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By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

MEASURES need to be taken by the government to control the balance of payments and encourage local production to boost foreign currency liquidity, a section of MPs assert.

Charles Mwijage (Muleba North) made this suggestion when contributing to debate on the National Development Plan 2024/25, arguing that the government focuses on promoting the use of locally produced goods and control imports of goods whose raw materials

are locally available.

This will help to control foreign currency deficits, he said, noting that the lack of a re-export policy hurts balance of payments "as the country is now importing almost everything."

Now is the time to empower the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) to facilitate the start of small industries in rural areas to increase local production, he asserted.

"The proposed plan has to put in place

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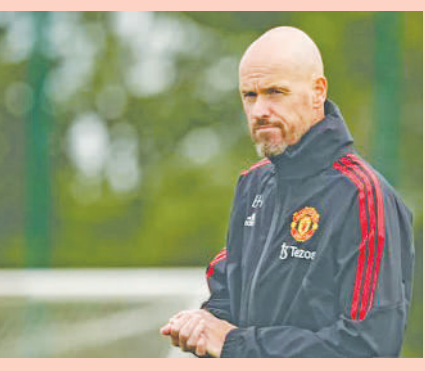
Alexander Ndibalema (R), manager of Kwala Dry Port in Coast Region, pictured at the weekend briefing Transport ministry permanent secretary Prof Godius Kahyarara (L, foreground) on operations at the facility. Photo: Correspondent Restituta James

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What's gone wrong for Erik ten Hag at Man Utd?

UK inviting 65 states to duty-free trading scheme

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

TANZANIA is set to start exporting 98 percent of its products to Britain duty-free on the basis of a newly unveiled Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS).

Mbelwa Kairuki, the country's high commissioner to the UK, made this affirmation to Diaspora Tanzanians in a virtual meeting yesterday, noting that Tanzania is among 65 countries included in the programme.

Sales of Tanzanian products in the UK are still small, with £49m sales reached last year, compared to Uganda's £89m and Kenya sales hitting £600m, he said.

He said the local business community needs to organize ourselves and reorganise strategically so that sales increase more and more, elaborating that at the High Commission, "we have set ourselves the goal of increasing the sales of Tanzanian products from last year's £49m to £150m within the next two years".

Having 98 percent of goods from Tan-

zania entering the UK duty free is a great opportunity, he said, highlighting that the High Commission is taking steps to establish a tourism desk and hire an expert on tour arrangements.

The High Commission is projecting to increase the number of tourists from all over the UK from an average of 60,116 tourists annually to 200,000 by 2027, he said.

"We'll organize a tourism road show in various cities in the UK and Ireland to

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EWURA quickens natural gas filling station permit issuance

The works now stand at 92 percent to conclusion and when completed it will generate 2,115MW, eliminate power shortages and reduce natural gas use

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) is multiplying issuance of licences for building compressed natural gas (CNG) filling stations.

Dr James Andilile, the EWURA director general, told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that so far three natural gas filling stations are operating, one linking the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and Pan Africa Energy in Ubungo in the city, another station located in TAZARA area in the city,

as well as the Dangote gas filling station in Mtwara.

He said the Dangote gas station serves about 250 cars used by the Dangote cement factory transporting the bulk cargo to various regions, while the two city filling stations serve an average of 350 cars a day. The next gas station is billed for the Julius Nyerere International Airport, he said.

The meeting with editors and a number of other journalists representing various news outlets was intended to review developments in water, natural gas, elec-

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VPO restoring 5.2m hectares degraded land by year 2030

By Guardian Reporter

STRATEGIES to restore natural vegetation in 5.2m hectares of degraded land by 2030 are being implemented by the Vice President's Office (VPO).

Mary Maganga, the VPO permanent secretary made this observation in Dar es Salaam on Monday at the start of the Restoration Initiative (TRI) forum grouping participants from ten countries.

The project funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) issues grants through the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). Other participating countries are Cameroon, the Central African Republic, China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Myanmar, Pakistan as well as Sao Tome and Principe.

They are carrying out an integrated ecosystem management approach for landscape restoration and biodiversity

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make it possible to meet traveling agents and operators here in the UK to sell Tanzanian packages to them and let them know about them," he said.

"Our goal is to promote the southern tourism circuit-- from Ruaha to Kitulo national parks and other areas which have many tourist attractions," he said, also referring to the western tourism circuit for Gombe and Katavi national parks.

"We're also taking part in the ongoing World Travel Mart in London," he stated, pointing out at this exhibition more than 40 local pri-

vate firms will participate in this exhibition.

"We expect the Tanzania Tourism Board (TTB), will sign an agreement with a large company for the promotion of Tanzanian tourism," he further noted.

As of 2020, over 327,800 Tanzanians were estimated to be living abroad, while the number of those emigrating from Tanzania progressively increased in the past two decades.

In comparison, around 215,500 Tanzanians dwelled other countries in the world at the start of the century, he added

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tricity and fuel supply trends.
Issuing permits and licenses for gas stations was rapid, implying that the services will soon be available, he said, not citing the timeframe for starting operations of other stations.

EWURA recently conducted a study on areas with fuel stations along the natural gas pipeline and found out that operators of the fuel stations are ready for connection to the pipeline using valves at each point. They can be enabled to access the natural gas for fuel stations for use by adapted motor vehicles, he stated.

Fuel station operators are inclined to reserve a portion of their fuel storage and pumping facilities for natural gas filling while natural gas filling stations are being built, he said.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan worked hard to revive the liquefied natural gas (LNG) project which, once implemented, will strengthen the availability of natural gas for most spheres of domestic use and exports, he pointed out.

Current information indicates that 54 factories countrywide are using natural gas, seven public institutions and 1,511 households in Dar es Salaam, Mtwara and Lindi regions are using the cleaner fuel, the director noted.

Natural gas use accounts for 1,193MW of electricity, along with 3,758 motor vehicles shifting to gas use, where the portion of gas electricity is expected to diminish with the imminent conclusion of the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project

(JNHPP) works, he stated.

The works now stand at 92 per cent to conclusion and when completed it will generate 2,115MW, eliminate power shortages and reduce natural gas use, experts say.

Back in 2015 Tanzania was producing 1,400MW, now elevated to 1,900MW, with new hydropower projects coming up in tandem with natural gas facilities.

About 65 per cent of households were connected to electricity, now rising to 78 per cent, he stated.

In 1974 natural gas was first discovered at Songo Songo, followed by Mnazibay in 1982 and in 2004, gas from Songo Songo started to be used in industrial production. Mnazibay gas use in factories followed in 2006, he added.



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conservation project, as global programme geared at improving people's livelihoods through the restoration of degraded and deforested landscapes, she said.

Noting that the country's economy greatly depends on natural resources like forests, coastline, lakes, rivers, wetlands, wildlife and other lands contributing to economic growth and poverty reduction, she said that unsustainable use of these resources was threatening their sustainability.

Biodiversity loss, which also includes marine species, is largely contributed by unsustainable human activities, including agriculture and improper land use, she said, noting that VPO has initiated various programmes for the restoration of natural vegetation, including tree planting campaigns.

Experts estimate that each year 18.7m acres of woodland are lost to deforestation, causing land and soil damage, displacing plants and animals that rely on the woodland ecosystem.

In support of global efforts for restoration of nature and biodiversity, the government launched a new environment policy last year and an environment master plan to guide implementation of environmental

interventions for the next ten years. Kemilembe Mutasa, the VPO acting environment director, said the five-day forum brings together experts to discuss joint strategies in implementing projects to restore biodiversity in ten nations and how to get enough resources to achieve that goal.

Dr Francis Masau, evaluation and monitoring manager with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) expressed gratitude to VPO for overseeing the project well. Tanzania is among exemplary countries in implementing TRI projects, he said.

Dr Damas Mapunda, the VPO national project coordinator, said the project is aimed at enhancing the national enabling environment and stakeholder capacity for sustainable landscape restoration (SLR) efforts.

Five regions are implementing the project, in seven district councils, 18 wards and 54 villages, with the project area including ecosystems of three valleys of the Great Ruaha and Lake Rukwa.

The districts are Iringa Rural in Iringa Region, Mbeya and Mbarali (Mbeya Region), Wanging'ombe (Njombe), Sumbawanga Rural (Rukwa), Tanganyika and Mpimbwe (Katavi), he added.



Tanzania Revenue Authority commissioner general Alphayo Kidata (3rd-L) cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam on Monday to launch a unit meant to serve middle taxpayers. From left: Commissioner of Tax Investigation Evarist Mashiba, Commissioner of Internal Revenue Alfred Mregi, Commissioner of Large Taxpayers Michael Muhoja, Director of Taxpayer Education and Communications Richard Kayombo and Director of Information and Communications Technology Emmanuel Nnko. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

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strategies to reduce importation and promote local production including encouraging the use of gas instead of petrol. This demands setting up vehicle gas convention centres across the country," he elaborated.

Josephat Gwajima (Kawe) stated that in his constituency, the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) has launched a project to connect houses with gas, where the price per unit falls from 20,000/- to 3,000/-.

Joseph Mhagama (Madaba) said the country needs to choose a few key sectors to focus available resources, like improving the livestock sector where the country has adequate supplies.

Illustrating, he said up to last year 12 percent of fertilisers used by the country was produced locally, with

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the bulk of 617,000 tons being imports.

"If the ministry managed to increase local production by five percent annually, it will control importation and raise local production," he said, insisting that there is a need to control importation of petrol and its products and use alternative products.

"It is a shame that as a country we are still importing edible oils while we have all the raw materials. This denies Tanzanians the right to access markets," he said.

Edward ole Lekaita (Kiteto) hailed President Samia Suluhu Hassan for 4R (Reconciliation, Resilience, Reform and Rebuild) which he said has facilitated the flow of investment and tourists.

He however said if the country was to move fast the proposed development plan must focus on rural development by heavily investing in agriculture.

"We need tangible plans because, if you look at the data, only seven percent has been set aside for farming while this is a sector which

moves with the majority of the population," he said.

The proposed plan has little about farmers and the agriculture sector as a whole, while livestock and agriculture are the main sectors which can transform the country's fortunes, he said.

Elibariki Kingu (Singida West), said the government was spending a lot in importing edible oils while the country has all the resources to produce oils. "We need to adjust our policies to accommodate this need," he added.



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (L), recently elected President of the Inter Parliamentary Union, has an audience with NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said the opening of Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-Madras)- Zanzibar campus fulfils his long-time desire to make Zanzibar the centre of universities.

Addressing the gathering at the inauguration ceremony held at the University's temporary campus in Bweleo Village, Unguja West B District, Dr Mwinyi said that IITM produces engineers with expertise in world technologies.

He said the IITM University in Zanzibar will push the country's Vision 2050, which requires skilled labour in technology to transform

IIT-Madras opening realises Dr Mwinyi's long-time dream

the economy.
Dr Mwinyi noted that the new university has been established at the right time when Zanzibar and the Union government are reviewing schools' curricula aimed at promoting skills building.

Zanzibar's Minister for Education and Vocational Training, Lela Mohamed Mussa thanked the organising team of the event and the com-

mittee to establish the University which has started with 46 students from India, Nepal, Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.

She said the IITM- Zanzibar has modern facilities for the students to study and connect with lecturers in India, through online and e-library resources.

Prof Preeti Aghalayam, the director-in-charge of the Zanzibar

campus of IIT Madras said they received 400 applications and short-listed only 70 to meet the available space and equipment. She said due to undisclosed challenges, only 46 turned up to join the university.

Prof Aghalayam added: "We are committed to ensuring that the Zanzibar campus is welcoming and has an inclusive environment for all students, regardless of one's gender."



Muheza district administrative secretary Mohamed Mfaki (R) assesses progress in the execution of the Amtico Bridge construction project. The work has been put on hold for several days now owing to the ongoing rains. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

Paper Mill to generate electricity using sugarcane leftovers by 2026

By Guardian Reporter

MUFINDI Paper Mill has expressed its intention to start generating electricity using sugarcane remains by 2026.

Annoop Singh, Paper Mill's executive director unveiled the plan when briefing the plant plan in Dodoma on Monday when he met with deputy Minister for Energy, Judith Kapinga.

The meeting was attended by Kasulu District Commissioner, Col. Isaac Mwakisu and officials from the Ministry of Energy and Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO).

So far, the company owns sugarcane farms in Kasulu District in Kigoma Region.

Singh informed Kapinga that

they are well prepared to achieve the plan of producing power.

He said that the company, which has 30,000 hectares of sugarcane farms in Kasulu district, expects to produce 24 megawatts of electricity by 2026 and by 2028 they will increase production to reach 60 megawatts.

He said that the power which will be produced by the company will be used to run plants in the company and the rest is expected to be included in the national grid after discussions with TANESCO.

"To achieve this, we are calling for the government to help construct a 132 KV or 400 KV power transmission infrastructure from the factory to the national grid and construction of a 11 KV/132 KV power station or 11KV/400KV

substation," he said.

The deputy minister Kapunga commended the company for the good intention assuring that the government will continue supporting them to achieve the goal.

She directed experts from TANESCO and Mufindi Paper Mill to sit together, collaborate to see the best way that the government can implement to enable the execution of the submitted requests.

Kapinga also held talks with leaders of Songas Limited led by the company's CEO, Arael Samuel who came to introduce themselves to the deputy minister as well as inform her on the company's operations which produces 190 megawatts for the national grid.

New push for Tanzania to have National Digital Economy Framework in the offing

By Guardian Reporter

THE push for Tanzania to have a competitive digital economy in the world is on doorstep because the national digital economy framework (DEF) has been completed.

Dr Mohammed Abdulla, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology unveiled this yesterday when addressing special meeting of the Tanzania National Business Council's (TNBC) Digital Transformation Working Group (DTWG). Formulation of the strategy was overseen by the DTWG.

Dr Abdulla said his ministry and non-state actors have, for quite some time, been working on the framework. "Now the framework is in place awaiting clearance for implementation," he confirmed, explaining that the framework is another example of

concreted joint efforts of representatives of the private and public sectors. "It is a product of many meetings of technical groups from both sides," he said.

He explained that in order for the nation to have a solid digital foundation, government worked with varied stakeholders drawn from the private sector, universities, social groups and the development partners.

Explaining that cooperative joint public-private efforts are paying off, Dr Abdulla said the efforts helped in realizing the national vision in this regard. Statistics, he said, show that registered telephone lines went up from 55.7 lines in April 2022 to 62.3 in April 2023. Internet users also correspondingly rose from 29.9 million to 33.1 million. Telephone transactions went up from 35.7 million to 44.3 million.

Further, he explained, Tanzania has in place for example National Policy on ICT 2023, National Policy on Innovation 2024, National Digital Strategy. The TNBC Executive Secretary, Dr Godwill Wanga, commended the efforts of the working group, explaining that the present success is proof of the importance of the public private sector dialogues.

He also said the successful drive to focus on ICT is not coming out of vacuum. He said the 12th TNBC national meeting that was chaired by President

Samia Hassan called for research on emerging digital technologies to facilitate realization of the 4th Industrial Revolution and research on Digital or Crypto currencies so that Tanzania is not left behind.

He said the TNBC has formed eight working groups to promote digital transformation namely, business environment, industries, tourism, agriculture, finance, forestry, blue economy and digital economy.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that the Extraordinary General meeting of the Company, will be held on **Wednesday, 22 November 2023, at 09.00 a.m.**

1. Notice and Quorum
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Confirmation of the minutes
4. To propose new share structure of the company.
5. Any other business.

NOTES:

1. A member who wishes to attend the meeting must send confirmation not later than 10.00 a.m. on 15 November 2023 via company email.
2. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a Proxy to attend and vote in his / her stead in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company.
3. A proxy form and identity details of the proxy must be deposited at the registered office of the Company not later than 10.00 a.m. on 15 November 2023

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO IMPLEMENT MASS MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITIES DURING THE AFCON 2023 TOURNAMENTS

1. Background and project description

The Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs (CCP), Baltimore USA, receives funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under the Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania project to implement social and behavior change (SBC) interventions.

The Tanzania Breakthrough ACTION is a social and behavior change (SBC) project designed to increase the practice of priority health behaviors and enable positive social norms, including gender norms, for improved health and development outcomes, with an emphasis on family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH), HIV, maternal, new-born, and child health (MNCH), malaria, risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) and other infectious diseases as needed.

Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs wishes to identify and enlist reputable and registered suppliers and service providers to implement mass media and social media activities for Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania project during the AFCON 2023 tournaments as stipulated below:

Request For Proposal #	Item Description
RFP 0055-2023	Mass Media & Social Media Implementation during AFCON 2023 Tournaments

2. Application Requirements

Interested applicants may request a full RFP document to ccptanzania@jh.edu, and the deadline for requesting the RFP document is **10th November 2023 at 5:00 pm**. The deadline for application submission will be on **14th November 2023 at 5:00 pm (17:00hrs)**.



Request for proposal COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP), MIDTERM REVIEW

RFQ No. PIT/CO/10817100/FY24

1. Plan International is an independent development and humanitarian organization that advances children's rights and equality for girls. Plan international has 85 years of experience and works in more than 75 countries across the world. We create an enabling environment and empower girls to be active drivers of change in realizing their rights. Globally, we have committed ourselves to the ambitious target of reaching 100 million girls over 5 years, to ensure they can learn, lead, decide and thrive. Our programs and influencing approach in development and humanitarian response is inclusive and Gender Transformative.
2. Plan International Tanzania has set aside funds for midterm review on country strategic plan. The Interested eligible bidders must confirm their intention to bid indicating all relevant contact information including an email address to tenders@plan-international.org Attn: Head of Procurement and Logistics. Bidding documents in the English language will be sent to interested bidders by email. Plan International Tanzania will not be held responsible for any costs related to printing or submission of the bid documents.
- 4 Bidders must submit the quotation in a sealed envelope by hand to: The Country Director, Plan International Tanzania, Plot no. 496 Mikocheni Light Industrial Area, P O Box 3517, Dar es Salaam, before 14:30 Friday 17th November 2023, marked the respective RFP number. Not to be opened before 14:30 Friday 17th November 2023.
- 5 Late and Electronic Bids shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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Tanzania's GDP higher by 5.3pct in last financial year, in spite of 'global shocks'

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

FINANCE minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has said that Tanzania's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at an average 5.3percent in the last financial year, compared to a growth of 5.1percent during the same period in 2022.

Tabling the proposed budget for 2024/25 in the house on Monday, Dr Nchemba said that the growth was a result of various strategic investments in key sectors of energy, transport and services, increased production in the mineral sector and tourism.

"Economic activities that have led to the growth include agriculture, works and mineral extraction and many others which the government has been investing in heavily," he said.

The shocks include the Russia/Ukraine war and Covid-19 in which the government introduced subsidies in fertilizers and fuel to cushion the economy.

He said Tanzania's economy grew at a rate of 4.7percent in the year 2022 and is expected to grow further at a rate of 5.2percent in 2023 and 5.8percent in 2024 respectively.

He said the targets which were used to prepare the plan's expectations was the participation of the private sector in the investment sector, business and its sustainability to shocks such as drought, wars and pandemics.

Others are the availability of peace and political stability in the country caused by strengthened

food security and the security of neighbouring countries.

The minister said there were opportunities which emerged during the implementation period of the previous budget include increased food demand on the global market, increased food demand on the local market and increased manpower caused by the fact that rise in the population whose majority are youth.

He added that other opportunities include minimal use of the geographical location of the country, peace and political stability.

"Increased prices of precious minerals on the global prices, minimal accommodation infrastructures in the tourism sector compared to the demand and increased number of tourists," he said.



Economic activities that have led to the growth include agriculture, works and mineral extraction and many others which the government has been investing in heavily

Heads of Russian universities are in Tanzania to forge new partnerships

By Getrude Mbago

TWENTY chancellors and experts from various Russian universities have arrived in the country to attend a special education and health forum as well as forge collaborations with various higher learning institutions.

Organised collaboratively by the Russian Cultural Centre in the country, Rosstrudnichestvo and International Institute of Education and Development, the forum will bring participants from various countries in Africa representing the educational and healthcare systems.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Chetyi Vladimir, the President of Global Alumni Alliance said the forum is designed to promote the strengthening and expansion of the Russian linguistic, Russian cultural and educational space abroad.

He said the foreign graduates of Soviet and Russian universities forum is the first to be conducted in Africa with an aim to stimulate provision of quality education.

He said a number of Russian government leaders will also attend including the deputy health minister, secretaries and heads of institutions.

"Russian University representatives will utilize this time to meet with their Tanzania and African counterparts to discuss the issues of international cooperation in the area of education which include exchange programmes," he said.

"The goal of our association is to unite Alumni Associations around the World, foreign citizens who studied at higher educational institutions of the Russian Federation (USSR), to represent and protect common, including professional, interests, to achieve socially useful goals, as well as other non-contradictory law and non-commercial purposes," he said.

He said during the event, alumni, leaders of students' associations and education experts will discuss and learn how to make good use of their skills to bring changes in their home countries.

He said the Forum is designed to promote implementation and proliferation of the Russian language throughout the Russian cultural and educational environment abroad.

Boniface Asenga, projects manager, Russian Culture Centre said the forum will involve round table talks on topical issues of cooperation in the area of education, including growing connections between Russian and foreign educational organizations, joint scientific research, consolidation of the post-graduate community in the African region.

He said Russian ambassador to Tanzania Andrey Avetisyan will open the forum along with various Tanzanian government leaders.

He underlined that Russia is committed and will continue strengthening its relations with Tanzania and other African countries for mutual development.



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Hans Obote (R), an officer with the evaluation and monitoring department of the Women in Development Efforts Organisation, shows anti-violence stakeholders some of the tools the CSO uses in conducting anti-corruption education and sensitisation drives. This was during training held in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Govt vows to continue giving help to Tanzania companies

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has expressed its commitment towards empowering local companies and capture both local and international markets, applauding Mbeya Cement Company Limited for securing regional marketplace.

Treasury Registrar, Nehemia Mchechu made the statement here yesterday while briefing journalists after signing memorandum of understanding with the company on behalf other shareholders on how to improve its performance.

The TR noted that the government has decided to relieve the company of over 170bn/- debt

and reinstate its mining licenses.

He said after deliberations, both parties came to agreement on how to revolutionize operations and management of Mbeya Cement Company limited and capture local and international markets.

Mchechu said the government is committed to empowering all companies where it has both minority and majority shares to prosper refrain from operating at loss and contribute immensely to national development.

He added that the ongoing reforms are part of the implementations of President Samia Suluhu Hassan to strengthen and improve companies where

the government own shares for sustainable development.

"It is another milestone as we today sign the agreement on behalf of other shareholders aimed at ensuring that Mbeya Cement Company operates at profit," said Mchechu.

He noted that the government has done what was required of it in the process to improve performance in the company that is well known for supplying cement in the southern region and neighbouring countries.

According to Mchechu, Mbeya cement products are common in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Zambia and others in addition to local markets in

Gigoma, Katavi, Songwe and Ruvuma regions.

The TR noted that part of the agreement includes the decision that the company's chairperson is appointed by the government as well as formulating new constitution aimed at ensuring the company no longer operates at loss.

Rjesh Surana, Area Manager of East and South Africa HOLLIM GROUP, thanked the government for the efforts aimed at rejuvenating the company and enable it to operate profitably.

"We thank the government through the TR office for this initiative aimed at bringing positive changes to ensure the company is profit making" he said.

The managed added that through the changes customers and shareholders are deemed to get the rightful services as the company prospers.



Livestock and Fisheries minister Abdallah Ulega (2nd-R) pictured in Tanga city yesterday presenting fishnets to Mwantumu Msuka, one of the beneficiaries of a fisheries project being implemented in Tanga Region. Through the project, the ministry has collaborated with the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank in the issuance of interest-free loans to local fishing communities for the purchase of 14 modern boats and various fishing equipment valued at a total of 1.2bn/- . To the minister's right is Tanga regional commissioner Waziri Kindamba. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

TAA students invent technology to detect, identify plant diseases

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Institute of Accountancy Arusha (IAA) has succeeded in training students on preparation of a system that helps to detect and identify plant diseases.

