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VP: Headteachers can impart tree planting skills to their pupils

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango (pictured) has challenged head teachers in 189 schools in which the nationwide tree planting and caring competition will be conducted to see to it that pupils obtain practical training regarding tree planting.

Launching the national tree planting and caring programme here yesterday, the VP instructed local government authorities (LGAs) and the Tanzania Forest Service Agency (TFS) to plant tree species compatible with the environment of a particular area.

He also urged reinforcement of using dustbins in buses, while asking the health ministry to ensure that there are enough friendly trees planted at hospital premises countrywide.

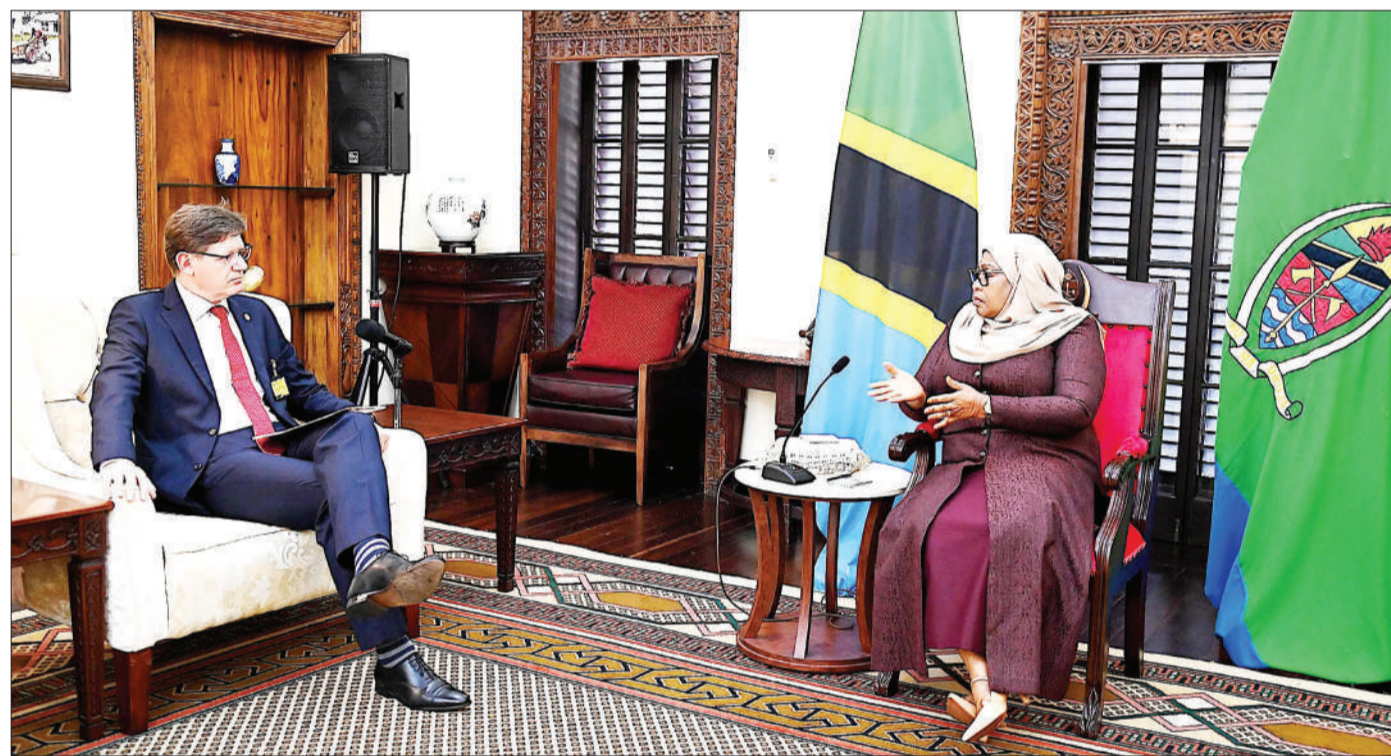
Ruth Zaipuna, NMB chief executive officer, said at the rally that the bank has set aside at least 4.6bn/- to help support the fruitful implementation of the programme.

She said the bank and TFS will execute a tree planting and caring contest for schools to help instill the tree planting and caring spirit from the grassroots.

NMB will disburse 472m/- for running the contest, with excelling schools awarded cash prizes ranging from 20m/- to 50m/-, whereby each school will pocket 2m/- as a

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan has an audience with Absa Group Limited executive director Arrie Rautenbach at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The financial services conglomerate, with headquarters in Johannesburg, has subsidiaries in several sub-Saharan countries. Photo: State House

By Felister Peter

US Vice-President Kamala Harris touches down in Dar es Salaam tomorrow for a three day packed engagement visit, likely to see the revival of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) engagement/

Dr Stergomena Tax, the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, said yesterday that the VP will hold talks with President Samia Suluhu Hassan on the second day of her stay, at the State House in Dar es Salaam.

She said that talks having been conducted between the two governments on starting to implement projects under MCC. The program was suspended for various reasons, the minister affirmed, noting that the two countries are now eager to work on the agreed agenda after some preliminaries were concluded.

She said Tanzania has fulfilled key areas of the required criteria including strengthening democracy and reviewing some laws, such that the tension with the US authorities was eclipsed more than a year ago.

The VP is slated to tour the city-based Tanzania Startup Association to meet young local entrepreneurs, as well as the National Museum and lay a wreath in memory of people who died during the US Embassy bombing on August 7, 1998.

The minister was affirmative that the United

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By Guardian Reporter

OVERHAULING the Criminal Procedure Act and the Evidence Act of 1967 will help to address the piling of cases in court and promote more efficient access to justice.

Moses Ndelwa, assistant director in the case management division in the judiciary, said yesterday that this is among propositions submitted to the presidential commission for reviewing the justice delivery system chaired by



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former Chief Justice Othman Chande.

The two sets of legislation need to be reviewed to ensure that cases are brought to court when investigations have been completed, he stated, noting that this proposition is meant to avoid case pile up arising from filing cases with investigations still going on.

Underlining that the judiciary has no power over such laws, he said that the law on criminal procedure presents challenges that need to be checked,

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Under the 'Feed the Future' programme, the US has disbursed \$1.9bn directed to enhancing food security, nutrition and agro-sector development

States share of foreign direct investment (FDI) was rising, with 266 projects registered by the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC). The projects pegged at \$4.7bn have created 54,584 jobs by current data.

A total of 68 projects are in tourism, while manufacturing has 66 projects.

Tanzania receives a big number of tourists from the US, increasing annually from 66,394 in 2015 to 100,600 in 2022, she said, noting further that Tanzania and the US have since 2010 been implementing a school feeding programme, with the US disbursing \$67m benefiting 231 schools.

Under the 'Feed the Future' programme, the US has disbursed \$1.9bn directed to enhancing food security, nutrition and agro-sector development, she said, pointing out that last month the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) handed Tanzania \$827.8m.

The funds are meant for a two-year project from October 2024 to September 2026 to enhance the fight against HIV/Aids. With PEPFAR assistance, 88 percent of infected people know their status and 85 percent are using ARVs, she added.

TANZANIA is set to benefit from a three-day pace setting state visit by US Vice President Kamala Harris starting tomorrow.

A number of strategic economic agreements will be signed between the two nations during the visit, with the VP's coming following an official invitation by President Samia when they met in Washington D.C last April 2022 when launching "Tanzania: The Royal Tour" documentary.

During the US-Africa summit later in December, President Joseph R. Biden Jr

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THE decision by Saudia Airlines to establish scheduled flights to Tanzania was spurred by expansion of trade activities between the two countries bringing about the need for direct flights, the government affirms.

Prof Makame Mbarawa, the Works and Transport minister made this observation at an event to receive a Saudia Airline plane at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) in Dar es Salaam.

He said that setting up Saudi-Tanzania direct flights results from the visit by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to the Gulf kingdom last June, thus raising the number of international flights to JNIA.

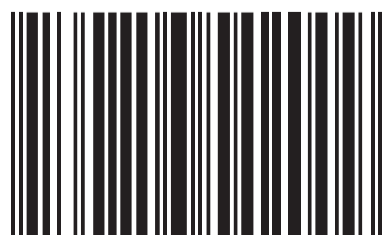
The plane, able to carry 180 passengers, will fly directly from JNIA to King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah four times a week, he stated, noting that a flight from Jeddah to Dar used to take 10 hours, but the direct flight now takes four and half hours.

Citing 2022 aviation statistics he said that the number of foreign passengers coming to the country has increased by 55 per cent, from 1.69m passengers in 2021 to 2.6m

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From-R: Mwanza regional CCM chairman Sixbert Jichabu, Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister Mary Masanja and Oryx Gas Tanzania managing director Araman Benoit present a gas cylinder to entrepreneur Jane Maira during yesterday's supply of 1,000 gas cylinders and stoves to women entrepreneurs in the region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Ethiopian officials in central Somalia ahead of offensive

BELEDWEYNE

SENIOR officials from the Ethiopian military led by General Tesfaye and General Haji arrived in Beledweyne, the capital of Hiraaan region, on Saturday.

The main visit of the officials is focused on how the Ethiopian army will participate in the planned second phase operation against Al-Shabaab in Hiraaan region.

The governor of the Shabelle region of the Somali regional state, Adan Ahmed Sooyan and other officials are part of the delegation having meetings with Hiraaan authorities.

Ethiopian troops not under ATMS are expected to arrive in Hiraaan region soon to join in the pending offensive, which will end at the border areas, according to the officials.

Last year, Al-Shabaab militants entered Ethiopia at several sites from the border regions of Hiraaan and Bakool, and engaged in a heavy battle with Somali region's Liyu police.

Following cross-border raids, the president of Ethiopia's Somali region Mustafe Cagjar announced that ENDF will establish a buffer zone inside Somalia to prevent further attacks.

Meanwhile, the breakaway Somaliland military said that they will carry out an all-out offensive against the SSC-Khatumo forces to retake control of the town of Lasanod.

The spokesman of the region's military, Abdi Abdillahi Hassan Abdidhere declared on Sunday that Somaliland has run out of patience and will attack the rival forces.

"Somaliland has been patient as long as it could. We have been folding our hands a lot, so now it is time to come out of our bases and recapture Las Anod" said Abdidhere.

He sent a warning to Puntland troops in Lasanod and said they will pay the price for invading Somaliland, signaling new war between the two competing regional states.

He said that Al-Shabaab is in the city and fighting along the SSC and Puntland soldiers, a claim that all sides have similarly rejected as baseless propaganda.

It is the first time that Somaliland has officially announced that it is going to launch offensive after having declared a ceasefire several times since losing Las Anod in January.

The U.N. Security Council last month called for a de-escalation of the conflict in Las Anod, but all calls for calm have gone unheeded as both sides continued exchanging heavy fire.

More than 200 people were killed in the fighting with doctors in the northern city saying most of the victims are civilians while thousands fled from their houses to escape the fire.

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promised that top US government officials will be engaged in periodic visits to Africa as part of efforts to strengthen ties between the two sides.

Without disclosing their specifics, the minister said that a number of contracts and agreements that are mutually beneficial will be signed, covering business, investment,

tourism, education, health and environmental conservation.

"Tanzania is among three African countries to be visited by top US government officials since President Biden took office," she said, noting that this visit is tied to President Samia's efforts in diplomatic outreach. "Through her visit we are going to further strengthen our relationship," she added.

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while the law of evidence was outdated.

Cases should not be taken to court when investigations have not been completed, he said, citing the example of murder cases which are first taken to resident magistrate courts, making the procedure longer and "causing unnecessary trouble for suspects."

The views by the court are aimed at removing delays and chaos in the handling of suspects who spend years in remand prisons waiting for their cases to be heard, he said.

The court receives more than 2000 cases per year, he said, specifying that with the recent permission to employ 48 magistrates the pace of attending to cases is accelerated, where computer-based documentation speeds up court operations.

Samweli Mshote, a senior officer for court computer systems, said technology has facilitated quick

delivery of justice by speeding up access to information or follow-up by various parties.

A new case management system now in the offing will link concerned parties like advocates, the Prison Department, the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), the Attorney General's Office and others.

Jumanne Sagini, the Home Affairs deputy minister, submitted proposals for the review of the Road Safety Act with intent to more effectively reduce accidents.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan directed the formation of the commission to seek views of the various organs dispensing criminal justice, to see ways of speeding up its delivery.

This initiative is part of the broader programme of the president tied with political reconciliation, economic reform, opening up the country and improving governance to enhance effectiveness of rendering public services.

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last year, a rapid climb in travel frequency.

Fahad Al-Harbi, Saudi Arabia's acting ambassador, said his country believes in having direct flights to Tanzania to boost trade and tourism exchanges between the two countries.

"Today we are witnessing an inaugural direct flight by Saudia Airline," he said, underlying that the new link "will appropriately contribute to the growth of the business sector, transport,

enhancing of investments and the industrial sector."

This will go in tandem with the development of tourism and transport of pilgrims, he especially noted.

The minister emphasized that President Samia's vision to expand air travel needs to be commended because it will help the country's economic growth.

The president qualifies for a medal of honour for the great job she was doing in opening up the country through her visits to foreign countries, he added.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa fills in for President Samia Suluhu Hassan in Dar es Salaam yesterday in receiving from Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye (R) an award from the Tanzania Association for Government Communication Officers. The award was a gesture of the officers' recognition of the president's contribution in various fields, including the information industry, international relations, politics and economic growth. The occasion was the association's 18th working session. Left is National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson. Photo: PMO

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participation award.

The competition, attracting a total of 189 primary and secondary schools, will feature a series of creative demands on tree planting education and awareness, she stated.

Prof. Dos Santos Silayo, the TFS chief executive officer, said that the agency was working to elevate forest sector performance by implementing diverse campaigns.

The major axes are establishment

of new forests, improvement of existing forests along with tree planting and caring campaigns, for instance through beekeeping.

The new campaign entails opening more nurseries for diverse tree seedlings across the country to help facilitate sustainable availability and accessibility to the public.

The VP said TFS has to provide the tree seedlings that will flourish in a particular soil environment and weather patterns in the various regions, citing climate change as a

serious problem that dilutes efforts by the government in various development goals.

The campaign inaugurated at the government city in Mtumba area envisages planting at least one million trees countrywide, with sponsorship from NMB Bank Plc and TFS supervision, working with the Regional Administration and Local Governments (PO-RALG) authorities in the President's Office.

Angellah Kairuki, the PO-RALG state minister hailed TFS for rolling out 1.87bn/- for implementation

of the tree planting campaign, taken up by a total of 36 districts countrywide.

Dr Selemani Jafo, the Union and Environment state minister in the Vice President's Office said the programme reflects the CCM' election manifesto demanding that districts across the country plant up to 1.5m trees.

After launching the programme in the capital, the set schedule will see the launching of similar programmes in regions across the country, he added.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango pictured at Mtumba in Dodoma city yesterday watering a tree he planted shortly after launching a tree planting campaign supported by NMB Bank Plc in collaboration with the Tanzania Forestry Services Agency. Photo: VPO

Looters descend on Kenyatta family Northlands farm, stealing livestock and attacking journalists

NAIROBI

AN armed group yesterday invaded a vast property owned by the family of former President Uhuru Kenyatta in Kamakis area on the Eastern Bypass.

The protesters, who were chanting Mau Mau slogans, could be heard saying that they too are Kenyans and deserve to own land just like the Kenyatta family.

When reporters arrived at the scene a few minutes to 2pm, scores of people had already gained access to the property. Most of them were armed with crude weapons

including freshly sharpened machetes and clubs. They could be seen carting away farm animals like sheep.

One newspaper crime reporter was roughed up by the gang when they realised he was a journalist reporting the story of the invasion. They tore up his clothes and stole his phone.

Later, a camera crew that arrived in the area suffered the same fate as their vehicle was stoned by the violent looters.

The gang also burnt trees and bushes. Guards employed to take care of the land watched from a

distance as the drama unfolded.

When the journalists were leaving the scene they spotted a number of public service vehicles parked along Mwhiko-Githurai road, and was told by witnesses that they had arrived in them.

Near the vehicles were two armed police officers. However, they did not intervene to stop the looting.

On Sunday, police officers banned the demonstrations called by the opposition. Japheth Koome, the Inspector-General of Police, said Odinga had not been granted permission to hold the protests.

"I ask all Kenyans to go on with their business as usual. We are out to ensure more officers are stationed in different parts of the city to deal with any chaos," Koome said.

He noted that police officers would not bow to intimidation and would instead work hard to keep the environment conducive for business.

Koome accused the opposition of causing chaos, arguing there are other ways to have their grievances addressed.

After holding what he described as successful protests across the country on March 20, Odinga announced he will lead Kenyans in nationwide demonstrations every Monday and Thursday.

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Girls from Kahama, Kishapu and Butiama districts living in difficult conditions, among them those with disabilities and those expelled from school on account of pregnancy, undergo practical training in tailoring at a vocational education and training college in Kishapu District, Shinyanga Region, as found yesterday. The training is provided free of charge through a project dubbed "Chaguo Langu, Haki Yangu" (literally, My Choice, My Right). It is implemented by WILDAF Tanzania with funding from the Finnish Embassy in Tanzania through UNFPA. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

SGR project is for economic advancement, says Majaliwa

By Guardian Reporter

RESIDENTS of Maswa District, Simiyu Region have been called to use the existence of the international Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project as an opportunity for their economic advancement.

The call was made by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa on Sunday as he addressed hundreds of Maswa residents and government officials at a public rally at Mwenge stadium, Malampaka town.

"This railway line will be of high standard, there will be a big station here at Malampaka, that will incorporate the embarking and disembarking of passengers as well as cargo.

"Local council should survey the land so that the residents get title deeds for their own economic activities," he said.

He added: "Start building up guest houses so that when the station is completed and travellers start arriving they should not have the bother to travel to as far as Mwanza for accommodation, they should stay here and spend their money here."

Majaliwa called on district officials not to abandon the people, but plan for them infrastructures for the entrepreneurs to enable food vendors have their own areas for business to cater for travellers.

"And you farmers, cultivate ample crops, and the food harvested you sell to service providers of the project as Malampaka is a fast growing town," said PM Majaliwa.

Responding to the issue of shortage of water raised by the residents, Majaliwa said

RUWASA has already researched that a lot of water in the area are not fit for human consumption as it contains a lot of chloride.

In the circumstances, he said the government has set aside 22.4bn/- for the project to supply water from Lake Victoria to Tabora that will pass through the area and benefit Malampaka residents.

Earlier, Majaliwa inspected work on the SGR project Section V from Isaka to Mwanza at Nyashimba and Badi villages where he said the construction is 28.03 per cent complete.

In his statement, TRC managing director, Masanja Kadogosa said the 341 Isaka-Mwanza section is being built by two Chinese firms CCECC and CRCC and will cost 3.06trn/-.

For his part, Maswa West Member of Parliament, Masimba Ndaki thanked the government for building a big passenger and goods station at Malampaka as he believed that it will serve Simiyu and Mara regions as well as Kisumu town in Kenya.

In regard to the education sector, Ndaki said this year alone, they have been provided with 660m/- that has been spent for building 33 classrooms.

He added that in regard to the health sector they received 400m/- that has been spent to build eight dispensaries. "We have also built health centres at Badi, Shishiu and Zibeya villages costing 300m/- each," Ndaki said.

The prime minister has concluded his three-day visit of Simiyu region during which he inspected development projects and spoke to residents in Itilima, Bariadi and Maswa districts.

By Correspondent James Kandoya

Samia commended for trusting women

CCM member Imran Jaffery has commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for trusting women by appointing them in various leadership positions.

Jaffery, who is Ilala and Jangwani wards CCM parents - wing patron made the remarks in Dar es Salaam during an event to commemorate two years since President Hassan assumed the office.

He also called parents in the country to invest in girls' education saying most of the time they were left behind.

He said President Samia has advocated for inclusivity, meaning bringing more women on board in public position, pushing the gender agenda with a clear purpose of harnessing inclusivity in leadership.

She said the head of state has proved to the public that women can do better as men do when given the chances.

He said since she assumed office, the head of state has appointed more women in leadership positions in all three pillars to facilitate achievement of the 50-50 agenda.

"Let's stop segregating girls especially at the time we need to build their future. Let's give equal education rights to build their talents," he said.

"Let's support the president's decision by investing in education for girls to ensure they realize their leadership's dreams," he added.

According to him, there has been an increase in the number of females appointed to leadership positions and excel to

the maximum which was a clear indication that they were capable.

Jaffery said therefore, it was a duty of any female leaders appointed in leadership positions to prove they are capable.

In her second Cabinet reshuffle in June 2021, she retained all four female ministers in the fifth phase administration, moved them around and added five new fresh

faces to bring the total number of women to nine, in a team of 22 -- the highest for the country since Independence at 34.3 per cent -- but still trailing Kigali's 55 per cent representation, and ahead of Kenya's 33.3.

As she marked two years of her presidency last week, some people said her leadership is "a step in the right direction, especially appointing more women in Cabinet but she needs to reach out to women in the lower levels of the population."



Culture, Arts and Sports minister Dr Pindi Chana (L) visibly impressed at an Accelerate Women executive breakfast event held in Dar es Salaam recently and attended by more than 300 women. Other dignitaries in attendance included Accelerate Business Group CEO Bernice Fernández (3rd-R) and the US Ambassador to Tanzania, Dr Michael Battle (2nd-R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Zanzibaris benefit from marine resources, says minister in Isles

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Minister of State in the Office of Zanzibar Second Vice President (Coordination and House of Representatives), Hamza Hassan Juma, has said many Zanzibar residents continue to benefit from marine resources in various economic sectors.

He made the remarks yesterday in North Unguja region when opening a training which discussed the coordination of blue economy for Zanzibar cabinet ministers.

He said the completion of planning policies for the blue economy will provide more opportunities for Zanzibaris to benefit hence he called on fishermen to continue preserving the marine environment for future benefits.

Hamza said Zanzibar is surrounded by water hence it was important to implement policy plans through the blue economy concept for Zanzibaris to benefit.

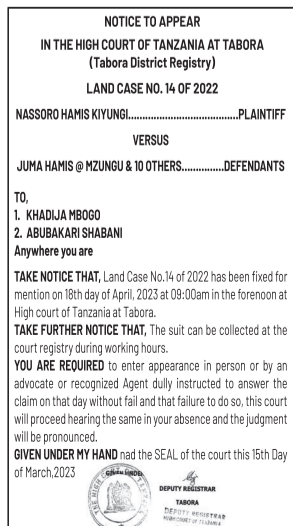
The minister said Zanzibar also has experience in good management of national policies including the policy on disasters and on the availability of food and nutrition.

The Permanent Secretary in the Blue economy ministry, Dr Aboud Suleiman Jumbe said in order for the blue economy concept to be attained it is essential to boost education, innovation, capital inflows, markets, gender equality, goods quality and environmental preservation.

He added that the government continues to put in place better environment for investment, easing the conduct of trade and solve various challenges that hinder better implementation of Zanzibar Development Plan (ZADEP).

"This is the only way to enhance the value chain in the blue economy sector and opening of new doors for modern international markets for products from the blue economy," he noted.

For his part, Representative from World wildlife fund (WWF) Tanzania, Matrida Simfukwe said the blue economy is among essential sectors for determining the entire issue of preservation and marine resources benefits in the coastal zone.



CALL FOR CONSULTANCY WORK TO UNDERTAKE THE BASELINE SURVEY OF THE INSTITUTIONAL WATER TREATMENT IN TANZANIA

Background
UpEnergy is an international company that focuses on reducing the carbon footprint by distributing carbon offsetting technologies/energy efficient technologies such as improved cookstoves, and water filters among others, using carbon finance. In Tanzania, UpEnergy distributes improved cookstoves and intends to distribute institutional water purification systems as part of its carbon credit program. UpEnergy is commissioning a baseline survey to assess the viability of the intended project and use the results to determine potential project areas or institutional types that the project can implement. To efficiently conduct the study, UpEnergy is looking for a seasoned local consulting firm to implement the baseline survey on institutional water treatment following the Gold Standard methodology.

