90 percent of the farmers regard seaweed as dependable income generating activity to meet their needs including food, health, education and construction of houses.

Highlighting on seaweed value chain, Kilwa District Fisheries Officer, Ahmad Mkali noted the crop employs over 3430 farmers and 95 percent of whom are women.

There are two types of seaweed species grown in Kilwa that includes *Spinosum* and *cottonii*, while farmers are involved in both contract and non-contract farming. Currently, Seaweed is largely grown in five villages across the district, include Songosongo, Masoko, Songomnara, Malalali and Kivinje.

He said Songosongo village has 2400 farmers, Masoko 560, Songomnara more than 160, Malalali 240 and Kivinje more than 60 farmers.

The officer said 36 women groups have been established in five villages with a total of 450 members, as each group comprises of 10-15 members.

They also received loans from the district council to purchase inputs.

Currently the district produces a total of 600 tonnes of seaweed per year.

The largest quantity of seaweed is exported unprocessed by Mwani Mariculture Company and Ledo Biashara Company to Philippines, Thailand, China, France and USA.

However, the dried seaweed has been experiencing low price.

For instance, 1kg of *cottonii* seaweed is sold at 1200/- while *Spinosum* sold at 600/- per kg.

She said COVID-19 pandemic seriously hurt their earning as buyers were few, but there is hope ahead as the global economy is recovering.

Other challenges farmers face are shortages of input supply, ropes, storage facilities and tarpaulin, drying facilities, sea and in-land transport facilities, of which affects their income.

Currently, farmers dry their seaweed on the sand and grass that compromise the quality because of contaminations.

He said seaweeds is not grown commercially and 95 percent of women lack drying facilities, sea and in-land transport facilities, storage facilities that resulting low yields and selling price.

However, the district authority say it assist farmers to access loan without collateral, trainings, linking farmers to markets, while the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries offer ropes and other inputs for seaweed farming.

Elaborating on Contract farming, he said, right now a total of 534 farmers have been entered into contract farming with Mariculture Company Ltd in Masoko Pwani, Songomnara, Pande Plot and Kilwa Kivinje (Mayungiyungi) for seaweed farming and sell their produce.

Among those, 467 are women while the remained 67 are men.

He added a total of 2017 non contract farmers are involved in seaweed farming at Songosongo village. Among those, 1,501 are women while the remained 516 are men.

CURRENT NEWS

Electricity load shedding reminds us of our inadequacy

By Geoffrey Nangai

THE issue of power outages continued to make headlines last week with a cross section of legislators citing laxity within the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) as the biggest bottleneck.

Earlier about a fortnight ago, TANESCO announced a 10 days of countrywide electricity rationing plan but one day after the announcement, the Deputy Energy Minister Stephen Byabato said the power cuts was a result of low capacity of power plants which tend to automatically switch off when overwhelmed after industries switch on big machines. This revelation however created a benefit of doubt amongst the public.

But in a rejoinder, the Energy Minister January Makamba while appearing in the house last week disclosed that TANESCO's inefficiency was a 'long-standing' legacy challenge and asked the public to give the electricity firm more time to fix the mess.

He urged that in line with international best practices, TANESCO was supposed to earmark 10 to 12 per cent of its gross revenues for repair and maintenance (R&M) of the electricity firm's infrastructure network.

On this regard Makamba noted that TANESCO should have set aside at least 1.8bn/- out of the 1.8trn/- gross revenue posted by the company last year for repair and maintenance.

He noted that the Government has already embarked on a \$1.9 billion (approximately 4.37trn/-) project that seeks to upgrade substations and transmission lines that will ensure stability on the national grid.

If the reason given by the Minister is perhaps genu-



By Geoffrey Nangai

BETWEEN THE LINES

ine, then the power rationing plan was then a 'necessary evil'. In fact, for several years, Tanzania has witnessed a growing power generation deficit characterized by nationwide power cuts.

At the peak of the power rationing crisis in mid-2011, Tanzania experienced up to 18 hours of load shedding per day in certain parts of the country that prompted TANESCO to entered into high-cost short-term contracts on emergency basis with privately-owned Emergency Power Projects (EPPs), totaling 317 Megawatts (MW), which reduced load shedding but at a significant increase in the average unit cost of sales from \$0.10 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) in 2010 to \$0.20 per kWh in 2012.

The story has not changed much in recent years although the country has taken major strides in addressing the energy sector challenges.

As a starting point, it is equally important for the energy ministry to undertake a baseline survey to determine to what extent power outages affect productivity of various sectors including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Tanzania has already embarked on an ambitious drive to attract more Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs), so ensuring efficient, reliable and quality power is paramount if we are to attract more investors.

The status quo is Tanzania's industrialization agenda rides on hydro power for production which is not only costly but unreliable as well.

Efforts to boost hydropower generation have been undertaken by the Government in recent years with the latest in line being the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP) with a capacity to produce 2115 megawatts to boost the energy sector by June 2022.

As part of efforts to ensure supply of cheap and reliable energy sources, Tanzania needs to go back on the drawing board to ensure development of alternative energy sources like wind, solar, geo-thermal, and gas to reduce the energy deficit.

Development of these alternative energy sources will require stronger political commitment, long-term energy planning, and adequate policy and scale incentives to spur faster uptake of sustainable energy solutions.

Without Government commitment, access to affordable and clean energy sources will remain an elusive dream for most

Tanzanians, especially those living in rural areas.

According to the World Bank, Lack of sufficient power generation capacity, poor transmission and distribution infrastructure, high costs of supply to remote areas are among the biggest hurdles for extending grid-based electricity.

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Zanzibar's quarterly revenue collections in 2021 edges 2020

By Francis Kajubi

ZANZIBAR Revolutionary government resource envelope, which includes domestic revenue and grants, amounted to 218billion/- during the quarter ending December 2021.

Central bank's quarterly economic bulletin for December states that of the total amount, domestic revenue was 209.8billion/- and the balance 8.2billion/- was granted.

During the fourth quarter of 2020, government resource revenue amounted to 168.4billion/-, of which domestic revenue was 163.2billion/-, while grants were 5.2billion/-.

The bulletin asserts that for the quarter ending December 2021 domestic revenue collections were below the target for the quarter by 26.5 percent, while grants received were above the projected amount for the quarter by 93.8 percent on account of timely and higher disbursement by external development partners.

During the period, tax revenue was 26.9 percent higher than the collections in the corresponding quarter of 2020 and 74.8 percent of the target for the quarter.

Similarly, at December 2021, non-tax collections increased to 29.2 billion from 20.8billion/- in the quarter ending December 2020. At December 2020, tax revenue was 142.4billion/-, while non-tax revenue was 20.8billion/-.

The government had targeted collecting larger amounts of revenues from income tax according to the monthly economic review (MER) of January 2022. The review shows that Zanzibar government earned 21.6billion/- in income tax at December 2021 more than the targeted 20.7billion/- and up from 19.1billion/- sourced at December 2020.

Other taxes also had contributed to the revenues sourced whereby other taxes amounted 15billion/- at December 2021 contrary to the target of 24.5billion/- and lower than 16.3billion/- sourced at December 2020.

However, the January 2022 economic review shows that collections from VAT and excise duties (local) increased to 15.8billion/- at December 2021 lower than the target of 19.8billion/- but higher than 11.9billion/- sourced during the corresponding period of 2020.

As at December 2021, Zanzibar's gov-



Zanzibar revenue board building

ernment had collected 14.8billion/- from tax on imports higher than 11.9billion/- it collected in December 2020 but lower to the target of 17.7billion/-.

According to the monthly review, non-tax revenues stabilized at 9.1billion/- in December 2021 and 2020 respectively contrary to the target of 18.3billion/-. Grants have increased to 3.1billion/- in December 2021 from 1.4billion/- December 2020. The received amount doubled the targeted 1.5billion/-.

Global trade growth likely to be subdued in 2022

By Guardian Reporter Correspondent

A new report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development says, "Overall, the value of global trade reached a record level of \$28.5 trillion in 2021," which is an increase of 25% on 2020 and 13% higher compared to 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic struck.

Trade in services rose by \$50 billion to reach \$1.6 trillion, just above pre-pandemic levels.

The UNCTAD report indicates that trade growth will slow during the first quarter of 2022. It says the world will see positive growth rates in both trade in goods and services, but only marginally, and trade values will be at levels similar to the last three months of 2021.

"The positive trend for international trade in 2021 was largely the result of increases in commodity prices, subsiding pandemic restrictions and a strong recovery in demand due to economic stimulus packages," the report says.

"As these trends are likely to abate, international trade trends are expected to normalize during 2022."

The report shows that in the fourth quarter 2021, all major trading economies saw imports and exports rise well above pre-pandemic levels in 2019.

Quarterly growth is the quarter over quarter growth rate of seasonally adjusted values. Annual growth refers to the last four quarters. Figures for Q4 2021 are preliminary.

But trade in goods increased more strongly in the developing world than in developed countries.

Exports of developing countries were about 30% higher than during the same period in 2020, compared with 15% for wealthier nations.

The growth was higher in commodity-exporting regions, as commodity prices increased.

The report talks about the impact of supply chain disruptions and the high energy prices and its impact on global trading patterns in 2022. On trade flows, the report projects the trend of regionalization to increase because of various trade agreements and regional initiatives, as well as "increasing reliance of geographically closer suppliers."

Moreover, trade patterns in 2022 are expected to reflect the increasing global demand for products that are environmentally sustainable.

The report also flags the record levels of global debt, warning that concerns over debt sustainability are likely to intensify due to mounting inflationary pressures.

Global finance coalition exceeds target in funding African MSEMs

By Guardian Correspondent

AFRICAN Development Bank (AfDB) - Coalition has exceeded its \$4 billion target by 40% in an effort to help Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) face the Covid-19 pandemic.

The coalition for a sustainable and inclusive recovery of the private sector, an international group of 20 development finance institutions that came together in 2020.

AfDB commitments of over \$5.55 billion of financing to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Africa between mid-2020 and end of 2021, beating their set target of \$4 billion over the period.

African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina said: "Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises are vital to Africa's prosperity, representing 90% of all businesses and generating more than half of all jobs. Many small entrepreneurs will tell you that limited access to finance is a major hurdle to growth."