Speaking yesterday during the 2023 Information and Communications Technology (ICT) workshop in Arusha city, Said Hussein, one of the students at IAA said they came up with the innovative system after realizing that most plants are attacked by diseases while farmers do not have knowledge to fight the diseases.

Hussein said since agriculture is the backbone of the country's economy, they have decided to invent the system to boost farmers' welfare and the country's economy.

"We came to this point after discovering that avocado farmers in Mbeya Region are struggling to fight the harmful insects invading their crops. Farmers do not have the knowledge to deal with the insects," he said.

IAA Principal, Prof Eliamani Sedoyeka said the conference aimed at bringing together stakeholders from within and outside the region to discuss issues regarding ICT.

Prof Sedoyeka said the conference has been a springboard in bringing out talents for students to show their creativity and innovation in ICT as well as discussing how they can take their creativity to the market.

He said such innovations are in line with the government's efforts in developing the ICT sector. He said the institute continues to invest and improve learning infrastructure, including introduction of new curricula to be able to produce competent experts who will be accepted in the market.

"We have invested in ICT

infrastructures, curricula and human resources through the Higher Education for Economic Reforms Project (HEET). We are planning to establish an ICT excellence centre where anyone in need of a solution will come to us for help," Prof Sedoyeka remarked.

Representing the Director General of the ICT Commission, the Director of Technical Services, Jasson Ndanguzi said the commission will continue to collaborate with higher learning institutions to conduct research that will provide solutions to various challenges including those in the agriculture sector.

Prof Edson Lubua, from the ICT faculty at IAA said the conference has been motivating students and showing the value of their creative work.

By Correspondent James Kandoya

HEET coordinator calls upon MUHAS to invest more on demand driven courses

THE government has urged the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) to invest more on demand driven programmes in order to bridge experts' shortage gap in the health sector.

Dr Kennedy Hosea, High Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) national

coordinator made the call in Dar es Salaam on Monday when speaking at the stakeholders' engagement meeting for the establishment of MUHAS campus in Kigoma

Region and validation of revised curriculum.

He urged the varsity to heighten efforts and ensure that more experts especially in biometric

laboratory science and anaesthesia are produced.

Dr Hosea said that once the campus starts, the enrolment must embark on three programmes adding that the aim is to bridge the gaps of experts in the cadres at diploma levels.

He said the fifth and six phases have constructed a total of 1800 hospitals but the big challenge is that most radiologist rooms are not operating due to shortage of experts.

Dr Hosea said further that currently, there is a huge shortage of radiologists, biomedical laboratories scientists and anaesthesia, adding that huge investment in those areas is highly needed.

"The ministry is ready to work out financial and political implications

to ensure the construction of the rural Kigoma -based higher Learning institution commences," he said.

"To overcome the shortage of experts in the above cadres, it is time for MUHAS to establish the demand drive course at diploma levels, while getting prepared to offer bachelors and other degrees," he added.

MUHAS Vice chancellor Prof Aporinary Kamuhabwa the varsity was among 22 higher learning institutions implementing HEET project funded by the World Bank (WB).

He said through HEET, the varsity is implementing eight areas of priorities including the construction of the new campus in Kigoma region worth \$15 million which is equivalent to 32bn/-.

The varsity has also validated the revised curriculum of post diplomas to bridge the gap of experts and thus meet the market driven demand.

The don said MUHAS has done a number of researches in malaria and AIDS/HIV to mention a few and have contributed tangibly to the health sector and formulation of policies.

"As a result MUHAS has been ranked third in the 2023 Sub Saharan University rankings, and the fifth in the list of African best universities," he said.

HEET Coordinator at MUHAS, Dr Nathanaeli Sirili said so far the university has reviewed 79 and form new 21 curricula at post diploma which is equivalent to 29 percent.

He said the revised curricula will be submitted to the varsity's senate before handing it to the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU).

HEET is a \$425million funded project. It was approved by the World Bank in May 2021 and will be implemented over five years until July 2026. The project is an investment Project financing (IPF).



Pakistan's Deputy High Commissioner to Tanzania, Muhammad Azam Bihan (2nd-R, foreground), receives a shield from Pakistani Welfare Association trustee Muhammad Waheed Mushtag (2nd-L) in Dar es Salaam yesterday for his contribution to the strengthening of diplomatic links between the two countries. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

DMI secures crane simulator to enhance practical learning

THE Ministry of Works has spent over 2bn/- to purchase a special digitized machine for uplifting cargo-crane simulators to facilitate practical training to students at the Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute (DMI).

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam, the institute's Principal, Dr Tumaini Gurumo said provision of machines operations requires a lot of practical learning to enhance students' competence.

"Students have to be taken through theory and practical training to be competent in operating cargo

cranes and other machines. With the new crane simulator we are in a good position to train our students more professionally," said Dr Gurumo as he thanked the six phase government for supporting the institute.

He said the government continues allocating funds for the institute for purposes of ensuring that it produces experts who can compete at international job markets. He said the experts from DMI are also

expected to operate machines at various strategic projects implemented by the government.

A Lecturer, Elinathan Blasius said the crane simulator that is operated through a computer will enable graduates to acquire the necessary skills in cargo off-loading at ports, mines and industries.

Leonard Mwesiga is also a lecturer at DMI, he urged students who prefer joining the course to send their applications on time.



GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

Job Title:	Finance and Administration Officer
Department/Unit:	Finance and Administration
Location:	Dar es Salaam
Duration:	Full-time Position
Reports to:	Director of Finance and Administration

OVERVIEW:
The Global Health Supply Chain Technical Assistance (GHSC-TA-TZ) program, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides expert technical assistance (TA) to Tanzania to strengthen country supply chain systems across all health elements, e.g., malaria, family planning (FP), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). In coordination with in-country and development partners, GHSC assists Government of Tanzania health programs by providing strategic planning and implementation assistance; improving the delivery of health commodities to service sites; providing capacity building support to broaden stakeholders' understanding and engagement of the supply chain system; and strengthening enabling environments to improve supply chain performance.

JOB SUMMARY:
Responsible for providing overall finance and administrative support to the Finance and Administration Unit particularly in regards to review invoices, staff advances and expense reports, posting transactions into project accounting systems, initiating payments in mobile money system, assisting in developing VAT reporting to TRA and USAID and other administrative work assigned by your supervisor. This position will report to and working alongside with the Director of Finance Administration.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
Responsibilities will include, but not limited to the following:

- Review advance and expense reports, as well as other expenses to ensure that all expenditures are processed in compliance with USAID rules and regulations, and that all transactions are processed according to internal procedures
- Maintain all accounting and procurement files electronically.
- Assist in monthly accounting closeout.
- Enter payments using mobile money payment system.
- Support the Director of Finance and Administration in ensuring all procurement are processed according to USAID and internal rules and procedures.
- Prepare purchase order (PO) and maintain it in electronic filing system
- Assist in developing VAT reporting to TRA and USAID
- Assist activity managers in workshop implementation as necessary. Activities including coordinating with vendors on conference facilities, travel coordination, travel to field to support per diem payments in trainings.
- Withholding taxes deductions and payments, submit the WHT certificates to the vendors.
- Manage the petty cash account.
- Performing any other duty(ies) as may be assigned by his/her supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Recognized professional qualification in accounting.
- High proficiency in using Excel.
- Excellent verbal and written English.
- Communicates with colleagues in a clear and courteous manner.
- Ability to take initiative and work in teams with minimum supervision.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Microsoft Outlook required.
- Financial experience with a USAID-funded project and knowledge of USAID rules and regulations preferred.
- Able and willing to travel within the country when required and if necessary.
- Experience working with an NGO an added advantage.
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality for all company and staff proprietary matters

If you are interested in applying this position please send your resume, cover letter to ghsc.recruitmentt@gmail.com. And kindly include title you are applying for in the subject line.

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USAID Heshimu Bahari Activity Request For Application Heshimu Bahari RFA 5/2023

The USAID/Tanzania Heshimu Bahari (Respect the Ocean) Activity is a five-year project that aims to improve the ecological resilience and productivity of Tanzania's high marine biodiversity areas. Heshimu Bahari aims to establish an enabling environment and science-driven framework for sustainable MMA and wild-caught fishery co-management by government, communities, and the private sector. The Activity has four integrated objectives:

- Strengthen an enabling framework for a network of MMAs and fishery replenishment zones (FRZs) for resilient biodiversity conservation, climate resilient communities, and enhanced wild-caught fisheries production.
- Community co-management of MMAs/wild-caught fisheries and climate resilience strengthened.
- Private sector investment in MMAs and wild-caught fisheries expanded.
- Integration of relevant science to MMA and fisheries policy and management improved.

Objective.
USAID Heshimu Bahari is seeking to award a grant to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organization (CSOs) to undertake implementation of community level activities along the coast of Tanzania Mainland from Kinga District south to Mtwara, excluding Tanga Coelacanth Marine Park (TACAMP). The objective of the grant is to support the Activity with the implementation of the Tanzania Coastal Interventions under the USAID Heshimu Bahari Activity emanating from the Activity's Seascapes Intervention plan and Private Sector Intervention Plan. The envisaged Interventions revolves around strengthening and/or establishment of Fisheries Replenishment Zones (FRZs) and Marine Management Areas (MMAs), seascapes strategic planning, Community Livelihoods projects implementation, Capacity Building on MMA management and governance, Conservation initiatives, ecological and community resilience to climate change, private sector engagement in Marine Management Areas, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Social and Environmental Impact Assessments among others as may raise during Activity's Annual Work Planning and during Pause and Reflect Sessions.

Geography coverage and target.
The Grantees will support USAID Heshimu Bahari Activity Intervention Strategy implementation in the following geographies/seascapes.

- Northern Coast seascapes: Tanga (Pangani, Mkinga, Tanga-Municipality excluding Tanga Coelacanth Marine Park (TACAMP))
- Bagamoyo seascape
- Dar es salaam seascapes
- Mafia Seascape
- Kilwa Seascape
- Mnazi Bay Seascape

Applicants can apply to provide service in one or more seascapes. The USAID Heshimu Bahari Project will award grants per seascape following pre award assessment results. Applicants will have to demonstrate residency and a wider footprint in the respective geography/seascapes with a higher rapport with seascape stakeholders and specifically National and Local government counterparts and should demonstrate implementation of various community engagement interventions along with viable structures and human resources in the respective seascape.

Eligible Recipients:

- Applicants must be a registered non-governmental organization (NGO) formally constituted, recognized by and in good standing with appropriate authorities in the country in which the entity is registered, and compliant with all applicable civil and fiscal regulations.
- Applicants may only submit one application per prime organization under this RFA.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate successful past performance in implementation of community level activities including marine, coastal community fishing activities, livelihood along the coast of Tanzania Mainland or Zanzibar livelihoods.
- Applicants must display sound management in the form of financial, administrative, and technical policies and procedures and present a system of internal controls that safeguard assets; protect against fraud, waste, and abuse; and support the achievement of program goals and objectives. USAID Heshimu Bahari will assess this capability prior to awarding a grant.
- For any grant award(s) resulting from this solicitation that is other than in-kind, equivalent to \$25,000 USD or more, and has no anticipated sub-awards, grantees will be required to provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) at the time of award. If the applicant already has a UEI number, it should be included in their application. Otherwise, applicants will be expected to get a UEI number before an award is made. USAID Heshimu Bahari will assist successful applicants with this process. More information on UEIs can be found <https://sam.gov>
- Faith-based and community groups will receive equal opportunity for funding in accordance with the mandated guidelines laid out in ADS 303.3.28 except for faith-based organizations whose objectives are for discriminatory and religious purposes, and whose main objective of the grant is of a religious nature.

Funding:
The initial period of performance is January 2024 through December 2024, with the possibility of renewing the award on an annual base in line with USAID Heshimu Bahari period of performance through 2027. Renewal is subject to performance, availability of funds and final agreement during negotiation. The type and amount of the grant will be determined during the negotiation process based on the submitted proposal.

USAID Heshimu Bahari intends to award multiple grants under this award with an anticipated range of TZS 350,000,000 - 800,000,000 per seascape for year one. Award amount and grant mechanism will be determined during negotiations. The geographic and technical scope will determine the award amount and grant mechanism. During the negotiation phase, USAID Heshimu Bahari will hold a conference with successful applicants to align activities, workplan and budget depending on the nature of seascape and activities to be implemented.

Application and Submission Information.
Interested agencies are invited to request for RFA through the mail address HBAprocurement@HeshimuBahari.com

The deadline for submitting of Request for proposals is **December 9th, 2023, 5.00p.m.** All interested agencies must submit their proposals in electronic version through HBAprocurement@HeshimuBahari.com with subject clearly marked **RFA 5/2023**.

Issuance of this RFA does not constitute an award or commitment on the part of Heshimu Bahari, nor does it commit Heshimu Bahari to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, Heshimu Bahari reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications received and reserves the right to ask for further clarifications from the applicants.

NEEC boss urges women and youth to abandon bad loans if they want to grow

By Guardian Reporter

BENGI Issa, Executive Secretary National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) has asked women and young people to abandon bad loans because it doesn't bring health to the growth of their economy, instead they should focus on the funds that enable them to get capital.

Bengi made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday when speaking at the fourth General Meeting of the Open Mind and Thoughts Organization (OMTO).

She said the government continues to create an enabling and supportive environment for women and young people to get capital and asked them to come forward in large numbers to take advantage of the opportunity.

"Bad loans offered by unscrupulous in the streets has become a big problem for Tanzanians, especially women who want to get easy loans without knowing that if you borrow, you may find yourself repaying back five times the amount you took, those loans are dangerous because they do not bring health to the growth of the personal economy," she said.

He stressed that before signing the contract, make sure you read it and understand it because many people have been given contracts and sign them without reading them and thus lead to huge losses and thus return to the pit of poverty.

Anna Haule, OMTO managing director said that the institution that was established in 2019 with one group of 20 people where until the year 2023, the group has reached 89 groups with 2,330 members in three regions and all districts of Dar es Salaam region.

Anna said that the 4th meeting of the year has distinguished itself in providing training and building capacity on the best way to save.

"Actually, Tanzanians have had the awareness to join groups because they know that it is the right place to achieve their goals," she said.

Joyclean Makule, CRDB Bank Foundation, chief operations said that through enabling capital, his institution has given an amount of 35m/- including one bag worth 10m/- to OMTO members so that they can achieve the goals they have set for themselves.

This enabling capital under the umbrella of the Imbeju programme given to members should be used well on the intended goals so that you return it on time and the funds help others, she said, stressing that the enabling capital is not a loan as it has small operating costs and is provided under institutions starting from 200,000/- to 30m/-.

Joyclean said Imbeju is a program designed to empower women and young people in developing their businesses so that they can financially support themselves and their families while making a worthy contribution to growing the national income.

NEEC has been at the forefront of ensuring the views and expectations of the Sixth Phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan to ensure that the enabling funds make an appropriate contribution, including the provision of enabling capital for those groups.



“Actually, Tanzanians have had the awareness to join groups because they know that it is the right place to achieve their goals”



Special Seats legislator Fatma Toufiq contributes to debate in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday on proposed guidelines on the National Development Plan and Government Budget for the Financial Year 2024/20252. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Government to construct wall along Nungwi beaches to control erosion

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Deputy Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Environment and Union Affairs), Khamis Hamza Khamis has said the government is expected to conduct an evaluation for construction of a wall at beaches located at Nungwi along the Indian Ocean coastline.

Khamis said funds have already been secured, adding that documents for project implementation have been submitted to the Tanzania Building Agency (TBA) for drawings that will specify the type of a wall to be constructed.

He was responding to a question from Nungwi Member of

Parliament, Simai Hassan Sadiki who wanted to know when the government will conduct the evaluation for construction of the wall at beach areas affected by the sea in Nungwi.

The Deputy Minister explained that before building a wall, the government will conduct a study to find out the type of wall that fits the area and will help to prevent waves from reaching people's residences. He said the wall is being built to allow people residing near beaches to continue with economic activities.

He said the government has taken various measures in dealing with the negative impacts of climate change in different coastal areas

along the Indian Ocean beaches.

"In the 2023/24 financial year, the government through the Office of the First Vice President of Zanzibar allocated a total of 650m/- for preliminary assessment of the project which included designing the infrastructure," he said.

He called upon residents in Nungwi to support the government's efforts by planting mangrove trees along the beaches. He said the mangrove trees would help to control Ocean waves from reaching the beaches. He also urged them to stop illegal sand mining at beaches.

Khamis asked citizens to stop throwing waste in the beaches to protect the environment while

encouraging them to massively cultivate seaweed to generate income and protect the Ocean as well.

"I would like to encourage the leadership and the people of Nungwi to enhance environmental conservation efforts at Nungwi's beach areas by controlling human activities," said the Deputy Minister.

He said to control illegal fishing activities that do not take into account environmental protection and unsustainable use of beaches, the government has taken a number of measures including providing education to fishermen and citizens on environmentally friendly fishing.

He said the government in collaboration with various agencies is patrolling the beach areas in Nungwi whereas it has been taking actions against people practicing illegal fishing and those damaging marine environment.

Adhere to standards, salt manufacturers challenged

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

SALT dealers have been asked to produce and package the product based on standards, quality and safety to protect consumers' health and find more markets in and outside the country.

Mtwara Regional Commissioner, Col. Ahmed Abbas Ahmed made the call on Monday opening training for salt stakeholders to solve challenges in the salt industry in the country.

The two-day training has been provided by the Tanzania Standards Board (TBS) with the aim of building capacity so that the beneficiaries produce quality products that meet the standards.

"This is in line with the government's ambition to develop the industrial sector so that the country can be self-sufficient in the production of various products," the RC said

He stated that due to the government's desire to be self-

sufficient in the production of products, it is important to consider the required quality and standards.

RC Ahmed said that the training has come at the right time when the government is determined to develop industries to provide employment in various cadres as well as enable our products to compete in local, regional and international markets.

"Therefore, I would like to give an opinion to you participants of this training, listen carefully and contribute to the topic in the training so that you can gain expertise and use it when you return to your activities," said Col. Ahmed.

Opening the training in Lindi District, Lindi Regional Administrative Secretary, Zuwena Omary said that the training of salt stakeholders has come at the right time especially by highlighting that the government is fighting to ensure that the products produced in the country meet international

standards and compete in the market.

Zuwena asked the participants to make good use of this opportunity of the presence of these institutions in this training because these are among the institutions that touch our needs in the operation and improvement of our activities in the salt sector.

She praised TBS for the good preparation of the training and asked for the procedure to conduct such training for salt stakeholders to be sustainable

The training was based on the requests of the stakeholders through various meetings of the integrated committee to solve the challenges of the salt industry in the country. The sessions included various institutions including TBS. In the training, presenters from TBS, Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) and Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organization (TIRDO).



Correspondent Imani Nathaniel captured this scene on Monday, with all three heading for Dar es Salaam's Kisumu Resident Magistrate's Court in connection with a case in which they are jointly charged with fraudulently obtaining 1bn/-.



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MAPPING AND CHARACTERIZING THE SEAGRASSES IN THE RUMAKI AND 'RUFUJI-MAFIA-KIBITI-KILWA BIOSPHERE RESERVE' TO ENHANCE HABITAT & SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES IN THE SEASCAPE AREA

Introduction

World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF Tanzania) under its Seascope Programme has identified five specific priority conservation areas in which conservation measures need to be strengthened as part of WWF Tanzania's Conservation Strategy. The areas include:

- The Rufiji Delta Mangrove Reserve Area (RDMRA) and Ramsar site;
- Community-led Management areas (Collaborative Fisheries Management Areas - CFMAs);
- The Mafia Island Marine Park (MIMP)
- The Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara (World Heritage) and
- 'Community-led' No Take Zones (CNTZ)

The programme is implementing a three-year project titled 'Coastal Community-based Conservation in Indonesia and the Western Indian Ocean' under the support of MACP (Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies).

WWF TCO is looking for a consultant(s) to undertake a review of national policy and legal frameworks on mangroves conservation, and development of recommendations for promoting community user rights management systems in Tanzania.

Objectives Of the Consultancy

The overall objective of this project is to map the distribution of seagrass meadows in the RUMAKI seascape, enhance community awareness of their importance, and support community-based seagrass restoration. Specifically:

Methodology

The consultant(s) will employ various methods, including in-site/field surveys, literature review, seagrass mapping, field demonstrations, training, and interviews with community members and practitioners. These approaches aim to gather data on seagrass local names and essential information for assessing the status of seagrass. Additionally, the consultant will conduct stakeholder validation workshops and consultative meetings to solicit the opinions of community members and stakeholders concerning their knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions regarding seagrass identification and distribution.

How to Apply

Interested applicants are required to submit their Technical and Financial Proposals in a **soft copy** to the procurement: e-mail: procurement@wwftz.org

Interested applicants may access the detailed ToR through the following websites: https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/consultancies_and_tenders/

Applicants should address their proposals through the following address;

Secretary, Procurement Committee,
WWF Tanzania; White Star Street- Mikochehi,
P.O. Box 63117 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
Tel: +255 22 277 5346/277 2455/270 0077
Website www.wwf.or.tz

Deadline for submission is **4:00pm** Tanzania local time on **17th November 2023**.

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Three consecutive days of heavy rain in Dar es Salaam until Monday, and this is a scene as captured at a section of the city's Lindi Street yesterday -when there was a let-up most of the day. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Mufindi urges parents to take care of girl children

By correspondent Francis Godwin, Iringa

AUTHORITIES in Mufindi District, Iringa Region have urged parents to take care of their girl children ensuring that they remain safe during the whole holiday season.

The district's leadership wants parents to ensure that no girl child will be found pregnant when schools reopen in 2024 saying stern measures will be taken.

Recently, all primary and secondary schools have been closed for an extended holiday of more than a month until next year.

Dr Linda Selekwa, the District Commissioner made the directives recently during the 8th graduation ceremony at the Rural Development Organization (RDO) Technical College in Mbabulo.

According to her, the children have been safe all the time when they were in school, so it is important for parents to protect their children during the long year-end holiday.

She also stated that the district government does not want to see students' dreams and education being disrupted by pregnancies, and those responsible for student pregnancies will not be tolerated.

Dr Selekwa, who was the guest of honour at the graduation ceremony, was represented by the

District Commissioner's Secretary, Frank Sichelwe.

She said that the sixth phase government, under President Samia Suluhu Hassan, continues to finance fee-free education to ensure that every Tanzanian child receives quality education without thinking on school fees.

"Due to these efforts by President Samia, it is essential for everyone to support and ensure that no child is deprived of education for any reason. Those responsible for interrupting students' education with preventable pregnancies must be held accountable," she said.

She also emphasized the need to protect students in various technical colleges to fulfil their dreams of completing their training safely.

According to her, despite the government funding primary and secondary education, it has also been financing short-term courses for students in need of vocational skills.

The aim is to empower young people with dreams of becoming artisans, and it is not right for their dreams to be disrupted by someone.

In addition, she stated that the Mufindi district government has continued to implement an effective system for farmers to obtain subsidized fertilizer on time, and the distribution of fertilizer has already begun to enable farmers

to take advantage of the expected rainy season for agriculture.

Speaking about the various activities carried out by the RDO Mbabulo Technical College, she said that the district's government values the significant contribution of the college, especially in serving the surrounding community by establishing clean and safe water projects. It also provides youth with significant skills in producing various products.

Therefore, to support the college's efforts, the council will continue to encourage parents to pay fees promptly and purchase products produced by the students, including batiks and other items.

Obadia Ngailo from RDO Technical College stated that the college has successfully registered 42 students for short-term courses, including 31 males and 11 females.

They have also increased sources of production, such as beekeeping and dairy farming, to increase the college's income and enhance the efficiency of students in agriculture and animal husbandry.

He listed the challenges facing the college, including the lack of staff housing, which forces some employees to travel long distances or live in unfavourable conditions.

