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# 1.7trn/- set aside for 5 new planes for ATCL

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government has set aside 1.7trn/- for the purchase of five new aircraft expected to arrive in the country before the end of this year, to further boost local and international air transport links. Atupele Mwakibete, the Deputy Minister for Works and Transport, said this in the National Assembly here yesterday when responding to a supplementary question by Jacqueline Msongozi (Special Seats), demanding government plans to purchase more aircraft to cope with competition inside and outside the country. He listed the aircraft as two of the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner type with capacity for 262 passengers, two Airbus A220-300 carrying 181 passengers and a cargo plane carrying 51 tonnes. There is also a Dash 8-Q400 Bombardier carrying 76 passengers, he said, noting that upon their arrival, the total number of planes procured by the government will be 17. "The government has already approved budgetary funds to procure new aircraft. Procedures have commenced and the planes will arrive this year," he said, intimating that more investment will be directed to rehabilitation and expansion of airports for smooth operations and growth of the sector. The move further beefs up the Air Tanzania Corporation (ATCL) fleet, inching up direct tourism destination prospects and thus fuelling the country's economic growth, he said,

elaborating that the Government Flight Agency (TGFA) has oversight over 1.4trn/- used in the procurement of 11 aircrafts. The deputy minister was responding to Fuoni MP Abbas Ali Mwinyi as for the total amount of funds used by the government to purchase 11 eleven aircraft leased to ATCL, also querying government readiness for recouping the funds via profits from businesses conducted with the aircrafts. Explaining, he said that profits from airline business do not only come from operating the aircrafts, but in also in the positive changes and advantages seen from their contribution in such as tourism growth, along with manufacturing, mining, agriculture, livestock, fisheries, trade and transportation, as more people and goods move inside and outside the country. He further noted that ATCL has continued to operate commercially and reduced dependence on the government by establishing commercial units that oversee aircraft maintenance services. In-flight food services, passenger transit and cargo services are also covered.

# PM: Best way to conserve Loliondo not yet decided

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has said it is looking for the right formula in resolving conservation challenges in Ngorongoro District, adjacent to the troubled Ngorongoro Conservation Area in Arusha Region. Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa raised this note of caution when addressing a conservation stakeholders' meeting at Wasso in Loliondo ward yesterday, expressing appreciation for views expressed by various organisations and community leaders in the area. He said the views would be taken into account in evaluating the issues before seeking

**“We must reach a moment where we decide whether we want tourism or not”**

decisions on the matter from President Samia Suluhu Hassan, noting that at present the government is pondering on the matter by taking into account wider public interest, which is pegged to sustainable wildlife conservation. He explained his visit to the area as following up on parliamentary recommendations to the government reached by the standing committee on Natural Resources and Tourism. The MPs asked the government to send a high powered team to Loliondo area to sit and talk to the local people, he explained. "Just as President Samia Suluhu Hassan

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**“The government has already approved budgetary funds to procure new aircraft”**

# UN agencies rushing to curb catastrophic hunger in DRC

By Special Correspondent

UNITED Nations humanitarian agencies are moving to avert the hunger crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) with a quarter of the population already in need of food aid. "It's hard to eat here. There are no fields and no food. Life is hard," says Albertine Nzale, traditional chief of Kinduti on the outskirts of the DRC capital, Kinshasa. The village sits at the end of a bumpy track through the savanna outside the capital. There are no grain stores in its straw-roofed huts, no crops or farms along the 35-kilometre (22-mile) dirt road through

the grassland. Just men pushing ancient bikes loaded with sacks of charcoal under a sweltering sun. Albertine, 80, is worried for the village's future and is seeking out for help. "We don't have a school or a hospital," she says. "We need tools and farm machinery to cultivate the land" Local officials say most people struggle to find enough food, whereas three months ago the World Food Programme (WFP) and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said the food crisis in the DRC touches a quarter of the country's population, thus nearly 27m people need food support. Those suffering are not just those in the country's conflict zones in the east, but even within the capital, nearly two thousand kilometers to the west. Kinduti medical aide Neron Mokili acknowledges that wild pigs sometimes destroy land around the village. But he also blames the food shortage on "lazy and impatient" locals who prefer to produce charcoal than till the soil. Traditional chief Fely Moba, 58, takes a

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# Govt to disburse 35bn/- for district ambulances

## ●MPs told of new Lubumbashi consulate

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government has set aside 35.1bn/- for the procurement of 195 ambulances during this financial year, to be distributed to all districts countrywide.

Dr Festo Dugange (pictured), the Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) told MPs here yesterday that this allocation is part of government intent to implementing projects geared to improve

health services everywhere. Procuring ambulances is a follow up to the construction and rehabilitations of health centres, dispensaries and hospitals, as ambulances are a matter of paramount importance. Allocating the funds will ensure that ambulances are purchased and distributed in all districts, he stated. He was responding to Vicent Mbogo (Nkasi South) who demanded the schedule for the government to send an ambulance and a boat to serve seven villages on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in Nkasi district. The deputy minister said the government has already allocated 250m/- for the construction of King'ombe Health Centre in Kala ward, where construction is underway. For financial year 2021/2022, Nkasi District has been allocated 23m/- for maintenance of ambulances and boats providing services to the people as part of efforts to upgrade patients' care. In another development, Ambassador Mbarouk Nassor Mbarouk, the deputy minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation told the House that the government has opened a consular office in Lubumbashi city, Haut Katanga province in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The consulate will assist in strengthening bilateral needs for people needing to visit Tanzania, as well as facilitate efforts to

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Former President Jakaya Kikwete (R), a member of the planning board of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), pictured yesterday while on a tour of centres selling agricultural inputs in Iringa municipality. With him (in white overall) is one of the dealers, Emmanuel Sanga of Iwawa General Supplies. AGRA is a farmer-centred, African-led and partnerships-driven institution determined to transform Africa's smallholder farming from a solitary struggle to survive to businesses that thrive. Story on Page 7. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

## Rungwe district setting aside 89 acres of land to establish factories and investment projects

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

AUTHORITIES in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region have set aside 89 acres of land to facilitate youth to practice farming, establish factories and other investment projects.

Deputy Minister, in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), Patrobas Katambi said in the House yesterday that the government has also provided training to about 100 youths in the district to initiate cultivation of various crops.

"We have trained 98 young people in Rungwe capacitating them with essential skills and technology to support commercial farming, processing, packaging and connecting them to the market," he said.

Apart from agri-business training, a number of young people and graduates have also benefited with training on essential professional skills which would help them compete well in the labor market.

Katambi made the explanations when responding to a question by Anton Mwantona (Mbeya) who sought to know the government's plan to support over 100 college graduates in the district who were all ready to engage in the agriculture sector.

Mwantona said a number of university graduates were on the streets, jobless while the country has plenty of land for agriculture but the major challenge is that they do not have essential skills and capital to venture into the lucrative sector.

The deputy minister replied that the government has continued to create a conducive environment to support more youth to engage in various economic activities including commercial farming.

"A good number of youth in Rungwe

have received training on smart agriculture using modern technology so as to improve their income, they have been trained on various areas which include vegetable farming, construction of green houses, processing and how to search and grab market opportunities," he explained.

He said apart from providing them with training, the young people were also supported by getting soft loans from the district council whereby a total of 133.7m/- has been set for the same purpose in the 2021/22 fiscal year.

The deputy minister said the sixth phase government was determined to help the youth to secure employment through initiating different small and medium economic projects due to limited opportunities in the employment market.

Katambi further said the Prime Minister's Office in collaboration with the ministry of agriculture has launched a new plan dubbed "Building a Better Tomorrow" which focuses on graduates and non-graduate youth," he added.

In this program, the Prime Minister's office will be responsible for training the young people and the Ministry of Agriculture will be responsible for providing land, capital, infrastructure in the agro Parks / Blocks as well as connecting them to markets.

The government has always insisted that each municipality should have special places, where the youth can engage in economic activities and be given land to practice commercial farming," he noted.

He urged the youth from across the country, especially those graduating at different universities, to be more innovative and use the knowledge and skills they acquired to initiate economic projects of their own.

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more nuanced position. "Not everyone in Kinduti owns land they can farm. They have to buy food from people who own the land. Except that most people haven't got enough money," he explains. Restrictions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic like lockdowns, curfews, markets shutting down have added to economic woes of this already fragile region, UN agencies say.

Last year, the WFP teamed up with UN children's agency UNICEF and the government to help locals buy food. From March to December 2021, they gave at least \$402 (354 euros) in cash to

each of 21,000 households.

Mathilde Vaultier, the WFP country director said that the project, which helped feed 130,000 individuals, was geared to "change people's lives and make them more independent," with many Kinutio residents saying the money went into basic necessities -- food, schooling for their children, medical treatment.

Some residents, like food stall holder Elisee Nguza, managed to invest some of the cash in more long-term, income-generating activities.

"Things were really difficult during the lockdown. There just wasn't any

money around. The WFP cash helped me pay the kids' school expenses and build my business up," explains the 48-year-old mother of five.

Nguza and Mokili, who also runs a chemist shop, say they have invested in farming. Pululu Maimona, a farmer who holds 20 hectares of forest and has ambitions of starting a pig farm, poured his aid cash into a fish-husbandry project he started in 2019.

"When I emptied the tanks in October, I got 300,000 Congolese francs' worth (150 dollars' worth) of big fish out," the 63-year-old smiles.

"If people work hard, we won't have

this food shortage... I don't just work for my family. I work for the community. As they say, when one person works, several get to eat," he stated.

The WFP says Nsele district, where Kinduti is situated, faces food stress, meaning locals have to sacrifice other basic needs to purchase food.

"We're not strictly talking of famine here," explains Vaultier, "but with 75 percent of people having difficulty getting enough to eat, famine is only one step away." Cash cover projects for food purchases stop locals tipping over that edge into widespread famine, she added.

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Tanzanian visitors in that part of the DRC, he said during the question and answer session, noting that the consul general had already arrived and commenced work.

He was responding to Cosato Chumi (Mafinga Urban), where he affirmed that the government recognizes the importance of strengthening diplomatic, social and economic

relations with neighbouring countries. The MP had demanded when the government would open a consulate in Lubumbashi, and was told that its location is plot number 1174, Rue Quartier, in Lubumbashi, open since February 7.

Other staff members will be reporting to the office in phases in accordance with diplomatic requirements and procedures, he added.

## Ethiopian approves lifting of the state of emergency

ADDIS ABABA

Ethiopia's Parliament yesterday approved the lifting of a state of emergency imposed last year, signalling further freedoms for the public, including movement of people.

The House of People's Representatives, the Lower House of the Ethiopian Federal Parliamentary Assembly, approved a proposal to lift the state of emergency following their recall from recess.

The state of emergency had allowed the government wide-ranging powers meant to respond to the then

expanding surge of the Tigray People's Liberation Front.

Authorities also limited communication services and were accused of detaining suspects longer than the laws allowed.

On Monday, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's (pictured) government had called parliamentarians for an emergency meeting scheduled for Tuesday, cutting short the legislators' February recess.

Ethiopian MPs usually take a break in February and between July and end of September.

AGENCIES



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister Dr Angelina Mabula (L) in tête-à-tête with her Agriculture counterpart, Hussein Bashe, in the National Assembly in Dodoma city on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph



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has directed, we must support tourism and make sure the people are involved. Honourable MPs who are representatives of the people have given their views, including on the issue of people's involvement, and that is why I have today come here to listen to you," he elaborated.

"We all understand that the human and livestock population has increased inside the reserve and if we cannot find a permanent solution, the reserves will be irretrievably harmed," he stated, underlining that the whole country recognises it is a tourist area.

"We must reach a moment we decide whether we want tourism or

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not," the premier intoned, expressing appreciation for contributions to the deliberations as they did not seek to claim the area as the property of a specific group of people.

"Among the issues I am pleased with is that I have not heard anyone saying the land was theirs. We all understand that the land within the country's

borders is public land entrusted to the President of the United Republic in accordance with the constitution," he declared.

At the meeting, people from various groups were given the opportunity to air their views including the MP, ward councillors, local elders and village chairmen, with a number of them

expressing readiness to work with the government in conserving vital national resources.

They similarly asked for outreach services on family planning and surveying of their land holdings in order to curb frequent land conflicts. Loliondo District has three divisions - Loliondo, Sale and Ngorongoro.



Tanzania Editors' Forum chairman Deodatus Balile (L) pictured in Dodoma city on Monday presenting to National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Aickson a compendium of stakeholders' proposals on amendments to the country's media-related pieces of legislation. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

## Bashe pleads with agriculture researchers and institutions to promote higher-quality seeds

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

AGRICULTURE minister Hussein Bashe has called on public and private institutions that research on, produce and control seeds to sit together to mobilise themselves to produce better quality seeds to satisfy local farmers as well as for export to other African countries as the government's strategy to capture foreign seeds market.

The institutions include Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI), Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) Agricultural Seeds Agency (ASA) and Agricultural Council of Tanzania (ACT).

Others are from the private sector are Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT), Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA).

Addressing a task meeting here on Monday, TARI Director General, Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo said the Minister's directive he gave while in Arusha recently had aimed to stop the country importing seeds and instead start local quality seeds production that would also be for export.

DR Mkamilo said quality seeds production aims at eight strategic crops including maize, rice, beans, sunflower, soy, sorghum and tomatoes whereby within two years the institutions would be able to produce enough seed for home use and for export.

In regard to TARI's strategies, he said the first thing they have embarked on is to look into the volume of the seeds from the eight crops as well as to identify which among them are in high demand in both home and foreign markets.

He said TARI, in collaboration with the private sector, including various seed producing should look into their needs to enable them contribute in the availability of seeds for farmers in the country and for export.