He said the \$5.5 billion will go a long way in overcoming this hurdle.

"I am confident our initiative will make a major contribution to the success of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises all over Africa. If they grow, we all do," he asserted.

The coalition said it had exceeded its initial target by 40 percent, while development finance institutions jointly committed over \$5.55 billion of financing of micro, small and medium enterprises in Africa over the period.

At the first Finance in Common Summit in November 2020, the EDFI Association, on behalf of its 15 European member development finance institutions, together with the African Development Bank, the West African Development Bank (BOAD), FinDev Canada, the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, and the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector, launched the coalition.

The Trade and Development Bank joined it soon after. In response



to the unprecedented global health and economic crisis caused by Covid-19, the coalition recognised the critical role development finance institutions play in supporting the crisis response in vulnerable countries.

While micro, small and medium enterprises are the economic lifeblood of emerging and frontier economies, they are also more vulnerable to crises than larger enterprises.

In developing countries, formal small and medium enterprises contribute more than one third of gross domestic product and account for 52% of formal employment.

Improved access to finance for micro, small and medium enterprises is critically important to boost growth and the prospects of the 450 million young Africans projected to join the labour market by 2050.

The Covid-19 crisis put the viability of micro, small and medium enterprises under acute pressure and efforts to expand inclusive financial solutions are crucial for a successful recovery.

To address this challenge, the coalition's signatories committed to: deepen cooperation among their institutions; focus on inclusive financial solutions for the private sector; and support clients with technical assistance and advisory services when needed.

Consequently, the 1,400 projects contracted

demonstrate a strong focus on smaller and inclusive projects as well as on a broad spectrum of small and medium enterprises, from small enterprises/start-ups to mid-sized firms with strong growth potential.

In addition, signatories mobilised €23 million of technical assistance, including capacity building and advisory services to MSMEs.

"MSMEs are vital to Sub-Saharan Africa's economy, representing 90% of trade and more than half the jobs in the region. As these businesses disproportionately suffered the impacts of the health crisis, we joined efforts to provide capital and advisory services to support the economic recovery. Surpassing our initial goal further motivates us to collaborate with our partners to promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa," added Lori Kerr, CEO, FinDev Canada.

Ayman Sejiny, CEO of ICD, commented: "I would like to congratulate all the coalition partners and ICD's team for exceeding the coalition's target by committing over USD 5 billion for MSME financing in Africa. It is a great accomplishment and a culmination that will inspire our coalition of development partners to collaborate more to continue achieving more ambitious goals for sustainable development in Africa and our member countries."

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Oil price steadies after swings in Ukraine crisis, Iran nuclear talks

MELBOURNE

OIL prices calmed down after fluctuating initially on Monday, as investors eyed contrasting scenarios of tighter Russian energy supplies due to the Ukraine crisis and more crude coming to the market on a possible nuclear deal between Iran and world powers.

Brent crude futures and US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude rose more than \$1 a barrel at the start of Asian trade and subsequently swung to nearly \$1 loss on news of a possible summit between the United States and Russia.

The office of French President Emmanuel Macron said in a statement on Monday that U.S. President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin have agreed in principle to a summit over Ukraine.

Brent crude futures were at \$93.39 a barrel at 0445 GMT, down 15 cents or 0.2%, after earlier touching \$95, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures had climbed 7 cents to \$91.14 a barrel, off an earlier high of \$92.93.

US markets closed on Monday for the Presidents Day holiday.

Oil markets have been jittery over the past month on worries a Russian invasion of its neighbour could disrupt crude supplies, but price gains have been limited by the possibility of more than 1 million barrels a day of Iranian crude returning to the market.

A senior European Union official said on Friday a deal to revive Iran's 2015 nuclear agreement was "very very close".

Analysts said the market remained tight, and any addition of oil would help, but prices would remain volatile in the near term as Iranian crude would only likely return later this year.

"There's just so many pressures geopolitically it's difficult to know what the answer is (on market movements) - with Ukraine and Iran," said National Australia Bank commodity analyst Baden Moore.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said Russia would be cut off from international financial markets and denied access to major exports needed to modernise its economy if it invaded Ukraine.

"If a Russian invasion takes place as the U.S. and U.K. have warned in recent days, Brent futures could spike above \$US100/bbl, even if an Iranian deal is reached," Commonwealth Bank analyst Vivek Dhar said in a note.

Analysts at Singapore's OCBC bank said Brent could test \$100 in the short term, possibly before the end of first quarter.

Despite the prospect of \$100 oil, ministers of Arab oil-producing countries said on Sunday that OPEC+ should stick to its current agreement to add 400,000 barrels of oil per day each month to output, rejecting calls to pump more to ease pressure on prices.

To avert a major run up in prices, RBC Capital analysts said the White House is expected to prepare a large strategic petroleum reserves (SPR) release coordinated through the International Energy Agency.

"We anticipate that the US SPR release will be larger than the one in November and more sweet barrels could be offered this time around through direct sale," RBC Capital said in a note.



Marketing in the Metaverse Part 1

ARE we wrong for doing our job in an unconventional way? But why the unconventional topic? I've always had a huge fascination for technology and where it is taking us. Most Tanzanians are quite comfortable with the current state of the marketing realm but as time moves so does the way we share information specially we as marketers and those that receive that information as the general public, it is about adopting to change or choosing to be left behind.

Marketing by Quantum Theory is a new space, phase or paradigm of marketing that partly involves data mining and artificial intelligence (AI). In my first article I talked about data mining to create segments and focus on potential customers through the use of AI.

But what is Metaverse?

In the course of late last year Facebook changed its group business name from Facebook to Meta. As I juggled the name in thought I would spend my time searching on what the Facebook Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (now Meta) was upto. Most of the media content for early last year showed him experimenting on some normal sun glasses that when worn and switched on they provide GPS coordinates, locations, directions etc. basically they become your Google search, maps and much more similar to what you would be doing when using your mobile phone to go places or request for assistance from Siri, Alexa or Google Assistant. After the Facebook name changed my medulla became too inquisitive so I began to connect the dots in my head and began to understand the link with Meta's future product innovation.

I mean following Meta's CEO is like following what the next technological marketing or social space will be.

So I began to decipher:

Metaverse is a virtual space or realm that an individual goes to, to experience whether its entertainment, work related, leisure etc. like the last term "verse" coined from the English word "universe" which is origin from the Latin word "universum", you will experience something out of this world. Any Metaverse technology must contain 5G network, AI, Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR). If you have watched the movie Tenet by Christopher Nolan, it is basically about crossing different genres or different places without rupturing or disrupting time. One will have the ability to move between a virtual world and the physical world. We had seen a snippet of this with the Samsung Oculus VR gear, once worn you go to certain places and experience being inside a virtual game fighting alongside an army, the reality is so real that you can move your hands and run while still in your living room. In this day and age you can wear such a headset and enter a virtual world that is so realistic.



Imagine

The positive aspects to such a kind of technology, for example, consider the learning and research side one can go inside a VR and experience how a computer is made by breaking it up and looking inside the entire operating system and how it is assembled. Medical students can do VR surgeries etc.

Remember Microsoft Teams or Zoom meetings you had daily during the start of Covid 19 with VR you can practically be inside them and have the same realistic experience. I remember during the start of Covid 19 tourism in Tanzania declined with practically no visitors coming, but imagine a family or just someone in London, Washington or Tokyo can use VR to have the same experience of visiting the Serengeti, Ngorongoro or Mt. Kilimanjaro simply by paying say TZS 5,000 you can enter the VR to these places. The saying goes the best business is most profitable through its sales turnover.

General fitness or work-out can be done from home, movie theater experience or a music concert via the VR, possibilities are limitless and a mind boggling array of use cases. Virtually a new business space is being created.

So the saying, "If you build it, they will come." Well some are rushing to Space, Mars or the Moon but we might get there before them at a cheaper cost.

In short, Metaverse is where all the technology conglomerates are investing in right now.

Back to Facebook (now Meta) I hope you now see the dots connecting? And this will turn into a new marketing space for marketers and businesses much sooner or later.

I hope this was an eye opener.

To be continued.

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Indian professional freelancers see increase in monthly earnings

NEW DELHI

INDIAN women freelancers are earning more for their assignments now than they did a year ago amid an increasing demand for gig workers that enables companies to tap high potential talent from a diverse pool of people.

Professional women freelancers in the country observed a substantial increase of 42% in their average hourly earnings rate to \$22/hour in 2022 against \$14/hour in 2020, according to a global survey by American digital payments services company Payoneer.

This makes the average hourly earnings rate of female gig workers in India at par with their global counterparts, according to the "Freelancer Income Report 2022" shared exclusively with ET. The survey reached out to 2,300 freelancers from around the world.

The survey also shows that freelancers in India saw rising demand and opportunity from international assignments. The average hourly rates (male and female) of the Indian freelancing community saw a jump from \$21 in 2020 to \$26 in 2022.

The report also shows that the gender wage gap in India has slightly improved since 2020. In 2022, Indian women are earning 81% of what their male counterparts do with their average hourly rates at \$22/hour compared to men's hourly rate at \$27/hour.

The gender pay gap stood at 77% before COVID. Interestingly, Indian women freelancers recorded a much better gender pay ratio against their counterparts in developed markets like the US which stood at 71%.

Overall Indian freelancers outshined their global counterparts and were able to demand a better average hourly rate for some of the popular professions like finance demanding an hourly rate of \$71 against global average of \$41 and marketing at \$47 against global average rate of \$34.

Premium being charged by Indian freelancers shows an increasing global acceptability of Indian work quality.

"Indian freelancing is making a value driven shift in the global gig economy. In the last few years, we have witnessed a constant increase in freelancer income and their movement to more specialised fields like marketing, coding and finance," said Rohit Kulkarni, Senior Vice President at Payoneer India.

"More flexibility, better-skilled opportunities, and increased earnings are some leading to more professionals entering this economy," he added.

The Indian freelancing economy is dominated by young Indian freelancers between the age group of 18-34 years. More than half of the Indian respondents (57%) stated that they find most of their work through online marketplaces such as Upwork, Fiverr, etc., while only 7% rely on traditional sources like word of mouth and referrals.