There is also a shortage of sports facilities such as football and netball fields and a lack of classrooms, particularly for construction and automotive trades," he stated.

Govt advised to work on policies empowering marginalised groups

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE government has been urged to implement policies that promote economic empowerment and job creation for marginalized groups, a move expected to eliminate economic inequality.

Dr Salvatory Nyanto, a University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) senior lecturer, made the call yesterday when speaking during the two-day international conference on slavery and post-slavery in modern African history.

Dr Nyanto said one of the most pressing issues in post slavery in African countries is economic inequality as many descendants still have systemic poverty and lack of opportunities.

He said the legacy of slavery has cast a long and dark shadow over the history of African

nations. He said slavery has left a profound and enduring impact on socio-economic, cultural and psychological aspects of modern African countries.

Nyanto who doubles as Chairperson of the conference organizing committee noted that apart from policies, education is a powerful tool for dismantling the post slavery legacy and the government must ensure that the educational curricula include a comprehensive and accurate account of the history of slavery and its effect to raise awareness and promote understanding among younger generations.

Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalamila said that eradicating post slavery legacy in modern African countries is complex and multifaceted since it requires a concerted effort from

government, civil society and the international community.

He noted that while the progress may be slow and obstacles formidable, the pursuit of justice, equality, and healing is essential for the well-being and prosperity of the citizens and African nation in general.

By acknowledging the past, investing in education, promoting economic empowerment and fostering cultural preservation we can overcome the slavery legacy and pave the way for the future, he said.

"Currently we have an on-going mission of abolishing all illegal dens that are hosting children against their will for their own benefit and all this is to eradicate all forms of slavery that is conducted to these youngsters without them knowing," noted Chalamila.



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Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest from qualifying parties wanting to participate in the below work package

Tembo Nickel Corporation Limited ("Tembo") is an operating company formed via the Framework Agreement (19 January 2021) between Kabanga Nickel Limited ("Kabanga Nickel") and the Government of Tanzania ("GoT") for the development of the Kabanga nickel deposits in the Ngara District, North-West of Tanzania. Under the Framework Agreement terms, Tembo (owned 84% by Kabanga Nickel and 16% by GoT) has been formally established for the mining, processing, and refining of battery-grade with cobalt and copper co-products.

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Tembo Nickel, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest (EOI)" from reputable, experienced, and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the following Services.

No.	Reference no.	Description of work/goods to be procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	TEMBO-2023-11-07	<p>PROJECT MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISION, COORDINATION, LOGGING AND SAMPLE COLLECTION FOR GEOTECHNICAL SITE INVESTIGATION - Ngara District, Kagera Region and Kahama District, Shinyanga Region (Geotechnical investigations):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project management, coordination, monitoring and supervision of geotechnical drilling and test pitting including following survey design, signing drill plods, tracking progress, supervising casual labour and/or heavy equipment for access roads, pad clearance, digging sumps, and other site preparation work. Supply of consumables and materials for geotechnical sample collection. Working with community relations for land access from landowners to ensure that permits and land access are granted on time. Logging of drill holes and test pits by qualified geotechnical engineer in accordance with TZS259 and the geotechnical consultant standards and requirements. Acoustic televiwer survey of boreholes. Provide equipment and conduct Standard Penetration Testing (SPT) in boreholes. Collection, preserving and transporting of undisturbed tube samples in accordance with ASTM D4220. Coordination and liaising with the government officials to ensure whenever the samples are ready to be shipped from site to the respective laboratories in the country or overseas, the required paperwork and permits are in place. Regular progress reporting and meetings with other stakeholders to provide updates of the progress of work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Must have a Geotechnical Engineering qualification. ii Must be computer literate and able to clearly communicate with multiple stakeholders including local site management, community relations, government institutions and international consultants. iii Must be compliant with the Local Content Legislation and have an approved Local Content Plan. iv Must have Standard Penetration Testing (SPT) equipment available to execute the work. v Demonstrate experience and capabilities in project management including planning, coordinating with stakeholders, complying with health, safety and security requirements and mobilizing equipment and contractors to a mine site. vi Demonstrate recent and relevant experience in geotechnical investigation project supervision and coordination. vii Demonstrate recent experience in geotechnical logging and undisturbed sample collection, preservation, and transport to international standards. viii Demonstrate recent experience in preparing Application Permits to Export Minerals and Samples of Minerals in accordance with the Mining Act, CAP 123 in a compliant and time efficient manner. ix Demonstrate recent experience completing projects on mines. x Provide detail of all recent contracts completed including value, duration, references, and associated contract details. xi Provide details of current contracts in the execution phase. xii Provide recent Safety Statistics. xiii Confirm that key personnel and equipment required will be available from 1st of December 2023. (Personnel and Labor Histogram) xiv Provide CV's of key personnel.

The above Services are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable qualified and experienced contractors shall be invited to receive the tender documents. If your company would like to be considered for pre-qualification to receive the invitation to tender, please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Approved Local Content Plan or proof of submission from the Mining Commissioner
- Comprehensive company profile
- Company registration documents i.e., Certificate of Incorporation, Business License, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate, etc.
- Applicable certification, accreditation, and affiliated registration
- Years of service and experience (CV's) of key personnel to be assigned to project
- Required personnel and availability to perform the specific work
- Required equipment and availability to perform the specific work
- Provide details of current contracts in the execution phase.
- Detail of all contracts completed in the last 5 years including value, duration, references, and associated contact details.
- Typical Quality Control Plans (QCP's)
- Safety statistics
- Indicate the above reference number and description of your Expression of Interest (EOI) submission.

EOI's from Companies that can provide ALL services detailed in the Scope of Work above will be considered.

Kindly send your response by email to tenders@kabanganickel.com by the close of business on 18th of November 2023. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered. Please quote the reference number in the subject line of your email.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of Tembo Nickel Corporation Ltd.

For and on behalf of TEMBO NICKEL CORPORATION: KABANGA NICKEL PROJECT



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) technicians connect water for distribution to a section of Dar es Salaam's Tegeta suburb yesterday. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

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Sea levels: Examine all options on wall building, beach landscape remodelling

AUTHORITIES with decision-making powers over environmental issues, that is, in the Vice President's Office, are understood to be working on plans to build walls at tricky spots along the Tanzanian segment of the Indian Ocean coastline, starting with Nungwe area in Zanzibar's North Region.

There are usually difficult preliminaries like conducting feasibility studies and then hiring evaluation or consulting and advisory firms for the purpose by the key environmental agency.

According to a deputy minister in the VPO, funds have already been secured and a write-up on the project has already been delivered for the Tanzania Building Agency to begin putting up the key wall.

The write-up involves drawings on the sort of wall to be built and likely serve as a model for similar efforts along the seashore, as numerous places are challenged, from tourist spots to farmlands.

The idea is about stopping the sea in one way or another, with the building of a wall one of those means, but its range of application is fairly limited.

On the whole, with a sufficient backup, the intervention can result in the raising of the level of seawater that could one day overflow inland.

The basic issue raised in parliament was the building of such a wall so that sea waves do not destroy the environment in which local residents conduct a slew of economic activities.

There was a reference to 650m/- allocated this financial year for the preliminary evaluation of infrastructure enabling beaches and shorelines to remain more or less undisturbed. There are structures built over the past four decades where sea erosion has taken considerable portions of beach, but rather unevenly.

One way of limiting intrusion

of seawater is directing water to openings where water logging isn't a big problem, where an inlet from a dried river that has become a seasonal gushing stream serves as an outlet for flooding sea water.

An example - in Dar es Salaam - is the Selander Bridge inlet to the lower Muhimbili salty patch at Jangwani, where city planners now wish to reclaim at least the upper part holding the city's rapid bus service depot for a luxury park of sorts. The other portion of the basin or low-lying land will likely remain a balancing patch of seawater and stable shore.

There is meanwhile the need to extend such a feasibility study to see what is more economical between giving the sea a patch of land for the waves to hit the land and resettle affected residents elsewhere on the one hand and working to stop the waves on the other.

As the Jangwani patch demonstrates, such land can in part be redeveloped as a mangrove forest, and it is possible that other economic activities can be figured out to make fruitful and profitable use of seawater rushing inland. The walling instinct can thus be checked.

When the local population is asked to plant salt-resilient plants like mangrove bushes, it is one thing for this to be done for environmental reasons and another for this to be part of a household adaptation effort.

Households cannot live on salty water and wait for mangroves to ripen enough for sale, or to create salt fish patches after fishermen obtain them in routine fishing, or if there is a hatching unit nearby.

Basically, people need more habitable areas and, if environmental agencies can identify investors interested in salt water patch investments, they can finance the required compensation for the traditional residents to look for somewhere else.

In filing demands for payment reviews, workers need to be clear on their rights

LABOUR-INTENSIVE methods of production and service delivery have historically suffered from advances in technology and often lost the battle since the trend in economy is competition, and that means lowering prices.

It is unclear whether there are vast differences in payments to those who help tourists climb Mount Kilimanjaro relative to those offering similar services elsewhere - and indeed with how labourers in the country generally are paid. Seeking elevated packages often cripples industries.

That is why those interested in tourism expansion will be looking askance at any pressure to raise what porters and cooks are being paid. This would apply even as, only a few months ago, the government issued a pay scale of minimum wages for various categories of domestic servants.

As these include guards, it is evident that porters and cooks are regarded as household aides and not professional or formal sector employees per se. On that basis, there won't be much for arbitration.

There are efforts to arbitrate in a wage conflict involving porters, cooks and tour guides on Mount Kilimanjaro, the idea being to propose wage rates for placing before a board of arbitration.

A constituency legislator boasting many years of experience as a bank executive raised the matter in the legislature not so long ago, bringing greater public attention to the issue.

The MP's demand was a review of rates paid to porters, cooks and tour guides, but it was unclear if the levels are below the formal recommended pay as minimal

wages, or they simply seek to share in what they see as rising profits of the tourist firms they work for.

Assuming that there is a measure of truism in the latter suspicion, of a wish to cut the rates of profit and share more with the workers there, it likely could boomerang.

While there are no simple solutions as to the right wage structure for this or that category of the population, it is relevant to be aware of the competition we have with our next-door neighbours and elsewhere.

There was a time tourism administrators were speaking with disdain about 'budget tourists' and ostensibly seeking 'upper class tourists' capable of spending more for the scenery and the services.

However, the government has been busy moving to attract more tourists, without any visible concern for the levels of spending, whereas wage hikes can unravel such plans.

Some of the deputy minister's remarks weren't quite clear on the direction the matter has taken, including in explaining that the ministry and tour agencies' representatives, their employers have started executing implement a number of strategies to make improvements of the pay rates for their wages.

The effort is to get appropriate rates of pay for presentation to employers as indicative wages, especially for the reconciliation board that advises the minister on the matter so that the resulting agreement is put into law. It is not clear if those pay scales will remain indicative, meaning that they are minimum wages, and there are such pay scales already set out in law. It is to repeat the process of stipulation.



Newsrooms need to develop a mental health strategy for climate journalists

By Seignie Mohammed

IT has been four years since Hurricane Dorian ripped across the Caribbean islands, yet some of the images from that storm still haunt me.

As the team from CCN TV6 from Trinidad and Tobago landed in the Abaco islands, in northern Bahamas, we were met with a hot, putrid stench. There were no birds. There were no trees.

The stress of working near places of death, infection and continued conflict was gradually settling in. It was not my first assignment abroad during hurricane season in the Caribbean, but it was the first one for which I felt mentally unprepared.

Journalists are often the first to respond to major weather disasters. Our role is to provide information even when we are working in the most dangerous, upsetting and hazardous settings.

And yet witnessing trauma can impact us long after the incident has ended. When it comes to disasters fuelled by climate change, we also face the prospect of covering the same kinds of disasters again and again, wearing down our sense of agency and impact.

We already know that frontline journalists face physical risks in the course of doing their jobs, particularly when covering war or conflict. Many newsrooms throughout the world have regular checklists to prepare for and manage the dangers of covering certain hazards and events.

The same preparedness for mental health, especially for covering climate-linked disasters, is however almost unheard of. It is past time to fix that.

Journalists covering climate-related catastrophes should be given mental health checklists that outline what their newsrooms will do before, during and after a potentially stressful assignment.

The media industry also needs to prepare support for journalists to recover from mental health issues when they do happen. In general, communicating about mental health, including anxiety and depression, should be part of newsroom culture.

We already know that journalists can suffer psychologically while doing their jobs. Multiple studies have shown that at least 80 per cent of journalists have witnessed a traumatic event, according to the DART Centre for Journalism and Trauma.

The centre reports that many journalists have experienced not



just one but multiple traumatic events.

A 2019 paper on journalists covering Hurricane Harvey, for example, found that 20 per cent of journalists developed storm-related PTSD afterwards, while 40 per cent developed signs of depression.

Incidentally, PTSD - or post-traumatic stress disorder - is commonly described as a disorder that develops in some people who have experienced a shocking, scary or dangerous event.

It is natural to feel afraid during and after a traumatic situation. Fear is regarded as a part of the body's "fight-or-flight" response, which helps people avoid or respond to potential danger.

And yet, rather strangely, it is often assumed that journalists are only exposed to traumatic events on certain beats - covering deadly crimes or wars, for example.

Unfortunately, mental health is particularly taboo in many newsrooms and many parts of the world. At a recent TechCamp Bridgetown for Caribbean journalists in Miami, Florida, there were deliberations on how many news organisations do not provide counselling services following catastrophic weather-related disasters and other traumatic events.

Many Caribbean journalists I have spoken with say that they keep this trauma to themselves, and attempt to find ways to manage the stress on their own.

Meanwhile, disaster reporting is becoming more common at Caribbean news organisations. This is because climate change is

making these events more frequent and more intense - there are simply more storms, more severe droughts, more disasters...

As my colleagues and I flew over the Bahamas' hurricane-ravaged islands that day, we became quiet. We worked non-stop for three days, reporting on the efforts of emergency response personnel and filming as individuals were escorted onto boats and flights out of the most disaster-stricken areas.

I can still clearly picture the island where the hurricane's landfall took place. People sobbed in both French and English while clinging to their family members and whatever possessions they could find.

Many individuals stood in the heat looking up at the sky in search of hope. To this day, I still worry that my interview questions caused further harm to the already vulnerable situation that so many individuals were in.

Many journalists are discouraged from getting treatment when they need it because the people they cover are experiencing much greater suffering. The media practitioners feel guilty for being upset by what they have seen, when they believe someone else has it far worse.

This guilt, however, does not lessen the impact of a traumatic event. It just prevents reporters from receiving assistance and makes recovery more difficult.

Upon returning to our island after covering the hurricane, we were congratulated by peers for our great work. But there was no culture for recovery. Deadlines were fast approaching and more storms were

looming.

We had no official psychological support in the days that would follow - that is, besides the comfort we found in each other through our brief chats about our experiences. I wore my anguish well and reminded my colleagues to be strong, because the job was not done yet.

Although some in the Caribbean may view the mental health burden on journalists as taboo, it doesn't need to be this way. There are simple things newsrooms can do to recognize the impact this has on their staff and therefore help them cope.

By creating a mental health checklist, managers can quickly draw on the frameworks they already have for dealing with physical hazards.

They can also draw from resources like the DART Centre, and can recognize the impact which disasters have not just on the frontline reporters and camera crews but also on the video and content editors back in the office who will view distressing footage.

Climate journalists fulfil one of the most crucial roles in civil society: informing the public about how warming temperatures influence their daily lives and threaten their safety. But journalists are also people. We require support and compassion just like anyone else.

***A dispatch by the International Journalists' Network (IJNet), a project of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists, originally published by the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism.**

More efforts needed for fight against child abuse, GBV to succeed

By Adonis Byemelwa

TANZANIA is credited as the first country in Africa to undertake a National Study on Violence against Children - giving national estimates on the magnitude of sexual, physical and emotional violence affecting girls and boys. Multisectoral Task Force was conceived in September 2008, which consists of representatives from government ministries and partners including the police and justice sectors, social welfare, education and health care sectors; the United Nations and civil society organisations.

The study entitled 'Violence against children in Tanzania' found that nearly three out of every 10 girls (27.9 percent) aged 13 to

24 years in Tanzania reported at least one experience of sexual violence prior to the age of 18. Among boys in the same age group, one out of every seven boys (13.4 percent) reported experiencing at least one incident of sexual violence prior to the age of 18 while nearly 6% of girls have been physically forced to have sexual intercourse before the age 18.

November 25 to December 10 this have been scheduled by The United Nations-funded project 'Women, Leadership, and Economic Rights' for the fight against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and child abuse in Tanzania.

However, informed by prevalence of the vice, Temeke Municipal Council started organized awareness raising events from November 2 towards the climax next month. The events brought together pupils from Mtoni, Sandali and Martin Lumbanga primary schools whereby they were sensitized about the importance of speaking up against any form of abuse as well as self-protection against the vice.

Speaking at one of the events recently, Temeke Municipal Council Senior Community Development Officer, Herieth Kamara, noted that children were the major target in sending the message against all forms of violence against them owing to their level of understanding.

"We focus on primary school children because they are too young to note the violence. They are prone to physical and emotional abuse. Children are at risk of being physically abused in school and at home and are mostly unaware of how to report the vice to relevant authorities," she said.

"We think that by engaging them in open talks and discussions, they will be in a better position to avert the imminent crisis."

Inspector Blandina Ndunguru, officer in-charge of gender and child desk at Chang'ombe Police Station who was a facilitator said the authorities had seen the significance of ensuring children know their rights alongside means of fighting all forms of physical and emotional abuse together with the tactics of self-protection against the abuse.

"Experience has shown that children are mostly abused by older people who are closer to them in a fam-



Primary school pupils pose for a photo with Blandina Ndunguru (R), police officer in charge of gender and child desk at Chang'ombe police station in Dar es Salaam, and senior Temeke municipal community development officers Herieth Kamara (C) and Devotha Nchia. Photo/ Adonis Byemelwa

ily. But I think parents are duty-bound to ensure their children's safety. Parents should also refrain from fronting self-interests at the expense of the abused child, a situation that sees most of them bribed by the perpetrators to avoid litigation," she said.

Common abuses that are frequently reported are related to physical violence including corporal punishment and sexual violence to children especially from underprivileged families.

Such cases of abuse in school settings are increasing in most Tanzanian schools. Instead of the learning facilities becoming centers of support, they are becoming places where different kinds of abuse happen.

Corporal punishment in Tanzania is still allowed under a 1930 law and is the most common type of punishment imposed by the courts for persons less than 18 years of age for almost all kinds of offenses.

It is widely accepted as a disci-

plinary measure in childrearing and is not perceived as harmful or abusive. It only becomes violence when it exceeds and hence violates children's rights that are to be protected.

Sexual abuse of children is also rife in most schools. It is fundamentally an expression of power over a child's life, and children have little control over their lives and are usually disciplined with corporal punishment.

Tanzanian children are accustomed to seeing men hurt weaker people without censure, and the children do not have the power to defend themselves against physical, psychological, or sexual abuse.

A recent report by the Legal and Human Rights Center showed that child abuse is on the rise and is the leading violation of human rights in Tanzania. The report documented 350 cases of violence against children in 2022 alone, with 81 percent of them being sexual abuse.

Devotha Nchia, Temeke Municip-

pal Council Development Officer, expressed concern that in all child abuse cases, children are being harmed by the same people who should be protecting them, including uncles, parents, guardians, teachers, and family members, citing an example where she had intervened to educate a neighbour who had been incessantly spanking a grade two girl over trivial mistakes, only for the neighbor to accuse her of meddling in family affairs.

According to Nchia, education against child abuse should not only end in awareness sessions with school children but also the entire community which must understand hence live in fear of facing the wrath of the law in case prosecution and conviction.

Florence Mugarula, a parent who once lived in in the United Kingdom, said that children should always have sessions with teachers where they get an opportunity to explain anything related to violence

or any kind of mistreatment, expounding that while at home, they should be raised in a way that makes them comfortable to report anything unusual to their parents or guardians.

According to Mugarula, children in the UK are made to cram emergency numbers and can ring to the police or an ambulance anytime they encounter a kind of abuse in a given environment, adding that there is no excuse for violence against children because there are evidence-based tools to prevent the vice whereby almost all major streets are inundated with telephone booths to facilitate reporting of crime.

Recently, there have been calls to tighten penalties in the Child Act of 2009 to enforce legal provisions that would protect Tanzanian children from violence in different forms, including at family levels.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima, the Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women, and Special Groups, was quoted as saying a special taskforce has been formed to work closely with the Director of Public Prosecutions in reviewing the act for proper amendment.

"My ministry has seen weakness in section 29 of the Child Act, and already the government is in the process of working on it accordingly," she said in one of her press statements last year. The taskforce is meant to partner with other stakeholders to ensure that children are protected from the effects of digital transformations.

The 2009 Child Act provides reform and consolidation of laws relating to children, stipulates the rights of the child, and promotes, protects, and maintains the welfare of a child with a view to giving effect to international and regional conventions on the rights of the child in Tanzania.

The Act also provides for affiliation, foster care, adoption, and custody of the child, to further regulate employment and apprenticeship, to make provisions with respect to a child in conflict with the law, and to provide for related matters.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has also joined the media, children's rights activists and the government to push for further steps aimed at protecting children from violence.

The up-to-date data from the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups shows that Tanzania has more than 800,000 street children in various cities.

Evidence on Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA) report released in June last year indicated that 67 percent of children in Tanzania aged between 12 and 17 years are internet users.

The report says that four percent of internet-using children were victims of grave instances of online sexual exploitation and abuse. Those children were either blackmailed to engage in sexual activities, their sexual images shared without permission, or they were coerced to engage in sexual activities through promises of money or other gifts.

Facts behind high-incidence but undetected hypertension

By Rafiqul Islam

SINCE her childhood, Parveen Begum, 52, has been adding extra salt while eating her meals. However, she did not know that this contributed to high blood pressure.

Recently, she suffered severe headaches, forcing her to go to a physician, and when the doctor checked her health, he she had hypertension.

"I could not take my daily meals without taking additional salt, which helped develop the chronic disease in my health. Now I have to take medicines for blood pressure regularly, putting an extra financial burden on my family," said Parveen, a resident of Musapur at Raipura in Narsingdi district.

Rabeya Begum, 50, is a resident of the saline-prone Ashabaria village of Rangabali in the Patuakhali coastal district. Like many others, she and her family members often drink saline water since freshwater sources are affected every year due to coastal flooding, cyclones, and storm surges. Salinity instruction has reached the aquifer in her locality.

Local people face scarcity of drinking water during the dry season as salinity reaches an acute level that time, so they are compelled to drink saline water, Rabeya said.

"I felt symptoms of high blood pressure like headache and chest pain. So, I checked it and found blood pressure. But there are not enough facilities for screening blood pressure in our remote village," she said.

Like Parveen and Rabeya, a huge number of people have been suffering from high blood pressure, also called hypertension, in Bangladesh, but most of the cases remain undiagnosed. High blood pressure is a chronic disease and a silent killer, too.

More than 4.5 crore people, or 25% of Bangladesh's total population, have high blood pressure, according to recent research by Bangladesh's National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC).

Hypertension or high blood pressure develops when the pressure level in one's blood vessels reaches 140/90 mmHg or higher. A healthy lifestyle, quitting tobacco, and remaining more active can help lower blood pressure.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), around 1.28 billion adults aged 30-79 years worldwide have hypertension, with two-thirds of them living in low- and middle-income countries. An estimated 46 percent of adults with hypertension are unaware of their condition. Only less than half of adults (42 percent) with hypertension are diagnosed and treated.

Undiagnosed hypertension

Undetected high blood pressure could add to the health burden in Bangladesh. Many people are not on medication as they are unaware of their condition. According to a survey, more than half of hypertensive patients are ignorant of their condition.

Experts say early identification and improved hypertension screening can reduce the high global burden of untreated high blood pressure.

According to a 2022 study, hypertension is common in elderly people, and undiagnosed hypertension increases with age. The risk of undetected hypertension was high among people aged 33-35. Overall prevalence of undiagnosed hypertension was similar. Men aged above 50 had lower levels of awareness and participation in early detection initiatives.