For his part, TOECI Managing director, Patrick Ngediagi, speaking at the meeting said they have been able to assist the nation by making sure then seeds produced and provided to farmers were of high quality, hence through the envisaged plan they will make sure they supervise the seeds.

He said TOSCI has attained great achievements by increasing seeds production from 34 per cent in 2015 to 81 per cent for all seeds produced in the country.

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## Mbeya RC irked by REA's slow rural power distribution drive

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA Regional Commissioner Juma Homera has said he was not satisfied with the pace of rural electrification drive by the Rural Energy Agency (REA) and called on the agency to provide quality services to the people.

The RC made the remarks at the

weekend addressing reporters on various development activities implemented in 2021/22.

Homera called on all firms contracted to perform well. He said power distribution contract agreement for Mbeya Region were signed in March 2021 and showed that the job would be completed within 24 months.

He said so far a total of 25 out of 192 homes

have been connected to power while in some districts have not been connected to power at all as per contract agreements.

REA's power distribution contracts for Mbeya region were entrusted to Itidico, a subsidiary of Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO), with the responsibility to connect power to villages that have not received electricity, a cost of

more than 40bn/-

However, another firm, Sagicom was given the responsibility to supplement power connection to villages that have already been reached by the electricity at a cost of more than 23bn/-. However, power has not reached to some district in the Mbeya Region, contrary to the signed agreements, the situation that has angered RC Homera.

## Legislators want JNHPP to be completed within time-frame

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE National Assembly has advised the government to take robust measures so as to ensure that the ongoing Julius Nyerere Hydro-power Project (JNHPP) is completed within the scheduled time-frame.

The House also wants the government to supervise and ensure that correct information on the development of the project is timely issued to Tanzanians on a regular basis.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy and Minerals, Dastan Kitandula made the call yesterday in the House when presenting the committee's report on its operations conducted between January 2021 and February, 2022.

Kitandula said it was important for the government to put in place a comprehensive strategy to manage and ensure the contractor of the project installs equipment and machinery that meets international quality standards.

He said the committee advises the government to prepare all the key infrastructures which will be used in the transmission and distribution of power, so as to avoid challenges that may arise once the JNHPP project is completed and production begins.

"The government should also ensure that it fulfills all contractual requirements so as to avoid putting the nation into a risk of falling into the trap of compensation for delaying project activities and thus causing losses to the

nation," Kitandula said.

He said by December 31, the project which is set to produce 2,115MW, had reached 53.25 percent of construction while as per the contract, it was supposed to have reached 97.38 percent," he asserted.

The chairman said the committee has noticed that the completion of the project will take much more time than it was in the contract, and this situation would definitely have an impact on the country's power supply.

"The project was expected to inject a lot of power in the national grid and thus accelerate investment in large-scale industries and other economic projects, but the trend really scares and needs immediate efforts by the government," he added.



Constitutional and Legal Affairs deputy minister Geoffrey Mizengo Pinda and Mpimbwe District Council director Catherine Mashalla have a feel of rice after visiting a rice milling complex in Katavi Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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# New Njombe medical glove factory goes into production

By **Grtrude Mbago, Dodoma**

IDOFI medical glove factory in Njombe Region, which is under the Medical Stores Department (MSD), is now being tested after construction is complete by 100 per cent.

Health Deputy Minister Godwin Mollel stated this when reacting to inquiry from Special-Seats lawmaker Dr Alice Kaijage (CCM) who wanted to hear from the government how it was going to end a challenge of shortage of medicines in health centres in the country.

He said once the factory commences full production of the gloves, the plant will be meeting the needs of the country by 85 per cent.

He said apart from allocating funds to hospitals to buy drugs, the government

also disbursed 18bn/- for construction of pharmaceutical industry in Idofi area in Njombe. The industry, whose construction has reached 70 per cent, will have capacity of producing tablets in two days for being used for three months in the country.

He went on explaining that the government has allocated 333.8bn/- to the MSD for purchasing the drugs and medical devices, whereby currently it is in various procurement procedures.

Last year, the Tanzania Medical and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) said it had received applications from

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investors to commence construction of 16 high tech medicines and medical devices factories where completion will save the government funds used in importation of medicines.

Reports show that, less than ten percent of medicines consumed in the country are produced from the local industries while the remaining are imported from other countries including Kenya and India.

The Authority assured that it will continue to fulfill the aspirations of the government by encouraging and overseeing the establishment of new and existing industries to implement industrial policy, develop the pharmaceutical industry in the country with a view to increasing access to quality, safe and effective medicines.



Senior Exim Bank Tanzania officials led by head of retail banking Andrew Lyimo (3rd-L) symbolically present a car to Christina Maria Da Silva, a representative of Iringa-based Work of Mary (Focolare Movement Tanzania), in Dar es Salaam yesterday. This was after the agency emerged winner of the bank's mega promotion raffle dubbed 'Weka MkwanziaTukutoe!', which is meant to encourage a saving culture among the bank's customers. Others include Exim Bank head of marketing and communications Stanley Kafu (2nd-R) and head of branch network Agnes Kaganda (4th-R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Bank hands over car prize to winner of Weka MkwanziaTukutoe campaign

By **Guardian Reporter**

EXIM Bank has handed over a Toyota Vanguard car to the Iringa based organisation-Work of Mary (Focolare Movement Tanzania), which emerged the luck winner of the bank's mega promotion dubbed: 'Weka MkwanziaTukutoe!' aimed at encouraging a 'saving culture' among customers.

Speaking at the handover ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Exim Bank's head of retail Andrew Lyimo said the winner was among the bank's customers who did a deposit starting 500,000/- and onwards, hence entered directly to the mega draw through which the institute emerged the winner of the grand prize.

"Apart from the grand prize winner, 18 other winners were able to win cash prize of 1 mil each in various draws done electronically under the guidance

and supervision of the Gaming Board of Tanzania and in front of various invited media outlets," said Lyimo while thanking the bank's customers for their good response.

He said the promotion not only encouraged customers to save with the bank in a responsible manner, but also emphasized saving their hard-earned income in a safe place that is in a bank and in return rewarded them significantly for their efforts.

"This campaign was one of ways for Exim Bank to promote a saving culture in the country in order to increase productivity for national development," he noted.

Speaking of the campaign's successes, Lyimo said the bank have managed to attract more than 6,000 new customers during the three month campaign while achieving its goal of increasing customer deposits and savings by 110%.

Speaking at the event, the representative of the Work of Mary (Focolare Movement Tanzania) Ms. Christina Maria Da Silva thanked Exim Bank for the car gift while noting that the secret behind the success was just saving with the bank.

"We are delighted to receive this gift from Exim Bank. Furthermore, we have been pleased with the services we receive from the bank through the Iringa branch. We also encourage other Tanzanians to open their accounts through Exim Bank for better banking services that are simplified through digital systems" she said.

For his part, the bank's head of Marketing and Communication, Stanley Kafu congratulated all the winners of the campaign while urging the bank's customers to keep on experiencing the bank's services while embracing other similar campaigns through the bank.

## Traders in Katavi urged to insure their businesses against disasters

By **Guardian Correspondent, Katavi**

BUSINESSPEOPLE in Katavi Region have been called on to insure their businesses against various disasters including fire, floods and storms that will help them to avert costs whenever they want to be in business after the disasters.

The remarks were made by Geoffrey Pinda, Legal and Constitutional Affairs Deputy Minister during his visit to businessmen owning rice groundnuts, and sunflower mills in Katavi Region.

The visit came in the wake of a severe rainstorm that blew away roof of warehouses storing the raw materials for the millers causing destruction thereof.

He said in case if such disasters, traders would be compensated by the

insurance companies and that they would continue to be in business.

"I call on you to insure your businesses as you will not be afraid of disasters that will affect them as the insurance firms will pay you compensation on and damage or loss of goods and property," he told them.

He said insuring businesses would also guarantee them of better markets for their products, as they would be able to expand their businesses.

He also called on the firm to make sure they have modern packaging for their products as this would add value to them and expand their businesses and ensure customers' trust.

"We want the world to know that at Maji Moto there is rice, groundnuts and sunflower and whoever buys these products should know that they come

from Maji Moto," Pinda added.

He also told them that the government will look into the challenges they face including frequent power cuts that has been affecting smooth production.

On behalf of fellow traders, the Flamingo Foods Managing Director, Leonard Lusaganya thanked the Deputy Minister, who is the area's Member of Parliament for coming to see for himself the actual situation of the factories, and added that the visit has increased the impetus for producing more in order to alleviate countrywide shortages of the products they produce.

He also thanked the government for putting in place friendly investment environment that has helped them to increase production to satisfy the home market as well as for export.

## 'Fertiliser price hike due to COVID-19 pandemic'

By **Grtrude Mbago, Dodoma**

THE government has said fertiliser price has almost doubled due to Covid-19 pandemic challenges that pushed prices of the product in the global market to rise.

Agriculture Minister Hussein Bashe made the statement in the House yesterday when responding to questions posed by Jacqueline Ngonyani (Special Seats) who wanted to know the government's efforts to reduce the fertiliser price, something which affects farmers in the country.

Bashe said the price of UREA fertiliser in the global market has reached US\$700 per tonne, a huge increase compared to the US\$350 per tonne in the 2020/21 season.

"To address this challenge, the government has been taking short and long term measures. Short-term measures include ensuring that our ports provide priority in offloading fertilizer cargo, reducing port charges, use of rail to transport fertilizer, use of alternative fertilizers such as NPS and NPS-Zinc as well as allowing

competition in the importation of fertilizer," Bashe explained.

He said the government has also taken long-term measures which include encouraging more investment in fertilizer industries.

"As a result of this, Itracom Fertilizers Limited from Burundi is in the process of constructing a fertilizer factory in Dodoma region which is capable of producing 600,000 tonnes of fertilizer and 300,000 tonnes of lime per year," he said.



The Minister further said more investors are coming from various countries such as Egypt and Saudi Arabia. In addition, the government has met with the management of the Minjingu Fertilizer Factory to discuss how the factory can produce fertilizer according to soil requirements and increase production from 30,000

tonnes to 100,000 tonnes of fertilizer per year.

He said the ministry recognizes the importance of fertilizer in farming as it helps increase production and strengthen food security in the country.

"Based on an assessment that looked at food availability as well as the rain forecast, it showed that the country was still in a good situation and was self-sufficient in food. So far most parts of the country have continued to receive good rainfall," Bashe asserted when responding to the lawmaker's question who also raised concern that lack of fertilizer may affect the country's food security and bring hunger.

The minister highlighted that fertilizer use is at 50 per cent and crops in farms were progressing well assuring the public that Tanzania will not fall into famine disaster.

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BGML, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable, experienced and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the below service packages.

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1	BUL-22-02-03	<b>Power System Study and Audit Electrical Retiulation and Infrastructure</b>	<p>i. <b>Electrical Engineering Contractor</b> with minimum Class 3 CRB registration</p> <p>ii. Evidence of holding similar contract in last 1 years</p> <p>iii. Past experience working in the mining environment – minimum 1 years</p> <p>iv. Team with multi discipline members should have sound Knowledge of Mine Health &amp; Safety acts.</p> <p>v. Capability of collecting data from site with regard to the existing electrical infrastructure. This will include MV and where applicable LV switchgear, MV and where applicable LV boards/bus bars, generators, transformers, motors, VSDs, mini-subs, cables (type, size and distances), overhead lines (type size and distances), STATCOM and capacitor banks.</p> <p>vi. Programming of relays, testing of relays, training and performance testing (as required). Protection settings should be programmed on all MV relays, as well as main LV incomers on MCCs. A label with the protection settings of each to be installed next to the relay or incomer. Additional required protection schemes to be reported in the final report and details proposed for possible implementation. Programmed protection settings should be tested on site with at least secondary injection. At the same time, the Contractor will train local artisans on how to conduct these tests.</p> <p>vii. Generating new MV SLD(s) from primary of TANESCO outdoor substation up until the distribution transformers and LV- MCC incomers (to submit in .dwg and pdf format). This will include above ground (shaft, mining and plant), services (camp, security, etc.), underground, ventilation and refrigeration. This should as a minimum include the items below as well as any info required to conduct fault level and volt drop calculations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transformers/Mini-subs (%Z, Voltage, earthing, vector, protection, MVA)</li> <li>• MV/LV Cables (type, size, length, rating)</li> <li>• Overhead lines (type, size, length, rating)</li> <li>• LV/MV Switchgear/Switchboards (ratings, rated kA, protection, CTs, VTs, calculated fault level)</li> <li>• Generators (type, connection, ratings, protection, CTs, VTs)</li> <li>• Fuses, Isolators (rating plate data)</li> </ul> <p>viii. Generating an ETAP model in version 21.0.1, from the TANESCO outdoor substation up until the LV MCCs. LV MCC loads must be detailed in this model. The ETAP model as well as the library file will form part of the deliverables and will have to go through Client Review before final submission.</p> <p>ix. Capability of doing below simulations as a minimum and supplied in ETAP and in report format(Contractor should list any additional simulations they feel is required as an additional cost item):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Load flow (check transformer loading, cables, breakers, etc.). To be verified with MCC and other MV measurements on site.</li> <li>• Fault levels (TANESCO fault level to be supplied)</li> <li>• Harmonics</li> <li>• Arc flash levels (MV and LV). Label to install with boundary limits on MV and LV equipment.</li> <li>• Protection settings/grading</li> </ul> <p>x. Experience of Preventive and predictive maintenance strategy for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MV / LV Transformers</li> <li>• Underground Dry type and oil cooled transformers.</li> <li>• MV / LV Switchgear</li> </ul> <p>xi. Capability of inspection of substation and assess general condition of Switchgears from obsolesce point of view. Draft and present a proposed action plan.</p> <p>xii. Experience of Switchgear and Replacement with Minimum downtimes</p>

The above Services are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable pre-qualified and experienced contractors shall be invited to receive the tender documents. Please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead referencing the work package reference number should your company qualify as per the pre-qualification criteria together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Full company profile;
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business licence, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.;
- BRELA – Register of Companies detailed information certificate
- Applicable certification, accreditation and affiliated registration
- Years' of service and experience of key personnel to be assigned to project
- Required equipment availability to perform the specific work

Kindly send your response by email to [bulytender@barrick.com](mailto:bulytender@barrick.com) by latest close of business on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered. Please quote reference number "BUL-22-02-03" in the subject line of your email.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of BGML.