Some of the top challenges faced by Indian freelancers were related to business growth, i.e. expanding to new markets, and managing time and fee negotiations.

WORLD

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II tests positive for COVID-19

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Queen Elizabeth II has tested positive for COVID-19, Buckingham Palace confirmed on Sunday.

The queen is experiencing mild cold-like symptoms but expects to continue light duties at Windsor over the coming week, the palace said.

"She will continue to receive medical attention and will follow all the appropriate guidelines," it added.

The announcement was made just a few weeks after the 95-year-old monarch marked her Platinum Jubilee, the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne.

Earlier this month, Prince Charles tested positive for COVID-19 for the second time after he fell ill with the virus in 2020. British media said he had seen the queen a few days before his positive diagnosis, citing palace

sources.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson intends to set out plans next week to remove self-isolation requirements for people infected with COVID-19, his office said on Saturday.

Britain would become the first major European country to allow people who know they are infected with COVID-19 to freely use shops, public transport and go to work - a move many of his health advisors think is risky.

"COVID will not suddenly disappear, and we need to learn to live with this virus and continue to protect ourselves without restricting our freedoms," Johnson said in a statement.

Johnson will also give more details on how Britain will guard against future coronavirus variants through ongoing surveillance, amid reports that the government wants to end



Queen Elizabeth II speaks during an audience at Windsor Castle where she met the incoming and outgoing Defence Service Secretaries, Feb 16, 2022. AP

free testing and scale back public health studies.

Currently people in England are legally required to self-isolate for at least five days if instructed to by public health officials, and are advised to isolate even without a specific order if they have COVID-19 symptoms or test positive.

Removing the COVID-19 self-isolation legal requirements and replacing them with voluntary guidance would bring the disease in line with how Britain treats most other infections.

Some 85 percent of Britain's population aged 12 or over have had at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, and two thirds of the population - including the vast majority of those most at risk - have had three.

Britain's death toll of more than 160,000 fatalities within 28 days of infection is the second-highest in Europe after Russia's. Relative to the size of Britain's population, it is 6 percent higher than the average for the European Union.

COVID-19 restrictions are unpopular with many members of Johnson's Conservative Party, who view them as disproportionate given widespread take-up of vaccines.

"Pharmaceutical interventions, led by the vaccination program, will continue to be our first line of defense," the government said. "An awareness of public health guidance should remain, as with all infectious diseases such as flu."

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Putin, Macron continued to discuss Ukraine in their second call in 24 hours, says Kremlin

MOSCOW

PRESIDENTS Vladimir Putin of Russia and Emmanuel Macron of France held another telephone conversation regarding Ukraine in the early hours of yesterday morning, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

"A telephone conversation between the leaders of Russia and France, the second in one day, was initiated by President Macron at about 1:00 am," he said. "The presidents continued to discuss the situation around Ukraine," Peskov added.

"They focused on the need to maintain dialogue involving the foreign ministries and political advisors [within the Normandy Four group consisting of Russia, Germany, France and Ukraine]," the Kremlin spokesman emphasized. "Contacts between the Russian and French foreign ministers are possible in the near future," he noted.

The Kremlin press service reported on Sunday that Putin had held a conversation with Macron, particularly saying that provocations staged by the Ukrainian military were the reason for the spike in tensions in Donbass.

In addition, "attention was paid to NATO countries' steps aimed at pumping Ukraine with advanced weapons and ammunition." Russia also emphasized that Kiev was only pretending to be engaged in the negotiation process, stubbornly refusing to implement the Minsk accords and agreements reached within the Normandy Four group.

The Kremlin press service noted that given the current high tensions, the two presidents agreed that it would be reasonable to step up the search for diplomatic solutions involving the foreign ministries and the political advisors to the Normandy Four leaders.

Following a call with Putin, Macron held telephone conversations with US President Joe Biden, Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

The Elysee Palace said later that Macron had suggested Putin and Biden should hold a summit, which could be followed by a meeting also involving the interested parties, in order to discuss issues related to security and strategic stability in Europe.

According to Paris, the leaders of the US and Russia "agreed to the proposal of a summit." Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken will prepare the summit's agenda during their meeting on February 24.

The West and Kiev have recently been echoing allegations about Russia's potential invasion of Ukraine. Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov castigated these claims as "empty and unfounded", serving as a ploy to escalate tensions, pointing out that Russia did not pose any threat whatsoever to anyone.

However, Peskov did not rule out the possibility of provocations aimed at justifying such claims and warned that attempts to use military force to resolve the crisis in southeastern Ukraine would have serious consequences.

Virus: Staff shortage challenges Germany's jab mandate

BERLIN

GERMAN Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Wednesday, announced an easing of COVID-19 restrictions as a recent surge from the more infectious Omicron variant appeared to have passed its peak.

But he said a general vaccine mandate was still necessary to deal with possible new variants and a worsening situation in autumn and winter.

The debate in Germany highlights the difficulty in making vaccinations compulsory in the country's federal system and is likely to undermine efforts to extend the rule to all adults.

Germany has a lower vaccination rate than many other western European nations at about 75 percent fully vaccinated. Around 92 percent of hospital workers have received two shots against the virus, a survey by the Robert Koch Institute showed.

Christine Vogler, head of the German Nursing Council, said the mandate would hit a sector already suffering staff shortages two years into the pandemic, with more than 200,000 nursing jobs currently unfilled.

"I have a choice between unvaccinated caregivers and no care at all. This is a bad solution," she said.

Vogel and other district councilors in the eastern state of Saxony, which has Germany's lowest vaccination rate and where almost 30 percent of healthcare staff are unvaccinated, have begged federal and state health authorities to scrap the mandate which passed parliament in December.

But after a meeting of state health ministers last week, it looks likely to go ahead. All 16 states agreed to implement the law as long as they are allowed to find ways to avoid staff shortages.

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Strive for peace over Ukraine, FM counsels

CHINA called on countries to shoulder their responsibilities and strive for peace rather than escalate tension, create panic and even hype up wars on the Ukraine issue.

State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi made the remark via video to the 58th Munich Security Conference, where he said Ukraine should serve as a communication bridge between the East and West, instead of the frontier of a confrontation of powers.

Wang said countries needed to reject the idea of exclusive security and absolute security, as well as guard against and oppose any attempt for a "new Cold War".

China always holds that all countries' sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity should be respected and safeguarded, and Ukraine is no exception to the principle, Wang stressed. He added that Russia's reasonable security concerns should be given respect and emphasis.

Wang reiterated that the parties concerned should come back to the Minsk II agreement of 2015, which he said was the only way to solve the Ukraine issue.

As a product of the Cold War that has long gone, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization needs some necessary adjustments, he said and called into question whether the bloc's eastward enlargement is conducive to long-term European peace and stability.

The three-day conference, which concluded on Sunday, was convened amid the plethora of current crises and the sig-



State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi (center), attends the 58th Munich Security Conference via video from Beijing, on Saturday. XINHUA

nificant risk of further escalation. Wolfgang Ischinger, chairman of the Munich Security Conference, called on everyone to collectively unlearn and overcome helplessness.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned against the risk of geopolitical divides and urged "leaders to back a surge in diplomacy for peace, a surge in political will for peace, and a surge in investment in peace" at the meeting.

Noting that the world faces once again the danger of division and confrontation, including the revival of Cold War mentality and undermining of the international rule of law by a certain major power, Wang said such phenomena run counter to the advancement of history and "should not be

allowed to continue".

To overcome the current challenges and usher in a bright future, Wang said, "the answer lies in greater solidarity and cooperation under the banner of multilateralism", highlighting critical roles and actions of major countries.

Wang called for countries to champion and act on true multilateralism, saying the authority of the United Nations must be guaranteed and the purposes and principles of the UN Charter must be upheld.

"No country, not even a superpower, should replace international norms with its own will, still less put itself above international norms," he stressed.

Countries need to work together for a new

type of international relations based on mutual respect, equity, justice and win-win cooperation, Wang said, opposing state-to-state relations being simplistically defined by competition only and forging rivaling alliances.

Cui Hongjian, director of the European studies department at the China Institute of International Studies, said China's position on the Ukraine issue came at a very critical moment and was of great significance.

It added to the confidence and strength of the parties concerned to seek a political and diplomatic settlement of the Ukraine issue, he said. As two major forces and great civilizations, China and Europe have a good foundation of cooperation and extensive common interests, Cui said.

"China is unwilling to see Europe get mired in geopolitical conflicts, supports European strategic autonomy and hopes Europe will take regional fate into its own hands," he added.

Zhang Shengjun, deputy dean of the school of international relations at Beijing Normal University, said the United States instigated geopolitical conflicts on the Ukraine issue for self-gain, and such irresponsible behavior was the cause of the current instability and insecurity.

In the annual conference on international security policy with the Ukraine issue taking center stage, Zhang hailed China's responsible role as a major country for advocating solving disputes through dialogue and consultation rather than creating division and confrontation.

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West's 'blind eye' policy towards shelling in Donbass can provoke Kiev attack – diplomat

UNITED NATIONS

THE policy of Western countries that prefer to ignore the shelling of Donbass by Ukrainian troops may push Kiev to a full-scale offensive, Dmitry Polyansky, First Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the UN said on Sunday.

"Given the fact that our Western colleagues are trying to put a blind eye to what is happening in the east [of Ukraine], they are from the outset denying that Ukraine is shelling these territories and claiming that everything which is happening there would



Russian First Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Dmitry Polyansky

be the result of Russian provocation, of course with such an em-

boldening it is very risky and is very possible that some people in Ukraine would have the temptation of provoking the rebels, provoking these territories," he said in an interview with the Mother of All Talkshows YouTube-channel.

"So, if our French colleagues can influence the minds of Ukrainian establishment to convince them that they should stick to the Minsk agreements and they should not open fire at peaceful population in Donbass that could be only welcome," the diplomat added.

The situation along the contact line in eastern Ukraine took a turn

for the worse in the morning of February 17.

The self-proclaimed Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics report the most massive shelling by the Ukrainian military over the past months.

There have been no reports of deaths, but one civilian woman was wounded and the shelling damaged some civilian facilities.

Amid the mounting threat of combat actions, the self-proclaimed republics on Friday announced the evacuation of civilians to Russia. On Saturday, the Donbass republics announced general mobilisation.

