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# Samia unveils VPO book, leaders get service medals

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By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday awarded the Order of the Union medals for distinguished service to various political leaders and security officials.

She issued the medals of recognition at a ceremony tied with the launching of two books on the 60 years of the union, and the role of Office of the Vice President during the period.

The president urged persistent promotion of peace and national unity at the moment of the august anniversary, noting that peace and national unity are key pillars behind the union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

They are also the key rationale behind the move to unite, she said, saying the books were part of the urge to keep and record the country's history, a task that belongs to every Tanzanian.

The work of authors of the two books was commendable, she said, observing that the book on the VP Office "gives me

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan awards the former First Vice President and Prime Minister, John Malecela second class Uhuru Torch medal at a Union anniversary ceremony at the Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: State House

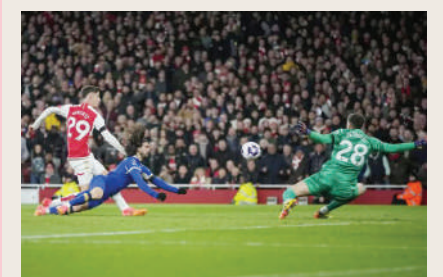
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## TANAPA plans floating bar under three star Chato Hotel

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Geita

TOURISM promoters at the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) are setting out to build the Burigi-Chato Park Hotel billed to have a floating bar backed with a transparent floor for tourists to watch marine life swirling around the bedecked bar.

Said Nkumba, the Chato district commissioner, said in an interview here yesterday that the district expects the hotel to be ready for the 2024 Christmas and 2025 New-Year holiday season.

Project organisers and technicians spent some time at the site yesterday, where they provided the overall design of the hotel and its vital floating bar component with the ringing intention to open shop on the shore within late December.

The building itself is already taking

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## 1.183trn/- ministry estimates focused on alternative energy

*The Rural Energy Agency (REA) is expected to reach 20,000 hamlets (parts of villages or settlements) with transmission lines in areas that are not serviced yet*

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government is in the 2024/25 financial year, plans to issue a total of 49.5bn/- in subsidies for the implementation of various alternative energy projects.

Dr Doto Biteko, the deputy prime minister and Energy minister, made this observation yesterday when presenting the ministry's budget estimates for fiscal 2024/25,

totaling 1.883trn/-.

This includes the second phase promotion of cleaner or sustainable cooking energy shifts, like the construction of natural gas supply infrastructure in public and private institutions serving more than 300 people per day, he said.

The government expects to spend 24.5bn/- in subsidies for alternative char-

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## Broadcasting licenses see new high since Dec, 2023

By Guardian Reporter

LICENCED broadcasting service providers increased by five to 350 per cent in various categories between December 2023 and March 2024, a recent report has indicated.

Dr Jabir Bakari, the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) director general, says in the January-March 2024 communications sector status report that intra-city courier licences, mainly for passenger buses, increased by 30 per cent. Unveiling the report in Dar es Salaam yes-

terday, he said that subscription television content licences increased by 60 per cent from 10 to 16 agencies, with district licences in this category rising by 350 per cent from two operators to nine licensed during the period.

TCRA issued 17 community radio licences during the period, a jump from 11 licences during October to December 2023, a 55 per cent increase. "This category authorizes content services for specific communities," he stated.

Radio and television content regulations

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courage that the work which we did during my vice presidency has been recorded in a book that generations will read."

Speaking earlier, Vice President Dr Philip Mpango said the book will serve as a memory and reference to those taking up that office at present and in the future.

Former president Jakaya Kikwete and the late president John Magufuli were among those cited for the medals, the highest recognitions for outstanding achievement and service to the United Republic.

Others are former vice presidents Dr Ali Mohammed Shein, Dr Mohammed Gharib Bilal, the late former Prime Minister Edward Lowassa, ex-premier Fredrick Sumaye and one of his predecessors

John Malecela.

Top security officials cited were Gen. John Nkunda - the chief of defence forces, Inspector General of Police Camilius Wambura and Tanzania Intelligence and Security Service (TISS) director general, Ambassador Ali Idi Siwa, along with the Immigration Department commissioner general

There were also citations for medals of bravery, perseverance and endurance, exemplary service and of long service and ethical conduct. Others were the Union Medal, the Tanganyika Independence Medal, along with the Medal of the United Republic.

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require community broadcasters to provide content based on community issues not usually covered by other content service providers covering the same area, he said.

"They are required to use only standard Kiswahili or English language and may use another language for specific periods with prior TCRA approval," he said, noting that more institutions now use the country's domain name online.

The domain name (.tz) on websites and email addresses is widely applicable, with registered domain names increasing from 29,006 late December 2023 to 29,968 by end of last month.

A domain name system translates the numerical addresses of computers connected to the internet into names that are easier to remember. Domains identify particular web pages and are also used in email addresses, the report indicated.

It shows a rise in domain names for companies and businesses (.co.tz), tertiary academic or technical institutions with relevant accreditation (.edu.tz) and non-profit organizations (.org.tz), he said.

"Country-level domain names are more advantageous than generic domains such as .com as they identify the owner with the countries where they operate and inspire loyalty and trust in a website," he added.

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shape as a horizontal single storey structure facing the lake shore on its rear view, intended to boost tourism at the Burigi-Chato National Park and other spots in the zone.

The DC said that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has injected funds to ensure the project is completed on time, pointing out that this year alone the project was credited with 480m/- on top of an earlier sum of 700m/-.

The project was initiated in 2020 and then stalled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, being built at the Rubambagwe shoreline in the district and town, as a three-star hotel project tendered to the Lake Zone unit of the National Service Corporation (Suma-JKT) as main contractor, working with Agreneb Consult Ltd of Dar-es-salaam as service engineers.

The Ardhi University's Building Economics Department also based in Dar es Salaam are consultant architects and quantity surveyors, while KEA Co. (T) Ltd, as a multi-pronged technology firm as part of a worldwide brand, has the role of structural and civil engineering for the client, the TANAPA conservation commissioner.

Abdul Kabeza, the Suma JKT supervising engineer for the Lake Zone, explained that the 11bn/- hotel

project will have 20 executive suites and 10 ordinary rooms each with a private balcony overlooking the lake, with plans to add a separate wing for state dignity suites.

The hotel will be the first in Tanzania and East Africa to feature a floating bar, a residential supermarket, special settings for water sports, two large swimming pools, volleyball and basketball fields, a tennis court and rooms for indoor games like gymnastics, he stated.

Four conference halls are similarly on the drawing board, ready to host extensive meetings and various public functions, he said.

Dr Imani Kikoti, the TANAPA assistant conservation commissioner, said that the hotel is expected to have a catalytic role in the recently hatched tourism strategic plan for the Lake Zone circuit.

Other tourist spots in the zone include the Rubondo Island National Park, the Ibanda Kyerwa and Rumanyika Karagwe parks in Kagera Regional while the tourist hotel is in Geita Region.

The tourism circuit is networked with the Akagera National Park in Rwanda and tourism sites on the Ugandan side of the border, he said.

Rubondo Island National Park which he heads attracts more than 3500 tourists annually at present, he added.

## AU Commission chief expresses concern over escalating terrorist threats in Africa

By A Special Correspondent

CHAIRPERSON of the African Union (AU) Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat has expressed serious concern about the escalating challenges of terrorism and violent extremism affecting the African continent.

"Terrorism and violent extremism are the biggest evils of our time -- spreading to all the five regions of Africa," the AU Commission chief told a high-level meeting on counter-terrorism in the Nigerian capital of Abuja on Monday, according to an AU statement.

Faki referred to the scourge of terrorism in Africa as "a form of metastasis," as he highlighted the concerning situations in the Horn of Africa, the Great Lakes Region, the Sahel, and parts of northern Africa.



Jean-Pierre Lacroix, the United Nations Under-Secretary General for peace operations, receives a gift of wood sculpture from the Chief of Defence Forces General Jacob Mkunda shortly after holding talks in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent

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coal production for procuring machines for its production and a mobilisation effort with workshops, seminars and media appearances, he said.

The State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) will be subsidised to procure two machines to make low priced briquettes from coal dust and other combustible materials.

The Tanzania Prisons Service will be financed to complete its shift to natural gas in 211 operational centres, which includes hiring a consultant to assess where to source natural gas or other clean cooking energy, he stated.

## 1.183trn/- ministry estimates focused on alternative energy

Upwards of 10bn/- will be used in grants to implementers of 237 renewable energy projects like mini grids, for electricity generation plants reaching 10 megawatts from water, solar, wind or biomass, he explained.

The Rural Energy Agency (REA) is expected to reach 20,000 hamlets (parts of villages or settlements) with transmission lines in areas that are not serviced yet, he stated.

A total of 350bn/- of internal funds have been set aside to implement various initiatives such as preparation of tender folders, procurement of contractors, conducting feasibility studies and designing of projects, he further noted.

The government expects to spend 26.6bn/- from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) through its extended credit facility to implement a power supply project in

unreached hamlets of Songwe and Kigoma regions, he said.

Power transmission infrastructure will be set up for 677 hamlets with medium voltage distribution lines totalling 726.24km, and low voltage distribution lines of 1,352 kilometres, plus installation of 653 transformers, he specified.

The government will also connect 14,352 early customers with power services, the senior minister added.



Hellen Moka, the Diaspora banking manager for Azania Bank Ltd, briefs diplomats representing the country abroad on the bank's services and products during a meeting followed by dinner. It was organised jointly with the Tanzania Investment Center (TIC) at the Mwalimu Nyerere Leadership College in Kibaha, Coast Region earlier this week. Photo: Correspondent

## Floods cause widespread devastation in Nairobi

NAIROBI

ROADS have turned into rivers in the Kenyan capital Nairobi, as a top official said flooding had "escalated to extreme levels".

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Heavy rain has pounded Kenya in recent days, causing widespread devastation.

The UN says that at least 32 people have lost their lives and more than 40,000 have been forced from their homes because of the rain and flooding.

Edwin Sifuna, who oversees Nairobi county, posted footage showing an entire neighbourhood flooded.

In the clip, residents can be seen trapped on the roofs of their homes. "The situation in Nairobi has escalated to extreme levels. The County Government for all its efforts is clearly overwhelmed. We need all national emergency services mobilised to save lives," he said.

Hundreds of others in Nairobi and nearby areas were marooned by floods following heavy rain overnight.

Local media reported that residents of the Mathare slum had been forced to sleep on rooftops overnight.

Major highways have been submerged by floodwater, causing traffic jams across the country.

"The city is at a standstill because

most roads are flooded," Uber driver Kelvin Mwangi said.

A five-year-old boy who was left stranded by the flooding was rescued by a police helicopter in Yatta, south of Nairobi, on Tuesday.

"The child, visibly shaken by the ordeal after being stranded for quite a long period, was safely rescued and taken to a nearby hospital for care," the Kenya Red Cross said.

National Police Service Boy is rescued from flood waters National Police Service. A boy was left stranded when flood waters started rising.

Wider East Africa has also been badly affected by heavy rain in recent weeks.

Nearly 100,000 people have been displaced in Burundi, while at least 58 people have died in Tanzania. One of the biggest drivers of heavy rain in East Africa is the Indian

Ocean Dipole (IOD).

The IOD - often called the "Indian Niño" because of its similarity to its Pacific equivalent - refers to the difference in sea-surface temperatures in opposite parts of the Indian Ocean.

During a positive phase the waters in the western Indian Ocean are much warmer than normal and this can bring heavier rain regardless of El Niño.

However, when both a positive IOD and an El Niño occur at the same time, as was the case last year, then the rains in East Africa can become extreme. One of the strongest positive IOD patterns on record coincided with one of the strongest El Niño patterns in 1997 and 1998, with severe flooding reported. These caused more than 6,000 deaths in five countries in the region.

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Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) executive director Dr Anna Henga cuts a ribbon to launch the Tanzania Human Rights Report 2023 in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is the LHRC research department head Fundikila Wazambi and the finance and administration director, Silvian Sariko. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

# LHRC wants tougher laws to enforce accountability

By Carlos Banda

THE Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) has called for review of laws with provisions that make public office holders accountable for their actions.

Dr Anna Henga, LHRC executive director, said this in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly after the launch of Tanzania Human Rights Report 2023 themed 'Constitution: A pillar for accountability and rights protection.'

Dr Henga said there is a need to revisit the current constitution in order to strengthen accountability mechanisms and where necessary create new provisions to implement the recommendations made by stakeholders to address human rights violations in the country.

According to her, accountability is the cornerstone of human rights framework without which rights holders cannot hold duty bearers to account in accordance with their obligations.

"In recent years, stakeholders in Tanzania have repeatedly voiced their concerns over the lack of accountability, including corruption and mismanagement, misuse and embezzlement of public funds as contained in CAG reports," she said.

"A new, people-centred constitution is therefore needed now more than ever to enhance human rights and accountability."

Key issues highlighted in the report include mob violence, witchcraft motivated killings, intimate partner homicide, press freedom issues and economic violence against women and children.

"Others are criminal justice challenges as highlighted in the presidential commission on criminal justice reforms, violence against the elderly, mental health, violence against children; political participation, quality education and health services, economic empowerment of women, youth and persons with disabilities, corruption, embezzlement, accountability and development in relation to human rights," she said.

Dr Henga said the report impacts all Tanzanians, public institutions, civil society organisations, private institutions and various groups, adding that LHRC calls upon policy makers to implement the recommendations given in the report through formulation of policies and laws.

"Apart from the policy makers, the public also has to observe and establish why there are human rights violations against children because it is the people's duty to protect children. There are also recommendations for human rights that are related to people from special groups," she said.

Dr Henga said that the Tanzania Human Rights Report 2024 shows that children account for 45 percent

while women account for 30 percent of victims of human rights violations whereas other victims are elderly at 12 percent, men at 10 percent and persons with disabilities at 3 percent.

"Five most violated rights are right to life, freedom from violence, right to equality before the law, right to liberty and personal security and freedom from torture. Some of the regions where most of the human rights violations and issues were reported are Dar es Salaam, Njombe, Geita, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Mara, Kigoma and Dodoma," she said.

She said that based on the assessment of human rights issues vis-a-vis international human rights standards, LHRC observed that the overall situation of human rights deteriorated in 2023 compared to 2022, adding that there were a few positive changes such as the removal of the ban on political rallies and enactment of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) law.

Fundikila Wazambi, head of research at LHRC, said the effects of human rights violations have been devastating and can be seen at individual, society and national levels, adding that some victims were heavily affected while others died which is a loss to the country's human capital.

"Money is also lost through embezzlement of funds which could have been used for the purchase of more hospital beds to help pregnant mothers, improve elderly services or add to education budget to finance free education. The effects are immense," he said.

Wazambi said the first group to be affected is children, a situation he said calls for accountability from the government and members of parliament through review of policies and laws, adding that everyone has a role to play.

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

## 100 public entities switch to clean energy for cooking

A TOTAL of 169 public institutions that feed more than 100 people at a time have complied with the government's directive of not using firewood and charcoal as main energy sources.

Dr Selemani Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) said this yesterday in the National Assembly while tabling the 2023/24 financial year budget.

He said that during the financial year 2023/24, the government issued a ban on public institutions that feed more than 100 people to stop using firewood and charcoal and use clean energy for cooking by January, 2024.

He said government institutions that stopped using firewood and charcoal and started using clean energy for cooking include 30 teachers' training colleges, 51 community development colleges, eight vocational education training colleges, 76 prisons out of 129 and four colleges run by prisons.

According to him, other institutions that are in various stages

of investment in clean energy for cooking include hospitals, health centers, primary and secondary schools, Fire and Rescue Force and institutions managed by the Ministry of Defence.

"I encourage all institutions that still use firewood and charcoal to continue investing in the use of clean energy for cooking. In addition, I ask private institutions that feed more than 100 people to start using clean cooking energy to save our environment and protect the health of the communities," he said.

In another development, Dr Jafo said assessment of the floods and mudslides that occurred in Katesh, Manyara Region revealed that the landslides were caused by geological phenomenon on Mount Hanang which is formed by weak rock.

He said the landslides that occurred in Hanang District were due to the rock being overwhelmed by heavy rains that fell in a short period of time and caused slides of mud, trees and stones.

In addition, he said the assessment revealed that unsustainable human activities taking place on the side of the mountain have contributed to the destruction of natural vegetation and thus increases the ease of rocks falling from the mountain.

Regarding the priorities of the new budget, Dr Jafo said that in ensuring sustainable conservation of the environment, for the year 2024/25, Vice President's Office has planned to coordinate implementation of the National Environmental Policy 2021 and the Environmental Management Act, Chapter 191.

Also, the office is overseeing implementation of the National Master Plan for Conservation and Environmental Management (2022 - 2032) and taking measures to reduce environmental damage, strengthening the coordination and implementation of environmental conservation issues in sectoral ministries, regional secretariats and local government authorities.

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## Tanga port attracts more big ships after revamp

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

THE Port of Tanga is gaining global prominence in international shipping because as evidenced in the increase of big vessels docking there recently.

Between July 2023 and February this year, it served 217 ships out of which 94 were mammoth marine vessels and 123 were medium-sized vessels.

During the same period, the port handled 160 ships, meaning it registered a 35.6 percent performance rise. However, the port is still performing poorly in the export container cargo aspect.

"We have come a long way. Our port modernisation project is bearing fruit. Now that in such a short period we have handled 94 deep sea ships, it means we have gained global shipping reputation," said Tanga Port Manager Masoud Mrisha in a briefing to reporters on the port's performance recently.

He thanked port users, calling them "our valued stakeholders."

The two-phase project which started in October 2019 has cost the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) a total of 429.1bn/- and was implemented by China Harbour Engineering Company.

Tanga port was established by the German colonial government in the 1880s as a 'marine jetty'. Despite its strategic position on the

Indian Ocean coast, for decades the port has been skipped by foreign ships for lack of requisite marine infrastructure.

"We know we are in a strategic coastal area to handle cargo to and from any point on this globe," he told a reporter who wanted to know why the port has lagged behind in the global shipping business despite its strategic location. "But the investment made by TPA in modernising the port is paying off and there is no going back."

As a result of the modernisation project, the entrance channel is now 73 metres wide and draft has increased from three to 13 metres. The ships' turning basin has also been increased and its entry is now 800 metres.

Mrisha said between 2018/19 and 2022/23 financial years, the port handled cargo at an annual average rate of 12.2 percent. The port handled 667,976 metric tonnes in 2018/19 rising to 987,828 in 2022/23.

There has also been a rise in handling containers. In 2018/19 some 6,259 containers were handled, rising to 7,244 containers in 2022/23.

"You will appreciate that there has been an annual average rise of 4.3 percent," he said.

However, he noted that the current headache has been to secure container cargo for export; something he said is a significant aspect in the shipping business and international trade.



Entrepreneur Beatrice Alban Msafiri (2nd R) displays her gift of dummy cheque worth 8m/- after emerging first winner in the entrepreneurship and empowerment training for women entrepreneurs under the Exim Bank's Women Empowerment Programme (WEP), shortly after received it during the graduation ceremony in Arusha city on Tuesday. Others are the bank's head of credit, Zainab Nungu (L) head of marketing Stanley Kafu (2nd L) and Dream Hub CEO Faraja Nyalandu. Photo: Correspondent

By Getrude Mbago

ENVIRONMENT stakeholders have underscored the importance of collective efforts to eradicate the use of single-use plastics and promote reusable ones to fight pollution.

According to the stakeholders, investing in efforts to eliminate single-use plastics will greatly help protect the earth from plastic pollution which is currently on the increase.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Dora Swai, executive secretary of the Agenda for Environment and Responsible Development (AGENDA) said that plastic pollution produces massive negative effects in the country, something which needs

# Earth Day: Environmentalists want end of single-use plastics

coordinated efforts to curb.

The organisation in collaboration with various stakeholders engaged in a beach cleaning exercise as part of commemoration of the Earth Day as well as World Malaria Day.

Under this year's theme 'Planet vs Plastics', Earth Day calls on people to effect changes in their daily lives to reduce the heavy burden of plastic pollution on the environment and human health.

"It is high time everyone fulfilled their responsibility to tackle the

plastic problem that blights our oceans. Plastic pollution surfs onto our beaches, destroying marine species and the environment in general," she said.

According to the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) humans produce 400 million tonnes of plastic waste each year.

This pollution takes up space in landfills, pollutes the oceans and because of its durability, can stay in our environment for centuries.

She said marine plastics threaten

ocean health, human health, food safety and coastal tourism as well as contributing to climate change.

This year's World Malaria Day theme "Ready to beat malaria" underscores the collective energy and commitment of the global community in uniting around the common goal of a world free of malaria.

Silvani Mng'anya, principal programme officer at AGENDA urged investors, entrepreneurs and communities living along

coasts in the country to create a sustainable timetable of cleaning beach areas.

He said most people living in big cities have higher demand for and use plastic materials than those in rural areas, adding that's why urban dwellings are the most polluted.

"Climate change is triggered by increasing human activities that disrupt biodiversity such as deforestation, land use change, intensified agriculture

and livestock production or the growing illegal wildlife trade which accelerate the speed of destruction of the planet; so, we need to invest more efforts to protect our environment and health from various pollutants," he said.

Hafsawat Komboza, a Dar es Salaam resident and environment stakeholder commended the organisation for organizing and conducting beach cleaning exercise at Msasani area to promote clean and healthy environment.

"This cleaning activity marks our contribution to demonstrating and sensitizing coastal communities and marine resources beneficiaries to be part of the solution because by protecting the oceans and shorelines we save lives and livelihoods," she said.



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IITA is looking for a suitably qualified person to fill the positions of Research Associate to support the IITA banana project based at the IITA Office at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NMAIST) in Kijenge, Arusha.

#### Responsibilities:

- Work with representatives of the national programs of Tanzania and Uganda to design and implement consumer preference analysis of new banana hybrids.
- Conduct consumer preference panels, interacting with farmers to obtain relevant input to guide.
- Conduct phenotyping of banana colour and texture.
- Oversee collection of data related to quality of banana.
- Prepare reports and ensure timely delivery as required by supervisor.
- Describe banana varieties using characterization variables.
- Assist administration for import and export of plant material.
- Carry out any other responsibility as may be assigned by the supervisor.

#### Required Qualifications / Experience

- MSc in Plant Breeding, Food Science or related field.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision, but also participate as a team member in accomplishment of duties.
- Experience in statistical analysis.
- Possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills in English.
- Have experience in conducting Agricultural surveys.
- Knowledge or experience related to gender, diversity and inclusion.
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Female students who excelled in science subjects in Form Two examinations for the year 2023 from Southern Highlands Zone secondary schools listen to Vodacom (T) PLC Mbeya Region maintenance manager Adam Mndeme (L) during their visit to the firm's data center at Forest area of the city earlier this week. The visit was organised by the Universal Communications Access Fund (USCAF) to enhance girls' interest for science, engineering, ICT and mathematics subjects. Photo: Correspondent

## Caucus reacts to RC's tough talk on teenage pregnancy

By Getrude Mbago

GIRLS' education national caucus under the Tanzania Education Network (TEN/MET) has urged the government to heighten supervision of child rights protection, especially implementation of the re-entry policy.

This comes a few days after Singida Regional Commissioner Halima Dendego issued a statement threatening legal action against pregnant schoolgirls.

According to a statement issued by the caucus yesterday, while at Kitaraka Secondary School on April 21, this year the RC warned that any schoolgirl found to be pregnant will be dragged to court along with their parents.

"From now on, if I find that a school girl is pregnant, she will be the number one suspect and will be dragged to court and later go to jail without mercy because the action was committed by both male and girl," Tendego was quoted as saying when addressing pupils at the school.

The caucus sees the RC's statement as inhumane as she blamed girls as a source of early pregnancies in the society without even thinking of other major causes of the challenge.

"We are deeply saddened by this leader's statement especially when the government and stakeholders work hard to promote education for all with the implementation of the re-entry policy to facilitate reinstatement of pupils who drop out of school due to various

regions, including pregnancy," reads part of the caucus's statement.

The caucus asked the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to cooperate with other sectoral ministries to issue explanations and instructions to public leaders on the importance of issuing correct statements on the implementation of the government's re-entry policy and child rights.

This will help leaders avoid issuing statements that may raise questions about the protection of child rights.