The study revealed that the prevalence of hypertension is significantly

higher among the residents of Bangladesh's coastal and eastern regions.

It suggested that early detection and screening are urgent for checking the prevalence of undiagnosed hypertension. The study suggested the authorities should take robust health promotion measures in the coastal and northern regions of Bangladesh.

Dr Mahfuzur Rahman Bhuiyan, programme manager of the High Blood Pressure Control Programme at National Heart Foundation Hospital and Research Institute, said it would be possible to reduce the risk of high blood pressure by 50 percent if people avoid the intake of extra salt while taking meals.

He recommended screening people to identify those with high blood pressure.

Hypertension amplifies risk of heart diseases

Hypertensive heart disease is a long-term condition that worsens with time. In Bangladesh, around 68 percent of deaths are caused by non-communicable diseases, with hypertension accounting for 15-20 percent.

According to the first Global Report on Hypertension 2023, released by the WHO, about 273,000 people die of cardiovascular diseases each year in Bangladesh, while around 54 percent of these fatalities are attributable to hypertension.

The report also reveals that half of the people having hypertension are not even aware of their condition, and the rate of those receiving medical treatment for hypertension is alarmingly low, merely 38 percent.

"Hypertension is one of the leading causes of deaths associated with non-communicable diseases. The prevalence of heart diseases can be reduced to a great extent by keeping hypertension under control," Prof Sohel Reza Choudhury, Head of the



The salinity of the water in coastal Bangladesh contributes to high blood pressure. Credit: Rafiqul Islam/IPS

Department of Epidemiology and Research at the National Heart Foundation, told a webinar recently.

National Professional Officer at WHO Bangladesh Office Dr Farzana Akter Dorin, suggested strengthening the

primary healthcare system and ensuring free hypertension medicine to cut the risk of developing heart diseases among people.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND:

CARE is a leading humanitarian organization dedicated to fighting poverty and social injustice and places a particular emphasis on women and girls, their dignity and empowerment to lead their communities out of poverty. CARE began working in Tanzania since April 1994, in response to the crisis in Rwanda and the subsequent influx of refugees into the Kagera Region of North-western Tanzania. Over the subsequent years, CARE Tanzania developed innovative education, health, microfinance, and environmental programs across most regions of the country. In Tanzania CARE works with the Government both in mainland and Zanzibar and other stakeholders to transform communities and ensure financial inclusion and independence, health and nutrition, climate-smart development resilience, especially for women and girls.

CARE Tanzania seeks to recruit a self-motivated, results driven, dynamic, suitably qualified, competent and dedicated Tanzanian to fill Senior Finance and Grants Officer position.

POSITION TITLE: Senior Finance and Grants Officer

REPORTS TO: Award and Sub-Award Manager

LOCATION: Dar-es-salaam

Job summary

The role of Senior Finance & Grants Officer is to ensure adequate management of projects funds at program level, oversees adherence with various rules, regulations, policies and guidelines issued for proper management of Donor funds and execution of accounting transactions in CARE International. The critical role of the position is to ensure the financial transactions for implementation of program and projects are executed in compliance with CARE Financial regulations, Donor rules and regulations, budgetary rules, adherence to accounting standards and good practice in management of financial transactions and timely preparation and submission of accurate and orderly financial reports. The position will also be responsible for managing the implementing partners including capacity building.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS

Job Responsibility #1: Financial Management and Compliance

Ensure compliance with specific Donors requirements as stipulated in agreements and contracts of the respective grants and CARE international policies, this includes:

- Ensuring that program staff and Partners fully understand and follow best practice in managing of the grants.
- Ensuring that Donor specific requirements for assigned project are fully understood and the implications for how grants and sub grants are managed are known by program and partners staff.
- Ensure projects documentation and financial transaction including partners are in compliance with Donor, CARE policies, statutory requirements.
- Maintain program files, such as Donor Contract, Program Budget and Program activity plan in orderly manner.
- Monitoring compliance with best practice including carrying out visits to field areas, partners' offices and partners for monitoring, capacity building, verifications and support management of financial transactions in implementation of program activities.
- Keeping up to date with changes and new developments in relevant CARE International policies and procedures on Grants and Contract Management, Donors policies and proactively ensure program staff and partners are familiarised with changes and new developments in grants and financial management.
- Participate in annual and periodic physical stock counting.
- Provide timely input to the management to support timely provision of data and project setups in People Soft.
- Prepare and submit budget Proposals to Grants and Contract Coordinator for "review and approval."
- Prepare Donor Approved Budget (DAB) and submit to GCC for review and submission to SSC.
- Prepare Budget and Project ID setup for sub awards of the assigned projects.
- Award Closeout
- Prepare Projects Closeout Checklist, review Project accounts balances, and address any financial issues in a timely manner with the program/project team leader.
- Follow-up on grant close up checklist to ensure compliance and smooth closing of program.
- Follow up on all pending financial issues related to the project with staff, partners and other stakeholders to ensure timely and proper clearance of outstanding issues.
- Prepare disposal proposal as guided by program/project team lead and submit to Country office for further action.
- Prepare and submit Final financial report to GCC on timely manner as specified on grants agreements.
- Maintain of Grants and Contract Information Management by enforces the filing system and data base as per CARE Tanzania procedures manual, ensure documents are maintained at program level.
- Provide required support and details during internal and external auditors and respond to audit queries and follow up implementation of audit recommendations.

Job Responsibility # 2: Sub -Grants Management

From time to time participate in selection and monitoring and close out processes of sub agreements. This includes: -

- Liaising with Program Coordinators/project Managers to build understanding of projects and partner's implementation plans, budget and financial needs.
- Provide guidance to partners on compliance issues, CARE and donors' rules and policies and also on Statutory compliances on financial matters.
- From time to time participates in the partners' assessments processes,
- Maintain a sub grants tracker for funds disbursed and liquidations received. An aging analysis of the remaining funds should be prepared monthly.
- Prepare monitoring plan and share with program coordinator and compile issues identified during verification process and monitoring visits and report back to the supervisors.
- Prepare modifications on Sub Agreement including budget details and submit to GCC for review and further actions.

Job Responsibility # 3: Financial Reports and Analytical Reviews

Management Reports (Internal Reporting)

- At the beginning of each month review projects budgets and prepare highlights on grants & sub grants financial requirements for sharing with the program team.
- At the end of each month, prepare monthly Project Budget Variance analysis for the review of respective budget holders on monthly basis, and submit the reviewed report with recommended actions on noted variations or errors to the GCC and accounting manager, and follow-up to ensure timely implementation of the approved recommendations or adjustments.
- Prepare periodic financial analysis to monitor budget performance for management review and ensure timely implementation of recommendations provided to address budget variances, errors, exceptions, and ensure reports are shared with the program team to improve financial performance of the program.
- Review monthly grants and contracts Payable/Receivable balances of the assigned projects and liaise with GCC to ensure correctness of balances and prepare Cash forecasts for respective projects and submit to Grants and Contract Coordinator.

Job Responsibility #4: Treasury Management

- Prepare projects' cash projections and cash forecast on quarterly basis and submit to Accounts Coordinator to ensure availability of cash for program/projects implementation. On monthly basis submit cash request form to program lead for review and submit the cash requests to Country office on timely manner.
- Coordinate banking operations within the program office to ensure smooth execution of payments and other transactions.
- Coordinate with the Grants and Contracts Manager to ensure timely preparation and submission of billing to donors by providing timely inputs and ensure received grants transfers and other miscellaneous receipts, are timely and correctly recorded under respective fund codes and PID.
- Facilitate, prepare and ensure payments to vendors are accurately done and within a reasonable time, and regular reviews bank accounts to ensure validity and completeness of transactions.
- Maintain or supervise petty cash (if necessary) and ensure timely recording of liquidation, perform spot checks on petty cash to ensure proper use of petty cash;
- Facilitate on line payments to participants of organized events at the program level or cash payment in small amounts during office workshops and other events.
- Maintain and ensure accurate recording of cheque register and submission of checklists to the banks for confirmation of payments in timely.
- Review bank statements and analyze bank charges transaction to ensure correctness before recording bank charges and submitting the statement to Accounts Coordinator/Shared Service Centre for further analysis and reconciliations and support SSS with required clarifications on pending and unreconciled bank transactions to enable timely completion of bank reconciliations and month closure.

Job Responsibility # 5: Accounts Payable and Receivable

- Coordinate and supervise process of recording account payable and receivable transactions to vendors' accounts in People soft and ensure payments are timely executed for the transactions executed at the program office through pay cycle system
- Review supporting documents and entries in the PS system to ensure validity, correctness and appropriate use of account codes and other required fields prior approval of the recorded transactions by budget holders,
- Review non Purchase Order payments for compliance to ensure validity of transactions and completeness of supporting documents,
- Before month closure, review and reconcile the Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable of the respective projects and report on identified error or required adjustments to ensure transactions are always recorded in compliance with donor agreement and in accordance with accounting standards and CARE International policies. Follow up with the Accounts Coordinator on any exceptions identified during the analysis
- Complete required forms on statutory deductions in particular withholding taxes and submit to Accounts Coordinator for further actions, and ensure withholding taxes are correctly and transparently recorded under AP journals to ensure easy tracking and timely submission of payments to appropriate authorities,
- Follow up with responsible officers to ensure timely clearance or collection of outstanding payables and receivables and inform the management on any long overdue receivables or payables that does not receive response.
- Critical review of financial documents on the accuracy of chart field, compliance with national, CARE and donor policy and arithmetical accuracy of the voucher and its supporting documents before affecting payment;
- Facilitate fund disbursement to staff, vendors, consultants, sub-grantees and expenses recording
- Review un-posted vouchers and inform concerned approvers for their immediate action.
- Perform any other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's degree in accounting/finance/commerce from a recognized University
- Master's degree in accounting/finance/commerce (added advantage)
- Full Registered with The National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) as Certified Public Accountant (CPA) will be added advantage

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- A minimum of 3 years working experience in Finance/Accounting is required.
- Experience of working with International NGO in similar position
- Good communication in English and Kiswahili
- Proficient in Computer with knowledge in Microsoft Office Suite, Internet usage.
- Experience in working with accounting software.

MODE OF APPLICATIONS:

Only a letter of application and updated CV including names of at least 3 reputable referees from previous jobs (preferable Line Managers) with reliable contacts should be sent by email to Human Resources Department TZAHumanResourcesDepartment@care.org by CoB, 17th November 2023 at 1700hrs. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

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The relentless struggles of India's seawall mammas

By Manipadma Jena

THE sun is high in the noon sky—humidity unrelenting at 95 percent in this Indian sea-coast village. The monsoon has been deficient; rice paddies are yellowing on the edges from the salty surf misting in on them. Waves now break barely 200 metres from the farms and homes.

Sixty-year-old Bengalata Rout heads for the Casuarina "forest wall" off the shoreline, trees that the women in the 108-household village Tandahara planted after the 1999 Super Cyclonic Storm decimated their mud-walled thatched-roof huts leaving their fertile farms salt-poisoned.

That year, 33 years ago, they planted the trees on the village boundary, a good distance away from the shoreline; today, on a stormy night, the sea crashes against the tree trunks, threatening to run amok into their homes.

Tandahara, sitting on the Bay of Bengal, is one of the last villages in the eastern Indian State Odisha, some 20 kilometres from Konark Sun Temple, UNESCO's designated heritage site that is itself showing the impacts of seas closing in.

The 'big storm' discovery

"When the big cyclone hit us, the Casuarina shelter belt that was standing from before, planted by the government, lay battered," Rout told Inter Press Service (IPS) as we walked toward the Casuarina forest. "We immediately realised had it not been standing there between the sea and our village we would have been wiped out."

And it was a life-changing discovery for these rural women.

The category-5 storm, carrying wind speeds of 160 miles hourly that made landfall over Odisha in October 1999, killed more than 10,000 people, mostly owing to 20 ft high storm surges that brought water 16 to 20 miles inland.

But Tandahara had not lost a single life. Losing no time, every woman volunteering, even the children clamouring to pitch in, they sorted themselves into ten groups of ten members with a mix of young and old. Saplings were requested from government and non-profits who came to help. Planting was done; the men lent a hand, but the women took it upon themselves to make sure the saplings survived.

"It was challenging. The soil had salted up, and the young plants struggled to survive," said Kanaka Behera, 32, one of the younger women. "And the water we got in our village had turned a bit saline also."

"We thought, for our cooking and drinking, we fetch groundwater from a shallow dug pit; why not get the sweet water for the plants, too? But that was a kilometre inland from our village, more distance from the plantation in the opposite direction. We will do it, we decided and dug the pit wider to get more water," Behera added.

"For months till the plants survived, we would be up before the sun, lining up our buckets around the water pit where water replenishes naturally overnight. Then the real arduous work began," said middle-aged Bena Mallika dressed in a bright green sari. Some ten of them would fill the buckets and hand them to ten others who relayed them to more waiting women till the saplings, one-and-half kilometres away, were sloshed and glistening. Only by noon, they were done, exhausted but triumphant, having carried one thousand buckets to the plants. They did this every alternate day. Meticulously, around each baby tree, they gouged a six-inch wide circular channel with their bare hands to hold the sweet water for longer and create an oasis of nutrition.

Climate events more frequent, intense as the sea keeps getting closer

But growing tree shields is a daunting exercise against a wounded, intermittently raging ocean. It is a handful of strong-willed women pitted against climate events getting more frequent and more intense from a rapidly warming sea. Odisha has encountered 10 cyclones in a



The women's group poses on the narrow strip of beach that's all that's left between the village boundary and the advancing sea. Credit: Manipadma Jena/IPS

span of 22 years from 1999 to 2021, with frequency rising over earlier decades, according to data from the Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA), which works to reduce disaster risk.

More broadly, the Indian subcontinent has witnessed more than 478 extreme events since 1970, whose frequency has accelerated after 2005, IPS had earlier reported.

But another phenomenon, more insidiously devastating, is creeping in on Tandahara.

Sitting on a cemented platform under the shade of an ageing banyan tree, there are several elders who share how the sea has moved closer. Remembering over five decades back, 70-year-old Tahali Kalia Gopal Behera narrated to IPS, "When I was 18, we youngsters went to the sea to catch the red beach crabs. We carried our lunch and left home in the morning, returning only in the evening. Those days, the sea was more than 3 kilometres away."

"The sea has eaten away 20 hectares of our village land," Bidyadhar Bhuyan, another elderly man, said.

Of Odisha State's over the 480-kilometre coastline, a high 79 percent has experienced drastic modification.

The State's coastline change trend shows 21 percent has been subject to erosion, and 51 percent is impacted by accretion. Based on 26 years of satellite images, the 2018 study by the National Centre for Coastal Research of Earth Sciences Ministry remains the latest using such extensive data.

Odisha's Puri province, where seafront villages like Tandahara face the brunt, experienced the highest accretion on 110 km of its total 140 km shore length, this study said.

Coastal accretion is the gradual increase or acquisition of land by the sea. It occurs through washing up sand, soil, or silt. Erosion is the gradual washing away of land along the shoreline.

While erosion-accretion phenomena are natural, climate disasters and persisting low-pressure events that cause turbulent seas are increasing ecological imbalance, according to an OSDMA expert.

"When I married and came to the village, there were sand dunes stretching all the way," remembered 46-year-old Mallika. "Now there's hardly any beach left for dunes to stand; only the shore sands are rising higher."

So close is the sea now that this year, 2023, even without any major low-pressure event, sea-water ingress has cut a 100-metre channel into pastureland on the village outskirts, Bhuyan added.

Oxford University research from across 52 sites worldwide on 'nature-based solutions' said coastal forest walls, mangroves and coral reefs cause waves to break before they hit the shore or ingress towards human habitats, lowering both the force and height of the swell and in the process reducing the likelihood of the sea breaching over into people's land.

The study found that natural habitats were 2.5 times more cost-effective than engineered structures, like the geotextile tube installed in another affected district in Odisha, which was in tatters within 10 years. These (like Tandahara's bio-wall) can help to protect from climate change impacts while slowing further warming (by carbon sequestration), supporting biodiversity, and secur-

ing ecosystem services, researchers widely believe.

Of bulls, goats and other challenges

As the Bay of Bengal became a hot-spot for tropical storms and waves inched closer to Tandahara, coating salty mist day and night on everything, their staple rice crops began failing. Employable males migrated out.

Left behind with children and ageing parents to make ends meet were again the women. They began goat-keeping. The 108 households have no less than 500 goats today.

One adult goat weighing 15kg can easily fetch up to INR 8000 (USD 96.3), extra during festive seasons.

Handsome returns, yes, but also the biggest daily menace to women's Casuarina walls.

"Until saplings are at least 5 feet tall and out of reach of the ever-hungry goats, we need to protect them. We patrol in groups of three, morning and afternoon," elderly Harkamani Swain said.

Rout walks on purposefully; it's difficult to keep up with her, traversing over uneven abandoned paddy fields. She is going to check if any goats or the village bull have walked in to nibble at the new saplings planted under the government's forestry scheme earlier in August this year when rains came.

If she spies the bull amidst the plants, she'll holler, and the women will rush and help chase it out.

"If cattle destroy the plants, their owners have to pay a 100 rupees (USD 1.2) penalty, Rout explains, sighing in relief on seeing no intruder. "To get a hungry bull off the plantation requires more than one woman. If a help call is shouted out, but the group member whose house is closest does not respond, they are charged 100 rupees as well," she explains how strict community rules have helped them grow the tree wall.

Seeing their zeal, in 2000, the forestry officials mentored them to form a village Forest Protection Committee. They were provided, one-time and free of cost, several large party-sized ironware pots worth 60,000 rupees (USD 722.8) to rent out to village events and maintain bank funds.

"Were this active group not been looking after the coastal forest, even when the government plants and sometimes waters them too, they would not remain alive beyond a month. There is a strong sense of ownership instilled within them. With them, we have a true partnership," a local supervisory-level government forest official told IPS, wishing not to be named as they were not allowed to speak to the media.

Green walls provide direct and indirect income for an entire village

When forest officials came with saplings this monsoon, the nearby beach was littered with dead Casuarina stumps and branches left from an earlier storm and proliferating beach creepers. The women's group offered to clear the large stretches. In return, they got to take home the dead wood.

"With the thinner branches, we were able to repair seaside fences," Kanaka Behera told IPS. The official would otherwise have hired contractors' men on wages. "We take ownership of the storm walls. We will patrol till the saplings are grown."

Eco-friendly library built from plastic bottles to help needy Ghanaian children

ACCRA

A MULTIMEDIA library, built from recycled plastic bottles by an African architect, was inaugurated late Tuesday in Kokrobite, a fishing community on the outskirts of the Ghanaian capital of Accra, providing schoolchildren from impoverished families with access to an array of learning resources.

The newly constructed building, which stands out from the many modest structures around it, was built using 45,000 recycled plastic bottles. Inside, the library is well-stocked with books covering topics from archaeology to zoology, as well as tablets and laptops fully connected to the Internet. The serene environment provides an ideal space for learning.

Martial Bruce Zohoungbogbo, who holds dual citizenship in Ghana and Benin, told Xinhua that he built the "bottle house" with funds raised by him and his wife, with the help of many locals from one of the least developed communities in the region, where most families rely on traditional fishing and struggle to afford better education for their children.

The building is primarily composed of two sizes of plastic bottles. The larger bottles, filled with soil and securely tied with ropes, were used as "bricks" for the walls, while the smaller bottles were

layered to form columns. Martial described the structure as "water-proof, fire-resistant, bullet-proof, and earthquake-proof."

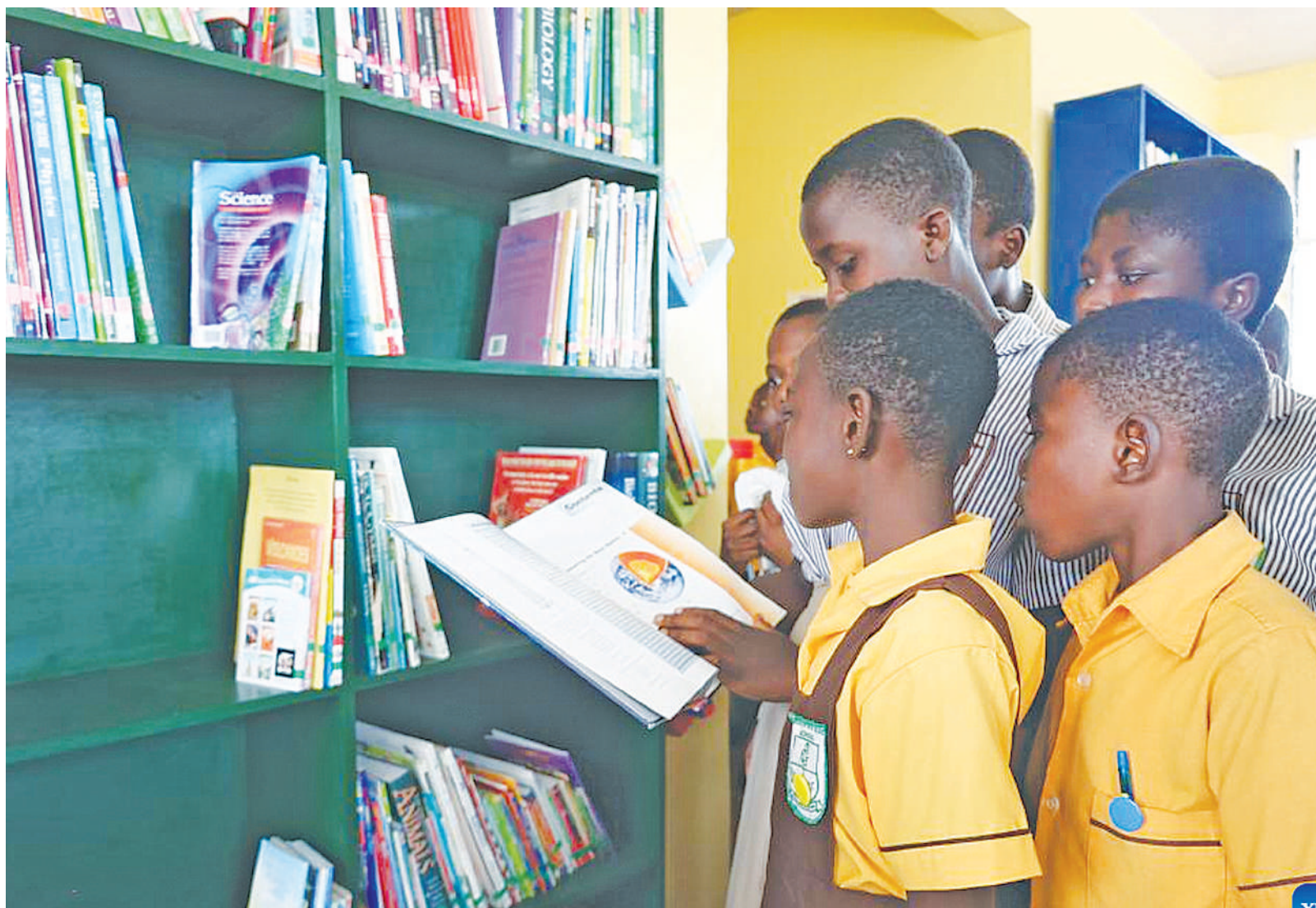
Martial, who came to this community some 30 years ago, learned the technique of building architecture with plastic bottles from a German architect. After learning that local children had long been grappling with inadequate spaces and resources for learning, he decided to use his architectural expertise to make a difference.

Jane Zohoungbogbo, Martial's wife and the chief executive officer of the Kokrobite Chilern Center, a non-governmental organization, said the facility will greatly support academic work in the community.

"Children from communities like this don't have many opportunities. But if you have an education, you have a choice, and then you are much more likely to have opportunities," Jane said.