Agencies

Smart subway brings better travel experience to passengers in China

AS China pushes ahead with the construction of smart cities, smart subway has gained momentum across the country, with big data, cloud computing, artificial intelligence (AI), 5G and other new technologies being increasingly employed in urban rail transit systems.

Thanks to digital technologies, subways in China are not only able to function as a convenient and fast means of transportation, but meet people's diverse needs

and offer a wide range of services.

Lushuidao Station along Metro Line 6 (Phase 2) in north China's Tianjin municipality was designed to perform 20 functions based on smart technologies, including intelligent passenger services, passenger flow heat mapping, automatic control of various systems and equipment, as well as smart lighting.

Through a comprehensive operation platform at the central control room of the station,

workers are able to monitor the entire station and spot various incidents in time.

Sensors installed in the station can gather data on carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, temperature, humidity and fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) 24 hours a day; and intelligent ambient lighting and interconnected air and water systems for central air conditioning can effectively save electricity and improve energy management efficiency.

Besides, trains running on the Metro Line 6 (Phase 2), Tianjin's first fully-automated subway line, can automatically awaken various systems, depart and begin daily operation, carry out the passengers, return to the garage and switch to sleep mode, detect obstacles, and issue forward collision warning, etc.

At Guoduxi Station of Metro Line 6 in Xi'an, capital of north-west China's Shaanxi province, an AI-based virtual "attendant"

serving as an information assistant with a human voice and communication skills enables passengers to search for information.

Passengers can interact with the virtual "attendant" either through the use of a touch screen or voice commands. The "attendant" can automatically judge the needs of passengers according to their questions, and guide them to the right service interfaces.

Xi'an Metro Line 6 is the first of

its kind in China that has adopted a smart security check system for the whole line, which, empowered by technologies concerning such tasks as intelligent identification, smart image analysis and intelligent connection, can ensure that passengers and their personal belongings go through security checks efficiently.

After registering an account on Guangzhou Metro's official app with their authentic identity information, passengers can make

use of a facial recognition system to board and pay fares without fumbling for a transportation card at stations of Metro Line 18 in Guangzhou, capital city of south China's Guangdong province.

During rush hours, the app, as well as the public address system, electronic screens, and escalators at stations, display the real-time crowd levels of carriages to guide passengers to those with lower crowd density. **People's Daily**

Dominican Republic begins building border wall with Haiti

SANTO DOMINGO

THE Dominican government on Sunday began building a wall that will cover almost half of the 392-kilometer border with Haiti, its only land neighbor, to stop irregular migration and the smuggling of goods, weapons and drugs.

While the two countries share the island of Hispaniola, they are worlds apart in terms of development. Crime-plagued Haiti is one of the poorest nations in the Americas while the Dominican Republic, a popular Caribbean tourist destination, has prospered in recent decades amid marked political stability.

Many Haitians cross the border clandestinely in search of work in the fields or in the construction industry in the Dominican Republic.

"The benefit for both nations will be of great importance," said Dominican President Luis Abinader shortly before pushing the button to begin pouring concrete into the foundations of what will be the wall in the province of Dajabón, some 230 kilometers northwest of the capital.

About 500,000 Haitians and tens of thousands of their descendants live in the Dominican Republic, a Spanish-speaking nation of about 11 million people, according to the most recent immigration survey conducted in 2018.

Abinader estimated the border wall will reduce the smuggling of commercial goods, weapons and help fight organized crime in both nations.

He started the project, which aims to build a 164 kilometer wall, ahead of the anniversary of the Dominican Republic's independence from Haiti on Feb 27, 1844.

Abinader said the first phase of the project will be completed within nine months at the latest.

The 20-centimeter-thick concrete wall topped by a metal mesh will be 3.9 meters high and will have fiber optics for communications, movement sensors, cameras, radars and drones.

The project also includes the construction of 70 watchtowers and 41 access gates for patrolling.

Ethiopians jubilate over maiden power generation of grand dam

ADDIS ABABA

THE latest announcement about the maiden power generation milestone from Ethiopia's mega-dam on the Blue Nile river on Sunday came as a historic moment for Michael Alemu.

For Alemu, a 26-year-old, newly electrical engineering graduate from Ethiopia's resort city of Bahir Dar, the 6,500 megawatt Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD)'s much-awaited power generating milestone is "a moment of national pride."

On Sunday, the Ethiopian government announced that the first turbine of the country's disputed grand hydroelectric dam commenced generating power, setting a new momentum in the dam's close to ten years of construction endeavor.

"Today, Africa's largest power plant, the GERD's first turbine began generating power," Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said in his message to the public upon the announcement.

"This is a good news for our continent as well as the downstream countries with whom we aspire to work together," Ahmed said in his social media post, adding that "Abiy's mission to nurture our country and gratify our neighbors continues. As Ethiopia marks the birth of a new era, I congratulate all Ethiopians."

Ethiopia's state-television reported that one of the 13 turbines of Africa's largest hydroelectric dam commenced power



generation, with power generating capacity of 375 megawatts of electricity. The dam is now 84 percent complete.

Alemu argued that in addition to generating the much-needed power to a country of over 110 million population, of which more than 60 percent does not have access to electricity according to official figures, the GERD project is seen as one that addresses the problem.

"One can imagine our mothers traveling far too long to collect firewood just because they do not have access to energy. I hope our dam will solve this and many other unfortunate realities associated with lack of energy," he said.

The dam's maiden electric energy generation benchmark saw Ethiopians, both at home and across the globe, flooding social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook and TikTok, among others, to mark the historic mo-

ment. The Ethiopian government announced its ambitious development project back in April 2011, which will be regarded as Africa's largest dam upon completion with a total volume of 74,000 billion cubic meters. The dam has since then been a major issue among the three Nile-bound countries that are Ethiopia, Egypt, and Sudan.

On Thursday, Sudan stressed the need to reach a legal and binding solution to the issue of the GERD, a long dispute between the neighboring countries. Egypt, a downstream Nile Basin country, has been frequently expressing its concern that Ethiopia's mega-dam might affect its share of the river water, while the Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has repeatedly vowed that the dam will not harm Egypt or Sudan, saying the dam project would "ensure an equitable and reasonable" utili-

zation of the river waters among the three concerned countries.

Egypt and Sudan have been also calling on Ethiopia not to start filling the dam without reaching an agreement. Amid the continued, yet less fruitful, trilateral discussions among representatives of the three countries on the filling of the dam, the three countries have been engaged in through African Union (AU)-led discussions towards reaching an agreement.

Ethiopia's premier, however, on Sunday assured downstream countries that the dam would not cause any concern.

"The dam's electricity generation is a blessing for the downstream countries too. We want to export our pollution-free power to Europe through Sudan and Egypt," Ahmed said during a ceremony held to mark the maiden electric energy generation of the dam.

Xinhua

Israeli PM says new yet 'weaker' Iran nuclear deal imminent

JERUSALEM



ISRAELI Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said on Sunday that Iran may soon sign a new nuclear agreement with world powers but the new deal is "weaker" than the previous one.

Referring to the negotiations in Vienna between Iran and world powers, Bennett told his weekly cabinet meeting that "the talks are advancing quickly ... We may see an agreement shortly."

But "the new apparent agreement is shorter and weaker than the previous one," he said.

The Israeli leader warned that the lift of sanctions against Iran will provide the country with more money to build weapons.

Israel is prepared to protect its citizens' security, on its own, in any scenario, the prime minister noted.

Also on Sunday, Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz in Germany addressed the Munich Security Conference and urged the international community to use the emerging deal to tighten the oversight over Iran's nuclear programme. "Action must be taken to ensure that Iran does not continue enrichment in additional facilities, and oversight must be increased," he told the conference.

Israel has been a staunch opponent of the 2015 Iranian nuclear agreement, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which offered Iran sanction relief in return for restrictions and oversight over its nuclear programme.

Former US president Donald Trump pulled Washington out of the JCPOA in May 2018 and re-imposed sanctions on Iran, which prompted the latter to drop some of its nuclear commitments one year later and advance its halted nuclear programme.

Canadian police reclaim downtown Ottawa with nearly 200 trucker rally protesters arrested

OTTAWA

WITH 191 people arrested and 79 vehicles towed by Sunday afternoon, Canadian police have reclaimed Ottawa's downtown from its occupiers 24 days after the trucker convoy rolled into the downtown core.

The protesters, including Canadian truckers and their supporters, have gathered in Ottawa and blocked the city center since Jan. 28 to oppose the Canadian government's vaccine requirement for truckers crossing into the United States, prompting Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to invoke the Emergencies Act.

"We promised we would return our city to a state of normalcy, with every hour we are getting closer to that goal," interim chief of Ottawa Police Steve Bell said Sunday afternoon in a press conference. The streets around Parliament Hill are currently on lockdown, with only two police checkpoints for entry.

Bell told reporters that 107 people have been charged with 389 Criminal Code offences, including mischief, assault, disobeying a court order, obstructing police and assaulting a police officer. Ottawa paramedics said 21 people have been transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries from the secured area in downtown Ottawa since Friday.

No fatalities were recorded. Trudeau reiterated Sunday in a tweet that the government will support businesses in downtown Ot-



A view of Metcalfe Street as Canadian police worked to evict the last of the trucks and supporters occupying the downtown core, three weeks after a protest against coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccine mandates began in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Feb 20, 2022. [Photo/Agencies]

tawa impacted by the blockades and occupation. The government on Saturday announced up to 20 million Canadian dollars (15.7 million U.S. dollars) in investment to support downtown Ottawa businesses impacted by demonstrations.

Small businesses will be able to apply for non-repayable contributions of up to 10,000 Canadian dollars for non-deferrable operational costs not covered by other federal programs.

Police promised a "strong police presence" in the coming days and said businesses should "feel safe to reopen." "Businesses and residents, we thank you for your patience throughout this operation. Supporting local businesses is considered lawful if you are entering the secured area," police said on Twitter.

Farel Hussein, an owner of a couple of restaurants in the downtown core, told Xinhua that there were fights in his restaurant between masked and unmasked protest-

ers. "For the three weeks, probably we had to forgo revenue of about 20-40 thousand Canadian dollars at one spot. The other spot probably declined around 10% in sales just because people were afraid to come in because of the altercations and stuff like that," he said.