The statement further stated that the country's laws clearly state that impregnating girls who are under the age of 18 is illegal and the culprit serve 30 year in jail upon conviction because underage girl is regarded as a child who cannot consent to sexual activity.

In November 2021, the government through the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology announced 'Education Circular No. 2 of 2021' that allows re-entry of school dropouts due to various reasons including pregnancy back to a formal system of education.

The announcement changed the whole situation and destiny of school girls who drop out of school due to pregnancy and other reasons.

In February 2022, the government issued guidelines to reinstate pupils who drop out of primary and secondary education for various reasons in line with the Education Circular No. 02 of 2021.

## Initiative helps women, children mitigate climate change impacts

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

NOS Vies en Partage Foundation (NVeP) and Barrick Gold Corporation have donated \$10,000 (23m/-) to Shinyanga-based NGO Ecopeace Women Initiative to address climate change-related effects on women and children.

The support is part of the funds donated by NVeP which is sponsored by President and CEO of Barrick Gold Mark Bristow to support special groups such as women, children and other needy groups in Africa that do not benefit from the continent's economic growth.

Speaking during the handover event, Bulyanhulu Gold Mine acting general manager Victor Lule said NVeP will continue to support non-governmental organizations that provide services to communities in line with the company's goal of bringing positive change.

He said in every quarter of the year, the company has been providing support which have direct benefits to communities in need in Africa.

He explained that so far more than 15 non-governmental organisations and social institutions in the country have received support to implement various initiatives which have already brought positive changes in the society, especially in education sector, health for women and children and environmental care.

"We are proud to see that the funds provided by Barrick in collaboration with NVeP help to bring about positive change in the society in various areas and we trust that Ecopeace Women Initiative will use the funds for the intended purpose," he said.

Anastazia Magembe, a representative of Ecopeace Women Initiative who received the check on behalf of the institution, expressed gratitude for the support, saying it will help improve services to groups in need that the institution serves.

"The funds will help implement environmental care programmes to fight effects of climate change especially on women and children," she said.

## DPM to grace 4th economic and investment conference

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Minister for Energy Dr Dotto Biteko is tomorrow scheduled to be the guest of honour at the fourth conference on participation of Tanzanians in economy and investment.

Bengi Issa, executive secretary of the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC), disclosed this yesterday in Dares Salaam ahead of the conference, which will bring on board approximately 500 participants from the private sector, public institutions as well as local and foreign investors.

Issa said that the two-day conference takes place every two years.

"We made an assessment on investment performance indicators as well as looked at the challenges and existing opportunities that local investors can tap and set up a national vision to foster social and economic growth," she said.

"As you are all aware, there are several strategic government projects such as Standard Gauge Railway, East African Crude Oil Pipeline, Julius Nyerere Hydroelectric Power Project and the ongoing expansion of roads carried out by the Tanzania National Road Agency."

She underscored that the conference will also recognize public institutions and investors who posted excellent performance by giving them awards.

Investors come to Tanzania in big numbers after the government created a business-friendly environment that attracts foreign direct investments.

In 2023 alone, the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) registered investment projects worth a record \$5.72 billion.

This is a 424 percent increase from investment commitments worth just \$ 1.092 billion recorded in 2020.



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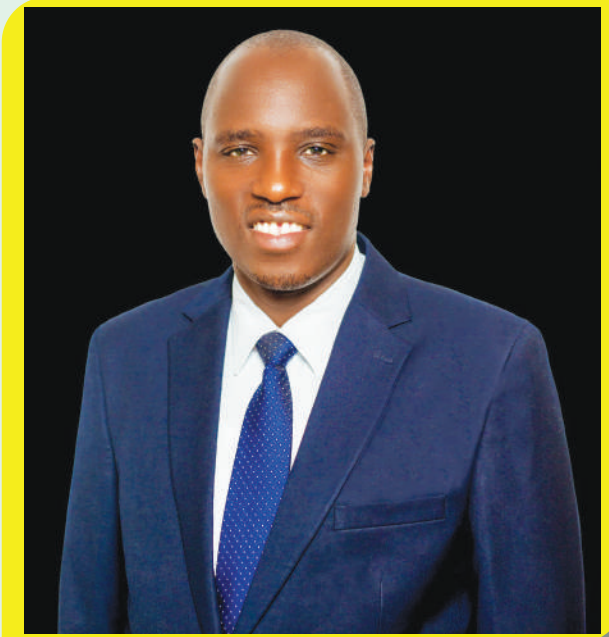


# JAMHURI YA MUUNGANO WA TANZANIA

## WIZARA YA NISHATI



### HOTUBA YA NAIBU WAZIRI MKUU NA WAZIRI WA NISHATI MHESHIMIWA DKT. DOTO MASHAKA BITEKO (MB), AKIWASILISHA BUNGENI MAKADIRIO YA MAPATO NA MATUMIZI YA WIZARA YA NISHATI KWA MWAKA 2024/25



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#### A. UTANGULIZI

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, kufuatia Taarifa iliyowasilishwa leo katika Bunge lako Tukufu na Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Kudumu ya Bunge ya Nishati na Madini, naomba kutoa hoja kwamba, Bunge lako Tukufu sasa likubali kupokea, kujadili na kupitisha Makadirio ya Mapato na Matumizi ya Wizara ya Nishati na Taasisi zake kwa mwaka 2024/25.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, awali ya yote napenda kumshukuru Mwenyezi Mungu, mwingi wa rehema kwa kuni-jalia afya njema na fursa ya kusimama mbele ya Bunge lako Tukufu kuwasilisha Makadirio ya Mapato na Matumizi ya Wizara ya Nishati kwa Mwaka 2024/25. Aidha, kwa kuwa ni mara yangu ya kwanza kusimama kama Naibu Waziri Mkuu na Waziri wa Nishati katika Serikali ya Awamu ya Sita (6) na kuwasilisha Hotuba hii, kwa namna ya kipekee napenda kutoa shukrani zangu za dhati kwa Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, Mhe. Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan, kwa kuniamini na kuniteua kuwa Naibu Waziri Mkuu na Waziri wa Nishati.

Uteuzi huu ni dhama na heshima kubwa kwangu katika kuhakikisha kuwa Sekta ya Nishati inakidhi matarajio ya Watanzania ya kupata umeme wa uhakika pamoja na kuendeleza rasimilali za mafuta na gesi kwa maendeleo ya kiuchumi na kijamii ya nchi yetu. Nitumie fursa hii kuahidi, na kwa kadri Mwenyezi Mungu atakavyonwezesha, kutekeleza majukumu yangu kwa weledi na uadilifu mkubwa kwa ushirikiano na Bunge lako Tukufu pamoja na wadau wengine katika Sekta ya Nishati.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, tarehe 29 Februari, 2024 Taifa letu lilimpoteza aliyekuwa Rais mstaafu wa Awamu ya Pili wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, Mhe. Ali Hassan Mwinyi. Aidha, kabla ya hapo, tarehe 10 Februari, 2024 Taifa lilimpoteza aliyekuwa Waziri Mkuu mstaafu wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, Mhe. Edward Ngoyai Lowassa. Kwa masikitiko makubwa naungana na Wabunge wenzangu na wananchi kwa ujumla kutoa pole kwa Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, Mhe. Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan, familia, ndugu, jamaa, marafiki na wataanzania wote kwa ujumla kwa kuondokewa na viongozi wetu hawa, tuliwapenda lakini Mwenyezi Mungu amewapenda zaidi. Tunaomba Mwenyezi Mungu azilaze roho za wapendwa wetu mahali pema peponi, Amina.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, Julai mosi, 2023. Bunge lako Tukufu lilimpoteza Mhe. Francis Leonard Mtega, aliyekuwa Mbunge wa Jimbo la Mbarali. Aidha, tarehe 8 Aprili 2024, Bunge lako lilimpoteza Mhe. Ahmed Yahya Abdulwakil aliyekuwa Mbunge wa Jimbo la Kwahani, Zanzibar. Naungana na Wabunge wenzangu kutoa pole kwa Bunge lako Tukufu, familia ya marehemu, ndugu, marafiki na wote walioguswa na misiba hiyo. Tunaomba Mwenyezi Mungu azilaze roho za marehemu wote mahali pema peponi, Amina. Vilevile, naungana na Bunge lako Tukufu na Watanzania kwa ujumla, kuwapa pole watanzania wenzetu waliopata na majanga mbalimbali katika mwaka 2023/24, ikiwemo yaliyotokana na mafuriko na maporomoko ya mawe na matope katika maeneo ya Hanang Mkoani Manyara; Kibiti na Rufiji Mkoani Pwani pamoja na Malinyi, Ulanga, Ifakara na Mlimba Mkoani Morogoro.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, kipekee nawashukuru Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, Mhe. Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan, Makamu wa Rais, Mhe. Dkt. Philip Isidor Mpango na Waziri Mkuu, Mhe. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa (Mb.), kwa uongozi na juhudi zao katika kuleta maendeleo ya Taifa letu na kwa ushirikiano wana-onipa katika kusimamia na kutekeleza majukumu ya Wizara ya Nishati. Nikiri kuwa maelekezo na miongozo ya viongozi wetu hawa ni msingi wa mafanikio ya utekelezaji wa majukumu ya Sekta ya Nishati. Aidha, napenda kumpongeza Rais wa Serikali ya Mapinduzi ya Zanzibar na Mwenyekiti wa Baraza la Mapinduzi, Mhe. Dkt. Hussein Ali Mwinji kwa kuendelea kusimamia kwa umahiri utekelezaji wa shughuli za maendeleo katika Serikali ya Mapinduzi ya Zanzibar.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, napenda kukupongeza kwa dhati wewe binafsi kwa kuchaguliwa kuwa Rais wa Umoja wa Mabunge Duniani (IPU). Hii ni heshima kubwa na Tunu kwa Watanzania wote kwa ujumla kwa kuthaminiwa na kutambuliwa katika medani za kimataifa. Tunakumbwa kwa Mwenyezi Mungu ili azidi kukupa nguvu na hekima zaidi katika kutekeleza majukumu yako.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, napenda kutumia fursa hii tena kukupongeza wewe binafsi, Naibu Spika na Wenyeviti wa Bunge kwa kuliongoza Bunge letu Tukufu kwa umahiri mkubwa. Aidha, nitumie fursa hii kumpongeza Bi. Nenelewa Mwihambi, Katibu wa Bunge kwa usimamizi wa shughuli za Bunge. Ni dhahiri kuwa, chini ya uongozi wenu Bunge letu limeendelea kutekeleza majukumu yake ya kikatiba ipasavyo katika kuhakikisha kuwa Serikali inatekeleza wajibu wa kuwaletea wananchi maendeleo.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, naomba kutumia fursa hii kuwapongeza Mawaziri na manaibu Waziri walioteuliwa hivi karibuni na Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, Mhe. Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan. Nampongeza

Mhe. Jerry William Silaa (Mb), aliyeteuliwa kuwa Waziri wa Ardhi, Nyumba na Maendeleo ya Makazi; Mhe. Deogratius John Ndejemi (Mb), aliyeteuliwa kuwa Waziri wa Nchi Ofisi ya Waziri Mkuu (Kazi, Vijana, Ajira na Wenyewe Ulemavu); Mhe. Alexander Pastory Mnyeti (Mb), aliyeteuliwa kuwa Naibu Waziri wa Kilimo; Mhe. David Mwakiposa Kihenzile (Mb), aliyeteuliwa kuwa Naibu Waziri wa Uchukuzi; Mhe. Dunstan Luka Kitandula (Mb), aliyeteuliwa kuwa Naibu Waziri wa Maliasili na Utalii; Mhe. Judith Salvo Kapinga (Mb.) aliyeteuliwa kuwa Naibu Waziri wa Nishati; Mhe. Daniel Baran Sillo (Mb), aliyeteuliwa kuwa Naibu Waziri wa Mambo ya Ndani wa Nchi na Mhe. Zainab Athuman Katimba (Mb), aliyeteuliwa kuwa Naibu Waziri wa Nchi, Ofisi ya Rais, TAMISEMI. Nawataki kila la kheri katika utekelezaji wa majukumu yao.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, naomba niungane na Waheshimiwa Wabunge wenzangu kumpongeza, Mhe. Bahati Keneth Ndingo, Mbunge wa jimbo la Mbarali kwa kuchaguliwa kwake kwa kishindo kuwa mwakilishi wa wananchi katika jimbo hilo. Hakika ni heshima kubwa uliyopewa na wananchi wa Mbarali na ninakutakia kila la kheri katika kutekeleza majukumu lako la uwakilishi katika Bunge letu Tukufu.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, kipekee nampongeza Mhe. Dkt. David Mathayo David (Mb.) kwa kuchaguliwa kuwa Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Kudumu ya Bunge ya Nishati na Madini na Mhe. Kilumbe Shaban Ng'enda (Mb.) kwa kuchaguliwa kuwa Makamu Mwenyekiti wa Kamati hiyo. Vilevile, nawashukuru wajumbe wote wa Kamati ya Kudumu ya Bunge ya Nishati na Madini kwa ushauri na maoni yao katika kuendelea na kusimamia Sekta ya Nishati kwa manufaa ya kiuchumi na kijamii kwa Taifa letu na watu wake.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, namshukuru Mhe. Judith Salvo Kapinga (Mb.), Naibu Waziri wa Nishati kwa kuendelea kunipa ushirikiano mkubwa katika kutekeleza majukumu yangu. Aidha, napenda kumshukuru Katibu Mkuu Mha. Felchesmi Jossen Mramba kwa utendaji kazi wake mahiri na ushirikiano anaonipa katika kutekeleza shughuli zangu za kila siku za Wizara. Nampongeza pia, Dkt. James Peter Mataragio kwa kuteuliwa na Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania kuwa Naibu Katibu Mkuu wa Wizara ya Nishati. Nawashukuru pia Wakuu wa Idara na Vitengo, Wenyeviti na Wajumbe wa Bodi za Taasisi zilizo chini ya Wizara, Wakuu wa Taasisi zilizo chini ya Wizara na Watumishi wote wa Wizara kwa ujumla kwa ushirikiano na juhudi zao katika kufanikisha kufikiwa kwa malengo ya Wizara.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, kipekee kabisa, nitumie fursa hii kuwashukuru wananchi wa Jimbo la Bukombe kwa kuendelea kunipa ushirikiano mkubwa katika kutekeleza majukumu yangu kama Mbunge wao. Kutokana na majukumu ya kitaifa kama Naibu Waziri Mkuu na Waziri wa Nishati kuna wakati wananikosa jimboni, lakini kwa wema wao wanaendelea kunivumilia na kunipa ushirikiano mkubwa. Nawahidi kuendelea kuwa mtumishi wao mwaminifu katika kutekeleza shughuli za maendeleo. Aidha, namshukuru mke wangu mpendwa Benadetha Clement Mathayo kwa maombi na upendo wake wa dhati kwangu na watoto wetu. Amekuwa mvumilivu katika kipindi chote ninapokuwa natekeleza majukumu yangu ya Ubunge, Uwaziri na Unauibu Waziri Mkuu na kukubali kubeba na kutekeleza baadhi ya majukumu ya kifamilia.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, nitumie pia fursa hii kuvishukuru na kupipongeza Vyombo vya Habari vikiwemo radio, televisheni, magazeti na mitandao ya kijamii kwa ushirikiano mkubwa waliotupatia Wizara ya Nishati kwa mwaka 2023/24. Vyombo hivyo vimekuwa mstari wa mbele katika kufuatilia kwa karibu miradi na shughuli zinazotekelezwa na Wizara ya Nishati na kuelimisha pamoja na kuhabarisha umma kuhusu mafanikio yaliyopatikana. Ni matumaini yangu kuwa, ushirikiano huu utazidi kuimarika katika Mwaka wa Fedha wa 2024/25 kwa manufaa ya Taifa letu na wananchi kwa ujumla katika upatikanaji wa taarifa kuhusu Sekta ya Nishati.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, Hotuba hii imeandaliwa kwa kuzingatia maudhui ya Hotuba ya Mhe. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa (Mb.), Waziri Mkuu wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania kuhusu Mapitio ya Utekelezaji wa Kazi za Serikali kwa Mwaka 2023/24 na Mwelekeo wa Kazi za Serikali kwa Mwaka 2024/25.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, baada ya utangulizi huo, naomba sasa kuwasilisha Taarifa ya Utekelezaji wa Majukumu ya Wizara kwa Mwaka 2023/24, pamoja na Mpango na Bajeti ya Wizara kwa Mwaka 2024/25.

#### B. UTEKELEZAJI WA MAJUKUMU YA WIZARA KWA MWAKA 2023/24

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, utekelezaji wa majukumu ya Wizara kwa mwaka 2023/24 uliongozwa na vipaumbele mbalimbali. Vipaumbele hivyo vilijitika katika kukamilisha miradi mbalimbali ya uzalishaji na usafirishaji wa umeme pamoja na kuendelea kuchukua hatua nyingine za kuimarisha uzalishaji, usafirishaji na usambazaji wa umeme nchini; kuendelea kupeleka umeme vijijini, vitongojini, katika visiwa na maeneo yaliyo mbali na gridi ya Taifa, vituo vya afya na pampu za maji, wachimbaji wadogo wa madini, maeneo ya kilimo na viwanda na katika shule na mahakama za mwanzo vijijini; pamoja na kutekeleza mikakati na programu mbalimbali za kuimarisha matumizi ya nishati safi ya kupikia (*clean cooking*) nchini.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, vipaumbele vingine vilikuwa ni kuanza maandalizi ya utekelezaji wa Mradi wa Kuchakata na Kusindika Gesi Asilia kuwa Kimiminika (*Liquefied Natural Gas - LNG*); kuendelea na utekelezaji wa Mradi wa Bomba la Kusafirisha Mafuta Ghafi kutoka Hoima - Uganda Hadi Tanga - Tanzania (EACOP), shughuli za utafutaji wa mafuta na gesi asilia katika vitalu vya Kimkakati, usambazaji wa gesi asilia viwandani, majumbani na nchi jirani, kuimarisha matumizi ya Gesi Asilia Iliyoshindilwa (*Compressed Natural Gas-CNG*) katika magari pamoja na kunadi vitalu vilivyokuwa wazi katika maeneo ya nchi kavu na baharini ili viendelezwe. Aidha, Wizara ilielekeza pia nguvu katika kuhakikisha nchi yetu inaendelea kuwa na uhakika wa upatikanaji wa bidhaa za mafuta ya petroli, kutokana na umuhimu wake katika ukuaji wa shughuli za kiuchumi na kijamii pamoja kuimarisha ufanisi katika kushughulikia bidhaa hizo.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, sehemu B ya Hotuba yangu ukurasa wa 8 hadi 119 inaelezea kwa kina utekelezaji wa majukumu ya Wizara kwa mwaka 2023/24 pamoja na mafanikio yaliyopatikana katika maeneo ya uzalishaji, usafirishaji na usambazaji wa umeme pamoja na shughuli za utafutaji, uendelezaji, usambazaji na matumizi ya mafuta na gesi.

#### Bajeti ya Matumizi ya Wizara na Mtiririko wa Fedha kwa Mwaka 2023/24

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, katika mwaka 2023/24, Wizara ya Nishati ilidhinishwa kutumia jumla ya Shilingi Trilioni Tatu na Bilioni Arobaini na Nane, Milioni Mia Sita Thelathini na Mbili, Mia Tano Kumi na Tisa Eflu (Shilingi 3,048,632,519,000) ambapo Shilingi Trilioni Mbili, Bilioni Mia Sita na Tisa, Milioni Mia Moja Hamsini na Sita, Mia Moja Ishirini na Nane Eflu (Shilingi 2,609,156,128,000) ziliidhinishwa kwa ajili ya utekelezaji wa miradi ya maendeleo na Shilingi Bilioni Themanini na Saba, Milioni Mia Tisa Ishirini na Tisa, Mia Sita Tisini na Nane Eflu (Shilingi 87,929,698,000) ni kwa ajili ya Matumizi ya Kawaida.

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, hadi kufikia Machi, 2024, Wizara ilipokea jumla ya Shilingi Trilioni Moja, Bilioni Mia Nane Kumi na Tatu na Milioni Ishirini na Sita, Mia Moja Arobaini na Saba Eflu, Mia Moja Hamsini na Sita (Shilingi 1,813,026,147,156), ambapo Shilingi Bilioni Ishirini na Saba na Milioni Sabini na Tisa na Ishirini na Sita Eflu, Mia Saba Kumi na Sita (Shilingi 27,079,026,716) ni kwa ajili ya Matumizi ya Kawaida na Shilingi Trilioni Moja, Bilioni Mia Saba Themanini na Tano, Milioni Mia Tisa Arobaini na Saba, Mia Moja Ishirini Eflu, Mia Nne Arobaini (Shilingi 1,785,947,120,440) ni kwa ajili ya Miradi ya Maendeleo.

#### SEKTA NDOGO YA UMEME NA NISHATI JADIDIFU Uzalishaji wa Umeme

**Mheshimiwa Spika**, kutokana na utekelezaji wa miradi mbalimbali ya kuzalisha umeme, mafanikio yafuatayo yaliyopatikana katika mwaka 2023/24:

- Uwezo wa mitambo ya kufua umeme iliyounganishwa katika mfumo wa Gridi ya Taifa umeongezeka na kufikia MW 2,138 Machi, 2024 kutoka MW 1,872.1 zilizozalishwa mwaka 2022/23, ikiwa ni ongezeko la asimia 14.2;
- Kuanza kwa uzalishaji wa umeme kupitia Mradi wa Kuzalisha Umeme kwa Kutumia Maji wa Julius Nyerere (JNHPP) wenye uwezo wa kuzalisha MW 2,115 ambapo tayari uzalishaji umeanza kwa MW 235 kupitia mtambo Namba 9. Aidha, matarajio ni mradi huu kukamilika Desemba, 2024 kwa mitambo yote nane (8) yenye uwezo wa kuzalisha MW 235 kila moja kuwa inazalisha umeme;
- Kukamilisha ujenzi wa mitambo ya kufua umeme ya Kinyerezi I Extension MW 185 ambapo kwa sasa mitambo yote minne (4) inafua umeme kiasi cha MW 40 kila mmoja na hivyo kuwezesha uzalishaji wa umeme kuingizwa katika gridi ya Taifa;
- Kukamilisha mradi wa kuzalisha umeme kwa kutumia maji wa Rusumo (MW 80) unaliojengwa kwa ushirikiano wa nchi tatu (3) za Tanzania, Burundi na Rwanda kwa mgawanyo sawa wa umeme kwa kila nchi. Kukamilika Mradi kunaivezesha nchi yetu kupata MW 27 katika Gridi ya Taifa;
- Ujenzi wa mradi wa kuzalisha umeme wa jua Mkoani Shinyanga wa MW 150 unaendelea na matarajio ni umeme huo kuanza kuzalishwa ifikapo Januari, 2025;



***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Serikali pia iliendelea na utekelezaji wa miradi mingine ya kuzalisha umeme ikiwa ni pamoja na Malagarasi – MW 49.5, Ruhudji – MW 358, Rumakali – MW 222, Kakono – MW 87.8 na Kikonge – MW 321 ambapo hatua zililofikiwa katika utekelezaji wake ni kama inavyofanuliwa katika Hotuba yangu.