Overall Objective of the Assignment
The objective of the assignment is to assess water access, quality, and treatment across various institutions in the administrative provinces of Tanzania. The study is expected to assess 150 schools, and 210 of other institutional types (prisons/health centers among others).

Specific Qualifications

- Consultancy firms should be registered with the Tanzanian Government and should have a specialization in Environment, Energy, and any related Carbon field of expertise.
- Experts within the consulting firm should possess relevant degrees in water, energy, environment, and statistics. Preference: Team leader to have at least a Master's Degree in the related field, and data collectors at least a diploma/degree.
- Experts in the team must have at least 5 years of experience in implementing baseline surveys and developing qualitative and quantitative baseline survey reports in line with Carbon Standards (Gold Standard /Clean Development Mechanism).
- Experts leading the project should have over 10 years of experience in designing, developing, and managing cross-sectional surveys in remote areas in Tanzania.
- Experience in implementing data analysis for large datasets and using mobile data collection platforms (such as ODK/KoboCollect, and Crystal Surveys, among others) for data collection and survey management
- Experience in water sample collection and testing, and also knowledge of the Water Landscape (institutional, community, and household level) for Tanzania.
- Experts should have strong proficiency in English and the local languages applicable to the survey locations

Application Procedure & Submission of Applications
All interested applicants may get the detailed ToR by emailing veronica@upenergygroup.com. The email subject should read "Request for Detailed ToR RFP-Baseline Survey".

Technical and Financial proposals should then be submitted via email at veronica@upenergygroup.com not later than 7th April 2023, 1700hrs East Africa time. Upon submission, the email subject should be "RFP-Baseline Survey Institutional Water Treatment Tanzania + Name of Consulting Firm".

Mwanza Special Seats legislator donates 21m/-

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

WOMEN from various groups in Mwanza region have received a donation of 21m/- from Special Seats legislator Mary Masanja to enable them to refill their gas cylinders to avoid the use of fossil fuels.

Mwanza is one of the regions in Tanzania that had a large forest area of which a significant area has been devastated by massive cutting down of trees for firewood and charcoal. Most residents in the region rely on wood fuels for cooking and heating, but they must walk long distances to fetch them.

Speaking at the event to hand over the funds and 1,000 gas cylinders donated by Oryx Gas Tanzania Limited (OGTL), Masanja said women and children are the ones who are mostly affected with the use of dirty energy sources, noting that collecting wood is not only unfriendly but also unsafe given the wild nature of the bush.

"Each of the women entrepreneurs who have received the gas cylinders and stoves will get 30,000/-. We are doing this in support of government efforts towards promotion of clean cooking energy whereas the target is to see 80 per cent of Tanzanians using clean energy sources by 2030," she said.

Masanja who is the Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism said that Mwanza is among the regions that face forest deforestation challenges, hence the need to sensitise residents to shift to gas from firewood and charcoal.

She, however, noted that using charcoal is expensive because a single sack is sold at 55,000/- while a gas cylinder can be refilled at a cost of 24,000/- only.

We have collaborated with OGTL to jointly prepare this clean cooking initiative aimed to reach out to women's groups from all Mwanza districts, educating them

about the safe use of LPG cylinders and facilitating them to shift from wood fuel to gas," added Masanja.

Benoit Araman, OGTL managing director said the initiative is part of the company's Environmental, Social and Governance "ESG" policy. He said they have decided to provide training on clean cooking gas energy to various groups of people in Tanzania.

Araman added that the training aims to provide awareness about LPG, its safe use and how cooking using LPG gas can improve community health while protecting the environment.

"Along with the training in Mwanza, we have handed over 1,000 gas cylinders and stoves for free to women's representative from various groups coming from all districts. This has been possible due to the collaboration between us and Mwanza community leaders represented by the MP," he said.

He said the campaign is a continuation of efforts in supporting the Government's agenda of using clean energy for cooking for all Tanzanians and they have so far reached more than 5,000 women who have been provided with Oryx LPG cooking solution over the last two years



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CCM youth told not to wait for opposition to speak on Samia's accomplishments

By Correspondent Ashton Balaigwa,

Morogoro

CCM youth forming the group of students in the country's medium and higher education institutions from the Morogoro Senate have been told not to wait for the opposition to speak for them on how President Samia Suluhu Hassan is implementing big development projects, whilst it is their responsibility to do so.

Jonas Nkya, member of CCM National Executive Committee for Morogoro region made the remarks, saying there are leaders of opposition parties who are expressing their satisfaction with the implementation of the big strategic projects as well introducing the freedom of expression by President Samia during her two years' leadership, while the CCM youth have been left behind.

Nkya was addressing a forum here at the weekend that incorporated students from medium and higher learning institutions based in Morogoro region to commend the President for her accomplishments in the two years since she took the country's helms.

The event also witnessed the inauguration of a new UVCCM branch at Morogoro Teachers Training College (MOTCO).

"You must speak about President Samia's achievements in the two years in various sectors including education, health, infrastructure and implementation of the mega projects, you should not wait for the opposition leaders to do that for you.

"For instance, in the education sector, President Samia just decided on herself to boost higher education sponsorship funds, hence you must be at the forefront speaking about good decisions made by her," Nkya added.

He appealed to students who are CCM members to be abreast in explaining at various forums and

social media on the implementation of the mega projects under her leadership.

In regard to the country's democracy, Nkya said President Samia is among Tanzania presidents who listen from all groups without discrimination, and allowed criticism levelled at her government the move that can restore faith among leaders of opposition parties.

Juliana Mwenda, member of CCM Executive Committee for Morogoro region called on the CCM youth to stop copying foreign customs that speak for gay rights and must be at the front line to oppose such anti-Tanzanian culture.

"Decay of ethics have started to emerge, there are STD IV pupils who have started knowing big issues than their age, hence I appeal to you to understand that these are not part of our customs and traditions, you must wage war against them," said Mwenda.

Earlier Morogoro region's UVCCM secretary, Sabrina Juma called on UVCCM members in higher learning institutions to stop the habit of adorning party attire only, instead they should take up opposition issues in the social media in order to help party leaders to provide answers on what their government had accomplished in adherence to the CCM Election Manifesto.



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Adam Kamanda (R), business development director of the Private Agricultural Sector Support (PASS) Trust, pictured in Moshi at the weekend presenting a gift to Elianchia Shang'a from the Tanzania Horticultural Association at an agriculture stakeholders' event organised by the trust. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

PM inaugurates emergency services building at Maswa District hospital

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has inaugurated emergency services building in Maswa district hospital costing 311m/-.

Addressing hundreds of Maswa residents who attended the event on Sunday, Majaliwa expressed his satisfaction with the project work, saying the building is of high quality standards.

"I have toured your building, it is good and fully equipped. The building has come at the appropriate time because there is a main highway passing through your town," said PM Majaliwa.

When he inquired the nature of emergency cases they receive,

the hospital doctor in charge Dr James Bwire said the cases included pregnant mothers in critical conditions and motorcycle riders involved in accidents adding that every week they receive four such cases.

For his part, deputy minister in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), DR Festo Dugange said the inaugurated building is among 80 building constructed from COVID-19 funds and that in Simiyu region, such buildings have been built in Bariadi and Itilima districts.

Maswa East Member of Parliament, Stanislaus Nyongo said during the current financial

year the district received 30bn/- for the implementing of various infrastructure projects including the emergency services building and the purchase of equipment costing 400m/- which are now operational.

"We have also built six health centres and finished walls for one dispensary, two large, modern operation theatres, wards for infants in critical condition and for still-borns and one mobile X-ray machine.

He added that they also bought a large modern X-ray machine but could not be installed because the building planned for it is an aged building and radiation officials said its walls are porous to radiation rays.

The MP also appealed for funds for the construction of a new building to allow the machine be installed and start operating.

Earlier, Prime Minister Majaliwa inspected the building for the chalk and packaging factory project that has cost 8bn/- and was 97 per cent complete.

Responding to issues raised by Simiyu region legislators, Majaliwa said he is following up their request for 2.8bn/- to finalise the project in order to start production.

Maswa district executive director, Simon Berege told the PM that the Council received 8.09bn/- for the project which was spent for the construction of the chalk factory, the building for the packaging factory, a building for gypsum processing and the construction of the perimeter fence and for the purchase of equipment for the chalk factory.



Patrick Sosopi, a member of the opposition Chadema's central committee, addresses a recent rally in Berege ward, Mpwapwa District. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

CCM commends Samia on success

By Correspondent James Lanka, Hai

THE ruling CCM party in Hai district, Kilimanjaro region has commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the achievements attained in two years in power.

Chairman for the CCM-parent wing in Kilimanjaro region, Joseph Mselle made the remarks during a meeting with Ward Councillors aimed at discussing development plans for the next five years.

He said in the two years she has been in power, President Samia has improved the welfare of Tanzanians in various sectors including agriculture.

"In the two years of her leadership, many have been achieved resulting from the good implementation of different development projects under her supervision, which are evident," he explained.

In addition, Mselle said in the education sector was the decision to allow female students who cut short their studies due to various reasons including that of getting pregnant, to return to school and continue with their education which he said will help many female students continue to achieve their dreams they had before suspending their education.

The CCM-parents wing chairperson further said that, another area of success was in the health sector whereby he said, the increase in the budget for the Ministry of Health has enabled health services to be improved in the country, which led to the curbing of many challenges which people faced when seeking health services.

"In terms of road infrastructure, we have witnessed the budget being increased for the Tanzania Rural and Road Agency (TARURA) and on Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) something which has led to many roads in the country, including those in rural area, to be in good condition in all times of the year and therefore contributing to the development of the national economy", he noted.

Mselle said the government has also done a good job in implementing strategic projects such as the construction of the Julius Nyerere hydro power project, saying its completion will contribute, among other things, to low electricity charges, a move which he said will give many Tanzanians a big relief.



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Firm win praise for donating gas stoves, cylinders to women

By Guardian Reporter

FOUNDER and chairperson of Women and Development Foundation (WAMA) Salma Kikwete has commended Oryx Gas Tanzania Limited (OGTL) for donating 100 gas cylinders and two-plate stoves to Dar es Salaam based women food vendors.

The company donated the gas cylinders through an economic inclusion initiative—'Mwanamke Shujaa' which means 'A Brave Woman' which is coordinated by Coca-Cola Kwanza (CCK), subsidiary of Coca-Cola Beverages Africa. The program aims at supporting women to take their rightful place in the economy.

The handover ceremony took place over the weekend in Dar es Salaam. Speaking at the event, Kikwete who is a Member of Parliament for Mchinga Constituency said the action should be emulated by other stakeholders. Beneficiaries also received other tools of trade including customer benches along with 300 kitchen clothing.

"I am encouraged by like-minded organizations coming together and joining forces with the government to ensure economic inclusion of women at all levels. I call upon other stakeholders to ensure they look at different ways to support women in our communities", said Kikwete.

She added: "More than 350 brave women are today benefiting with the 'Mwanamke Shujaa' programme. It is encouraging to see that apart from being provided with working tools, they have been trained on training in business skills, entrepreneurship, bookkeeping and capital growth. Through the training, women food vendors are expected to increase productivity."

Oryx Gas Tanzania Limited marketing manager, Peter Ndomba said his company was delighted to partner with CCK to empower women entrepreneurs.

Ndomba said: "Our economy can reach new heights if we successfully support more women to access opportunities for business growth. 'Mwanamke Shujaa' campaign is an inspiring example of how we can achieve this and we're proud to be part of the campaign by providing the gas cylinders and stoves for these food vendors. Our organization works to ensure increasing usage of natural gas replacing the traditional charcoal and firewood which are harmful to our environment and health," said Ndomba.

Ndomba said the use of gas in cooking will save forests because more people especially in rural areas still use charcoal and firewood

to cook. He said data indicates that only 5 per cent of Tanzanians use gas for cooking.

"We have been implementing a number of programmes in support of government efforts towards clean cooking energy. In two years, we have supported nearly 5,000 women through provision of gas cylinders and stoves," he said.

Earlier, Coca-Cola Kwanza's public affairs and communications director, Salum Nassor said: "We are committed to empowering more than 1,100 women across its value chain by the end of 2023. This is a part of an economic inclusion initiative called 'Mwanamke Shujaa'."

Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd managing director, Unguu Sulay said: "Our aim is to create greater shared opportunity for the business and the communities we serve across the value-chain. Opportunity is more than just money; it's about a better future for people and their communities everywhere on the African continent."

"We aim to create inclusive growth opportunities for women, youth, and people with disabilities by defining a consistent way of implementing economic inclusion programmes, drawing on leading practice for implementing our programmes," said Sulay.

He added: "The success of these programmes will be defined by the extent to which we boost income, unlock sustainable earning potential, improve skills and business knowledge for our target groups, resulting in access to economic opportunities."



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WVT provides food assistance to Mwanga, Same districts' schools

By Correspondent Daniel Sabuni,

Moshi

WORLD Vision Tanzania (WVT) in collaboration with World vision US have donated 33 tonnes of food assistance to 12,000 pupils in 40 primary and secondary school students in Same and Mwanga districts, Kilimanjaro region in order to address truancy caused by lack of midday meals at school due to the two-year drought in the area.

Neserian Mollel, WVT projects manager made the remarks at the meeting for launching the distribution of the food to primary and secondary schools in the two districts following over 200m/- assistance from US World Vision.

Neserian said in order to instill a calm atmosphere in classes and good students' attendance, they saw it fit for the students to be supplied with meals instead of remaining hungry till the go back home.

"We shall implement the project for the period of three months beginning now, but we appeal to the government and other stakeholders to come up and makes sure children get food as we are not certain that

next year the rains will be adequate for the people to get ample food crop harvests," she added.

Kilimanjaro regional Commissioner, Nurdin Babu challenged business people to assist the community faced by hunger saying all the assistance provided also came from religious organisations including the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT).

"Even WVT Tanzania that has provided our children with food assistance is a religious organisation, but we have big businessmen here, I would like them to be touched by the plight of our children, just like the religious organisations were touched, these children are future officials and leaders," said RC Babu.

Mwanga district commissioner, Abdallah Mwaipaya said apart from Same and Mwanga districts being hit by severe drought, even the little crops obtained are destroyed by wildlife from Mkomazi national Park and Kenya's Tsavo National Park across the border.

The assistance provided by WVT included 33 tonnes of maize, beans and cooking oil.



Frederick Kanga (4th-L), Exim Bank Tanzania's head of human resources, presents 50 waste bins to Arusha regional education officer Abel Ntupwa (3rd-R) at the weekend's launch of the bank's campaign to plant 10,000 trees in the Northern Zone regions, especially in Arusha and Kilimanjaro, in continuation of its environmental initiative known as 'Exim Go Green Initiative'. The event was held on the outskirts of Arusha city. Looking on are Arusha City Council mayor Maximilian Iranghe (2nd-R), senior officers of Exim Bank as well as teachers and students from the school. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Exim Bank launches campaign to plant trees in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

EXIM Bank Tanzania has launched its ambitious campaign to plant 10,000 trees in the northern zone regions of Arusha and Kilimanjaro as a continuation of its environmental initiative known as 'Exim Go Green Initiative'.

The initiative aims to support the government's efforts to combat the environment behavior change

Along with the tree planting exercise, the bank also handed over a total of 100 waste bins to the regions for storage of wastes produced in different parts of the region.

Exim Bank Tanzania head of human resources Fredrick Kanga and the bank's chief financial officer, Shani Kinswaga led the launch of the campaign by participating in tree planting events held at different times and locations in the regions.

Along with planting trees at Mawenzi hospital in Kilimanjaro region, Karatu district hospital and Arusha Girls school located in Arusha region, the move also involved the donation of 200 waste bins in Arusha, Moshi and Karatu.

"Basically, climate change is a result of an increase of human activities that lead to environmental damage. So as a community we have a general responsibility to fight and control the situation by planting trees and taking care of the environment in general."

"Exim Bank has been a major stakeholder in running and supporting various environmental campaigns. We have been supporting a number of similar campaigns in Dodoma region and we thought that now is the right time for us to shift our efforts in other regions as well. The goal is to plant 10,000 trees in the Arusha,

Karatu and Moshi municipals."

"Confirming our intention we have already planted a total of 600 trees in the mentioned municipals as well as donating a total of 100 'waste bins' in the regions," said Kinswaga

Speaking about the campaign, Kanga said that the northern regions are one of the regions that are currently facing severe effects of environmental behavior change caused by human activities, especially deforestation and the growth of the industrial sector.

"In general, the situation is not impressive; we are all witnesses of how the increase in temperature affects the future of our heritage that we have been proud of for many years, which is Mount Kilimanjaro."

"Furthermore, the lack of sufficient rains also affects the production of crops and thus affects even the economy of the respective

regions. It's obvious that we as a financial institution are directly affected by the economic effects and that is why we decided to engage ourselves directly in this kind of efforts," he said.

Giving their remarks at different times, the senior governmental officials in Arusha, Karatu and Moshi Municipals commended the bank for the move noting that they are largely satisfied with the way various stakeholders, including the bank, continue to cooperate with the Government and its authorities in achieving the ongoing national efforts to protect the environment through various social responsibility programs.

"It is encouraging to see that the private sector including financial institutions like Exim Bank is supporting the great efforts made by the Government to protect the environment. I congratulate Exim Tanzania bank for developing this kind of initiative," said Abel Ntupwa, Arusha regional education officer who represented the region RC John Mongella.



Michael John (C), Director of Administration and Human Resources in the Education, Science and Technology ministry, joins in the singing of a solidarity song during the recent launch of a Tanzania Education Authority workers' council. Left the council's chairperson, TEA director general Bahati Geuzye, and right is a member of the council, Dr Erasmus Kipesha. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

World Bank vows to step up support for long-term development agendas in Africa

ADDIS ABABA

THE World Bank has vowed to step up its support to African countries with a special focus on their long-term development agendas, a senior official of the bank has said.

"We need to continue to support areas of long-term development agendas in Africa with a special focus on infrastructure, agriculture and other real sectors that will help

remove bottlenecks and unleash growth," World Bank Regional Vice President for Eastern and Southern Africa Victoria Kwakwa told the press on Friday in Addis Ababa as she concluded her three-day visit to Ethiopia.

She said, over the past two years, the bank has been supporting African countries in their COVID-19 response and helping them strengthen health systems.

"We have strong operations and

we are discussing with governments of the continent to augment the possibility of growth across the continent," Kwakwa said.

"The World Bank welcomes the AfCFTA (African Continental Free Trade Area) very much and it is investing on the physical connectivity among the countries of the continent, involving the transboundary roads and trade facilitation," she said.

Regarding the Ethiopian

economy, she said that the East African country has seen a rebound of growth despite multiple challenges including the conflict in its Tigray and neighboring regions, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ukraine crisis, as well as drought and conflict in the northern region, adding that Ethiopia is making progress.

Appreciating the cessation of hostility reached between the government of Ethiopia and the Tigray People's Liberation Front, she urged for consolidation of the peace agreement not only in Tigray but also in other parts of the East African country.

Government assures palm oil producers of foreign market

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government has assured palm oil producers of a guaranteed market after it has started solving all challenges that emerged during the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa's visit in February this year.

This was said yesterday by the Deputy Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade, Exaud Kigahe, when he visited the Trolle Mees Le Tanzania Ivs Ltd factory in Kigoma region.

He was receiving the report of the committee to evaluate the challenges that arose in increasing the value of the palm crop in Kigoma region.

While in Kigoma region on February 27, the Prime Minister received challenges from an investor who is building a factory to process and value addition Trolle Mees le Tanzania Ivs Ltd owned by a Tanzanian, Abdallah Mwilima.

Among the challenges posed by the investor include the lack of raw materials for the palm oil crop and requested the government to provide him with enough area to plant the palm oil crop so that he can have enough raw materials.

Also, the investor said that the electricity available in the area of his factory is not enough (low power) to run the plants closed at the factory, so he asked the Tanzania Electricity Company (Tanesco), Kigoma Region to install a large transformer in the project area.

The investor told the Prime Minister at that time that he did not get the entire loan amount he requested from the Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) so he asked the government to help him get the loan on time.

Due to these challenges, the Prime Minister instructed the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade through its institutions including

Dakawa set to produce new improved rice seed varieties

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Dakawa based centre in Morogoro region is working to produce more than 200 tonnes of new improved rice seeds varieties in this cropping season to help equip the farmers with enough seeds.

Dr Jerome Mghase, TARI Dakawa manager expressed that the hybrid seeds varieties were being planted by the center at numerous rice-growing zones of the country, including Dakawa and Ifakara (Morogoro), Mombo (Tanga) and Mbeya region, by participating a good number of farmers.

He unveiled the new seed varieties as TARI RIC 1, TARI RIC 2 and TARI RIC 3, observing that the varieties are potential in terms of yielding capacity (around 7.5 per hectare) and grain quality, among others.

"Introduction of the key rice seeds varieties resulted from diverse research we conducted in cooperation with likeminded stakeholders including the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)," he informed.

He noted that to a greater extent, the new seeds will help the farmers involved in the sector to expand their production and productivity, the sensible development which will fuel the general performance in the country.

"We're also continuing to collaborate smoothly with other stakeholders to ensure the country is equipped with enough improved rice seeds varieties," he stated.

He further went on to inform that the center was in a joint venture robust program with IRRI to engage rice growers in Morogoro region to participate in research activities and adoption of submergence rice seed technologies.

Among others, he said the major focus behind the project was to elevate productivity in production of the economic edible starchy cereal grain cash crop in the country, added that through the timely initiative, most of the smallholder farmers, agricultural extension workers, and agro-dealers have so far received helpful

Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) to deal with all the related challenges and provide timely solutions. Following these instructions by the PM, the ministry created a committee to deal with these challenges through institutions involved in the processing chain of palm oil starting from the initial stage of processing to reach the consumer.

Speaking during the event to receive the committee's report, Kigahe assured the investor that the Ministry has received all the challenges that have been identified and is working on them quickly, while some have already been solved and others are still being worked on.

"I would like to assure you that we have started working on all the challenges after receiving the Prime Minister's instructions, the Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has already worked on your challenge, the financial matters have been completed, regarding Tanesco we have spoken with the Manager of Tanesco Kigoma region, the challenge is being worked urgently," said Kigahe.

Eliel, Permanent Secretary from the Ministry, Dr Hasil Abdallah, assured the Deputy minister of the implementation of the challenges, saying as the chief executive of the ministry, he will ensure that the palm crop benefit the people of Kigoma region because it is a strategic crop in the region.

"We want our factories to use crude oil that came from our own factories including this factory of Trolle Mees le Tanzania Ivs Ltd. We want farmers who produce palm oil from Kigoma region to be assured of producing more because there will be a market but even the producers will be guaranteed to produce more because they will be assured of the raw materials," said Dr Hasil.

training on submergence rice technologies.

"The series of the training are tailored to provide a useful podium to help capture innovative ideas from farmers in order to generate appropriate rice seed that survives in flood environments. Also, the research wanted to build farmers' confidence about the technology to be developed; own it hence its adoption once the project excels," he expressed.

In more efforts to spur the performance of the economic sector, last year the center in collaboration with the Zanzibar Agricultural Research Institute (ZARI) conducted a special training on Mutation and Breeding (MB) to help speed up rice breeding programs in the country.

Tanzania leads in East Africa for rice production and the country stands at 4th position in Africa, after Nigeria, Madagascar and Ivory Coast. During 2019/2020, the country produced 2.2 million tons and the focus, as per the ministry of agriculture, is to heighten the production to at least 4.4 million tons by 2030.

Tanzania's rice records show that at least 71 per cent of rice is grown under rainfed conditions with about half of the county's rice grown by 239,000 smallholder farmers.