Students use tablets at a multimedia library built from recycled plastic bottles in Kokrobite, a fishing town. "The library is the first one we built with bottles, but it's our second center. At our first center, we currently have about 50 children who come every afternoon during the week and up to about 140 or 150 on Saturday mornings," she added.

The building has also boosted the community's confidence in the fu-



Multimedia library made of plastic bottles to benefit Ghanaian children in poor community

ture academic performance of their children. Dan Bright Abayateye, a teacher in the community, affirmed

that the multimedia library will help children in the area excel in mathematics, science, and information

and communication technology-related courses. "Students in the area could now take advantage of this

modern library facility to learn and have a better future," he said.

Africans urged to wake up and smell the coffee

JOHANNESBURG

AFRICANS must wake up and smell the coffee and start believing in themselves and their brands if they want to be a force to be reckoned with in the global world.

These were the words of Thebe Ikalafeng, one of the 100 Most Influential Africans, when he delivered his address at The Bull's Kraal Black Conversations organised by Castle Mild Sout to celebrate African culture.

"For as long as Africans still uphold and continue to admire Western brands at the expense of their own, they will never reach the top-notch mark with their own brands. We should learn to uphold and admire our own brands and build them to the level of those from the Western world," Ikalafeng said.

He narrated a story of a boy from Daveyton who once remarked that he would not buy jeans created by Tshepo Jeans for R2 000 because they were

too expensive for a Kasi boy that he grew up with in Daveyton and said he would rather buy these Western brand for even much more than a brand from a Kasi boy.

"With this mentality, we will never go far in building our own brands and developing ourselves as African people because we look down on ourselves and so much believe in Western brands.

"If our own Kasi boy has created these amazing top-quality

jeans, why can't we support him and grow his brand to be up there with the best the world can offer? There is also the Batho tekkies brand that some top American brand has been wanting to buy out because it was killing the market for theirs. I am glad Batho stood firm and never cowered to this elimination process so the West can always dominate us with their own brands," he said.

This was also echoed by Mzi-likazi Wa Afrika, an investigative

journalist and advocate for a brand-led African renaissance, who urged Africans to outgrow the belief in Western brands and start building their own.

"For how long are we going to be enslaved by Western brands and suits in our own Parliament and not wear our own traditional clothing attire, which in this country is worn once a year during Heritage Day," Wa Afrika asked.

He also mentioned an incident at some mall in Midrand

where a Ndebele man wearing his traditional gear was booted out of the mall and accused of being scantily dressed and exposing himself to the disgust of other shoppers. "What nonsense is this in this day and age of our democracy," Wa Afrika wondered.

This was echoed by Buhlebendalo Mda, a heritage enthusiast and healer, who urged Africans to transcend such belittlements and start the journey to build and market their own brands

without fear.

"We need to try harder and be fearless in building our brands and marketing ourselves as African regardless of what the next person says and believes. We live in a world where we are influenced by so many things and cultures and as South Africans, we must try never to lose our culture and focus. We need to give ourselves credit instead of constantly criticising and blaming each other for losing ourselves."

Programme bears fruit in southern highlands regions, as new-borns are now free from HIV

By Felister Peter

THE HIV prevention-of-mother-to-child-transmission (PMTCT) programme implemented by the HJF Medical Research International (HJFMRI) in the Mbeya Region has to a large extent helped pregnant and breastfeeding mothers to prevent their new-borns from contracting HIV and suppress their viral load.

The HIV positive mothers receive care and treatment-antiretroviral therapy (ART) at their health facilities.

Lucy Mwambaje, a resident of Ithanga village in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region is one of the beneficiaries of the programme despite being diagnosed with HIV in 2008, she has been able to give birth to three children and they are all negative.

"When I was diagnosed HIV positive at the Mbarali District hospital, I accepted the situation and was ready to start antiretroviral (ARV) treatment. Doctors advised me to wait because, at that time, my CD4 count was high (600). I started medication in 2009 when I got pregnant and that's when I knew about the PMTCT program. I started taking drugs to protect my baby and was also educated on how to breastfeed and care for the infant so that I don't infect him," said Mwambaje, noting that her husband is also HIV positive and is on medication.

Winfrida John, a mom-to-mom (m2m) mentor under the HJFMRI programme who was born positive in 1991 has successfully given birth to two children who are HIV-negative, linking the situation with medication adherence.

Narrating her journey, she said that before knowing her status, she was suffering from several diseases until November 5th, 2005 when she tested positive at Mbeya referral hospital and started medication (ART) by that time, her CD4 count was 9.

"I was taking my medicines properly; in 2015, doctors told me that my viral load was suppressed with a CD4



Lucy Mwambaje

count of 1,000. I started the mentorship program in 2016 and I have so far reached 200 HIV positive pregnant and breastfeeding mothers," she said.

The HJFMRI implements a supported HIV care and treatment programs with funding from the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) of the US-Department of Defense (DoD) in close collaboration with the Tanzanian Min-

istry of Health (MoH) and the President's Office of the Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG).

The interventions supported under this program include PMTCT which mainly focuses on preventing vertical transmission of HIV to new infants before and after their births in the regions of Rukwa, Katavi, Mbeya, and Songwe.

Winfrida John thanked the HJFMRI and the Tanzanian government for ensuring the availability of these interventions.

ers she mentored have given birth to HIV-negative babies. She however said there are few pregnant women who could dodge the clinic and sometimes fail to collect their medicine on time.

Winfrida said she conducts visits to pregnant women who are on HIV treatment and looks out for women who are reported 'lost to follow-up' and re-link them to care.

Atuita Chaula, a mom-to-mom (m2m) mentor at Igawa dispensary in Mbarali District who was diagnosed HIV positive in 2013 said that she has reached over 70 pregnant women who are on HIV treatment.

"We have succeeded in making sure all the HIV-positive pregnant mothers linked to care continue with the service. Of the 72 mothers on treatment, 52 are now breastfeeding," she said, commending HJFMRI for training them on how to link pregnant women to care.

The In-charge of the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) department at the Mbarali District Hospital, Bertha Masawe said that all the mothers who seek maternity clinics at the hospital are tested for HIV whereas those diagnosed positive are enrolled for treatment.

She said while on medication, mothers are closely monitored until they give birth. She said the new-borns are also monitored to make sure they don't get infections from their mothers through the provision of education to mothers on how to breastfeed and use medicines properly.

"The engagement of mom-to-mom (m2m) mentors in the program is good because apart from providing education to pregnant mothers also they remind them on the dates to collect medicines and the importance of using the drugs correctly. Mom-to-mom (m2m) assists us to inspire newly diagnosed HIV-positive mothers because even the pregnant women who are HIV positive get motivated by seeing their peers in a jovial mood and healthier," said Masawe.

Fighting malnutrition and changing mindsets in Rwanda

By Paul Virgo

Of the many things one might associate with a modern teenager, passion for wholegrain food is probably not the first that comes to mind. An innovative school-meals project in Rwanda, however, has young people singing its praises.

“Eating wholegrain maize makes our bodies strong and healthy,” said Julienne, a 15-year-old student at Kibirizi primary school in the Nyamagabe district in the south of the country.

“It is very tasty and nutritious.” Julienne is one of thousands of Rwandan students who have been getting school meals as part of a UN World Food Programme (WFP) project in which fortified refined maize meal has been replaced by a fortified wholegrain version.

The fortified wholegrain maize meal is used to make “kaunga”, a sort of stiff porridge that is served with beans and vegetables in schools.

It is an exciting trial for WFP, which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2020 for its efforts to provide food assistance in conflict zones and to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war, to integrate wholegrains into school meals. Food is usually fortified to reduce micronutrient deficiencies in the people who eat it by adding vitamins and minerals to the refined versions of staple grains.

Fortification of wholegrain flours, where virtually all the grain remains in the processed product, has largely been uncharted territory up to now.

But it is potentially a promising way to increase the micronutrient content while maintaining the health benefits of wholegrains, which provide more protein, fibre and micronutrients than refined foods.

Wholegrain foods also have a cost advantage over refined versions because a higher yield is extracted from the raw materials.

So getting people to acquire a taste for wholegrains is a good way to boost nutrition and food security.

The WFP project in Rwanda, which was launched in 2021 in partnership with The Rockefeller Foundation, is doing precisely that. The Rockefeller Foundation has also enlisted the help of a local partner, Vanguard Economics, to support the project.

The WFP Country Office has reported a big shift in student preferences thanks to the programme, with 97% saying they preferred the wholegrain versions to the refined equivalent because they liked the rich taste.

It also led to parents asking where they can buy the product on the market.

“The more nutritious foods children eat, the more active they are, and they perform better in school too,” said Faustin, Julienne’s father.

“I like the taste of the wholegrain maize and I would like to add it to the food we eat at home so that Julienne’s siblings can also enjoy it”.

WFP buys the fortified wholegrain maize meal from the same miller it got the fortified refined maize meal from.

“Before the pilot (project), fortified maize meal, purchased from a local supplier, was already a main component of school lunches along with fortified rice, fresh vegetables from school gardens, beans, fortified oil and iodized salt,” said WFP’s Tiina Honkanen.

“Together with The Rockefeller Foundation, we saw that if we could work with the existing WFP supplier miller to fortify the wholegrain maize meal instead of the refined flour, we could further increase the nutritional value of the school lunches, combining the benefits of both fortification and wholegrain, without having to change the school meal.

“We did not try to introduce a completely new product but focused on a food that was already being eaten”.



Pupils eat their school lunch in Rwanda. Photo provided by WFP.

The project also helps the local economy. WFP supports smallholder farmers to improve their quality and yields and connects them to viable markets to sell their supply. Such is the case for a number of WFP-supported maize farmers, who sell their maize to the WFP supplier miller who produces the fortified wholegrain maize meal.

“Before, getting buyers was not so smooth. What

excites me most is knowing that WFP buys [the end product] to distribute in school meals,” said Immaculée, a farmer from Nyaruguru district of Rwanda.

“It feels good to know that your produce is reaching children in your very own community.”

Aside from the success of the project itself, what makes it especially worthy of attention is the potential for it to be a model to replicate elsewhere.

In fact, fortified whole maize meal is now enjoyed by 180,000 school children in Burundi and another 60,000 in Kenya, with exciting scale-up prospects in all three countries.

“The pilot demonstrated that the substitution (of refined foods with wholegrain versions) can be feasible, budget-neutral and be well accepted by students and the school community,” said Honkanen.

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Euro zone bond yields decline again, with central bank speakers in focus

LONDON

EURO zone bond yields fell slightly on Tuesday after rising the previous day, as investors focused on speeches by central bank officials in a relatively quiet week for economic data.

Global yields tumbled last week, dragged lower by a drop in US yields after the Federal Reserve held interest rates steady; the US Treasury said it would issue less longer-dated debt than expected; and data suggested the US economy might be slowing.

Germany's 10-year bond yield was last down 3 basis points (bps) at 2.705%. Yields move inversely to prices.

The yield, the benchmark for the euro zone, fell to its lowest in almost two months last week at 2.629%.

Emmanouil Karimalis, macro rates strategist at UBS, said bond yields were likely to waver around current levels as investors weigh up incoming data.

"The markets moved a lot last week on the back of data and more dovish central banks ... and yesterday we saw some repricing. So I think markets will probably be range-bound and wait for the next set of data," he said.

The economic calendar is relatively light this week, although data on Tuesday showed that German industrial production dropped by 1.4 percent month-on-month in September, far worse than the 0.1% fall economists expected.

Investors were keeping an ear out for central bank speakers' views on the likely path of interest rates.

Notable central bank speakers on Tuesday include ECB policymaker and German Bundesbank chief Joachim Nagel and Fed vice chair Michael Barr. Fed Chair Jerome Powell is due to speak on both Wednesday and Thursday.

Italy's 10-year yield was last down 5

bps at 4.535 percent.

The gap between Italian and German 10-year yields was little changed at 182 bps. The so-called spread, a gauge of investor confidence in the euro zone's more indebted countries, narrowed to its smallest since mid-September last week at 174 bps.

On Monday, European Central Bank policymaker Robert Holzmann said the central bank must remain vigilant on inflation and be prepared to raise rates again if needed. The ECB held rates at a record high of 4 percent at its last meeting in late October.

Germany's 2-year bond yield, which is sensitive to expectations about ECB interest rates, was last 1 bp lower at 3.085 percent on Tuesday. It has fallen from a 15-year high of 3.393 percent in July.

Australia's central bank raised interest rates on Tuesday, bucking the trend among developed economy central banks for keeping borrowing costs on hold.

As of Tuesday, traders saw effectively no chance that the ECB would raise interest rates again, according to pricing in derivatives markets.

Markets think the ECB will cut interest rates by around 95 bps by the end of 2024, having only expected 80 bps of cuts as recently as two weeks ago.



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Bank of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam office

BoT determined to 'mop up' 100/- billion from the market

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) is seeking to mop up 100bn/- from the market, as part of implementation of less monetary accommodative policy.

The amount is expected to be wiped through Treasury bills, which will be auctioned today.

According to the BoT invitation tender, a total of 172.8bn/- are expected to be raised during the auction, as the remaining 72.8bn/- will be for government financing purpose.

Last month, the central bank also conducted two Treasury bills auctions, seeking to mop up 80bn/- for each auction.

During the first auction held on

11th October, the central bank intended to raise 152.9bn/- from the market of which 72.8bn/- were intended for government financing purposes and the remaining were for liquidity purpose.

However, during the auction, the central bank offered 51.9bn/- for 182 days maturity, of which 83.56bn/- were tendered and 72.6bn/- for one year maturity of which 83.5bn/- were tendered.

At the end of the auction, the central bank accepted all tendered amount for both maturities, at a minimum discounted bid prices of 96.16/100 and 91.53/100 respectively.

Another T-bills auction was conducted on October 25th, of which the central bank intended to raise

72.89bn/- for government financing purpose and 80bn/- for liquidity purpose. At the end of the auction, the central bank intended to raise 152bn/- of which 8.9bn/- was for 35 days maturity, 18.9bn/- for 91 days maturity, 51.9bn/- for 182 days maturity and 72.67bn/- for one year maturity.

At the end of the auction, no bid was recorded on 35-days maturity, 4.5bn/- were tendered for 91 days maturity; no amount was tendered for six months maturity and only 19.1bn/- were tendered for one year maturity.

The results show the central bank accepted all tendered amount (23.6bn/-), which was massive under subscription against offered amount.

In its statement issued after the meeting last month, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) chaired by the central bank governor, decided to sustain the less accommodative monetary policy.

"The policy stance will continue to be implemented in close collaboration with fiscal and structural policies. Monetary policy measures will also be implemented to achieve the targets under the Extended Credit Facility Program for the quarter ending December 2023," the MPC said in a statement.

The MPC noted that the implementation of the less accommodative monetary policy successfully maintained liquidity in the economy at appropriate levels in August, September, and October 2023.

Dar es Salaam seeks to become 24-hours

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

THE Ilala District Commissioner Edward Mpongolo has said they are in the final stage to sort out some security issues to enable businesses to run 24 hours.

Mpongolo revealed this Monday during the launch of Hisense showroom, which is involved in selling various electronic home appliances and Toshiba's official entry into the Tanzanian market.

According to him, a number of foreign investors are currently eyeing to establish electronic appliances shops, which will increase employment opportunities to youth and

boost revenue collections.

"To allow people shop freely at night and ensure the security of business owners, we are finalizing securities issues including installation of lights and cameras to enable business open for 24 hours in Kariakoo and Posta starting from next year," he said.

Earlier last week, Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamilia said they have requested 8bn/- from the government to improve electricity infrastructure within the city's Central Business Districts (CBDs).

RC Chalamilia said 24 hours operation at Kariakoo market will start after the completion of the construc-



Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Albert Chalamilia

tion of the market, which is expected to be finalized at the end of this year.

"The funds will be used to for various pro-

jects including changing of electric wires, because most current wires are outdated. Some money would be used to install electronic

switch, so that in case there is power cut, electricity could be still available at the market," he said.

Chalamilia said the issue of setting electricity at Kariakoo is very important because sometime fire eruption is caused by old wires.

Speaking at the event, the Dar es Salaam City Council Mayor Omary Kumbilamoto requested two companies to establish electronic home appliances factory locally, instead of importing finished goods.

"Since we are living in a digital world and technology is growing and changing every day. We need such equipment to be made in our country," she said.

He said the launch of Toshiba Televisions in Tanzania brings a legacy of Japanese engineering, offering customers products that blend technology, design, and performance.

The company also introduced a diverse range of television models that cater to the varied preferences of Tanzanian consumers.

Agricultural development bank gains Tier-2 status

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has graduated into Tier-2 bank status, after its total assets surpassed half a trillion shillings mark.

"Following seven years of our establishment, we have managed to graduate into Tier-2 bank status. This will increase our visibility in the market," said Dr. Kaanaeli Nnko, finance director and acting managing director, TADB.

Speaking yesterday when presenting the bank's financial results for the third quarter of this year, Dr Nnko said during the end of the quarter, total assets amounted to 535.2bn/-, slight higher than 500bn/- requirements.

During the third quarter, he said the bank's pre-tax profit amounted to 4.8bn/-, which is an increase by 28 per cent, from 3.8bn/- recorded during similar quarter of last year.

The growth of profitability,

he said resulted from growth of both interest and non-interest incomes, which grew by 26 and 18 per cent respectively.

Year-on-year interest income amounted to 10.94bn/- during the third quarter from 8.6bn/- recorded as at September last year, while non-interest income was 1.52bn/-.

The finance director said, the bank cumulative pre-tax profit at the end of the third quarter of this year amounted to 12.34bn/-, at the end of September.

He said the bank has also managed to maintain efficient cost to income ratio of 46 per cent during the end of third quarter.

The bank has also managed to improve its assets quality after lowering the rate of Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) to 4.58 per cent, which is less than the regulatory benchmark of 5 per cent from 5.4 per cent in September 2022.

According to Dr Nnko, the bank's impairment losses coverage is at 90 per cent.



Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank Finance Director Dr Kaanaeli Nnko (2nd R) elaborates on the bank's financial performances for Q3, 2023 at a press conference, held in Dar es Salaam, yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

"Loans and advances surged by an impressive 94.7bn/-, a 36 per cent increase. This surge solidifies the bank's unwavering commitment to providing vital financial support to farmers, agribusinesses, and various stakeholders across Tanzania," he elaborated.

The bank's Ag. Director of Credit and Business, Afia Sigge, said that in the third Quarter of this Year (Q3), a total of 61.8bn/- were issued as loans in the crop, livestock and fishing sectors in the country, reaching 1.7 million farmers in 27 regions and 124 districts of Tanzania.

Of the 61bn/- was disbursed to farmers, she said 40.2bn/- disbursed for the purchase of inputs and costs of agricultural operations. 19bn/- borrowed for the cost of construction of agricultural projects.

According to Sigge, a total of 1.2bn/- were borrowed from irrigation projects, while 1.19bn/- borrowed for the pur-

pose of purchasing livestock, modern agricultural materials and warehouse construction.

On his part, George Nyamunda who is the Agency Fund Manager for the Smallholder Credit Guarantee Scheme (SCGS), one of TADB's flagship initiatives, said the credit facility continues to make substantial progress.

He said the bank's collaboration with 16 participating financial institutions (PFIs) has extended its reach to beneficiaries in 27 regions and 127 districts, with a total disbursement of 228.2bn/- at the end of September this year, from 159bn/- recorded in Q3, 2022.

"These results vividly illustrate the positive impact of this initiative on smallholder farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs nationwide," he said.

He said during last week, the banks launched three products, of which farmers involved climate smart agriculture will be guaranteed by 70 per cent.

Africa's e-commerce revenue to reach US\$59.18bn by 2027

NAIROBI

DESPITE many African e-commerce platforms struggling to attain profitability, the sector's outlook remains promising, driven by the digitalization of payments, the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area, and the advancement of deferred payment systems.

The overall revenue of active e-commerce platforms in Africa is expected to reach \$59.18 billion in 2027, up from \$32.49 billion in 2022 and \$13.58 billion in 2018, as estimated by the digital economy consultancy firm TechCabal Insights in a report released on October 12.

Entitled "Future of Commerce: Outlook for 2024," the report forecasts an average

annual growth of 10.4 percent in this revenue between 2023 and 2027, thanks to the increased number of online buyers, a surge in e-commerce platforms, and the continent's rising population.

Over the period, the number of African online buyers is also projected to increase by an average of 179 percent annually, reaching 609.3 million buyers in 2027 compared to 387.5 million in 2022.

Consequently, the e-commerce adoption rate across the continent is projected to rise from 32 percent in 2022 to 44 percent by 2027, marking a notable increase of 12 percentage points over five years.

The primary contributing factors to this upsurge include the growing number of mobile internet users and the expanding embrace of digital financial services



such as mobile money and internet banking.

With sales forecasted to climb from \$13.93 billion in 2023 to \$20.08 billion in 2025, the electronics segment will steer the overall e-commerce revenue growth in the coming years on the continent.

Following closely are the segments of fashion items, with sales anticipated to reach \$11.44 billion in 2025 compared to \$8.46 billion in 2023, as well as toys & leisure, personal care, and furniture.

The report further unveils that 129 African startups specializing in online commerce raised a combined total of \$948.5 million between January 1, 2019, and June 30, 2023. The most substantial funding was secured by the Kenyan online platform Wasoko, focusing on food products, amounting to \$125 million.

Despite these funding rounds, a significant number of these budding companies are facing huge operational challenges and are

struggling to achieve profitability. Consequently, Zumi, Wabi, and Sindy have ceased operations, while Copia Global, Twiga Foods, and Marketforce have respectively laid off 700, 494, and 54 employees since the beginning of 2022.

Meanwhile, Jumia, despite implementing an aggressive cost reduction program, is still grappling with reaching profitability, mainly due to the escalating inflation across the various markets it serves.

Losses in the initial years of e-commerce platforms are not exclusive to African startups. An example is the American giant Amazon, which took eight years to become a profitable enterprise.

The report suggests a promising outlook for African startups operating in the e-commerce sector over the coming years.

The outlook is positive, especially as the companies are expected to capitalize on the growth of electronic payments in the continent, improved infrastructural and logistical capabilities following the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and the ongoing development of Buy-Now-Pay-Later (BNPL) services.

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

THE government has suggested for full participation of public and private entities in road safety campaigns as part of efforts towards reducing road accidents in the country.

That remarks were made in Dar es Salaam over the weekend by Kigamboni District Commissioner, Halima Bulembo on behalf of Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalamila at a ceremony to award winners of the 'Be Road Safe' campaign coordinated by Puma Energy Tanzania in partnership with Amend Tanzania.

The event took place at Kibugumo Primary School in Kigamboni Municipality where the host school won the award.

Bulembo said that road safety training for primary school pupils will help reduce road accidents especially to targeted areas, calling for more partnerships so that the awareness campaigns reach pupils

Private sector urged to help in curbing road crashes

countrywide.

"We believe in public private partnership (PPP) can play a vital role in such campaigns and can highly reduce number of road accidents not only in saving current but also future generation by spreading awareness on how to use roads" said Bulembo

Bulembo said the PUMA Led initiative will reduce the number of deaths and injuries among primary pupils, thus protecting the nation's workforce and wealth.

"Road traffic accidents are the leading cause of death among children and young people in Africa, Tanzania the main cause are overloading, over speeding, poor infrastructure and drunk driving hence the awareness attained will give relief to road accidents" she added.

Last year's statistics from the Traffic department indicates that deaths



Pupils participate in road safety campaign. File photo

caused by road accidents were 1,545 and 2,278 injuries which were caused by 1,720 road accidents.

Puma Energy Tanzania, Executive Director, Fatma Abdallah said the positive results of the initiative has led Puma Energy Group to implement it to other African countries such as Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Ghana.

Abdallah said the campaign activities are being implemented in collaboration with Amend Tanzania and has equipped the primary school pupils with essential road safety knowledge and skills, empowering them to make safe choices on the road.

"We shall continue to invest in providing knowledge especially to young children from primary schools as our priority because we believe that every child deserves a safe journey to and back. Through this initiative, we shall work closely with various

partners in making it successful" said Abdallah.