**For and on behalf of BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED**

# Over 100,000 Mbeya Region residents to benefit from RUWASA water projects

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MORE than 100,000 residents in Mbeya Region are to benefit from water supply service after the completion of big water projects by Rural Water Supply and sanitation Agency (RUWASA).

The remarks were made here on Monday by Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera as he spoke with this paper on the water supply issue in the region.

He said as for now Ruwasa is implementing various water projects in the region including the Matwiga Water Project Phase II in Chunya District that will cost 2bn/- and will benefit more than 18,000 people upon

completion in six months' time.

Matwiga Project Phase I cost 7m/- and will serve over 56,000 people in Mazimbo, Mtanila, Igangwe, Klangali, Luan and Ifuma villages.

He said another ongoing water project at Makongolosi also in Chunya District, to be completed in 12 months is to cost 2bn/- and will benefit 25,000 people of the entire Makongolosi Town.

RC Homera added that the Luduga Mawindi Water Project Phase IV and V costing 5bn/- and to benefit 40,000 people will also be completed in 12 months' time and will benefit Matemela, Kandani, Itipingi, Ipwani and Manienga villages.

"The Mshewe/Mjele/Chang'ombe

project that costs 2bn/- to be completed within 12 months will serve residents of Mshewe, Muvwa, Njelenje, Mapongolo, Mjele and Chang'ombe villages," explained RC Homera.

In regard to Kyela District, he said RUWASA was implementing the Ngana Water project that will cost 7bn/- and will benefit 61,000 people and will take 15 months to be completed.

He added that the project will serve 24 villages including Ikolo, Lupembe, Bujonde, Nsasa, Ngonga, Mwalisi, Lugombo, Katumbasongwe and Itenya.

RC Homera added that all these water projects will cost over 28bn/- and that after completion people will no longer be forced to walk long distances to fetch water.



Workers Compensation Fund director general Dr John Mduma (L) addresses judges and magistrates at an empowerment seminar on the Fund's activities held in Morogoro municipality yesterday. With him are High Court Judge Ilvin Mugeta (R) and Registrar Mary Moyo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# RITA plays important role in workers' compensation payment process - WCF

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

THE Director General of the Workers Compensation Fund (WCF), Dr John Mduma, has said the judiciary and the Registration Insolvency and Trusteehip Agency (RITA) plays an important role in the compensation payment process for dependants when a worker got injured during the course of his work.

Dr Mduma made the statement in Morogoro when speaking on the sidelines of capacity building trainings the fund offered to judiciary and RITA staffs. The training was also aimed at reminding trainees on their responsibilities especially during payment of compensation to both workers and dependants.

He said: "The training is part of implementation of the directives we received from the government that each of the state agency and institutions should work to increase efficiency for improvement of services to Tanzanians."

Dr Mduma said the capacity building training is crucial to judiciary

officials due to the fact that the institution plays an important role in ensuring availability of various inheritance documents that are used in the processes for payment of compensation to injured employees or dependants.

"We also work closely with RITA because it is responsible for the issuance of birth and death certificates to beneficiaries when an employee dies while at work. He added that all the processes begin at RITA.

Speaking on behalf of participants from the judiciary, Judge Ilvin Mugeta from the High Court in Temeke commended the fund for conducting such training, adding the judiciary works closely with government agencies and institutions including the WCF.

"We are grateful to the fund for facilitating this kind of training because they add-up to what we already know. It's my sincere hope that this training will result in increased efficiency as well as provision of services to Tanzanians," he asserted.

RITA Acting Manager, Victoria

Mushi said the training was of great importance as they are going to educate people on the importance of using proper names in their documents especially birth and death certificates.

According to her, using the right names in birth and death certificates simplifies the compensation payment process to WCF.

WCF was established under the Workers' Compensation Act No 20 of 2008 which requires companies to register and pay employee contributions.

The Act applies to employees from both the private and government sector. It provides compensation for employees injured or incapacitated in the workplace.

WCF provides various types of compensation including medical treatment to injured workers, maintenance services and counseling to injured personnel with permanent disabilities. The fund also pays a certain amount of money to a person who is taking care of an injured worker upon approval from doctors.

# Land authorities in Iringa embark on formalisation, rent sensitisation drive

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development has appealed to individuals and institutions owed land rent to clear their arrears to enable the government survey and plan more plots for other Tanzanians.

Speaking to reporters here yesterday, Iringa Regional Assistant Land Commissioner Wenslaus Mtui said they have launched a special campaign to sensitize the public on the importance of formalizing land as well as paying rent for the same.

He said the special land formalization campaign would enable 52,000 citizens in five councils in Iringa Region to be assessed and licensed adding that it is a five-month campaign.

Iringa Regional Assistant Land Commissioner, Wenslaus Mtui said it aimed to increase security and land ownership for its people and simplify government collections through land tax.

"In 2020 the land law was amended by sections 24 and 30 to require

every citizen whose land has been surveyed to be possessed. Therefore it is important to understand that surveying land is one thing and making it another is another," he said.

He said the government's campaign, which started earlier this month in Iringa Municipality, was aimed at achieving the government's efforts to make the people aware of the importance of owning land with its title deeds.

"We have started this campaign in Iringa Municipal Council, when we finish we will go to Mafinga Town, then Kilolo, then Iringa District and then we will end with Mufindi District," he said.

Through the campaign Mtui said they aim to reach 20,000 people in Iringa Municipal Council, 12,000 Mafinga, 5,000 Kilolo, 12,000 Iringa District and 3,000 Mufindi District respectively.

Mtui said the landowners and others with undocumented land should be aware that plots are not being surveyed so that they can remain vacant and that land tenure security should be in an acceptable condition so they must

have a deed.

To make the campaign a success he said apart from using the media, his department officials go from house to house and provide education so that citizens can understand the concept of land ownership and related matters.

"Right now it is a legal requirement, after the amendment to the land law made in 2020, a citizen is obliged to apply for land ownership and pay land tax, so that his collections can help improve various social services," he said.

Referring to the land formalization costs for the people he said they have been reduced to only Sh 130,000, the amount they can pay in small installments in accordance with the agreement or through a two-year loan they can apply to banks like NMB that have entered into agreements with the government.

Land tax payments are beneficial to the owner to ensure the secure ownership and legitimacy of his property which he is capable of using in various ways for example in borrowing, farming, renting and so on.



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THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC TAX STAMPS UNDER SELF FINANCING SCHEME

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

1. This Invitation for Tenders follows the revised General Procurement Notice for this tender which appeared in TANEPS with effect from 8th January, 2022.
2. Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) intends to enter into contract for Supply, Installation, Configuration, Commissioning and Operation of System for Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS) under Self Financing Scheme. The main objective and purpose of this contract is to ensure that the Procuring Entity (i.e TRA) has an effective mechanism to control and monitor revenue collection on the excisable goods through the use of electronic tax stamps system. In view of that, the Successful Tenderer/firm will bear the all costs related to supply, installation and operation of the system and sell stamps to users at agreed prices. TRA will be able to enhance tax compliance, combat illicit trade and thus minimize the risk of Government revenue loss through the use of electronic tax stamps.
3. TRA now invites the sealed tenders from eligible Tenderers for Supply, Installation, Configuration, Commissioning and Operation of System for Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS) under Self Financing Scheme. This tender will cover the scope of products indicated in the Table below with estimated volume (i.e Number of Units to be Marked/Stamped) per annum

S/N	Product Category	Estimated Units Per Annum
1	Beers	1,225,706,666.67
2	Wines & Spirits	261,736,000.00
3	Tobacco	337,197,333.33
4	Fruit Wines (e.g. Banana, Rosella etc.)	104,213,333.33
5	Soft Drinks	3,456,286,666.67
6	Bottled Water	897,446,666.67
7	Juices	380,513,333.33
8	Cement	142,312,084.00
9	Sugar	163,462,950.00
10	Cooking Oil	21,356,908.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,990,231,942.00</b>

**Note:** More details are provided in the tendering documents which is available in Tanzania National e-Procurement System (TANEPS) and there shall be a Pre-Tender Meeting on 8th March, 2022 at TRA Headquarters, Board Room, 3rd Floor, Sokoine Drive, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania at 1000hours.

4. Tendering will be conducted through International Competitive Tendering (ICT) as specified in the Public Procurement Regulations, 2013 - Government Notice No. 446 as amended in 2016 and is open to all Tenderers.
5. Interested eligible Tenderers may obtain further information from the office of the Secretary-TRA Tender Board on line using TANEPS (use request for clarification window) or in case of any system limitation to access use email address: [secretary.tender@tra.go.tz](mailto:secretary.tender@tra.go.tz) on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
6. A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English is available in TANEPS. Potential Tenderers may register through [www.ppra.go.tz](http://www.ppra.go.tz) or contact PPRRA help desk [support@ppra.go.tz](mailto:support@ppra.go.tz)
7. All tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of either currency and value indicated in the table below. The Tender security should be in form of Bank Guarantee issued/confirmed by a reputable local bank and registered in Tanzania with validity period of at least 148 Days from the date of tender opening.

Currency	USD\$ Tanzania Shilling
Value 215,000.00	495,000,000.00

**Note:** scanned copy of the Tender security shall be submitted through TANEPS and original security document MUST be submitted at the office of Secretary to TRA Tender Board, TRA HQ, Room G. 15, Sokoine Drive, Ilala in Dar es Salaam at or before tender submission deadline provided in the tendering document.

8. All tenders must be submitted online using TANEPS at or before 1400 hours' local time, Wednesday 30th March, 2022. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter at 1400 hours on the same date of submission.
9. Late Tenders, Portion of Tenders, Tenders not received, Tenders not opened at tender opening Ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

Commissioner General  
Tanzania Revenue Authority

## Stakeholders embark on campaign to woo investors to retrofit old tourist vans into new electric vehicles

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE trio—Hanspaul Group, Carwatt and Gadgetronix through the E-Motion project have, embarked on a campaign in northern Tanzania to woo tourism industry investors to consider retrofitting their old tourist vans into new electric vehicles.

Retrofit is a smart technology whereby engineers remove combustion engine, exhaust pipe, fuel tank and other fuel system parts of an old vehicle to replace them with an electric system comprising an electric motor, battery system, an on-board charger and an information display.

"When you sell your old vehicle, it will come back to the market and probably harm you," Hasnain Sajan, the Gadgetronix Managing Director, told tour operators when flagging off the campaign at the Arusha-based Four Point by Sheraton.

Electric vehicles will not only transform the driving experience of tourists into a more peaceful, smooth and environmentally responsible era, but also reduce a tour operators' operational costs and fetch him carbon credits.

"Electric vehicles neither consume fuel nor do they need engine services. They do not produce noise or smell," Sajan said. He allayed the fear of the tour operators of recharging electric vehicles, saying the project would put up sufficient stations along the tourist attractions routes.

E-Motion already has built some electric vehicles recharging stations in Arusha City and Mugumu township as well as at some tourist attractions, including Lake Manyara and Tarangire national parks and a key sites of the Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Conservation Area, namely Seronera, Ndotu, Naabi and Kogatende.

At least three tour operators, who have converted their vehicles, which are using the recharging stations. Mount Kilimanjaro Safari Club has converted a fleet of 12 vehicles and intends to add eight more vehicles in the near future.

While Miracle Experience Balloon Safaris has converted one of its safari vehicles to transport tourists to national parks, Kibo Guides has partnered with E-Motion to retrofit one of its 100 safari vehicles.

Tanzania National Parks has given the E-Motion four Land Cruisers to convert them and build a charging station for rangers to silently carry out their antipoaching operations and the conservation agency to save millions of shillings on fuel and vehicle services and maintenance.

E-Motion is also converting a bus into an emission-free vehicle to pick students and staff and to recharge it in the sun during the day ready for picking them up again in the evening to drop them back home.

"Electric vehicles save a lot of useless kilometres. With a diesel car one travels twice the kilometres to petrol stations, but he is compelled to restrict himself to his mission when using an electric vehicle, given the limited charge," the Mount Kilimanjaro Safaris Club Managing Director, Dennis Leboutoux, said.

E-Motion supplies one phase portable chargers with maximum capacity of 3kWh for recharging anywhere, 20kWh wall chargers for indoor and outdoor use and 50kW super chargers powered by solar panels or directly from the grid at permanent stations to be strategically located across the country.

It also offers a two-year limited warranty for all components it supplies and a 12-month after sale service free of charge. After two years, the vehicle owner pays \$500 for service and \$1,000 after 36 months.

A vehicle equipped with 36kWh to 100kWh batteries has a range of between 120 kilometres and 350 kilometres depending on the landscape and obstacles encountered. It takes between four and eight hours to completely recharge it.

While E-Motion retrofits a basic safari vehicle with the capacity of 36kWh and equipped with a 280-Watt battery for travelling 120 kilometres at \$38,000, its premium plus package for a vehicle with the capacity of 84kWh equipped with 640 Wt for traveling 300 kilometres stands at \$54,900.



**When you sell your old vehicle, it will come back to the market and probably harm you**

## 'Like we humans, our environment needs caring too'

By Guardian Reporter

AS some Tanzanians shared gifts and messages of affection to celebrate Valentine's Day on Monday, others thought outside the box and concluded that the environment needed some love too.