**Usafirishaji na Usambazaji Umeme**

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, umeme ukishazalishwa, hauna budi kusafirishwa na kusambazwa ili uweze kuwafikia watumiaji, hivyo ni muhimu kuchukua hatua madhubuti za kuimarisha miundombinu ya usafirishaji na usambazaji wa umeme. Kutokana na hatua zilizochukuliwa katika mwaka 2023/24 za kuimarisha miundombinu hii, yalipatikana mafanikio yafuatayo:

- Miundombinu ya kusafirisha umeme imeongezeka na kufikia jumla ya urefu wa kilomita 7,745.4 ikiwa ni ongezeko la asilimia 21.7 ikilinganishwa na kilomita 6,363.3 za mwaka 2022/23;
- Kuanza kutumika kwa njia ya kusafirisha umeme wa Kilovoti 400 kutoka JNHPP hadi Chalinze pamoja na kituo kipy cha kupoza umeme cha Chalinzé cha Kilovoti 400/220/132 kinachotumika kupoza na kusafirisha umeme unaotoka JNHPP na kuingizwa kwenye Gridi ya Taifa;
- Kukamilika kwa asilimia 99 kwa Mradi wa Njia ya Kusafirisha Umeme Msongo wa Kilovoti 220 kutoka Morogoro hadi Dodoma kwa ajili ya uendeshaji wa treni ya umeme (*SGR Lot II*);
- Kukamilika kwa asilimia 99.4 kwa Mradi wa Njia ya Kusafirisha Umeme Msongo wa Kilovoti 400 kutoka Singida – Arusha – Namanga. Aidha, ujenzi wa Njia ya Kusafirisha Umeme Msongo wa Kilovoti 400 kutoka Arusha hadi Namanga yenye urefu wa kilomita 114.3 umefikia asilimia 97.5 na kituo cha kupoza umeme cha Lemugur kimekamilika kwa asilimia 100 na kuwashwa;
- Miundombinu ya kusambaza umeme imeongezeka na kufikia kilomita 176,750.9, ikiwa ni ongezeko la asilimia 4.9 ikilinganishwa na kilomita 168,548.5 za mwezi Mei, 2023;
- Jumla ya wateja 4,784,297 wameunganishwa umeme hadi kufikia Machi, 2024 ikiwa ni ongezeko la asilimia 9.4 ikilinganishwa na wateja 4,319,258 waliokuwa wameunganishwa umeme Juni, 2023;

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, miradi mingine ya usafirishaji wa umeme iliyoendelea kutekelezwa ni pamoja na mradi wa njia ya kusafirisha umeme msongo wa Kilovoti 220 kutoka Rumoso hadi Nyakanazi; ujenzi wa njia ya kusafirisha umeme msongo wa Kilovoti 400 kutoka Iringa hadi Sumbawanga kupitia Mbeya na Tunduma (TAZA); ujenzi wa njia ya kusafirisha umeme msongo wa Kilovoti 400 kutoka Nyakanazi hadi Kigoma na Mradi wa Kuimarisha Gridi ya Taifa (*National Grid Stabilization Projects*) – Gridi Imara.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Serikali iliendelea kuimarisha utoaji wa huduma ya umeme kwa wananchi kwa kuchukua hatua mbalimbali ikiwa ni pamoja na kupanua kituo cha huduma kwa wateja (*Call Center*) kwa kuongeza vifaa na wapokea simu kutoka mawakala 63 hadi 100; kuanzisha mfumo unaomuwzesha mteja kuhudumiwa kwa haraka zaidi bila kupiga simu kwa njia ya ujumbe wa simu (CHATBOT) na kuanzisha mfumo utakaowezesha wateja kupata taarifa maalumu za hali ya upatikanaji wa umeme kwa haraka kwa njia ya ujumbe wa simu ambayo ipo katika hatua mbalimbali za ukamilishwaji.

**Upelekaji wa Nishati Vijijini**

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Serikali iliendelea kuchukua hatua za kuimarisha upatikanaji wa nishati vijijini ambapo hadi kufikia mwezi Machi, 2024 jumla ya vijiji 11,837 sawa na asilimia 96.37 ya vijiji vyote 12,318 vya Tanzania Bara vilikuwa vimeunganishwa na umeme. Aidha, ikiwa ni hatua ya kuimarisha umeme wa huduma kwa wananchi vijijini, jumla ya taasisi 63,509 zinazotoa huduma kwa jamii ikiwemo Ilimyo, Biashara, Pampu za Maji, Vituo vya Afyā na Nyumba za ibada zilizoza zimeunganishwa umeme ikilinganishwa na taasisi 43,925 za Aprili, 2023. Vilevile, Serikali iliendelea kuchukua hatua za kupeleka umeme vitongojini, katika visiwa na maeneo yaliyo mbali na gridi ya Taifa, vituo vya afya na pampu za maji, wachimbaji wadogo wa madini, viwanda na kilimo na katika shule na mahakama za mwanzo Vijijini ambapo mafanikio yaliyopatikana ni kama inavyofafanuliwa katika Hotuba yangu.

**Nishati Safi ya Kupikia**

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, kutokana na athari za matumizi ya nishati isiyu safi ya kupikia ikiwa ni pamoja na athari za kiafya kwa wananchi wetu, uharibifu wa mazingira pamoja na athari nyingine za kiuchumi na kijamii, Serikali iliendelea kutekeleza mikakati mahsusi ya kuimarisha matumizi ya nishati safi ya kupikia nchini.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Serikali iliidhinisha Mkakati wa Taifa wa Matumizi ya Nishati Safi ya Kupikia wa mwaka 2024 – 2034, unalenga kuhakikisha angalau asilimia 80 ya watanzania kwa wanatumia nishati safi ya kupikia ifikapo mwaka 2034. Malengo ya Mkakati huo ambao unabainisha majukumu ya wadau mbalimbali ni pamoja na kupunguza gharama za nishati safi, vifaa na majiko sanifu ya kupikia; kuimarisha upatikanaji wa malighali na miundombinu ya uhakika ya nishati safi ya kupikia; kuhamasisha uwekezaji katika nishati safi ya kupikia; pamoja na kuimarisha uelewa wa jamii kuhusu matumizi ya nishati safi ya kupikia.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, kwa kushirikiana na wadau Wizara liliratibu na kushiriki katika mkutano wa 28 wa Umoja wa Mataifa wa Mabadiliko ya Tabianchi (COP 28) uliofanyika Dubai mwezi Novemba-Desemba, 2023. Kupitia Mkutano huo, Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania Mhe. Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan alizindua Programu ya Nishati Safi ya kupikia itakayowezesha Wanawake Barani Afrika (*African Women Clean Cooking Support Programme-AWCCSP*) kutumia nishati safi ya kupikia. Aidha, mwezi Mei, 2024 kutafanyika mkutano wa Wakuu wa Nchi kuhusu Nishati Safi ya Kupikia Barani Afrika, Paris Ufaransa ambapo Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania Mhe. Dkt. Samia Suluhu Hassan atakuwa Mwenyekiti Mwenza wa mkutano huo kwa kushirikiana na Waziri Mkuu wa Norway, Mkurugenzi Mtendaji wa Shirika la Nishati Duniani (*International Energy Agency-IEA*) na Rais wa Benki ya Maendeleo ya Afrika (AfDB). Mkutano huo pamoja na mambo mengine, unalenga kujadili na kuweka mikakati ya nama ya kuimarisha Sera, ugharamiaji na ushirikiano katika kuimarisha matumizi ya nishati safi ya kupikia Barani Afrika.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, hatua nyingine zilizochukuliwa na Wizara kuimarisha matumizi ya nishati safi ya kupikia nchini ni pamoja na kusambaza kwa wananchi mitungi ya gesi ya LPG, gesi asilia na majiko banifu; kutekeleza program mbalimbali za kuhamisha matumizi ya nishati safi ya kupikia ikiwa ni pamoja na kuendesha kongamano la wanawake la nishati safi ya kupikia lililofanyika Mkoani Dodoma tarehe 9 Machi, 2024; na kushirikiana na Jeshi la Magereza Jeshi hilo (Magereza, Kambi za Makazi ya Watumishi, Ofisi, Vyuo, Shule na Hospitali) kutumia nishati safi ya kupikia.

## SEKTA NDOGO YA MAFUTA NA GESI ASILIA

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, katika mwaka 2023/24 Serikali iliendelea kuchukua hatua mbalimbali za kuendeleza Sekta Ndogo ya Mafuta na Gesi Asilia nchini katika maeneo ya utafutaji, uendelezaji, uzalishaji, uchakataji, usafirishaji na usambazaji wa bidhaa za mafuta na gesi, ambapo utekelezaji ulikuwa kama ifuatayo:

- Majadiliano ya Mikataba ya Utekelezaji wa Mradi wa Kuchakata na Kusindika Gesi Asilia Kwa Kimiminika (LNG) yaliendelea ili kuboresha rasimu za awali za Mikataba hiyo kwa kuzingatia maoni yaliyotolewa na wadau mbalimbali ikiwemo Ofisi ya Mwanasheria Mkuu wa Serikali na Taasisi nyingine za Serikali;
- Shughuli za utafutaji wa mafuta na gesi asilia katika vitalu vya kimmkakati vya Mnazi Bay Kaskazini, Eyasi– Wembere, Songo Songo Magharibi na Vitalu Namba 4/1B na 4/1C ziliendelea kwa kuchukua hatua mbalimbali kama inavyofanuliwa katika Hotuba yangu. Aidha, Serikali iliidhina kutolewa kwa leseni ya uendelezaji wa gesi asilia iliyo Gunduliwa katika eneo la Ntorya katika kitalu cha Ruwama cha TPDC kwa niaba ya mwekezaji (Kampuni ya ARA Petroleum). Uendelezaji wa gesi iliyo Gunduliwa Ntorya unatarajiwa kuiwezesha nchi kupata gesi ya takribani futi za ujazo milioni 60 kwa siku katika kipindi cha awali cha miaka miwili na kuongezeka hadi kufikia uzalishaji wa Futi za Ujazo Milioni 140 kwa siku baadhi kwa kipindi hicho na hivyo kuimarisha upatikanaji wa gesi asilia nchini;
- Kufanikisha ununuzi wa asilimia 20 ya hisa za Kampuni ya Wentworth kwenye Mkataba wa Uendeshaji wa Kitalu cha Uzalishaji gesi asilia cha Mnazi Bay Kilchopo Mtwara. TPDC imeongeza uwekezaji katika kitalu hicho kwa asilimia 20;
- Miradi ya usambazaji wa gesi asilia viwandani, katika taasisi na majumbani iliendelea kutekelezwa katika mikoa ya Dar es Salaam, Pwani, Lindi na Mtwara. Kazi zilizotekelezwa ni pamoja na kujenga bomba la gesi asilia lenye urefu wa kilometa 12.4 kutoka Mwenge hadi Mbezi Beach Dar es Salaam lililowezesha kuunganishwa kwa miundombinu ya gesi asilia kwenye viwanda na hoteli mbalimbali na kujenga bomba la kusafirisha gesi asilia kutoka BVS 3 kuelekea Kata za Mnazi Mmoja na Mingooy mkoani Lindi lenye urefu wa kilomita 10.04 lililowezesha kuunganisha nyumba 209 na gesi asilia. Hatua nyingine zilizochukuliwa ni kukamilisha taratibu za kumpata Mkandarasi wa kujenga miundombinu ya kuunganisha nyumba 451 mkoani Lindi (Kata za Mnazi Mmoja na Mingooy) na nyumba 529 mkoani Pwani (Mkuranga);
- Ujenzi wa vituo vya kujaza gesi asilia (*Compressed Natural Gas-CNG*) katika magari uliendelea kwa kushirikisha pia Sekta Binafsi. TPDC na GPSA ziliendelea na taratibu za kumpata Mshauri Mwelekezi wa kufanya upembuzi yakinifu, usanifu wa michoro ya kihandisi na Tathmini ya Athari ya Mazingira na Jamii ili kuwezesha GPSA kujenga vituo vya CNG katika bohari za Dar es Salaam na Dodoma, ikiwa ni hatua ya kuwezesha vyombo vya moto vinavyomilikiwa na Serikali kutumia CNG. Aidha, Sekta Binafsi iliendelea kutumia fursa ya matumizi ya CNG katika vyombo vya moto kwa kujenga vituo vya CNG Dar es Salaam na Pwani pamoja na karakana nane (8) za kubadilisha mifumo ya matumizi ya CNG kwenye magari ambao ni nyenzo muhimu ya kuchochea matumizi ya CNG katika magari. Hatua hizi zimeendelea kuimarisha matumizi ya gesi asilia asilia (CNG) katika magari;
- Hali ya upatikanaji wa bidhaa za mafuta ya petroli nchini iliendelea kuwa nzuri, ikiwemo kutengama kwa bdi za mafuta ikilinganishwa na mwaka uliopita pamoja na kuwepo kwa changamoto mbalimbali ikiwemo upatikanaji wa Dola za Marekani kwa ajili ya kulipia mafuta yaliyoagizwa nchini;

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Serikali iliendelea na utekelezaji wa Mradi wa Bomba la Kusafirisha Mafuta Ghafi kutoka Hoima - Uganda hadi Tanga - Tanzania (*East African Crude Oil Pipeline – EACOP*) kwa kukamilisha malipo ya fidia ya Shilingi bilioni 39.3 kwa wananchi 9,823 kati ya 9,904 walio-pisha utekelezaji wa mradi, sawa na asilimia 99.2; kukamilika kwa ujenzi wa nyumba 340 sawa na asilimia 100 ya makazi mbadala kwa wananchi 294 waliopoteza makazi na kupisha mkuzaa; kukamilika kwa ujenzi wa karakana ya kuweka mifumo wa upashaji joto kwenye mamomba; na kuendelea na ujenzi wa maeneo 14 ya makambi. Aidha, mamomba yenye urefu wa Kilomita 400 yameshawasilii nchini na zoezi la kuwekewa mfumo wa kupasha joto, usalama na mawasiliano wa bomba (*thermal insulation and fiber optic cables*) liinaendelea. Vilevile, hadi kufikia Machi, 2024, Serikali ilikuwa imelipa jumla ya Dola za Marekani milioni 289.78 sawa na asilimia 94 ya kiasi kinachotakiwa kuchangiwa kama ntaji katika Kampuni ya EACOP Ltd. Utekelezaji wa Mradi kwa ujumla umefikia asilimia 27.1.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Serikali kupitia Mamlaka ya Udhibiti Mkondo wa Juu wa Petroli (PURA) na Mamlaka

ya Udhibiti wa Huduma za Nishati na Maji (EWURA) iliendelea kusimamia na kudhibiti Sekta ya Nishati ili kuhakikisha utekelezaji wa shughuli za Sekta hiyo unazingatia sheria na taratibu zilizoipo pamoja na utojaji wa huduma bora kwa wananchi. PURA iliendelea na maandalizi ya kunadi vitalu vya utafutaji wa mafuta na gesi asilia kupitia Duru ya Tano (5) kwa kuandaa rasimu ya Mkataba wa Fidia wa Uganwanaji Mapato (*Model Production Sharing Agreement-MPSA*) wa mwaka, 2024 (MPSA, 2024) kwa ajili ya kutumika katika zoezi hilo na kukamilisha Mwongozo wa Kupata Kampuni za Kijiofizikia zitakazoshirikiana na PURA katika zoezi la kunadi vitalu ambapo taratibu za kupata kampuni hizo zinaendelea.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, ili kufikia azma ya Serikali ya kuhakikisha wananchi wanaufaika na uwekezaji katika rasilimali zilizoipo katika maeneo yao, Serikali kupitia PURA na TPDC imeandaa rasimu ya Miongozo ya Uwajibikaji wa Kampuni kwa Jamii (*Corporate Social Responsibility – CSR*) katika Sekta Ndogo ya Mafuta na Gesi asilia inayotarajiwa kukamilika mwishoni mwa Juni, 2024. Aidha, maandalizi ya rasimu yamehusisha wadau kutoka maeneo mbalimbali ikiwemo mikoa ya Lindi, Mtwara na Pwani.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, EWURA iliendelea kusimamia na kudhibiti shughuli za mafuta, gesi na umeme ambapo Mamlaka hiyo ilitoa leseni 34 kwa kampuni za mafuta kwa ajili ya kuagiza na kuzaa mafuta kwa jumla; vibali vya ujenzi (*construction approvals*) 237 kwa ajili ya ujenzi wa vituo vya mafuta, miundombinu ya kuhifadhia LPG, matumizi binafsi na ghala ya kuhifadhia mafuta na leseni 1,163 kwa wataalamu wenye sifa za kufunga mifumo ya umeme. Aidha ili kuimarisha usimamizi, udhibiti na utojaji wa huduma, EWURA iliboresha Kanuni (*Rules*) mbalimbali ikiwemo *The Petroleum (Wholesales Storage Retail and Consumer Installation) Rules, 2023; The Petroleum (Retail Operations in Townships and Villages) (Amendment) Rules, 2023* na the *Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (Petroleum Products Price Setting) (Amendment) Rules, 2023*.

### CHANGAMOTO ZILIZOPO NA UTATUZI WAKE

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, pamoja na mafanikio yaliyopatikana katika mwaka 2023/24, Sekta ya Nishati ilikabiliwa na changamoto mbalimbali ikiwemo uzalishaji wa umeme na gesi asilia kutoendana na mahitaji kutokana na ukujaji wa shughuli za kiuchumi na kijamii na uchakavu wa miundombinu ya kusafirisha na kusambaza umeme. Kutokana na hatua zilizochukuliwa na Serikali, ikiwemo kuharakisha utekelezaji wa miradi ya uzalishaji wa umeme pamoja na kukarabati na kufanya matengenezo ya miundombinu ya umeme, hali ya upatikanaji wa umeme nchini unaoikhiki mahitaji imeendelea kuimarika na kuwa nzuri kwa sasa.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, changamoto nyingine iliyopo ni vitendo vya hujuma/uhalifu katika miundombinu ya umeme, ambapo Serikali iliendelea kuwachukulia hatua za kisheria waliobanika kutekeleza vitendo hivyo. Aidha, vitendo vya hujuma wito kuwa, Serikali itaendelea kuchukua hatua kali kwa wote watakaobainika kufanya vitendo vya hujuma/uhalifu katika miundombinu ya umeme, kunakosababisha hasara na usumbufu mkubwa kwa watumiaji wa umeme.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, kama nilivyobainisha awali, tulikabiliwa pia na changamoto ya upatikanaji wa Dola za Marekani kwa ajili ya kulipia mafuta yaliyoagizwa nchini, hali ambayo ili sababisha wafanyabiashara kupunguza kiasi cha mafuta kilichokuwa kinaagizwa. Serikali kupitia Wizara ya Nishati kwa kushirikiana na Wizara ya Fedha, Benki Kuu ya Tanzania na wadau wengine iliichuka hatua mbalimbali, ikiwa ni pamoja na kufanya mapilio ya mikataba ya kuagiza mafuta na kuruhusu matumizi ya fedha za kigeni zikiwemo fedha ya Uingereza (*British Pound*), Umoja wa Ulaya (*Euro*) na Umoja wa Nchi za Uarabuni (*Dirham*). Aidha, Wizara ya Nishati kupitia EWURA iliimarisha ukaguzi katika vituo vya mafuta ili kuhakikisha mafuta yanapatikana wakati wote katika maeneo yote nchini.

### C. MPANGO NA BAJETI KWA MWAKA 2024/25

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, baada ya kutoa taarifa ya utekelezaji wa shughuli za Wizara kwa mwaka 2023/24, sasa napenda kuwasilisha Mpango na Bajeti kwa Mwaka 2024/25.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, katika mwaka 2024/25 utekelezaji wa majukumu ya Wizara utaongozwa na vipaumbele mbalimbali vinavyojikita katika kuendelea kutekeleza miradi ya uzalishaji, usafirishaji na usambazaji wa umeme ikiwa ni pamoja na kufikisha gridi ya Taifa katika mikoa iliyosalia; kupeleka nishati vijijini, ikiwemo katika vitongoji; kutekeleza miradi ya kielelezo na kimmkakati ya mafuta na gesi asilia ikiwemo mradi wa Kuchakata na Kusindika Gesi Asilia kwa Kimiminika (*Liquefied Natural Gas – LNG Project*) na ujenzi wa bomba la kusafirisha mafuta kutoka Hoima, Uganda hadi Tanga, Tanzania (*East African Crude Oil Pipeline – EACOP*). Aidha, Wizara itaendelea kutekeleza na kusimamia shughuli za utafutaji na uendelezaji katika vitalu vya kimmkakati na wawekezaji; usambazaji wa gesi asilia viwandani, katika taasisi na majumbani na kuimarisha matumizi ya CNG katika magari.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, vipaumbele vingine ni kuendelea kuimarisha matumizi ya nishati safi ya kupikia (*clean cooking*) nchini pamoja na upatikanaji wa nishati ya mafuta vijijini kupitia uanzishwaji wa vituo vya mafuta katika maeneo hayo; kuhakikisha nchi inaendelea kuwa na uhakika wa upatikanaji wa bidhaa za mafuta ya petroli pamoja na ufanisi katika kushughulikia upatikanaji wa bidhaa hizo; kuimarisha uwekezaji na ushiriki wa Sekta Binafsi katika shughuli za utafutaji na uendelezaji wa mafuta na gesi asilia pamoja na uzalishaji na usambazaji wa umeme na kuendelea kuimarisha utojaji wa huduma, tija na ufanisi katika uendeshaji wa Taasisi/Mashirika yaliyo chini ya Wizara ya TANESCO, TPDC, EWURA, PURA na PBPA pamoja na Kampuni Tanzu. Wizara pia itaendelea kuimarisha ushiriki wa wazazi katika shughuli za mafuta na gesi asilia pamoja na rasilimali watu ya Wizara ya Taasisi zake na upatikanaji wa vitendo kazi muhimu.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***. Mpango na Bajeti ya Wizara kwa mwaka 2024/25 pamoja na mambo mengine, umezingatia Dira ya Taifa ya Maendeleo ya Mwaka 2025, Mpango wa Tatu wa Maendeleo wa Taifa wa Miaka Mitano (FYDP III) 2021/22 – 2025/26, Iiani ya Chama cha Mapinduzi kwa Ajili ya Uchaguzi Mkuu wa Mwaka 2020, Maagizo ya Viongozi wa Kitaifa katika Sekta ya Nishati, Mwongozo wa Maandalizi ya Mpango na Bajeti ya Serikali kwa Mwaka 2024/25 pamoja na Mpango Mkakati wa Wizara wa Miaka Mitano (2021/22 - 2025/26). Miongozo mingine iliyozingatiwa ni Sera, Mikakati na Programu mbalimbali za Kisekta na Kitaifa pamoja na Malengo ya Maendeleo Endelevu ya Umoja wa Mataifa (SDGs) ya mwaka 2030 kuhusu masuala ya nishati.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, sehemu C ya Hotuba yangu ukurasa wa 119 hadi 173 inatoa maelezo na ufafanuzi wa kina kuhusu programu, miradi, mikakati na kazi zitakazotekelezwa katika mwaka 2024/25. Kwa ufupi Wizara itatekeleza yafuatayo:

### SEKTA NDOGO YA UMEME NA NISHATI JADDIDIFU

**Miradi ya Kuzalisha Umeme**

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, moja ya kazi kubwa iliyopo mbele yetu ni kuhakikisha nchi yetu inakuwa na umeme unaotoshesha mahitaji ya sasa na siku zijazo, umeme wa uhakika na unaoatokana na vyanzo mbalimbali (*energy mix*). Hii ni kwa kuzingatia umuhimu wa nishati hiyo katika maendeleo ya kiuchumi na kijamii ya nchi yetu na Taifa lolote. Ili kutimiza azma hiyo, Wizara imepanga kukamilisha mradi wa kuzalisha umeme kwa utumia Maji wa Julius Nyerere (MW 2,115) ambapo kazi zilizopangwa kutekelezwa ni pamoja na kukamilisha ujenzi wa jengo la mitambo (*power house*) na ufungaji wa mitambo saba (7) ya kuzalisha umeme ambayo kwa sasa ipo katika hatua mbalimbali za ukamilishwaji.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Wizara pia itaendelea na utekelezaji wa mradi wa kuzalisha umeme kwa kutumia gesi asilia ya Kinyerezi kwa kukamilisha ujenzi wa njia ya kusafirisha umeme wa msongo wa kilovoti 132 yenye urefu wa kilomita 19.2 kutoka kituo cha kuzalisha umeme cha Kinyerezi kwenda Gongolamboto hadi Mbagala Jijini Dar es Salaam na kufunga transforma maeneo ya Gongolamboto na Mbagala.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, miradi mingine ya uzalishaji wa umeme itakayotekelezwa ni mradi wa kuzalisha umeme kwa kutumia maji wa Malagarasi – MW 49.5; mradi wa kuzalisha umeme jua Shinyanga – MW 150; ukarabati wa mitambo ya kuzalisha umeme katika Kituo cha Kuzalisha Umeme cha Hale; mradi wa kuzalisha umeme kwa kutumia maji wa Kakono – MW 87.8; na mradi wa kuzalisha umeme kwa kutumia maji ya mto Kikonge–MW 321. Aidha, Serikali pia itaendelea kuelekeza nguvu katika uzalishaji wa umeme jotoarshi ambapo itakamilisha uchorongaji wa visima vitatu (3) vya uhakiki (*exploratory wells*) ili kuhakiki hifadhi, kiwango na ubora wa rasilimali ya jotoarshi katika mradi wa Ngozi (Mbeya) wenye uwezo wa kuzalisha MW 30 kwa awamu ya kwanza pamoja na kuanza ujenzi wa mtambo mdogo wa kuzalisha umeme (*wellhead generator*) wa MW 5. Vilevile, Serikali itaanza utekelezaji wa programu ya uchorongaji wa visima vinne (4) vya uhakiki katika mradi la Kiejo Mkoba (Mbeya) wenye uwezo wa kuzalisha MW 60.