Rice is grown in three major ecosystems in Tanzania, rainfed lowland, upland, and irrigated systems. The area under rice increased from about 0.39 million hectares in 1995 to about 0.72 million hectares by 2010.

Production increased from about 0.62 million tons in 1995 to about 1.33 million tons of paddy rice in 2009 but dropped to 1.10 million tons in 2010.

The centre was established in 1984 by a joint effort of the government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the government of the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea with a prime vision to become the rice centre of excellence in the eastern, central and southern Africa region, whereby its mission is to develop and disseminate results-based research outputs on rice leading to efficient and resilient farming systems.



Bertha Vedastus (C), Serengeti Breweries Limited's head of innovation, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend making remarks at a seminar whose thrust was on empowering Tanzanian female artists. The event was sponsored by Serengeti Breweries Limited. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Farmers in three regions to benefit from education to improve coffee

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MORE than 22,500 farmers in Mbeya, Songwe and Ruvuma regions are to benefit from education to improve coffee cultivation through adding the crop's value, improving food security and nutrition and access to local and foreign reliable markets.

Out of these farmers, 52 per cent are youth and women aged 1-35 years, 200 factory workers from more than 600 cooperative societies and four community groups engaged in food processing and adding value.

Amos Mbwambo, Passport to Coffee Export (PACE) manager said the project is being sponsored

by EU and implemented by east and Central Africa (Soladaridad), Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI) and Environmental, Human rights care and gender organisation (ENVIROCARE).

Mbwambo said the project will be implanted for 42 months in coffee growing areas of Mbinga town, Nyasa district in Ruvuma region, Mbeya and Mbozi districts for Mbeya and Songwe regions respectively.

"The goal for this project is to improve the coffee crop by educating farmers on profitable farming practices, access to both local and foreign markets and boost gender relations and involving the youth in the entire value chain," he said.

He added that in the project, they will use 75 youth to help to educate the community on gender issues raised up in the research in the project area during 2020/21 and provide education to women credit and saving groups in rural areas.

Regarding acts of gender based violence (GBV) in the community, ENVIROCARE advocate Godlisten Muro said women are faced with a big economic discrimination within their families.

He noted that women have been great producers of crops and other economic activities but when it comes to budget decision, men used their muscle to control the financial resources.

"Our research shows that in

their entirety, rural women are big producers of farm crops, but in the end the men are planners of the budget in the families," he said, and added that sometimes men even move out of the house to marry another woman, when the money is spent up they return to their former wives.

He called upon the women not to close eyes to these acts instead they should boldly stand up to fight for their rights and plan for family budgets.

Rosemary Luvanda, Mbalizi resident in Mbeya region admitted on the existence of economic discrimination based on gender consideration in their areas and that men lead in these acts.

He said the education given on various laws, the coffee crop and how to fight gender based violence will assist them to raise their voices to ensure they get their rights and involved in family budget planning.



Grace Muro from Environmental, Human Rights Care & Gender Organisation, better known as Envirocare, takes entrepreneurs from Mlowo village in Mbeya District yesterday through the basics of making soap using coffee-based raw materials. The agency is a non-governmental, nonpartisan, non-profit organisation advocating environmental justice, human rights and gender equality and equity for all nationally and internationally. Photo: Correspondent Grace Mwakalinga

Govt, stakeholders launch partnership initiative to boost availability of fortified meals across schools

By Guardian Reporter

THE government in collaboration with stakeholders have launched the 2nd phase of a unique partnership initiative that aims to address malnutrition challenges thus enhance developmental potential of the next human capital generation required to advance the country's economic progress.

In 2021, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and SANKU initiated a project - a partnership brokered catalysed by the Waterloo Foundation, which aimed to fill the gap in fortification by working with Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) mills to build up their technical capacity to begin supplying fortified flour to schools.

GAIN is a Swiss-based foundation launched at the UN in 2002 to tackle the human suffering caused by malnutrition while Sanku works to provides fortification

tools, training, and other support to small-scale flour mills, enabling them to fortify their flour with essential micronutrients.

Speaking at the event in Shinyanga Region over the weekend Shinyanga Regional Commissioner, Mboni Mhita said: "This project is very important as the lessons learnt during its implementation will empower us with the information that we need to replicate the models more broadly in regions across Tanzania with high rates of malnutrition."

She said good health is the backbone of Tanzania's economic progress that is why moving forward we must continue to strengthen not only our health system but also our food systems for today's adolescents and youth to deliver against their full potential as our economic leaders of tomorrow.

GAIN Program Manager (Fortification), Archard Ngeheme

highlighted this "by providing training on safe production and adequate fortification processes, small-scale maize millers will be empowered to fortify maize flour effectively. As part of the government of Tanzania's school feeding initiative, they will be able to supply food to schools through registration completion and compliance support."

Under the launched initiative, the Waterloo Foundation has committed an additional 987m/- over a two-year period to advance increases in the availability, accessibility and consumption of nutritious and safe flour in schools across six Lake Zone regions-Kagera, Mwanza, Simiyu, Shinyanga, Geita and Mara.

Close to 4 out of 10 children in these regions are stunted, demonstrating a critical need for nutrition interventions. Through the project, more than 120,000 children in 240 schools in

Tanzania's Lake Zone regions will have sustainable access to food.

Ngeheme said most of the mills are small, often rural, and lack the technical and infrastructure capacity to fortify important staples like maize flour, yet more than 80 percent of households across Tanzania including schools purchase their food supplies from them.

"Availability of more SME mills fortifying maize flour supports the implementation of the national school feeding guidelines, which requires schools to use fortified products to address micronutrient deficiencies among adolescents," he said.

Tanzania suffers from high rates of micronutrient malnutrition with one-third (1/3) of children deficient in iron and vitamin A according to the Tanzania Demographic Health Survey (TDHS 2016).

Without the essential micronutrients that are needed to thrive, health consequences can range from cognitive impairments and serious physical disabilities to life-threatening disorders.

Digital education just can't be taken lightly

WE live in a technology-driven and technology-aided world and its competence is a must.

Africa should express grave concern over the lack of digital skills among vast majority of young Tanzanians to adequately prepare them to confront challenges and contribute to the economic growth and development of the nation.

Access to digital skills in Tanzania is still limited even in this 21st century.

Many of Tanzania's future generations have low digital literacy rates, and the digital divide between rural and urban areas remains significant. As a result, many young people miss out on the opportunities that digital skills offer.

Africa must pull all resources internally and externally to address the country's growing digital divide for the future of Tanzania.

We cannot afford to continue with the old ways of doing things by just giving scholarships without investing in digital education -- since without digital skills, more generations of Tanzanians would be left behind and unable to participate in the digital world which in turn would limit their opportunities for employment and economic growth.

Young people would also lack the ability to create new solutions to problems or innovate, hindering the development of their communities if they are not accorded the opportunity to acquire digital skills.

Such investment must be made now as country presently need a generation of Tanzanians that know computer programming, and data analytics, among others -- more than ever before.

The absence of such investment would not only create inequities in access to opportunities, but it will also undermine the potential of the Tanzanian economy to grow and compete.

We should address this issue while working with all Tanzanians including the business community.

Revolutions in technology and communication have created an entire economy of high-tech, high-wage jobs that can be located anywhere.

The benefits of investing in such a

project are clear.

First, it will drive economic growth and development. Digital savvy generations are innovative and creative thinkers who create new products and services, which can create jobs, boost productivity, and contribute to economic growth.

Second, it enables generations of Tanzanians to address the complex challenges facing the world. Climate change, poverty, and inequality are just some of the challenges that require innovative and creative solutions."

The country needs a generation of people who are not afraid to think outside the box and come up with new and effective ways to tackle these challenges.

When we empower future generations of Tanzanians to be innovative and creative, we give them the tools they need to create a better future for themselves and their communities. This, in turn, can help to reduce inequality, increase social mobility, and promote social cohesion."

Preparing a generation of innovative and creative young minds requires investment in digital education, which in return provides opportunities for creativity and innovation.

By doing so we would show how much we care about embracing the opportunities that technology presents and work to bridge the digital divide, so that future generations of Tanzanians benefit from the advantages of the digital world.

In today's globalised world, countries that invest in digital skills are better positioned to compete in the global market.

They are able to attract foreign investment, create new industries, and develop innovative solutions to the challenges facing their societies. So here today, the task at hand for the current administrators is to turn the achievements providing scholarship into an enduring framework for human progress -- investment in digital education.

Though the task is herculean, it is not impossible.

Preparing a generation of innovative Tanzanians to accelerate future growth and development requires investment in digital education initiatives.

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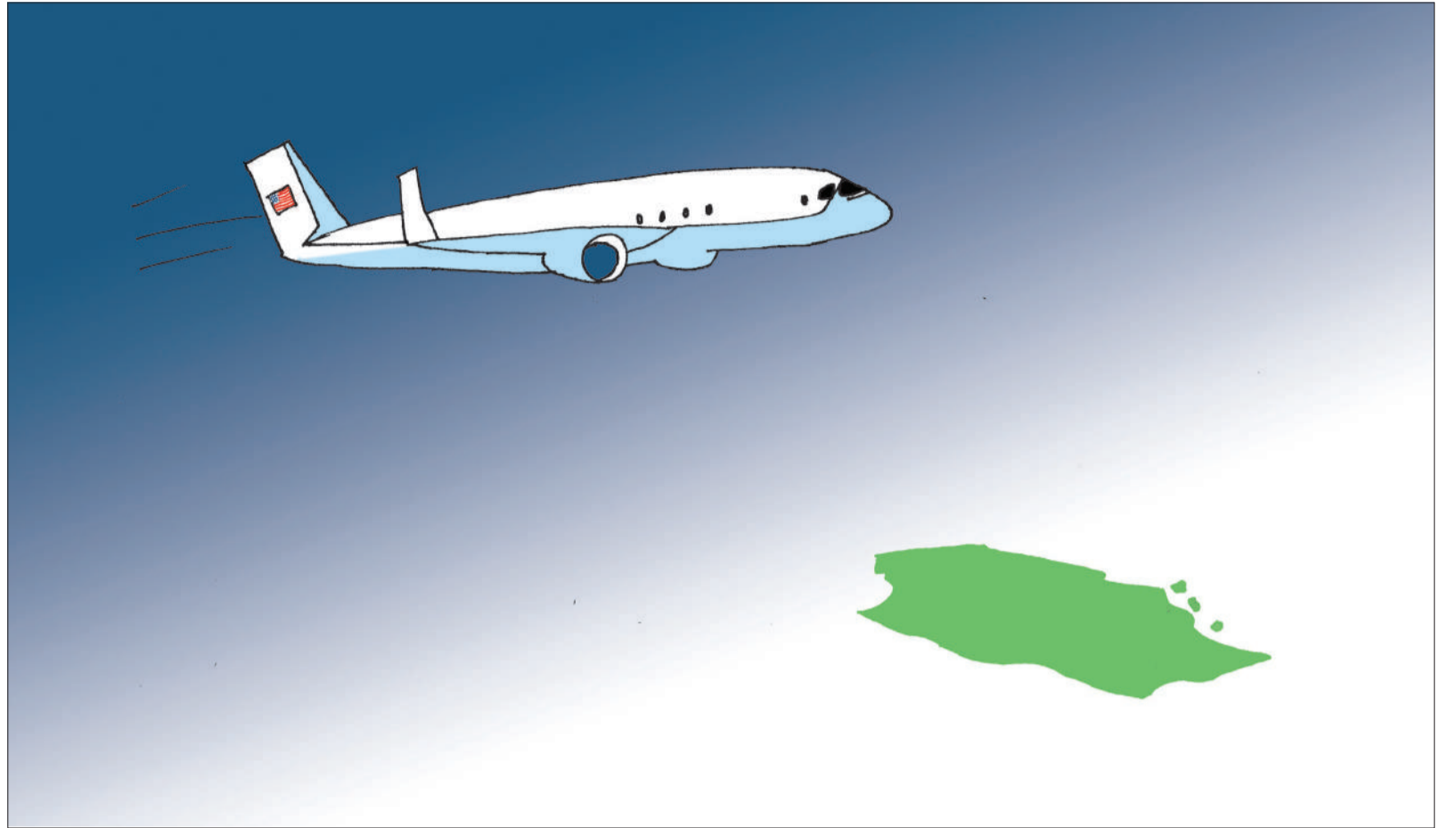
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Africa can feed itself and the world

By Special Correspondent

THE Africa Food Summit which was held in Dakar, Senegal, recently, highlighted various issues such as the importance of investing in agriculture, arresting soaring inflation in Africa, effects of climate change and effects of the Russia-Ukraine war on the African continent.

The summit came at the right time when Africa is just recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, the effects of climate change, political instability and conflict in some cases.

As if this is not enough, the continent is dancing to the melody of missiles being exchanged between Russia and Ukraine where the war is significantly raising the cost of fuel and food and disrupting the supply chains of commodities and services.

This has also caused profound financial instability where the poorest countries are the most hit.

Almost every country in Africa has experienced the shocks of this war.

African countries have been politically independent for many, many decades and yet still rely on the West for handouts.

African heads of State at the Second International Summit On Food in Dakar, Senegal.

The African continent in general, has a heavy reliance on external markets.

This means that the continent is import based as it imports over 80 per cent of its goods and services.

Ukraine, for instance, supplies sunflower oil, corn and wheat among other products to Africa.

The fact that this war has diverted global political attention from Africa, Africa's' problems will remain unresolved as long as Africans themselves don't get fully involved. According to the United Nations, 282 million people in Africa suffer from hunger.

The important question to ask ourselves is, why should we allow ourselves to suffer from hunger in the midst of immeasurable arable land and plenty of natural water bodies coupled by seasonal rainfall?

The economic damage Africa is experiencing is real.

The social, political and economic pressure is being felt by all African countries and this has the potential to bring about political instability as witnessed in other continents.

The food market supply chains have experienced inflation on food items especially the food items associated with wheat.

Wheat and fertilizer have experienced the most disruption considering that Russia and



Ukraine are major exporters of these commodities.

A few examples on the African continent show that Kenya imports wheat from both Russia and Ukraine, while Cameroon imports fertilizer from Russia, Ghana imports its iron ore and steel from Ukraine.

Tanzania experienced sky rocketing inflation to over 30 percent, while Namibia saw its transportation costs rising by over 18 per cent.

It is well known that Russia is one of the major exporters of crude petroleum, refined petroleum, petroleum gas, coal briquettes and wheat.

Other than these, Russia also exports chemical products, metal products, machinery and equipment, agricultural products and general food stuffs.

Other products include fertilizer, lumber, pig iron, plywood, fabric cotton, the list of products is endless.

The African continent is so rich in natural resources, arable land and water, yet we don't maximize these resources. Instead we keep on importing goods, borrowing more and accruing unsustainable debts which result in debt traps.

According to the African Development Bank, Africa spends USD75 billion every year to import more than 100 metric tonnes of food and yet the continent has the potential to feed 9 billion people owing to the vastness of arable land and favorable weather conditions.

What has become of our agricultural experts, commercial farmers, doctors, scientists and engineers?

This continent has all the expertise required to foster development.

But then why do we fail?

Experts say that Africa remains under developed despite numerous

natural resources partly because of corruption and poor leadership.

Weak institutions have also been cited as one of the causes for under development.

Cross-border conflicts are rampant in Africa and it takes away precious time meant for fostering development.

The huge reserves of minerals are mismanaged creating inefficiencies coupled with unnecessary bureaucracies.

The sub-Saharan Africa is the most impacted. Lack of education has equally been said to be one of the reasons Africa is poor.

The rural communities suffer the most when it comes to accessing education. Generally, citizens cannot afford the cost of receiving education.

Lack of healthcare and poor healthcare affects masses in Africa.

The majority of the people are unable to access basic health attention, let alone good health care which is needed if every person is to enjoy good health.

Lack of business, technical know-how

Most of the medium and small scale enterprises do not realise that entrepreneurship makes the economy better and improves the welfare of the citizens.

Fundamental human right violation results in abuse of human resources and human rights. Unethical practices have been at the helm of gross abuse while huge profits are being externalized and the environment being degraded.

The larger population of Africa is said to be made up of unskilled individuals hence lacking experts who are essential to the success of the economy.

Experts say the Western-based multinational mining companies have been pilfering mineral wealth from Africa for a very long time.

These companies are said to have

also been successfully involved in tax evasion, lack of transparency, environmental degradation and pollution, bribery, under-reporting production, over-reporting costs and failing to engage local companies hence suffocating Africa.

Modern-day colonialism cannot be ruled out as being one of the reasons Africa is poor.

Africa should draw many lessons from the invasion of Ukraine.

The continent should put its house in order.

This continent is so rich in raw materials and there is evident scramble for African raw materials by the world.

Africa has the potential to feed itself and the whole world.

Supporting agriculture is key to achieve this factor. African governments must invest heavily in the agriculture sector as this is still a sleeping giant.

By so doing, the reliance on other continents for grain or corn supplies will be reduced hence creating food security for Africans.

Zambia's founding father Kenneth Kaunda, through his policy of going back to the land after retirement, envisioned a Zambia which was food secure.

If Africa was to tap into this vision, food insecurity would be the thing of the past.

Africa should develop its industries such as with steel mills or increase the number of steel mills to reduce heavy dependence on other continents.

Fertiliser plants should be expanded and increased in number to avoid import of fertilizer from other continents.

The resolution of the summit was that its time Africa stopped the dependence on other continents for supply of food stuff and the continent must become the breadbasket for the world.

So what, if rural sector lending not attractive enough to banks?

JUST how the government can bring the country's commercial banks to charge lower interest rates has troubled policy makers for the breadth of the economic reform era since the 1990s. Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa was addressing the matter again over the past week, explaining to people in Simiyu region current efforts by the government to work with financial institutions to lower interest rates. Still, the vital issue there was accessing services at the new branch, not conditions.

One thing that the premier pointed out was the need for people to be attracted to use services of financial institutions, especially accessing loans. That means it is factually the case that people avoid seeking loans because they fear the rates the banks charge, which is debatable if it is the proper explanation. Fearing the rates the banks charge suggests that one is not sure of making a profit and repay the loan as by any chance loans must have interest cover to pay administrative costs, etc.

Banks also hold in trust deposited money or funds belonging to many people, and when they are ready to

commit such funds in the relevant bank for a long time, they become deposits rather than savings, as the latter can be withdrawn at any moment. It is this kind of money that the banks rely upon to lend to clients, while savings bank customers are charged for administering those funds, not for bank profit as such. And banks must provide good earnings to depositors to encourage them to leave the cash there for longer times, so it can't be risked to jumpy clients.

Discussions with the Bank of Tanzania and leading financial institutions on how to lower interest charges already arrived at an institutional solution that significantly increases the amount of money that banks can lend to clients.

It was decided that the central bank cuts its deposit ratio, that is, the portion of total deposits it holds that is retained by the central bank to guard against bank failure. Diminishing such assurance implies also that if a problem comes up, the central bank would have to be involved in seeing it through; at times this implies surrendering its ownership.

Peacemakers in Chad may be forced to prepare for war

Remadji Hoinathy

AFTER the death of president Idriss Déby in April 2021, Chad started a transition process in which interim authorities committed to reconciliation and peace. But slow progress and an increased focus on military and security cooperation with external actors cast doubt on whether this commitment is genuine. It also hampers the possibility of ending the military's dominance – a feature in Chad since the first military coup in 1975.

The initial 18-month transition period was extended to 24 months following the Inclusive and Sovereign National Dialogue (Dnis) in October 2022. Reconciliation remains incomplete and precarious, despite the Dnis and the Doha agreement between the transitional government and rebel movements signed in August 2022.

The government is responsible for the national reconciliation roadmap and has appointed a minister to oversee its implementation. But other actions contradict this commitment, notably the heavy repression of protesters in October last year and authorities' belligerent tone in justifying the crackdown.

The 2023 national budget, which was meant to prioritize implementation of the Dnis, shows a more than 20% increase in defence and security allocations. Human resources for this sector are set to expand by 245%. This contrasts starkly with the 18% decrease in provisions for education. Though al-

locations to productive sectors including infrastructure also went up, social sectors such as education and health didn't.

Chad's government has largely focused on the needs of the security services, particularly the military, and has signed numerous security cooperation agreements in the Middle East. Since the start of 2023, its foreign diplomacy has been dominated by defence and security issues. In January, the country signed a memorandum of understanding with Saudi Arabia on cooperation, including defence, training, material and technical support. In Israel, where Chad opened an embassy in February, similar help was discussed.

The country does face various security threats, with rebellions and armed gangs along the northern Libyan and Sudanese borders. At the same time, Boko Haram remains active in the west, especially in the Lac province. This is compounded by persistent talk of a new rebellion brewing in the south, with the Central African Republic's northern area as its base. There are also rumours that the government faces a possible coup by Chadian rebels supported by the Wagner private military company.

Despite these issues, Chad's military investments are disproportionately high and show its inability to break from a military-dominated focus. Political actors' capacity to violently impose themselves or sideline their opponents remains a primary means of gaining and staying in power. This governance culture could seriously under-



Former president of Chad Idriss Déby. After Déby's sudden demise, the Transitional Military Council led by his son, Mahamat Idriss Déby, took control of the country. (Photo: EPA-EFE / Daniel Irungu)

mine the reconciliation agenda, and lowers the prospects of a return to civilian constitutional rule.

The concord between the political groups that supported the transition in the first phase is gradually crumbling. At the same time, early opponents' positions are hardening, with some evoking prospects as radical as self-determination. Apart from the Sant'Egidio community's efforts to bring the rebel movements who didn't sign the Doha agreement into the process, attempts at rapprochement between the authorities and opposition political parties seem to have stalled.

An independent framework for monitoring and evaluating the Dnis' resolutions and recommendations and a steering committee to track its implementation were set up in December 2022. The framework is led by the Secretary-

General of the Presidency Gali Ngothé Gatta, and the steering committee by the transitional Prime Minister Saleh Kebzabo.

In January, a national commission in charge of organising the constitutional referendum and an ad hoc committee for drafting the constitution were set up. However, their composition, inclusiveness and neutrality have been questioned even by those who actively supported the transition and the Dnis.

The current dynamics are reminiscent of Chad in the early 1990s. Despite a solid national conference and roadmap for a peaceful and open political future, the country slid back to a high-handed regime, with many rebellions and a massive investment of its oil revenues in the military. As a result, social and infrastructural projects remained on hold.

In this second phase of the transition, there's a danger that the emphasis on defence, the lack of vigorous political debate, and the hardening of political positions will keep the country military-focused.

The need for stability after Déby's sudden death was used to justify the support of international actors for a military-led transition. But efforts now need to be reoriented towards national reconciliation. All parties – the transitional authorities, political actors and rebels in discussion with Sant'Egidio – share the responsibility for breaking this cycle through more nuanced and moderate positions.

The Economic Community of Central African States (Eccas) and the African Union (AU) have been key to the transition from the start. Through its commission of inquiry into the October 2022 demonstrations and repression, Eccas could ease tensions by clarifying what happened. The AU, through its Peace and Security Council and special envoy on Chad, should set up a mediation mission to calm tensions and find common ground.

These initiatives are vital for a more open and inclusive process that prevents Chad from returning to square one. **DM**

How China's vision and actions help build a better world for all

BEIJING

THE path of history is not paved like Nevsky Avenue in St Petersburg; it runs across fields, either dusty or muddy, and cuts through swamps or forest thickets," wrote Nikolay Chernyshevsky, a great Russian scholar and critic in the 19th century.

In two centuries or so, the world has once again reached a crossroads in history where countries are facing momentous choices: between polarization and common prosperity, and between zero-sum game and win-win cooperation.

In his speech at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations on March 23, 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping observed that mankind, by living in the same global village in the same era where history and reality meet, has increasingly emerged as a community of common destiny in which everyone has in him- or herself a little bit of others.