According to a CTV report, Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson didn't say when secured checkpoints and the increased police presence would end. "We'll continue to have increased enforcement in and around the residential areas," Watson said, noting police have promised not to leave until the city is "safely returned to the people of Ottawa."

Australia to welcome tourists for first time under COVID-19

MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIA will welcome international tourists yesterday after nearly two years of sealing its borders, relying on high COVID-19 vaccination rates to live with the pandemic as infections decline.

"The wait is over," Prime Minister Scott Morrison told a Sunday briefing at the Melbourne International Airport.

Australia's opening to tourists is the clearest example yet of the government's shift from a strict zero-COVID-19 approach to living with the virus and vaccinating the public to minimize deaths and severe illness.

Most of the country's 2.7 million coronavirus infections have occurred since the Omicron variant emerged in late November. But with one of the world's highest vaccination rates - more than 94 percent of people aged 16 and over are double-dosed - there have been just under 5,000 deaths, a fraction of the rates seen in many other developed countries.

On Sunday, the country recorded more than 16,600 coronavirus cases, before all areas had reported, and at least 33 deaths, mainly in the three most populous states of New South Wales, Victoria



In this file photo taken on Dec 22, 2021, a health worker conducts a PCR test at the St Vincent's Bondi Beach COVID-19 drive through testing clinic in Sydney. AFP

and Queensland.

Whether travelers will flock back to the island continent, dubbed "fortress Australia" for its strict border controls, remains to be seen. The government hopes to boost a pre-pandemic growth sector - real tourism gross domestic product expanded 3.4 percent in 2018-2019, compared with overall GDP growth of 1.9 percent.

Australia has been gradually reopening since November, first allowing Australians to travel in and out, then admitting international students and some workers. From Monday, leisure travelers and more business travelers may enter.

"The reopening reinforces Australia's credentials as an open economy and will allow companies with international interests to more easily conduct business," said Steve Hughes, head of HSBC's commercial banking in Australia.

"We expect that mid-sized firms which have reached the limits of their domestic growth will have renewed confidence to consider offshore expansion."

Fully vaccinated tourists will not need to quarantine, but those not double-dosed will require a travel exemption to enter the country and will be subject to state and territory quarantine requirements.

China speeds up east-to-west computing resource transfer project

CHINA'S National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), among other government organs, recently approved kicking off the construction of eight national computing hubs and plans to build 10 national-data center clusters.

The eight national computing hubs will be built in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, the Yangtze River Delta, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the Chengdu-Chongqing economic circle, North China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region, Southwest China's Guizhou province, Northwest China's Gansu province and Ningxia Hui autonomous region.

The move signals that the country has officially started to implement its east-to-west computing resource transfer project for better development of digital economy.

The mega project aims to, by forming a new type of computing power network, send data gathered from the more prosperous eastern regions of China to the less developed but resource-rich western regions for storage, calculation, and feedback, and establish national computing hubs in western China, which can help the country improve its imbalance in the layout of digital infrastructure and maximize the value of the production factor of data, pointed out an industry insider.

China will make efforts to accelerate the implementation of its east-to-west computing resource transfer project during the country's 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), when the country's digital economy will enter a new development stage featuring further application, standardized development, and inclusive sharing, said a plan for facilitating the development of digital economy

during the 14th Five-Year Plan period rolled out by China's State Council not long ago.

In recent years, as digital transformation and upgrading in various industries pick up pace, the country has witnessed explosive growth in the total amount of data generated across the society, which has resulted in a substantial rise in the demand for data storage, calculation, transmission, and application, said Jin Xiandong, a spokesperson with the NDRC.

The computing resource transfer project, while solving such problems facing China's eastern regions as insufficient energy consumption quota, high electricity costs, and limited space for the development of large-scale data centers, can make the best of the rich renewable energy resources and available wastelands in the west of the country, said Liu Miao, general manager of service

solution business of Lenovo Enterprise Technology Group.

The project can also involve the vast western regions in the wave of digital economy led by intelligentization, and help them better unleash their latecomer advantage and realize rapid development, Liu noted.

Quite a number of companies have already deployed data centers in western regions, because of the advantage of helping lower costs, save energy, and cut carbon emissions.

In August 2020, a super data center established by Alibaba Cloud, the cloud computing arm of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba, in Ulanqab city, Inner Mongolia autonomous region, officially started to provide cloud computing services. The data center mainly uses electricity generated using renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar energy.

Since the annual average temperature in Ulanqab city is only 4.3 degrees Celsius, the data center can take advantage of the natural environment to cool its equipment for nearly 10 months of a year. Well-known Chinese technology company Huawei has also made deployments in Ulanqab, one of the important regions in China in terms of renewable energy development.

"Data center consumes a lot of electricity. With suitable climate and abundant and cheap energy sources, China's western regions can meet the needs of data centers for green and high-quality development," said an executive with Huawei Cloud, a cloud service provider affiliated to Huawei.

Huawei Cloud now owns two major cloud data centers, one in Gui'an New Area, Guizhou, and the other in Ulanqab, according to the executive.

Based on the natural environment of

the locality, the company's data center in Gui'an New Area has adopted air handling unit (AHU), liquid cooling system, as well as other devices and technologies to maintain balance in the load of servers, thus improving the efficiency of resource utilization, the executive said.

When operating at full capacity, the data center's power usage effectiveness (PUE) can reach as low as 1.12, according to the executive. It's estimated that the data center can save 1.01 billion kWh of electricity and cut carbon emissions by 810,000 tons a year, the executive added.

The rapid development of digital economy in China in recent years has helped the country accumulate a lot of valuable data resources. However, the country still has much to catch up on before it grows into one of the front runners in the world in the development of computing facilities.

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National Paralympic athletics squad's performers, Souda Njopeka (L) and Ignas Mtweve, participate in discus training in Dar es Salaam recently to prepare for the 2022 Commonwealth Games slated to take place in Birmingham, England in July. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Good news on 2022 Co'wealth Games preps front

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

I have oft lamented many a time on these pages about our seemingly constant inability to meticulously and satisfactorily prepare for mega sporting events on the grand sporting stage.

Dear Reader, I'm quite sure that this frequent hand wringing of mine about our botched preparations for big sporting championships has often made me sound like a broken record on many occasions.

Still, I'm chuffed to report that this year will mark a sharp departure from our tainted past of insufficient preps for major sporting competitions if media reports that surfaced last week are anything to go by.

Indeed, according to a news story that emerged early last week, the authorities plan to provide the financing for our athletes' preparations for this year's Commonwealth Games, which are slated to commence on July 28, 2022.

As the story outlined, these training camps would consist of athletes, coaches, physicians as well as some officials, and most importantly, these camps are set to get up and running early next month.

One dearly hopes that these camps can swing into action as scheduled. If they can, it would infinitely boost our Commonwealth Games preps as our athletes would have ample time to zero in on preparing optimally for the renowned sporting spectacle.

Let us now dig into the Kilimanjaro Marathon, which will be marking its 20th anniversary as a premier sporting event on our annual sporting calendar.

From having little recognition in its inaugural year, the Kilimanjaro Marathon has burgeoned extraordinarily to the extent that its tentacles now extend to the rest of the entire continent and even beyond that.

In addition, the unmissable event has been a boon to sporting tourism in our country as many of the race contestants

who come from far-flung corners of the world to take part in the contest also opt to undertake the trek up Mount Kilimanjaro, which is indisputably Africa's highest mountainous peak.

Indeed, the 20-years existence of a sporting event is a lengthy spell, in anyone's book.

It is also unmistakably a special moment in our national sporting arena that should be cherished and treasured.

So, here's hoping that this year's Kilimanjaro Marathon turns out to be an august and unforgettably exciting event that will live long in the memory.

Finally, the country's legions of ardent football fans have a just cause to collectively heave a sigh of relief over the fact that Simba SC earned a 1-1 sharing of the spoils with USGN of Niger in the latter's bastion of might, the Stade General Seyni Kountche Stadium in Niamey, Niger, in a CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage match last Sunday.

Indeed, following Simba SC's admirable victory against mighty ASEC Mimosas of Ivory Coast in their opening CAF Confederation Cup group duel a few weeks ago, it does not take a rocket scientist to see that Simba SC's avoidance of the jaws of defeat in their second group clash is an outcome of great significance.

Admittedly, as a result of the draw, Simba SC's 100 percent record in continental football's second-tier competition has now been dented somewhat.

However, considering that Simba SC had been trailing USGN 1-0 for a huge chunk of the encounter and that the Msimbazi Street outfit only equalized right at the death, then it is clear to see that the draw is not an outcome that should plunge us into the gloom.

If anything, the 1-1 draw should remind us all of the treacherously slippery nature of continental club football.

And naturally, the result should re-emphasize the fact that Simba SC is made of stern stuff and that it is well-poised to take on the challenges that lie ahead.

Curry sets 3s record, LeBron the winner in NBA All-Star Game

CLEVELAND

STEPHEN Curry got another 3-point record. LeBron James got another All-Star win.

Not a bad night in Ohio for the two All-Stars from Akron.

"It's right on the nose of how it should go," Curry said.

Curry turned boos to oohs and aahs with the greatest long-distance shooting performance in All-Star Game history, then James made a turnaround jumper that gave Team LeBron a 163-160 victory over Team Durant on Sunday night.

Curry made 16 3-pointers and scored 50 points, two off Anthony Davis' record. He was clearly hunting it, asking on the sideline during a sizzling third quarter how many points it would take.

On a night both players were among the greats of the game who were honored during a halftime ceremony celebrating the NBA's 75th anniversary team, Curry and James showed why they continue to stand out among today's best.

Curry, who earlier this season became the NBA's career leader in 3-pointers, missed his final attempt beyond the arc that would have allowed him to surpass Davis. But with James' team needing a basket to reach the target score of 163 points, they couldn't afford to keep feeding Curry.

So James pulled up from deep on the right side for the winning bucket, making him 5-0 in the format where the leading vote-getters in each conference draft teams.

The All-Star Game's return to Cleveland was expected to be James' night. He is the Cavaliers franchise's greatest player, having led them to their only NBA championship in 2016.