At the Kampala International University in Tanzania (KIUT) in Dar es Salaam, it is the environment which benefited the most as the institution planted over 80 species of date, mango, and tamarind trees around its Nyerere Square.

A statement released yesterday by KIUT said the exercise was implementation of the recently-launched National Environmental Policy 2021 through its @ Heart association.

The event was officiated by Prof Kiwara Angwara, the KIUT Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at the University's Gongo la Mboto campus.

"While launching the tree planting drive, Prof Kiwara indicated that KIUT has and shall remain in history as the pioneer institution of higher learning in Tanzania to have swiftly adhered to Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango's call for the institutions to plant trees," reads the statement.

The initiative, Prof Kiwara added, shows KIUT's compliance to the United Nations Strategic Development Goal 11

& 13 addressing Sustainable Cities and Communities, and Climate Change.

During the launch of the National Environmental Policy 2021, Dr Mpango underscored the importance of planting trees and urged stakeholders including higher learning institutions to plant fruits, shades, flowers and timber trees around the country.

Underlining the importance of environmental conservation, Prof Kiwara quoted prominent personalities such as Mahatma Gandhi who advocated for the same. Similarly, he emphasized the web of interconnectivity of space, air, fire, water and earth and urged KIUT community and Tanzanians as a whole to always make the environment friendly and loveable.

Prof Kiwara applauded Ragine Deshpande for her extraordinary efforts towards greening the already green KIUT environment. He urged the KIUT community to support the initiative and roll it out in other spheres for purposes of marketing KIUT and increasing its visibility. He added that loving KIUT begins with taking care of the environment.

Deshpande, commonly known as Mama India at the institution because of her country or origin, said that humans have a responsibility to work hard to give back to Mother Nature.

The function was attended by members of KIUT management as well as staff and student leaders.



Kabanga Nickel CEO Chris Showalter (L) makes a point when he visited the Minerals ministry offices in Dodoma city yesterday to introduce BHP, which has invested in the nickel project. He is with BHP Australia vice president Anne Nicacio. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 'Expectant mothers carried in cattle carts for lack of a village dispensary'

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

IT is claimed that pregnant women in Ng'wamadelanha Village, Shinyanga District are forced to be carried in cattle carts while going to give birth at a nearby Shilabela Village over 20 kms away due to lack of a dispensary at the village.

The remarks were made here on Monday by Ng'wamadelanha Village chairman, Manyambo Joseph when speaking to this paper as part of the campaign to eradicate gender based violence and child abuse spearheaded

by Shinyanga Press Club (SPC) and sponsored by Women Fund Tanzania (WFT).

He said due lack of a dispensary at the village and poor roads to accommodate ambulances, they have been carrying pregnant women in cattle carts to the nearby Shilabela Village dispensary.

"Completion of the ongoing dispensary project at our village will remove the challenge of having to travel long distances to get health services including carrying pregnant women in cattle carts," he added.

For their part, some women at the village including Martha George, said due to the distance challenge, they have been giving birth at home in very unsafe surroundings, but in case of emergencies they are forced to seek further medical services at the nearby Shilabela Village Dispensary.

They said for those in critical conditions, they are usually carried in cattle carts, but some of them give birth on the way due to bad roads.

For his part, the Pandagichiza ward Councillor, Charles Kabogo said they have already received 20m/- from the

District Council internal revenues for completing the village's dispensary project and is expected to provide service later this year.

Kabogo said what remains is the building of toilets, a refuse pit and other small works while a very big percentage of construction work has been completed.

Pandagichiza Ward Officer Deogratias Mashamba said the ward has four villages - Sayu, Ng'wamadelanha, Pandagichiza and Shilabela, whose residents are served by the Shilabela dispensary.



Filbert Mponzi (C), NMB Bank Plc's chief of retail banking, and Association of Tanzania SMEs board chairman Ernest Masanja (2nd-L) display a dummy ATM card launched in Dar es Salaam on Monday, the idea being to make banking services more accessible to small traders. The event followed the exchanging of MoU documents on the enhancement of business education, skills development and formalisation as well as expediting the issuance of loans to the traders. Others (from-R): NMB chief of risk compliance Oscar Nyirenda and chief of shared services Nenyuata Mejooli. Left is Juma Samwei, a deputy director in the Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups ministry. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

TOTAL ENERGIES Marketing Tanzania on Monday joined other Tanzanians in celebrating Valentine's Day to mobilise for love while customers who visited Total petrol stations were each given a flower as a gift as sign of love.

The firm's Director of Legal and Public Relations Gertrude Mpangile said on Monday TotalEnergies loves all Tanzanians and that is why it is supplying them with high quality fuel and lubricants and today they have joined with all Tanzanians to express the love by providing them gifts.

TotalEnergies is an international oil

## TotalEnergies awards its customers as a sign of love for Valentine's Day

and gas company and is among the first companies in the world to engage in solar energy.

It employs over 100,000 workers and contributes to its aim to produce quality, clean fuels at affordable cost.

The firm is found in 130 world countries and does all what it can to improve people's lives in these countries, economically and socially by adhering to environmental

preservation in the countries.

It has started a grand campaign in oil exploration and production by increasing the number of its oil wells while endeavoring to look for sustainable energy for the African continent for now and in future.

It also concentrating in finding new energy sources by giving priority to energy education to the youth to enable them develop a unique capability in

the continent to development.

The firm is leading in Africa in the supply of petrol, diesel, kerosene, bitumen, GPL and other oil products from more than 4,200 fuel stations scattered in 40 African countries.

The firm first came to Tanzania in 1969 and its business aims to provide service fuel distribution including petrol, diesel and lubricants in its various fuel stations countrywide.



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## Girls can advance in science, but we must cut the workload

ACTIVISTS around the world were far from being forgetful in marking the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on Friday, 11th February, but it is unlikely they would be as excited as were their peers were, even as recently as 2015 when this international day was decided by the United Nations General Assembly. It was designed to lay the accent on achieving full and equal access and participation in science for women and girls, and further achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. There are plenty of imbalances in how the quest is being advanced but there is undeniable progress.

When the United Nations General Assembly declared 11 February as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science in 2015, the focus was rightly on the science part, with a view to encouraging girls in school, right from early secondary school, to believe that they can do science subjects. It is around the tenth grade (otherwise known as Form II) where specialization starts taking shape, though it is apparent that ministerial organization of curriculum has battled these specialisations. They want this to take place at high school level, maintaining eight to ten subjects on secondary school students, across the board.

How far this lack of specialization at an earlier period helps with nurturing science minded young people, both girls and boys, is open to question, as overloading diminishes the spare time that a student can find to catch up in

case of some gaps in learning, precisely understanding the teacher in class. It also leads to overreliance on copying and cramming, as there is no room to think, by reading books or articles here and there, if students are overloaded with writing notes from ten or eight subjects all of which are examined. It isn't clear what specialists are saying in that regard, and indeed it is unlikely that they agree on the issues.

Looking at the matter from hindsight, this lack of specialisation arises from the politics of education over the decades, as the first phase government was overly concerned with creating a patriotic outlook, even with a revolutionary stance, whose anchor is arts subjects. And then we are equally aware of the cardinal importance of science subjects for both the boys and the girls, in which case ministerial experts or the relevant parliamentary committees would similarly be insistent that all students study basic science. The result is putting students in a difficult situation of trying to know everything and specialising in very little.

In these days where the cry is unemployable products of colleges and universities, let alone secondary schools, it is clear that we have a few things to check in this orientation. Authorities are trying to alter products at the top - teaching self-employment when students are in their final year, forming groups of agro-entrepreneurs to find an occupation in agriculture. We can't throw away these efforts but if young minds are left to specialise at an early age, the results are likely to be more rewarding, more sustainable.

## Lorry drivers' strike at Tunduma shows that more needs to be done

REPORTS of a confusing situation at the Zambia-Tanzania border crossing at Tunduma are disconcerting, as ferrying goods into Zambia has for a day or two been paralysed as drivers from the Tanzanian side went into a strike for their grievances to be heard, first. Interviewed drivers talked of extensive harassment by a series of border control officials like police officers, customs clearance and immigration, though a range of others putting the drivers in a difficult situation were cited. There was a video clip of a Tanzanian driver being beaten by Zambian police, which helped to spark strike action.

Checking into the history of strikes at the border post and in the regional transit trade as a whole, it was salutary to find out that these are ordinary disturbances that those in the logistics industry are likely to be entirely familiar with. Virtually each year or at least a couple of years there is a disturbance at a key border post between one country and another.

That is why incoming President Samia Suluhu Hassan sat down to iron out the maize imports standoff with the Kenyan agro-sector inspection bureaucracy; a bitter dispute has over the past week engaged Kenya and Uganda at two or three border posts. It is just routine.

The East African Business Council (EABC) has for instance worked overnight in the past six months at least seeking to bring about a situation where common procedures of permit issuance that are mutually recognized are agreed upon by the EAC partner

states. It has not been easy as each country wishes to verify on its own that an incoming visitor is free of the virus, as all countries worry about bribes, if the Covid-free stamp can be obtained if a dollar note exchanges hands. It isn't clear how far this element alone explains the border standoff, but some analysts were saying on international media that it is crucial.

It can easily be said that the Covid-19 environment has only made some differences a bit sour, or brought them to the point of explosion. One such rule was in the past where Kenyan lorries transiting into Uganda would be stopped and goods transferred to Ugandan lorries, and conversely, Ugandan lorries can't collect goods directly at Mombasa port for ferrying home.

Whether this rule is still being maintained at present is a different matter but admittedly we don't see many lorries with foreign numbers on port access roads in a regular manner. It is a procedural requirement that cultivates envies and animosities, an easy powder keg.

There is an additional element where Tanzania has for most of the past year enjoyed a sort of Covid-free environment, with people scarcely practicing social distancing or wearing masks, meanwhile as Covid-19 cases remained rather few. Border post officials start doubting our Covid-19 certificates, leading to stringy controls which may cause violence on a driver. Left that way, a strike by lorry drivers to get the situation clarified could then follow.



## Forget it, no government can remove fuel subsidy in Nigeria

By Tope Fasua

AND this is simply because the chicken has come home to roost, not because it is desirable to subsidise a product that needn't be subsidised. Well, some people may argue that because Nigeria is a crude oil producing nation then it is good to expect the citizens not to pay what other people pay for refined petrol and other products, but crude oil is not as novel as it was when we used to think that way. Many more African nations have since discovered some crude - Niger Republic, Chad, Cameroon, Ghana, Uganda, Kenya and a lot more. And then, crude oil and its derivatives are essentially on the way out, if the campaigns of environment enthusiasts, especially in the Global West is anything to go by. So, should we not be saving as much as possible from a wasting, disappearing asset, that is fast falling out of reckoning? Or is that too a mirage? Even if crude oil and petroleum will remain relevant to the global economy (after all the price is back to \$91 today), I'm not sure we should position to squander the resource.

### What Exactly Is Subsidy?

Two broad questions emanate here. The first surrounds the importation of refined products, especially premium motor spirit (PMS), otherwise known as petrol. The other issue concerns volume of local consumption. The issues are also intertwined. So, in layman's lingua, we talk of subsidy because the price at which we import the goods, is less than the price we sell for. At present, the Nigeria National Petroleum Company (NNPC) - or whatever new name the Petroleum Industry Act says we must now call it - is the sole importer. The last writup I saw in this regard, says the landing cost of petroleum is now N283. The people buy at the pumps for N162. Therefore, on landing cost alone, and without adding other costs of distribution and a fair margin for marketers, each litre of PMS we buy at the pumps, enjoys a direct subsidy of at least N121. As at 2012, Nigeria was said to need a minimum of 42 million litres a day domestically. If this remains so, then per day, we incur a subsidy of N5 billion a day, or N1.8 trillion per annum.

But there has been a lot of confusion around the statistics of our daily consumption. Ibe Kachikwu (smart guy), while coming in as the Group Managing Director of NNPC IN 2015, had disputed the numbers that were being bandied then (60 million litres per day), and promised to be fully transparent about such matters if confirmed. He kept to his words a couple of times, until the de facto Minister for Petroleum (one Mr Muhammadu Buhari), thought he was too much of a gadfly. The publishing of NNPC accounts stopped and Ibe was

redeployed as a toothless Minister of State. The puzzle of volume of imports was never resolved. The Petroleum Minister, Buhari, had also objected to the idea - at least once in 2014 - that there was any subsidy on petroleum. He said as a former player in that sector, he was sure that anyone who claimed they were paying subsidy on petroleum import was a fraudster. In truth, Citizen Muhammadu had a point. But as president and minister, he was soon to capitulate and toe the party line. His government has since been paying subsidy - now rechristened as 'under recovery'.

Buhari had a point, because the matter of subsidy is a moving target. Subsidy depends on the international price of crude oil. When international prices climb, but local prices of refined products remain static, subsidy occurs. Therefore, as at September 2020, and earlier in 2016 when the Buhari government had increased prices to N162 and N145 respectively, they claimed that they had fully deregulated because the higher prices that they reviewed to in spite of the then low crude oil prices, reflected the landing costs on those occasions. Almost. Now the price of crude oil has moved from the then \$25 or \$30, to \$90, and the government is getting very antsy, trying to increase fuel price at least by a factor of 2, to at least N302 as proposed by the National Economic Council meeting chaired by Vice President Osinbajo on the 19th of January, 2022. It needs to be understood, that the N302 per litre being recommended is just a halfway house, just like the N145 and N162 price increases earlier. The ultimate destination is a price that matches the highest perhaps in Africa. Call that about N700 per litre. Are we ready?