Over the past decade, China has been dedicated to building a community with a shared future for mankind and pursuing shared and win-win development with concrete actions, in a bid to pass on the torch of peace through generations, sustain development and make civilization flourish. With all these efforts, China is trying to answer humanity's epoch question – what kind of world is hoped for and how to build it.

SUSTAINING DEVELOPMENT

Over the past decades, China has risen to the world's second-largest economy and become deeply integrated into the global economy in the course of advancing its reform and opening-up and pursuing modernization.

Among the essential requirements of Chinese modernization are building a community with a shared future for mankind, and creating a new form of human advancement, according to the Report to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

To this end, the country has taken a host of actions not merely to help stimulate economic growth, but also to secure the right to development of all countries and bridge the North-South divide.

In 2013, Xi proposed the Belt and Road Initiative – a solution to boosting common development in the world. It has so far brought nearly 1 trillion U.S. dollars of investment, created some 420,000 local jobs, and helped lift nearly 40 million people out of poverty, with the takeoff of numerous transport and industrial projects such as the China-Egypt TEDA Suez Economic and Trade Cooperation Zone.

Constantinos Berhutesfa, a professor of public policy at Ethiopia's Addis Ababa University, deems the initiative "the kind of second globalization."

As the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has suffered setbacks amid successive "black swan" events, Xi put forward the Global Development Initiative in 2021, which aims to synergize with the Agenda and forge a united, equal, balanced and inclusive global development partnership.

In addition, China has established such cooperative platforms as the China International Import Expo, pushed forward free trade projects like the Hainan Free Trade Port, and joined multilateral mechanisms including the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, in its endeavor to help grow an open global economy.

To ensure all countries enjoy equal rights, follow the rules as equals and share equal opportunities, Xi, at



This photo taken on Nov. 2, 2022 shows the west entrance of the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai), the main venue for the fifth China International Import Expo (CIIE), in east China's Shanghai.

the opening of the BRICS Business Forum last year, restated his call for upholding the WTO-centered multilateral trading system, promoting extensive consultation and joint contribution, and enhancing global economic governance.

"The global future of the human species ... is an issue which commands the attention of people everywhere in the world. There are so many things that need to be done.

So China can take the lead on that," Martin Albrow, a fellow of the British Academy of Social Sciences, told Xinhua. Former Egyptian Prime Minister Essam Sharaf said he believes the concept of building a community with a shared future for mankind is "extremely important, especially under the current global conditions."

SAFEGUARDING PEACE

Hermann Hesse, Nobel Prize literature laureate in 1946, during his Nobel banquet speech, preached a mind that is "international and supra-national," and "that ought to serve not war and annihilation, but peace and reconciliation."

In 2017, mentioning Hesse's thoughts in his address to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Xi called for fostering partnerships based on dialogue, non-confrontation and non-alliance.

"As long as we maintain communication and treat each other with sincerity, the 'Thucydides trap' can be avoided," he said. His appeal is more valid today, as deficits in peace, development, trust and governance are growing, with the flare-up of regional conflicts, the re-emergence of a Cold War mentality, and various security challenges.

Under these circumstances, Xi proposed the Global Security Initiative in 2022, which aims to eliminate the root causes of international conflicts, improve global security governance, encourage joint international efforts to bring more stability and certainty, and promote durable peace and development.

Recently, the resumption of diplomatic ties between Saudi Arabia and Iran after talks facilitated by China exemplifies the value of the initiative. Considering China a reliable and trustworthy partner, Hani Wafa, editor-in-chief of Al Riyadh Newspaper, a

major daily in Saudi Arabia, said Beijing's role in the Riyadh-Tehran detente is as important as the agreement itself.

Such a historic icebreaker may bring hope for peace in the Middle East, he added. China's role in defending peace can also be seen in the Ukraine crisis.

When talking with Russian President Vladimir Putin during his Moscow visit this week, Xi said that on the Ukraine crisis, China has all along abided by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, followed an objective and impartial position, and actively encouraged peace talks.

China has based its position on the merits of the matter per se and stood firm for peace and dialogue and on the right side of history, he added.

These facts demonstrate China's commitment to promoting a new type of international relations and broadening the convergence of interests with other countries. In recent years, Beijing has provided a wide range of public goods to help address various security challenges troubling the world.

For instance, China is a major troop contributor and the

second-largest financial contributor to UN peacekeeping operations. "While other countries are sending military forces around the world to engage in wars, establish military bases in other people's countries and so on, China's military goes abroad to help preserve and defend peace," said Keith Bennett, a long-term China specialist and vice chair of Britain's 48 Group Club.

Whereas certain countries are sticking to a zero-sum game or winner-takes-all mindset, China has detailed proposals to make the idea of a shared future a reality, he added.

MAKING CIVILIZATIONS FLOURISH

China's pursuit of building a community with a shared future for mankind derives from celebrated elements of Chinese traditional culture.

In a world where peace, development, equity, justice, democracy, and freedom become the common values of humanity, countries and regions have chosen different paths to modernization, which are rooted in their unique and long civi-

lizations. In the case of China, it has realized the miracles of fast economic growth and long-term social stability through its own path to modernization and whole-process people's democracy, busting the myth that "modernization means Westernization."

Therefore, it holds that tolerance, coexistence, exchanges and mutual learning among different civilizations play an irreplaceable role in advancing humanity's modernization process.

At the CPC in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-Level Meeting last week, Xi proposed the Global Civilization Initiative, calling for respecting the diversity of civilizations, advocating the common values of humanity, valuing the inheritance and innovation of civilizations, and strengthening international people-to-people exchanges and cooperation.

"We fully agree with the four proposals put forward by Chinese President Xi in the Global Civilization Initiative," said South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, also president of the African National Congress, who participated in the dialogue, adding the initiative is vital to the world today.

Asadollah Badamchian, general secretary of Islamic Motalefeh Party of Iran, said pursuing the China-proposed move is "duty-bound."

"The world's peoples should be invited to put their civilizations and cultures in the global civilization basket, and then, they, within the present framework of global relations and communications and in view of the industry, progress and future advances, altogether should move toward a civilization built upon all human civilizations," he said.

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The electorate and governance in the Ghanaian political system

By Michael Akenoo:

A BRAHAM Lincoln, one time great President of America, made the following landmark statement: "Government of The People, By The People, For The People"

This is the popular definition of democracy, championed and propagated by America all over the world, to countries which practise this system of governance at the present time.

Ghana, a developing country in the modern world today, practises this system of governance at the present time.

In order to ensure an effective and efficient practice of democracy in the Ghanaian situation to be on the same level as prevails in other countries and America, the greatest and most powerful nation on earth today, there is the need for a thorough and an elaborate education for the Ghanaian electorate as to what entails in the practice of this democratic system of governance.

This is so and very necessary, because there had been deep ignorance among some of the Ghanaian electorate pertaining to democratic system of governance.

Since Ghana embarked on democratic system of governance, it can be observed that majority of the electorate in Ghana do display ignorance in the choosing of leaders and other political office holders of government of the country.

There are a number of negative factors for this unfortunate situation which this article seeks to identify and to address as a way of minimising this situation, if not eradicating it completely from the body system of Ghanaian politics.

The first factor that one can

identify is that of low education and illiteracy. The second is ethnicism and sectionalism. The third is selfishness and avarice. The fourth is over-ambition. The fifth is corruption.

I shall attempt in the following to offer some suggestions for the minimising and eradication of this persistent and problematic situation in the body politics of Ghana.

Although, the ratio of literacy and illiteracy rate in Ghana is higher as compared to other African countries, there is the urgent need to step up the literacy rate in Ghana so that a great number of Ghanaians will be able to read and write.

This will facilitate easy communication, interaction and understanding among Ghanaians; and this in turn will bring about good understanding of national issues and aspirations of the developmental process of the country.

To this end, there is the need therefore for successive governments to pay priority attention to the formal education of every school going age Ghanaian child; and also to organise a country wide, mass illiteracy education campaign programmes with the aim of eradicating illiteracy in the country among Ghanaians who cannot read and write.

Ethnicism and sectionalism constitute a major obstacle in Ghanaian politics; and efforts must be made by all Ghanaians, both high and low stature to eliminate this unpleasant situation in the country.

Ghanaians must therefore learn to live in unity, peace and tolerance; seeing each other as brother and sister with one common destiny in the developmental process of the country. Ghana belongs to all Ghanaians irrespective of where one comes from. And with this mentality and consciousness, Ghanaians can move together as one people



A woman voting in the 2016 Ghana election. (Photo: USAID)

with a common destiny.

Avarice and selfishness must be shunned and uprooted among Ghanaians to enable Ghanaians to show much love to each other. This will enhance a speedy development of the country.

The inordinate desire to get access to political rule and authority to amass wealth, no matter what is involved must be eschewed by all Ghanaians. This will ensure peace, unity and justice in the Ghanaian society, so that Ghana will move healthily to experience a speedy economic growth, development and prosperity.

Self-centeredness and over-ambition had been the bane and setback of any realistic and meaningful development to many a nation in Africa; and Ghana should not fall a victim to these militating and negative factors for political control and rule.

Corruption and immoralities had contributed to the fall of great nations in the past and in modern times.

All forms of corruptible practices must be uprooted from the Ghanaian society, so that virtues and moralities will prevail.

When Ghanaians are guid-

ed by morality and upright living styles, the country will speedily experience optimum economic growth, development and prosperity.

Ghanaians must therefore learn to become disciplined in their lifestyles, so that they can work together in faith and honesty with each other to bring about a speedy development of the country.

In the matter of choosing candidates for the various political offices and leaders of the country, the electorate by virtue of good education, clear mentality and consciousness must endeavour at all times to choose the right and honest people to occupy political offices.

The electorate must not choose people for political offices by virtue of where these people come from in the country; but strictly by their capabilities and abilities to deliver to the best interests of the country.

This is what prevails in the most advanced and most progressive nations of the world such as America, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, India, Japan etc. The electorates are highly educated

and well informed; and they exercise their franchise by carefully choosing the right and capable candidates to occupy the various political offices of governance to ensure the progress and advancement of their countries. To this end, the electorates of these countries choose their candidates for governance, not on the basis of ethnicism, sectionalism or political organisation; but strictly on desirable qualities and the needs and interests of their countries.

In fact, this simplistic, naïve and ill-informed way of voting practice is popular in African countries including Ghana of course, the star of Africa!

This is most unfortunate and unacceptable for the smooth and healthy developmental process of African countries in their continual efforts to experience economic growth, development and prosperity.

It is uncivilised, barbaric and retrogressive as it is the root cause for conflicts and dissatisfaction, which often plunge African countries into civil wars and genocides which had besieged

African countries in contemporary times.

When this occurs, it impedes stability, progress and development; and introduces chaos in African countries.

Ghana is the star of African liberation and aspirations; and so she must strive hard to reverse and change this unpleasant situation in order to bring about sanity, justice and healthy developmental process in the life of African countries for the benefit of posterity.

Compared to other African countries' situations, Ghana appears to have a long, somewhat peaceful and sustaining democratic system of governance.

This is commendable and must be further sustained for Ghana to experience a healthy economic growth, development and prosperity, that will become a shining example for the rest of African countries to follow.

The Ghanaian experience up to date needs to be improved upon as it is fraught with the anomalies and shortcomings that had been highlighted in this article.

The Ghanaian experience

has therefore not reached the stage of perfection. To this end, it is highly imperative for the Ghanaian electorate to become more enlightened and well informed in the choice of political leaders and representation, so that Ghana can become more peaceful and strongly united to experience economic growth, development and prosperity.

Ghanaian political leaders must also try to become more sincere and honest in the devising of their political manifestos for the development and prosperity of the country.

They must also try to refrain in their campaigns for political power and leadership, the fanning of sentiments, of ethnicism and divisiveness in their utterances; as this will generate and reinforce the conditions for divisiveness and sectionalism in the rule of the country; which are at variance in the smooth and healthy development of the country.

Ghana must rise above all the unhealthy conditions that had been mentioned in this article in order to pave a healthy and enlightened way of co-existence of the rulers and the ruled of the country to promote economic growth, development and prosperity.

In conclusion, I reiterate that the electorate and governance conditions must undergo a rigorous transformation and change by the suggestions that had been advanced in this article for a new good chapter to be opened in the democratic system of governance of the country which at the moment appear to be shaky and vulnerable from a critical point of view.

A healthy and a well informed democratic system of governance must prevail in the present Ghanaian political situation for the rest of African countries to follow.

Survivors of Cyclone Freddy in Malawi yearn for fresh start

BLANTYRE

AS the search and rescue efforts continue in the aftermath of Cyclone Freddy, which ravaged through southern Malawi, hundreds of survivors in evacuation camps are yearning for a fresh start.

The devastating cyclone has left a trail of destruction in its wake, with many houses submerged in water and debris, leading to death of over 500 people, and displacement of over 500,000 people.

Despite the tireless efforts of rescue teams, many victims are still missing, and the death toll is still on the rise, leaving some survivors hopeless. "I'm uncertain about what my future holds, but I feel compelled to begin afresh."

The disaster took away all of my immediate family, and while starting over may seem straightforward, the thought of living without them is unimaginable," Samuel Simwaka, a 25-year-old man, told Xinhua at a camp in Blantyre City.

"My family was my pride and joy, but now that it's gone, I have nothing left to remind me of my previous life, no property or belongings. I'm completely on my own," he added, tears filling his eyes.

Simwaka, who has tragically lost both of his parents and a brother, was, at the time of the interview, working on setting up a sleeping tent with his new friends. The two have all faced similar situations and they are currently residing at an evacuation camp in the commercial city.

The camp, a primary school, is providing temporary shelter to over 1,500 survivors. On the other side of the city, 16-year-old girl, Esime Kavaro, from a location called Naotcha recalls what happened on the night of the catastrophe of March 12.

Although her home stood the intense weather, her neighborhood was completely destroyed. "We had to leave our home because of what happened."

It was something we had never experienced before," explained the teenager, who was staying with a brother. "Although our home survived, I cannot shake off the thought of what I witnessed. The incident caused a lot of damage to both lives and property, and I am struggling to come to terms with it," she lamented.

Despite the challenge, Esime hopes to move on with her life once all is resolved. Inspired by what she has experienced; Esime is considering enrolling in the military in the future to assist others who may face similar challenges.

According to the Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA), Cyclone Freddy has killed 511 people, with 1,724 people injured, and 564,239 people displaced as of March 25, 2023.

There are also concerns that the death toll from the disaster in southern Malawi could rise to 1,000 due to the widespread impact of the destruction in many parts of the region.

During his first visit to the victims of the cyclone Freddy, Malawi's President Lazarus Chakwera appealed to the international community to provide aid to the country. He described the disaster as the worst in Malawi's history and expressed deep concern for those affected.

The president stressed the need for additional support from the international community to ensure the victims receive adequate help. "We require urgent assistance," he stated to the media. "We urgently need helicopters to airlift food supplies and other equipment now that the situation has slightly improved."



A woman weeps at a cyclone-affected area in Blantyre, Malawi, March 17, 2023. More bodies have been recovered in Malawi's southern region hit by Cyclone Freddy, bringing the total death toll to at least 438 as of 09:00 p.m. local time (1900 GMT) Friday, said the country's Department of Disaster Management Affairs. The death toll rose from Thursday's 326, said the department in its fifth update, adding that approximately 345,183 people (or 79,602 households) have been displaced and 505 camps have been set up to accommodate them. (Photo by Joseph Mizere/Xinhua)

More humanitarian aid and support continue to pour in from international and local organisations and individuals, including the Red Cross Society of China and the Chinese community in Malawi.

Although many people are still receiving assistance from the government and other well-wishers in camps, some victims have expressed their desire to leave the camps soon

and begin rebuilding their lives.

Lughano Chirwa, who used to run a grocery shop before Cyclone Freddy hit, is one of them. "I'm thankful for what well-wishers are doing, but we can't stay here forever. I plan to keep running my grocery store in Blantyre, but with the disaster, things will not be easy, I've lost a lot."

However, I still have hope for the future," he

said. Meanwhile, Malawians are showing solidarity by providing assistance to those who have been severely affected by the disaster. Currently, there are 577 evacuation camps spread across the country, providing shelter for the displaced population.

Despite the challenges, survivors of Cyclone Freddy are determined to rebuild their lives and move forward.

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Project Summary:

Tanzania's Coastal line along the Indian Ocean is endowed with rich marine biodiversity. Like many other African countries, Tanzania is likely to become more vulnerable to climate change and biodiversity loss. The increasing human population and livelihood activities along the coastal regions contribute to the threats that affect the marine and terrestrial ecosystems of Tanzania. Adding to these challenges is the massive biodiversity loss due to climate change, weak mitigation responses, and related drivers of deforestation. The coastal zone not only sustains but is a significant contributor to the country's economy. The livelihoods and economies of the growing population living in the rural coastal areas of Tanzania are entwined with the coastal ecosystems' well-being for protection from natural hazards, attainment of livelihoods and food security and fish and other marine creatures' reproduction. Climate crisis and unmanaged human exploitation degrade the natural systems humans rely on for survival and reduce coastal communities' adaptive capacity and resilience, especially among marginalized groups, such as women, young people, and children. Coast region communities already experience significant poverty and social inequity.

The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania, in partnership with Jane Goodall Institute Canada and Plan International, have designed a project for Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (COSME). It is a three (3) years project funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC), in partnership with JGI Canada and Plan International. The project objective is to upscale community livelihoods and capitalize on opportunities for South-South learning by working between Kenya/Tanzania cross-border communities within the same Marine and Coastal Forest Eco-regions on three thematic areas: (i) Mangroves restorations and conservation (ii) Sustainable seaweed farming and (iii) locally led forest management and conservation. The project will apply an ecosystem-based approach that utilizes significant potential for nature-based solutions (NbS) for climate adaptation with biodiversity co-benefits.

JGI Tanzania is currently seeking to recruit suitably qualified and competent Tanzanian to fill the following vacant positions:

Job Position:	Project Manager
Project:	Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (COSME)
Duty Station:	Tanga
Reporting Line:	National Roots & Shoots Coordinator

Key Job Responsibilities & Duties:

- The key responsibilities will include, but not limited to the following:
- Act as the main focal point for the day-to-day management of the project with JGI Canada's senior manager of programs. Responsible for sharing updates and engaging in regular communication with the JGI Canada team.
 - Provide the overall supervision and leadership of the day-to-day project operations.
 - Ensure project resources including personnel are adequately and efficiently utilized.
 - Submit regular project performance reports as directed by the Performance Management Plan and work plan.
 - Conduct regular staff meetings.
 - Collaborate with the district and regional governments and councils in implementing project activities.
 - Build the capacity of villages to engage in conservation and establish village forest reserves and protected mangrove sites within the project area.
 - Develop and implement annual work plans and monitor project activities to ensure timely implementation and reporting.
 - Promote knowledge, awareness and create inspiration among children and youths on climate change adaptation and Biodiversity conservation.
 - Engage communities and local authorities in forest monitoring including the establishment of Forest Monitors and
 - Support the establishment and operationalization of BMUs.
 - Conduct rapid assessments and regular biodiversity inventories to establish a Bio-data base on Coastal and Marine Ecosystems in collaboration with local and international partners.
 - Foster partnerships with key state governments and relevant technical institutions working on climate change issues and Biodiversity conservation.
 - Prepare quarterly project progress reports, presentations, and other documents for review by the project steering, JGI and Plan International

Minimum Job Requirements & Qualifications:

- The minimum job requirements and qualifications will include, but not be limited to:
- Holder of a Masters' degree in biodiversity conservation, environmental science, natural resources management, climate change, and integrated coastal and marine conservation sciences-related fields.
 - At least 10 years of work experience of project management in fields related to the implementation of biodiversity management, conservation, coastal and marine ecosystems, and climate adaptation.
 - Previous experience in working in remote areas of Tanzania implementing integrated conservation and climate change projects.
 - Ability to work in a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary team environment.
 - Ability to work under pressure, tight deadlines, and less supervision, self-motivated person, and a team player.
 - Experience in working with various stakeholders such as various agencies, government departments, UN agencies, and different partners.
 - Good communication skills - fluent in Swahili and English, both verbal and written.
 - Excellent presentation, reporting and inter-personnel skills.
 - A track record of successful work on complex donor funded projects in a rural context working with multiple stakeholders including businesses, non-governmental organizations, academic/research institutes, and governments.
 - Ability and willingness to travel to remote areas quite frequently.

Job Position:	Community Development Officer
Project:	Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (COSME)
Duty Station:	Tanga
Reporting Line:	Project Manager

Key Job Responsibilities & Duties:

- The key responsibilities will include, but not limited to the following:
- Coordinate community sensitization and mobilization meetings that advocate for project objectives and activities.
 - Conduct training sessions and develop training materials to ensure a better understanding of the project initiatives among target communities.
 - Support the establishment of environmentally friendly income-generating activities in the project villages to improve the living standards of the target beneficiaries.
 - Support gender by improving women's participation in project activities through the promotion of GESI.
 - Promote biodiversity conservation by facilitating reforestation and afforestation initiatives and enhancing utilization of non-timber forest products in a bid to reduce encroachment of protected areas.
 - Coordinate the training needs assessment and promote the adoption of adult and children learning principles.

- Work with patron and matron teachers in supporting Roots and Shoots clubs development in target schools and villages.
- Participate in monitoring and evaluation of project activities and outcomes.
- Coordinate socio-economic surveys designed by the project.
- Prepare reports, work plans, and budgets, according as directed by the Project Manager.
- Control and make the best use of project equipment, tools and materials under your custody as directed in the JGI and Donors policies.
- Assign duties to project assistant staff and advise accordingly.
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned or delegated by the Project Management

Minimum Job Requirements & Qualifications:

- The minimum job requirements and qualifications will include, but not be limited to:
- A holder of at least bachelor's degree in community development or equivalent
 - At least 5 years working experience in the same field.
 - Previous knowledge and experience in working with conservation and sustainable natural resources management project is desirable.
 - Experience working in rural and remote areas of Tanzania implementing community development projects.
 - Practical knowledge on proposal writing ability, research methodologies and engagement.
 - A track record of successfully applying results-based management (RBM) and M&E frameworks to ensure effective on time implementation of complex donor funded projects in developing countries.
 - Ability to work under pressure, tight deadlines and less supervision, self-motivated person, team player, reporting and presentation skills.
 - Good Communication skills - fluent in Swahili and English, both verbal and written. This position involves working with a wide range of people within the institution, local communities, and local & international partners, including technical and non-technical colleagues.

Job Position:	Zonal Roots & Shoots Assistant Coordinator
Project:	Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (COSME)
Duty Station:	Tanga
Reporting Line:	Project Manager

Key Job Responsibilities & Duties:

- The key responsibilities will include, but not limited to the following:
- Support the establishment and coordination of all Roots & Shoots clubs in the project area.
 - Organize training for teachers and Roots & Shoots volunteers on Roots & Shoots pillars and philosophy.
 - Promote knowledge, Compassion, and Action Models to deliver youth-led compassionate actions and advocacy on climate adaptation and biodiversity conservation.
 - Implement Roots & Shoots Community Science model by facilitating schools in mapping programs.
 - Promote understanding, knowledge, awareness, and passion for climate adaptation and biodiversity conservation.
 - Establish and maintain R&S clubs in schools within the project area where the need arises.
 - Identify and coordinate the distribution of Education materials from the Zonal coordinator and the Project Manager to support Roots & Shoots clubs in the project area.
 - Organize annual Roots & Shoots events that demonstrate children's and youth-led actions toward and promote Biodiversity Conservation and climate change adaptation.
 - To coordinate and provide data to feed the National Roots & Shoots membership database.
 - Supervise and report all Roots & Shoots administrative matters related to memberships, certifications, and registrations in the zone.
 - To facilitate, coordinate and manage Roots & Shoots student's education field activities on mangroves restorations, climate changes, and biodiversity conservation education.
 - To induct and train Roots & Shoots volunteers, interns, and youth leaders on relevant Roots & Shoots thematic areas (Environments, Animals, communities)
 - To facilitate all Roots & Shoots membership registrations, certification, club activities, events, and networks in the project area
 - To promote Roots & Shoots transboundary interactive exchange for members, youths, and teachers.
 - Under the consultation with National and Project Coordinators, liaise with Roots & Shoots Kenya Coordinator on joint Roots & Shoots actions, organize campaigns, and events to benefit members and the local communities.
 - Participate in the Annual National Roots & Shoots summit and Plan of Actions
 - Provide quarterly, semi-annual, and annual reports to the Project Manager
 - Conduct any other duties as shall be directed by your supervisor.