She said that Puma started the initiative in 2013 whereby so far more than 200 primary schools from Dar es Salaam, Ruvuma, Geita, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, and Dodoma for Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar isles have been reached adding that the plan is to reach more regions in the country.

"Protecting children by educating them on road safety is everybody's responsibility. Together, we can make a huge difference and create safe roads for our future generation" she said.

Amend Tanzania Director, Simon Kalolo said the core aim of the initiative is to build pupils' capacity to use the road safely to reduce road accidents.

The Be Road Safe 2023 campaign involves five primary schools from Dar es Salaam namely Kibugumo, Kifuru, Msewe, Kibasila and Mtambani whereby after attaining road safety training, pupils were given drawing competitions concerning road safety.

China offers support to stressed developer

BEIJING

AFTER letting two of the world's biggest property developers plunge into default, Chinese authorities are attempting to save a third industry giant from following suit.

China Vanke Co., the country's second-largest builder by contracted sales, received an unusually strong show of support from officials in its hometown of Shenzhen on Monday – following a dollar-bond plunge that made Vanke Asia's worst investment-grade performer last month. Its notes climbed as much as 4 cents Tuesday after some surged a record 12 cents a day earlier. Still, several of them remain at distressed levels of below 80 cents.

In an online call with financial firms Monday, the city's State-owned Assets Supervision and Management Commission said it has confidence in Vanke and enough cash and tools to support the builder if needed, according to people who listened into the call. State-owned Shenzhen Metro Group Co., Vanke's largest shareholder, said it has no plans to cut its stake and is actively preparing to purchase Vanke's publicly-traded bonds at the right time.

"The show of support from local authorities for Vanke is stronger than anticipated," said Leonard Law, senior credit analyst with Lucrator Analytics Pte. While the move "certainly bodes well" for developers partially or fully owned by the state, it's "unlikely to benefit those that have already defaulted" or to be a turning point for the wider industry.

Founded by Wang Shi in 1984 when China's economy was in the early stages of opening up, Vanke was the country's largest property developer for years before more aggressive peers Country Garden

Holdings Co. and China Evergrande Group topped it. Apart from its quality projects tailored to China's emerging and vast middle class, Vanke also became famous for a unique corporate style in the industry – an engaged board, diffuse shareholders and an entrepreneurial culture.

After Wang cautioned in 2013 that China's real estate sector faced the risk of a "bubble," Vanke made early efforts to diversify from property development. It operates rental apartments and has built a logistics portfolio and growing services business that has included an investment in and partnership with US-based office-property broker Cushman & Wakefield Plc.

Authorities' comments on Monday about Vanke – one of China's few remaining investment-grade builders – contrast with more muted official efforts to restore market confidence in Evergrande and Country Garden. Both of them defaulted on dollar bonds and are facing uncertain futures that include drastic restructurings or possibly liquidation.

As China's property crisis heads into its fourth year, authorities at both the national and local level have expressed greater urgency to stem the fallout from a sector that by some estimates had accounted for about a quarter of economic output.

Vanke is no stranger to having official support. State-owned conglomerate China Resources (Holdings) Co. was its largest stakeholder for almost two decades, until a yearlong takeover drama emerged in 2016. Evergrande briefly owned more than one-quarter of Vanke before Wang brought in Shenzhen Metro, owned by the city's state-owned assets supervisor. He then stepped down as Vanke's chairman.



Recent sector worries, fueled in part by Country Garden's woes, engulfed Vanke's notes last month. They lost 35 percent, the worst in a Bloomberg index of Asia investment-grade dollar bonds.

One note fell as low as 36 cents last week; it's since rebounded to 57 cents. That's the low end of Vanke dollar bonds' indicated range, which goes as high as 96 cents for a security due in March. The price disparity highlights how near-term investor concerns have eased substantially, even as longer-term uncertainty about repayment prospects persists.

The builder said in a statement after Monday's call that it "will definitely repay offshore and onshore debt on time," and that the "market doesn't need to worry about that at all."

Whether this marks a turning point for the broader property industry is unclear. Vanke's government-backing via Shenzhen distinguishes it from other privately run developers that have struggled to gain access to financing despite recent government efforts to provide more funding. Dollar bonds of investment-grade peer Longfor Group Holdings Ltd. trade at low levels below 50 cents.

Still, putting a line under the Vanke selloff would help authorities reduce the risk of another major property giant collapsing while they grapple with the fallout at Country Garden, Evergrande and a

slew of other smaller distressed developers.

While regulators are unwilling to see defaults expand to other property firms, be they privately-run or state-backed, the reality is there has been no significant improvement in property sales or financing channels, said Wang Chen. He is co-founder of The Belt&Road Origin (Beijing) Tech Co., a credit risk analysis provider.

"If sales cannot improve," he said, "it is meaningless to talk about anything else."



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Aramco pays \$29bn dividend despite production decrease

RIYADH

ARAMCO maintained its dividend to the Saudi government despite a drop in production and weaker oil prices as the kingdom tackles a widening budget deficit.

The total payout of \$29.4 billion to the state and other investors, including a special component, held at the previous quarter's level even as lower output helped push net income 23 percent down year-on-year to \$32.6 billion in the third quarter.

The world's biggest crude oil exporter provides much of the Saudi government's income via generous dividends.

The distribution is becoming ever more vital as Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman pursues expensive projects such as the futuristic city Neom, the purchase of high-profile footballers and stakes in sporting leagues, while looking to diversify the economy from oil.

But for now, oil remains key for Saudi finances. The market has shrugged off concerns that Israel's war on Hamas will spill over to the wider region and threaten global supplies. Brent crude is back to where it was before Hamas's Oct. 7 attack on Israel, at about \$85 a barrel. That's keeping the Saudis and their OPEC+ partner Russia intent on maintaining their unilateral output cuts for now.

They may be forced to prolong those curbs into next year amid signs that the physical oil market is weakening. Demand for fuels such as diesel is softening in Europe in a sign of lackluster economic growth.

Aramco's profit from its upstream business, which includes oil and gas output, dropped 23% to \$60.6 billion. Saudi Arabia is keeping production at near 9 million barrels a day, about 1 million below the average of the past decade. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and allied producers are scheduled to meet later this month to review their supply policy.

Aramco partially compensated for the drop in upstream earnings with better third-quarter refining margins, which pushed the unit to a \$5.3 billion profit from a loss in the same quarter a year ago.

The dividend for the quarter, a combination of a base payout and a component linked to free cash flow, draws on last year's bumper profits when oil averaged nearly \$100 a barrel. Other international oil majors have also prioritized shareholder returns, with Shell Plc increasing its stock buyback program.



Africa needs enhanced tax collection to safe guide external Shocks

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AFRICA needs enhanced tax collection systems that are supported by trade and investment to safeguard against external shocks as well as legislation to protect tax bases. The improved tax collection systems and revenue generation could generate an additional \$220 billion in revenue, and cross-border transactions and e-commerce with the potential to generate \$40 billion in revenue by 2023. These were the key takeaways and recommendations presented by The Dr Patrick Olomo - Acting Head: Economic Policy and Sustainable Development Division at Africa Union Commission on 2 November, 2023 during the ongoing ATAF Annual Meeting in Cape Town, South Africa. Presenting a paper titled; Strengthening International Cooperation: A United Front Against Illicit Financial Flows (IFF) Dr Olomo further explained that active engagement

in global tax reforms should start with a Continental dialogue on inclusive and effective tax cooperation in which Africa should organize a continental dialogue on inclusive and effective tax cooperation at the United Nations, and the OECD Two Pillar rules and involving various African institutions, to guide future discussions and ensure Africa's interests are represented. Dr Olomo added that that Regional harmonization and protection of tax bases through legislation should be implemented to protect tax bases from losses due to incentives. Contributing to the discussion as panelists Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) Executive Director, Chenai Mukumba mentioned that the Policy Tracker Tool on Illicit Financial Flows (IFFS): TJNA will be conducting validation meetings

with Member States, facilitated by the African Union Commission (AUC), to ensure the Policy Tracker Tool is fit for purpose and builds upon existing efforts. "Once finalized, the tool will be presented to relevant AU Policy Organs for consideration and endorsement. This highlights the importance of collaborative validation and the endorsement process to ensure the tool's effectiveness and acceptance", Mukumba commented. The Two-Pillar Solution acknowledges the calls from developing countries for more mechanical, predictable rules, and more generally, provides a redistribution of taxing rights to market jurisdictions based on where sales and users are located.

Mittal's Uganda IPO flops as bonds attract investors

KAMPALA

INDIAN billionaire Sunil Mittal's Airtel Uganda Ltd. failed to sell about half of the shares on offer in its initial public offering as investors stayed away, preferring high-yield government bonds. Airtel said it managed to raise 211.4 billion shillings (\$56 million) after selling 54.5 percent of the 8 billion shares on offer. Retail investors bought just 0.3 percent of the IPO. Shares were trading unchanged at 100 shillings on its debut on Tuesday.



Government bonds in the East African country yield as much as 15 percent. By comparison, shares of Airtel's rival MTN Uganda Ltd. have dropped 14 percent since its IPO in 2021. Investors have also been wary after Uganda enacted a draconian anti-LGBTQ law, prompting US President Joe Biden to withdraw the nation's preferential trade access. Investors may have opted for less risky government securities while disregarding the future value of the stock, the Uganda Security Exchange's Chief Executive Officer Paul Bwiso said in the nation's capital, Kampala. "It comes down to financial literacy, understanding the asset classes," Bwiso said. "If I buy Airtel today, can I in two years consistently get a dividend like I would get an interest return from my fixed deposit from my market fund or from treasury bonds?"

The demand for Ugandan government bonds maturing in 2033 exceeded the amount on sale by eight fold in an auction on Thursday. President Yoweri Museveni's government four years ago ordered wireless companies to sell 20% stakes to local investors in a bid to deepen the market. The state-controlled National Social Security Fund bought 10.55% of the IPO, according to Airtel. A decision by the company to spin off its mobile-money business, also played a role in the IPO's failure, according to Centenary Bank financial markets head Benoni Okwenje. African telecom operators have been devising plans to capitalize on their lucrative mobile-money businesses. TPG invested in Airtel's unit valuing it at \$2.65 billion in 2021, and more recently MTN sold a minority stake of its fintech business to Mastercard valuing the business at \$5.2 billion.

Dollar rebounds on hawkish Fed speak

NEW YORK

THE US dollar rose in early European trade Tuesday, rebounding from recent lows, while the Australian dollar slumped after the RBA hinted at the end of its cycle of rate hikes. At 03:25 ET (08:25 GMT), the Dollar Index, which tracks the greenback against a basket of six other currencies, climbed 0.2 percent to 105.285, above the near two-month low of 104.84 seen on Monday. The dollar index slumped 1.3 percent last week, its steepest decline since mid-July, after the Federal Reserve offered up dovish signals on the likelihood for more interest rate hikes this year. However, this tone has changed after Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis President Neel Kashkari hinted at the need for more interest rate increases to control inflation. "The economy has proved to be really resilient even though we've raised interest rates a lot over the past couple of years. That's good news," Kashkari said in an interview on Monday. But he added: "We haven't completely solved the inflation problem. We still have more work ahead of us to get it done."

The Fed kept its overnight short-term interest rate target unchanged at between 5.25% and 5.5% last week. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell is due to speak on Wednesday and Thursday, and traders will be looking to see if he backs up this more hawkish stance. EUR/USD fell 0.1 percent to 1.0701, after German industrial production fell more than expected in September, slumping 1.4 percent compared with the previous month. This adds to the mounting signs that the eurozone's largest economy is in difficulty, and is likely to end the year in a technical recession. The European Central Bank must remain vigilant on inflation and be prepared to raise interest rates again if needed, its policymaker Robert Holzmann said on Monday, after the central bank halted its tightening cycle in late October. However, Holzmann, the governor of Austria's central bank, is on the hawkish end of the spectrum as far as ECB policymakers are concerned, and the majority of his colleagues may not hold these views given the region's slowing growth. GBP/USD dropped 0.2 percent to 1.2321, having hit a seven-week high of 1.2428 on Monday. British grocery inflation has fallen below 10 percent for the first time since July 2022, according to data from market researcher Kantar, providing some relief for consumers as they enter the key Christmas shopping period.



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7:30 HABARI	8:00 KUMEKUCHA Michozo	8:55 Habari za saa	9:00 KUMEKUCHA Kishindo
9:30 Soap: rpt: In Love with Ramon	9:55 Habari za saa	10:00 Watoletu	10:25 Jijini kuu rpt
10:55 Habari za saa	11:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt	11:55 Habari za saa	12:00 AI JAZEERA
12:30 Bundesliga na DW rpt	12:55 Habari za saa	13:00 Dakika 45 rpt	13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Kipindi maalum: NSSF rpt	14:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt	14:55 Habari za saa	15:00 Meza huru
16:30 Watoletu	17:00 Music: The Base	18:00 Igizo: Mizungwe	18:15 Jarida la wanawake
19:00 Kipindi maalum: BOT	19:30 Soap: rpt: In Love with Ramon	20:00 Habari	21:50 Ripoti maalum
21:20 Kipindi maalum: Tanesco	21:50 Ripoti maalum	22:30 Soap: Uzalo	23:00 Habari
23:30 Music: The Base	00:30 AI JAZEERA		
THURSDAY 26 Oct	5:00 Soap: rpt: Uzalo	6:00 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
7:30 HABARI	8:00 KUMEKUCHA Michozo	8:55 Habari za saa	9:00 KUMEKUCHA Kishindo
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FRIDAY 27 Oct	5:00 Soap: rpt: Uzalo	6:00 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
7:30 HABARI	8:00 KUMEKUCHA Michozo	8:55 Habari za saa	9:00 KUMEKUCHA Kishindo
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10:55 Habari za saa	11:00 Kipindi maalum: Watumishi housing rpt	11:55 Habari za saa	12:00 AI JAZEERA
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SUNDAY 29 Oct	5:30 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:00 HABARI	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
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SATURDAY 4 Nov	5:30 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:00 HABARI	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
7:00 Habari			
SUNDAY 5 Nov	5:30 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:00 HABARI	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
7:00 Habari			
MONDAY 6 Nov	5:00 Soap: rpt: Uzalo	6:00 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
7:30 HABARI	8:00 KUMEKUCHA Michozo	8:55 Habari za saa	9:00 KUMEKUCHA Kishindo
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SUNDAY 12 Nov	5:30 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:00 HABARI	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
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MONDAY 13 Nov	5:00 Soap: rpt: Uzalo	6:00 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
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SUNDAY 19 Nov	5:30 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:00 HABARI	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
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MONDAY 20 Nov	5:00 Soap: rpt: Uzalo	6:00 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
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TUESDAY 21 Nov	5:00 Soap: rpt: Uzalo	6:00 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
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FRIDAY 24 Nov	5:00 Soap: rpt: Uzalo	6:00 Uwarija wa Mazoezi	6:40 KUMEKUCHA
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Netanyahu tells foreign ambassadors to Israel 'This battle is your battle'

TEL AVIV

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday at the Kirya (IDF headquarters) in Tel Aviv, met with approximately 80 foreign ambassadors to Israel who expressed their support for Israel and who said that they would work - each one in their own country - so that what occurred on October 7th would never be forgotten.

"What we see is a broader battle be-

tween civilization and barbarism," Netanyahu told them.

"The barbarism is led by an axis of terror. The Axis of Terror is led by Iran. It includes Hezbollah, Hamas, Houthis and their other minions. They seek to bring the Middle East and the world back to a dark age.

They seek to torpedo, to derail any progress towards peace and the progress and the promise that we had in our budding peace treaties with our Arab



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

neighbours. If they go strong, if they're not defeated, they will derail this process, and they will imperil the entire Middle East.

If the Middle East falls to the axis of terror, Europe will be next and no one will be safe. This is not a local battle. This is a global battle. The paramount need is to defeat this axis," he said.

"There is no substitute for victory," he added.

"We will defeat Hamas. We will dismantle

Hamas.

We will offer the people of Gaza and the entire people of the Middle East a real future, a future of promise and hope. But this requires victory. We have the will and we have the power to do so. We will win. And we believe that all civilized powers should back us in this effort because this battle is your battle and our victory is your victory" the Israeli Prime Minister said.

ANI

India sends over 9 tonnes of relief material to Nepal's Nepalgunj

NEW DELHI

THE Indian Air Force's C-130 J aircraft carrying over 9 tonnes of relief material departed from India to deliver relief material to Nepalgunj as the ongoing humanitarian relief mission for Nepal continues. The IAF noted that the overall relief material that has been airlifted for Nepal is more than 21 tonnes.

Taking to X, the Indian Air Force stated, "IAF's participation in the ongoing Humanitarian Relief Mission for Nepal continues. Another C-130 J aircraft got airborne on 06 Nov 23, airlifting over 9 tonnes of relief material to Nepalgunj. The overall relief load airlifted till now exceeds 21 tonnes."

On Sunday, India sent an emergency aid package, comprising medical equipment, relief materials and more, for people affected by the magnitude 6.4 earthquake in Nepal.

The strong tremor, which even jolted the national capital and parts of north India, left 157 dead



The second flight carrying nine tonnes worth of emergency relief assistance lands in Nepal on Monday. ANI

and scores injured. Serving as the first responder, India shipped essential medicines and relief materials to assist the earthquake-affected communities.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that this rapid response aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Neighbourhood First Policy," emphasising India's

commitment to supporting its neighbouring nations in times of crisis.

"Providing emergency relief assistance to earthquake-affected areas of Nepal. As a first responder, India delivers medicines and relief material. PM Narendra Modi's Neighbourhood First policy in action," EAM Jaishankar posted from his official handle on X.

The first consignment of emergency relief materials worth Rs 10 Crores arrived at Nepalgunj, Nepal, on Sunday, the Indian Embassy in Nepal informed through an official release.

A special Indian Air Force C-130 flight transported the consignment of over 11 tonnes of emergency relief materials, including tents and tarpaulin sheets, blankets, and sleeping bags, as well as essential medicines and medical equipment such as portable ventilators, for the affected people, it said.

The emergency aid package to Nepal reaffirmed India's commitment to be the first responder in crisis situations in its neighbourhood and beyond. Following the 2015 earthquake in Nepal, New Delhi was the first responder as it carried out its largest disaster relief operation abroad -- 'Operation Maitri'.

India had also extended USD 1 billion to Nepal as part of its long-term assistance for post-earthquake reconstruction in the housing, education, health, and cultural heritage sectors, which included the reconstruction of 50,000 houses in Nepal's Gorkha and Nuwakot districts, the MEA release said.

ANI

MOSCOW

THE suggestion by Israel's heritage minister of a nuclear strike on the Gaza Strip has raised numerous questions, including whether Israel possesses nuclear weapons, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Maria Zakharova said on Solovoyov Live television.

"It raised a huge number of questions. The number one question is, did we hear an official declaration that [Israel] has nuclear weapons? Consequently, the next questions that everyone had were: Where are the international organizations, where is the IAEA, where are the inspectors?" she said.

Zakharova also said that such statements by Israeli officials shed light on the

Israeli minister's suggestion of nuclear strike on Gaza raises questions – Russian MFA

true reasons why Tel Aviv is opposing the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East.

According to the diplomat, the US made every effort to help Israel acquire nuclear weapons, giving it full support in this matter.

"If this program exists and existed, where were the tests conducted, at what testing grounds? Obviously, apparently not in the region, then where? And isn't the United States behind all this?" the diplomat said.

Israel's Heritage Minister Amichai Eliyahu was asked in an interview with Kol Berama Radio on November 5 whether a nuclear bomb should be dropped on Gaza and responded that it was one of the possibilities.

The official later said that the nuclear



bomb statement was metaphorical, but Israel definitely needs a powerful and disproportionate response to terrorism. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu suspended Eliyahu from government meetings and criticized his remarks about the possibility of using nuclear weapons in Gaza.

Eliyahu's remarks were condemned by several Middle Eastern countries, including Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

The situation in the Middle East sharply escalated following an incursion of Hamas militants from the Gaza Strip into Israel on October 7, accompanied by killings of residents of Israeli settlements near the border and taking hostages.

Hamas regards the attack as a response to Israeli actions against the Al-Aqsa Mosque on Jerusalem's Temple Mount. Israel has declared a complete siege of the Gaza Strip and has started delivering strikes on that area and parts of Lebanon and Syria. Clashes are also taking place in the West Bank.

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ROME

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Xinhua

THE 10th Beijing Xiangshan Forum, themed "Common Security, Lasting Peace," concluded in Beijing on Oct. 31.

This year's session of the Beijing Xiangshan Forum reached new historic highs in both scale and level. It witnessed extensive and in-depth exchanges and even contention between participants, demonstrating the principles of equality, openness, inclusiveness, and mutual learning and achieving the purpose of pooling wisdom, expanding consensus, and enhancing mutual trust.

The continuously growing influence of the Beijing Xiangshan Forum reflects the significance the international community accords to peace and security issues, and embodies various parties' trust in and support for

Building a world of common security, lasting peace

China's efforts to promote the implementation of the Global Security Initiative (GSI) and play a leading role in advancing global security cooperation.

In today's world, security issues are increasingly interconnected, transnational and diverse. Regional security hotspots keep flaring up, local conflicts and turbulence occur frequently, with traditional and non-traditional security threats intertwined.

In the face of global security challenges, it's imperative that countries strengthen communication and cooperation so as to solve security dilemmas.

Responding to global security hotspots, the topics of dialogues,

seminars and other activities at the 10th Beijing Xiangshan Forum, including major-country relations, security in the Asia-Pacific region, artificial intelligence, nuclear risk management and control, a new security architecture in the Middle East and mechanisms for peace in Europe, showed global vision and inclusiveness, providing a broad platform for exchanges between various parties.

The candid exchanges of views between participants as they jointly explored the path to global peace and security are of great positive significance under the current international circumstances.

"I strongly believe that this

year's Beijing Xiangshan Forum is an ideal platform to address the impending issues and to initiate proactive approaches to find solutions to problems, in order to have a stable and secure region," said Vice-Admiral Piyal De Silva, former commander of the Sri Lanka Navy.

Respecting each other's reasonable security concerns and ensuring all countries enjoy equal rights to express their security needs is an important prerequisite for building and maintaining a world of common security and lasting peace.

Many arrangements of the 10th Beijing Xiangshan Forum were welcomed by developing countries. For instance, one of

the topics at the plenary sessions was "the role of developing countries in global security"; panel sessions and seminars covered topics including "the Global South and global security governance", "the significance of BRICS membership expansion", "the expectations of developing countries for globalization"; and representatives of small and medium-sized countries accounted for a considerable proportion of speaking slots at relevant meetings.

One important contribution China has made is making many voices that were not heard by the international community in the past increasingly louder now, said Joseph Kahama, sec-

retary general of the Tanzania-China Friendship Promotion Association.

More and more countries included in the Global South trust China, because China can help relevant countries make their voices heard on the global stage, he noted.

The Beijing Xiangshan Forum represents a significant event hosted by China to implement the GSI.

Calling on countries to adapt to the profoundly changing international landscape in the spirit of solidarity and address traditional and non-traditional security threats and challenges with a win-win mindset, the GSI aims to create a new path to

security that features dialogue over confrontation, partnership over alliance and win-win over zero-sum.

It has injected confidence into countries' efforts to maintain and achieve common and universal security, and is bound to continue helping build a more peaceful and safer world.

In February this year, China released "The Global Security Initiative Concept Paper", proposing 20 priorities of cooperation under the framework of the GSI and suggestions on platforms and mechanisms of cooperation.

Defense ministers from many countries attending the 10th Beijing Xiangshan Forum fully affirmed China's contributions to maintaining world peace and promoting regional development.

People's Daily

PM Modi discusses Israel-Hamas war with Iranian President Raisi

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi spoke with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, sharing concerns about the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict and the loss of civilian lives.

During the conversation, PM Modi (pictured) stressed the importance of preventing escalation, ensuring the continued provision of humanitarian aid, and early restoration of peace and stability in the region.