Instead, he fittingly co-starred with Curry, who was born in the same Akron hospital three years later. "Obviously I got the MVP, I played well the whole night. He hit the game-winner," Curry said. "All the history of our series and the Akron ties, and all that kind of going into how the night went, so it was pretty - can't really draw it up any other way."

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 30 points, increasing what was a 28.8 average that was already best in All-Star Game history. James finished with 24 in his old home. Joel Embiid led Team Durant with 36 points.

Curry finished 16 of 27 beyond the arc - sometimes well, well behind it. He launched a few from the All-Star 2022 logo near midcourt, running backward without even waiting to watch one go in.

The 3-point arc is slightly more than 23 feet away. Curry had made shots listed from 37, 33 and 34 feet during one stretch of the third quarter.

SPORTS

Last season data, league run suggest title likely to be decided differently

By Correspondent John Kimbute

SO used is the public mood to one-sided claims of gaining the title in this year's NBC Premier League that even top officials of the current champions, Simba SC, at one stage started believing this narrative.

Whether the remark was intended to bring to sleep the hot favourites in the early stages of the league or resulted from a genuine sentiment of despair is a different matter, but it certainly carried an impression that this is now starting to merge with reality.

Still, by the number of games played, plenty remained to be done.

For one thing, the technical bench of the defending champions never once seconded the club adviser that the 'game is fixed' and the title is a nearly concluded matter, such that head coach Pablo Franco Martin took a somewhat rare step of issuing a public apology for disappointing results.

His assistant, Suleiman Matola, remarked that the technical bench would talk to the forwards (often called strikers) as to why they were not scoring, which seasoned pundits would have poked holes into that.

It is up to the technical bench to show the strikers how to score, that is, approaching the game or the run such that one arrives at scoring.

What shows that these initiatives made a difference is how the side has been putting up more impressive results, even if one subtracts CAF Confederation Cup matches as at times there is a different rhythm between the local league and CAF club tournaments.

The defending champions have generally put up a good run in the wider tournament but without being especially inspiring locally, while their age-old rivals have put up a solid performance at the local level and nowhere appear to have what it takes to survive a few rungs in CAF club tournaments.

Still, they may have hit a stump landing Nigerian champions, at the start.

The picture is altered somewhat when one comes across a datum in the corner of a newspaper column that at a similar stage last season, the champions had played 12 matches and had 16 points, and



Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's attacker, Matheo Antony (R), speeds past Biashara United's defender Boniphace Maganga when the clubs met in an NBC Premier League tie which took place in Dar es Salaam early this month. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KINONDONI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FC

the same is happening this year.

The lessons to take are not very straightforward as there are good and bad insinuations from that datum, the positive element being that the champions tend to start a bit sluggish (because they are champions, exuding confidence) and then wake up to the challenge later.

In that sense, the competition is far from settled, as that impression arises from projecting the run in the first 12 matches as the standard.

The other impression, which was until recently somewhat visible as well, is the suggestion that the club could have to change the technical bench or rather its top official so that there is a new vision and a source of inspiration for the players to do better.

It would take another round of data comparison to find out at what point the club has been replacing coaches, as it follows a poor pattern of results, implying insufficient work or psychological indisposition of the technical bench.

The idea of talking to the players to find out what's the problem is among pointers that the technical bench needs a coat of paint.

With a certain number of solid local results and impressive performance in CAF club competitions as well, the technical bench whirlwind that loomed at this stage last year loses steam, and an upward curve can be projected with the bench as it stands.

It can also be said that the head coach might gradually be taking things into his own hands, as he kept being disappointed by decisions occasionally made by his assistant, until the time he issued an apology.

That implies taking up supervision of both the training and match planning, even minute decisions as to the game proceeds, unless his assistant already knows what next, thus moving to take action that isn't disappointing to the head coach as is so frequently the case.

Instead of the club having to get new technical bench leadership to move forward, it appears to be changing the technical mix at the bench,

so that there is less reliance on the assistant coach as he keeps making mistakes, tolerates relaxed modes of play from players, and takes the cue from the feelings of players and fans.

As a veteran player and team insider, this is not surprising, but the coach has to outgrow the players to be their leader, as otherwise, he has to talk to them if the spell is unsteady, as he has no more ideas than the level of play they show.

With a tested coach, this would not be the case, in which case the club looks like it is repeating its late-season comeback without the need for a reshuffle at whatever level, whether it is either management or the technical bench as it happened earlier. It is a continuing story.

Premier League coaches who were sacked mid-season

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE 2021/22 NBC Premier League season has just hit the midway point and already the table is starting to take shape.

Eight coaches have already been sacked - and a host of others are starting to feel the heat as the season heats up.

Most of the sacking happened during the October-December period when the teams had played around seven to nine matches.

Whether they are falling behind in the top-four, precariously sitting above the bottom three, or desperately trying to climb out of the mire, the pressure is on.

Below, we run through all the coaches who have left their posts this campaign.

Didier Gomes da Rosa - Simba SC

The first coach of the 2021/22 NBC Premier League season to be sacked was Simba SC's Didier Gomes da Rosa. Despite his success with Simba SC last season, he was sacked in October after only three rounds of matches.

He won two, drew one but the damage was done in the CAF Champions League where they were eliminated by unfancied Botswana outfit, Jwaneng Galaxy FC. He was succeeded by Spanish coach, Pablo Franco Martin.

Etienne Ndayiragije - Geita Gold FC

Ndayiragije's sacking by Geita Gold FC was bizarre because it came after just four matches. His team registered two draws and two losses before he was relieved of his



Former Azam FC head coach, George Lwandamina. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

duties at the start of the season on October 24, 2021.

The former Taifa Stars' head coach run-ins with the club management were reported to be the main factor behind his sacking while his bosses declared he had lost the dressing room's respect and immediate actions had to be taken to relieve him of his duties.

George Lwandamina - Azam FC

After a poor start to the campaign which included three wins, three losses, and one draw from six matches, Azam FC announced his departure in December.

Somali-American Abdi Hamid Moalin, who was initially appointed as the director of youth football, took over the side following the sacking of Lwandamina.

Haruna Harerimana - Mbeya Kwanza FC

Burundi coach Harerimana lasted only a few matches as the head coach of Mbeya Kwanza FC. Following a start that included six defeats, five draws, and only one win Harerimana was sacked by the newly-

promoted side in December.

A local coach in Maka Malwisi has been appointed but results have largely remained inconsistent. Malwisi is assisted by former Taifa Stars and Yanga midfielder, Nizar Khalfan.

Joseph Omog - Mtibwa Sugar

There was much hype when he joined the Turiani-based side at the start of the season, following his success as a coach with clubs such as Simba SC and Azam FC as well as Congolese giants AC Leopards. Much was expected after last season's struggles where Mtibwa Sugar escaped relegation through the playoffs.

Mtibwa Sugar got off to a disastrous start which saw them drop to the bottom of the table during Omog's tenure and he was sacked in December. He won just two of his six games in charge.

Omog has been replaced by Salum Mayanga but results have not seen a significant improvement and the club finds itself in a similar position as last season - the relegation zone.

Hemed Suleiman - Namungo FC

The coach that hails from Zanzibar took over the Namungo FC coaching job from Thierry Hitimana last season. Suleiman had one more season to make things right but after a poor start to the campaign which included three wins, four draws, and four losses from 11 matches he stepped down. He has been succeeded by former Zambia national team coach, Honour Janza, who is assisted by Jamhuri Kihwelu.

Patrick Odhiambo - Biashara United

The Christmas period was not kind to Kenyan coach Patrick Odhiambo, who was sacked on December 28 by Biashara United, with the club struggling in the relegation places. They appointed Vivier Bahati in his place.

Odhiambo was quickly appointed as Prisons' head coach taking from Salum Mayanga who cut short his time at the club to return his former paymasters, Mtibwa Sugar.

Habib Kondo - Kinondoni Municipal Council FC

At the start of the year, Habib Kondo was sacked by Kinondoni Municipal Council FC after picking up just two wins from his first nine league games of the season. He was replaced by Thierry Hitimana who had also been released from his assistant coach role at Simba SC.

Libyan clubs too good for Orlando Pirates and Sfaxien in CAF Cup

JOHANNESBURG

LIBYAN clubs Al Ittihad and Al Ahly Tripoli scored notable CAF Confederation Cup group victories on Sunday over African title winners Orlando Pirates of South Africa and CS Sfaxien of Tunisia.

Ittihad edged Pirates 3-2 in a thrilling first match of a Benghazi double-header before Ahly survived a late scare to defeat Sfaxien 2-1 in the eastern coastal city.

Former CAF Champions League and CAF Super Cup winners Pirates took an unbeaten record this season in the African equivalent of the Europa League on a journey from the bottom to the top of the continent.

They also had not conceded in the Confederation Cup campaign, but that record lasted only a further 14 minutes before centre-back Sanad al Warfali fired a free-kick into the corner of the net.

There were three more goals before half-time on an artificial pitch with Pirates right-back Bandile Shandu twice levelling and Muad Eisay scoring the second Ittihad goal.

The first Shandu goal was a superb long-range effort that flew into the far corner of the net past Ittihad captain and goalkeeper Mohamed Abukhres.

But it paled in comparison with the match-winner on 53 minutes from Omar al Khouja, whose looping 35-yard half-volley gave Pirates goalkeeper Siyabonga Mponshane no chance.

Ittihad, Pirates and JS Saoura of Algeria have three points each in Group B after two matchdays and Royal Leopard of Eswatini are pointless, but have a match in hand

against the Libyans.

- Tense finish -

A sixth-minute Chadi Hammami own goal put record three-time Confederation Cup winners Sfaxien on the back foot against Ahly and they fell further behind when Saleh al Taher scored soon after half-time.

Aymen Harzi halved the deficit from an 87th-minute penalty to create a tense finish for the hosts, but they survived to lie second in Group A behind Pyramids of Egypt.

Libya are the only north African country never to win a CAF club competition, with Ahly coming closest when they reached the 1984 final of the now defunct African Cup Winners Cup.

The Tripoli outfit were due to meet their Egyptian namesakes, Al Ahly, but then Libyan ruler Moamer Kadhafi forbade them from playing because of a political standoff with their neighbours.