Minimum Job Requirements & Qualifications:

- The minimum job requirements and qualifications will include, but not be limited to:
- Holder of at least BSc. in Education major in biology, environmental sciences, or natural resources management
 - At least 3 to 5 years work experience in project management in conservation and sustainable natural resources management, climate change, and integrated coastal and marine conservation
 - A good track record of Roots & Shoots membership and volunteer
 - Previous experience in managing environmental conservation education, outreaches, and excursion programs.
 - Ability to effectively manage and lead a team of volunteers and interns.
 - Computer literate and able to use data analysis programs (SPSS), word, Xcel, PowerPoint, Outlook, etc
 - Ability to work under pressure, tight deadlines and less supervision, self-motivated person, team player, reporting and presentation skills.
 - Good Communication skills - fluent in Swahili and English, both verbal and written.
 - Experience working in rural and remote areas of implementing community development projects.

Job Position:	Accountant
Project:	Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (COSME)
Duty Station:	Tanga
Reporting Line:	Project Manager and JGI-TZ Financial Controller

Key Job Responsibilities & Duties:

- The key responsibilities will include, but not limited to:
- Provide financial and accounting services to the project that include:
 - Finance - forecasting financial needs and preparation of monthly cash requests ensuring sufficient fund level is maintained for project activities implementation.
 - Accounting - data entry is properly done, and regular and timely payments of suppliers and contractors for services rendered.
 - Review inventory, maintain updated project assets register, and monthly verification of stock and prepare payroll allocation schedule for Navision Upload.
 - Prepare and submit financial reports to the Project Manager and JGI TZ Financial Controller, as requested for decision-making.
 - Prepare periodic Accrual Reports and other expenditure reports.
 - Responsible for reviewing Vehicle Movement Report, reconciling fuel consumption trends and advising the Project Manager, as well as Administrators on recommendations for attaining efficiency.
 - Work with the Director of Human Resources for JGI TZ on the verification of payroll-related payments such as the calculation of salaries, leave benefits, and overtime hours to ensure compliance with the Tanzania Labor Law and existing JGI TZ policies.
 - Ensure maximum compliance with donors' as well as JGI TZ policies and regulations for all payments committed.
 - Effectively participate in internal and external audits for the Project and JGI-TZ.
 - Advise the Project Manager and officers on financial and budget-related issues in accordance to project implementation.
 - Maintain and implement project budget limits through adequate monitoring and preparation of budget against actual expenditure variance analysis.
 - Review retirement of financial expenditures and imprests committed for project activities and submission of genuine receipts.
 - Ensure availability of financial forms approved by JGI TZ management.
 - Ensure total adherence to the Tax laws and regulations as directed by JGI TZ and Tax Department.

Minimum Job Requirements & Qualifications:

- The minimum job requirements and qualifications will include, but not be limited to:
- A holder of a bachelor's degree in accountancy, Finance, or related field.
 - Must be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA(T)).
 - At least 3-5 years' work experience in project accounting and finance management.
 - Practical knowledge and experience in material management, tax laws, financial reporting systems, financial documentations, administration & logistics
 - Previous experience working with large institutional donors like Global Affairs Canada (GAC) is preferred.
 - High level of integrity, hard working person, with good professional track record
 - Previous experience in supporting field project related but not limited to environmental conservation education, outreaches, and excursion programs.
 - Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team, under pressure, tight deadlines and less supervision, self-motivated person, team player, reporting and presentation skills.
 - Good Communication skills - fluent in Swahili and English, both verbal and written.
 - Experience in serving rural communities and staff travelling to the field to implement project activities.

Job Position:	Office Manager
Project:	Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (COSME)
Duty Station:	Tanga
Reporting Line:	Project Manager

Key Job Responsibilities & Duties:

- The key responsibilities will include, but not limited to:
- Schedule various official appointments with Government Ministries, Donors, NGOs, and other Stakeholders.
 - Remind the Project Manager on the scheduled meetings, appointments, key dates, and other important issues.
 - Maintain filing systems - key office documents - policies, MoUs, Agreements
 - Draft various letters on JGI Tanzania standard correspondence procedures.
 - Process renewal of various permits and service contracts; perform flight and accommodation arrangements for JGI staff and visitors.
 - Handle incoming and outgoing telephones, mails, & invitations
 - Ensure smooth running of the activities like cleanliness, repairs, utilities, and other activities.
 - Attend to the various requests of office visitors and maintain visitor's registers.
 - Organize various office meetings/workshops.
 - Ensure availability of office supplies/stationeries, fuels & oils for generator and vehicles, vehicle insurance and office properties.
 - Ensure office bills and other invoices are paid as appropriate and timely i.e. travel & accommodation, diesel, water, telephone, electricity, security, air travel etc.
 - Ensure office properties are well kept and maintained: these includes vehicles, assets and all equipment. Also ensure all items are tagged with JGI Asset tags.
 - Supervise & perform stock taking of all office equipment's every end of the year.
 - Support on official banking issues, handle petty cash, make digital payments, and do retirements accordingly.
 - Support Dar office on any request that require close follow up from Tanga Office.
 - Perform any other duties as may be required by the supervisor.

Minimum Job Requirements & Qualifications:

- The minimum job requirements and qualifications will include, but not be limited to:
- A holder of a bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, or a related field
 - 2-5 years of work experience in an administrative/office management role
 - Must have exceptional attention to detail, strong organizational and time management skills, and ability to prioritize, must be a self-starter and driven, problem-solving skills, and analytical abilities, high level of integrity and confidentiality.
 - Must be computer savvy with proficiency in Microsoft office programs.
 - Previous experience working with NGO implementing conservation related projects.
 - Excellent Communication skills - fluent in Swahili and English, both verbal and written.

Job Position:	Motor Vehicle Driver
Project:	Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems (COSME)
Duty Station:	Tanga
Reporting Line:	Accountant

Job Summary:

This position is responsible for providing driving services and support staff in the assigned office to perform their daily planned activities. The driver will also be responsible for ensuring safety of the vehicle and the tools assigned and observing all current JGI Tanzania policies and procedures for driving motor vehicles. The Driver will be responsible in assisting and identifying any vehicle mechanical fault and services, and reporting any discrepancies noted to the supervisor for immediate action. If necessary, the Driver will be required to carry out light mechanical duties and, with the authorization of the supervisor, assure the appropriateness of any mechanical work done by others.

Key Responsibilities and Duties:

- Main responsibilities will include, but not limited to:
- Drive Institute vehicles and adhere to speed limits as instructed by the road or traffic police and other authorities.
 - Ensure passenger safety and comfort during field trips.
 - Maintain vehicles and other related car accessories to ensure smooth running of the vehicles.
 - Maintain regular inspections on vehicles and report any damages or loss to the supervisor for appropriate actions.
 - Advise supervisor on sources of program vehicle maintenance and repair schedule and appropriate spare parts and accessories.
 - Maintain general cleanliness, ensure security of the vehicles and related parts at all times.
 - Prepare schedules for vehicle repair, maintenance and reports to the supervisor for appropriate action.
 - Prepare actual requirements for fuel, oils, and any safari requirements in accordance with the nature of vehicle trips and keep proper records for the same.
 - Fill in all trip logbooks and maintain trip documentation routinely.

Minimum Job Requirements & Qualifications:

- The minimum job requirements and qualifications will include, but not be limited to:
- Form "IV" Certificate of the Secondary School.
 - Clean class "D" Driving License.
 - Attended a training and certified to drive VIP
 - Attained Vocational Trainings in Mechanics and/or Automobile.
 - Communicates in Swahili and English, both verbal and written.
 - Five (5) years working experience as a Driver in an NGO, private Company, or Government Sector whose nature of the job includes driving in remote areas with poor road infrastructure.

Application Instructions:

All suitably qualified candidates should send/submit their applications together with the most recent curriculum vitae(resume), copy of relevant certificates, testimonials, three names of reputable referees, day-time telephone number or e-mail address to recruitment@janegoodall.or.tz and include the title of the job position you are applying in the subject of your email.

Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the interview.

Deadline: Applications should be submitted not later than Seven (7) days from the first date of advertisement.

JGI Tanzania is an equal opportunity employer and considers all applicants on the basis of merit without regard to race, national or tribal origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, and marital status.

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IMF boss warns of further risks to financial stability

BEIJING

IMF managing director Kristalina Georgieva (pictured) has warned of increased risks to financial stability and the need for vigilance following the recent banking sector turmoil in advanced economies.

Speaking at a conference in Beijing, the IMF head said uncertainties in the world economy remained “exceptionally high”, with global economic growth expected to slow below 3 per cent this year because of the Ukraine war, “scarring” from the Covid-19 pandemic and monetary tightening.

“Risks to financial stability have increased at a time of higher debt levels,” Georgieva told the annual China Development Forum, a gathering for global chief executives and senior Chinese policymakers.

“The rapid transition from a prolonged period of low interest rates to much higher rates necessary to fight inflation inevitably generates stresses and vulnerabilities, as we have seen in recent developments in the banking sector.”

The global financial sector was shaken

by the collapse of this month of a mid-sized US lender, Silicon Valley Bank, which led to the fall of another American institution and the takeover of Credit Suisse by UBS.

Bank shares declined again on Friday, this time led by Deutsche Bank, forcing German chancellor Olaf Scholz to insist there was “no reason to be concerned” about the institution.

“We also have seen policymakers acting decisively in response to financial stability risks and we have seen advanced economy central banks enhancing the provision of US dollar liquidity,” Georgieva said. “These actions have eased market stresses to some extent but uncertainty is high and that underscores the need for vigilance.”

The IMF in January estimated global growth would slow from an estimated 3.4 per cent last year to 2.9 per cent in 2023, then rise to 3.1 per cent in 2024. “Even with a better outlook for 2024, global growth will remain below last decade’s average of 3.8 per cent,” Georgieva told the forum.

She also echoed the warnings voiced by several other speakers at the confer-



ence about the dangers of the world fragmenting into economic blocs, saying this would be “a dangerous division that will leave everyone poorer and less secure”.

The most positive development in the world economy this year was the expected strong economic rebound in China after it relaxed its strict Covid controls at the end of 2022, she

said. The IMF forecasts growth of 5.2 per cent in China in 2023 compared with 3 per cent a year earlier.

China’s growth would account for about one-third of global growth this year, she said. “A 1 percentage point increase in GDP growth in China leads to 0.3 percentage growth in other Asian economies,” she said.

Several global business chiefs have also attended the conference in Beijing despite rising trade and geopolitical tensions between the US and China.

Among other speakers, Tharman Shanmugaratnam, the chair of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the city state’s de facto central bank, said the recent macro-economic challenges were only the “early consequences” of instability caused by a long period of low and negative real interest rates in advanced economies.

He described this extended period of easy monetary policy as the “largest mistake in macroeconomic policy in 70 years” and called for co-operation between the US and China as well as competition.

“How the US and China are able to combine competition... economic competition, with the need for co-operation is going to require considerable strategic ambition and strategic skill,” Shanmugaratnam said.

China’s finance minister Liu Kun said the world situation was challenging, with “unprecedented changes unfolding”, including more political tension, without elaborating. This year, China would moderately increase fiscal spending to support the economy, he said.

Faida Fund sets for secondary market

By Guardian Reporter

INVESTORS of Faida Fund, the collecting investment scheme launched by Watumishi Housing Investment (WHI) in January this year, will from next week have opportunities to sell their units.

This will follow after the listing of the fund, scheduled on April 1, this year, at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange’s (DSE) secondary market.

The initial sale of the fund’s units was opened on November 1, last year and was closed on December 31, 2022 and the scheme to open for subsequent sale was held on January 2, 2023.

Upon listing, units will be sold or repur-

chase at the prevailing applicable Net Asset Value (NAV).

Investors are therefore advised to consider the NAV per unit of the fund at the time they contemplate buying the units.

An open-ended scheme targets to create wealth to Tanzanians particularly to middle and low-income groups through investments in units to obtain competitive return through capital growth; and enhance the culture of savings in the financial assets.

The fund takes on board small investors including bodaboda, students, workers, retirees, peasants, and has been registered with Capital Markets and Security Authority (CMSA).



WHI chief executive officer Dr Fred Msemwa

It is also being set up as an instrument for mobilizing savings particularly from the middle and low income-

groups to inculcate saving culture.

The initial investment for the fund, which is managed by CRDB Bank Plc, the largest in terms of assets, was 10,000/- and subsequent investment of 5,000, with no limit on maximum amount invested.

As per current law, income distribution is exempted from income tax in the hands of investors. There is no tax deduction at source on the repurchase, irrespective of repurchase amount.

The fund’s IPO which targeted to raise 7.5bn/- was oversubscribed by 173 per cent as a total of 12.9bn/- were raised upon the closure of initial sale on December 31, last year, according to the report.

According to the WHI Chief Executive Officer, Dr Fred Msemwa the outstanding performance of the IPO was contributed by the use of the GePG system enabling them to exceed the target.

“The GePG system gave investors’ con-

fidence to invest in the WHI Faida Fund Units because it is safe and user-friendly,” he said, adding by using a phone or computer investors can buy units without visiting the WHI office or bank.

The government also removed anyone who makes a transaction for Faida Fund Units with exception of mobile phones where an investor has to pay small charges.

Dr Msemwa earlier reassured investors that their money is safe and that the fund is managed by experienced professionals with a proven track record.

Moreover, the scheme’s low risk coupled with a high level of liquidity remains the hallmark of Faida Fund.

However, investors should note that investments in the scheme are subject to market risks and the Net Asset Value of the scheme may go up or down depending upon the factors and forces affecting the financial market relating to money market and other debt instruments.

TSF targets 5mn forests tourists by 2025

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Muheza

TANZANIA Forest Services (TFS) is targeting to attract five million tourists to its forest reserves in the next two years.

TFS deputy conservator who also doubles as agency’s chief accountant Peter Mwakyaosa said this in Amani Nature Forest Reserve to the members of TFS Advisory Board who recently paid visit to that biodiversity nature reserve located at Eastern Arc of

Usambara Mountain.

The objective of the visit was to inspect infrastructures’ improvement and ecotourism services within the forest.

Infrastructural improvements made at Amani Forest include construction of entrance gate and a hostel to accommodate tourists or students who will be conducting botanical research from various universities across the world as well as the forest drive ways.

Speaking during the event,



TFS officials and members of advisory board inspect one of the Amani forest nature reserve driveways improved and upgraded by Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) Muheza District. Photo by Courtesy of TFS

head of tourism unit Someni Mtekela said that in a move to make sure the investment done by the government in the forest reserves becomes productivity, TFS has already prepared video clips translated into Chinese, Swahili, English and German languages to market Tanzania’s forest tourist attraction across the world. He further said in Tangga have opened new route connecting between Amani Nature reserve to Lushoto Nilo Nature Forest Reserves.

The board’s members said

they are satisfied with the improvement of infrastructure investment made by government through Covid-19 released funds as well as TFS own funds.

Advocate Piensia Kiure, one of the board members applauded the move by asking for increased innovation on how to market touristic attractions located at Amani. The natural forests have a high environmental value as the home of globally significant biodiversity and are crucial due to their role as watersheds and carbon sinks.

By Guardian Correspondent, Nairobi

Infobip launches live video customer support for businesses

GLOBAL cloud communications platform Infobip has launched live video support to help businesses resolve customer queries more quickly and shorten customer wait times.

Designed for businesses with high customer contact, Call Link is the simplest way for agents to escalate customer queries to live one-to-one video and audible calls.

When customer experience is essential to success, businesses must resolve customer queries quickly and effectively. Sometimes type-based chat support is not enough to solve technical queries, enable customers to properly show or explain a problem they are experiencing or understand how to re-

solve their issue.

By providing a live one-to-one video and audible calls, Call Link now removes these issues.

With a simple web link, customer service agents or technical support engineers can instantly escalate advanced customer queries from type-based chat to a live video or audible call. By generating a unique URL, Call Link removes the need for businesses to build their own video experience, which takes a long time and is expensive.

Adrian Beni, Chief Product Officer at Infobip, said: “For businesses looking to improve the customer experience, Call Link enables agents to troubleshoot and resolve queries quickly and efficiently, reducing wait times and costs while

boosting satisfaction. From our customers already using the feature, we know that such communication helps them address more queries in a shorter time, enhancing productivity and providing a more convenient experience for end users.”

Available now, Call Link eliminates time-consuming back-and-forth between the agent and customer while enabling businesses to connect with their customers anywhere, anytime.

Agents can share a link over any channel, including WhatsApp, SMS or email, across desktop or mobile. When customers increasingly want to use chat apps such as WhatsApp, this new feature reflects Infobip’s broader strategy to

help businesses to connect with their customers on their preferred channel at their preferred time.

Call Link has several applications for businesses looking to enhance the customer experience, boost retention and reduce costs. It enables real-time diagnosis where customers can show and explain a fault or query over a video call, so the customer services agent can troubleshoot and resolve issues immediately.

It also allows remote field inspections and readings. For instance, if a customer struggles to submit a meter reading, the agent can escalate the query to video and remotely guide the customer through the process. Such remote support reduces the costs and en-

vironmental impact of in-person visits. “Call Link enables businesses to offer live one-to-one video and audible support without having to spend time or expense on developing their own solution in their tech stack.

For businesses and brand with high customer contact, it helps accelerate their ability to escalate queries to video and solve customer issues more quickly. Call Link demonstrates how Infobip is committed to being the full-stack omnichannel communications platform for every platform,” Adrian added.

Call Link is a feature available to customer-centric organizations. It works across any device including desktops, laptops, tablets,

and smartphones and is compatible with main browsers such as Chrome, Firefox, and Safari. End-users’ calls can be configured to reach any customer application that has implemented Infobip’s Web Real-Time Communication Software Development Kit, to Infobip Conversations, or any phone number.

Infobip is a global cloud communications platform that enables businesses to build connected experiences across all stages of the customer journey. Accessed through a single platform, Infobip’s omnichannel engagement, identity, user authentication and contact centre solutions help businesses and partners overcome the complexity of consumer communications to grow business and increase loyalty.

Global investors brace for another week of volatility

LONDON

GLOBAL financial markets are poised for another week of volatility, as traders close out a dizzying month in which worries about US and European lenders dominated sentiment and complicated central banks' fight against inflation.

The Japanese yen and Swiss franc edged higher against the dollar as the trading week got underway in early Sydney. Traders focused on haven assets after Russian President Vladimir Putin's comments on Saturday about stationing tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus.

The euro was little changed after European Central Bank Vice President Luis de Guindos said the uncertainty in the banking sector means the central bank will take a meeting-by-meeting approach on interest rate policy.

Haven assets have seen increased demand, particularly the yen which gained the past four weeks, as fears over the health of an array of lenders and a possible US recession whipsawed markets. Volatility gripped global markets again Friday as Deutsche Bank AG became the latest lender to draw scrutiny from investors, and as US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen convened a gathering of the Financial Stability



Oversight Council.

US authorities are considering whether and how to provide support to First Republic Bank to give it more time to shore up its balance sheet, according to people with knowledge of the situation. Separately, Valley National Bancorp and First Citizens BancShares Inc. are said to be both vying for Silicon Valley Bank after its collapse earlier this month, and Switzerland's banking regulator said Credit Suisse Group AG faces the threat of a possible probe.

Top US regulators said Friday that while some banks are under stress, the overall financial system is sound.

The banking woes have prompted bond traders to dramatically shift expectations for monetary policy. They abandoned wagers that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates again in May and added to bets that officials' next shift will be a rate cut as early as June. Traders also pared rate-increase expectations for the European Central Bank and the Bank of England.

"Things break when central banks tighten too much," said Jack McIntyre, a portfolio manager at Brandywine Global Investment Management. "But you can't be super negative because all this stuff can change pretty quickly. There's two-way risk right now. Conviction levels are probably a little lower."

Meanwhile, a report this week may show a key gauge of US inflation remains stubbornly high, reminding investors of the tightrope the central bank must walk to maintain both price and financial stability.

Against that murky policy outlook, a measure of volatility of short-term Treasury notes is close to the highest since 2008. Two-year yields touched 3.55 percent on Friday, the lowest since September, as traders dumped rate-hike bets. The rate has plunged more than 100 basis points since eclipsing 5 percent in early March for the first time since 2007.

The yen has surged about 4 percent this month, more than any other major currency, amid the volatility and as plummeting bond yields reduced other economies' interest-rate advantage over Japan. Commodity-linked currencies, including the Australian and New Zealand dollars, have underperformed.

Ed Al-Hussainy, a rates strategist at Columbia Threadneedle Investments, said he anticipated a bond rally as the Fed's tightening slows the economy, but the volatility and speed of the move underscores the fragility of markets.

"We were positioned for this to happen over the next nine months, but it happened in nine days," he said. "I'm not going to complain, but I'm worried how quickly it's taken place."

EABL investors fail to sell 25m shares to Diageo



NAIROBI

INVESTORS failed to sell 25.12 million East African Breweries Plc (EABL) shares to the parent company Diageo Plc, denying them a chance to book a Sh552.6 million gain on the back of oversubscription in the tender offer.

Diageo had sought to buy 118.39 million EABL shares but received offers to purchase 143.52 million shares, forcing it to turn away some of the investors motivated by the premium offered.

The British multinational offered to buy the share at Sh192 apiece, representing a premium of 39 percent on EABL's share price of Sh138 on the last day of trading before Diageo disclosed its offer on October 14, 2022.

The 25.12 million shares that Diageo has not bought despite receiving the applications would have cost it Sh4.82 billion as opposed to the current value of Sh4.27 billion, going by Thursday's closing price of Sh170 a piece.

The difference between the offer price and the current share price means the investors who had bid to sell their 25.12 million shares have missed out on a

chance to make a Sh552.6 million gain at a time many of the Nairobi bourse stocks are battered.

Investors were also motivated by Diageo's offer that allowed those selling their shares to remain eligible for EABL's interim dividend of Sh3.75 per share for the half year ended December, so long as they were on the brewer's books by the register closure date of February 16.

The first phase ran from February 6 to March 17 while the second one started on February 27 and closed on March 17, with both phases posting oversubscriptions.

Diageo had said it was going to give priority to EABL shareholders who were on the brewer's books by January 16 and made early bids in its move to purchase an additional 14.97 percent stake in the local subsidiary.

Diageo says it has already effected the transfer of the acquired ordinary shares to Diageo Kenya, the local holding company.

"The transfer of the ordinary shares to Diageo Kenya has been effected as a market transaction on the NSE and Diageo Kenya has commenced payments for each accepting shareholder's final entitlement in accordance with the preferred method," said the firm.

Diageo Kenya will now hold 514 million ordinary shares representing 65 percent of the issued ordinary shares of EABL. Prior to the deal, it held 395.6 million ordinary shares amounting to a 50.03 percent stake.

The move by the company to prioritise early bidders was seen as a way to encourage the uptake of the offer and reward existing shareholders with a significant capital gain on their stock.

Diageo's enhanced stake in EABL is a signal of its confidence in the brewer's future prospects. The subsidiary's profitability has rebounded on the reopening of the regional economies following the easing of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Oil markets steady over banking crisis

SINGAPORE

OIL prices stabilised in Asian trade on Monday as investors sought cues from broader financial markets, while comments by Russian President Vladimir Putin over the weekend ratcheted up geopolitical tensions in Europe.