**Miradi ya Kusafirisha na Kusambaza Umeme**

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, miundombinu imara ya kusafirisha na kusambaza umeme ndiyo msingi thabiti wa kuwa na umeme wa uhakika. Hatua zitakazochukuliwa na Serikali katika mwaka 2024/25 ni pamoja na kukamilisha mradi wa kusafirisha umeme kutoka Julius Nyerere Hydro Power Plant hadi Chalinze – Kilo-voti 400 na Kituo cha Kupoza Umeme, Chalinze ambapo kazi zitakazotekelezwa ni pamoja na kumalizia kazi zilizobaki katika kituo cha kupoza umeme ikiwemo majengo, barabara, njia ya kusafirisha umeme na marekebisho mbalimbali.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Serikali itaendelea na ujenzi wa njia ya kusafirisha umeme msongo wa Kilovoti 400 kutoka Chalinze hadi Dodoma yenye urefu wa kilomita 345 na upanuzi wa vituo vya kupoza umeme vya Chalinze na Dodoma. Kukamilika kwa mradi huu kutawezesha kusafirisha umeme unaotoka katika Mradi wa Kuzalisha Umeme wa Julius Nyerere kupitia Chalinze, kwenda mkoani Dodoma na kusambaza katika Mikoa mbalimbali nchini.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Miradi mingine ya usafirishaji wa umeme itakayotekelezwa ni ujenzi wa njia ya kusafirisha umeme msongo wa Kilovoti 400 kutoka Chalinze - Kinyerezi – Mkuranga; ujenzi wa njia ya kusafirisha umeme Msongo wa Kilovoti 400 kutoka Chalinze – Segera na msongo wa Kilovoti 220 Segera – Tanga; ujenzi wa njia ya kusafirisha umeme msongo wa Kilovoti 220 kutoka Chalinze – Bagamoyo hadi Unioio Dar es salaam na ujenzi wa Kituo cha Kupoza Umeme cha Ibadakuli Shinyanga Kilovoti 400/220/33; ujenzi wa njia ya kusafirisha umeme msongo wa Kilovoti 400 kutoka Iringa hadi Sumbawa-nga kupitia Mbeya na Tunduma ( TAZA) na ujenzi wa njia ya kusafirisha umeme msongo wa Kilovoti 400 kutoka Nyakanazi hadi Kigoma. Aidha, Serikali itaendelea kutekeleza mradi wa kuimarisha Gridi ya

Taifa (*National Grid Stabilization Project*) – Gridi Imara kwa kuendelea na ujenzi wa njia za kusafirisha umeme pamoja na vituo vya kupoza umeme. Serikali pia itaendelea kufanya matengenezo katika mitambo ya kuzalisha umeme, miundombinu ya kusafirisha na kusambaza umeme pamoja na vituo vya kupoza umeme ili kuhakikisha umeme wa uhakika unapatikana wakati wote.

**Miradi ya Nishati Vijijini**

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, katika Mwaka 2024/25, Serikali kupitia Wakala wa Nishati Vijijini (REA) itaendelea kuchukua hatua za kupeleka nishati vijijini ili kuchochea kasi ya ukujaji wa uchumi na maendeleo ya kijamii katika maeneo hayo. Miradi iliyopangwa kutekelezwa ni pamoja mradi wa kupeleka umeme katika Vitongoji 20,000 ambapo kazi zitakazofanyika ni pamoja na ununuzi wa wakandarasi wa kutekeleza mradi, kufanya usanifu wa kina wa mradi na kuanza ujenzi wa miundombinu ya mradi. Aidha, Serikali itaendelea na utekelezaji wa mradi wa kupeleka umeme katika Vitongoji katika Mkoa wa Songwe na Kigoma kwa kukamilisha ujenzi wa miundombinu ya kusambaza umeme Msongo Mdogo, kufunga transforma na kuun-ganisha wateja. Vilevile, Serikali itaendelea kutekeleza mradi wa kupeleka umeme katika Vitongoji 3,060 (vitongoji 15 kila Jimbo) kwa kujenga miundombinu ya mradi, kufunga transforma na kuunganisha wateja. ***Mheshimiwa Spika***, miradi mingine itakayotekelezwa ni mradi wa uzalizi Awamu ya Pili B; mradi wa Uzalizi Awamu ya Pili C; mradi wa kupeleka umeme katika maeneo ya Vijijini-Miji; mradi wa kusambaza umeme katika Migodi Midogo, Maeneo ya Kilimo na Viwanda; mradi wa kupeleka umeme katika minara ya mawasiliano ya simu na mradi wa ufungaji wa mifumo ya umeme jua kwenye makazi yaliyopo Visiwani na yaliyopo mbali na Gridi ya Taifa.

**Nishati Safi ya Kupikia**

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, katika mwaka 2024/25 Serikali itaendelea kutekeleza hatua madhubuti za kuimari-sha matumizi ya Nishati Safi ya kupikia nchini. Serikali kwa kushirikiana na wadau itaendelea kutekeleza Mkakati wa Taifa wa Matumizi ya Nishati Safi ya Kupikia wa mwaka 2024 – 2034 kwa kupatia ufumbuzi vikwazo vya matumizi ya nishati hiyo, ikiwemo gharama kubwa, upatikanaji haffifu na uhaba wa miundombinu yake na kukosekana kwa elimu ya kutosha kuhusu madhara ya nishati zisizo safi na salama za kupikia. Aidha, Wizara itaendelea kusimamia na kuratubi utekelezaji wa Programu ya Nishati Safi ya Kupikia inayolenga Kuwawezesha Wanawake Barani Afrika Kutumia Nishati Safi ya Kupikia (*African Women Clean Cooking Support Programme – AWCCSP*.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Serikali pia itaendelea na utekelezaji wa mradi wa kusambaza majiko banifu kwe-nyye Kaya zilizoipo katika maeneo ya Vijijini na Vijiji-Miji; kutoa ruzuku kwa wazalishaji wa mkaa mbadala kwa ajili ya ununuzi wa mashine zitakazotumika katika uzalishaji wa mkaa huo; kuendelea kushirikiana na Jeshi la Magereza katika ujenzi wa miundombinu ya nishati ya kupkia katika maeneo 211 pamoja na kuendelea na usambazaji wa gesi asilia majumbani, hususan katika Mikoa ya Dar es Salaam, Mtwara, Lindi na Pwani.

**Sekta Ndogo ya Mafuta na Gesi**

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Serikali itaendelea kusimamia na kuendeleza Sekta Ndogo ya Mafuta na Gesi kwa kuchukua hatua mbalimbali, lengo likiwa ni kuhakikisha mchango wa Sekta hii katika maendeleo ya Taifa letu unaimarika. Serikali itaendelea na shughuli za utafutaji wa mafuta na gesi asilia katika vitalu vya kimkakati na kujenga bomba la kusafirisha gesi asilia kutoka Kitau cha Ruwuma (Ntorya) hadi Madimba lenye urefu wa kilomita 34.2 na uwezo wa kubeba futi za ujazo milioni 140 kwa siku. Aidha, Serikali inatarajia kukamilisha majadiliano ya Mikataba ya mradi wa Kuchakata na Kusindika Gesi Asilia Kuwa Kimiminika (*Liquefied Natural Gas – LNG*) ili utekelezaji wake uanze.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Serikali itaendelea na ujenzi wa miundombinu ya usambazaji wa Gesi Asilia katika Mkoa wa Dar es Salaam, Mtwara, Lindi na Pwani ambapo kazi zitakazotekelezwa ni pamoja na kufanya tathmini ya athari kwa mazingira na jamii, usanifu wa kihandisi pamoja na ujenzi wa miundombinu ya kusambaza gesi asilia kwenye viwanda vya Mkuranga pamoja na Kongani ya Viwanda ya Kwala Mkoani Pwani; kukamilisha ujenzi wa vituo vya CNG (Kituo Mama katika eneo la Chuo Kikuu cha Dar es Salaam na Vituo vidogo vya Kairuki na Muhimbili) mkoani Dar es Salaam; na ununuzi wa vituo vitano (5) vya CNG vinavyohamishika (*mobile CNG stations*) vitakavyotoa huduma katika Jiji la Dar es Salaam. Aidha, Sekta Binafsi itaendelea kushiriki katika ujenzi wa vituo vya CNG pamoja na karakana za kubadilisha mifumo ya matumizi ya nishati ya gesi asilia (CNG) kwenye magari. Vilevile, TPDC itakamilisha awamu ya kwanza ya mradi wa usambazaji wa gesi asilia chini ya ufadhili wa REA ambapo nyumba 980 zitaunganishwa katika mikoa ya Lindi na Pwani; na kuanza awamu ya pili ya mradi huo kwa kuendelea kusambaza gesi asilia maeneo ya Mkuranga, mkoani Pwani.

***MheshimiwaSpika***, miradi mingine itakayotekelezwa ni mradi wa Bomba la Kusafirisha Mafuta Ghafi kutoka Hoima - Uganda hadi Tanga - Tanzania (*East African Crude Oil Pipeline – EACOP*); ujenzi wa miundombinu ya usambazaji wa Gesi Asilia katika Mikoa ya Dar es Salaam, Mtwara, Lindi na Pwani na ujenzi wa miundombinu ya hifadhi ya kimmkakati ya mafuta.

***Mheshimiwa Spika***, Serikali kupitia PURA inatarajia kuendesha Duru ya Tano (5) ya kunadi vitalu vya utafutaji wa mafuta na gesi asilia kwa lengo la kutangaza kwa wawekezaji vitalu vilivyovya wazi katika eneo la bahari na nchi kavu. Kazi zitakazotekelezwa ni pamoja na kuandaa nyaraka za zabuni zitakazoongoza mnada wa vituo, kufanya maonesho ya kitaalamu kuhusu vituvu vya huduma na kuzindua Duru ya Tano (5) ya kunadi vitalu. Aid



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## EAC partner states hearing the bell over LVB funding

CHANGING winds in global financing are bringing home to members of the East African Community (EAC) over the financing of development projects. Global lenders are under pressure from major donors to be more selective both in the countries they loan to and the projects they fund, and the conditions they set. Treasury authorities are seemingly having a difficult time in projecting what can be expected from global lenders, thus having to accommodate changing perspectives even within a short period of time, depending on current signals.

This situation is in a sense visible during the current spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, first showing high expectations on global lender's services and wishing that loans be put on a longer term and made more available. Then the tone shifted to demanding that partner states of the EAC be ready to put up funds for joint environment projects especially with regard to the Lake Victoria Basin (LVB). That was astonishing, or perplexing; it related to a single problem and then a window of wider moods.

The key issue was the mood with the global lender, which also supervises broad environmental programmes in developing countries, wishing to more closely engage with the LVB countries on one of the key drivers of lake deterioration - the discharge of untreated human waste. This is a moot point that observers at a local or wider level need to ponder, as to whether this is an issue that needs to be exclusively handled by the lender, and indeed, if it should even be presented for it to examine how it is funded. The problem is that we usually don't as such questions until we are demanded to do so, and often we let the project lie idle.

That likelihood was in evidence in the way in which the Treasury executive took up the matter, when indeed the global lender sought to obtain precisions on local funding for at least that problem, as it belongs squarely to waste treatment. It is a routine issue which needs to be handled in such a manner that the waste does not reach the lake, instead of letting the lake shores be overrun by weeds feeling on the salty environment of waste water literally pumped into the lake. That this reminder has to be made by the World Bank was salutary as dependency reflex.

The other fairly disappointing aspect is the mood in which the Tanzanian team at the spring meetings received the reminder, namely in issuing an appeal for EAC partner states to strive to become independent. Asking EAC members to strengthen the collection of domestic revenue was not in the mandate of specific delegations as internal revenue isn't EAC matter. Raising it in that context was sort pre-empting the matter, that the countries do not have the money they were seeking from the lender, that it would require extraordinary revenue efforts, this.

Surprisingly, a World Bank published towards the end of last year has the outline of an answer that the Treasury doesn't appear to have worked over, as what it calls isn't more local revenues to replace multilateral lending. There is a Korea Green Growth Trust Fund (KGGTF) using grants in an extensive way, supporting lake-wide inclusive sanitation for improving water quality in the lake. All it requires is to work with the private sector to create low-skill green jobs along the sanitation service chain, in other words allow private firms to use waste as a resource, set up firms that create jobs in biogas units, fish farming,

## Brace up to face the notoriety of the indigenous people lobby for decades

GOVERNMENT officials are definitely starting to get used to interference in development plans from a vast lobby of activists in Western Europe and North America, who put up the posture of protecting indigenous people but in reality they are seeking out niches to fight capitalism. Theirs isn't the old fashioned fight against capitalism to bring about a revolution, but to protect nature as it is, so when Kihansi hydropower project was being designed, they vehemently objected to rare toads' environment being dislocated. In the Julius Nyerere hydropower project it was the forest landscape, and elsewhere, at Ngorongoro and now in Udzungwa or Ruaha it is indigenous people. They should not move.

This lobby has a cardinal principle or not recognizing compensation for any native dwellers or indeed appreciating development, either of the country or of the specific indigenous people they are putting up a face of defending. Those people are vital to them not from a social point of view as having certain needs similar to ours, in which case it would be positive they move to Msomera and start schooling, apart from farming and improved cattle husbandry. They want those people in a manner approaching idols, icons and totems of a past age as the glory of people undisturbed by western civilisation; that is the main concern.

In the case of the Resilient Natural Resource Management for Tourism Growth Project for Southern Tanzania (REGROW), the issue is one of intruding into corridors of animal migration taken up as

habitats. Incidentally most of the herding groups moving into those areas are scarcely indigenous to the places but are indigenous in culture. Activists see them as having a greater right to use the land than the government could possibly be entitled, since the government's first or foremost duty is thus to defend the environment, nature, indigenous people...

Senior government officials will thus have from time to time take to the microphone to explain what doesn't need to be explained, for instance in the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project, activists went to the European Union legislature to say that people are being moved without compensation. That was fictitious and they are repeating similar accusations on the REGROW project; the World Bank, which faces congressional pressure in the United States when activists surface with wide ranging accusations of human rights abuses, has frozen a third of the \$150m funding slated for the project. It is likely the matter is cleared later, as the bank is more progressive in its outlook.

In that case when a senior official in the national commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) took up the matter to tell a UN forum on indigenous issues that Tanzania was among countries governed by principles of the rule of law he was talking to a skeptical audience. And they would have readily understood if the issue was poaching or such other, but when it comes to replacing people they deem to be part of nature they are unlikely to understand. It is akin to religion to them that they stay there.



## Chikoti, a Tanzanian youth who advocates for girls' rights, sexual reproductive health

By Guardian Correspondent

CONSOLATA Chikoti, a Tanzanian health and human rights lawyer, has always been passionate about academic excellence and leadership working on sexual reproductive health and rights and the fight to end child marriage in the country.

Consolata (pictured), a pioneer young leader, made history in 2023 by being awarded a prestigious Global Health Law scholarship. This incredible opportunity allowed her to pursue a Master's Degree in National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University in Washington D.C.

Her journey in global health law began after she was selected to the Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa programme, which was initiated back in 1993 at Georgetown University Law Centre in Washington D.C.

Her dedication and passion for healthcare advocacy have now made her the first Tanzanian graduate from Georgetown University with a Global Health Degree.

Consolata's achievements serve as an inspiration to aspiring scholars and advocates in Tanzania. Prior to her time at the university, she excelled as a student at Tabora Girls Secondary School, where she graduated as the top student academically.

Her dedication to academic pursuits and leadership roles continued at the University of Dar es Salaam, where she actively participated in various extracurricular activities.

Consolata, has over 5 years of experience working on sexual reproductive health and rights, as well as strategic litigation for human rights causes in Africa.

Her expertise lies in women's sexual and reproductive health, policy and legal reforms advocacy, grant writing and project planning and management.

Currently, she focuses on the intersection of health and human rights, with her thesis shedding light on the impact of child marriage on maternal mortality and the right to life that states must protect.

While at UDSM, she served as a member of the University Student Representative Council at DARUSO.

Consolata's fearless spirit led her to run for president of the students' leadership body, making her the only female candidate in the top contenders. She later advocated for increased participation of female students in leadership positions



within the university.

Consolata is recognized for her unwavering commitment to promoting gender equality for women and girls.

She dedicates her efforts to addressing issues that impact women, youth, and people with disabilities. She excels in managing intricate projects focused on empowering women, improving employment opportunities, enhancing labour conditions and promoting civic engagement among marginalized communities

in democratic settings.

The young woman has occupied various roles within civil society work in Tanzania. These positions include serving as the vice chairperson of the women working group of Ushiriki, a civil society coalition that aims to promote the active involvement of women, youth, and people with disabilities in Tanzania.

Additionally, she has been appointed as a panelist for the Youth Sounding Board by the Danish Embassy in Tanzania.



Consolata (R) with other Georgetown LLM Candidates and William E. Treanor-Executive Vice President of Georgetown University and Dean of the Law Centre attending the Red Mass at Cathedral of St. Mathew the Apostle, Washington D.C

Furthermore, Consolata has also served as a panelist for the Minister's International Youth Panel, which was established to advise the Danish Minister of Development Coalition on matters pertaining to youth involvement.

The panel's primary focus was to enhance the role of youth in Danish development policy and Denmark's strategy for Development Cooperation.

Consolata has been a recipient of various fellowships, including the prestigious YALI Mandela Washington Fellowship, a key programme under the U.S. Government's Young African Leaders Initiative established by President Obama.

The initiative aims to empower young individuals aged 25-35 to spearhead positive transformations within their respective communities.

Furthermore, she was recently chosen to participate in the United Nations 62nd Graduate Study Programme at the UN Geneva, which stands as the United Nations' oldest continuous educational initiative.

Consolata's achievements serve as an inspiration to aspiring scholars and advocates in Tanzania.

Consolata's unwavering dedication and fervor for women's human rights has driven her to extensively research the issue of child marriages.

She has delved deep into this matter, tirelessly seeking solutions to propel the amendment of the Marriage Law in Tanzania.

Unfortunately, this endeavor has encountered a stalemate as the government grapples with the delicate balance between the right to equality and the right to practice religion and culture.

Drawing attention to the alarming cases of maternal mortality, which are intricately linked to the marriage of adolescent girls at a tender age, Consolata passionately advocates for the girls' right to life.

She firmly believes that this should serve as the foundation for amending the existing law.

In a moment of triumph, Consolata joyfully shares that her thesis has been chosen to be presented at the White House on April 25. Alongside four other LAWA fellows, she will have the opportunity to present her findings to U.S. government advisors on international development.

With unwavering conviction, she asserts that in order for a country to achieve sustainable development, the practice of child marriage must be abolished.



# With commitment to help struggling learners and a change in education policy is inevitable

**R**EEDUCATION provision in the country is affected by ideas of psychologists, sociologists and activists among others. Some of these ideas become hard to interpret and implementation thus challenging teachers who under whatever situation they are expected to produce good results.

It is important to take into account opinions of various social groups which gives educational policy makers a hard time to come up with policies to guide the country's education sector.

Implementation of education policies become a success or failure at the time of policy formulation where practicability is prioritized or not. Education policy is a direction towards which the nation should take in the provision of education in the country and this calls for much awareness during the time of policy formulation making sure that feasibility is given the first priority.

Pupils are of different nature thus educational policy makers need to take into consideration the demands of each group. There should be a possibility of assisting one group without affecting another group. If assisting one group means a loss to another group, the situation is not promising and hence criticism may arise.

Teaching someone an aspect of study which they have already mastered may cause confusion and boredom. It is not all learners who need to repeat several times reading of an aspect of study before they can master it. Struggling learners may prefer repetition but not fast learners who always look forward to receive new concepts. How can we then go about this fact?

The current policy in education does not allow separation of struggling learners from fast learners. The reason for the decision is on the ground that separation can create inferiority complex to learners who are termed as struggling ones. Some educational experts convince that when struggling learners mix up with the fast learners they can get motivation to learn. But sometimes struggling learners do not get enough assistance from fast learners who are busy on the quest for increasing knowledge.

Everyone is aiming higher and that is not bad. As teaching is limited to time it becomes difficult for a teacher to suffice the interests and demands of the two groups in the class. The teacher may face a dilemma of which group to prioritize, the fast learners or the struggling learners.

When the teacher tries to help the struggling learners they cause a conflict of interest in the class as some attention to the fast learners is reduced and hence confusion as no one dislikes special attention. When the teacher tries to help struggling learners it is when the fast learners miss something. Should some learners be assisted at the expense of others? It is difficult to avoid social strata in the society and this also manifests itself in the class organization. It is possible to administer justice to everybody according to their situation but making people look similar in all ways is something hard to accomplish. Inferiority complex and loneliness are sometimes driven by social perspectives and hence they can be eliminated by social reconstruction by embracing positive thinking which will allow putting into place practical strategies which can help improve our education for the betterment of all.

With the collective aim to improve our education and achieve advancement in all aspects of human life, separating struggling learners from the fast learners is important due to the following reasons.

One of the reasons that shows importance of separating struggling learners from the fast learners is that it enhances close follow up. As the size of the class is reduced due to separation it becomes easy for teachers to make a close follow up for pupils' conduct and performance of class tasks. It is close follow up that increases chances of learners to improve in class.

Another reason is that it creates a room for research. Improvement in the teaching methodology is the result of research which can effectively be conducted when the class size is small and learners are similar in many ways. If a teacher can have time to study how learners learn, they will be in a position to improve their teaching methodology and hence promising understanding by the learners of the concept they have taught.

Also having a separate class for struggling learners will help a teacher to have a moderate speed in the coverage of contents in class. Education experts propose giving of short class tasks to struggling learners. When the objectives of the teacher is covering few things they can lower the speed of teaching and hence increasing chances of understanding. When the teacher is asked to give short tasks in the class where also fast learners are present it becomes a challenge because those fast learners can do lengthy tasks. Assisting one group should not mean a loss to another group.

Again separating struggling learners from fast learners helps to avoid stress and discomfort. When the teacher plans a class task which corresponds to the ability of learners to accomplish it on time, the lesson becomes enjoyable and free of stress and discomfort. Paying attention to the nature of learners helps the teacher to set realistic goals for their learners and hence assurance of success in the teaching and learning process. When the performance of learners meets the teacher's expectation is when the class is in harmony and hence free from stress and discomfort.

Being realistic in education is very important. The target of the teacher and other educational stakeholders should be to make learners understand what they are taught. We should avoid impractical ideas in education. With separating for the aim of assisting and not for discriminating, nothing is wrong. Let us divide and make sure that everybody reaches a promising destiny. Teaching is separating.