The two leaders also welcomed the progress in India and Iran's progress in bilateral cooperation, including on the Chabahar port.

"Good exchange of perspectives with President @raisi.com of Iran on the difficult situation in West Asia and the Israel-Hamas conflict. Terrorist incidents, violence and loss of civilian lives are serious concerns. Preventing escalation, ensuring continued humanitarian aid and early restoration of peace and stability are important. Welcomed the progress in our bilateral cooperation, including on the Chabahar port," PM Modi posted from his official handle on X.

Since Israel declared a war on Hamas after the terror group unleashed mayhem in southern Israel on October 7, PM Modi has had regular telephone conversations with world leaders.

Earlier, on Friday, PM Modi spoke with the UAE President, Mohammed Bin Zayed, sharing his concerns over the escalating situation and loss of civilian lives amid the Israel-Hamas war. Both leaders agreed on "the need for early resolution of the security and humanitarian situation" in the region after Hamas launched an attack on Israel on October 7.

PM Modi shared details of his conversation with the UAE President on X, posting, "Had a good conversation with my brother HH @MohamedBinZayed, President of UAE, on the West Asia situation. We share deep concerns at the terrorism, deteriorating security situation and loss of civilian lives. We agree on the need for early resolution of the security and humanitarian situation and that a durable regional peace, security and stability is in everyone's interest."

PM Modi also spoke with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi on the counter-offensive post the terror attacks on October 7 and the continuing global efforts to rush humanitarian aid to war-ravaged Gazans.

Sharing details of his conversations with the Egyptian President on his social media handle, PM Modi said both leaders shared concerns over the scourge of terrorism and the loss of civilian lives amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict.

"Yesterday, spoke with President @AlsisiOfficial. Exchanged views on the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in West Asia. We share concerns regarding terrorism, violence, and loss of civilian lives. We agree on the need for early restoration of peace and stability and facilitating humanitarian assistance," PM Modi posted on X.

A day ago, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke with his Iranian counterpart Amirabdollahian to discuss the raging Israel-Hamas war.

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FAO urges focus on hidden costs of global agrifood systems

ROME

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Xinhua

More-than-ever US exhibitors seek opportunities at CIIE

SHANGHAI

ON the first day of the 6th China International Import Expo (CIIE), the U.S. chemical giant Dow signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chinese company ZKH Group Limited.

According to the MoU, Dow will provide ZKH with silicone products valued at 300 million U.S. dollars to sell via online platforms, as well as with product and technical consulting services.

As the world's first import-themed national-level expo, the CIIE kicked off on Sunday in Shanghai, attracting participants and guests from 154 countries, regions, and international organizations this year.

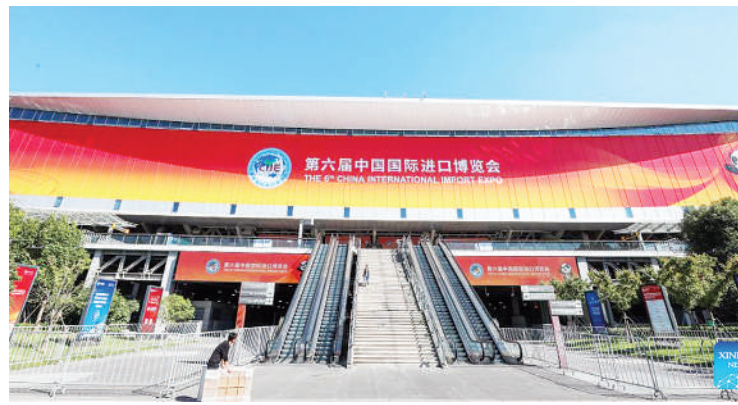
"The CIIE is an important platform for us to showcase our latest innovative technologies for China and the

Asia-Pacific region. It is a one-stop display of our R&D expertise and manufacturing know-how and highlights the valuable partnerships we have in China," said Puay Koon Chia, Dow Asia Pacific president.

This year, more than 200 U.S. exhibitors in semiconductors, medical devices, new energy vehicles, cosmetics, and other sectors attended the annual import expo, marking the largest U.S. presence in the history of the CIIE. Among the exhibitors are 17 from the agricultural and food industry, led by the U.S. government for the first time.

Since 2018, U.S. firms have been at the forefront of the CIIE participant countries in exhibition areas and exhibitor numbers.

In recent years, agriculture has become a focus of the China-U.S. economic and trade cooperation. In 2022, the trade volume of agricultural



This photo taken on Nov. 2, 2023 shows the exterior view of the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai), the venue for the upcoming sixth China International Import Expo (CIIE), in Shanghai, east China. Xinhua

products between China and the United States exceeded 50 billion U.S. dollars, and the U.S. agricultural exports to China reached a record 42 U.S. billion dollars.

The Chinese market is very important and it has a lot of growth potential, said Jason Hafemeister, acting deputy under-secretary for trade and foreign agricultural affairs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The American food and ag-

riculture pavilion at the CIIE, spanning over 440 square meters, opened its doors to a vibrant surge of visitors on Monday. From coarse sea salt and Californian red blend wines to cheese, dairy, nuts, and berries, the pavilion was abuzz with consultations and negotiations.

At the opening ceremony of the pavilion, U.S. Ambassador to China Nicholas Burns noted that the United States and China

have a vital economic and trade relationship, and the United States is not in favor of decoupling from China.

Busy promoting products at the booth, Connie Cheung from the Almond Board of California told Xinhua that the demand from over 1.4 billion Chinese people for healthy, nutritious, and sustainable products is driving sales in the market.

Brent Boydston, chairman of the U.S. Grains Council, said that the council has developed a strong trade relationship with China over the past 40-plus years and looks forward to deepening the partnership during this trip.

When the world economy is experiencing a lack of momentum for recovery, a bigger U.S. presence underscores the "richness" of economic and trade cooperation between the two countries and shows an accelerated pace of exchanges between the two massive economies, said Eric Zheng, president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai.

In the previous five editions, the CIIE witnessed debuts of some 2,000 items of new products, technologies, and services and a total intended turnover reaching nearly 350 billion U.S. dollars. The grand event is proof of global participants' firm confidence in the Chinese market and its growth prospects.

Xinhua

African countries urged to exert robust security collaboration to prevent security perils

ADDIS ABABA

THE African Union (AU) has called on African countries to exert robust security collaboration and coordination to prevent terrorist and criminal groups from deepening their roots in the continent.

The urgent call was made by Alhaji Sarjoh Bah, director of Conflict Management within the AU's Political Affairs, Peace and Security Department, as he underscored the crucial need to exert concerted efforts as security threats continue to emerge and mutate in different parts of the continent.

The AU director made the remarks during a peace and security-themed meeting, which is underway in Nouakchott, capital of Mauritania, on Nov. 5-7, with particular emphasis on addressing security threats in the Sahel-Sahara and Horn of Africa regions, according to an AU statement issued Monday.

"The security situations in the two regions continue to deterio-



Alhaji Sarjoh Bah

rate, exacerbated by the governance challenges witnessed in some of the countries and the outbreak of the conflict in Sudan, creating a political and security vacuum and triggering the influx of foreign fighters and weapons," he said.

Bah called for a multidimensional response approach, combining military action, police and law enforcement cooperation, and cross-border cooperation along with stabilization and reconstruction efforts towards a holistic response against the scourge.

The director further expressed concerns that terrorist groups could spread to the coastal countries and link up with transnational criminal groups involved in piracy and armed robbery, as well as with human and contraband trafficking gangs, to fund their operations.

"States must, therefore, focus on fully operationalizing maritime security architecture as an integral part of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA).

This will contribute to fighting

arms trafficking through the sea and cutting off sinister financial schemes sustaining terrorist and criminal networks through trafficking and smuggling," he said.

Bah highlighted ongoing regional approaches that underlined the seriousness with which states are joining efforts to effectively combat, degrade and defeat the terrorist and criminal groups operating in the region.

According to the AU, the three-day meeting, among other things, seeks to reflect on the growing threat of terrorism, with a view to reaching a shared appreciation of the scope, dimensions and magnitude of the threat.

The meeting envisaged creating agreement on modalities towards enhanced information and intelligence sharing and cooperation while also identifying ways to support AU member states to address existential threats, and collectively agree on modalities and roadmap for collaboration in 2024, the AU said.

Xinhua

US-Russia ties' stabilisation unlikely if Washington keeps stance of strength - ambassador

WASHINGTON

STABILISATION in the US-Russian relations is unlikely as long as Washington resorts to attempts of speaking with Moscow from a position of strength, Russian Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Antonov said.

"Any attempts to conduct a dialogue with our country 'from a position of strength' are doomed to failure," the Russian diplomat stated on the Telegram channel.

"Until this approach is abandoned, we cannot talk about even the slightest stabilization of Russia-U.S. relations. Washington should realize that any unfriendly steps will be met with a tough and adequate response," he continued.

"There will be no negotiations on a retreat from Russian national interests," Antonov noted. "We have repeatedly proposed to resolve issues on Russia's western borders through dialogue."

"However, all our ideas were scornfully rejected. The United States therefore left us no choice and provoked us to launch a special military operation," the Russian ambassador stressed.

Antonov also said in his statement that Russia "repeatedly conveyed to local officials the message that neither confrontation nor economic sanctions, much less attempts to undermine the unity of Russia, will help Washington to achieve the necessary objectives."

"The Russian side has never closed the door to diplomacy, but at the same time emphasized that any progress is possible only through mutually respectful dialogue and finding a balance of interests on a strictly equal basis. And the principle of indivisible security for all should be put at the center," the Russian ambassador to the United States added.

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CHINA'S 40th Antarctic scientific expedition team, organized by the country's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), set sail from Shanghai on Nov. 1, embarking on a mission that is expected to last more than five months.

The expedition team will build a new scientific research station along the coastal areas of the Ross Sea, which will be the biggest highlight of the expedition. Upon completion, the new station will become China's third perennial research station after the Changcheng and Zhongshan stations and the first research station dedicated to the Pacific sector. It will also be the country's fifth research station in Antarctica.

The Ross Sea is the most southward-extending sea among all marginal seas of Antarctica. The top of the bay is located at about 78 degrees south latitude, which is very close to the South Pole.

The unique geographical location of the Ross Sea brings differentiated scientific research value, making it a beneficial complement to China's Antarctic scientific research layout deserving greater investment for comprehensive scientific observation.

The construction of the new research station is of great significance.

Carrying out surveys, observation and monitoring of marine ecology, sea ice, glaciers, sea level, atmosphere, geophysics, high-altitude atmospheric physics, terrestrial ecology, terrestrial and marine geology, birds and more in this region will provide fundamental support for assessing the Antarctic ecological environment and climate change.

"The Ross Sea region has a strong appeal to scientists because it is like an 'ice factory'. It is an important gen-

China to build 5th Antarctic research station



Photo taken on Nov. 1, 2023 in east China's Shanghai shows China's polar icebreakers, Xuelong and Xuelong 2, or Snow Dragon and Snow Dragon 2, setting off for the country's 40th Antarctic scientific expedition.

erator of sea ice in the entire Southern Ocean, and a key origin of Antarctic bottom water," said Sun Bo with the Polar Research Institute of China under the MNR.

The region features multi-circle interactions of the Earth system, including the geosphere, cryosphere, biosphere and atmosphere, which will help researchers explore important scientific issues such as Antarctic changes and global linkages, according to Sun.

The construction of the new station also reflects China's active efforts to fulfill its responsibilities and obligations under the Antarctic Treaty system.

According to Long Wei, deputy director of Chinese Arctic and Antarctic Administration, a subsidiary of the MNR, China will cooperate with relevant countries in managing the Antarctic Specially Protected Area at Inexpressible Island and conduct ecological monitoring of the Ross Sea region Marine Protected Area, contributing to the protection of the Antarctic ecological environment and supporting China's participation in Antarctic international governance.

Relying on the new station, China will carry out international cooperation on scientific expeditions and logistical support in Antarctica with neighboring research stations of other countries, striving to make new and greater contributions to the peaceful use of Antarctica by mankind, Long said.

With a building area of 5,244 square me-

ters, the new Chinese Antarctic research station is expected to accommodate 80 expedition team members during summers and 30 members during winters after completion.

It is planned to be used for atmospheric, oceanic, glacial, biological and other multidisciplinary observation, monitoring and scientific research.

The philosophy of "green expedition" will run through the entire construction process of the new research station.

While ensuring quality, safety and other basic requirements of the station, relevant personnel will make overall plans and adopt integrated designs for various systems of the station, in a bid to conserve resources and minimize environmental impact during the construction of the new research station.

Customized prefabrication and pre-assembly at home, as well as intensive management of construction materials, will also help the expedition team save energy, water, materials and other resources and protect the environment.

By reducing the disturbed area in Antarctica, cutting the number of temporary facilities and construction personnel, and maximizing control over the scope of construction activities, the expedition team will try to achieve the goal of green and eco-friendly construction.

In addition to the construction of the new station, the expedition team will also investigate the impacts of climate change on the

Antarctic ecosystems and relevant consequences, while thoroughly studying the role of Antarctica in global climate change, according to Zhang Beichen, leader and chief scientist of China's 40th Antarctic expedition.

Collaborative research in the frontiers of international Antarctic science will also represent an important part of this expedition.

During the expedition, Chinese scientists will carry out collaborative aerial surveys of the Enderby Land with their counterparts from countries including Norway and Australia, and explore the ice-ocean-bedrock interactions in the grounding zone of the Antarctic ice sheet, a key data gap region. They will also provide support for accurate assessments of ice sheet mass balance and instability research, and conduct international cooperation on logistical support with scientists from multiple countries. *People's Daily*

COP28: Impasse broken on climate fund but tough road ahead

FINAL talks over the weekend to agree a proposal for a new climate disaster fund averted a deadlock ahead of the UN's COP28 climate summit later this month, but cracked open tough new questions about who will pay and how soon.

The fifth meeting of a 24-member UN committee tasked with designing the fund concluded in Abu Dhabi over the weekend, with support for a "take-it-or-leave-it" deal that would make the World Bank the interim home of the fund and encourage - but not oblige - all countries to contribute to it.

A loss and damage fund would be the first United Nations mechanism dedicated to helping countries that have suffered irreparable climate-driven damage from drought, floods and rising sea levels. It would aim to divert billions of dollars towards nations that are "particularly vulnerable."

After months of contentious talks, negotiators produced recommendations for the fund that will be put to nearly 200 governments for approval at the annual UN climate summit COP28, from Nov 30 to Dec 12 in Dubai.

Both developing and developed countries said they had made major concessions to avoid a failure that would have soured COP28 - where governments will face pressure to unlock other deals on phasing out fossil fuels and increasing funding for climate action.

"There was a lot at stake at this meeting," Avinash Persaud, special envoy to the Prime Minister of Barbados and the country's representative on the UN committee, told Reuters. "The value of the agreement is that it avoided a disaster ahead of COP and gives positive momentum."

The recommendation "urges" developed countries to take the lead in capitalizing the fund and also "invites" contributions from other countries and funding sources like carbon markets.

That means no country would be legally obliged to pay into the fund - reflecting a hard-fought compromise. Developing nations argue that rich countries responsible for most of the historical CO2 emissions causing climate change should be obliged to pay - something the United States and other rich nations refused to accept.

"It's like a GoFundMe account for climate destruction," Persaud said of the

deal.

Big questions for COP

As the hours passed on the second day of talks, negotiators haggled over wording and punctuation on the section of the text on countries' financial commitments to the fund.

A US State Department official told Reuters the country had sought - unsuccessfully - to get a footnote included in the text to clarify that any contribution to the fund would be voluntary.

The official welcomed the fact that the committee agreed on "many aspects of loss and damage funding" but expressed regret that the text does not "reflect consensus concerning the need for clarity on the voluntary nature of contributions".

Egypt, which represents African countries on the committee, also raised concerns in the meeting after the deal was agreed, noting that some of their key demands had not been met - such as agreeing the size of the fund or clearer obligations for rich nations to contribute.

Such complaints could risk a blow-up at COP28 if countries attempt to reopen the deal.

"I suppose from both sides there will be attempts to break open the text," one European negotiator told Reuters.

But that could complicate efforts to actually put money in the fund - if donor countries don't have a clear idea of the rules that will govern their contributions, and which countries would be in line to receive it.

"You're not going to pledge to the fund if you don't know where the money's going to go," the European negotiator said.

The European Union, which is the biggest source of other types of climate finance - money that helps poorer countries invest in cleaner energy, or adapt to worsening storms and heat - is already preparing to contribute to the fund.

Jennifer Morgan, Climate Envoy for Germany - Europe's biggest economy - said in a post on X that Berlin is also working on a contribution.

Mohamed Nasr, Egypt's lead climate negotiator and representative on the committee, told Reuters such pledges would be crucial to the overall COP28 negotiations.

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JKT Queens ready for 2023 CAF WCL finals' decisive encounter

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

JKT Queens say they are ready for today's 2023 CAF Women's Champions League clash versus tournament hosts, Athletico Abidjan.

The Tanzanian outfit's Chairperson, Esther Warioba, pointed out in an interview the team is ready for the match which is decisive for both teams.

JKT Queens lost their first game, succumbing to a 2-0 loss to South African giants, Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies, last Sunday.

The army-owned outfit is currently anchoring the showdown's Group A with no points while Athletico Abidjan which managed a 1-1 draw with SC Casablanca is placed second from the bottom.

If JKT Queens win today's game they will stand a chance of reaching the quarterfinals of the tournament.

"We are determined to register our first win, the girls are ready for the challenge, I'm sure we will win, I'm asking Tanzanians and all sports-loving people to remember us in their prayers," Esther said.

According to the CAF website, this is the first clash between the two sides. The report further revealed in the opening game, JKT Queens had two shots on target while Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies had three on target and scored with two of them.

The website further said JKT Queens could only manage to keep 32.4% of the possession. They were also outpassed in their opening game as they made 143 accurate passes whilst their opponents managed 384. "JKT Queens' aerial strength was at the fore in their opening game loss to Sundowns, they competed in 11 aerial duels and won 72.7% of these against Sundowns they had a tackle success rate of 60%," CAF revealed in the report.

CAF further said this will be the fourth meeting between teams from the CECAFA Zone and WAFU Zone, the previous clashes have seen teams from the West win two games and teams from the East register victory in one game.

In previous games between teams from the West and East of the continent, Nigerian side, Rivers Angels, won their final game in Group B in 2021 against Kenyan side, Vihiga Queens, 4-0, a result which was, at the time, the biggest win for any team in the finals.

The other clashes between teams from the East and West of the continent saw another Tanzanian side, Simba Queens, confront two West African opponents in Morocco in 2022.

Simba Queens defeated Liberia's Determine Girls 2-0 in their second Group A game and, thereafter,



JKT Queens' head coach, Esther Chaburuma.

went down 1-0 to Nigerian side, Bayelsa Queens, in the play-off for third place.

This is the second finals in a row where a team from Tanzania will face the hosts. In the 2022 edition, Simba Queens began with a loss to the then hosts, AS FAR Women's FC, in Group A.

Both teams therefore failed to win their opening games. In the 2022 edition two outfits that lost their opening fixtures still managed to progress in Group A.

In the 2022 showdown, JKT Queens' rivals, Simba Queens, lost their opening game in Group A, suffering a 1-0 loss to Morocco's AS FAR Women's FC, but came back to win their following two games against Liberia's Determine Girls and Zambia's Green Buffaloes Women's and reached the semi-finals.

In Group B for the 2022 edition, Bayelsa Queens began with a 2-1 loss to Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies but then defeated DR Congo's TP Mazembe Women's FC and Egypt's Wadi Degla to reach the last four.

Ultimately, Bayelsa Queens faced Simba Queens in the play-off for third spot, which ended with Bayelsa Queens grabbing a 1-0 victory.

SOT to host workshop in Zanzibar next week

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

A three-day Unified Champion School Project workshop is set to be held in Zanzibar from Monday next week.

Special Olympics Tanzania (SOT) Director, Charles Rays, whose institution is hosting the workshop, said it has attracted 16 countries.

He mentioned them as Angola, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, and Nigeria.

Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, the United States of America (USA), Zimbabwe, and the host Tanzania complete the list.

He said the workshop is a legacy of the 2019 Special Olympics World Games that took place in Abu Dhabi and has been funded by United Arab Emirates (UAE) President, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan (MBZ).

The SOT Director further said the workshop will be officially opened by Zanzibar's President, Hussein Ali Mwinyi, on Monday.

Rays revealed each program will be represented by the national director in addition to five staff members from the Africa Region and three staff members from Special Olympics International (SOI) headquarters, located in the USA, the total of participants will be 21.

He said Special Olympics Tanzania has been selected to host the workshop due to its outstanding leadership and commitment, adding Special Olympics Africa Region is certain that hosting the workshop will increase SOT's visibility.

The SOT Director pointed out: "Africa Region is, from Monday next week, hosting a three-day regional workshop for the launch of the Expansion Unified Champion Schools project."

"As a legacy of the 2019 Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan (MBZ), President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) granted Special Olympics with funding to expand Unified Champion Schools programming globally," the SOT Director noted.

"In this regard, Special Olympics Tanzania has been recommended to host the regional workshop for 13 programs (African countries) joining the MBZ family from November 13-15 2023 at Hotel Verde Zanzibar."

"Countries (attending the workshop) are Angola, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania,

USA and Zimbabwe," he said

SOT has been outstanding in its activities as athletes selected for the national Special Olympics team have been competing in various local and international events.

In last year's Pan African Special Olympics Games held in Egypt, Tanzania's team collected 11 medals.

Tanzania was also represented by 27 athletes in the Special Olympics Summer World Games that took place in Berlin, Germany, and won medals.

Special Olympics Summer World Games had Tanzania's athletes battling it out in mixed unified volleyball and athletics.

Tanzania was represented by 20 athletes in the Games, some of whom were selected from SOT's subprograms/regions, whilst others won selection during the National Special Olympics Championships held in Mwanza last year.

The national Special Olympics team was sponsored by the government, Azam FC, Azam Media Limited, and Sibusiso Foundation among others.

The 20 athletes who represented the country in the Games are Sheha Hassan, Abdulrahman Salim, Neverson Minja, Herith Suleiman, Mathias Makanyange, Duncan Lucian, Luqman Salum, Ali Juma, Oswald Kipoto and Ibrahim Mabeche.

Fatuma Omari, Shakira Miduma, Johari Ng'ombe, Rebecca Sumwendeti, Elizabeth Kisaka, Aziza Mtamila, Dorcas Msapu, Recho Siwambe, Maimuna Ali, and Salah Bwege are the other performers.

It was the first time that Germany hosted the World Special Olympics and more than 700 athletes with intellectual disabilities from 170 countries competed in the showdown.

The Special Olympics World Summer Games are held every four years and are the world's largest inclusive sports event.

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As a legacy of the 2019 Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan (MBZ), President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) granted Special Olympics with funding to expand Unified Champion

SPORTS

Simba SC's double standards on Ally Salim prove a bit costly

By Correspondent John Kimbute

EVEN with sorcery indicators strewn here and there as the city archrivals took to the pitch at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, nicknamed Estadio Lupaso, nothing in the usual run of things would have allowed anyone to project a 5-1 win for Young Africans SC, alias Yanga.

Not long after, Simba SC held much-vaunted Egyptian giants, Al Ahly, on two ends of a competitive and rewarding encounter in the African Football League (AFL), and came out head high with a double draw.

How the Jangwani Street side would humiliate the AFL giants was a paradox that needed a singular explanation, not a stretch of reasons as they could at best lead to a thin-margin win or thin draw.

That the two sides were largely comparable was noticed in the way Yanga moved ahead unexpectedly only in the third minute, but before anyone was tired of waiting, the score was canceled, and play returned to normal.

It could have stayed that way for the rest of the game despite runs of various sorts either way but, in the second half, the AFL aspirants broke down more or less totally, for no clear reason.

Everything remaining equal, there had to be a singular external factor that was by and large unattended, and this could be the goalkeeping shift.