The players in the petroleum sector are some of the sleaziest and most callous of people. There are no saints in the industry. The characters are typical of Daniel Day Lewis' character in the 2006 award-winning movie "There will be Blood", Daniel Plainview; shrewd, heartless, cold-blooded, eternally calculating. How does the average citizen confirm the veracity of say the N283 current landing price, or the basis upon which it was arrived at? In order to benchmark those guys and the prices they sell eventually, you would have to know what prices refineries sell products, what kind of deals that importers can obtain, and then the logistics costs including cost of borrowing etc. Operations in the upstream, midstream and downstream markets are dominated by a tight confederacy and companies which have been involved in some major scandals in the past - Trafigura, Vitol, and the rest. Back home here, the sector is dominated by the same folks who ripped Nigeria off N2.3 trillion in 2011. Those who remember the drama that played out then, will recall that it

was impossible to agree on how much was spend of Nigeria's taxpayer money that year. The CBN had N1.7 trillion, the Accountant General had N1.9 trillion, while the Minister of Finance had N1.8 trillion and the NNPC had N1.9 trillion. It wasn't until she wrote her memoirs that the then coordinating Minister, Dr Mrs Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala gave us the full and final figure - N2.35 trillion. So, these are the kinds of guys we are subjecting our fates to. There is 105 per cent chance that these guys - including their government counterparts - will take Nigerians to the cleaners and back. If we haven't got wise with what happened in 2011/12, it will be their pleasure to rip us all open this time.

Do take note, dear readers, that the second part of the subsidy is the opportunity cost that NNPC suffers from importing and selling only to Nigerians at 162 rather than to Cameroonians at N452. Should NNPC not sell to any country where it could max out profits? Is opportunity cost a real cost in this instance? And how high are we ready to go, given that the same excuse of smuggling can be whipped up even if higher prices are found in our neighbors twice removed (say DR Congo, or Sudan, or Mauritania). Also, are higher prices in Nigeria likely to drive higher prices in our neighboring nations such that this attempt to play catch up on petroleum prices becomes a moving target?

To complicate the entire thing, there is much opacity around how much is our daily local consumption. In May 2021, BusinessDay newspaper reported that NNPC put our daily consumption at 93 million litres. It used to be 42 million not long ago. Today it hovers around 67.5 million. No one is sure how those figures are arrived at. It has also been said that the entire daily consumption of our neighboring nations are nowhere near the amount that has been said by regulators to be escaping via smuggling into those countries. All these hanky-pankies further damage whatever is left of the public trust.

### What Is Deregulation?

Nigerian government and people have also not agreed on what exactly constitutes deregulation. Are the people ready for discriminate prices within a local government? Are people from Taraba State, or Nigeria State ready to pay prices that may be significantly higher than what others pay in Bayelsa, Rivers or Lagos States? Is this government able to build that consensus? For the moment we go into price equalization, we have destroyed full deregulation and introduced elements of potential fraud and manipulation. Deregulation is therefore the proper regulation of a private-sector driven market, to ensure that the same private sector does not take undue advantage of the people. Deregulation is better, stronger regulation; something that we

aren't famous for in Nigeria because here, anyone can be easily pocketed with some dollars. Or do we have any assurances that there will be a change this time? The scams surrounding Dan Etete, Andrew Yakubu and Diezani Madueke are still ongoing and these are the ones that were found out. Thousands more exist in an industry of buccaniers.

Deregulation is the protection of the people from monopolies and oligopolies. At best, it is the assurance of multiple players on both sides of the divide, such as to balance the market atmosphere and ensure that sellers make a tight margin while buyers are not daily ripped off. It is the management of rules and regulations surrounding new market entrants, ensuring that those who profit from the industry pay the right taxes, that standardized products are sold to the consumers, and that no price gouging or collusion occurs to tip the scale in favour of a few.

### Other Deregulations

As desirable as full deregulation in the petroleum downstream sector is, it is important to consider what has happened to other deregulated products in Nigeria. I did a cursory check of kerosene, which has since been deregulated in Nigeria, and the price per litre stands at N457 today, on the average. As at 2018, I found that the prices hovered around N300. As at 2015, the price was less than N200. I checked cement. As at 2014, the price moved to N2,000 per bag, but receded to N1,500 in 2015. Since then, it has been a steady climb and as I type, the price of a bag of cement is close to N5,000, despite there being a number of cement producers in Nigeria today. This is another touchy area for us. As for cartelization, I saw a news item in the July 12, 2021 edition of Premium Times with the caption: "More hardship for Nigerians as BUA joins Dangote to increase cement price". And this captures one of the fears of Nigerians with this deregulation business; it is so easy for us to be caught in the headlights of powerful oligopolists. But that is not all. I know for a fact that I did not pay more than N20,000 monthly for electricity in my modest 4-bedroom house in Abuja as at 2014. Today, I pay N120,000. Six-fold. With daily threats that the Power Distribution Companies (DISCOs) are about to review their rates upwards some more. The power deregulation has brought untold hardship on many Nigerians, and we have seen how many of those entities are running into crises - Yola, Ibadan, Benin. Many of these power generating companies were established by smart alec friends of the Jonathan government and we understand that most of them have not invested much into expanding infrastructure. They were just interested in milking the system.





# Africa-EU Partnership must prioritise green energy and supply chains that enable African economies to grow

BY AIMÉE-NOËL MBIYOZO

**E**NERGY is the key to Africa's development and green transition. Approximately 600 million Africans and 10 million medium-sized enterprises lack access to electricity and millions of households use charcoal, wood and kerosene for cooking. Current charcoal demand clears an estimated 3% of Africa's forested area a year.

The green transition is one of five key areas for the Africa-European Union (EU) Partnership, established in 2020 to improve coordination between the two continents. Energy transformation is critical in this transformation.

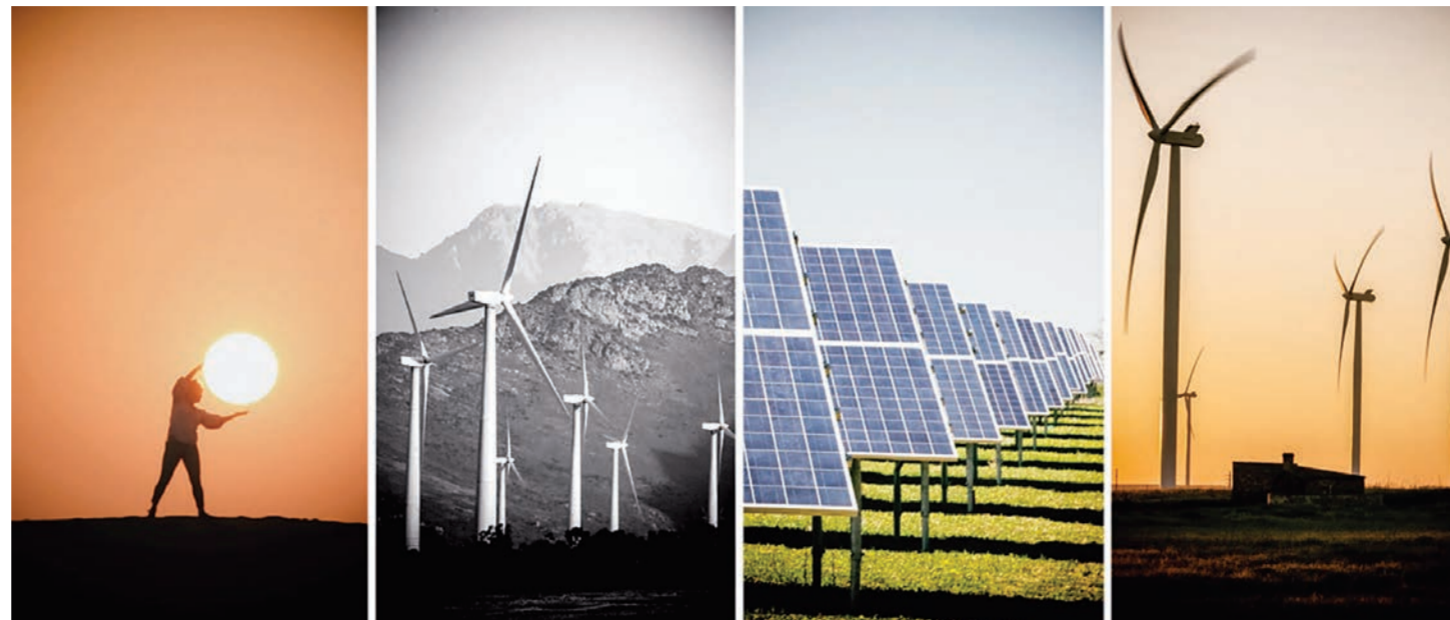
But are Europe and Africa on the same green page? And when it comes up at the Sixth African Union (AU)-EU summit in Brussels this week, will discussions lead to concrete, mutually beneficial cooperation?

On 10 February, the EU announced a €150-billion investment plan for Africa to focus on the green transition, including renewable energy generation and protecting biodiversity. But the details and implications of Europe's energy plans for Africa are ambiguous and could negatively impact many countries on the continent.

The energy situations in Africa vary immensely between countries. Some, such as Morocco, Mauritius and Namibia, depend on energy imports and are ripe for renewable energy investment. States with significant renewable energy opportunities and low energy access could leapfrog carbon dependency and become a prototype for green innovation and low-carbon industrialisation.

Others are energy exporters such as Mozambique, Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana, Uganda, Senegal, and Côte d'Ivoire. Many of these countries rely on fossil fuel exports and have recently locked into investments that could risk becoming stranded assets. Proposals to move away from fossil fuels without concrete alternatives concern them.

African leaders are right to worry about what will replace fossil fuel exports if European partners move away from them in their quest for neutrality. The EU has proposed a carbon border adjustment mechanism – a levy on certain imported goods that negatively impacts African exporters. If Europe winds these imports down or imposes trade blockages without replacing them or helping to generate alternatives, there will undoubtedly be economic losers.



From left: Unsplash | Wind turbines at the Gouda wind power facility. (Photo: Dwayne Senior / Bloomberg via Getty Images) | Unsplash | Wind turbines at the Umoya Energy wind farm in Hopefield. (Photo: Dwayne Senior / Bloomberg via Getty Images)

Some accuse Europe of double standards. Fossil fuels constitute by far the largest share of EU imports from Africa. Europe also recognises the need to continue investing in gas for its use while ending financing for gas in developing countries.

Developing new green energy value and supply chains that enable African economies to grow should be an Africa-EU Partnership priority. Some European entities are exploring green hydrogen production in African countries as an alternative to fossil fuel imports. Hydrogen is very energy-intensive.

If the production of European exports requires energy sources in areas where local African populations don't have energy access, it won't be sustainable. That could cause political and social tension and possibly conflict. Any low-carbon technologies that address Europe's energy needs should add value to Africa.

There has been much debate on Africa's continued natural gas exploration and development, particularly because of the continent's energy needs. The concern is that renewable energies alone

aren't sufficient to drive industrialisation. The gas debate should be context-specific and balance countries' economic progress with decarbonisation.

Europe's green transformation relies on raw materials such as cobalt, lithium, nickel and copper. Africa is rich in these resources – 60% of the world's cobalt comes from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The EU and AU must ensure that competition over depleting resources doesn't escalate conflict or further strain governance in those areas.

Most African countries rely predominantly on natural resources and primary production exports. Green industrialisation is vital to diversify and develop African economies and make them less dependent on resource extraction and fossil fuels. It will be impossible without energy access.

The AU and EU must show that they prioritise green economic transformation in their shared agenda. It should form the basis for EU and African engagement on energy transition and adaptation.

They should map out the economic winners and losers of climate neutrality and jointly invest in capacity building and financing for long-term strategies.

Relationships between Europe and Africa on climate-related issues are tense. This reflects a discord between developing and developed countries underpinned by the view that wealthy states are less concerned about poorer countries' climate risks, even though the latter contribute least to the problem. Developing nations bear the brunt of climate impacts and have the least resources to manage them. The green transition as it is currently proposed could hamper development for Africa.

These tensions were shown at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow last year when African countries said wealthy nations had failed to keep their promise to raise \$100-million in climate finance. African needs are still widely unmet while the continent faces severe climate exposure with inadequate investment capacities. All this while it is still recovering from the Covid-19 crisis.

Cooperation between Africa and Europe on the green transition is vital. Separately, the AU and EU have made significant progress on their respective green agendas. The plans of both continents include many complementary visions and overarching goals for their green transitions. But the pathways to achieving them are fundamentally different, including energy transformation. AU and EU strategies must converge better to ensure the continent's development. **DM**

## China sees rapid development of internet hospitals

By Shen Shaotie, Chang Biluo,

**I**NTERNET hospitals have been embracing rapid development in China over the recent years. Back in 2018, there were only about 100 such facilities across the country, while the figure now exceeds 1,600.

These online hospitals offer click-and-mortar medical services. Integrating subsequent visits, follow-up visits and medical consultation services, they allow patients to enjoy medical services without stepping out of their homes.

A man surnamed Li from Chaoyang district of Beijing always visits Xuanwu Hospital affiliated to the Capital Medical University via the hospital's mobile application, to have prescriptions refilled for his octogenarian father who suffers from cerebrovascular disease and has to take medicines regularly to prevent cerebral infarction.

According to Chen Fei, doctor-in-charge with Xuanwu Hospital's neurology department, he has given a dozen prescriptions to Li's father.

"I used to ask for a half-day leave before going to get the medicines prescribed for my father, which was both tiring and time-consuming," said Li, adding that the internet hospital is convenient as he can have the medicines prescribed through his mobile phone and delivered to him on the next day.

As a specialist in carotid artery stenting, Chen is always on full schedule, which makes it hard for patients to see him in his office. Thanks to the online hospital, all patients now have the opportunity to make an appointment to meet him online.