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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

(Amounts in '000' shillings)

	Current Year 31st Dec 2023	Previous Year 31st Dec 2022
<b>A. ASSETS</b>		
1 Cash	153,897	122,302
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	593,293	480,936
3 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	1,477,957	662,153
4 Investments in Government securities	4,708,764	-
5 Cheques and items for clearing	-	-
6 Inter-branch float items	-	-
7 Bills negotiated	-	-
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	-	-
10 Investments in other securities	7,304,528	2,095,849
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances for probable losses)	8,762,372	7,493,847
12 Other assets	161,386	337,139
13 Equity Investments	-	-
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	2,659,041	366,708
<b>16 TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>25,821,237</b>	<b>11,556,832</b>
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>		
17 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	-	-
18 Customer deposits	9,327,708	5,923,744
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-
20 Special deposits	-	-
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	-	-
22 Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	-	-
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	-	-
24 Acceptances outstanding	-	-
25 Interbranch float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	-	-
27 Other liabilities	185,948	1,233,998
28 Borrowings	-	-
<b>29 TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>9,515,657</b>	<b>7,167,742</b>
<b>30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)</b>	<b>16,307,580</b>	<b>4,401,090</b>
<b>C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>		
31 Paid up share capital	24,987,034	15,305,153
32 Capital reserves	88,892	(65,457)
33 Retained earnings	(10,992,955)	(11,185,866)
34 Profit/(Loss) account	423,349	327,260
35 Other capital accounts	1,801,261	-
36 Minority interest	-	-
<b>37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>16,307,580</b>	<b>4,401,090</b>
38 Contingent liabilities	-	-
39 Non performing loans & advances	301,674	166,808
40 Allowances for probable losses	83,916	72,845
41 Other non performing assets	-	-
<b>D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS</b>		
(i) Shareholders Funds to total assets	63.16%	38.08%
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	3.41%	2.20%
(iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits	94.85%	127.73%
(iv) Loans and advances to total assets	33.93%	64.83%
(v) Earning assets to Total Assets	34.15%	76.07%
(vi) Deposits Growth	57.46%	3.97%
(vii) Assets growth	123.39%	44.01%

#### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

(Amounts in '000' shillings)

	Current Year 31st Dec 2023	Previous Year 31st Dec 2022
1 Interest Income	1,829,543	937,584
2 Interest Expense	139,612	47,025
<b>3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)</b>	<b>1,489,931</b>	<b>890,539</b>
4 Bad Debts Written - Off	-	-
5 Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	10,971	(1,787)
<b>6 Non Interest Income:</b>	<b>325,643</b>	<b>694,658</b>
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	-	-
6.2 Fees and Commissions	308,087	309,631
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-
6.4 Other Operating Income	17,556	385,127
<b>7 Non Interest Expenses:</b>	<b>1,345,240</b>	<b>1,217,389</b>
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	528,764	503,285
7.2 Fees and Commission	-	-
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	816,476	714,084
<b>8 Operating Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>459,365</b>	<b>369,815</b>
<b>9 Income Tax Provision</b>	<b>36,014</b>	<b>42,355</b>
<b>10 Net Income / (Loss) After Income Tax</b>	<b>423,349</b>	<b>327,260</b>
<b>11 Other Comprehensive Income (Itemize)</b>	<b>1,787,070</b>	-
<b>12 Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year</b>	<b>2,210,419</b>	<b>327,260</b>
13 Number of Employees	24	23
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	0	0
15 Number of Branches	1	1
<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>		
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	1.64%	2.83%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Fund	2.60%	7.44%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	69.36%	74.47%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	16.84%	125.46%

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

(Amounts in '000' shillings)

	Current year 31st Dec 2023	Previous year 31st Dec 2022
<b>I: Cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
Net income (Loss)	576,152	369,614
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
- Impairment/Amortization	63,849	38,752
- Prior Year Adjustment	-	-
- Depreciation	85,170	66,245
- Net change in Loans and Advances	(1,204,186)	(2,855,662)
- Gain/loss on Sale of Assets	-	-
- Net change in Deposits	3,403,964	496,480
- Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	-	-
- Net change in Other Liabilities	(1,051,635)	956,093
- Net change in Other Assets	(77,233)	(255,245)
- Tax Paid	(30,000)	(93,119)
- Others (specify)	-	-
- Due to other banks	(3,608,129)	(89,408)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<b>(1,842,048)</b>	<b>(1,366,248)</b>
<b>II: Cash flow from investing activities:</b>		
Dividend Received	-	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(593,583)	(8,143)
T Bills	(200,375)	-
T Bonds	(6,008,388)	-
Investment	(31,222)	-
Others (Adjustment on Property Plant and Equipment)	(46,509)	(15,414)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>(6,880,077)</b>	<b>(23,557)</b>
<b>III: Cash flow from financing activities:</b>		
Repayment of Long-term Debt	-	-
Preference share	7,000,000	-
Proceeds from issuance of Share Capital	2,681,880	1,326,163
Change in Reserve	-	-
Net Change in Other Borrowings	-	-
Others (Adjustment in retained earnings)	-	-
<b>Net Cash Provided (used) by Financing Activities</b>	<b>9,681,880</b>	<b>1,326,163</b>
<b>IV: Cash and Cash Equivalents:</b>		
<b>Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>959,755</b>	<b>(63,642)</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter/Year</b>	<b>1,265,392</b>	<b>1,329,034</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter/Year</b>	<b>2,225,147</b>	<b>1,265,392</b>

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GENERAL MANAGER

Kinyaki O. Kinyaki  
HEAD OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT

The above extracts are from the financial statements of the Bank for the year ended 31st December 2022 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The financial statements were audited by INNOVEX AUDITORS and received a unqualified report. The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 24th April, 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Name Signature Date

1. Prof. GERVAS H. MACHIMU, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS 4/24/24

2. CPA. HWAMINI J. MUSSA, DIRECTOR 4/24/24

#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31/12/2023

(Amounts in '000' shillings)

Current Year	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	Others	Total
Balance as at 1st January, 2023	15,305,153	-	(10,988,820)	65,457	-	4,401,090
Profit for the year	-	-	423,349	-	-	423,349
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transactions with owners	9,681,880	-	-	-	-	9,681,880
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	0
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(23,435)	23,435	-	0
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	0
Others(Adjustment)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance as at 31st December, 2023	24,987,033	-	(10,569,600)	88,992	-	14,506,319
Balance as at 1st January, 2022	13,978,990	-	(11,257,804)	26,581	-	2,747,669
Profit for the year	-	-	327,260	-	-	327,260
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transactions with owners	1,326,163	-	-	-	-	1,326,163
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	0
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	92,038	(92,038)	-	0
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance as at 31st December, 2022	15,305,153	-	(10,838,600)	(65,457)	-	4,401,090
Prior Year Adjustment	-	-	(150,914)	150,914	-	0
Restated Balance as at 31st December, 2022	15,305,153	-	(10,988,820)	65,457	-	4,401,090



# Renewable Energy is challenging to energy stability

By Ben Kritz

ON Sept. 28, 2016, the entire state of South Australia suffered a blackout at the height of an unusually strong storm that caused some damage to transmission towers and lines. Even though the damage was not insignificant, other regional grids in Australia similarly affected by the same storm were able to ride it out with only a few short power interruptions affecting smaller areas and were back up to full service within a couple of hours of the weather clearing. In South Australia, however, it took between two and seven days to get everyone back online.

So, why was South Australia so badly affected? Extensive investigations determined that the power outage was prob-

ably the first widespread blackout that could be attributed primarily to complications with the interconnection of renewable energy generators – in this case, mostly wind – with the transmission grid.

One might expect that wind generators had either been damaged or stopped due to the storm's prolonged high winds, but that was not really the case. A few wind generators were shut down due to winds exceeding their limits, but the loss to the grid because of this was only about 20 megawatts (MW). Rather, the remaining wind generators were simply unable to handle the other fluctuations on the grid caused by the storm, mainly downed power lines.

In the extensive investigations that followed, which, among other things, resulted in four

wind generation companies being fined for technical deficiencies that violated regulations, several lessons emerged that are applicable anywhere that a significant amount of RE in the generation mix is either a reality or an aspiration. In its final report on the 2016 blackout, the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) concluded that to avoid such events in the future, operators need to increase system inertia and the frequency of control services and strengthen the overall transmission system.

From the outside looking in, the longer-term and more general challenges to managing an evolution toward greater RE reliance that can be gleaned from AEMO's analysis are to ensure sufficient flexibility for power system operations in terms of supply, developing systems to manage



the increased operational complexity of the power system, and, the real technical hard nut to crack, which is necessary to make the latter two objectives even possible, integrating inverter-connected (as opposed to inertial) generation sources.

## The trouble with inverters

As explained previously, the electrical supply in the grid at any given moment has to be at the proper frequency – in this country and many others, 60 Hertz (Hz) – to properly supply the alternating current (AC) required by electricity de-

mand. The frequency is related to voltage; a complete explanation of how that works is complicated, but it is enough to know that when voltage drops, the frequency drops, and when it increases, the frequency increases. The frequency needs to be maintained within a narrow range, typically plus or minus 0.05 Hz, to prevent damage to generation and transmission equipment and electrical devices using the supply.

In a grid based on inertial generation sources, i.e., those with spinning generators – which include fuel-fired plants

(coal, gas, oil or biomass), nuclear plants, geothermal plants and hydropower plants – maintaining the frequency is relatively easy to do. The supply and voltage of the connected plants are known quantities, so in order to keep the grid stable, the operator just needs to draw the appropriate amount of supply to match demand and ensure that the generators are kept spinning at an average rate of 3,600 RPM (1 Hz equals 1 cycle, or in this case, 1 revolution per second). This is done by having power reserves on hand, regulating reserves to smooth out fluctuations in voltage and frequency, contingent reserves to respond to unexpected increases in demand, and dispatchable reserves to respond to losses in capacity, such as from a plant suffering a breakdown and suddenly going offline.

Connecting solar and wind power and batteries to the grid presents a challenge because these rely on inverters to maintain frequency rather than spinning generators. An inverter changes direct current (DC) electricity to AC by opening and closing switches between the power sources and the grid connection. The frequency of an inertial grid is a sine wave, and so what the inverter does is open and close its switches many times so that the on-off cycle of the electricity flowing through it approximates that sine wave; the more switches in an inverter, or the faster they are able to operate, the "smoother" the resulting curve is.

So, there are two problems with inverters. The first is being resolved as the technology improves; inverters are being built with better sensors and internal components so they can produce a "smoother" curve, provided the voltage being fed into them to the solar panels, wind turbines or batteries stays within a workable range. Too low a voltage and the switches won't have enough energy to operate; too high, the inverter might be burned out, so it will usually switch off entirely to prevent damage.

The second problem is that inverters, at least as of now, are what is known as "grid-following" inverters. They require feedback from the grid in order to operate at the proper frequency; in other words, the inverter needs to be "told" what frequency it should operate at. There are such things as "grid-forming" inverters, but these are not yet commonplace except in small applications (such as for a single house system); for one thing, they are several multiples more expensive than regular inverters.

Thus, in the case of a power outage, most solar, wind and battery sources cannot supply the grid unless there is a connected generator still turning that provides the feedback frequency.

This quirk of inverter-connected power is why some people with grid-tied home solar systems make the unwelcome discovery that their rooftop solar panels are not able to power their homes when there is a blackout unless they are able to disconnect from the outside supply. Most better home systems are able to do this, but if you buy a cheap system, good luck.

## Variable supply

And, of course, there is the unsolvable problem of variable supply from wind and solar sources, particularly the latter. Even if the inverter connection is working properly, the supply coming from the source fluctuates rapidly. Batteries are more stable, which is why serious proposals have been raised here to require new solar and wind installations to be indirect; that is, instead of being directly connected to the grid, connected to a battery storage system instead, with that being connected to the grid.

In the absence of that kind of setup, which is largely the situation in the Philippines now, the only solution is to greatly increase the amount of regulating and contingent reserves available, which is easier said than done. For one thing, the state of generation resources in the Philippines now is not good enough to comfortably provide those extra reserves; for another, it's expensive. Reserves are not free, and the cost of them is eventually reflected on everyone's electric bill. Granted, transmission charges make up the smallest line item among generation, transmission, and distribution, but people don't like paying higher rates under any circumstances, and regulators don't like to approve them unless there is a compelling reason to do so.

It should be emphasized that the challenges of transitioning to RE are not at all unique to the Philippines and that the complaints that the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP) isn't working fast enough to connect new RE sources are not justified by any actual shortcomings on its part. As just one example of how common the challenges are, according to a report from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) last week, there are currently 2.6 terawatts (TW) of RE capacity – roughly 92 times the Philippines' entire existing installed capacity – in the queue for grid interconnection in the US. This is just the way of things; technology is improving, and it seems likely that integrating RE will gradually become easier, but it is not now, and it won't be for some time to come.



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### PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Current Quarter 31ST MARCH 2024	Previous Quarter 31ST DEC 2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
1 Cash	396.39	511.52
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	7,082.37	9,797.16
3 Investment in Government Securities	38,183.73	38,180.41
4 Balances with other banks and Financial Institution	401.75	1,117.74
5 Cheques and Item for Clearing	(13.38)	22.94
6 Inter branch float items	-	-
7 Bills negotiated	-	-
8 Customer Liabilities for Acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank Loan Receivables	1,522.40	3,517.44
10 Investment in other securities	-	-
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable losses)	43,090.28	46,772.72
12 Other Assets	1,740.43	1,460.08
13 Equity Investments	-	-
14 Underwriting Accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	1,087.53	824.19
<b>16 TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>93,491.50</b>	<b>102,204.21</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
17 Deposits From Other Banks	771.00	1,700.00
18 Customer Deposits	48,532.45	56,378.31
19 Cash Letters of Credit	-	-
20 Special Deposits	-	-
21 Payment Orders / Transfers Payable	-	-
22 Bankers cheques and Drafts issued	-	-
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	1,480.30	2,091.54
24 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25 Interbranch float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	705.93	726.76
27 Other Liabilities	-	-
28 Borrowings	-	-
<b>29 TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>51,489.68</b>	<b>60,896.62</b>
<b>30 NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES) 16 Minus 29</b>	<b>42,001.83</b>	<b>41,307.59</b>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS</b>		
31 Paid Up Share Capital	32,830.00	32,830.00
32 Capital Reserves	230.53	261.30
33 Retained Earnings	8,247.06	7,386.41
34 Profit/(Loss)/Account	694.23	829.89
35 Other Capital Accounts	-	-
36 Minority Interest	-	-
<b>37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS</b>	<b>42,001.83</b>	<b>41,307.59</b>
38 Contingent Liabilities	4,288.42	4,305.11
39 Non Performing loans and advances	410.12	349.31
40 Allowances for Probable Losses	75.68	178.13
41 Other non performing Assets	-	-
<b>SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS</b>		
(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	44.93%	40.42%
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	0.95%	0.74%
(iii) Gross loans and advances to Total Deposits	87.54%	80.80%
(iv) Loans and advances to Total assets	46.09%	45.76%
(v) Earnings Assets to Total Assets	88.99%	87.66%
(vi) Deposit Growth	-15.11%	-2.43%
(vii) Assets Growth	-8.52%	-0.93%

#### CONDENSED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	CURRENT QUARTER 31ST MARCH 2024	PREVIOUS QUARTER 31ST DEC 2023	CURRENT YEAR CUMULATIVE 31ST MARCH 2024	PREVIOUS YEAR CUMULATIVE 31ST MARCH 2023
<b>I Cash flow from operating activities</b>				
Net Income (Loss)	694.23	68.62	694.23	276.42
Adjustment for:	-	-	-	-
Impairment / Amortization	85.05	66.40	85.05	95.97
-Net change in loans and advances	3,682.45	936.51	3,682.45	(3,382.64)
Gain/Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
-Net change in Deposits	(8,774.87)	(1,448.11)	(8,774.87)	2,546.86
-Net change in Short term negotiable securities	-	-	-	-
-Net change in Other Liabilities	(494.11)	929.74	(494.11)	313.15
-Net change in Other Assets	258.91	631.08	258.91	215.01
-Tax paid	(150.00)	(387.87)	(150.00)	(285.00)
-Others	-	-	-	-
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<b>(4,898.34)</b>	<b>796.37</b>	<b>(4,898.34)</b>	<b>(218.23)</b>
<b>II Cash flow from Investment activities</b>				
Dividend Received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(348.38)	(27.20)	(348.38)	(0.55)
Proceeds from sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	6,442.89	(6,283.83)	6,442.89	5,553.31
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>6,094.51</b>	<b>(6,321.13)</b>	<b>6,094.51</b>	<b>5,552.75</b>
<b>III Cash flow from financing activities</b>				
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	-	-	-	-
Others - Payment of lease liability	0.00	(135.88)	0.00	(82.27)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by financing activities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(135.88)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(82.27)</b>
<b>IV Cash and Cash Equivalents:</b>				
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalent	1,396.17	(5,660.64)	1,396.17	5,251.26
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the Quarter / Year	10,958.97	16,619.61	10,958.97	12,085.98
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter / Year</b>	<b>12,355.14</b>	<b>10,958.97</b>	<b>12,355.14</b>	<b>17,337.24</b>

#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others	Amount in Million Tshs) Total
<b>Current Year 31/03/2024</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	32,830.00	-	8,216.29	281.30	-	-	41,307.59
Profit for the year	-	-	694.23	-	-	-	694.23
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	30.77	(30.77)	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the current period</b>	<b>32,830.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,941.30</b>	<b>230.53</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,001.83</b>
<b>Previous Year 31/12/2023</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	32,830.00	-	7,344.16	467.69	-	-	40,641.86
Profit for the year	-	-	872.99	-	-	-	872.99
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	(164.15)	-	-	-	(164.15)
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	206.39	(206.39)	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the previous period</b>	<b>32,830.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,216.29</b>	<b>281.30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,307.59</b>

#### SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8)

Name	Title	Signature	Date
RAJESHKAR SOMASHETTI	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Signed	24-04-2024
FADHILLI PETRO SANGA	HEAD OF FINANCE	Signed	24-04-2024
FREDRICK HIPPOLITE	CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR	Signed	24-04-2024

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name	Title	Signature	Date
INDIAEL DANIEL KAAYA	DIRECTOR	Signed	24-04-2024
MWANANDI ATHUPHAN MTANDA	DIRECTOR	Signed	24-04-2024

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# Tabora hosts national World Malaria Day

By Guardian Reporter

**H**EALTH Minister Umyu Mwalimu is today scheduled to grace the World Malaria Day at national level in Tabora Region.

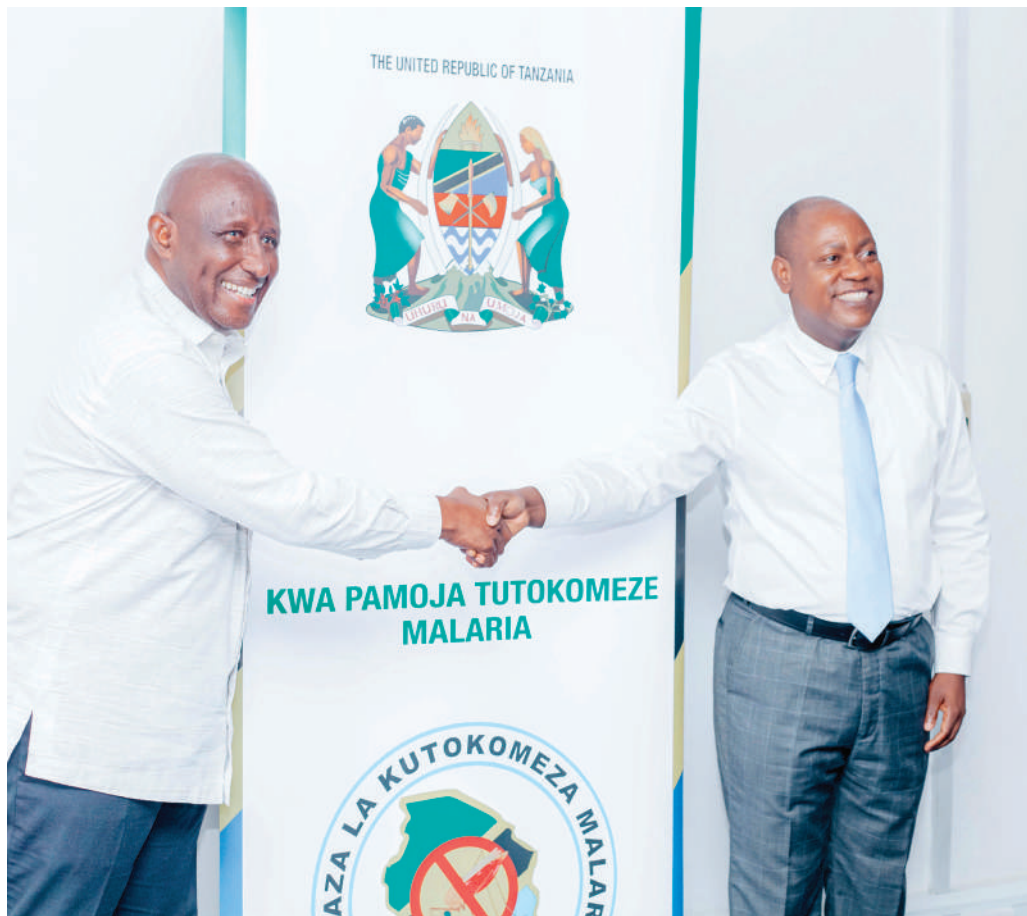
Leodgar Tenga, chairman of Eliminate Malaria Council Tanzania (EMCT) said this in Dar es Salaam yesterday when speaking at a meeting hosted by NBC Bank ahead of the day.

The move comes as the government statistics indicate that a total of 3.5 million people suffered from malaria in the country in 2023, resulting in the deaths of 1,900 people. A report by the World Health Organization also shows that 95 out of 100 malaria deaths worldwide occurred in sub-Saharan African countries.

According to Tenga, the council's goal is to completely eradicate malaria by 2030.

Tenga said that despite the national commitment to reduce the average malaria infection rate from 7.5 percent in 2017 to below 3.5 percent by 2025 and ultimately eliminate the disease by 2030, there is still a challenge of accessing sufficient resources to implement essential malaria interventions.

"The efforts of the government and various stakeholders in achieving this goal are commendable as the government has continued to invest in healthcare services and



education to combat the challenge of malaria. However, we see the need for more stakeholders, including journalists, private sector leaders and civil society organisations at all levels to support these efforts wholeheartedly to achieve this commitment. Malaria is completely unacceptable. Let's all reject it and take action," he said.

Tenga spoke of the need to intensify efforts in eliminating mosquito breeding grounds, using insecticide-treated nets and allowing experts and various leaders to educate the public about the disease through various media outlets, especially those that reach people in remote areas.

Theobald Sabi, NBC man-

aging director who is also a member of the council, said that the bank's participation in the initiative largely aims to address the consequences of the disease, including the deaths of young people, mothers and children which affect the workforce needed to boost the country's economy.

"Malaria makes children miss school and prevent workers and businesspeople from going to work, thereby affecting productivity and ultimately hindering economic growth. As a bank, we are deeply concerned about this and we are ready to cooperate with EMCT in this important battle at any cost," he said.

**Chairman of the Eliminate Malaria Council Tanzania (EMCT)Leodgar Tenga (L) congratulates NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi, on the collaboration between the two parties in implementing the council's shared goal of completely eliminating Malaria by 2030, during the council's meeting held at the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent**

# China-Africa cooperation in agriculture continues to deepen

BEIJING

**W**HEN visiting an egg production factory in Pinggu District, Beijing's northeastern suburb, African diplomats were amazed by the automated breeding process and quality products produced.

During an organized trip last week, 28 diplomats from over 20 African countries visited the egg factory, a food technology company, and scenic spot known as "peach blossom sea."

Modernization of agriculture and mechanization of agriculture at various levels of the value chain is quite relevant to Africa, said Willy Bett, Kenyan ambassador to China.

Beijing boasts about half of Chinese academicians in agriculture, over 1,000 professional breeders, and almost 20,000 agricultural scientific and technical personnel. As a traditional agricultural district of Beijing, Pinggu has made full use of its regional advantages to attract technicians by

establishing laboratories for academicians and researchers, offering funds for scientific and technological innovation.

Chickens nurtured in Pinggu are a great example of local products going abroad. At a chicken farm in Tanzania, workers there nurture chickens and white-feather broilers from Pinggu. Last summer witnessed 15,500 chickens and 1,000 white-feather broilers of Yukou Poultry being exported to Tanzania.

To ensure the chickens could adapt to the environment of Tanzania, technicians of Yukou Poultry made field trips to Tanzania to examine the local production factors, including feeding environment, feed and vaccines before export and sent technicians to work in Tanzania to offer professional guidance.

"The chickens from China can adapt to the local environment, better-resisting diseases than local chickens," said an administrator of the farm.

During the trip, the African

diplomats discussed how to promote agricultural cooperation between Chinese and African enterprises to ensure food security.

A new meeting of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) will be held in Beijing this autumn. "When you talk about the FOCAC mechanism, the cooperation between China and Africa, one of the most important topics is agricultural cooperation between China and Africa," said Ibrahimia Sory Sylla, Senegalese ambassador to China.