What is unclear is where the pressure to field veteran goalkeeper Aishi Manula stemmed from, if it was the coach himself who was satisfied with his training performance or if it is the leadership.

While not much of such pressure is being heard from the camp, there was in the past some sort of agitation for Moses Phiri 'General Phiri' to appear for the side, as the substitute center forward has been having inadequate playing time since the arrival of sharpshooter Jean Baleke at the short registration window.

There was a need for either two or three Premier League matches to test fitness.

There were explanations for first-half ability and second-half breakdown the focus on withdrawing Kibu Denis, who at his usual right-wing position was sort of playmaker.

Why it then appeared that everything relied on him was far from clear, but it also appeared that there was a gap at the rear with Mohamed Hussein 'Tshabalala' facing the 'firing squad'. It is not entirely



Simba SC's goalkeeper Ally Salim. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASC

a new realization.

Sometimes in the past in major continental tournaments, some opponents were also working from that hypothesis of weakness, as it was for Joash Onyango earlier.

Those looking at social media remarks after the match saw comments like the idea that only Kibu Denis was serious about the match; the others looked lackluster. Simba SC appears to have been too sure of a win and let this idea stick to their heads.

What was also surprising was the idea that a side like the Msimbazi Street side would lose bearings to let in goals flow, and without ability to respond except for the first goal.

It means they used plenty of energy to rectify the score and then hoped against the tide that the Jangwani Street side would not be able to repeat the feat, and then it happened though much later, they were not in a position to make a second rally.

Then the coach inflicted a blow on the side by benching Kibu Denis, who was the playmaker, in a situation where neither Clatous Chama, Sadio Kanoute, Fabrice Ngoma nor others were prepared to step in.

Strictly speaking, for a side seeking top honours, it means they now equal their next street rivals in seeking a cure for their soft spots that it takes a match as good as a derby, and results of that sort, to brainstorm what the problem is likely to be.

At the same time, it provides an opportunity for investments in the next registration window, that there is a need for a more reliable fellow where their rivals found a niche to direct most of their attacks. Left at that it could happen in other big ties.

There was also a way in which overconfidence explained several failings in the tie, as the same Roberto Oliveira who did not trust Manula for the starting line-up against Al Ahly in both encounters, suddenly found him appropriate in the derby.

That can only be explained by having taken it lightly, and in that sense saw an opportunity for rotation of players, partly as leaders will reiterate that some players earn big salaries and spend their time on the bench, which is probably not fair for the club.

But instead of trying him out in a routine league match, the coach opted for the derby, as the squad had chosen a 'biriani' event on Friday before the 'kill' on Sunday, and premonition brought major domo Ahmed Ally to announce Kibu Denis as a special guest in the match. He lived to its worth in dollars.

There was a tantalizing element somewhere as Yanga saw Kibu Denis as the best player on the pitch and could have guessed that if he skipped out - frankly not on a stretcher - that would be beneficial.

The difference is that such work is not usually handed to a goalkeeper, and that is where the playmaker met with his injury, in which case it was an accident like any other.

It thus remains that it was foresight, planning the way to tackle Simba SC while the latter felt no need for a deep strategy against Yanga as they would hardly play at the level of Al Ahly, to wit.

In contrast, the business as usual for goalkeeping has to do with what pundits often say about Ally Salim.

They make an effort to patronizingly speak about his skills as he is only aged 23. The latest we heard was that he is still young, and makes some mistakes - which is pointless as it means an elderly keeper

Professor Jay Foundation set for launch

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TANZANIA's veteran Hip Hop musician, Joseph Haule, has established an institution known as 'Professor Jay Foundation' to offer his contribution to serving patients with kidney ailments.

The artist, popularly known as 'Professor Jay', was recently quoted by a social network in Dar es Salaam saying that the institution will be officially launched on November 24.

The Hip Hop star was recently admitted to Muhimbili National Hospital in Dar es Salaam because of experiencing kidney ailments.

The artist revealed when he was admitted, he witnessed people struggling with the cost of kidney treatment because it is high.

"Others lost their lives due to lack of money for the treatment, there are also syringes I used for injection, one of which costs 5m/-," 'Professor Jay' noted in the interview.

He disclosed that the injection pushed him to establish his institution to help patients with the same problem, adding that he is still undergoing kidney dialysis.

"For example, if the patient starts his/her treatment at Muhimbili National Hospital, the cost ranges from 80,000/- to 100,000/-," the artist noted.

"The patient coming from abroad is required to pay 350,000/-, kidney dialysis is done three to four times a week depending on the condition of the patient," he said.

He further noted due to the circumstances that kidney patients are going through, he has decided to start the 'Professor Jay Foundation' because they are suffering, adding the costs they incur are high.

"All people cannot be reached by the



Tanzanian Hip Hop artist, songwriter, and politician Joseph Haule, alias 'Professor Jay'.

President and people are struggling, for me it was normal but there are people whose kidneys have failed," the artist stated.

"I was being treated that way but my kidneys had not

failed, one was full of stones and the other was not in good condition, it had a lot of toxins," he said.

Postecoglou blasts VAR after nine-man Spurs beaten by Chelsea

LONDON

ANGE Postecoglou admitted he does not like VAR as the Tottenham boss blasted the replay system's influence on his side's "out of control" 4-1 defeat against Chelsea on Monday. Tottenham had Cristian Romero and Destiny Udogie sent off and were denied two goals by VAR in a remarkable Premier League clash.

The dismissals of Romero, for a studs-up foul on Enzo Fernandez, and Udogie, who earned a second booking for chopping down Raheem Sterling, appeared correct on further review, as did Son Heung-min and Eric Dier's disallowed goals.

Nicolas Jackson scored three times in the closing stages to win the London derby for Chelsea after Cole Palmer's penalty cancelled out Dejan Kulusevski's early opener for Tottenham.

But with Chelsea also having three goals chalked off by VAR, Postecoglou was left infuriated by the amount of time spent waiting for decisions to be made.

"I felt like I was standing around waiting for things to happen with VAR intervention," he said.

"There will be a forensic study of every decision out there. That is the way the game is going and I don't like it.

"Decisions are decisions, you either accept it or you don't. If you look at all that standing around we did today, maybe people enjoy that sort of thing.

"I'd rather see us playing football but I could be a lone voice."

- "In the wilderness" -

Tottenham's first league defeat since Postecoglou took charge in the close-season denied them the chance to regain top spot in the Premier League.

And Postecoglou claimed he would prefer the referee and his linesmen to have the final say on

crucial decisions, rather than a VAR official who is not even based in the stadium.

"You have to accept the referee's decision, that is how I grew up. This constant erosion of the referee's authority is where the game is going to get," the Australian said.

"They are not going to have any authority. We are going to be under the control of someone with a TV screen a few miles away.

"I don't like it but I am probably in the wilderness with that because I keep getting told that's where we want to go. I am too old school.

"It is almost impossible to analyse the game because it just seemed to get out of control for large parts of it."

Chelsea boss Mauricio Pochettino had no such complaints about VAR as he savoured a victory over his old club on his first return since being sacked in 2019.

"This is football. We won and deserved it. The technology is there and we need to accept. Many things happen on the pitch and you need to verify and check," he said.

"I'm happy to come back and see people I didn't get the chance to say bye too. Most important for me is the win. It is Tottenham and it is not more special because of that."

Pochettino has endured a difficult start with Chelsea following his close-season appointment, making this a much-needed morale boost for the Argentine and his injury-hit team.

"We deserve the credit. Tottenham are doing fantastic but tonight we were the better team," he said.

"It's clear from the beginning we didn't have the whole squad. We need to build this momentum.

"It is amazing for Nicolas (Jackson). There was massive pressure on him but I hope this hat-trick allows him to play more relaxed and be more confident."

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Luton 'saddened' by tragedy chanting in Liverpool clash

LONDON

LUTON have threatened to ban supporters found to have taken part in "tragedy chanting" during Sunday's Premier League clash with Liverpool.

The Football Association on Monday asked Luton and police for their observations after taunts indirectly referencing the 1989 Hillsborough disaster were heard during the 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road.

Luton said they were "saddened" by the chanting that referenced the 97 Liverpool fans who died as a result of crushing on the Leppings Lane terraces at Hillsborough during an FA Cup semi-final against Nottingham Forest.

"The club condemns any kind of chanting that knowingly seeks to divide, and our safety and security team launched an internal investigation at the earliest opportunity," the Luton statement read.

Luton are reviewing CCTV evidence to identify individuals, who could face stadium bans and criminal prosecutions.

Part of Luton's statement suggesting fans may have sung the chants without knowing the full meaning of what they were singing is understood to have not been received well on Merseyside.

"What has quickly become evident is that a number of people may have taken part without knowledge that the words used were in relation to the Hillsborough and Heysel tragedies, and we see the route to persuading supporters not to repeat these chants in future is through communication and education," Luton's statement added.

"On behalf of all at Luton Town, we would like to wholeheartedly apologise to anyone offended by the chants heard during yesterday's match, and will continue to work with supporter groups to educate fans on chants that are classed as tragedy abuse by football authorities, the police and CPS."

After the Luton match, Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp said he did not hear the chanting but added: "Shame on everyone who said it."

The Premier League issued a statement on Monday saying they "condemn the tragedy-related chanting heard at yesterday's match between Luton Town and Liverpool.

"We continue to treat this as an unacceptable issue and are committed to addressing it as a priority.

"Those found guilty of tragedy-related abuse face an automatic club ban and will be referred to the police."

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What's gone wrong for Erik ten Hag at Man Utd?

LONDON

MANCHESTER United are in desperate need of a win at FC Copenhagen in the Champions League today as they battle to avoid an embarrassing group-stage exit.

The three-time European champions sneaked past the Danish side 1-0 at Old Trafford last month thanks to a last-gasp penalty save from goalkeeper Andre Onana.

Heavy defeats by Manchester City and Newcastle have since ramped up the pressure on manager Erik ten Hag, which was only eased slightly by a 1-0 win at Fulham on Saturday.

United are third in Group A, six points behind leaders Bayern Munich and one adrift of Galatasaray.

If they fail to win in Copenhagen, Galatasaray could be in a position to knock United out when the sides meet in Istanbul on November 29.

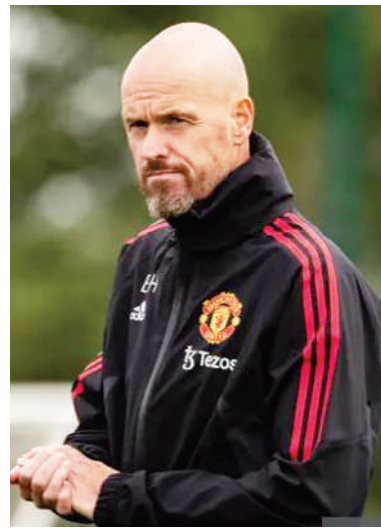
AFP Sport looks at what has gone wrong for Ten Hag in his second season at Old Trafford.

Recruitment

United fans have frequently voiced intense frustration at the running of the club by the Glazer family, but Ten Hag has still enjoyed a huge transfer budget.

More than £400 million (\$497 million) has been spent in the past three transfer windows, with few obvious successes.

Former Ajax winger Antony,



Erik ten Hag

bought last year for £86 million, has rarely lived up to his huge price tag, scoring just eight goals in 55 appearances.

Mason Mount, like Antony, has regularly found himself on the bench in recent weeks just months after a £55 million move from Chelsea, and has yet to score for his new club.

Onana's penalty save against Copenhagen was atonement for costly errors against Bayern and Galatasaray as United lost their opening two group games of a Champions League campaign for the first time.

One of the criticisms aimed at Ten Hag is that he has been too reli-

ant on the Dutch market, which he knows well.

Eight of his signings have previous experience of playing in the Eredivisie but many of them have struggled with the extra demands of playing for one of the world's biggest clubs in the Premier League.

Injuries

Ten Hag is frequently criticised for failing to impose an identity and style of play, nearly 18 months into his reign, but he has been hampered by injuries to key players.

United performed impressively in the Dutchman's first campaign in charge, ending a six-year trophy drought and finishing third in the Premier League.

This season, long-term absences for Luke Shaw, Tyrell Malacia and Lisandro Martinez, as well as injuries to Raphael Varane and Aaron Wan-Bissaka, have stretched his defensive resources to breaking point.

In a further headache for the former Ajax manager, midfielder Casemiro has been ruled out for "several weeks" with a hamstring injury.

Veteran centre-back Jonny Evans, brought back to the club as defensive cover, believes the absence of so many players has destabilised the squad.

"I think the manager's found out difficulties having to sort of work on the team, on tactics and having

to change the personnel quite a lot with only two days in between games," he said.

Misfiring stars

Manchester United's marquee players have failed to deliver this season, with Marcus Rashford, Casemiro and Bruno Fernandes all well below par.

Rashford's decline is the most stark -- he has just a solitary goal in 14 matches, compared with 30 for the club last season, when he found a new level.

Ten Hag says the England forward is "very motivated to put things right" but he desperately needs his main man to find form quickly.

Brazilian international midfielder Casemiro, 31, has failed to match the high standards he set during an impressive first season at United.

Casemiro is top scorer, with four goals in all competitions, but he has struggled with the defensive side of his game, leaving a leaky defence even more vulnerable.

Portugal midfielder Fernandes has often cut a frustrated figure and has not been a consistent creative force for a side that have managed just 12 goals in 11 Premier League games this season.

Ten Hag will hope his late winner against Fulham on Saturday sparks a revival for the player he made captain in July.

Chelsea triumph over Tottenham in Premier League clash that had everything and more

By Miguel Delaney

A FARCE that sums up a lot of modern football, or one of the games of the season? It maybe sums up how confusing and contradictory this game was that it could genuinely be both. Chelsea's eventual 4-1 victory at Tottenham Hotspur could have huge effects for both of their seasons too.

Mauricio Pochettino's side have got the win it feels like they have been waiting for, and that at the stadium that still means more to him than any other in football. Ange Postecoglou's scarcely believable high line with nine men and no main centre-halves did make it borderline for some time. Such a creditable approach earned the applause of the home crowd when it finally went wrong for Nicolas Jackson's decisive second goal, but there was that unsettling feeling of momentum being undone.

Spurs have not just lost their first league game under Postecoglou but also Destiny Udogie and Sergio Romero to suspensions and possibly James Maddison and Micky van de Ven to injury.

That all has the feeling of bringing down a flight that had been improbably soaring for some time.

Postecoglou could of course tell his players it was a freak game. That's one way of putting it. It was almost several different events in one, as we saw a spell akin to the infamous Battle of the Bridge as well as Saturday's Copa Libertadores final, a grand staging for every debate about VAR over and over and then what amounted to a bizarre but brave training session, where Postecoglou seemingly set up the irrepressible Guglielmo Vicario against the entirety of Chelsea's young attack.

To top it off, and turn everything on its head, the previously misfiring Jackson got a hat-trick late on.

It wasn't quite an exhibition of finishing but there was enough to show the potential that is there.

Whatever about this evening exhibiting various types of football events in one, mind, there were alternating periods that looked like it could have come from completely different matches.

It was incredible to contemplate this by even the half-hour mark, but the first 18 minutes looked like it would be a comprehensive and confident Spurs win to continue their early-season surge.

They were shredding Chelsea, especially on the wings. Both sides were being targeted, something inevitable given all the space, and the



Nicolas Jackson may have kick started his season with a surprising hat-trick against 9-man Spurs (AP)

first real attack brought a goal. Dejan Kulusevski shot and the ball cannoned off Levi Colwell and past Robert Sanchez.

Reece James was even more exposed on the other side, allowing Brennan Johnson to just saunter through and square for Son Heung-Min to slide the ball in. It was all so easy that Spurs were getting ahead of themselves, as the Korean's wayward foot saw the goal ruled out for offside.

That was what made what happened next all the more inexplicable, as Udogie went in with a dismally reckless challenge on Raheem Sterling. He didn't get sent off - yet - but it was like the entire tone changed. It was also a bit of Chekov's foul, as Udogie would go for similar later on.

That itself was influenced by what the match briefly became, which was somewhere between an old storyline from this fixture like the Battle of the Bridge and the Libertadores final. Cristian Romero was at the centre of it, with two challenges of his own that each could have received red cards. He was eventually sent off as part of the same sequence that saw a second Chelsea goal chalked off, to bring a penalty.

It was almost difficult to keep up, the sense of dislocation added to by how the match was played at a frenetic pace and yet also frequently stopped for long VAR checks. Cole Palmer's ensuing penalty consequently may not have been as pure as he'd have liked but it did make its way in.

For Pochettino's part, Udogie's challenge wasn't the only big change. He altered Chelsea's formation to ensure they had taken tactical control of the game even before Romero's red card.

It probably shouldn't have got to that for Spurs, though. It was going to get worse. Both Maddison and Van de Ven had to go off injured before Udogie eventually got his red card.

What happened next was perhaps the most unexpected development of all, though. Postecoglou refused to back down. He doubled down.

Despite nine-man Spurs losing two of their leading players to injury, with both of their main centre-halves off the pitch, Postecoglou seemed to go even higher with his line. Spurs basically offered up the entirety of their half to Chelsea's attack.

It was bold, to say the least. It immediately led to Chelsea setting up a series of one-on-ones, the game almost becoming a training exercise

between their forwards and Guglielmo Vicario, with some vague use of the offside trap in between.

And yet this might well have been where there was a clear logic. Given how inexperienced this Chelsea squad is, many of them seemed to keep making the bad choices when such good chances were offered. There was rarely a third-man run. Mykhailo Mudryk and Nicolas Jackson kept going outside when they should have gone inside, or vice versa.

Vicario, for his part, was brilliant. Every unlikely stop amplified the atmosphere. It was as if every wasted one-on-one - and they were becoming countless - was further eroding their confidence.

This could have been a hugely embarrassing game for Chelsea, rather than the humiliation for Spurs it was almost set up for.

Except, the risk was just too great. A team with someone as experienced as Sterling was eventually going to get one right. It was duly his pass that set up Jackson.

At 2-1, Spurs had no choice but to go for it even more. Jackson claimed even more, twice scoring in stoppage time. That may be a turning point for him as well as Spurs, but only after a night that really did the rounds.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Yanga's defensive midfielder, Khalid Aucho, shoots as Coastal Union's player closes in when the clubs faced each other in the previous season's NBC Premier League fixture in Tanga.

JKT Queens with work to do as they take on Atlético FC d'Abidjan

By Guardian Correspondent

TONIGHT, JKT Queens and hosts Atlético FC d'Abidjan go head-to-head at the Amadou Gon Coulibaly Stadium in Ivory Coast in a potentially crucial encounter in Group A of the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League.

The match, which is the first clash between the two sides, will kick off at 8 pm.

The second round of games is always key in the Group Stage of the competition and both teams know a win could be vital for their chances of progressing to the knockout stage.

The Tanzanian representatives are coming into the game on the back of a 2-0 loss to Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies of South Africa in their first group match played on Sunday.

Esther Chaburuma's charges were undone by poor finishing against Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies in a game they started well before fading out in the second half.

They will have to move forward from that shock and secure a win against Atlético Abidjan in case they need to revive their qualification hopes.

This must go down as a game JKT Queens need to win. The attacking department led by Joyce Lema and Jamila Rajabu has to step up a level against Atlético FC d'Abidjan.

The backline of Christer Bahera, Happiness Mwaipaja, Esther Mabanza, and Diana Minaly must also be more hawk-eyed to ensure Najiath Abbas' nets are well protected.

As for hosts Atlético Abidjan, they are coming into the match also without a win having begun with a 1-1 draw against SC Casablanca on the weekend.

Atlético Abidjan took the lead through Couso Agbo in the 37th minute, but conceded nine minutes to stoppage time as N'Guessan Koffi scored the equalizer for SC Casablanca.

The stalemate left them with the unwanted record of being the first host club to fail to win their opening game at the finals.

In 2021 Wadi Degla of Egypt won 3-1 against Malian side AS Mande, while in 2022 AS FAR Women's FC defeated Simba Queens.

Against JKT Queens, the Ivorian squad will look to pick maximum points to avoid another unwanted record.

Should they fail to win, Atlético FC d'Abidjan will become the first host club to not win any of the squad's opening two games at the finals.

Simba SC sacks Robertinho after derby humiliation



Simba SC head coach, Roberto Oliveira.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC has parted ways with head coach Robert 'Robertinho' Oliveira following a 5-1 home defeat by bitter city rivals, Young Africans SC, in a 2023/24 NBC Premier League encounter which took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Goalkeeping coach Daniel Cadena, who holds a UEFA A Pro license, will take on the role of interim head coach and will be supported by Selemani Matola as the club searches for Robertinho's replacement.

Simba SC will face Namungo FC in an NBC Premier League game at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam tomorrow as the former looks to bounce back to the win-

ning column.

The squad, popularly known as 'Msimbazi Reds' was well-beaten by Yanga, with goals from Maxi Nzengeli, Kennedy Musonda, Pacome Zouzoua, and Stephane Aziz Ki condemning them to their heaviest derby defeat in more than 40 years.

The first defeat of the season left Simba SC placed third in the table after taking 18 points from the side's opening seven matches.

A club statement read: "The Simba SC management thanks the coaches for their contributions to our club and wishes them the best of luck in their new endeavours."

"During this transition period, the team will be under the caretaker coach Cadena who will be assisted by Selemani Matola. The process of acquiring new coaches

has begun and is expected to be finalized soon," the statement noted.

Rwandan fitness coach Corneille Hatekimama and assistant coach Tunisian-born Ouanane Sellami are also part of Robertinho's backroom casualties.

Robertinho, the former Brazil national team striker, was named as Simba SC coach in January, replacing Juma Mgunda.

He led the team to the CAF Champions League quarterfinal last season and also won the Community Shield at the start of this campaign.

Although Simba SC won the squad's first Premier League matches under Robertinho, and also qualified for the CAF Champions League Group Stage, the side was still criticized for showcasing unconvincing performance and a not-so-exciting brand of football.

Yanga aims to stay top before FIFA break

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

COASTAL Union will play hosts to Young Africans SC at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga this evening in the final set of games before the 2026 World Cup Qualifiers' break as the NBC Premier League defending champion looks to stay top of the table with a victory.

As the league heads into match-day nine and 10, Young Africans SC, popularly known as Yanga, find themselves at the summit of the NBC Premier League table and they remain unbeaten since their loss to Ifeju SC back in September.

No team has scored more goals than Yanga in the league this season and they come into this encounter with the confidence of thrashing arch rivals Simba SC last weekend.

Yanga head coach Miguel Gamondi said though the pitch conditions at Mkwakwani Stadium are not suitable he is confident in his squad's ability to take maximum points.

The Argentinian gaffer said: "I can't say much about preparations because as you know we were so busy with last week's derby. We played on Sunday, yesterday we did a training session to recover and to see the condition and fitness of the players then we travelled. Today we had another small training session as well."

"As the technical staff, we worked a little bit on the video analysis of Coastal Union. Honestly, that is the only preparation for this game," the tactician revealed.

"It is a little bit difficult. We had a long trip. Six hours travelling by bus after the game when you normally need to recover," he stated.

"The good thing is that we had a very good result. It motivated us, everybody is motivated. I also think teams that are in these positions when they play against a big team like Yanga on top of the log, they will be motivated," the Argentine pointed out.

"They will be fighting and it can be challenging. I expect a difficult game and the pitch is not ideal for our kind of game but we need to play."

By contrast, Coastal Union finds itself sitting 11th-14 points behind Yanga- having endured another poor start to the season. As a result, the side parted ways with head coach Mwynyi Zahera last week.

Coastal Union claimed a goalless draw with Namungo FC last time out, meaning the outfit heads into today's clash on a three-game unbeaten streak.

They have kept three successive clean sheets though finishing is still a major concern.

In head-to-head stats, Yanga and Coastal Union have met in 20 league matches since 2011/10.

Yanga has claimed 12 wins compared to three for Coastal Union, while just five games have ended in a draw. Yanga has won the past four games against Coastal Union.

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