"Most of my patients need subsequent visits and prescriptions on a regular basis, and they can keep in touch with me through the online hospital anytime and anywhere," he said.

Chen Qiulin, deputy director of the Health Industry De-



A medical worker from the First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui University of Science and Technology instructs a senior citizen to use online hospital in Dongshan neighborhood, Tianjia'an district, Huainan, east China's Anhui province, Dec. 2, 2020. File photo

velopment Research Center at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, told People's Daily that internet hospitals can improve the accessibility of medical services and lower the cost for patients. To further exploit the advan-

tages of online medical services and benefit more patients, Chongqing University Three Gorges Hospital (CUTGH) in southwest China's Chongqing municipality has connected village clinics to its internet hospital.

CUTGH president Zhang Xianxiang told People's Daily that the hospital will keep extending the reach of its online medical services, so as to bring home health care services to more patients.

Besides, the hospital will also collaborate more with pharmacies and village clinics and deploy more internet hospital terminals in neighboring districts and counties, Zhang added.

Internet hospitals are making medical services more accessible for patients in critical and complicated conditions.

For instance, Mr Wang in Jinzhai county, east China's Anhui province suffers from rheumatoid disease, and his condition got worse recently. The progression wasn't controlled even after he was hospitalized. In less than two days, Wang became unconscious and he refused to go through check-ups.

To deal with the situation, Wang's doctor contacted Chen Xiaoping, deputy director of the endocrinology department of the Beijing-based China-Japan Friendship Hospital (CJFH), via a telemedicine platform. After Chen held a joint consultation with experts from his hospital, Wang was diagnosed with brain damage led by severe hyponatremia and mild infection in the lungs. Thanks to the joint consulta-

tion, Wang soon recovered after going through systematic treatment. He can even do farm work now.

Cui Yong, vice president of the CJFH introduced that combining telemedicine and internet-based medical consultation is a highlight of the CJFH's internet hospital, which can both improve medical capability at primary level and better facilitate the people.

Telemedicine is mainly for patients in critical and complicated conditions at primary-level medical institutions, while internet-based medical consultation is offered to patients on subsequent visits who could miss the prime time for treatment once their situations worsen if they can't make it to big hospitals in time.

The combination of telemedicine and internet-based medical consultation is able to timely detect and deal with new symptoms developed by patients and thus better guarantee their health.

So far, the CJFH has been connected to nearly 6,000 medical institutions across the country via its internet hospital system, including 580 offering integrated elderly care and medical services. A total of more than 13,000 remote consultations have been carried out.

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# BUSINESS

## BoT Governor Prof Florens Luoga wins Africa bankers prize

By Guardian Reporter

BANK of Tanzania (BOT) Governor Prof. Florens Luoga has won the Central Banker of the Year award for Africa for 2021, which is being organized by The Banker Magazine, a subsidiary of the Financial Times.

According to a statement issued yesterday by the central bank, he has been presented with the award following his efforts to boost the country's economy in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic.

"Governor Luoga, who is the current chair of AFI's African Financial



Bank of Tanzania governor Prof Luoga

Inclusion Policy Initiative (AFPI), won the award of Central Banker of the Year for Africa for his clamp-down on irresponsible lending and plans announced last November to explore about central bank digital currency (CBDC)" reads part of the statement.

A statement issued by the AFI recently, said Prof. Luoga was recognized for his efforts in reducing non-performing loan levels to the central bank's target rate of five percent, easing lending restrictions and boosting credit for small businesses and combating effects of COVID-19.

According to AFI, Prof. Luoga, in order to ensure that Tanzania keeps up with the latest global trends, has shown interest in central bank digital currencies (CBDCs).

AFI asserts that Prof. Luoga also took swift measures against COVID-19, shielding at-risk groups from financial shocks and fostering economic recovery by easing monetary policies and encouraging banks to implement payment holidays, lower interest rates and extend loan restructuring periods to provide financial relief for customers.

In containing the spread of the global pandemic through offering services on digital platforms, as chair of the AFPI, the Bank of Tanzania co-hosted a series of virtual AFPI meetings in August 2021 that called for further strengthening of financial systems by embracing digitalization and innovation.

Prof Luoga was appointed as the Governor of the central bank in 2017 to replace Professor Benno Ndulu.

## DSE record turnover of 13.7bn/- in January, market data confirm

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

TWENTY TWO million shares were traded on the Dar es Salaam (DSE) bourse during the month of January, generating a total of 13.78bn/- equity turnover.

The turnover recorded was more than two folds improvement from last month's 5.51bn/- turnover and January 2021 turnover of 6.72bn/-

According to statistics from DSE, both market indices closed the month on the positive side with the All-Share Index (DSEI) gaining 22.08

points and closing with 1,918.79 points while

While the Tanzania Share Index (TSI) gained 94.68 points closing up at 3,659.86 points.

The total DSE market capitalization at the end of January stood at 15.9bn/- while the domestic capitalization stood at 9.6bn/-

During January, CRDB became top counter overall the DSE bourse, in terms of turnover and number of shares traded.

CRDB traded a total of 17.7 million shares equivalent to 80.3% of all

shares traded on the bourse during the month.

The shares traded generated a turnover of 5.96bn/- commanding about 42.66% of total turnover for the month.

The CRDB counter was again the top gainer for the month, recording a 16.07% price appreciation, from 280 /- at beginning of the month and closing at 325/- at the end of the month.

Other gainers included NMB counter which closed 14% up from 2,000/- from the start of the month to 2,280/-



DSE Chief Executive Officer Moremi Marwa

per share at the close of the month.

The NMB counter also accounted for about 8% of the turnover generated for the month on the bourse. DSE counter also jumped

1.54% from 1,300/- at the start of the month, and closed at 1,320/- per share at the end of the month.

TCCL (Simba Cement) was top loser, clos-

ing 9.09% down from 1,100/- to 1,000/- per share. Others included DCB bank and JATU, both closing 5.26% and 3.66% down.

Bad month for cross-listed counters Things weren't so green for cross-listed board as Jubilee Holdings (JHL) was top loser, plunging 4.65% from 6,450/- to 6,150/-.

East African Breweries (EABL) and KCB bank also plummeted during the month with the counters opening at 3,360/- and 920/- respectively, and closed down at 3,340/- and 910/- at the end of the month.

According to the Orbit Securities Monthly Report in January, foreign investors were net buyers, and dominated buy side activity by 78.39% equivalent to 10.96bn/- worth of turnover.

Local investors' on the other side led the selling by 59.38% equivalent to 8.3bn/- equity turnover

"Foreign investors appear to have shifted the strategy at least for January, unlike the usual selling pattern that we had observed throughout 2021," the report said.

NAIROBI

KENYA can make a significant saving in the cost of printing currency with the adoption of a virtual shilling, the central bank has said ahead of a public debate over the proposed rollout of its digital currency.

The CBK's most recent currency printing contract, awarded to British security printer De La Rue in 2018

## Digital shilling to cut currency printing costs

for the new generation banknotes, was worth £85 million (Sh13.08 billion) over three years.

The initial batch of the notes, delivered in 2019, cost the monetary regulator £19 million (Sh2.9 billion), with additional printing expected to fill the

full quota and replace worn-out notes.

The savings, the CBK added, would however be weighed against the additional administrative costs it would incur to manage the virtual cash, known as a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

"CBDC has the potential to reduce the cost of printing money. However, it introduces the production costs (fixed and variable) of running CBDC infrastructure," said CBK.

Most of the investments in the CBDC would, however, come up at the set-

ting up stage, and it would likely be cheaper to administrate in the long run compared to hard currency which requires regular replacement due to wear and tear.

The government also recoups some of the cash printing costs through its

40 percent stake in the British multinational's local subsidiary (De La Rue Kenya EPZ Limited) which prints notes and other security documents at its facility in Ruaraka.

The Treasury paid £5 million (Sh769.5 million) for the stake, which De la Rue ceded partly in an effort to smoothen its relations with the government, which had been rocky for years.

## Oil jumps to \$95 as price volatility rises on Ukraine tensions

NEW YORK

OIL, jumped as simmering geopolitical tensions between Russia and Ukraine kept the market on edge and volatility high.

West Texas Intermediate surged above \$95 a barrel for the first time since 2014. Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy spooked markets with what appeared to be a sarcastic comment about the rest of the world predicting a date for a Russian attack.

Russia has repeatedly denied it plans to invade and its foreign minister said he would propose to continue diplomatic engagements with the West. A potential Russian invasion of Ukraine could not only disrupt crude supplies but also could spark retaliatory sanctions by the U.S.

"With a lack of clarity on the effect on oil and incredibly low inventories, the market is definitely worried here and buying," said Scott Shelton, energy specialist at ICAP.

The situation is entering a potentially decisive week. Russia could take offensive military action or attempt to spark a conflict inside Ukraine as early as this week, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said Friday. Russia has amassed troops near

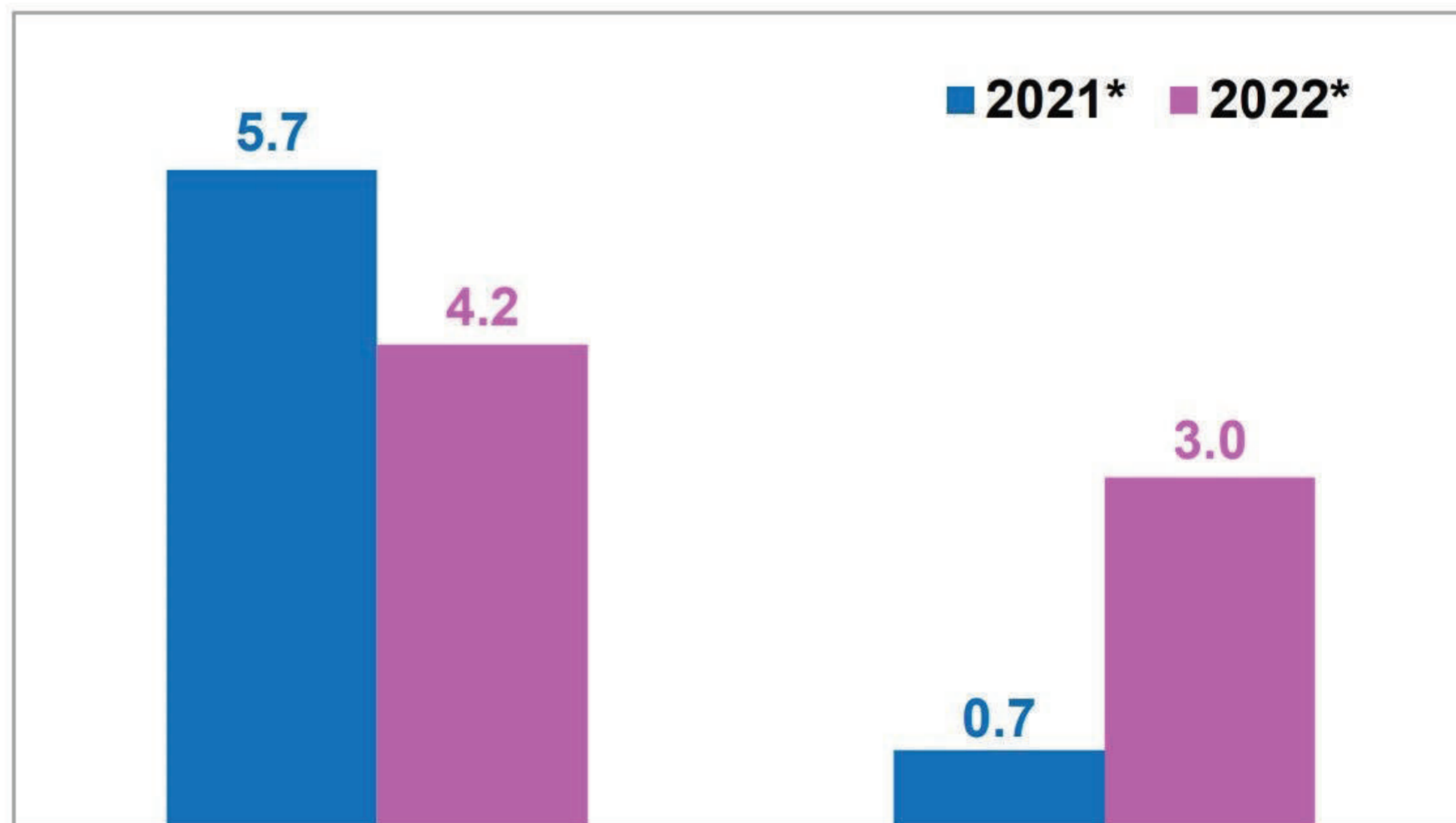
the Ukrainian border, though Russian President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly said his country has no plans to invade its smaller neighbor.

Oil prices are trading at 2014 highs as the crisis reinforces a rally that's been underpinned by soaring worldwide demand, supply interruptions and declining stockpiles. Its run of weekly gains was the longest since October, before the emergence of the omicron virus variant. A potential conflict, coupled with retaliatory U.S.-led sanctions, would risk upending global energy flows.

While crude has been swinging wildly in recent days as tensions around Ukraine grow, the underlying market remains robust. Physical barrels priced off a key global benchmark are hitting unprecedented levels, and the spread between Brent crude's two nearest futures contracts surpassed \$2 a barrel, a bullish indicator.

Oil option markets saw a surge of activity after prices spiked on Ukraine tensions Friday. Traders are paying bumper premiums for bullish call options, where higher prices would profit a buyer. They're the most expensive relative to bearish put options since 2019, according to Bloomberg data.

## World oil demand and non-OPEC supply growth in 2021-2022 (mb/d)



Source: \* 2021-2022 = Forecast. Source: OPEC.