Brent crude futures held unchanged at \$74.99 a barrel at 0357 GMT after hitting a session high of \$75.64.

US West Texas Intermediate crude was at \$69.29 a barrel, up 3 cents, after rising to \$69.92 earlier in the session.

Brent rose 2.8 percent last week, while WTI rebounded 3.8% as jitters in the banking sector eased.

Oil markets are closely watching the sentiment in financial market, while oil fundamentals remain sidelined, said Vandana Hari, founder of oil market analysis provider Vanda Insights.

"Expect most price action in Brent and WTI futures to occur during the Europe and U.S. trading hours, marked by plenty of intraday volatility," Hari said.

"A strong rebound is not on the cards until the (banking) crisis dissipates fully, which could take days, if not weeks," she added.

Keeping a lid on oil's gains, the dollar was firm on Monday as investors assessed regulators' moves to rein in jitters in the global banking system.

A stronger dollar makes dollar-denominated commodities more expensive for holders of other currencies and tends to weigh on demand for oil.

Prices drew some support from President Vladimir Putin comments that he will station tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus, escalating geopolitical tensions in Europe over Ukraine.

NATO criticised Putin on Sunday for what it called his "dangerous and irresponsible" nuclear rhetoric.

Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak said on Friday that Moscow was very close to achieving its target of cutting crude output by 500,000 barrels per day (bpd) to around 9.5 million bpd.

Despite lowering output, Russia is expected to maintain crude oil exports by cutting refinery output in April, data from industry sources and Reuters calculations showed on Friday.

Exports of Russian oil products have to date been more affected than crude exports by a recent European Union embargo, with tonnes of diesel stuck on ships awaiting buyers.

Analysts said Russian crude inventories have been rising since September last year, and the country would likely want to avoid further stock builds during refinery maintenance season from March to June.

"If Russia wants to draw down the inventories that it has built, output cuts may need to be extended beyond June," analysts at FGE said in a note.

Meanwhile, in France, industrial action is disrupting refineries, reducing crude demand and fuel production.

Investors are also watching out for China's manufacturing and services purchasing managers' indexes (PMIs) to be released later this week.

In the US, oil rigs rose four to 593 last week, up for the first time in six weeks, while gas rigs held steady at 162, energy services firm Baker Hughes Co said in a report on Friday.



Kenyan dollar savings growing amid shortage

NAIROBI

HOUSEHOLDS joined corporate bodies in the race to stack up dollars in banks amid a supply deficit that fuelled the hoarding of the greenback last year.

The latest data from the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) show that foreign currency deposits owned by households soared by 246 percent across 2022 to close the year at Sh320 billion from Sh285 billion.

This represented an absolute growth of Sh35 billion in households' foreign currency deposits in the year compared to an addition of just Sh10.1 billion in foreign currency a year earlier.

For their part, currency deposits by corporate bodies grew at 59.8 percent to close 2022 at Sh598 billion.

The corporate bodies accumulated Sh82 billion in absolute foreign currency deposits in the year compared to Sh51.3 billion in 2021.

Total foreign currency deposits meanwhile reached Sh921.1 billion at the end of 2022 from Sh803.7 billion as of December 2021.

"What is happening right now with the shortage in dollars is that customers who have the dollars, especially exporters are holding onto it," Absa Bank Kenya's Interim Managing Director told the Business Daily in an interview.

"In normal days, a customer who exports and is paid in dollars and doesn't need the foreign currency would come to the bank or sell it elsewhere. Now they are not doing the same as they see volatility," he said while explaining the rise in foreign currency deposits.

Periods of spikes in foreign currency deposits accumulation differed between the two categories of banking customers, with corporates registering the highest jump in foreign currency deposits between May and June. In comparison households' foreign currency deposits rose the fastest between October and December when holdings surged by Sh20 billion to cover more than half of the year's appreciation in the deposits.

The rise in foreign currency deposit holdings has been traced by bankers to high volatility in the local exchange rate, which has seen holders of foreign currency/dollars register notable gains from just holding on to the deposits.

The hoarding of foreign currency deposits by banking clients has exacerbated the crisis, which has partly precipitated from a weakened local currency. The depositors have been making huge gains from just holding on to the deposits.

Across 2022, the Kenya shilling (official CBK rate) weakened by nine percent against the US dollar to exchange at an average of Sh122 in the fourth quarter from Sh111.9 same time in the prior year.

The combination of a weaker local currency and dollar shortages had the opposite effect of dampening both the CBK's official reserves and commercial bank foreign currency reserves.

Seven hints for raising money-smart children

By Chad Willardson

As a father of five kids (ages 7 to 18) and a fiduciary wealth manager with 21 years of experience, I've seen firsthand how your family's money attitude and communication shape your family's future. How you talk about money, how you feel about it and what you say about it leaves an impact for generations. Disagreements over money are one of the leading causes of divorce, and a lack of financial competency leaves your young people unprepared for their financial future. That's why I'm going to help you break the taboo surrounding money talks in your family.

Many parents grew up in a culture where discussing money was considered improper or taboo. However, this mentality does more harm than good. Kids shielded from discussions about money grow up with ignorance, or worse, fear around making money decisions. This often leads to poor money moves, resulting in personal financial insecurity, stress and many long-term financial struggles.

To ensure your kids feel confident about money, it's essential to start teaching them about money from a young age. Here are a few ways that I've been teaching my own five kids about money:

1. Open checking accounts for them at early ages

This is a great way to teach your kids the basics of managing money. They can learn how to deposit and withdraw money, balance their account and use their debit card responsibly. I recommend opening your kids a checking account once they turn 8.

2. Stop giving out allowances

Don't just give out allowances because your kids made it through another week of life. What's that teaching them? Instead, have your kids earn money by doing "extra" work around the house. This can teach them the value of hard work and the connection between work and money.

3. Pay your kids to read books on personal finance or goal-setting

Have your kids read books on personal finance or goal-setting to help them to build their financial literacy. After they read the book, have them write a one-page summary or create a personal video of what they learned from the book – and reward them for doing so. This will help them develop their reading and writing skills while also learning about money management.

4. Teach them how to save, donate and spend

Encourage your kids to save and donate a high percentage of the money they earn. We've trained our kids to save/invest at least 30% of their earnings, donate 20% and use the remaining 50% for their own spending on things like movie tickets, clothes or shopping. This kind of disciplined saving, investing and giving philosophy fosters an abundance mindset and will instill good financial habits for their future.

5. Tell them about your own financial goals and plans

Another way to involve your kids in financial discussions is by discussing your own financial goals and plans with them. This can help them understand the importance of setting goals and how to make plans to achieve them. For example, if you're saving up for a down payment on a house, you can involve your kids by discussing how much money you need to save, how long it will take and what steps you'll take to reach your goal. They will feel included and even committed to helping your family reach your goals – and maybe they'll even contribute in their own way.



6. Involve them in the planning process of big purchases

Involving your children in the planning process of big purchases like buying a home, a car or a family vacation can make your kids feel more invested in your family's financial well-being and give them a sense of responsibility. For example, when planning a family vacation, you can involve your kids in cash flow planning and discuss how much money will be allocated for transportation, accommodations, food and activities.

7. Be transparent about the costs

When you go grocery shopping, talk about how much things cost and how much money you're spending. This can help your kids understand the true value of money and how much things really cost. Share how you worked hard and planned to have enough money to buy the groceries for your family.

By openly discussing money with your kids, you help them develop a healthy and responsible relationship with money. They'll be better equipped to make smart financial decisions, manage their own finances and ultimately achieve their financial goals.

It's important to note that teaching your kids about money doesn't have to be a one-time event. It's an ongoing process that should start early

and continue throughout their lives. As time goes on, your conversations will be more advanced and mature.

By breaking the taboo surrounding money talks in your family, you can help ensure your kids are prepared for their financial future.

They will feel confident when thinking and talking about money. They'll grow up with the skills and knowledge needed to make smart financial decisions, ultimately leading to greater financial security, stability and success.

In conclusion, don't keep money a secret from your kids. Don't expect them to suddenly figure it out once they leave the house after high school, even if that's what happened to you.

That doesn't help anyone. Instead, be open and honest about money, and teach your kids about financial responsibility and accountability from a young age.

Remember to involve your kids in financial decisions and discussions, lead by example, and make financial education an ongoing process. Teach them to be confident and self-reliant with money as they grow from children to teenagers and beyond. By doing so, you will be setting them up for a lifetime of financial success.

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All is set for Tanga trade, tourism show

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

INTERNATIONAL and national trade and tourism firms are expected to participate into 10th edition of Tanga Trade and Tourism Fair exhibition slated for 28th May to 6th June this year in Tanga city.

Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (TCCIA)Tanga region chapter in partnership with Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) are the main organizers of the exhibition.

The 2023 Tanga Trade and Tourism Fair themed: "Agriculture, Industries, Tourism and Mining the basis of economic development".

TCCIA Tanga region chairman Rashid Mwanjoka told The Guardian that all preparations ahead of the exhibition have already reached at advanced stage whereby more than one hundred tourism and trade companies both national and international will participate.

"Like previously, we have already invited exhibitors, but all are not yet fully responded to participate this weeklong event to take place at Mwashako grounds," said Mwanjoka.

Explaining about new

things expected to be experienced on that occasion, he stated that exhibitors are the key players on what people eagerly to get new services, products, technology and innovation.

"Exhibitors have responsibilities to show new services, products and technology that can bring benefits to their business while meeting directly with potential customers".

For the time of ten years of experience, the exhibition gradually became popularly following the increase of firms interested to participate.

The trade was known as Tanga Trade Fair before being renamed to Tanga Trade and Tourism Fair due to increased tourism component to sell tourist attractions available in Tanzania.

He said, this time around the mining sector also added to enable mining firms to get the opportunity to showcase their mining activities, minerals and gemstones. The main benefits of exhibition offer many advantages to exhibitors include boosting sales, seeking partners, building trust to goods they produce and services provided.

Others are demonstrating strength, gaining market share, personal networking as a door opener and getting direct feedback on products.

Rwanda has the cheapest electricity tariffs - report

KIGALI

RWANDA has been listed as one of 30 countries globally with the cheapest household electricity prices, according to a report released earlier this month by Statista.com, an online platform that specialises in market and consumer data.

The other African countries on the list include Ghana, South Africa, and Kenya.

The report was based on a survey time period of June 2022 and included 30 countries across the world.

Rwanda's average price of electricity was \$0.24 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), with health facilities charged Rwf186 per kWh, Rwf134 per kWh for small businesses, Rwf103 per kWh for medium businesses, and Rwf94 per kWh for large businesses.

The country's remarkable feat is due to its focus on renewable energy resources and investment in its energy infrastructure. Rwanda has heavily invested in developing its hydropower potential, which has led to a significant reduction in the cost of electricity production.

The government has implemented policies and initiatives to encourage private investment in renewable energy, including solar, which has further boosted the country's energy production capacity.

The availability of low-cost electricity has enabled businesses to operate more efficiently, which has created job opportunities and contributed to the country's economic growth.

However, the challenges remain in ensuring that all Rwandans have access to affordable and reliable electricity. The government continues to prioritize investment in energy infrastructure, including expanding the national grid and increasing the capacity of existing plants.

The current access targets stipulate that 100 percent households will have access to electricity by the year 2024, with 70 percent connected to the grid and 30 percent using off-grid solutions.

Rwanda's success in providing affordable electricity to its citizens has had a significant impact on the country's economy and social development.

Moreover, households have been able to access electricity for lighting and powering appliances, which has improved their quality of life.



VIEW FROM THE TOP

CFAO Motors introduces new Suzuki Grand Vitara



By Guardian Correspondent

CFAO Motors Tanzania has announced the introduction of the new Suzuki Grand Vitara Semi Hybrid 2023, the first of its kind in Tanzania.

According to a statement issued by CFAO Motors yesterday, the Suzuki Grand Vitara is set to add value to the Tanzanian automobile industry with its advanced features, cutting-edge technology, and superior design, taking the Mid SUV experience to a whole new level.

CFAO Motors, Africa's leading automobile distributor, is dedicated to providing its customers with the most modern and innovative vehicles.

"The Suzuki Grand Vitara Semi-Hybrid 2023 is the ideal combination of style, functionality, and fuel economy. It has a sleek and modern design that will turn heads, and its hybrid engine ensures lower carbon emissions and fuel consumption," the statement said.

"The five-passenger SUV is simply a powerhouse, with a potent 1.5-liter engine producing an impressive horsepower 102 and a tentative 136.8 nm torque @4,400rpm".

The Suzuki Grand Vitara is also one of the most fuel-efficient SUVs on the market.

"CFAO Motors is dedicated to providing our customers with the latest and most innovative vehicles on the market. We are pleased to introduce the Suzuki Grand Vitara Semi Hybrid, a vehicle that combines style, functionality, and fuel efficiency" said the company's CEO, Francois Bompant.

In addition to its impressive performance, the Grand Vitara Semi Hybrid is loaded with advanced features such as a nine-inch touchscreen infotainment system, smartphone integration, Bluetooth connectivity, a rearview camera, automatic climate control, and more.

The vehicle also includes advanced safety features such as anti-lock brakes, electronic stability control, hill-start assistance, and a suite of

airbags to ensure the safety of its occupants.

At the launch event, one attendee who spoke on the condition of anonymity highlighted that the newly launched car is a game-changer for Tanzanian drivers who seek to elevate their driving experience and embrace futuristic technology, thereby avoiding being left behind.

According to him, the new Suzuki is a revolutionary car that is set to deliver a unique driving experience unlike anything seen before in Tanzania.

"Undoubtedly, this impressive piece of engineering and technology will entice many Tanzanians to acquire one for themselves", as he also expressed interest in buying one. "With its innovative features and cutting-edge design, this car is poised to make a significant impact on the Tanzanian automotive industry," he said.

The Suzuki Grand Vitara Semi Hybrid is now available for purchase at the CFAO Motors showroom in Dar es Salaam.

WORLD

Israeli govt in chaos as judicial reform plans draw mass protests

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition plunged into chaos yesterday, after mass overnight protests over the sacking of his defense chief piled pressure on the government to halt its bitterly contested plans to overhaul the judiciary.

Netanyahu had been expected to make a televised statement on Monday morning announcing the plans had been suspended. But, amid reports that his nationalist-religious coalition risked breaking apart, Israeli TV stations said the statement was postponed.

Earlier, a source in his Likud party and another source closely involved in the legislation said Netanyahu would suspend the overhaul, which has ignited some of Israel's biggest-ever demonstrations and drew an intervention by the head of state.

"For the sake of the unity of the people of Israel, for the sake of responsibility, I call on you to stop the legislative process immediately," President Isaac Herzog said on Twitter.

The warning by Herzog, who is supposed to stand above politics and whose function is largely ceremonial, under-

lined the alarm that the divisions triggered by the proposals have caused.

It followed a dramatic night of protests in cities across Israel, with tens of thousands flooding streets following Netanyahu's announcement that he had dismissed Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

A day earlier, Gallant had made a televised appeal for the government to halt its flagship overhaul of the judicial system, warning that the deep split it had opened up in Israeli society was affecting the military and threatening national security.

Furious scenes in parliament

During furious scenes in the Knesset early on Monday, opposition members of parliament attacked Simcha Rothman, the committee chairman who has shepherded the bill, with cries of "Shame! Shame!" and accusations comparing the bill to militant groups that want the destruction of Israel.

"This is a hostile takeover of the State of Israel. No need for Hamas, no need for Hezbollah," one lawmaker was heard saying to Rothman as the constitution committee approved a key bill to go forward for ratification.



Protesters block a road and hold national flags during a rally against the Israeli government's judicial reform in Tel Aviv, Israel yesterday. (PHOTO / AFP)

"The law is balanced and good for Israel," Rothman said.

Three months after it took power, Gallant's removal has plunged Netanyahu's hard-right coalition into crisis as it also faces a deepening security emergency in the occupied West Bank.

In a sign of the tensions within the coalition, National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, who heads one of the hardline pro-settler parties in the coalition, called for the overhaul to go ahead.

"We must not stop the judiciary reform and must not surrender to anarchy," he tweeted.

General strike call

The shekel, which has seen big swings over recent weeks as the political turbulence has played out, fell 0.7 percent in early trading before recovering some ground as expectations grew the legislation would be halted.

As opposition spread, the head of the Histadrut labour union, Arnon Bar-David, called for a general strike if the proposals were not halted.

"Bring back the country's sanity. If you don't announce in a news conference today that

you changed your mind, we will go on strike."

The judicial overhaul, which would give the executive more control over appointing judges to the Supreme Court and allow the government to override court rulings on the basis of a simple parliamentary majority, has drawn mass protests for weeks.

While the government says the overhaul is needed to rein in activist judges and set a proper balance between the elected government and the judiciary, opponents see it as an undermining of legal checks and balances and a threat to Israel's democracy.

Netanyahu, on trial on corruption charges that he denies, has so far vowed to continue with the project and a central part of the overhaul package, a bill that would tighten political control over judicial appointments, is due to be voted on in parliament this week.

As well as drawing opposition from the business establishment, the project has caused alarm among Israel's allies. The United States said it was deeply concerned by Sunday's events and saw an urgent need for compromise, while repeating calls to safeguard democratic values.

Agencies

Russia to stay in World Trade Organisation - Russian diplomat

MOSCOW

RUSSIA has no plan to leave the World Trade Organization (WTO), despite attempts by some countries to "squeeze" it out, a Russian diplomat said in an interview with RIA Novosti yesterday.

"We are considering all options for our participation in multilateral trade, analyzing the balance of benefits and costs of full membership in the WTO," said Dmitry Birichevsky, director of the Department of Economic Cooperation of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"At the same time, we proceed from the fact that there are grounds to remain in the organization as a full member in order to maintain stable relations with developing countries that are ready to continue cooperation on an equal basis and with mutual interests," he added.

He noted that the WTO was an irreplaceable global platform on which Russia built trade and economic relations with countries that did not take unfriendly actions against Russia.

"We pay special attention to interaction with partners and like-minded people from Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. Interaction with them is becoming more and more active and diverse," the diplomat said.

He noted that the rules of the WTO also formed the basis for the functioning of the Eurasian Economic Union, and Russia, as a member of the organization, was obliged to comply with the rules of the WTO.

US-hosted Summit for Democracy aims for confrontation - expert

ZAGREB

THE second Summit for Democracy, hosted by the United States, is aiming not for democracy but confrontation with countries like Russia as its opponent and China as its competitor, said Davor Gjenero, a Croatian political analyst.

Through the so-called Summit for Democracy, set for March 29-30, the United States, according to its "American democracy" standard, attempts to divide the world into "democratic" and "non-democratic" countries.

By selectively inviting "democratic" countries to attend the summit, the United States aims to establish a bloc or camp, led by the United States, to isolate and confront countries that it regards as enemies, opponents and competitors, Gjenero said in a recent interview with Xinhua.

Therefore, such a summit is not for promoting democracy but for provoking confrontation and that is "a defeat for democracy," Gjenero noted.

The reason behind this is that the Cold War mentality, present in the U.S.-led West, is still at work, in addition to strategic and economic competitions, Gjenero noted.

He said that the so-called "American democracy" standard is not the only standard for democracy and can not be applied everywhere and it is not up to the United States to judge whether one country is democratic or not.

Moreover, Gjenero pointed out that the "American democracy" has been experiencing a crisis, as serious social problems, including social division, racial conflicts, political polarization, and a widening gap between the rich and poor, have been plaguing the United States.

"Every country in the world is specific, every country has its own history, customs and traditions. So every country has the right to its own path of democratic development, and no country can have a monopoly on that," Gjenero said.

Gjenero said he believes that China has been following its own path of democratic development according to its own national conditions.

While China's economic development has attracted worldwide attention, and the same is true in terms of its democratic development, although the United States and some Western countries have turned a blind eye or simply refuse to admit it, Gjenero added. **Xinhua**

Nigeria to hold population census on May 3 - official

ABUJA

NIGERIA will commence the 2023 national population and housing census on May 3, an exercise that is expected to take account of every person, household, and structure in the most populous African country, an official said on Sunday.

Garba Abari, head of the National Orientation Agency, told reporters in Abuja, the Nigerian capital, that the census will be held for three days across the country, and rounded off on May 5.

"The census is absolutely important because it is for development, planning, security, infrastructure development, educational, health and other demographic considerations all encapsulating in one," said Abari, whose agency is tasked with communicating government policy.

The official said the forthcoming national population and housing census was important for the country, describing it as "mandatory" with the view of aiding national planning and execution of developmental projects.

Russian diplomat points to problems underage Ukrainians are facing in EU countries

MOSCOW

THE West's sham concern over the fate of children who were evacuated by Russia from the zone of combat operations looks hypocritical and cynical amid that worsening catastrophic problems thousands of underage Ukrainians are facing in EU countries, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Sunday.

"Amid the catastrophic problems thousands of minor Ukrainians are facing in the countries

of the European Union, which are worsening day after day instead of being resolved anyhow, the West's false concern over the fate of children who have been evacuated by Russia from the zone of combat operations looks hypocritical and especially cynical," she wrote on her Telegram channel.

Children "who have found themselves in Europe after the 'evacuation' from Ukraine regularly are faced with problems of marginalization in its various manifestations, up to sexual



abuse and sex trafficking," she noted.

She recalled that relevant statements have been made by EU officials. In particular, Olivia Wigzell, chief of the Swedish National Board for Health and Welfare, warned refugees that they need to be registered with the Swedish Migration agency and stressed that it is especially topical for children.

In France, Joseph Zimet, the prefect's coordinator for monitoring the reception of Ukrainian refugees, said in an interview with Le Monde that he doesn't know where to allocate 100,000

Ukrainians, of whom barely 3,000 have jobs.

Apart from that, according to Zakharova, juvenile services in Germany, which has received more than one million Ukrainians, remove children from families of refugees and deprive their parents of parental rights by court rulings.

"Notably, child protection service, as a rule, interfere on tip-offs by the families giving shelter to Ukrainian refugees: the reason may be speaking with children in an elevated voice," she added.

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Prince Harry turns up to High Court in Associated Newspapers hearing

THE Duke of Sussex has unexpectedly appeared at the High Court as legal proceedings begin in a privacy case.

Prince Harry and other individuals are suing Associated Newspapers Ltd (ANL), publishers of the Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday.

The duke, singer Sir Elton John and actresses Sadie Frost and Liz Hurley are among the individuals who allege unlawful information gathering. The publisher has described the allegations as "preposterous smears".

Elton and Harry sue Daily Mail owner over privacy

A four-day preliminary High Court hearing in London, starting on Monday, will consider legal arguments and a judge will decide whether the case will go any further. ANL is bidding to end the claims.

Prince Harry's appearance will be seen by many as a sign of his strength of feeling over his privacy and determination regarding the legal action.

Others taking part in the legal action in-

clude Sir Elton's husband David Furnish, and Doon Lawrence, the mother of Stephen Lawrence, who was murdered in a racist attack in 1993. The group launched the legal action last year after becoming aware of "compelling and highly distressing evidence that they have been the victims of abhorrent criminal activity and gross breaches of privacy" by ANL, according to a statement by law firm Hamblins released in October 2022.

Court proceedings began with a bid by ANL's lawyers to have certain reporting restrictions imposed in the case.

The Duke of Sussex sat towards the back of the courtroom, occasionally taking notes in a small black notebook as legal arguments were made by ANL's barrister Catrin Evans



KC. Frost sat two seats away from Harry in the courtroom. When the legal action was announced in October, law firm Hamblins, which is representing Prince Harry and Frost, alleged that ANL's activity included:

"The hiring of private investigators to secretly place listening devices inside people's cars and homes

"The commissioning of individuals to surreptitiously listen into and record people's live, private telephone calls whilst they were taking place "The payment of police officials, with corrupt links to private investigators, for inside, sensitive information

"The impersonation of individuals to obtain medical information from private hospitals, clinics, and treatment centres by deception "The accessing of bank accounts, credit histories and financial transactions through illicit means and manipulation"

In a statement released at the time, the newspaper group said: "We utterly and unambiguously refute these preposterous

smears which appear to be nothing more than a pre-planned and orchestrated attempt to drag the Mail titles into the phone hacking scandal concerning articles up to 30 years old.