Recent South African signing Fagrie Laky scored in each half as Pyramids, runners-up and semi-finalists in the last two editions, defeated bottom club Zanaco of Zambia 2-0 in Lusaka.

Al Masry completed a good day for Egypt by defeating five-time African champions TP Mazembe from the Democratic Republic of Congo 2-0 in Alexandria, and replaced them as Group C leaders.

Simba of Tanzania top Group D after coming from behind to draw 1-1 with US Gendarmerie Nationale of Niger in Niamey, where Ghanaian Bernard Morrison nodded the equaliser eight minutes from time.

AFP

'No player in world' as talented as Pedri - Xavi

BARCELONA

XAVI Hernandez says there is no player in the world with as much talent as Pedri after the midfielder came off the bench as Barcelona beat Valencia 4-1 in LaLiga on Sunday.

Pedri, who only returned from a long-term injury in January, was rested from the start against Valencia, but came on and looked to have scored Barca's fourth from distance at a time when the home side were on top at Mestalla.

The goal was later taken off Pedri and credited to Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, who in turn recorded a first hat-trick for his new side, but Xavi was still effusive in his praise of the teenager.

"There is no player in the world with as much talent as Pedri - and he is only 19!" the Barca coach said in his post-game news conference.

"He is absolutely superlative. How he turns, his understanding of space and time and the fact he uses both feet. It is amazing to have him in the team and we must take care of him."

"He came on for half an hour and was important. He makes the difference: in how we play, in the box... he wins balls back. We demanded he shoot more and now he has three goals [since coming back from injury]."

"Look, he's not a normal player. There are very few like him. Perhaps, at his age, he is already the best in the world in his position."

Replays showed Pedri's strike shaved Aubameyang's back on its way in and the referee's report awarded the goal to the former Arsenal striker, meaning he completed his treble having opened his account for Barca in the first half with a brace.

"Aubameyang's scored goals throughout his career," Xavi said. "He's good in space. He's mature, intelligent, humble and positive. I am delighted with him. Those goals today will

give him a lot of confidence."

Barca midfielder Sergio Busquets added: "Auba's worked well since the day he arrived at the start of February."

"He had not played many minutes before arriving and this was just his second start for us, so I hope he can keep helping in this way. He's a great player, he came for free and it's luxury to have him here with us."

Aubameyang, who signed a deal with Barca until 2025 with a break clause in 2023 after rescinding his contract with Arsenal, was quick to point out after the game that he's always done well when playing in Valencia.

"Mestalla is like a second home for me," he told Barca TV. "The last time I played here, I scored a hat trick in the semifinal of the Europa League for Arsenal; today a brace. This stadium has been good to me. I like playing here!"

Frenkie de Jong was also on target as Barca took a three-goal lead inside 38 minutes, with Carlos Soler scoring Valencia's goal just after the break as they threatened an unlikely comeback before Pedri's strike.

Barca are now unbeaten in nine LaLiga games and have lost just once in the league since Xavi took charge in November. Sunday's win moved them back up to fourth, ahead of Atletico Madrid courtesy of their superior goal difference but with a game in hand.

Thoughts now turn to Thursday, when they travel to Italy for the second leg of their Europa League playoff tie with Napoli on the back of a 1-1 draw at Camp Nou last week.

"I am really happy, above all because we've won a big game which gives us confidence," Aubameyang added. "We had played well in recent games, but we had not got the results. This is a huge win going into the important match against Napoli."

(Agencies)



Tuchel fights to rekindle Chelsea fire

LONDON

THOMAS Tuchel admits Chelsea are fighting to "survive" as the spluttering Champions League holders prepare to face Lille in the last 16 first leg today.

Tuchel's side have won their last five games in all competitions, but there was little joy on the German's face when he reflected on Saturday's 1-0 victory at Crystal Palace.

The honeymoon is definitely over for Tuchel as he approaches the business end of his first full season as Chelsea boss.

In just five months in charge last term, Tuchel led Chelsea to the Champions League crown and the FA Cup final, as well as a top four finish in the Premier League.

When Romelu Lukaku was signed from Inter Milan for a club record £97 million (\$131 million), it was expected the Belgium striker would help Chelsea enjoy a period of sustained dominance.

Chelsea were tipped to emerge as serious challengers for the Premier League title and in the early weeks of this season it seemed they might live up to the hype.

But in the grip of a windswept winter in Britain, Tuchel has found it increasingly tricky to keep Chelsea from being blown off course.

The first signs of discontent behind the scenes emerged when Lukaku went public with complaints about the way he was being deployed by Tuchel.

Forced to apologise, Lukaku has cut a disconsolate figure ever since and remains without a league goal since December.

Lukaku was completely anonymous against Palace and had only seven touches - the lowest by a player over 90 minutes since Opta started recording the statistic in 2003-04.

That victory at Palace was only Chelsea's third in their last nine league games, a dismal run that effectively shattered their title hopes.

Chelsea are 13 points behind leaders Manchester City, making retaining the Champions League their main goal for the rest of the season.

- Chelsea catch a cold -

Somehow, it was fitting that Tuchel revealed after the Palace game that six of his players were suffering with colds caught on the flight back from Abu Dhabi, where Chelsea recently lifted the Club World Cup.

Even winning that competition for the first time in Chelsea's history felt like something of a pyrrhic victory for



Thomas Tuchel

Tuchel.

The Blues laboured to their wins against Al-Hilal and Palmeiras in Abu Dhabi and it was more of the same when they returned to domestic action at Selhurst Park.

With Chelsea unable to establish any rhythm, it needed a last-minute goal from Hakim Ziyech to consolidate third place.

Amid talk that a section of the squad are unhappy that senior stars like Cesar Azpilicueta and Antonio Rudiger have yet to be given new contracts, Tuchel is searching for a winning formula.

He ditched his favoured 3-4-3 wing-back formation to go with a flat back four at Palace, but although the result was positive, he conceded there is still plenty of room for improvement.

"We are trying to survive at the moment and you can see. There is a lot of pressure going on if you go to a Club World Cup and want to win it for Chelsea," he said.

"The players put a lot of pressure on themselves and then we haven't played Premier League for four weeks. "It is a huge and strange mix of a lot of reasons why I personally did not over-expect today performance-wise. I know we can play better, I want to play better."

Two crucial fixtures this week will serve as a barometer of Chelsea's morale.

If they win their European assignment against Lille at Stamford Bridge, then beat Liverpool in Sunday's League Cup final at Wembley, the mood music around Chelsea will be more uplifting.

But a pair of negative results would only cement the impression that all is not well.

"Of course it is hard but that is why you play football, to win trophies," Ziyech said.

"That is what we are trying to do. We have won two already this season and still have more to go."

Meanwhile, Juventus made a splash in the January transfer window when they snatched hot prospect Dusan Vlahovic and Switzerland midfielder Denis Zakaria, but their arrival has yet to provide the hoped-for boost ahead of Tuesday's Champions League visit to Villarreal.

Massimiliano Allegri's side travel to Spain as the only Italian side with a realistic hope of making the last eight after Inter Milan were beaten 2-0 at the San Siro by Liverpool on Wednesday.

However they go into the first leg of their last 16 tie in unsure form, with results and above all performances that have left fans unsatisfied with Allegri's first season back in black and white.

Vlahovic arrived at Juve to great fanfare after joining from Fiorentina for an initial fee of 70 million euros

(\$80.2 million), with Zakaria arriving three days later on deadline day.

Thrown straight in at the head of the Juve attack, with Alvaro Morata accommodating by shifting to a wide position, Serbia striker Vlahovic got off to a blistering start to life in Turin with a goal just 12 minutes into his debut against Verona.

But in the three matches since has shown some growing pains.

He struggled to make a mark at Atalanta last weekend, when Danilo saved Juve from what would have been a damaging defeat with a stoppage time header, and was kept almost anonymous by the impressive Bremer in his new team's 1-1 derby draw with Torino on Friday.

Allegri substituted Vlahovic with a quarter of an hour remaining against Torino and his team in need of a goal to consolidate their position in Serie A's Champions League places.

"At Fiorentina he played one match a week and now it's a game every three days... it's part of his development," said Allegri.

"He needs to get used to playing every three days, and do it using his technique and not just his strength. Otherwise he won't be able to physically handle playing playing 95 minutes twice a week."

After an atrocious start to the season, which also saw last season's top scorer Cristiano Ronaldo leave for Manchester United, Juve have been slowly creeping up the Serie A table despite some rag-tag performances.

Fans hoped the signings of Zakaria and in particular Vlahovic would add another dimension to a team which has scored just 38 times in their 26 league matches and was struggling to get goals even before Federico Chiesa was ruled out for seven months in January.

Only Torino have scored fewer in the top half of Serie A and they sit 10th, having been without Italy forward Andrea Belotti for much of the season.

However since being hit with the double whammy of being defeated at Chelsea in late November and then losing at home to Atalanta just a few days later Juve's only subsequent defeat has come in the Italian Super Cup.

They are on a run of 12 unbeaten in Serie A and have one of the league's stingiest defences, and eventually topped their Champions League group despite their embarrassment at Stamford Bridge.

The question now is whether Allegri can get a recognisable tune from a talented squad bolstered by a contender for Italy's 'Capocannoniere' top scorer award.

AFP

Man United respond positively to Leeds hostility

LEEDS, England

ELLAND Road had waited 19 years for a Premier League clash between Leeds United and Manchester United in front of supporters. If the world was wondering what all the fuss was about, the teams delivered a classic encounter that ended with a 4-2 win for Ralf Rangnick's visitors on Sunday.

This game showed the good, the bad and the ugly of this bitter rivalry, with goals, end-to-end excitement and a passionate, noisy atmosphere, as well as nine yellow cards issued by referee Paul Tierney and a late confrontation involving both sets of players that saw Rangnick run onto the pitch to intervene.

And there were also unsavoury scenes off the pitch, with objects thrown at various Man United goal scorers - Anthony Elanga was hit on the head - and an array of insulting chants from both sets of supporters.

There were instances of Leeds supporters singing about the Munich disaster, a 1958 plane crash in which eight Man United players were killed, and waving arms to mimic an aeroplane. The away supporters responded with songs about two Leeds fans who were stabbed to death in Istanbul prior to a fixture against Galatasaray in 2000.