# SPORT



Los Angeles Clippers forward Robert Covington, right, shoots as Golden State Warriors forward Otto Porter Jr. defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Feb. 14, 2022, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo)

## Mann scores season-high 25, Clippers defeat Warriors 119-104

LOS ANGELES

TERANCE Mann and the Los Angeles Clippers are beginning to prove they can consistently overcome big games by opposing superstars.

After weathering a 45-point performance from Luca Dončić to defeat Dallas on Saturday, the Clippers were able to withstand a huge first half from Stephen Curry before taking control in the second and beating the Golden State Warriors 119-104 on Monday night.

"It felt like Steph vs. the Clippers (in the first half). I was proud of the way we continued to play," said Reggie Jackson, who had 19 points for Los Angeles. "It was fun competing against a great team."

Curry ended up with a game-high 33 points, including eight 3-pointers. The All-Star guard hit his first six shots, including four from beyond the arc, and had 26 points in the first half on 9-of-11 shooting before going cold in the second. Curry was 2 of 7 from the field after halftime.

While he finished 11 of 18 from the floor, Golden State's other players shot only 41.2% (28 of 68). Andrewiggins and Jordan Poole each had 13 points, but Klay Thompson scored just seven after going 3 for 14.

"I had two good floaters to start the game and kind of got in a good rhythm. We just couldn't get any momentum at all during the game," Curry said.

The Warriors (42-16) have dropped three of four to fall five games behind Phoenix for the top spot in the NBA standings. They are only two games ahead of Memphis for second place in the Western Conference.

The Clippers (29-30) are back within a game of .500 after two straight wins.

Mann tied a regular-season career high with 25 points, including 14 in the decisive third quarter, as all five Clippers starters scored in double figures. Ivica Zubac had 18 points and eight rebounds.

## Unvaccinated Djokovic could skip French Open, Wimbledon

LONDON

NOVAK Djokovic said in an interview broadcast Tuesday that he is prepared to skip the French Open and Wimbledon if vaccination against the coronavirus is required for him to play.

Speaking to the BBC, the 20-time Grand Slam champion said he is still not vaccinated against COVID-19. That status also led to his January deportation from Australia, where he lost his bid to stay in the country to defend his Australian Open title.

The tennis player told the BBC that missing the next two majors, where he is also the defending champion, and other tournaments is "the price that I am willing to pay."

"I understand the consequences of my decision," Djokovic said. "I understand that not being vaccinated today, you know, I am unable to travel to most of the tournaments at the moment."

The 34-year-old Serb said he is not opposed to vaccinations but believes in "the freedom to choose what you put into your body. And, for me, that is essential."

"I am trying to be in tune with my body as much as I possibly can," he said, adding that he has always been careful about everything he ingests. "Based on all the information that I got, I decided not to take the vaccine, as of today."

Asked if he would be prepared to miss the French Open in May, he repeated: "That is the price that I am willing to pay."

Also asked if he would be ready to skip Wimbledon, he added: "Yes."

"Because the principles of decision-making on my body are more important than any title or anything else," he said.

Djokovic has won the French Open twice, including in 2021, and has six Wimbledon titles, including the last three.

Djokovic, however, distanced himself from anti-vaccination campaigners. Some claimed him as their hero during the saga in Australia.

"I have never said that I am part of that movement," Djokovic said, although he also said that "everyone has the right to choose, to act, or say what ever they feel is appropriate for them."

Vaccination rules in France could change in the months before Roland Garros, possibly allowing Djokovic to play. The country has started to ease some of its health and travel restrictions as it recovers from a record surge in infections fueled by the highly contagious omicron variant.

The French government last week gave an end-of-March, beginning-of-April timeframe for the possible lifting of its vaccine requirement that, at the moment, puts unvaccinated players at risk of missing the French Open.

## SPORTS

# Dar college holds sway in inter-universities sports competition

By Guardian Correspondent

THE St. Joseph University of Dar es Salaam's students have won gold medal in an inter-universities sports competition that was held in the city recently.

They also lifted silver and bronze medals and took second position at national level in the competition organised by Tanzania University Sports Association (TUSA).

The competition attracted various universities from across Tanzania whereby the University of Dar es Salaam took first position in football.

The St. Joseph University Council's president, Thomsom Anath, said yesterday that he supports sports in universities and commended the institution's students for their tremendous win.

He promised to continue collaborating with all students who are participating in sports at the university and will award those who will hold first position.

"In the coming competition any student who will be number one will be awarded a scholarship here at St Joseph, please continue with that spirit and don't give up. You should make effort to reach to another level," he said.

Minister of Sports at St Joseph University, Obaid Idawa, who was also a



Dar es Salaam's St Joseph University's students, who battled it out in an inter-universities competition in the city, show trophies and medals they were presented with after the conclusion of the showdown which took place recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

participant in the competition, applauded the management of the university for facilitating sports activities at the university.

"Majority of St Joseph University winners in this competition were awarded discount of school fees, a situation which encourages us to do better in the future," he stated.

He said to them participation in sports is one of their priorities because they understand its value in healthy living and in nurturing talent. He said sports provide platform for university students to interact and share knowledge with fellow students.

"On behalf of my fellow students who participated in this competition we thank our management for the school fees discount. Forty per cent discount means a lot to us. We thank you very much," he said.

# Sorting out convincing win for Simba SC in CAF outing and lackadaisical league performance

By Correspondent John Kimbute

ANCIENT Rome consecrated the month of January to the god Janus, whose principal quality was that he has two faces, one looking back into the past year, and the other looking into the incoming year.

Spiritual entities have the characteristic of filling voids in the human outlook, being patterned with it in order to take care of felt needs - that is, of the human spirit.

January is a month where no one is actually settled as to the time frame being addressed or taken into consideration at each instance, the past year or the present.

At times intriguing phenomena of this sort come up in other areas, for instance the way local fans could not believe their ears or eyes when club champions Simba SC put to rest - momentarily at least - ASEC Mimosas of the Cote d'Ivoire (they are often adamant it is rendered in French) with a 3-1 margin.

It has been a long time since Simba chalked up such wins in the local premier league, and at any rate it has scarcely been able to follow up such performances.

And it isn't just this year where marginal league wins are being registered - though excellent foreign wins have been increasing in the past half-decade, notably.

There was one season where the club let go of Zambian coach Patrick Phiri who took the side at the start of the season and obtained seven consecutive draws, pushing the patience of the leadership (now it would be the management) to an edge, and they had to part ways.

No sane leadership team or top management would say 'you know we can't say what follows, if it improves and starts winning or stays the same,' and definitely not when the technical bench is unchanged, as someone else has to try new ideas.

Something of this sort was starting to stir up in the club, or at least in talk shops on its performance; it just cooled lately.

When the club champions have huge difficulties seeing



Simba SC midfielder, Jonas Mkude (C), attempts to outfox ASEC Mimosas' footballers as the clubs locked horns in 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup's Group Stage's clash in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

the back of middle ranking local league sides, the logical prolongation of that is that it stands not a chance against tested sides from the CAF horizon, as they tend to be nearly the same teams.

They are well known champion sides relegated to the second tier competition after being bruised in the CAF Champions League, or were runners up in their local leagues. Only when rank outsiders picking up an FA Cup appear on the horizon is there something like a walk over for the other wise, as seen in the past year with Namungo FC or a number of Zanzibar league sides.

Since it has become scarce of late to see Simba winning comfortably in the league series, in what manner can it be said that there is a discernible difference between local league and in CAF tourneys capacities?

The most inviting expectation is that the local league is simpler to handle as here the club meets relatively junior sides, whereas

in CAF contests it meets with equals, and more often than not they would think they are superiors to Simba, as they have been noticeable sides continentally, not to say legends, for a long time, if one speaks of Al Ahly for instance.

Simba definitely had some problems there, but the score line was strangely similar to the sort of results it gets in the premier league, including a rare 1-0 loss in a tie.

The side's performance has been sort of predictably dull in the local league, incapable of changing the pattern of play from one encounter to another, whereas it did precisely that in the past year when it reversed a 4-0 thumping in a cold night outing to a 3-0 win, ending in aggregate lost to Kaizer Chiefs in the Champions League.

The same was noticed with Jwaneng Galaxy of Botswana but the visitors did the reversing while Simba had ably played in its away match, getting better results than at home lately.

Pundits are at a loss to explain this situation, and even the technical bench seemed to grope for answers.

While a top adviser to the Msimbazi Street club fraternity was saying 'well, let's accept it is all over,' assistant coach Suleiman Matola was talking about meeting with the players (forwards especially) to find out reason for not scoring.

A critic would have corrected him to affirm that he ought to find that out himself, and thus change attacking techniques, or player selection.

When chroniclers hear such affirmations as to the need to talk to players they start losing confidence that the technical team is sufficiently capable of organizing a winning team, which makes this reversal in the CAF Confederation Cup home game somewhat special.

Actions speak louder than words, so a 3-1 win over Mimosas relieves the Simba SC fan base, putting anxieties aside, for once.

## Free tickets for 10,000 fans at Champions League final

LONDON

IN an unprecedented move, 10,000 fans will be able to attend the Champions League final for free.

The gesture by competition organizer UEFA for the biggest club final in world football stands in contrast to the cheapest tickets for the Super Bowl on Sunday costing thousands of dollars.

Each club will receive 5,000 tickets for the showpiece in the Russian city of St. Petersburg on May 28, which have to be given to loyal supporters rather than to sponsors or club officials.

"Football fans are the lifeblood of the game," UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin said in a statement, "and we thought it would be a nice way to recognise the difficulties they have experienced over the last two years and how they nevertheless still managed to support their teams and live their passion even when away from the stadiums."

There will also be 8,000 free tickets split between the finalists in the Europa League in Budapest, Hungary and 6,000 for the final of the inaugural edition of the third-tier Europa Conference League in Tirana, Albania. For UEFA's senior women's club competition, 6,000 fans can attend the Cham-

pions League final for free at the Juventus stadium in Turin on May 22.

UEFA said the giveaway for the four finals in May will not impact amounts of cash distributed to clubs.

The cost of the two cheapest tickets will also be frozen for the men's Champions League final for at least the next three seasons, with category 4 remaining at €70 (\$80) and category 3 at €180 (\$204), UEFA said in a statement.

The Associated Press has separately seen documentation showing the most expensive tickets will rise from €600 last season at the final in Porto to €690 (\$780), while category 2 prices will jump from €450 to €490 (\$555). UEFA is set to confirm all prices in March.

The Football Supporters Europe group welcomed UEFA recognizing the importance of crowds with the free tickets and pricing strategy.

"Fans do not have an unlimited amount of money to spend on football," FSE said in a statement. "We are therefore pleased that, with this positive gesture, UEFA has acknowledged the fact that the continual inflation of ticket prices is excluding more and more people from watching the game."

AP

## Rangnick says Man Utd confidence hit after squandering leads

LONDON

RALF Rangnick says Manchester United's self-belief has been dented by their recent habit of throwing away leads, admitting that finishing fourth in the Premier League is the best they can now hope for in an inconsistent season.

United have led 1-0 at half-time in their past three matches only to be pegged back after the interval on each occasion.

Second-tier Middlesbrough dumped Rangnick's side out of the FA Cup on penalties before costly 1-1 draws against Burnley and Southampton, left them fifth in English football's top flight.

United have lost just one of their last 12 league games, but interim manager Rangnick said that letting leads slip against Burnley and Southampton had been a blow to their morale.

"The first halves in the last couple of weeks have been really good, very good," the German said on the eve of Tuesday's match against mid-table Brighton.

"I'm more than happy with the performances that we had in the first half. We didn't concede a single goal in the last week in the first half but the next step is to raise our level and to stay focused physically, mentally, tactically. We just gave away those goals too easily."

He added: "That it affects also the mindset of players is obvious. They are still human beings. They are not robots."

Rangnick revealed club psychologist Sascha Lense had been consulted on the issue, and that the players would be spoken to on a one-

to-one basis in a bid to improve their game management.

United, who are 23 points behind Premier League leaders Manchester City, go into their rearranged home clash against Brighton needing a victory to move back into the top four.

Rangnick said finishing in one of the Champions League qualification spots had to be the target for United before they appoint a permanent manager at the end of the season.

"Right now this is exactly what Manchester United needs to want, to finish fourth in the league," he said. "I think this is the highest possible achievement that we can get with no other things."

"Yes, the Champions League, hopefully to proceed into the next round in the Champions League (United face Atletico Madrid later this month), which is also not an easy one. But in the league currently, it's number four that's our ambition."

One encouraging sign in recent games has been the form of Jadon Sancho, who initially struggled to make an impact at Old Trafford after joining from Borussia Dortmund last year.

"The step to a club like Manchester United was a big one," said Rangnick, who added he had had one-on-one conversations with the England international.

"I think the style of football that we play, that we want to play, fits perfectly into his assets, into his strengths – coming from the left side."

AFP

## Araujo injury blow for Barca before Napoli clash

BARCELONA

BARCELONA'S Uruguayan international defender Ronald Araujo suffered a calf injury during the La Liga side's 2-2 draw against Espanyol, the Catalan club confirmed on Monday.

Araujo was substituted at half-time on Sunday after taking a knock to his left foot and was replaced by Eric Garcia, who made his comeback after five weeks out with a right thigh injury, and was responsible for Barcelona conceding a second goal.

Araujo's injury is a blow for coach Xavi as Barcelona prepare to face Napoli in the Europa League on Thursday followed by a league tie against Valencia on Sunday.

"For the moment, it is only painful," said Xavi of Araujo's injury on Sunday after the match.

"He felt some pain during the week but wanted to play. We decided to substitute him at half-time as a precautionary measure. We'll see where we are tomorrow (Monday) and we'll take on Napoli and Valencia with the players available to us."