"These unsubstantiated and highly defamatory claims - based on no credible evidence - appear to be simply a fishing expedition by claimants and their lawyers, some of whom have already pursued cases elsewhere."

and New Zealand Emirates' non-stop Australia flights will return to pre-pandemic levels to Melbourne from 26 March. Sydney from 01 May and Brisbane on 01 June. For Brisbane an additional daily service starting 01 June will take Emirates to 14 flights per week to Brisbane. Daily flights from Christchurch will restart from Dubai via Sydney from 26 March.

An additional third daily service to Melbourne will start from 26 March via Singapore. This adds capacity to Melbourne and re-establishes connectivity between Singapore and Melbourne. **Agencies**

China takes measures to improve digital literacy and skills for general public

"MACHINE learning is a kind of statistical learning in which the computer builds a model based on statistics and then uses the model to predict likely future outcomes." Statistics, algorithms and computing power are three major factors of machine learning."

Recently, Ma Di, a university student in Beijing, has been taking the open course entitled "Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Practice" every day through a platform called Chinadata.cn, which helps the general public improve digital literacy and skills.

The platform is created to encourage key universities, research institutes and social organizations to share digital resources such as online courses, teach-

ing tools and application cases, with the general public.

"Providing courses on digital applications in various aspects in a systematic manner makes the platform a useful tool for improving people's digital literacy," said Ma.

Improving digital literacy and skills for the general public is a key measure to meet the requirements of the digital era. In recent years, Chinese governments at various levels have rolled out effective measures to improve digital literacy and skills of the general public and solidify the social basis for the development of the digital economy.

"When farmers start to promote agricultural products through livestream-

ing, they have new tasks besides their farm work, including analyzing the needs of their viewers and finding a selling point for their products."

Liang Xiaoyong (a pseudonym), a farmer in Huitong county, central China's Hunan province, was watching an online lecture about how to create wealth from high-quality agricultural products via an agriculture education app on his smart phone.

The Cyberspace Administration of the CPC Hunan Provincial Committee and other relevant departments have taken active measures to promote full coverage of the app in rural areas in Hunan, trying to boost supply of digital resources for rural areas and improve

farmers' ability to use digital tools.

Last August, Hunan provided 4,186 courses and learning resources on digital literacy and skills for the general public free of charge, helping more people embrace a digital way of life at an accelerated pace.

The "Smart Education of China," a public online service platform launched by the Ministry of Education, is the world's largest pool of education resources. The national e-commerce public service website built by the Ministry of Commerce offers resources in various sectors, including e-commerce news, development index, information about exhibitions and training courses. The learning community for industrial

workers built by the All-China Federation of Trade Unions serves as a platform which promotes online and offline learning and also includes a skill evaluation and assessment system.

These platforms have enriched the supply of education and training resources, pushed for the sharing of digital resources, ensured equal access to digital resources and made digital resources benefit for all.

In February this year, the Cyberspace Administration of China and other 12 departments jointly ranked 78 units as the country's first batch of digital literacy and digital skills training bases, including science and technology museums, schools, research institutes and

vocational skills training bases.

These training bases with distinctive features form a digital literacy and skills training network that covers the entire country and serves the general public.

The Hangzhou Low Carbon Science and Technology Museum is the first large-scale science and technology museum in the world with low carbon as its theme. Stick to the topic of low-carbon lifestyle and smart life style, it displays more than 100 science exhibits that are interesting and interactive. The Beijing-based Internet security company Qihoo 360 has built a cloud platform for cybersecurity education that is able to provide one-stop cybersecurity education services. **People's Daily**

Somalia says army kills over 3,000 al-Shabab militants in 6 months

MOGADISHU

SOMALIA said more than 3,000 al-Shabab militants have been killed and 3,700 more sustained injuries since the government started a military operation against the terror group six months ago.

The Ministry of Information, Culture, and Tourism said some 70 towns and villages which were under al-Shabab have been liberated by the Somali National Army (SNA) forces with the support of the locals.

"The government stands by its commitment to ensuring that the SNA is carrying out the ongoing operations in strict compliance with its obligations under international humanitarian law, human rights law, Islamic law, and Somali customary rules of warfare," the ministry said in a statement issued in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, on Saturday evening.

The government forces have intensified their attacks against al-Shabab since President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud declared an all-out war against the militants last year.

President Mohamud has vowed to intensify military operations to flush out al-Shabab militants from their strongholds to stop extortion of the Somali people and the spread of propaganda, intimidation, and extremism in Somalia.

The statement came as the government plans to launch the second phase of this military offensive against the militant group.

The ministry said al-Shabab continues to suffer defeats in central and southern regions and across Somalia, noting that a major security operation is set to be launched in the capital Mogadishu to ensure that the fugitive militants do not harm city residents.

The operation is aimed at protecting the city and its civilians, adding that the government wants to ensure that the people's safety is not disturbed during the holy month of Ramadan.

The government has been waging a formidable war against the al-Shabab militants since President Mohamud came into power on May 1, 2022.

But the militant group still controls some parts of rural southern and central Somalia and continues to carry out high-profile attacks in Mogadishu and elsewhere despite the increased onslaught by government forces.

Sudan launches workshop to forward military reform

KHARTOUM

SUDAN launched Sunday a workshop to push for the reorganization of irregular forces into a unified national military, as part of the political process agreed in a key deal last year for the country's transition to civilian rule.

Launched at the Friendship Hall in Khartoum with the attendance of Sudanese military stakeholders as well as representatives of the United Nations and the African Union, the workshop is the last one established under the requirement of the political framework agreement.

In December 2022, Sudanese civilian and the military leaders reached the agreement to end the country's political impasse and institute a two-year transitional civilian authority.

The workshop discussed completing security arrangements for the armed movements, former rebel groups that were granted legal status in 2020 under the Juba Agreement for Peace in Sudan, integrating fighters of the armed movements and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces into the Sudanese Armed Forces, and forming implementation mechanisms.

"The security and military reform is a long and complex process that cannot be overcome easily, and it is a purely Sudanese process whose foundations were laid by the Sudanese," Chairman of Sudan's Sovereignty Council and Commander of the Sudanese army Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan said while addressing the workshop. He added that the Sudanese armed forces will be under the command of any civilian government elected by the people.

Reaching a unified army is our goal, and we are proceeding on that with conviction and according to the agreed technical matters," said Deputy Chairman of the Sovereign Council and Commander of the Rapid Support Forces Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, who also attended the event.

Members from Sudanese regular forces, armed movements, political fractions, veterans, as well as representatives of the UN tripartite mechanism and the African Union, are among the workshop's participants.

Australian govt strikes deal on climate policy

CANBERRA

LEGISLATION for the Australian government's signature climate policy is set to pass parliament after the Greens agreed to support the bill.

The governing Labor Party on Monday secured the support it needs from the left-wing party to implement its safeguard mechanism.

The centerpiece of the government's commitment to reduce Australia's carbon emissions by at least 43 percent from 2005 levels by 2030, the mechanism will impose emissions limits on the country's 215 largest-polluting facilities.

Those facilities, including mines, factories, smelters and processors, will be required to cut their emissions by 4.9 percent every year till 2030 or pay for carbon offsets. According to projections, it will reduce Australia's carbon footprint by a cumulative 205 million tons by 2030.

After the Opposition Liberal and National parties ruled out support for the legislation, the government required the support of the Greens in addition to independents to pass it through the Senate.

Agencies

Over two dozen dead as tornado tears across Mississippi

SILVER CITY, Mississippi

RESCUERS combed through rubble on Saturday after a powerful storm tore across Mississippi late on Friday, killing at least 25 people there and one person in Alabama as it leveled hundreds of buildings and spawned at least one devastating tornado.

The tornado stayed on the ground for about an hour and cut a path of destruction some 274 km long, according to Nicholas Price, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jackson, Mississippi.

President Joe Biden ordered federal aid to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the affected areas, a White House statement said. The funding will be available to affected people in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, and Sharkey counties.

In Rolling Fork, a town of around 1,900 in western Mississippi that was hit the hardest, homes were reduced to rubble, tree trunks snapped like twigs and cars were tossed aside like toys. The town's water tower lay twisted on the ground.

Michael Searcy, a storm chaser who saw the tornado approach Rolling Fork, spent hours helping to rescue trapped people.

"As soon as we would go from one vehicle to the next vehicle or from building to building, we could hear screams and we could hear cries for help," he told Reuters. "And we were just basically in small groups, digging through the rubble, trying to find and extricate people."

Members of one family narrowly escaped by taking shelter in a bathroom; the rest of the house collapsed around them, and the high winds dropped a van on top of the home, Searcy said.

In Silver City, a rural community of around 300, residents described locking themselves in interior rooms and covering inside bathtubs as the tornado swept through.

"I thought about God," said Katherine Ray. "I just started saying, 'I followed the Ten Commandments, Lord, it's just me at the house,' and I just said, 'Just take care of me.'"

Her prayer was answered, she said; her trailer was damaged but still standing, while many of her neighbors saw their trailers completely destroyed.

Governor Tate Reeves, who visited Silver City on Saturday, declared a state of emergency in the affected areas.

"The scale of the damage and loss is evident everywhere af-



A woman stands inside her destroyed house in the aftermath of a tornado in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, on Sunday. (PHOTO / AFP)

fect today," he wrote on Twitter. "Homes, businesses ... entire communities."

In Alabama, which was also struck by the same storm system, rescuers pulled a man from the mud when his trailer was overturned, but the man later died from his injuries, according to the Morgan County Sheriff's Office. That appeared to be the only reported death in that state as of Saturday evening.

US President Joe Biden described the images from Mississippi as "heartbreaking" and said in a statement that he had spoken with Reeves and offered his condolences and full federal support for the recovery.

"To those impacted by these devastating storms, and to the first responders and emergency personnel working to help their fellow Americans, we will do everything we

can to help," Biden said. "We will be there as long as it takes. We will work together to deliver the support you need to recover."

Mississippi officials set up three emergency shelters, including at the National Guard Armory in Rolling Fork. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Director Deanne Criswell will travel to Mississippi on Sunday, the White House said.

Parts of Mississippi and Alabama could face damaging winds, hail and possible tornadoes again on Sunday, the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center said.

About 26,000 customers remained without power as of Saturday evening in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee due to the storm, according to the website PowerOutage.us.

'My city is gone'

Mississippi's emergency management agency said on Saturday afternoon that the death toll had risen to 25, with dozens more injured. Four people who had been reported missing earlier have been located, the agency said.

At least 12 of those deaths occurred in Rolling Fork, its mayor, Eldridge Walker, told CNN earlier in the day. The city is 75 percent Black, and about one-fifth of the population lives below the federal poverty line, according to US Census data.

"My city is gone, but we are resilient," Walker said on CNN. "We are going to come back strong."

Jarrett Brown, a volunteer with the disaster response organization Team Rubicon who traveled to Rolling Fork, told Reuters the damage showed that the storm was inescapable for some residents.

"In some of these areas, there was no safe spot to go to," he said via a video call.

Tim and Tracy Harden, owners of Chuck's Dairy Barn in Rolling Fork, said in a Facebook post that they hid inside a small walk-in cooler one minute before the tornado demolished their building.

Public-service project in China helps visually impaired people 'see' movies

"SEE" the colors of the world through sounds, and enjoy the beauty of art by listening. Welcome to the 'Ever Shining Cinema'. Today we are going to present to you The Wandering Earth..."

It was the opening remarks made by a volunteer of "Ever Shining Cinema", a public-service project aimed at interpreting movies for visually impaired people, at a movie activity held in southwest China's Sichuan province.

With her eyes closed and head slightly raised, Ma Deli from Dechang county, Xichang city, Liangshan Yi autonomous prefecture of southwest China's Sichuan province, listened to the narration for the movie attentively. She didn't want to miss any detail.

When hearing a thrilling episode, she clutched the armrests nervously.

Ma runs a blind massage parlor. She seldom went out after she completely lost her sight, let alone to the movies.

When she heard that the association of persons with visual disabilities in Sichuan province would show a barrier-free movie, Ma immediately decided to approve a day off to "see" the movie with the staff.

The barrier-free movie was prepared by a team of volunteers of the "Ever Shining Cinema" project initiated by the Communication University of China (CUC). The team has handled every link from the production to the screening of the barrier-free movie.

Founded nearly five years ago, the project has recorded volunteers of more than 500 CUC teachers and students. They have produced over 500 barrier-free movies of various genres, including animation, science fiction, as well as realistic and historical movies.

So far, the "Ever Shining Cinema" project has held public-service activities and promotions in China's 31 provincial-level regions, and brought barrier-free movies and TV shows to 2,244 special education schools across the country.

Research suggests that able-bodied people perceive up to 80 percent of all impressions by means of their sight. However, there are more than 17 million people with visual impairment in China. How to make movies, which mainly relied on light and



A group photo of volunteers and audiences of "Ever Shining Cinema", a public-service project aimed at interpreting movies for visually impaired people. (Photo/ Official website of the Communication University of China)

color, understood by visually impaired people was the first problem the project had to solve.

At first, teachers at the CUC wanted to use sound editing to narrate the movie in about half an hour. The idea was abandoned after in-depth discussions among members of the volunteer team.

"Audiences usually enjoy a movie in a cinema, where they can feel the ups and downs of the story. People with visual impairment should also be able to enjoy a movie like that," said Zhao Xijing, associate researcher at the Faculty of Journalism and Communication, CUC.

At last, the "Ever Shining Cinema" decided to add detailed descriptions of the movie scenes during the intervals of the original dialogues and sounds, explaining the scenes and the emotions and meanings behind them. "The name of the project, 'Ever Shining Cinema', means helping people with visual impairment seek light and gain hope," said Fu Haizheng, deputy head of the research institute for barrier-free communication of the CUC.

"Barrier-free movies don't merely describe movie scenes. More importantly, they help people with visual impairment understand the meanings of the scenes. It takes great effort to present an audio feast," said Hu Fang, a postgraduate at the CUC.

"We watch every scene of a movie more than 10 times before we can convert it into a narrative script. We need to pause a movie at least 3,000 times to make a barrier-free version of it," said Li Yiyi, a doctoral student at the CUC who participated in the production.

The production process includes such links as the selection of movies, narrative writing, review and revision of script, recording, editing and sound mixing. According to Li, it takes more than a month to produce a barrier-free version of a 2-hour movie, and the narrative script usually contains more than 20,000 Chinese characters.

In addition to the production, thoughtful services for the special audience should be prepared at the venues where the movie activities are held. In an effort to provide a good movie experience, volunteers of the "Ever Shining Cinema" project pay close attention to every detail.

They walk the entire route several times and make a thorough work plan before every movie activity, considering the convenient drop-off points for visually impaired people and noticing obstacles they might encounter along the way.

When a barrier-free version of the movie Operation Red Sea was presented at a cinema in Chaoyang district of Beijing, more than 100 volunteers formed a 100-meter-long passage with their bodies to ensure the safety of the audience. Visually impaired viewers were guided all the way from where they got off to their seats.

Thanks to the "Ever Shining Cinema" project, many people with visual impairment got the first movie ticket in their lives. Their movie tickets are specially designed and printed.

"When I saw them carefully fondling the movie tickets and laughing or shedding tears during a movie, I knew all our efforts were worthwhile," said Li Chaopeng, a doctoral student at the CUC.

"Volunteers' narration has brought us the infinite charm of movies and enabled people with visual impairment to enjoy public cultural services," said He Chuan, deputy head of China Association of Persons with Visual Disabilities.

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Russian security chief calls US world's biggest dictator

MOSCOW

WASHINGTON actually violates the sovereignty of other countries while claiming to support free speech and is the world's biggest dictator, Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolay Patrushev said in an interview with Rossiyskaya Gazeta.

"While disingenuously talking about freedom of choice, the United States, which has proclaimed itself the world's biggest dictator, will in fact simply abuse the countries whose sovereignty and democracy it violated," he said, commenting on the upcoming Summit for Democracy.

Patrushev (pictured) emphasized that this event, which was organized by the White House, "certainly takes place within the framework of the US presidential race that has already begun."

He believes the summit will be "another meeting in favor of the world order, where Washington wants to play a central role indefinitely, and any dissidents can be expected to be labeled as 'non-

democratic states'."

"Once again, the US will proclaim itself the defender of international law and declare that the rest of the world must follow its rules.

The geopolitical opponents will be deliberately falsely accused of war crimes and corruption, but as usual they will turn a blind eye to real acts of genocide and financial fraud committed with the approval of the White House," Patrushev added.

He also believes that promises will be made to feed the hungry and release those wrongly imprisoned.

"However, they will remain silent about the fact that about one-fifth of all prisoners in the world are held in US prisons, including those sentenced to multiple life terms.

They will zealously support the rights of sexual minorities and impose a 'green agenda' on the entire globe, exacerbating the energy crisis in satellite countries," Patrushev warned.

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SPORT



Tanzania Ladies Golf Union (TLGU) former president Sophia Viggo (3rd L) hands over the association's constitution to the union's new president, Queen Siraki (3rd R) soon after the latter triumphed in the election held at the Lugalo Club in Dar es Salaam on Saturday evening. Others are officials honorary secretary-general Yasmin Chali (2nd L), treasurer Joyce Ndyetabura (L), vice-president Ayne Magombe (R), and the new TLGU's competition secretary, Hawa Wanyache. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Queen Siraki wins TLGU president post

By Guardian Correspondent

A golf stakeholder, Queen Siraki, has won the Tanzania Ladies Golf Union (TLGU) president post in the union's election that took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Queen and the remaining newly elected TLGU leaders will serve for the next two years.

The election held at the Lugalo Golf Club witnessed Queen claiming the post of president after collecting 26 votes.

Queen, the Exim Bank Tanzania's employee, was the sole candidate for the post as the previous president, Sophia Viggo, opted out of contesting in the election that was supervised by the National Sports Council (NSC).

The election's other contestant, Ayne Magombe, won the vice president post after posting 25 votes out of 26 while Yasmin Chali was elected for the post of honorary secretary-general after amassing 24 votes out of 26 votes.

Joyce Ndyetabura was elected for the post of the union's treasurer after collecting 25 votes out of 26 votes and Hawa Wanyache won the post of competition secretary after garnering 24 votes out of 26.

Speaking after the election, Queen commended all voters and the sport's

stakeholders for making the exercise a success.

The new TLGU president said that the leadership's main task is to take the game to the next level of development in all categories, especially youths.

The TLGU president noted: "We have a huge task of developing the game in the country, especially for ladies. Our main focus will be youths who are the backbone of our clubs as well as the national team."

"We have the task of promoting the game locally and internationally because we have so many talented and potential golfers who can make the country proud," the leader said.

She said that the new leadership will meet the stakeholders, discuss challenges and get their solutions for the welfare of the game.

The TLGU's newly elected honorary secretary-general Yasmin said they know what the game's stakeholders want while promising to deliver the best.

The official noted: "We will cooperate with other stakeholders to purposely reach our maximum goals in development."

"We have potential golfers who are icons of the game and they are ready to teach up-and-coming golfers," Yasmin stated.

Simba SC duo added to Taifa Stars ahead of Uganda rematch

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC full-backs Shomari Kapombe and Mohamed Hussein have been added to Tanzania's Taifa Stars squad which today confronts Uganda in the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Qualifiers' Group F match at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam last week, Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) president Wallace Karia said that the addition of the two senior players follows the suggestion issued by Taifa Stars head coach, Adel Amrouche.

"There were a lot of discussions done by local fans after the initial selection but we have seen the results," the TFF official noted.

Karia pointed out: "The addition of Kapombe and Hussein is the suggestion of the Head Coach, Adel Amrouche and they have already joined the camp with their colleagues in training camp."

The TFF boss further said that the federation hardly sat down with or advised Amrouche about the selection of the squad.

The leader was adamant that they gave the gaffer freedom believing that he is a good coach who knows the players well because he had begun to monitor them for a while.

The TFF boss revealed: "We cannot interfere with his duties because we believe in the professionalism he had, we had him monitoring our league closely for about two months before his appointment."

"An important responsibility is to continue to cooperate with him so that we can reach our goals as a nation," Karia pointed out.

The country's senior national squad produced an impressive 1-0 away win over Uganda at Suez Canal Stadium in Ismailia, Egypt last Friday in a tense Group F match of the continental showpiece's qualifiers.

The two teams meet again at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam today for a quick reverse encounter with maximum points hanging by a thread.

As it stands, Algeria leads Group F with nine points after excelling in three matches, followed by Tanzania with four points following one win, one draw, and one defeat in three outings.

Third-placed Niger boasts two points, followed by Uganda with one point and the duo is yet to grab victory in the ongoing qualifiers.

Amrouche, who recently sealed a three-year deal with TFF to take charge of Taifa Stars, has begun his tenure on a high as he prepares to stamp a second successive defeat of The Cranes.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has pledged to hand over 10m/- for each goal scored by Taifa Stars in the unfolding AFCON qualifiers campaign as a motivation to players.

The good news was revealed by the government's chief spokesperson Gerson Msigwa that said the President's pledge has come about following the team's 1-0 away win over Uganda's Cranes in the AFCON qualifying match in Ismailia.

SPORTS

D-Day for Taifa Stars in 2023 AFCON Qualifiers

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

TODAY is D-Day for the Taifa Stars as our senior national men's football team will seek to provide a distinctly inhospitable welcome to the Uganda Cranes in a do-or-die Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Group F qualifier.

It should be remembered here that the two teams clashed last Friday in an all-important AFCON qualifier in Egypt in which the Taifa Stars were laudably able to secure a wafer-thin triumph of 1-0.

Before last Friday's morale-boosting victory, the Taifa Stars had been sitting uncomfortably in third place in Group F with only one point behind small fry Niger in second place with two points and in front of regional foes Uganda in last place with a worrying one-point.

However, in the immediate aftermath of last Friday's triumphant exertions, the Taifa Stars are now comfortably ensconced in second place in Group F with four points behind only giants Algeria, who possess nine points after having won all three Group F qualifiers thus far.

As the Taifa Stars ready themselves for the vital task at hand, they will head into today's anticipated epic contest knowing fully well that the Ugandan Cranes will be champing at the bit to avenge their 1-0 loss last Friday.

Indeed, the stakes couldn't be higher in today's enormous battle as another defeat for the Cranes would see them rooted to the bottom spot of Group F with only a minuscule one point.

In marked contrast, a Taifa Stars win today would see our national team consolidate their standing in Group F with seven points, which would be an ideal scenario for all Tanzanians.

Hopefully, then, the Taifa Stars will be able to win today's expected tough tussle at a canter, which would bolster our prospects of sealing a spot at the AFCON finals in Ivory Coast next year.

Let us now switch gears to zero in on the 2023 Rugby World Cup, which is expected to be staged in European powerhouse France later this year (the



Senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' forward, Simon Msuva (R), negotiates his way past Uganda's Cranes defenders as the two squads took on each other in a 2023 Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers' Group F clash that took place at Suez Canal Authority Stadium in Ismailia, Egypt on Friday. Taifa Stars won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

2023 Rugby World Cup will take place in France this year).

Interestingly, the Springboks of South Africa are the reigning Rugby World Cup champions, and it is a certainty that the sport's established juggernauts will take a stab at dethroning the world champions.

For those in the dark, the ceaselessly pulsating sport of rugby has been dominated by South Africa and New Zealand for a couple of years now.

Indeed, the dominance of the Springboks and the All Blacks (New Zealand's famous nickname) can be significantly seen in the number of Rugby World Cup triumphs that each country has claimed since the 2007 edition of the quadrennial competition in France.