This, sadly, is the reality of a Leeds-Man United rivalry that was in cold storage for so long. While the clubs did meet in the league last season, following Leeds's promotion from the Championship in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic ensured that games at Old Trafford and Elland Road were played behind closed doors.

And so, the first Elland Road meeting with fans saw 900 police on duty, a record number for a Premier League fixture. It has become the norm that Man United are subjected to more

hostility when they visit Leeds than at Liverpool or Manchester City.

There is a historical regional rivalry dating back to the 15th century Wars of the Roses between Yorkshire and Lancashire, but in modern-day terms, the clubs do not share a city and both have closer geographical rivals. In football terms, the enmity stems more from Leeds supporters' long-standing grievance that their great team of the 1960s and 1970s never received the acclaim they perceive to have been showered on more glamorous Man United sides.

Moreover, Leeds have never forgiven Eric Cantona for moving to Old Trafford in 1992. The French forward, who had inspired Leeds' title glory at Man United's expense the previous season, went on to win the Premier League four times and become a legend across the Pennines, a range of mountains and hills that separate the two cities.

In this latest meeting, played out in driving rain, the sheer volume of noise and backing for the home team clearly wrong-footed Man United's players in the early stages. It took time for Rangnick's side to settle in a game that would prove to be

a severe test of their resolve and battling spirit.

Initially, the response was positive as Harry Maguire responded to negative headlines about his hold on the captain's armband by scoring his first league goal of the season. The header from a Luke Shaw corner ended a run of 139 such set pieces without success and, when Bruno Fernandes doubled the lead just before half-time, the points looked safe.

However, the desire of Man United's players has rightly been questioned and, when Leeds scored twice in the space of 58 seconds at the start of the second half through Rodrigo and Raphinha, the visitors were back under the microscope.

Woods they respond positively or, again, shrink in the face of a challenge and throw away crucial points? Courtesy of goals from substitutes Fred and Elanga, a crucial step toward a top-four finish was achieved and the performance will stand Man United in good stead for upcoming trips to Atletico Madrid in Europe, as well as Man City, Liverpool and Arsenal in the league.

"It took us 15 minutes to get control of the game but then we started to

play well; at half time we were fully aware that we had to be on the front foot, but we conceded two goals in two minutes and that changed the whole game obviously," Rangnick told BBC Sport. "The atmosphere was amazing but we showed some maturity and kept our heads."

Maguire, Shaw and Scott McTominay inspired teammates with their commitment, while Jadon Sancho, taunted by Leeds fans with chants about letting England down with his Euro 2020 final penalty shootout miss, registered assists for Fernandes and Fred in one of his best performances since arriving from Borussia Dortmund.

"We had to fight back and stick together," Maguire said. "We knew it was a tough place to come, but we knew we had qualities and could hurt them. We said at half-time we needed to score more in the second half and we managed to do that."

As for the home side, Marcelo Bielsa's side again played on the front foot and got their rewards, but they also continue to leave the back door unlocked; both goals Leeds conceded in the second half were down to failures to repel counter-attacks. However, the Elland Road atmosphere, as well as their readiness to attack, should be enough to keep them up.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Tuchel fights to rekindle Chelsea fire

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Patel Brotherhood A squad's cricketer, Kashif Anwar (R), receives Man of the Match prize from Annadil Burhani Club's Head of Cricket Section, Kutbuddin Dossaji, after the former's side had confronted Lions Cricket Club in Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Saifee Cup T10 tournament's match which took place on Sunday. PHOTO: DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

Azam FC, Simba SC, Yanga discover Federation Cup quarterfinals' fate

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

THERE are several tasty ties to look out for after the draw for this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) quarterfinals was completed on Monday morning.

With seven NBC Premier League teams left in the draw, it meant that three all-top-flight ties were produced for the last eight, with Simba SC the only side to face lower-league opposition. The draw keeps alive the possibility of another Dar es Salaam derby between Simba SC and Yanga in the semi-finals while Azam FC has been handed what looked a friendlier route to the final.

Championship side Pamba's reward for their stunning 2-1 victory over Dodoma Jiji FC last week is an away game against holders Simba SC, who are one of the favourites to win the competition.

Simba SC will look to win the ASFC trophy for a third consecutive time. Simba SC's bitter rivals Yanga, meanwhile, have a tough-looking tie at home to newly-promoted Geita Gold FC as they continue their quest for a domestic double.

Yanga clinched their maiden triumph in 2016 against Azam FC 3-1 hence will aim at doubling their trophy cabinet. Azam FC, winners of the Federation Cup in 2018, will host Polisi Tanzania at Azam Complex.

Azam FC eliminated Baga Friends in the round of 16 while Polisi Tanzania knocked out Prisons in the round of 16.

Kagera Sugar who eliminated Namungo FC will make the tricky trip to Tanga to face Coastal Union who went past Mtibwa Sugar in the earlier round.

The winner of the tie will face either Azam FC or Polisi Tanzania in the semi-finals. The quarterfinal ties will be played between April 8-13, with the winners going through to the semi-final. The exact date and times of the fixtures are to be confirmed.

Following the conclusion of the quarterfinals, the semi-finals will take place in early May.

The Tanzania Football Federation Executive Committee confirmed that the Arusha will host this year's ASFF final match at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium. The winner of the competition earns a direct ticket to represent the country at the CAF Confederation Cup.



Yanga' winger, Farid Mussa (L), beats Mbao FC defender, Omari Msafiri, during the 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup round of 32's clash in Mwanza last month. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Pablo credits second half change for Simba SC's draw with US Gendarmerie



Tanzania's Simba SC center-back, Henoc Inonga (C), seeks to beat Niger's Union Sportive de la Gendarmerie Nationale's footballers, Arzakou (L), and Kokou Doe, when the squads locked horns in a CAF Confederation Cup Group D match held in Niger on Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

SIMBA SC's head coach Pablo Franco has credited the outfit's response in the second period against Niger's Union Sportive Gendarmerie Nationale (USGN) in salvaging a crucial away draw in a CAF Confederation Cup Group D game played on Sunday.

The Tanzanian representatives went into the half-time break trailing 1-0 after the home side broke the deadlock after 12 minutes through Wilfried Gbeuli's shot from the left.

Simba SC's closest chance to equalize was off a Pape Ousmane Sakho shot but it flew inches over the bar.

After a poor first half, Simba SC responded with an improved second-half display and was rewarded seven minutes from normal stoppage time when substitute Bernard Morrison headed home from the edge of the six-yard box off a Shomari Kapombe corner to make it 1-1.

The results moved Simba SC one point clear at the top of the Group D table after RS Berkane, the 2019/20 CAF Confederation Cup champions, suffered a 3-1 thrashing at the hands of Côte d'Ivoire side ASEC Mimosas in Abidjan on Sunday, in their second Group D match.

Speaking to the press after the game, coach Franco was happy with his charges' second half admitting they were a bit clueless in the opening period.

Franco disclosed: "To be honest, my ambition as a coach is always to win. I never went into a game thinking from the beginning I wanted just a draw. But the reality is that this point is very good for us."

"If you can see in these match days, we are the first to come out with an away point, every time the home teams are winning."

"The weather condition was terrible, so coming here and playing an away game and getting one point is very good. My team always has ambition but it is also something that needs preparation."

"And when we prepare for the games in the way we want we can compete. In this match, we didn't prepare, we only had one hour of training, it was impossible to go where we wanted. We just watched the video and said this is the plan and we will go to the pitch."

"It was very difficult for us to depend on that plan, based on that as you saw from the very beginning. I think it was not that we intended to get just one point."

"It is just that we didn't understand the game, or we were not fresh or capable of doing what was expected of us."

"I think in the second half we showed that ambition and even when we drew 1-1 it is true we knew that the result was good but towards the end of the match we had chances to win it."

Patel Brotherhood A cricketers wallop Lions Cricket Club in DC Saifee T10 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

KASHIF Anwar displayed a scintillating performance with the bat, steering Patel Brotherhood A's side to an eight-run win over Lions Cricket Club in Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Saifee Cup T10 showdown's tie that took place in the city last weekend.

Anwar put solid displays, nailing five boundaries and eight sixes, and consequently garner Man of the Match prize.

Patel Brotherhood A cricketers raced to 117 runs, losing four wickets in 10 overs once they were put in to bat first by Lions Cricket Club.

Lions Cricket Club sought to keep Patel Brotherhood A in check early on, taking wickets of openers Ritesh-kumar Tailor and Keyur Patel that made their way back in quick succession.

Tailor was dismissed with a run short of the two-digit figure, the fellow opener Patel got back to the pavilion without a run after four knocks.

Anwar later took the crease and steadied the ship with solid knocks and scored 82 runs.

Pinalkumar Patel gave his all seeking to see to it his club amasses a respectable figure, ending with 13 runs. Abdulsamad Ahmed was Lions Cricket Club's performer with the most wickets, recording two wickets, Abubakar Selemani and Goodluck Andrew notched one wicket apiece.

Lions Cricket Club chased the humongous total with panache, falling short with eight runs in the gigantic chase.

The side's cricketers notched 109 runs, dropping six wickets in 10 overs. Anwar's exploits turned out to be the highest individual score in the tournament's history.

The total team score of 117 runs posted by Patel Brotherhood A squad was also a record for the tournament. It was broken on the same day by Dar Cricket Club (DCC) as they scored 125 runs against GP Pak Stars.

Patel A, DCC, Sandy's Super Strikers, Estim A, and Caravans B are already assured of qualification for the quarterfinals.

Host Annadil Burhani is going to take on Aga Khan SC B in the last group game of the tournament that shall decide the three remaining berths for the quarterfinals.

The DC supervises the T10 Saifee Cup tournament, with Huzeifa Tools & Hardware being the showdown's title sponsor.

The tournament has brought together 15 clubs that have been put in three groups. According to the organizers, the top two clubs in each group, as well as two third-place finishers, will book a place in the last eight.

Annadil Burhani Club hosts the showdown to celebrate the birthday of spiritual leader, Syedna Mohammad Burhanuddin Saheb.

The DC pointed out Annadil Burhani Club has done a good job in making the competition a success.

The side, the association noted, has been seeing to it the venue is in good shape despite the adverse weather in the past two weeks.

The tournament's matches have as a result been played at the highest level of competition.

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