"We have the Chinese embassy in my country that facilitated the project to grow rice. We are talking to China in terms of setting up agricultural demonstration centers in Botswana," said Daphne Nomsa Mlotshwa, charge d'affaires of the Botswana Embassy in China.

Cooperation between China and African countries in other areas was also expected, such as photovoltaic energy, she added.



## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) PRE-QUALIFICATION OF LOCAL SUPPLIERS

RTI is an independent organization dedicated to conducting innovative multi-disciplinary research that improves the human condition. With a worldwide staff of more than 4,000, RTI offers innovative research and development and a full spectrum of multidisciplinary services.

The USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili (TM) project, implemented by RTI International, is currently inviting interested and competent suppliers that are willing to be prequalified for the supply of goods and services for the year 2024/2025.

Category 1	Office stationery	Tonner, pens, staplers, paper, Notebook, etc.
Category 2	Printing and designing services.	Printing business cards, booklets, annual report, graphic designing etc.
Category 3	Media engagement	Awareness raising
Category 4	Videography services	Filming project interventions
Category 5	Travel agency services	Flight bookings
Category 6	Events management services	Decorations, facilitator, and Public Announcement (PA) systems
Category 7	Dispenser water supply	Dispenser water supply
Category 8	Fumigation services	Fumigation services
Category 9	Office furniture and equipment	Tables, chairs, desks, filing cabinets, & shredders
Category 10	Cleaning and sanitary services	Office cleaning, sanitary disposal, and gardening services.
Category 11	Security services	Guard services, alarm systems, electric wire fence installations, CCTV systems & access control services etc.
Category 12	Insurance services	motor vehicle insurance.
Category 13	IT equipment	Laptops, monitors, tablets, & smart phones, printers.
Category 14	ICT services	ICT supply, repairs, and maintenance, IT professional support services.
Category 15	Maintenance services	Plumbing, air-conditioning servicing, electrical services.
Category 16	Hospitality services	Venue/conferencing and accommodation services within Tanzania.
Category 17	Catering services	Catering services.
Category 18	Travel and car hire services	Travel services within Tanzania.
Category 19	Vehicle Maintenances services	Service /repairs, oils, spare parts, and tires.
Category 20	Fuel supply	Fuel for generator and office vehicle.

### Submission Requirement:

- Applicants must submit adequate information i.e., Company profile with Company name, physical location, mailbox address, telephone number, Contact person, Business License, TIN and VRN whenever applicable.
- Applicants should indicate their capacity of supplying goods or services in the categories of their choice. The information should include past performance of similar assignments undertaken and should include a contact person for reference.
- Submit their Bank statements for the past six months on a bank letterhead.
- Short listed suppliers in the respective categories will be requested to submit quotations when specific need arise. Thereafter contracts will be issued on competitive basis.

### Terms and Conditions

- Prospective vendors should be able to supply the goods and services on a 30-day credit period.
- All current vendors that supply goods or services to RTI-USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili are encouraged to apply.
- RTI-USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili, reserves the right to conduct preliminary review of the submissions and contacting successful selected vendors for due diligence.

All interested and qualified suppliers should submit their applications by email to [Procurement@maliasili.rti.org](mailto:Procurement@maliasili.rti.org) not later than **May 20, 2024 at 14:00Hrs.** Please note that only selected vendors will be contacted.

Applicants should ensure that the subject of the email clearly indicates the category (ies) for which they are applying. Example "Stationery Lot (1)".



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
MINISTRY OF MINERALS  
STATE MINING CORPORATION (STAMICO)



## INVITATION

### RE: INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASING THE COLONIAL GOLD TAILINGS LOCATED AT BUHEMBA, MARA REGION

- The State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) is a state-owned entity under the Ministry of Minerals established in 1972 under the Public Corporation Act, 1969 through the State Mining Corporation Establishment Order No. 163 of 1972 as amended by GN. 171 of 2015.
- Buhemba Colonial Gold Tailings are 100% owned by STAMICO originated from colonial mining and processing activities between 1930 to 1970. The tailings are located in Buhemba village, Butiama District, Mara Region, Northern part of Tanzania. The area is accessible by car through the Mwanza-Musoma highway towards Butiama District. From Butiama, the Buhemba area is reached using the Butiama-Magunga tarmac road (~35 KM).
- STAMICO is seeking a potential buyer with the financial capability to purchase these Tailings available at Buhemba. It is estimated that a total of 796,400 tons of tailings, grading 1.07g/t of gold, equivalent to 27,397 ounces of gold, are available.
- The Corporation invites the interested buyers to submit proposals for purchasing the aforementioned Buhemba Colonial Gold Tailings. **The purchasing price must be included in the proposal.** Interested buyers are welcome for site visit immediately after seeing this advertisement. The deadline for submission of proposals is **May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, before 1700hrs.**
- The proposal must be submitted to:

The Managing Director State Mining Corporation P.O.BOX 981,  
DODOMA. [dodoma@stamico.co.tz](mailto:dodoma@stamico.co.tz)

For further enquires please call Tel. No. **+255 26 239 2363**  
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## AFRICAN BANKING CORPORATION TANZANIA LIMITED

### PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF BANK PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 AND 8 OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 2014

##### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

(Amounts in Million Shillings)

	Current Quarter 31 Mar 2024	Previous Quarter 31 Dec 2023
<b>A ASSETS</b>		
1 Cash	4,627	4,045
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	21,738	14,064
3 Investment in Government Securities	41,323	41,323
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	5,238	6,123
5 Cheques and Items for Clearing	281	171
6 Interbranch float items	-	-
7 Bills Negotiated	-	-
8 Customers Liabilities on Acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	92,783	87,183
10 Investment in Other Securities	-	-
11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Probable Losses)	133,251	130,858
12 Other Assets	13,991	12,525
13 Equity Investments	1,519	1,519
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	2,508	2,872
<b>16 TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>318,003</b>	<b>300,683</b>
<b>B LIABILITIES</b>		
17 Deposits From Other Banks and financial institutions	30,209	25,515
18 Customer Deposits	158,171	147,064
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-
20 Special deposits	-	-
21 Payment Orders/ transfers payable	-	-
22 Bankers Cheques and Drafts Issued	-	-
23 Accrued Taxes and Expenses payable	-	-
24 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25 Interbranch float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	-	-
27 Other Liabilities	3,753	4,745
28 Borrowings	117,256	114,519
<b>29 TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>309,390</b>	<b>291,843</b>
<b>30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>8,613</b>	<b>8,840</b>
<b>C CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		
31 Paid - up Share Capital	139,306	139,306
32 Capital reserves	200	-
33 Retained Earnings	(133,915)	(120,720)
34 Profit (Loss) Account	(210)	(12,979)
35 Other capital accounts	3,233	3,233
36 Minority Interest	-	-
<b>37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS</b>	<b>8,613</b>	<b>8,840</b>
<b>D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>		
(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	2.71%	2.94%
(ii) Non performing Loans & Advances to total gross loans	4.60%	4.50%
(iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	73.47%	76.63%
(iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets	41.90%	43.98%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	44.84%	45.79%
(vi) Deposit Growth	9.16%	5.84%
(vii) Assets growth	5.76%	-5.26%

##### INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

(Amounts in Million Shillings)

	Current Quarter 31 Mar 2024	Comparative Quarter 31 Dec 2023	Current Year Cumulative Profits/Losses 31 Mar 2024	Previous Year Cumulative Profits/Losses 31 Mar 2023
1 Interest Income	10,729	10,283	10,729	10,283
2 Interest Expense	(4,908)	(4,919)	(4,908)	(4,919)
<b>3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)</b>	<b>5,821</b>	<b>5,364</b>	<b>5,821</b>	<b>5,364</b>
4 Bad Debts Written Off	278	-	278	-
5 Impairment losses on Loans and Advances	(142)	-	(142)	-
<b>6 Non Interest Income</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,267</b>
6.1. Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	542	519	542	519
6.2. Fees and Commissions	342	298	342	298
6.3. Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4. Other Operating Income	328	450	328	450
<b>7 Non Interest Expense</b>	<b>(7,327)</b>	<b>(7,711)</b>	<b>(7,327)</b>	<b>(7,711)</b>
7.1.1 Salaries and benefits	(2,868)	(2,695)	(2,868)	(2,695)
7.1.2 Fees and Commission	-	-	-	-
7.2. Other Operating Expenses	(4,459)	(5,016)	(4,459)	(5,016)
<b>8 Operating Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>(158)</b>	<b>(1,080)</b>	<b>(158)</b>	<b>(1,080)</b>
9 Income Tax Provision	(59)	(59)	(59)	(59)
<b>10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax</b>	<b>(210)</b>	<b>(1,139)</b>	<b>(210)</b>	<b>(1,139)</b>
11 Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
<b>12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>(210)</b>	<b>(1,139)</b>	<b>(210)</b>	<b>(1,139)</b>
13 Number of Employees	168	172	168	172
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	-9%	-46%	-2%	-46%
15 Diluted Earnings Per Share	-	-	-	-
16 Number of Branches	6	6	6	6
<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	-0.27%	-1.44%	-0.27%	-1.44%
(ii) Return on Ordinary Shareholders' Funds	-9.55%	-23.79%	-9.55%	-23.79%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	104.18%	116.28%	104.18%	116.28%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	3.24%	3.05%	3.24%	3.05%

##### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

(Amounts in Million Shillings)

	Current Quarter 31 Mar 2024	Previous Quarter 31 Dec 2023
<b>I Cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
Net income (loss)	(158)	(1,744)
Adjustment for:		
- Impairment/amortization	698	4,665
- gain/loss on sale of assets	(2,252)	(7,919)
- net change in deposits	15,801	(36,216)
- net change in short term negotiable securities	(744)	2,633
- net change in other liabilities	(992)	516
- net change in other assets	6,663	4,943
- tax paid	(53)	(235)
- Net change in SMR	-	-
<b>Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities</b>	<b>18,964</b>	<b>(44,357)</b>
<b>II Cash flow from investing activities:</b>		
Dividend received	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(376)	(5,051)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-
Others (specify)	-	14,354
<b>Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities</b>	<b>(376)</b>	<b>9,303</b>
<b>III Cash flow from financing activities:</b>		
Repayment of long-term debt	-	(2,569.60)
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	16,352
Payment of cash dividends	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	2,737	15,431
Issue of preference shares	-	-
<b>Net cash provided (used) by financing activities</b>	<b>2,737</b>	<b>29,213</b>
<b>IV Cash and cash equivalents:</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	21,326	(5,841)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter	103,660	108,902
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter</b>	<b>124,986</b>	<b>103,060</b>

##### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

(Amounts in million shillings)

	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Non-Distributable Reserves	General Provision Reserve	Others	Total
<b>Current Year 2024</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	139,306	-	(133,899)	-	-	3,233	8,840
Profit for the year	-	-	(210)	-	-	-	(210)
Issue of share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(200)	200	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the current period</b>	<b>139,306</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(134,125)</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,233</b>	<b>8,840</b>
<b>Previous Year 2023</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	122,854	-	(120,720)	-	-	3,018	5,252
Profit for the year	-	-	(12,979)	-	-	-	(12,979)
Issue of share	16,352	-	-	-	-	-	16,352
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	215	215
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the previous period</b>	<b>139,306</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(133,899)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,233</b>	<b>8,840</b>

	Name	Signature	Date
Managing Director	I. John		25-Apr-24
Head of Finance	H. Kharbush		25-Apr-24
Head of Internal Audit	J. Kilato		25-Apr-24
We, the under-named, non executive members of the board of directors, attest to the correctness of the above statements. We declare that the above statements have been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief have been prepared in conformance with the instructions and are true and correct.			
	Name	Signature	Date
1 Director	P. Ishengoma		25-Apr-24
2 Director	Mr. R. Dave		25-Apr-24

### MINIMUM DISCLOSURES OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES

	PRICING (TZS)	PRICING (US \$ / EUR)	PRICING (GBP)
<b>PERSONAL BANKING</b>			
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>TIZE</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	NA	NA
Opening balance	Free	NA	NA
Minimum Operating Balance	NIL	NA	NA
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 10,000.00	NA	NA
Monthly Service Fee	Free	NA	NA
<b>FAHARI</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 50.00	€ 50.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 50.00	€ 50.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 50,000.00	\$ 100.00	€ 100.00
Monthly Service Fee	TZS 1,500.00	\$ 2.00	€ 2.00
<b>MWANGAZA JUNIOR ACCOUNT</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 50.00	€ 50.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 50.00	€ 50.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 50.00	€ 50.00
Monthly Service Fee (1 free withdrawal per quarter)	Free	Free	Free
Extra fee for more than 1 withdrawal per quarter	TZS 5,500.00	\$ 2.00	€ 2.00
<b>WEKEZA SAVINGS ACCOUNT (BALANCE BUILD UP)</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	NA
Opening balance	Free	Free	NA
Minimum Operating Balance	NIL	NIL	NA
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 100,000.00	\$ 25.00	NA
Monthly Service Fee	Free	Free	NA
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>AMANA</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	NA	NA
Opening balance	TZS 20,000.00	NA	NA
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 3,000.00	NA	NA
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	NA	NA	NA
Monthly Service Fee	TZS 3,000.00	NA	NA
<b>MARIDHAWA</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 25,000.00	\$ 25.00	€ 25.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 6,000.00	\$ 5.00	€ 5.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	NA	NA	NA
Monthly Service Fee	TZS 10,000.00	\$ 10.00	€ 10.00
<b>PREMIUM</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 35,000.00	\$ 30.00	€ 30.00
Minimum Operating Balance	NIL	NIL	NIL
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	NA	NA	NA
Monthly Service Fee	TZS 15,000.00	\$ 10.00	€ 10.00
<b>SME BANKING</b>			
<b>AMANA BIZ ACCOUNTS</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 50,000.00	\$ 50.00	€ 50.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 50,000.00	\$ 100.00	€ 100.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	NA	NA	NA
Monthly Service Fee	TZS 15,000.00	\$ 15.00	€ 15.00
<b>SME TIERED CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	NA
Opening balance	TZS 100,000.00	\$ 100.00	NA
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	NA
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	NA
Monthly Service Fee	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 15.00	NA
<b>JAMU CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	Free	Free	Free
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 100,000.00	\$ 100.00	€ 100.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 5,000,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	€ 50,000.00
Monthly Service Fee	Free	Free	Free

<b>CORPORATE BANKING</b>			
<b>CORPORATE CURRENT ACCOUNTS</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 500,000.00	\$ 250.00	€ 250.00
Minimum Operating Balance	NIL	NIL	NIL
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	NA	NA	NA
Monthly Service Fee	TZS 25,000.00	\$ 20.00	€ 15.00
<b>CORPORATE CALL ACCOUNTS</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	Free
Opening balance	TZS 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	€ 10,000.00
Minimum Operating Balance	TZS 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	€ 10,000.00
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 1.00	\$ 1.00	€ 1.00
Monthly Service Fee	TZS 20,000.00	\$ 20.00	€ 15.00
<b>CORPORATE TIERED INTEREST ACCOUNTS</b>			
Account Opening Fee	Free	Free	NA
Opening balance	TZS 500,000.00	\$ 250.00	€ 250.00
Minimum Operating Balance	NIL	NIL	NA
Minimum Interest Bearing Balance	TZS 50,000,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	NA
Monthly Service Fee	TZS 25,000.00	\$ 20.00	€ 15.00
<b>GENERAL CHARGES</b>			
Bankers Cheque	TZS 50,000.00	\$ 25.00	NA
<b>DISHONORED/UNPAID CHEQUE</b>			
Fund related	TZS 120,000.00	\$ 50.00	NA
Technical	TZS 30,000.00	\$ 50.00	NA
<b>Cheque book Processing Fee:</b>			
25 leaves	TZS 15,000.00	\$ 15.00	€ 15.00
50 leaves	TZS 25,000.00	\$ 20.00	€ 20.00
100 leaves	TZS 50,000.00	\$ 35.00	€ 35.00
Uncollected cheque book after 3 months	TZS 15,000.00	\$ 15.00	€ 15.00
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# First quarter 'so far so good' for banks

By Guardian Reporter

**A**S banks continue to publish their quarterly financial performances for the first quarter of this year, in accordance with regulatory requirements, wish indication showing continued growth of profitability, due to positive increase of both funded and non-funded incomes.

According to published financial statements for three banks including Azania Bank, Habib Bank and Access Microfinance Bank, the funded incomes, which hold the largest share of incomes, recorded strong growth, while non-funded incomes are also growing considerably, driven by fees and commissions, other income as well as forex dealing and transactions gains.

Other banks are also expected to publish their quarterly financial statements during the remaining days of this week and early next week, before the end of this month.

The Azania bank's unaudited quarterly financial statements point that net profit amounted to 7.3bn/- during the first three months of this year, compared to 6.9bn/- attained during the first quarter of last year.

The increase of the profit resulted from expansion of both funded income, which went up to 22.8bn/- compared to 18.3bn/- as well as nearly doubled non-funded income to 10.1bn/- during Q1, 2024, compared to 5.3bn/- during Q1, 2023.

The strong growth of non-funded income resulted from more than doubled foreign exchange profit, which amounted to 3bn/- during the first three months of this year, compared to 1.6bn/- during similar quarter of last year, as well as fees and commission which amounted to 5bn/- compared to 3bn/- respectively.

Azania, which is categorized as the largest bank with total assets of 2.2trn/-, also saw its other operating income growing by more



than three times to 2bn/- in the first quarter of this year, from 554m/- in the first quarter of last year.

The bank also managed to maintain its lending level at 1.68bn/- at the end of the first quarter, while customer deposits amounted to 1.59trn/-.

It retained earnings amounted to 95bn/- in Q1, 2024, which enabled it to maintain its shareholders' fund at 185.7bn/- despite slowed profit and loss account to 7.3bn/- from 29.2bn/- in the fourth quarter of last year.

Habib bank's statements show that net profit increased by nearly 70 percent to 1.68bn/- during the first quarter of last year, compared to 977m/-

recorded during similar period of last year.

According to the statements of the small bank, with a total asset of 361bn/- with four branches, the growth of profitability resulted from strong increase of both funded income and non-funded income.

Net interest income increased by nearly 50 percent to 3.8bn/- at the end of March, 2024, compared to 2.6bn/- at the end of March 2023, as lending amounted to 209bn/- during the first quarter of this year.

The statements show the bank has also managed to maintain the low level of Non-Performing Loans

(NPLs) of 2.06 percent, far below the Bank of Tanzania's (BoT) regulatory benchmark of 5 percent.

The non-funded incomes grew by at least 30 percent to 1.37bn/- compared to 1.07bn/- respectively, driven by sharp increase of foreign exchange dealing and transaction gains to 477m/- from 191m/- amid decline of fees and commission to 366m/- from 381m/- respectively.

The bank's basic earnings per share more than doubled to 650/- at the end of March this year, compared to 274/- recorded during the end of March 2023.

Access Microfinance Bank also

managed to maintain positive financial performances, after recording a net profit of 314m/- during the first quarter of this year, slightly lower than 404m/- recorded during the first quarter of last year, pushing down an earnings per share to 31/- from 40/-.

The statements show funded incomes increased to a net interest asset of 5.5bn/- compared to 4.6bn/- respectively, with lending to various sectors of the economy amounted to 59.2bn/- compared to 55.2bn/- recorded during the fourth quarter of last year.

The non-interest income amounted to 1.1bn/- compared to 1.2bn/- due to forex dealing and transactions losses of 46m/- compared to the gain of 25m/- as well as decline of other operating income, which amounted to 850m/- compared to 891m/- respectively.

# Multilateral banks grow partnership to enhance deliveries, operations

By Guardian Reporter

**T**HE leaders of 10 multilateral development banks (MDBs) have announced joint steps to work more effectively as a system and increase the impact and scale of their work to tackle

urgent development challenges.

The leaders outlined key deliverables for joint and coordinated action in 2024 and beyond, building on the progress since their Marrakesh statement in 2023, as their institutions



work to accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to better support clients in addressing regional and global challenges.

Published at the conclusion of a retreat hosted by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which holds the rotating chair of the MDB heads group recently, the actions represent the strengthened collaboration amongst MDBs.

The action will also serve as a valuable contribution for the forthcoming G20 Roadmap to evolve MDBs into a "better, bigger and more effective" system and in other fora.

The MDB heads committed to concrete and actionable deliverables in critical areas including generate additional lending headroom in the order of \$300-400 billion over the next decade, with the support of shareholders and partners.

This will involve offering a diverse set of innovative financial instruments to shareholders, development partners and capital markets, including hybrid-capital and risk-transfer instruments, and promoting the channeling of the IMF's Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) through MDBs.

The lending headroom will also providing more clarity on

callable capital which would help rating agencies better assess the value of callable capital, while continuing to implement and report on the G20 Capital Adequacy Framework (CAF) Review recommendations and related reforms.

They also agreed on delivering the first common approach to measuring climate results on adaptation and mitigation and align operations to the goals of the Paris Agreement and to jointly report on climate financing, as well as engaging in the UN-led process towards a new collective goal on climate finance.

Most importantly, the leaders

also agreed to enhance supports and improve early-warning systems for natural disasters.

Through strengthening country-level collaboration and co-financing, MDBs say will continue with discussions and supporting country-owned and country-led platforms to make it easier for countries to work with the banks.

This will include assessing proposals on country-led and country-owned platforms, towards a common understanding and next steps, including for some MDBs to implement platforms, harmonizing procurement practices, including by relying on each other's

procurement policies to reduce transaction costs and increase efficiency and sustainability as well as accelerating co-financing of public-sector projects through the newly launched Collaborative Co-Financing Portal.

The fourth step will involve catalyzing private-sector mobilization as MDBs are committed to scaling up private-sector financing for development goals, including by pursuing innovative approaches and financial instruments.

Actions include scaling up local-currency lending and foreign-exchange hedging solutions to boost private investment.

# TADB, Airtel partner to reform farming sector

By Correspondent James Kandoya

**T**ANZANIA Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) and AIRTEL Tanzania have forged a groundbreaking three-year partnership to bolster and revolutionize agricultural sector productivity, paving the way for unprecedented growth and prosperity in the industry.

The aim of the agreement is to empower and uplift the agricultural sector by fostering financial inclusivity among vital stakeholders, such as small-scale farmers, as well as empowering rural microenterprises, particularly women and youth.

During the signing ceremony held recently in Dar es Salaam, Airtel Tanzania Director General, Dinesh Balsingh, emphasized the partnership as a testament to Airtel Tanzania's unwavering commitment to supporting government initiatives that aim to significantly improve the lives of Tanzanians.



**Airtel Tanzania's Director General Dinesh Balsingh and TADB Managing Director Frank Nyabundege sign MoU to boost agriculture. Photo Correspondent James Kandoya**

innovations in the telecommunications sector, As Tanzania's technology is advancing farmers deserve to be one of the groups benefitting from this growth," he said.

"Our partnership between further aims at realizing benefits by addressing challenges faced by farmers through the

use of several digital products and agri-fintech innovations that will unfold new markets for farmers in both urban and rural areas. Such products will empower farmers' productivity and enhance their income," he added.

Balsingh said the Airtel and TADB partnership directly

connects with the vision of the President Samia Suluhu Hassan of achieving 10 percent annual growth rate in the Agricultural sector by 2030.

"With over 70 percent of the population being employed in the Agricultural sector, it is without a doubt that agriculture continues to be among the

key drivers of Tanzania's economic growth," he said.

TADB Managing Director Frank Nyabundege said that the Airtel and TADB collaboration will open doors for untapped potentials in the agricultural sector.

He said the partnership provide a platform for farmers to resolve issues about their daily activities putting ends to different challenges.

"The Airtel and TADB partnership aim to drive sustainable growth within the agricultural sector. The signing of MoU is the beginning of an unforgettable financial chapter that will be a game changer for farmers across Tanzania," he said said.

Nyabundege said the collaboration go hand in hand to solve financial shortcomings as President Samia Suluhu Hassan noted during a stakeholder meeting at COP28 on December 4, 2023.

He said, "We need to change and do sustainable agriculture by supporting various innovations that are compatible with the current situation."

# Firms join forces to reform community financial services

By Guardian Correspondent

**I**N a strategic partnership, Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) and Tigo Tanzania, have joined forces to unveil an innovative Vikoba service through Tigo-gopesa, aiming at transforming the community's financial services with unparalleled convenience and efficiency.