Outstandingly, although the Springboks secured the highly coveted Rugby World Cup in 2007, the All Blacks would go on to claim their second trophy at the 2011 Rugby World Cup.

Four years later in 2015, the All Blacks were profoundly reluctant to loosen their grip on the trophy and, in the end, they were able to admirably retain the greatly desired piece of silverware that year.

This trip down memory lane then takes us to 2019 next when the Rugby World Cup was hosted by minnows Japan.

And, at that unforgettable championship, the

Springboks' first-ever black skipper Siya Kolisi stole the show as he exceptionally led his side to Rugby World Cup glory.

Despite that though, it is important to note that the likely supremacy of the Springboks and the All Blacks at this year's Rugby World Cup is not cast in stone.

Unquestionably, the likes of European titans such as England and Six Nations winners, the Republic of Ireland, are certain to have a say in the overall destiny of the trophy.

Whichever way the chips fall though, one gets the suspicion that we should be in for a bona fide treat at this year's Rugby World Cup.

Deputy Minister commends NBC Bank for supporting sports



Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports, Hamis Mwinjuma (2nd L), and Head of Corporate and Investment Banking at NBC Bank, James Meitaron (2nd R), present a trophy to the winner of the 2023 NBC Lugalo Open tournament, Ally Mcharo from Kilimanjaro's TPC Club (C), upon completion of the tournament at Lugalo Golf Course in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Others are Lugalo Golf Club Chairman, retired Brigadier General Michael Luwongo (L), and Tanzania Ladies Golf Union (TLGU) president, Queen Siraki. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports, Hamis Mwinjuma, has commended NBC Bank Tanzania for its continued support of the sports sector development in the country.

Mwinjuma issued the acknowledgment in his keynote address during the awards handing over ceremony at the just concluded 2023 NBC Lugalo Open golf tournament held at Lugalo Club's course in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The Deputy Minister said the government is impressed by the bank's support in various sports.

Mwinjuma stated: "As Deputy Minister responsible for sports, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to NBC bank for

supporting the government in developing different sports."

"NBC bank has been supporting different sports such as golf like Lugalo Open, athletics like Dodoma Marathon, soccer like our Premier League, and others," the Deputy Minister pointed out.

"Our national soccer league is one of the best in Africa and this is so because of the huge investment that NBC has put into it," he said.

He added: "I would like to request the bank to keep on supporting this sector which is now employing a lot of people."

"Other companies and organizations should also borrow a leaf from NBC and come forward to support the sector," Mwinjuma noted.

Head of Corporate and Investment Banking at NBC Bank, James Meitaron, said through the institution's giving back to the community policy, the bank will continue to support different sports initiatives in the country.

"We believe our support into the sports and other sectors will go a long way in complementing the government efforts in improving the lives of Tanzanians. Our support in this space is solid and we are proud of it," he added.

The 2023 NBC Lugalo Open's winner, Ally Mcharo, thanked NBC Bank for sponsoring the tournament and appreciated Lugalo Golf Club for organizing it.

The golfer revealed the tournament had provided a forum for youths to showcase their talent in golf.

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There were a lot of discussions done by local fans after the initial selection but we have seen the results

Conte's turbulent Spurs reign ends in familiar fashion

LONDON

ANTONIO Conte's volatile Tottenham reign came to an almost inevitable end on Sunday as the intense Italian parted ways with the club "by mutual agreement" after 16 months in charge.

Conte, 53, arrived to take charge of the under-achieving Premier League outfit in November 2021.

After spending much of his time making veiled complaints about chairman Daniel Levy's failure to back him sufficiently in the transfer market, it already seemed certain Conte would depart when his contract expired at the end of this season.

But the Italian appeared to make his position less tenable with an astonishing rant at his players after Tottenham blew a two-goal lead in a damaging 3-3 draw at bottom club Southampton earlier this month.

Although they remained fourth in the Premier League after that debacle, Spurs are in serious danger of missing out on Champions League qualification – fifth-placed Newcastle are two points behind, with two games in hand.

Levy reportedly became concerned about Conte's mood swings this season. There were claims the squad were tired of their manager's acerbic tongue, while fans bemoaned his perceived negative tactics.

The chairman would surely have preferred to keep Conte to avoid the upheaval triggered by a coaching change at such a critical time of the season.

But the manager's stinging criticism of his underachieving stars made his relationship with Levy more tricky.

To some, it appeared Conte was so fed up with Tottenham's inconsistency that his remarkable rant was an act of self-immolation designed to force his exit.

The club were dumped out of both the FA Cup and Champions League earlier this month as Conte's problems spiralled.

He had only recently returned to the touchline after a spell back in Italy recovering from gallbladder surgery and his patience ran out after Tottenham threw away a 3-1 lead with just 13 minutes remaining at Southampton.

"It's the right moment to speak because for me this is unacceptable," Conte said. "For another time we showed we are not a team."

"I see selfish players, I see players that don't want to help each other and don't put their heart in."

- Alarm bells - Tottenham have been regarded as English football's biggest under-achievers for decades and Conte failed to break the cycle of frustration and recrimination.

Without a major trophy since the 2008 League Cup and not crowned champions of England since 1961, Spurs remain flawed even in a period in which they have benefited from the presence of the club's record goalscorer, Harry Kane.

When pushed on the reasons for the club's continued failure to succeed under a string of different managers, Conte was scathing. "Tottenham's story is this," he said. "Twenty years there is the owner and they never won something."

"Why? Because they are used to it here. They don't play for something important. They don't want to play under pressure." Conte arrived at Spurs with a well-earned reputation as a serial winner.

The former Italy coach won three Serie A titles as Juventus boss, led Chelsea to their most recent Premier League crown in 2017 and ended Inter Milan's 11-year wait to become Italian champions in 2021.

Initially the signs were encouraging for Conte, and for Tottenham as well.

He guided them to an impressive top-four finish last season, coming from behind to pip north London rivals Arsenal to Champions League qualification.

But familiar alarm bells started to ring during the summer transfer window, when Conte bemoaned Levy's preference for signing younger players with sell-on potential.

Long-time Conte watchers have grown accustomed to the Italian's habit of blaming his employers for his teams' problems.

Despite his success, his spells at Chelsea and Inter ended over transfer rows.

At Tottenham, there was not even any silverware to make his rants more palatable.

AFP

Morocco coach Regragui in dreamland after win over Brazil

BY JAMES DUCKER

MOROCCO coach Walid Regragui has hailed his team as history makers after they followed up their giant-killing feats of last year's World Cup with their first win over Brazil in a friendly in Tangier on Saturday.

The Atlas Lions became the first Arab team to defeat the five-times world champions, with goals from Sofiane Boufal and substitute Abdelhamid Sabiri earning Morocco a 2-1 victory.

"It feels like I'm dreaming," Regragui (pictured) told reporters. "We wrote history. We beat Brazil, who are number one in the FIFA rankings and the country of football."

The match, Morocco's first since their stunning run to last year's World Cup semi-finals, was played out in a festive atmosphere at a sold-out Ibn Batouta stadium in front of more than 65,000 fans.

"To make the celebration beautiful, we had to win this match and that's what we did," Morocco centre back Romain Saïss said.

"We were at the level even though it was complicated. The mental

state of the team made the difference and made people happy again and that's what is important."

Boufal opened the scoring in the 29th minute before Casemiro equalized for Brazil after an error by goalkeeper Yassine Bounou, but substitute Sabiri scored Morocco's winner with a powerful shot 11 minutes from time.

The result was further proof of the strides Morocco have made under Regragui.

They became the first Arab team to reach the World Cup quarter-finals last year and the first African team to make the semi-finals, beating Belgium, Spain and Portugal on the way. "All the players fought," Regragui added. "We weren't good in the second half, but I liked our fighting spirit."

"The defense didn't back down and we tried to make our fans happy." They will head into their next match against Peru in Madrid on Tuesday full of confidence.

"With this high morale, we'll try to beat Peru as well, despite the difficulty and lack of time in the month of Ramadan," Regragui said.

AGENCIES



Tottenham settle for second best - Conte could not change that mentality

BY MATT LAW

ANTONIO Conte watched the All or Nothing documentary in preparation for taking the Tottenham Hotspur job, but the Italian has become the latest head coach to find starring in the Spurs reality show a turn-off after departing the club by mutual agreement.

The warnings had been there for Conte, both from what he saw with his own eyes in the documentary and from the advice he received from friends and allies about the frustrations he might experience at Tottenham.

But Conte, just as others have done before him, believed he could change the mentality of a club and a chairman that have, for so long, settled for second best. Tottenham's ambitions do not reach beyond qualifying for a lucrative competition they stand very little chance of winning, which tells supporters all they need to know about where the motivation lies.

Supporters already pay some of the highest prices in the Premier League and are waiting to find out whether or not the cost of a season ticket will increase next season, but the commitment to football does not match the devotion to attracting headline acts such as Beyoncé to the £1billion stadium that still has no name.

Tottenham live in the perennial hope of a miracle. Mauricio Pochettino almost produced one, going close in the Premier League and the Champions League, while Conte achieved a minor miracle by helping the club finish in the top four at the end of his first six months in charge.

But dreaming of success, real success, and planning for success are two very different things and Tottenham managers soon find themselves living in a bad dream where perception does not meet with the reality of the situation.

The perception was that spend-



Antonio Conte

ing around £170million in the summer should have been enough for Spurs, under Conte, to challenge for silverware this season. The reality, as usual, has proved to be different. A big chunk of that money was committed on a player who had already been at the club, Cristian Romero.

Tottenham's London rivals, Arsenal and Chelsea, took forwards from Manchester City, Gabriel Jesus and Raheem Sterling, who knew what it took to win and perform on a consistent basis. Spurs signed their new forward, Richarlison, from Everton following a successful battle against relegation.

Committing to a £60m deal for a player who was not even guaranteed to start looked like a new approach from Tottenham, but Richarlison has not scored in the Premier League for the club and has been just as little use as some of the cut-price benchwarmers that went before him.

Tottenham beat Arsenal to a place in the Champions League last season, but while the Gunners spent the entire summer delivering Mikel Arteta's targets, Spurs mixed and matched between players for Conte, such as 34-year-old Ivan Perisic, and players for the club, as in the case of Djed Spence.

Right-back Spence was signed in a deal worth £20m and yet six months later, the 22-year-old was

loaned out to Rennes and Tottenham signed 23-year-old Pedro Porro, who plays as a right wing-back, on loan with an obligation to buy him for £39m at the end of the season.

That's £59m committed on two players of similar ages who play in a similar position, one of whom Conte did not want and one who might not be able to play in a back four under a new head coach. Arsenal recruited one full-back in the summer for £32m, Oleksandr Zinchenko, who had helped City win the Premier League the previous season.

Perisic was unquestionably a signing made for Conte, but there has been little to suggest he was kept on midfielder Yves Bissouma, who joined for a fee in excess of £25m from Brighton, while Clement Lenglet has looked exactly what he is - a stop-gap loan because other targets were not signed.

It is hard to assess the role of managing director of football Fabio Paratici in this. The Italian scored two spectacular successes in the 2022 January transfer window by signing Rodrigo Bentancur and Dejan Kulusevski from his old club Juventus, and made other changes around the club that had a positive impact.

But backing the manager is not signing players from relegation teams and mixing and matching

between those he wants and those he doesn't, no matter how much money it costs. The summer window now looks to have created as many problems as it solved.

It was a similar story this January, when Tottenham landed their primary target in Porro but then made a late panic move to snatch Arnaut Danjuma from under the noses of Everton, a club that had seen the winger, whose attitude had been questioned at Villarreal, as the man to help them in a relegation fight.

The day after the transfer window shut, Paratici gave an in-house Tottenham interview in which he said: "We want to sign players who can add something for us, not just to sign players because we have to sign players or we are under pressure to sign players. It is not our style, not our plans. We know our plans, know our philosophy and we continue with this."

Danjuma is still yet to start a game for Spurs, which is hardly surprising given Conte described him as somebody who has the characteristics to play as a number 10 or as a winger - two positions that cannot be accommodated in his favoured 3-4-3 formation.

Paratici also spoke of his belief that the season is split into two - the first part being before March and the second part running from March onwards. He declared his satisfaction that Spurs were still in the FA Cup, Champions League and fighting for a top-four place.

Yet here we are in March, looking forward to what should be the most exciting part of the season, and Tottenham are once again trying to cling on to their top-four hopes. Conte can go back to watching how the soap opera unfolds on his television in Italy, but the Tottenham fans must contemplate yet another rerun of Groundhog Day.

THE TELEGRAPH

If Bukayo Saka stays in this kind of form, England can win the Euros

BY JASON BURT

BUKAYO Saka needs no announcing but these are the kind of sublime performances when the rest of the world really takes notice.

The 21-year-old scored a superb goal, his eighth for England - and only four players, all centre-forwards, have ever scored more by the same age - having already provided record-holder Harry Kane with his 55th as they dominated Ukraine.

And England did so with a kind of confident assurance that marks them out as one of the favourites for next year's European Championships.

That may sound premature talk, given the tournament is more than 14 months away, but make no mistake England will be there having quickly taken control of Group C with a maximum six points from their opening two fixtures after winning in Italy for the first time in 62 years.

Gareth Southgate had urged his team, with the impressive James Maddison making his first start more than three years after his debut and his only previous appearance, to focus on winning the crucial qualifier as they would against any opponent despite the sympathy for the invaded country. They did exactly that in a resoundingly professional display that showed their growing maturity.

The fit-again Jordan Henderson was outstanding in midfield, as was 19-year-old Jude Bellingham who drew one audible gasp when he dribbled through a crowd of Ukrainian players early in the second-half.

But this one belonged to Saka. As with Arsenal the star boy demonstrated his importance and the threat he poses as he has moved up a level. No-one would dispute that he is a world-class talent, as increasingly influential for his country as he is for his club. This is no longer about potential.

Even as talented a player as Ruslan Malinowski was reduced to simply pulling Saka back on the edge of the Ukrainian penalty area as he was again turned by the winger.

But it was Saka's role in England's two first-half goals, three minutes apart, which was vital. For Kane's strike, after the captain was presented pre-match with a Golden Boot having overtaken Wayne Rooney's all-time goal-scorer record with his penalty in Naples, it was Saka who provided the pinpoint, in-swinging cross.

Kane started the move with a fine switch of play from left to right to pick out Saka who returned the ball - in what was effectively a huge one-two - over the Ukraine defence for Kane to guide in a volley from close-range.

It says much about Kane's mindset that he had fluffed a similar chance, an easier chance, minutes before but did not allow that to faze him. As he once said, missing one opportunity only means that statistically he is likely to take the next one.

Where once it was Kane and Raheem Sterling who were guaranteed starters in England's attack now it is Kane and Saka. It feels like they have worked each other out and that this is a killer combination. In Southgate's preferred 4-3-3 formation it means, remarkably, that Sterling, Marcus Rashford, both out injured, Phil Foden - absent after having his appendix removed - Jack Grealish and Maddison are all effectively fighting for one place. Add Mason Mount to that too, unless he becomes more of a midfielder, and that is some roster for Southgate to have.

Saka surpassed his assist with the



quality of his goal as he collected a square pass from Henderson, allowing the ball to run across his body, shimmying away from Mykola Matviyenko to arc a wonderful left-foot shot high into the corner from 20 plus yards out. It was an absolute cracker from Saka.

Having scored four goals in his first 20 appearances for England, he has claimed four in his last six which - rather as Sterling caught fire with his strike rate - suggests he is moving up a level.

Goals are the currency Saka needs. And that counts for Arsenal, also. Saka has been directly involved in 23 goals in his last 34 appearances, scoring 16 and providing seven assists. Those are the ruthless stats from a smiling assassin.

Saka has clearly kicked on since the World Cup and what is interesting about him is not just his ability and personality but his huge popularity. There appears to be no edge to someone whose grin is as wide as that Wembley arch

and is as prominent for England off the pitch as he is on it. "Football is fun," Saka said and you do not hear that of ten from such an elite player.

It can be no coincidence that he is so visible in all the social media activity promoted by the Football Association. That may seem irrelevant it does show Saka is comfortable with the profile and therefore the exposure while still so young.

Bellingham has a similar feel to him. These are two young men with the world at their feet and are not fazed by that expectation. Bring it on, in fact. "It's the mentality that is the outstanding part," Southgate said and given he previously admitted that his team did not "truly believe" they could beat France in the World Cup quarter-final last December that must be encouraging and something to build around.

Sitting on the bench the England manager simply took a swig of water amid the celebrations after Saka's goal and if that was to give an air of being unflappable then it worked. England were again less dynamic in the second half, but certainly did not lose that control. That meant, however, that they delayed a debut for Ivan Toney who finally replaced Kane in the 81st minute to become only the third Brentford player to win an England cap. Toney should be another attacker to add to the mix. But England are, emphatically, about Kane and about the ebullient, infectious Saka.

THE TELEGRAPH

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Taifa Stars' new head coach Adel Amrouche. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Taifa Stars' possible line-up for Uganda clash

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S senior national football squad 'Taifa Stars' head coach Adel Amrouche will have to make several big decisions before the team lines up to face Uganda's Cranes at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam this evening for another 2023 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers' clash.

Taifa Stars defeated Uganda on Friday afternoon with an impressive, hard-fought 1-0 away win that saw striker, Simon Msuva, score the winner.

Amrouche deployed a relatively attack-minded 4-3-3, with three Young Africans SC (Yanga) defenders in Bakari Mwamnyeto, Ibrahim Abdallah, and Dickson Job but there could be some changes with the inclusion of the Simba SC duo of Shomari Kapombe and Mohamed Hussein.

GK: Aishi Manula- Manula was hardly called to action in the previous game and is guaranteed to stand between the posts once again.

RB: Shomari Kapombe- Dickson Job started here last week and had a good game but the inclusion of Kapombe in the squad could see him pushed out of the starting lineup.

CB: Bakari Mwamnyeto- He is most likely to start at the heart of the defense- getting the nod ahead of his Yanga teammate Dickson Job.

CB: Ibrahim Abdallah- He is likely to be rewarded with another starting role to maintain the central partnership that kept a clean sheet on Friday and also in Yanga's game against Tunisia's US Monastir in this season's CAF Confederation Cup Group D.

LB: Mohamed Hussein- The Simba SC captain might start ahead of Novatus Dismas of Belgian outfit, Zulte Waregem, in this position as he has more experience at this level and also brings leadership skills to the backline.

CDM: Himid Mao- The experienced defensive midfielder is one of the leaders in Amrouche's team and he is expected to start when he is match-fit, having enjoyed regular game time at his Egyptian club Ghazal el Mahalla.

CM: Mzamiru Yassin- The hard-working Simba SC midfielder is likely to retain his place as his work rate is needed to contain the Uganda Cranes' advances.

CM: Novatus Dismas- Mudathir Yahya could make way for Dismas upfront, as Amrouche looks to reshuffle the Belgium-based player away from the role he played last week.

ST: Simon Msuva- When Taifa Stars need a goal, it so often seems to be Msuva who finds it.

He has scored in all three previous games against Uganda's Cranes and Tanzania's fans will hope he extends this amazing run.

CAM: Feisal Salum- This will be a tough call and one that Amrouche will have to think hard about, but I would give my pick to Feisal and trust him to do the job.

ST: Mbwana Samatta- The captain played a false nine role - picking up the ball in deep areas and dribbling with it into the final third.

Samatta will be determined to lead his troops to a win that would see Taifa Stars edge closer to qualifying for the 2023 AFCON finals.

Confident Taifa Stars face wounded Uganda's Cranes



Tanzania's senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' goal-getter, Mbwana Samatta (R), races past Uganda's Cranes center-back, Livingstone Mulondo, when they locked horns in a 2023 Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers' Group F clash that took place at Suez Canal Authority Stadium in Ismailia, Egypt on Friday. Taifa Stars won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars, will look to rack up a second victory in Group F of the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers to boost their qualification hopes when they host Uganda at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam this evening.

The new era under head coach Adel Amrouche began in impressive style on Friday afternoon, with Taifa Stars claiming a 1-0 victory in matchday three of Group F qualifiers played at the Suez Canal Stadium in Ismailia, Egypt.

Forward Simon Msuva combined well with right-back Dickson Job in the 68th minute to score the all-important goal that

boosted Taifa Stars' qualification chances.

Taifa Stars are currently occupying second place in Group F, two points ahead of third-placed Niger who will host group leader, Algeria, in Tunisia.

Maximum points in the duel against Uganda would take Taifa Stars to seven points, meaning they would only need another home victory against Niger to qualify behind Algeria.

Taifa Stars took four points off Uganda over two 2019 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers on their way to qualifying for the finals for the second time in their history.

Playing in front of a passionate home crowd, Taifa Stars players will aim to repeat their 2018 feat when they defeated Uganda's Cranes 3-0 to seal the historic 2019 AFCON ticket.

Ahead of today's game, Taifa Stars head coach Adel Amrouche summoned

the Simba SC duo of right fullback Shomari Kapombe and left fullback Mohamed Hussein to boost his squad.

The development was confirmed on Sunday afternoon by the Tanzania Football Federation president, Wallace Karia, during a press briefing.

The duo was a surprise omission from Taifa Stars' original squad that beat the Uganda Cranes last week, but they are now expected to be part of Amrouche's plans.

With his third goal in three consecutive games against Uganda's Cranes, Msuva is now closing in on 20 international goals and the former forward for Morocco's Wydad Casablanca will certainly be one to keep an eye on.

On the flip side, wounded Uganda arrived in Dar es Salaam for today's encounter, whilst placed at bottom of the Group F after notching one point from three matches.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



BFT cherishes female boxers' experience in IBA World Boxing Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S women's boxing team returns home today after battling it out in this year's International Boxing Association (IBA) Women's World Boxing Championships that took place in India.

Lightweight boxer, Beatrice Nyambega, and Light Flyweight boxer Rehema Maganga represented Tanzania in the global showpiece.

Beatrice lost to Indian boxer, Jasmine Jaismine, while Rehema lost to Kenyan, Beatrice Ongare, in the Tanzanian duo's respective opening fights.

Boxing Federation of Tanzania (BFT) Secretary-General Makore Mashaga said the country's contingent, which was made up of the two boxers, coach, matron, and leader of the delegation, is expected to jet in this afternoon.

The two boxers did not progress to the second round but Makore said BFT is happy that despite their failure to perform well, the two gained experience and exposure that will be vital in future events.

"Our team is expected in the country today, the results in India were not what we expected but we are happy because of the experience and exposure they acquired in the world event," he said.

He stopped short of releasing more details on the team, pointing out that the boxers will be allowed to rest before starting preparations for Africa Zone 3 Championships, slated for April in Dar es Salaam.

It was the first time that Tanzania's female pugilists battled it out in IBA Women's World Boxing Championships.

The IBA Women's World Boxing Championships attracted 324 boxers from 65 countries. It was held alongside the Women in Boxing Conference, Team Cutman, International Technical Officials (ITOs), and boxers' clinic.

Recently, the leader of the delegation Lukelo Wililo, also serving as BFT president, attributed the two boxers' losses to a lack of experience and exposure in international events.

The BFT official noted: "This was the first time that our female boxers were competing in the Women's World Boxing Championships, the two were lacking that experience as it was the first time for them to compete in a top international championship."

"In the first bout, our boxer Beatrice was not in her mood... she lost focus and this was mainly because she was fighting an experienced Indian boxer Jasmine that was cheered by the home fans while Rehema did all she could but was overpowered by Beatrice who has vast experience in international events," he said.

However, Wililo drew some positives from the early elimination of Beatrice and Rehema in the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships.

"The championships have helped the two boxers gain experience and exposure, to us this is a good beginning, we have learned a lot and we will make use of them while preparing for the next month's Zone 3 Boxing Championships that our country will host, Olympic Games, and 2026 Commonwealth Games in Virginia, Australia where we will send our female boxers," he said.

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