The club did not give details on how long Araujo would be sidelined, but according to local press reports he could be out for at least a week.

Barcelona, fourth in La Liga, take on Napoli who are third in Serie A and in the running for a first Italian league title in over 32 years.

AFP

## Dzeko faces off with Salah as Liverpool lay in wait for Inter

ROMA

EDIN Dzeko will take to the San Siro pitch with old friend Mohamed Salah when Inter Milan take on Liverpool in the Champions League last 16 today, a reminder of the havoc the pair used to cause together at Roma.

After an anonymous time at Chelsea and signs of promise at Fiorentina, Salah's career really started to take off after arriving in the Italian capital in 2015.

Once firmly established as strike partners under Luciano Spalletti, Dzeko and Salah hit it off in a big way, scoring 58 goals in all competitions in 2016-17 and helping Roma to second in Serie A as an ageing Francesco Totti was shunted aside.

Salah's inconsistent but at times unstoppable performances earned him a move to Merseyside, where under Jurgen Klopp he quickly became one of the world's best, for what now looks a paltry 50 million euros (at the time £43 million).

"I must say, in some little way, I helped Momo become what he is now," Dzeko said in an interview published by the Daily Mail last week.

"We had a great time together in Rome... I'm so happy for him, a great guy who deserves everything he has achieved."

Dzeko looks a player reborn since making the move north from Roma in the summer, and has been such a hit with Inter fans that they have largely forgotten Romelu Lukaku, the key man behind last season's league triumph.

Lukaku's now infamous interview with Sky Sport Italia was met with little more than shrugged shoulders from Inter fans.

Less prolific than Lukaku, Dzeko has nonetheless scored 14 goals in all competitions and often pops up when it matters.



Mohamed Salah

Edin Dzeko

- Dzeko conquers Milan -

His equaliser in Saturday's pulsating title clash at Napoli ensured that Inter, a point behind new leaders AC Milan but with game in hand, still hold the advantage in the race for the league crown despite almost being blown away in the first half at the Stadio Diego Armando Maradona.

It was his double against Shakhtar Donetsk which effectively secured Inter's place in the last 16 with a game to spare, taking Inter into the knockout for the first time in a decade.

Dzeko said he didn't expect to move when Jose Mourinho took over at Roma, and it was a transfer which was greeted with some scepticism in Milan after a poor final season at Roma which also included a public spat with former coach Paulo Fonseca.

However he has added a new dimension to Inter's play under Simone Inzaghi, who like Dzeko spent the summer with fans in open revolt at the sale of Lukaku and Achraf Hakimi but has improved on what Antonio Conte's Lukaku-centric iteration served up.

Inzaghi has a near full squad from which to pick his starting line up after Alessandro Bastoni recovered from an ankle injury, although Italy mid-

fielder Nicolò Barella is suspended for both legs after being sent off in Inter's final group game at Real Madrid.

The only real question is whether Lautaro Martinez or Alexis Sanchez will start up front alongside Dzeko, who will be looking to beat Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson Becker, who was a key figure in Roma's run to the 2018 Champions League semi-finals where they were beaten by a Reds side led by Salah.

Liverpool have already been to the San Siro once this season, strolling past AC Milan and knocking Inter's local rivals out of Europe.

But Dzeko doesn't think the gap between Italy's top sides and Europe's best is as big as that match made it seem.

"We played two even matches with Real Madrid, we should have won the first one but we weren't at the level we are right now," Dzeko recently told the Corriere Della Sera.

"Liverpool are a good side, they're beatable but they can also hit five past you. We going to give it a go."

Meanwhile, Bayern Munich will come up against Karim Adeyemi, the rising German star who the Bavarians let get away, when they play Red Bull Salzburg in an Alpine derby in the Champions League on Wednesday.

## Fines, bans from FIFA: Brazil, Argentina told to play again

GENEVA

FIFA handed out fines and suspensions on Monday while ordering Brazil and Argentina to replay the World Cup qualifier that was abandoned after health agents stormed the field in Sao Paulo to dispute the quarantine status of players.

Four of Argentina's English Premier League players were accused of falsifying Brazilian coronavirus declarations in September by not stating they had been in red-listed Britain in the previous 14 days, leading to the game being stopped after seven minutes.

Emiliano Buendia, Emiliano Martinez, Giovanni Lo Celso and Cristian Romero will serve two-match bans in FIFA fixtures after "not complying with the FIFA Return to Football International Match Protocol," the world governing body said in a disciplinary ruling.

FIFA ordered the Brazilian Football Association to pay a fine of 550,000 Swiss francs (about \$600,000) for "infringements related to order and security," and over the abandonment.

The Argentinian Football Association was fined 250,000 Swiss francs (\$270,000) for failing to "comply with its obligations in relation to order and security, the preparation of and its participation in the match", and the abandonment.

AFA President Chiqui Tapia tweeted that the Argentinians planned to appeal the ruling.

Brazil's soccer confederation said in a statement it disagrees with the decision, questions FIFA about its foundations and will later decide whether to take action on the case.

FIFA has not set a date or location for the game to be played again. Brazil and Argentina have already sealed a place at the World Cup in Qatar in November ahead of the scheduled conclusion of CONMEBOL qualifying in March, when both teams have another two games to play.

Brazil leads the 10-team round-robin competition with 39 points, four more than Argentina.

The Brazil-Argentina game could take place with domestic-based players, rather than those at clubs in Europe, to stage it outside of the usual window for internationals.

The original game was tied at 0-0 when it was stopped.

There were questions over why the Brazilian officials from the Anvisa agency waited until during the game on Sunday, Sept. 5 to intervene.



Four of Argentina's English Premier League players were accused of falsifying Brazilian coronavirus declarations in September by not stating they had been in red-listed Britain in the previous 14 days, leading to the game being stopped after seven minutes. (Agencies)

Government body Anvisa said at the time that CBF and AFA coordinated to stop its agents from carrying their decision for days, adding its officials did not seek to suspend the match, only to remove the Argentinians from the field.

A Sao Paulo state health secretariat document obtained by The Associated Press says the organization received the first rumors about players giving false information to enter the country just before midnight, about 15 hours after they left the airport.

Anvisa first informed Brazilian and Argentine football officials on the Saturday morning that the players had apparently provided false information on their arrival in Brazil.

A separate Brazilian health ministry document obtained by AP showed that among the requests for

quarantine exemption for the players, the final one was denied 51 minutes before kickoff.

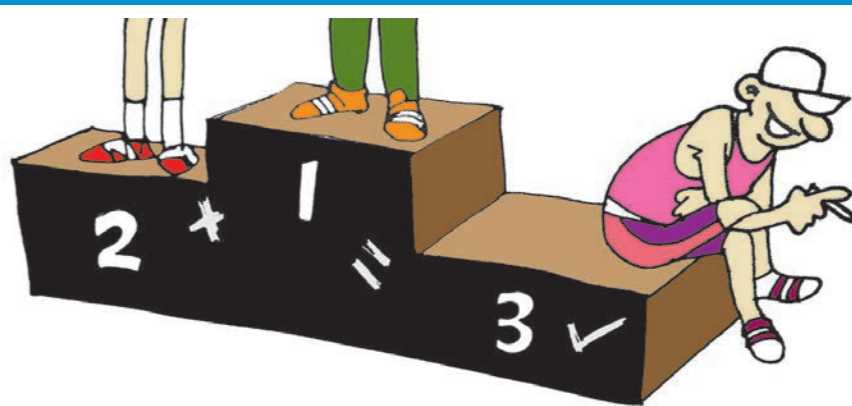
Despite media coverage questioning how the players were free to play, the game started with Lo Celso, Romero and Martinez in action until it was halted after seven minutes and it never resumed.

Buendia didn't play.

"The FIFA Disciplinary Committee has concluded that the abandonment of the match stemmed from several deficiencies of the parties involved towards their respective responsibilities and/or obligations in connection with the former," the governing body said.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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# SPORT

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## Athletes travel to UAE to participate in race

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

SIX local athletes jet off to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) today to feature in the Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon slated for Saturday.

Athletics Tanzania (AT) information officer, Rogath Stephen, mentioned the six as Gabriel Geay, Felix Simbu, Fabian Sulle, Faraja Damas, Jackline Sakilu, and Marceline Mbua.

Stephen said AT is confident that the athletes will perform well at the event which always attracts top runners from across the world.

"Our six athletes are leaving today for United Arab Emirates (UAE) where they will compete at this year's edition of Ras Al Khaimah half marathon which will be held on Saturday, we hope they will perform well at the event," he said.

The athletes will not be accompanied by a coach.

According to organizers of the half marathon, Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority (RAKTDA), a stellar line-up of world-class runners will be a part of the event.

RAKTDA said vying for the top spot in the world's fastest half marathon is Kenya's Abel Kipchumba and Brigid Kosgei.

The athletes will both compete against recently announced international elite athletes, Jacob Kiplimo, and the reigning champion of the 2020 Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon, Ababel Yeshaneh.

Intending to better her personal best time of 1:04:49, current Marathon world record-holder Brigid is an experienced and highly sought-after runner and makes an excellent addition to the impressive elite line-up confirmed so far.

Brigid's achievements include second place in the Olympic Games, first place in both the 2020 and 2019 editions of the London Marathon, and second place in the 2020 Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon.



Dar es Salaam residents, based at Kipunguni, feature in a traditional dance, known as 'Litungu', before the start of the Tanzania Gender Network Program (TGNP) seminar which was part of activities targeting to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation held recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

## Ruvu Shooting eager to upset Simba SC in Federation Cup

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

COAST Region's Ruvu Shooting FC has disclosed it is ready to cause an upset when it takes on domestic football giant Simba SC in the Azam Sports Federation Cup's round of 16's match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam in the evening.

A victory this evening will see the Mlandizi-based Ruvu Shooting make it to the showdown's quarterfinals.

Ruvu Shooting information officer, Masau Bwire, said this evening's match will be the game of their lives.

He said: "We are ready for Simba SC, we have had good preparations and we know how important this game is."

"We know they are a big team, but we are determined to go beyond this stage because we have a lot to gain."

"They are a good side, we played them in the NBC Premier League, but anything can happen."

He said Ruvu Shooting is not performing well in the NBC Premier League and the Federation Cup is their only realistic chance of winning a trophy this season.

Ruvu Shooting's head coach, Charles Boniface Mkwasa, disclosed he is upbeat his charges can cause an upset and march on to the quarterfinals.

He said: "The team is very well prepared, the players are working very hard, so I am very pleased with the players."

"Simba SC is a fantastic team and they are one of the favourites and also they are the Federation Cup's defending champions."

"However, if we play with the same spirit that we demonstrated in the Premier League games we can get a positive result."

"I believe we are mentally, tactically, and physically prepared and with hard work, belief, and sheer determination, we can get what we want from this match."

Simba SC's information and communication manager Ahmed Ally said they are ready for the game as the aim is to defend the trophy.

"We are coming from a win against ASEC Mimosas of Ivory Coast but that win is over. We want to win against Ruvu Shooting so that we can defend our trophy," he said.

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## Simba SC in pursuit of Azam Sports Federation Cup last eight



Simba SC defender, Pascal Wawa (2nd R), shoots past Dar City FC defenders when the outfits met in this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) round of 32's duel that took place in Dar es Salaam last month. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC confronts Ruvu Shooting in 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC)'s round of 16's match at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam today, with the former seeking to stay in pursuit of a title defense.

The game's host takes the pitch with a morale boost, given the club recorded a victory over Ivory Coast's ASEC Mimosas in the Group D match of the CAF Confederation Cup held in the city last weekend.

Simba SC head coach Pablo Franco will have an opportunity to sharpen his squad even though the club has lately been picking the pace with a series of good results.

Simba SC will after playing Ruvu Shooting head to Niger to play the CAF Confederation Cup match against hosts US Gendarmie and later confront Morocco's RS Berkane.

The CAF Confederation Cup matches are played between February 20-27. Simba will later return to the NBC Premier League next month.

The outfit is expected to play three games, two of which will be at home.

Coach Franco will be eager to have his squad keep on putting pressure on league leader Yanga.

Yanga leads the league with 36 points after 14 matches waiting to complete the first round next week against Mtibwa Sugar.

The league leader is set to start the second round

on February 27 by facing Kagera Sugar in Dar es Salaam.

However, Yanga has been under a lot of pressure as Simba managed to reduce its points gap with the rivals to five.

Simba though has taken part in 15 matches and amassed 31 points. Yanga has one game in hand.

Franco could add even more pressure to Yanga, as his team will make good use of its matches to reduce the points gap while praying Yanga loses points in its coming assignments.

The schedule shows Simba SC will play Biashara United on March 3, thereafter take on Dodoma Jiji FC on March 7.

Simba will travel to Moshi to lock horns with Polisi Tanzania on March 27, once it completes its international duties. Should Simba record victory in all duels, it will register nine points.

Yanga's schedule shows that in March the squad will play two away matches against Geita Gold FC on March 6 and then host Ki-

nondoni Municipal Council FC in Dar es Salaam on March 16.

This means Yanga is looking for six points in March, with Azam FC which currently sitting the fourth set to take part in three matches in March.

Azam FC will in one of the clashes lock horns with Coastal Union in Dar es Salaam on March 1. On March 5 Azam FC will participate in another home duel against Polisi Tanzania. On March 16 Azam FC will confront Namungo FC in Lindi.

Commenting on the upcoming league matches, coach Pablo disclosed he wants a victory to achieve the club's goals, while Nasreddine

Yanga's tactician, Mohamed Nabi, pointed out he hardly wanted to see his side drop points in the clash against Mbeya City FC.

Azam FC's tactician Abdihamid Moalin insisted he was not satisfied with his team's results, noting he is keeping on sharpening his footballers as they seek to secure one of the top three places.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

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