This collaboration aims to simplify financial services for the community, allowing citizens in Dar es Salaam to easily open, join, and manage 'vikoba' online.

Angelica Pasha, CEO of Tigo-gopesa, expressed optimism about the service and its potential to address financial challenges in the community.

She highlighted the safety, transparency, and improved coordination of funds that users can expect from the service, which can be accessed conveniently via cell phone.

CEO of TCB Bank, James Msuya, emphasized the importance of this partnership in providing essential financial services to the public.

He praised the collaboration with Tigo and pledged to continue working with other institutions to meet the financial needs of the community.



# 'There's a wealth of opportunities in African banking'

By Auguste-Claude-Nguetsop

WHILE the African banking market has seen a withdrawal of global banks over the last five years, the opportunity for localised banking has seen the opposite, driven by the expansion of African banking groups into the continent and led mostly by South African, West African, and Northern African banks.

In fact, 100 percent of respondents to KPMG's inaugural Southern African Banking Survey: Vision 2030 indicated that the size of the market is a key driver for seeking out and implementing effective strategies for growth into Africa.

This growth will be driven primarily by opportunity in the corporate banking, Investment Banking, and transaction banking sectors followed by retail and wealth management - underpinned by innovation which has enabled more customers to access banking services through mobile banking.

Based on the survey, there are significant opportunities for the unbanked that can further enable socio-economic development through alternative finance, which includes the rapid growth that is expected from innovations such as blockchain technologies.

However, this doesn't come without its challenges, where the survey highlighted that key challenges for expansion across the continent are the existence of a reliable regulatory framework supported by solid governance and transparency across the industry, as well as considerations around AML and Compliance, with currency and political risk closing the list.

While the major banks in South Africa have recorded excellent profitability this can be largely attributed to rising interest rates and escalating consumer over-indebtedness - signifying growth in revenue within banks' retail offerings, but with medium- to long-term risk potential.

A high level of customer uptake in lending - and transactions - remains a concern, especially as banks race towards innovation that enables ease of use for customer onboarding and retention.

This survey isn't a roadmap, but a call to action. We seek to empower and guide our leaders in banking to become proactive shapers of Africa's financial future. These thought-provoking insights, practical strategies, and real-world case studies will equip the banking industry to

thrive in this dynamic landscape.

The survey draws on the perspectives from the various parts of KPMG's Advisory business units across Africa which includes payments, AI and Digital, Investment, and Commercial banking as well as tax and ESG.

The African banking landscape is undergoing a metamorphosis, driven by technology, a vibrant fintech scene, and an insatiable demand for convenient and personalised financial services.

This report shines a spotlight on the seven key areas that will define this transformation over the next 10 years.

A global community demands a cornerstone of trust, moving further towards an environment where trust is seamless and transactions even more so. Building a reputation for security and transparency in a digital world must be a priority for all of us.

From a global perspective, 2024 is challenging but promising for the global banking industry.

Growth across Africa

As Africa is currently poised to be the second fastest growing regional economy, with more than 10 African countries experiencing substantial Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, the local environment and available expertise coupled with global knowledge play an important role in the growth across Africa.

This growth on the continent is where the banking sector is looking more for insights to succeed.

The expansion across the continent over the coming years will be driven primarily by opportunities in Corporate Banking, Investment Banking, and Transaction Banking followed by retail and wealth management - with Southern, Eastern, and West Africa presenting the biggest opportunity.

Artificial intelligence (AI) and digital innovation

Artificial intelligence models have the potential to transform businesses and everyday life profoundly. In line with our analysts' assessments, financial institutions are looking towards combining a "build and buy" strategy to enhance their AI and digital innovation skills and portfolios.

The information technology spend on AI and digital innovation is a testament to the 38 percent of participants who confirmed that between 21 percent and 30 percent of their IT budget is devoted toward these priorities.

Similarly, however, 54 percent of survey participants highlighted that the primary factor preventing the adoption of AI and digital innovation lies within budgetary con-



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ESG

The growing sectoral focus on ESG is linked to higher returns and benefits now coming to the fore as banks and financial service providers begin to see tangible results from their efforts.

As regulatory obligations grow and evolve, and consumer sentiment leans towards supporting ESG principles more and more, this operational pillar will secure a stronger foothold in all banking operations across Africa.

Tax

The expected trends in tax and the management and support within Southern Africa highlighted the necessity of the tax environment for businesses, particularly in the Banking sector. Interestingly, all participants believe that in tax advisory services of the future, AI is expected to play a bigger role.

In addition, 75 percent expect that the adoption and evolution of technologies to manage and administer tax functions will evolve and grow in the future. Specifically,

in South Africa, 58 percent indicated that they expected an increase in value-added tax (VAT) to meet national treasury budget deficits in the future.

Fifty percent indicated that they were satisfied with the tax management and support provided by internal and external advisors within the Southern African region.

Investment banking

While foreign investment into Africa moves slowly, the continent is currently regarded as the most profitable region in the world. The corporate and investment banking market on the continent has shifted a key focus towards sustainability, flexible risk management policies, and the quick adoption of appropriate technologies.

Our research shows that Investment banking in Africa offers significant growth potential driven by economic development, capital market expansion, and investment opportunities across various sectors. Particular focus is given to the opportunity for infrastructure development programmes, particularly in energy, renewables, water, and transportation.

In addition, public-private partnerships will be key as they enable the sharing of skills but also risks.

We are going to see three key areas of growth here including innovative financing solutions, new sectors for growth, and rising domestic capital.

Payments

Africa is comparatively ahead of the developed world when it comes to payment technology adoption and is uniquely positioned to capitalise on these advancements.

For example, as payment transactions make up the majority of financial transactions, the time is ripe for institutions to begin using those large datasets to gain valuable insights into their customers on an individual level.

With full consideration given to data privacy regulations, of course, the adoption of data analytics tools and technologies can enable institutions to obtain a clear picture of their customers, their preferences, and their needs.

By using payment data to outline customer segments, more targeted customer offerings, customer service, and product optimisation can be added to banks' services.

Sixty seven percent of respondents see the payment landscape as a business opportunity.

However, this is largely threatened by fintech companies which are seen as a threat by 100 percent of respondents.

**Auguste Claude-Nguetsop is the partner and head of Banking Advisory at KPMG in Southern Africa**

## Afreximbank conquers 'infrastructure finance deal of the year award' following Tanzania loan

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S US\$1.76 billion loan from the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) in June last year, has paved the way for the bank to clinch the prestigious 'Infrastructure Finance Deal of the Year' award.

In a dazzling display of dominance at the Bonds, Loans and ESG Capital Markets Africa Awards 2024 in South Africa, the bank swept up not just one, but an impressive six coveted accolades. A clear signal of their unrivaled mastery in the financial world.

A statement released yesterday by Afreximbank and shared to this journalist, highlights the bank's exceptional achievements in financing, promoting, and facilitating trade. The awards also commend the bank for its efforts in promoting sustainable economic growth and development across Africa.

Afreximbank was recognised with 'Financial Institutions Bond Deal of the Year' for acting as joint lead manager on the debut US\$300 million senior Eurobond issuance by Mauritius Commercial Bank (MCB), in April 2023, marking the first investment grade-rated commercial bank senior bond out of Africa as well as the first international Eurobond out of Mauritius.

The award for the Export Credit Agency, Development Finance Institution and International Finance Institution Deal of the Year was presented to the Bank for its US\$640-million Samurai loan issued in July 2023 while the Renewable Energy Finance Deal of the Year award went to the Bank for its EUR147-million loan to the Government of Cameroon which was issued on 7 October 2023.

For the Oil and Gas Deal of the Year award, the organisers recognised Afreximbank for its US\$1.3-billion loan to Sonangol Finance Limited, issued in August 2023. The final award to the Bank was for being



**These awards represent a recognition of our Bank's strategic work in Africa's financial markets and present an opportunity for Afreximbank to recognize and celebrate ...**

the Financial Institution Debt House of the Year.

Reacting to the awards, Chandi Mwenebungu, Director and Group Treasurer of Afreximbank, said: "These awards represent a recognition of our Bank's strategic work in Africa's financial markets and present an opportunity for Afreximbank to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of its clients and partners working to advance the economic development of Africa."

Mwenebungu noted that the bank had been playing a leading debt arranging role across Africa's main industry sectors and had been instrumental in promoting the inclusion of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards in financing structures, thereby furthering their application on the continent and attracting capital.

The Bonds, Loans and ESG Capital Markets Africa Conference is the only pan-African debt event bringing together local and international bonds issuers, investors and financial institutions and financial services providers from across the continent.

With participation by more than 1,060 senior borrowers, issuers, regulators, bankers, investors, advisors and government officials from 383 companies and 46 countries, the conference is recognised as the number one business meetings facilitator for Africa's capital markets and is Africa's largest corporate and investment banking event.



Afreximbank wins multiple awards in 2024. Photo: Courtesy of Afreximbank.

## Firm seals gas sales contract to power Zimbabwe's Eureka mine

By Guardian Reporter

INDEPENDENT upstream oil and gas company Invictus Energy Limited has signed a MoU with mine operator Dallaglio Investments and power generation firm Himoinisa Southern Africa Proprietary for a gas-to-power project in Zimbabwe.

A statement issued yesterday and shared to this journalist, indicated that the project will generate electricity to power operations at the Eureka Gold Mine - one of the country's largest.

Under the partnership, gas extracted from the Cabora Bassa project will fuel operations at Eureka - located 50km from the Mukuyu-2 wellsite.



Zimbabwe's Eureka mine. File Photo

The African Energy Chamber (AEC) - representing the voice of the African energy sector - applauds this initiative, recognizing it as a stride towards bolstering energy access, efficiency and reliability in Zimbabwe's mining sector.

Spearheaded by Himoinisa, the envisioned power generation facility is anticipated to commence with an initial capacity of 12MW, expandable to 50MW.

As the Eureka mine currently relies on diesel-fired

power as a back-up energy source, the transition towards gas-fired power promises a more dependable and environmentally friendly energy supply while also facilitating data collection crucial for optimizing full-field development planning and determining resource volumes and locations.

The MoU provides flexibility for incremental project growth and additional power off-take agreements, with feasibility studies underway to identify the most optimal power delivery method for Eureka.

The study will explore whether on-site generation or utilizing the existing grid infrastructure located 5km away coupled with wellsite power generation is the most strategic method.

Upon completion of the feasibility study, Invictus Energy and Himoinisa aim to formalize a binding Gas Sale and Purchase Agreement, ensuring the provision of natural gas for power generation and subsequent electricity supply to Dallaglio at Eureka

under mutually beneficial terms.

Beyond Zimbabwe, the electricity generated from this project holds potential to serve other private off-takers through local grids or via the Southern Africa Power Pool (SAPP) - a regional integrated power network.

As energy demand escalates across the continent, initiatives like this demonstrate the feasibility of leveraging indigenous energy resources to meet rising electricity needs. Invictus Energy has already signed a gas supply deal with Zimbabwe's Mbuyu Energy, with a 500MW power project on the cards.

The recent confirmation of the Mukuyu gas-condensate discovery at the Cabora Bassa project has further catalyzed Invictus Energy's efforts towards early monetization strategies and expedited production timelines.

The high-quality natural gas found at Mukuyu-2 is expected to facilitate a streamlined early production system, minimizing infrastructure requirements

and paving the way for future full-field developments.

"This initiative represents a step forward for Zimbabwe's energy sector and the gold mining industry, aligning with the country's vision for sustainable energy development," states NJ Ayuk, executive chairman of the AEC.

Adding: "It underscores the potential of African nations to leverage indigenous resources for sustainable development, unlocking new opportunities for economic growth and energy security in Zimbabwe and the broader African region."

Zimbabwe's strides in gas-to-power initiatives can serve as a blueprint for other Southern African nations seeking to fortify energy security and drive economic growth through sustainable energy solutions. With gold being one of the country's biggest export commodities, securing a sustainable supply of electricity will help bolster production and broader economic growth.



## ADVERTISEMENT



## DODOMA CHRISTIAN MEDICAL CENTER TRUST



## CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Dodoma Christian Medical Center (DCMC) was established in 2003 and has since been dedicated to delivering specialist and super-specialist healthcare with a focus on high-quality and compassionate care. Over the years, the hospital has evolved its strategic planning process to ensure long-term operational excellence and comprehensive healthcare services.

Recently, DCMC has transitioned to a more strategic approach with a 25-year Perspective Plan, a 10-year Transformation Plan, and a five-year Strategic Plan. These plans were developed using a participatory approach involving key stakeholders, aiming to identify obstacles, opportunities, and appropriate strategies aligned with national health plans and international development goals.

Over the next 25 years, DCMC aims to become a world-class super-specialist hospital, evolving into a regional hub for advanced medical care. The hospital prioritizes quality services, preventive and corrective care, and technological advancements to enhance access and equity in healthcare

### 1. DEVELOPMENT OF A FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

DCMC seeks to engage a consultant to develop a Financial Policies and Procedures Manual. This manual will play a crucial role in enhancing financial efficiency, ensuring transparency, and supporting the hospital's long-term sustainability goals.

#### A. OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of this assignment is to develop a robust and comprehensive Financial Policies and Procedures Manual that will guide the financial operations of DCMC Hospital. The manual aims to encapsulate the essence of prudent financial management, serving as a cornerstone for the hospital's financial decision-making processes. The manual should cover, but not be limited to, the following areas:

1. Financial planning and budgeting
2. Financial reporting and record-keeping
3. Cash and bank management
4. Asset management
5. Audit procedures

#### B. DELIVERABLES

The consultant will deliver the following:

1. A comprehensive Financial Policies and Procedures Manual.
2. A report detailing the process undertaken in developing the manual, challenges encountered, and recommendations for future improvements.
3. Training materials and a report on the training conducted.
4. A final report summarizing the project's outcomes, including any recommendations for future improvements.

The deliverables will be instrumental in charting a new course for financial governance, equipping DCMC Hospital with the tools necessary for navigating the complexities of healthcare finance.

#### C. TIMEFRAME

The assignment is expected to be completed within two months from the date of contract signing. The specified timeframe underscores the urgency and importance of the project, reflecting the hospital's proactive approach to financial stewardship.

### 2. DEVELOPMENT OF A PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT MANUAL

DCMC seeks to engage a consultant to develop a Procurement and Supply Chain Management Manual. This manual will play a crucial role in enhancing operational efficiency, ensuring transparency, and supporting the hospital's long-term sustainability goals.

#### A. OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of this assignment is to develop a robust and comprehensive Procurement and Supply Chain Management Manual that will guide the procurement operations and supply chain management of DCMC Hospital. The manual should cover, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- Procurement planning
- Supplier selection and evaluation
- Contract management
- Risk management in procurement
- Audit procedures in procurement
- Inventory management
- Distribution of supplies to different departments
- Handling returns or disposal of used items

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### 3. APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested consultants are invited to submit their CVs and a proposal detailing their understanding of the TOR, methodology, and a detailed work plan. The proposal should be divided into two parts: a Technical Proposal and a Financial Proposal. The Technical Proposal should detail the approach and methodology for the assignment, while the Financial Proposal should provide a detailed budget estimate for the assignment.

#### 4. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL POSTS

The details of these consultancy works are in the DCMC website: [www.dcmct.or.tz](http://www.dcmct.or.tz)

#### 5. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Interested consultants or consulting firms are invited to submit a detailed proposal outlining their approach, methodology, timeline, team composition, relevant experience, and proposed budget. Proposals should be submitted to Mr. Edward Emmanuel (Chief of Administration and Human Resource) through email at: [emmanuel@dcmct.or.tz](mailto:emmanuel@dcmct.or.tz) no later than 10 days from the date of this advertisement.

## JOB VACANCY

The mission of DCMC Trust to deliver sustainable community-based, specialized, and super-specialized healthcare for all through accessible and compassionate healthcare, guided by the love of Jesus Christ.

DCMC Hospital is a Christian Health Ministry owned by the Registered Trustees of Dodoma Christian Medical Center Trust (DCMCT) located at Imagi Hill, Ntuka Dodoma. Since its establishment, it has served thousands of patients as a multispecialty hospital offering quality health care for the people of central Tanzania and beyond and in collaboration with other stakeholders and in line with the Government policies.

DCMC Trust is an equal opportunity employer offering a stable and professional working environment with competitive remuneration and benefits. DCMC Hospital invites qualified persons to fill the following positions:

#### SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR II

**Job Reference Number:** DCMC – HQ – 0300  
**Duty Station:** Ntuka, Dodoma

#### Job Summary:

The incumbent will be responsible for the maintenance, configuration, and reliable operation of computer systems and servers. S/he will install hardware and software, actively resolve problems and issues with computer and server systems to limit work disruptions within the Hospital. S/he will ensure smooth running of all Hospital information system to make sure service is up and running all the time.

- Education and Qualifications
- Holder of Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Information Technology, System

#### Administration, or a closely related field from the recognized institution.

- 3-5 years of database, network administration, or system administration experience
- System administration and IT certifications in Linux, Microsoft, or other network related fields are a plus
- Strong knowledge of systems and networking software, hardware, and networking protocols
- A proven track record of developing and implementing IT strategy and plans
- Strong knowledge of implementing and effectively developing helpdesk and IT operations best practices, including expert knowledge of security, storage, data protection, and disaster recovery protocols

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL POSTS

- The details of the application are in the DCMC website: [www.dcmct.or.tz](http://www.dcmct.or.tz)
- Applicants must attach an up-to-date current Curriculum Vitae (CV) with reliable contact postal address, email address, and reachable telephone numbers.
- Applicants should apply the strengths of the information given in this advertisement.
- The title of the position applied for should be written in the subject of the application letter/e-mail and marked on the envelope
- Applicants must attach their detailed relevant certified copies of Academic certificates/ transcripts as follows:
  - o Postgraduate Degree, First Degree/Advanced Diploma, Diploma/ Certificates.
  - o Form IV and Form VI National Examination Certificates.
  - o Computer Certificates where applicable.
  - o Professional Certificates/Licenses from respective boards where applicable.
  - o One recent passport-size picture and copy of the birth certificate.
  - o Form IV and Form VI result slips are strictly not accepted. Presentation of forged academic certificates and other information in the CV will necessitate to legal action.
  - o Applicants should indicate three reputable work-related referees with their reliable contacts (Telephone numbers and e-mail address).

Only shortlisted candidates will be informed the date of the interview

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Application letters should be sent through e-mail: [jobs@dcmct.or.tz](mailto:jobs@dcmct.or.tz), POSTED or HAND DELIVERED to the following address on or before 04.00 p.m. on 5 May 2024 (i.e., Deadline for receiving applications)

#### Director

**Dodoma Christian Medical Center Trust**  
**Imagi Hill, Ntuka P O Box 658**  
**Dodoma**

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#### 1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Job Summary

The Executive Director holds a pivotal position as the Chief Executive Officer responsible for the day-to-day operations of the hospital and directs the implementation of the growth and development plans in line with the Strategic Plan of DCMC. The incumbent serves as the Accounting Officer and is directly accountable to the Board of Trustees. The primary responsibilities of the Executive Director include planning, controlling, coordinating, and implementing objectives, functions, and activities within the hospital. These actions are crucial for ensuring effective and efficient management in alignment with the hospital's strategic plan. The Executive Director serves as the official spokesperson for the hospital.

#### Qualifications and Experience:

- Holder of Master of Medicine Degree (MMed) plus Master degree in Business/General Management from recognized institutions.
- Must have a minimum of eight (8) years working experience in a busy reputable hospital or health institution in similar or equivalent role.
- Must be registered by the Tanganyika Medical Council as a Medical Doctor or satisfy the registration requirements of the Tanganyika Medical Council.

#### Personal Attributes and Skills Required:

1. Leadership: Strong leadership skills are essential to effectively guide and motivate staff towards achieving organizational goals.
2. Financial Acumen: A solid understanding of financial management principles is crucial for overseeing budgeting and financial operations.
3. Communication Skills: Effective communication, both oral and written, and interpersonal skills are necessary for serving as the official spokesperson of the hospital and interacting with various stakeholders.
4. Organizational Management: Proficiency in planning, organizing, and coordinating activities to ensure smooth operations within the hospital.
5. Experience: Proven experience in organizational management in healthcare/Medical administration or a related field is typically required for this role.

#### 2. CHIEF OF NURSING SERVICES (MATRON) - 1 POSITION Job Summary:

The incumbent will oversee the quality and efficiency of patient care. This is an administrative and strategic planning role that involves maintaining standards of care, monitoring nursing staff, and ensuring compliance with all regulations. The incumbent will review department management reports, communicate issues with hospital leadership, and help with budgeting. S/he will be responsible for planning, coordination and implementation of long- and short-term plans for nursing activities in clinical departments. S/he will supervise all line divisions heads and ensure performance targets are met.

#### Qualifications and Experience:

- Holder of Master's Degree in Nursing or equivalent Postgraduate diploma from a recognized institution.
- Holder of Diploma or Degree in Nursing from a recognized institution.
- Must be registered by the Tanzania Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Must have a minimum of five (5) years working experience in a busy reputable hospital
- Must have a valid practicing license

#### Personal Attributes

- Able to develop in-depth knowledge of principles of new public management and familiar with health reforms.
- Good leadership skills and qualities and able to work in a team
- Able to communicate with proven interpersonal skills and proven problem-solving skills
- Versatility in the critical management skills of transformation leadership, action planning, performance and total quality management, team building, decision making, problem solving and change management.

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#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Application letters should be POSTED to the following address on or before 04.00 p.m. on 20 May 2024 (i.e., Deadline for receiving applications)

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dodoma Christian Medical Center Trust P. O. Box 2664 Dodoma

Those using e-mail should submit their applications to [embennah@dcmct.or.tz](mailto:embennah@dcmct.or.tz)



## WORLD

## Gaza hospital bodies indicate 'possible war crimes'

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REPRESENTATIVES of the United Nations are alarmed by what is called as "possible war crimes" and demand an independent investigation after hundreds of bodies were found in the premises of a hospital in Khan Younis amid continued Israeli bombardment. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation just condemned such crime against humanity and "state terrorism".

According to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on April 23, a total of 283 bodies were recovered at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis in central Gaza and at Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City in the north. At least 42 of these have been identified.

Among the dead were older people, women, and some wounded while others were found tied with their hands tied and stripped of their clothes.

"The intentional killing of civilians, detainees and others who are hors de combat is a war crime," said United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk, as he called for independent investigations into the deaths.

"Every 10 minutes a child is killed or wounded. They are protected under the laws of war, and yet they are ones who are disproportionately paying the ultimate price in this war," said the High Commissioner.

Ravina Shamdasani, spokesperson for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights told journalists in Geneva that reports suggested there were 30 Palestinian bodies buried in two graves in the courtyard of Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City; one in front of the emergency building and the others in front of the dialysis building.

Further, the bodies of 12 Palestinians have now been identified from these locations at Al-Shifa, but identification has not yet been possible for the remaining indi-

viduals. Shamdasani said there could be "many more" victims, "despite the claim by the Israeli Defense Forces to have killed 200 Palestinians during the Al-Shifa medical complex operation.

Turk also lamented the "unabated" grave human rights violations that continued in the West Bank despite international condemnation of "massive settler attacks" between April 12 and April 14 that had been facilitated by the Israeli army.

There were also reports that several Palestinians had been unlawfully killed in the Nur Shams operation "and that the ISF used unarmed Palestinians to shield their forces from attack and killed others in apparent extrajudicial executions", according to the OHCHR.

Turk had also strongly condemned recent Israeli strikes in Rafah that resulted in the deaths of many women and children.

In a statement on Tuesday, Turk also warned against a full-scale ground incursion into an area with over 1.2 million civilians, saying it would violate international humanitarian and human rights law, likely leading to more atrocities, according to a report by Xinhua News Agency.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation, or OIC, in a statement, condemned "the continued tragic massacre by the Israeli occupation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory" and reports of mass graves recently discovered in the Nasser Medical Complex compound in Khan Younis.

"The OIC considered this as war crime, a crime against humanity, and an organized state terrorism that requires investigation, accountability, and sanction under international criminal law, stressing that the International Criminal Court must assume its responsibility in this regard," the OIC statement read.

The OIC also said it held the "Israeli occupation" accountable for the repercussions of its crimes and "continued terrorist



Humanitarian aid is airdropped to Palestinians over Gaza City, Gaza Strip, March 25, 2024. (PHOTO / AP)

practices against the Palestinian people", which negate all human values and constitute a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law.

"The OIC renewed its call on the international community, in particular the Security Council, on the need to stop the war crimes committed by the Israeli occupation in the Gaza Strip and to provide international protection for the Palestinian people," it added.

Mohammad Abualrob, director of the Palestinian Government Communications Center in the West Bank, told China Daily that the discovery of mass graves and the "brutal killing" of civilians in Gaza was a further indication of Israel's "genocidal policies" against the Palestinian people.

"The Palestinian people yearn for international justice and an end to the occupation. Israel has rejected hundreds of UN resolutions, and in the face of so much evidence of ongoing genocide in Gaza, the time is now urgent to force Israel to halt its actions," said Abualrob, who is also former assistant professor and chairperson of the Department of Media at Birzeit University in the West Bank.

Jawaid Iqbal, chairman of the Department of West Asian and North African Studies at Aligarh Muslim University in India blamed the long history of "imperialism" for the mass graves found in Gaza.

"Whether it's the burial sites found at indigenous boarding schools in Canada or the US, or the

graves of Nazi war victims, white supremacist and colonialist states have always used racist extermination to maintain their power," Iqbal told China Daily.

"This is happening again in Gaza, as Israel, supported by the West, violently suppresses anti-colonial resistance. The imperialist power of the Global North perpetuates a world where white lives are valued more than those of people from the Third World, who are consigned to mass graves," he added.

More than 34,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, including 14,685 children and 9,670 women, the UN High Commissioner's office said on April 22 since fighting escalated between Israelis and Palestinians after Oct 7 last year.



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## Russia ready to cooperate with all interested partners to ensure security – Putin

MOSCOW

MOSCOW is ready to work on the formation of a multipolar world order and strengthening global security with all interested partners, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in a video address message to participants in the 12th International Meeting of High Representatives for Security Issues.



"Russia is prepared for close collaboration with all interested partners to uphold global and regional security and to establish a new multipolar international order that aligns with the interests of the majority of nations," the head of state stressed.

He noted that at the current conference the representatives of different countries "will analyze the global landscape, discuss key aspects of global and regional stability, and share perspectives on enhancing responses to the most urgent and perilous contemporary challenges."

Putin expressed confidence that the meeting "will bolster cooperation for the mutual benefit of our countries and peoples, in the interests of peace and stability worldwide."

The 12th International Meeting of High Representatives for Security Issues is taking place in St. Petersburg on April 23-25. Delegations from 106 countries headed by Security Council Secretaries, national security advisers and counsellors, ministers and heads of special services have come to Russia to take part in the event.

## 'Western media criticises our democracy because they think they are also political players in our election'

HYDERABAD

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar slammed Western media, emphasising that they criticise our democracy because they think they are also political players in our election and not because they lack information.

Addressing a forum for nationalist thinkers in Hyderabad on Tuesday, EAM Jaishankar said, "I get a lot of these noises from the Western press and if they criticize our democracy, it's not because they lack information. It is because they think they are also political players in our election."

Further, Jaishankar said that in an article by the Western media, they stated that in such a heatwave in India, why are they holding elections?

"Now I read that article and I wanted to say listen, in that heat my lowest turnout is higher than your highest turnout in the best run," Jaishankar said.

He added that these are games that are being played with us.

"These are politics. These are our domestic politics which is going global, global politics which feels they must now intrude in India. How can these chaps decide who should be ruling them without consulting us?" he said.

Moreover, Jaishankar stressed that "They (West) actually think they are part of our electorate", adding, "I think it's time today that we disabuse them and the best way that we do that, is by confidence."

EAM emphasised the need to stand up to these kinds of attacks and criticisms and rankings and reports because they will question everything.

"They will question your election system, your EVM, your election commission, even the weather," he said.

"And one complaint is...BJP is so unfair, BJP thinks it's going to win very big," he said, adding that, in a kind of way, today, we are at a very important inflexion point.

Jaishankar said that the decisions, the government will be making, are not just for the next five years, and will give our nation, our society, and our coming generations a very big vote of confidence.

"It is the guarantee, the guarantee is an expression of confidence. It is an expression of confidence based on what we have delivered for the last ten years," he added.

He highlighted how India has been regarded across the world in the last ten years, how the country is today preparing for the next 25 years is the mindset with which we need to approach the world.

Moreover, recalling the G20 Summit, Jaishankar said that during the presidency, several countries wanted to connect to India.

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## China to launch Shenzhou-18 crewed spaceship

JIUQUAN

THE Shenzhou-18 crewed spaceship is scheduled to be launched at 8:59 p.m. today (Beijing Time) from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China, announced the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) yesterday.

The spaceship will carry three astronauts -- Ye Guangfu, Li Cong and Li Guangsu -- to carry out the Shenzhou-18 spaceflight mission, and Ye will be the commander, said Lin Xiqiang, deputy director of the CMSA, at a press conference.

Shenzhou-18 is the 32nd flight mission of China's manned space program, and the third manned mission during the application and development stage of China's space station.

The crew will stay in orbit for about six months, and they are scheduled to return to the Dongfeng landing site



This undated photo shows Chinese astronauts Ye Guangfu (C), Li Cong (R) and Li Guangsu who will carry out the Shenzhou-18 spaceflight mission. Chinese astronauts Ye Guangfu, Li Cong and Li Guangsu will carry out the Shenzhou-18 crewed spaceflight mission, and Ye will be the commander, the China Manned Space Agency announced at a press conference yesterday. Xinhua

in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region in late October this year.

After entering orbit, the Shenzhou-18 spaceship will

perform a fast automated rendezvous and docking with the radial port of the space station core module Tianhe

in about 6.5 hours, forming

a combination of three modules and three spacecraft, Lin said.

During their stay in orbit, the Shenzhou-18 crew will

witness the arrival of the Tianzhou-8 cargo craft and Shenzhou-19 crewed spaceship, Lin said.

The space station combination is now in a stable status with all equipment functioning well. Product qualities of the Shenzhou-18 spaceship and the Long March-2F carrier rocket are under control, Lin added.

The Shenzhou-18 crew is in good condition, while the ground system facilities are in stable operation. All preparations for the launch have been completed, Lin said.

The launch will use a Long March-2F carrier rocket, which will be filled with propellant soon.

The Shenzhou-17 crew is scheduled to return to the Dongfeng landing site on April 30 after completing the in-orbit work handover to the Shenzhou-18 crew, he added.

Xinhua

## Bloc politics undermines peace, stability in South China Sea

THE United States, Japan and the Philippines recently issued a so-called Joint Vision Statement in Washington, distorting facts and confusing right and wrong on the South China Sea issue, the East China Sea issue and the Taiwan question, and arbitrarily smearing and attacking China.

This is completely against the public statement previously made by the U.S. side that the Japan-Philippines-United States Trilateral Leaders Summit and their trilateral cooperation are truly not aimed at China.

What the three countries intend to do is to establish an exclusive bloc for bloc politics and stoking confrontation, which hurts other countries'

strategic security and interests, and brings serious risks to regional peace and stability.

The merits of the South China Sea issue, the East China Sea issue and the Taiwan question are very clear. Some relevant countries' attempt to challenge justice by establishing small blocs is doomed to fail.

The Taiwan question is purely China's internal affair. Resolving the Taiwan question is a matter for the Chinese themselves that no one can interfere. The biggest threat to cross-strait peace now is the separatist activities of "Taiwan independence" forces and external connivance and support for them.

Some countries always talk about

"peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait," but remain silent on opposing "Taiwan independence." This only emboldens the "Taiwan independence" separatist forces and undermines peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.

China has indisputable sovereignty over Diaoyu Dao and its affiliated islands, as well as Nanshai Zhudao. Its activities in the East China Sea and South China Sea are lawful, justified and beyond reproach. China has unwavering determination and will in safeguarding its legitimate rights. China does not accept relevant countries' groundless accusation and deliberate smears against it on the East China Sea and South China Sea.

The root cause of the rising tensions in the South China Sea lies in the fact that some Philippine politicians have disregarded the interests of their country and people, seeking support from external countries to embolden themselves, and constantly provoking conflicts over issues such as Ren'ai Jiao.

Despite the Philippines' efforts to portray itself as a "victim," this cannot conceal its true provocative and troublemaking nature.

The Philippine side has continuously spread disinformation and hyped up the situation. Going back on its words, it refuses to tow away its illegally grounded warship in Ren'ai Jiao. It arbitrarily breached

the understanding it had reached with China on properly handling the situation on Ren'ai Jiao, and made repeated attempts to send construction materials for large-scale repair and reinforcement of the warship, in an attempt to permanently occupy Ren'ai Jiao.

The Philippines has been violating China's sovereignty and the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), especially Article 5 which says refraining from action of inhabiting on the presently uninhabited islands and reefs.

China will not accept the wanton provocation by the Philippines and will resolutely stop it in accordance with law and regulations to uphold

China's sovereignty and the sanctity of the DOC.

The recent escalation of tensions in the South China Sea is also a result of the meddling of external forces. The United States, driven by geostrategic considerations, has been fanning the flames, instigating disputes, inciting confrontation, and even forming cliques to conduct so-called joint patrols and military exercises in the South China Sea, wishing nothing but chaos in the region. Japan is not a party to the South China Sea issue, but it has deliberately intervened in it for its own expansion, which fully exposes the danger of its strategic direction.

People's Daily



## US stops hiding true purpose of sanctions on Moscow, Russian envoy says

WASHINGTON

THE US has stopped hiding the true purpose of sanctions on Moscow, Russian Ambassador to Washington Anatoly Antonov said.

"Washington has stopped hiding the true intent of its restrictive pressure on our country. It's not about any mythical aspirations to resolve the conflict in Ukraine, but about banal opportunistic and predatory ambitions.

A trivial scenario is in order: if the Americans cannot win in a fair economic competition, sanctions are used," he pointed out, commenting on US officials' statements about plans to increase pressure on Russia's energy sector.

Antonov stressed that US officials "use every opportunity" to threaten Russia with restrictions.

Earlier, US Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources Geoffrey Pyatt said that Washington expected to further restrict Russia's access to European energy markets.

As Antonov marked, US officials believe that energy security is about dominating markets and eliminating competition.

"Energy security, according to Washington, is the desire to dominate markets, complete subordination of satellites and stopping any competition. We doubt that such approaches are viable



in a multipolar world," he noted in a post on the Russian Embassy's Telegram channel.

The US is increasing hydrocarbon production, while pushing other countries to abandon the use of fossil fuels, Antonov added.

"While broadcasting slogans about the existential threat from a warming planet and pushing other countries to abandon the use of fossil fuels, the United States is rapidly increasing its domestic production of hydrocarbons. They are hooking the allies on their own gas for decades to come. Of course, such a situation is not called "unacceptable dependence." This, they insist, is a different story," he noted.

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NEW DELHI

JAMIE Dimon, Chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase on Tuesday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and expressed his admiration for the achievements by India, the JPMorgan Chase CEO was speaking at a luncheon organised by the Economic Club of New York.

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The video of Dimon's comments on India were posted by Union Minister Piyush Goyal on social media platform X. Dimon, known for his astute observations on global economics and politics, remarked, "Modi has done an unbelievable job in India."

Dimon highlighted PM Modi's efforts in poverty alleviation, infrastructure development, and bureaucratic reforms, emphasizing the remarkable progress India has made under his leadership.

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He said, "They've started this amazing trend where every citizen is recognized by hand, eyeball, or finger. They've opened bank accounts for 700 million people, and payments are being processed smoothly.

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"They have I think its 29 states or something like that, but they all had completely-its almost like Europe that have completely different tax systems, which leads to enormous corruption. He's breaking all that stuff down. And so, there are examples of people who have just turned these things around. And we need a little bit more of that here," Dimon added.

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TEL AVIV

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In central Gaza, several Hamas terrorists spotted near Israel forces were eliminated by tank fire.

At least 1,200 people were killed and 240 Israelis and foreigners were taken hostage in Hamas's attacks on Israeli communities near the Gaza border on October 7. Around 30 of the remaining 133 hostages are believed dead. **ANI**



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# Palestinians mourn history as Israel destroys archaeological sites in Gaza

GAZA

IN a state of astonishment, Samiha al-Aqqad, 86-year-old mother of eight, gazed in disbelief at the mound-like piles of rubble, barely recognizing the remnants of Barquq Castle, a historical site in Khan Younis, reduced by the Israeli army to a mere heap of debris.

"A few months ago, we had Barquq Castle, which was an essential and ancient landmark of the city of Khan Younis. It indicated the presence of civilization, heritage, and culture in our city throughout history," the elderly Palestinian woman told Xinhua.

"Unfortunately," she complained, "Israel destroyed it and everything that was Palestinian in our city. Overnight, this castle and all the neighborhoods of our city turned into nothing more than massive destruction."

Barquq Castle was established in 1387 by Prince Younis Duadar at the request of Sultan Barquq, one of the Mamluk sultans of the Arab-Islamic era and the founder of the Burj Mamluk state.

During the lengthy journey between Damascus and Cairo, the two prominent cities of the Mamluk state of Burj, it was built to serve as a resting place and meeting spot for merchants and travelers.

"For many decades, we have been coming here with our parents and our grandchildren to tell them our history ... Unfortunately, it is all over now," said she. "Why Israel insists on destroying all our presence and existence on our land," al-Aqqad asked, bursting into tears.

Standing beside the Al-Omari Grand Mosque in the city, which was also largely destroyed by Israeli airstrikes in December last year, Jamal Abu Kamil, a Gaza-based Palestinian, raised the same question.

The 42-year-old father of four witnessed several conflicts between Israelis and Palestinians in Gaza since 2008.

"We have not witnessed such an Israeli war that destroyed everything in Gaza ... It is not against Hamas only, but it is against our history and existence," he said. The 1400-square-meter Al-Omari Grand Mosque was originally a Roman temple. It was made into a Roman church during the Byzantine



A Palestinian man inspects the historical site of Barquq Castle destroyed in the Gaza conflict in the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Younis, on April 23, 2024. Barquq Castle was established in 1387 by Prince Younis Duadar at the request of Sultan Barquq, one of the Mamluk sultans of the Arab-Islamic era and the founder of the Burj Mamluk state. During the lengthy journey between Damascus and Cairo, the two prominent cities of the Mamluk state of Burj, it was built to serve as a resting place and meeting spot for merchants and travelers. (Photo by Rizek Abdeljawad/Xinhua)

era and later converted into a mosque following the Islamic conquest.

In 1291, it was upgraded into the city's Grand Mosque by the Mamluks. The mosque's refurbishment was completed in 2004. "Since childhood, I performed Friday prayers and all Tarawih prayers during Ramadan in this ancient mosque.

Here, I used to conjure up history and Islamic civilization among the crowds of worshippers. This place has a distinct historical fragrance that makes us feel proud that we live on this land," Abu Kmail recalled. Haitham Saba, a Gaza-based Christian, shared the same sadness.

To escape the intense Israeli bombardment in Gaza City, the 39-year-old father, along with his family and several Christians, sought refuge in the Church of Saint Porphyrius, a Greek Orthodox church that was considered the oldest one in the city.

However, the Israeli army attacked one of the church's outer buildings, killing 18 peo-

ple and wounding dozens, including Saba's relatives.

"Back then, Israel claimed that it targeted a place adjacent to the church, but its army deliberately hit the church and destroyed a large part of it," Saba told Xinhua. "Israel has deliberately attacked Palestinian history, whether Christian or Muslim." Barquq Castle, the Omari Mosque, and the Church of Saint Porphyrius are among the 200 archaeological and historical sites that were destroyed in the Gaza Strip, according to the Hamas-run government media office.

"The Israeli army attacked our historical sites and stole thousands of artifacts that were in the archaeological sites and stores," grumbled Fadel Al-Otl, a Gaza-based Palestinian antiquities expert.

However, he complained, "We do not have anything to protect ourselves from the Israeli aggression against our existence and our lives."

Xinhua

## To view, develop China-Germany bilateral relations from long-term, strategic perspective

ON the morning of April 16, Chinese President Xi Jinping met with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Beijing. This is Scholz's second visit to China since he took office, and Scholz is the first leader of a major Western country to visit China this year. The two leaders exchanged views on bilateral relations and international and regional issues of mutual interest.

Xi called on the two countries need to view and develop bilateral relations from a long-term and strategic perspective, and work together to inject greater stability and certainty into the world. His remarks have charted the course for the two countries to further advance bilateral relations and to jointly contribute more to world peace and prosperity under new circumstances.

Over the past 50-plus years since the establishment of diplomatic ties, China and Germany have enjoyed robust bilateral relations. The two countries have had close exchanges at all levels and in all fields.

China's policy toward Germany is highly stable and consistent. China always views Germany as its important partner of mutually beneficial cooperation and supports Germany in playing a more important role in Europe and the wider world.

The two sides successfully held the intergovernmental consultation and high-level dialogues on strategic and financial issues, and will hold a dialogue on climate change and green transition. As long as the two sides uphold mutual respect, seek common ground while reserving differences, enhance exchanges and mutual learning, and pursue win-win cooperation, China-Germany relations will continue to enjoy solid and sustained progress.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the all-round strategic partnership between China and Germany. Over the past 10 years, despite tremendous changes in the international landscape, China-Germany rela-



Young Germans experience paper knife cutting, an item of China's intangible cultural heritage, at Changzhou Library, east China's Jiangsu province. (People's Daily Online/Hu Ping)

tions have maintained steady growth, and bilateral cooperation has strengthened and deepened across the board, providing impetus for the development of both countries.

Both history and reality have proved that the all-round strategic partnership is an inevitable choice and the optimal solution for China-Germany relations.

The more instability in the world, the greater the need for the two sides to strengthen the resilience and vitality of their relations, Xi said, calling for joint efforts to keep to the overall direction of cooperation and development in growing bilateral ties, and stick to the characterization of all-round strategic partnership.

Scholz said that going forward, the German side will work with the Chinese side to strengthen bilateral ties, deepen dialogue and cooperation in all fields, and promote people-to-people exchanges in such areas as education and culture.

Enhancing mutual understanding and trust, and strengthening dialogue and communication will contribute to the healthy and stable development of the all-round strategic partnership between the two countries.

Both China and Germany have deeply engaged in and benefited from each other's development, with pragmatic cooperation always being the defining feature of China-Germany relations.

China and Germany are important trading partners for each other. Germany has been China's largest trading partner in Europe for 49 consecutive years, while China has been Germany's largest trading partner for eight consecutive years.

According to a report by German Economic Institute (IW), in 2023, German direct investment in China increased by 4.3 percent year on year to a record high of 11.9 billion euros (\$12.7 billion).

In the face of weak global economic recovery and rising protectionism, German investment in China has remained strong. Thousands of German companies and institutions are actively engaged in the Chinese market, which once again demonstrates that mutually beneficial cooperation between China and Germany is not a "risk," but the guarantee for a stable bilateral relationship and an opportunity for the future.

There is huge potential to be tapped for pursuing win-win cooperation in both traditional sectors such as machinery and automobile, and new areas such as green transition, digitization and artificial intelligence.

This time, Scholz visited Chongqing and Shanghai together with representatives of the German business community, and witnessed the great economic

progress China made over recent years. He said that Germany opposes protectionism and supports free trade.

It is important for the two countries to adopt an objective and dialectical view on the issue of production capacity through a market and global perspective and based on the laws of economics, and devote more efforts to the discussion on cooperation, which will bring bilateral economic and trade cooperation to a new level and inject continuous impetus into global economic recovery.

As China and Germany are respectively the second and third largest economies in the world, the consolidation and development of their relations carries significance that goes beyond the bilateral scope, and has a major impact on the Eurasian continent and the entire world.

China and Germany share a lot in common on the issue of world multipolarity. Both of them support globalization and international cooperation.

Xi pointed out that a multipolar world is, in essence, one where countries with different civilizations, systems and paths respect each other and coexist in peace. China and Germany need to independently carry out collaboration on multilateral fronts, push the international community to take real actions to better address global challenges such as climate change, unbalanced development and regional conflicts, and make greater contribution to the balance and stability of the world.

People's Daily





Popular comedian Lucas Mhavi, alias 'Joti', is pictured hopping onto the back of his assistant after paying his last respect to the body of Clouds FM presenter Gardner Habash, at Leaders Club grounds in Dar es Salaam on Sunday, due to ongoing rains. Habash passed away in the city the same weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT MIRAJI MSALA

## Azam FC eyes Yanga, Simba SC top players

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

RUMOURS of Azam FC's interest in Yanga's star trio - Stephane Aziz Ki, Clement Mzize, and Djigui Diarra - and Simba SC's midfield maestro Clatous Chama, have gained traction after Azam FC head coach Yousuph Dabo had seemingly confirmed the rumours.

Following Azam FC's 1-0 victory over Ihefu SC in Dar es Salaam last Sunday, Dabo was asked by reporters about potential transfer targets for the outfit.

When specifically asked about Mzize, a highly coveted striker, Dabo acknowledged the forward's talent.

The Senegalese gaffer remarked: "Everyone knows Mzize's competence, but there are several other exceptional players like Chama, Aziz Ki, Diarra, and Kibu Denis."

"While I haven't discussed these names with the management yet, acquiring them would undoubtedly strengthen our squad. Their performances in the NBC Premier League have showcased immense potential."

Thabit Zakaria, Azam FC's Information Officer, echoed Dabo's sentiments, saying: "We're committed to supporting the coach in securing his desired additions. While Dabo hasn't formally presented a list except for Mzize, we have already approached Yanga regarding him."

The official disclosed: "Interestingly, many of the players the coach mentioned are nearing the end of their contracts, potentially simplifying negotiations."

Azam FC is actively pursuing rein-

forcements, and the team's sights are set on some of the biggest names in Tanzanian football.

This potential transfer saga could significantly impact the upcoming season's landscape.

Among the players mentioned, Mzize appears to be the Chamazi Street club's top priority. His reputation as a prolific goal scorer gives him an edge, and his potential arrival would bolster Azam FC's attacking prowess.

The reported transfer offer of 400m/- to Yanga underscores Azam FC's determination to secure his services.

Azam FC's pursuit of the top players would hardly move without hurdles. Convincing Yanga and Simba SC to part ways with such valuable assets will be a challenge.

Additionally, player wages and transfer fees will likely be significant stumbling blocks.

However, if Azam FC manages to pull off these transfers, the outfit could transform into a dominant force in Tanzanian football.

The combination of these players' talent and Dabo's tactical acumen could create a team with what it takes to effectively pursue both domestic and regional titles.

Will Azam FC manage to land their coveted targets and how will Yanga and Simba SC respond?

These questions will undoubtedly dominate discussions among soccer fanatics in Tanzania in the coming weeks and months as this intriguing transfer saga unfolds.

## Derby victory reaffirms Yanga's hold, pushing Simba SC to self-interrogation

By Correspondent John Kimbute

WHAT was largely unexpected became a truism late on Saturday as Young Africans SC obtained a second successive derby victory over arch-rivals Simba SC despite that the match was either a do or die for the Msimbazi Street side to win such that they save, if not the season, then the mood at the club.

What is, thus, becoming clear is that there is a structural difference between the two sides, in that it either more or less does not matter how determined the Msimbazi Street side might be, they are likely to lose to their next-street rivals. Successive defeats are not usual in city derbies.

That is why this defeat either seals the issue for the club, or it stands to have such implications, but it is unlikely to take the usual format, as successive derby defeats and failure to approach the premier league title would, in a different situation, cost the head coach his position.

That may not be off the cards entirely but such situations do not come unnoticed as, so far, no one has been heard to suggest that the head coach is the problem and, instead, it is the leadership - not the board - but the honorary club president.

Either the fans or members are sure of this but they have little choice, in which case it is an issue of them either changing or letting the rot just glide on.

What made the derby positive for the Msimbazi Street side, despite the loss, is that it was not humiliating, the way the derby made it appear, that they are fairly disorganized.

The problem is perhaps that this adds to the succession of matches that the side has lost, no matter what level or quality of matches each of them was, and, in a sense, this leads back to the situation in the club as one of name calling and confusion.

In that case, the loss to their next-street rivals is not in itself a major issue, but as it exacerbates the situation of persistent loss, it propels change.

Yet, it is unclear where the club is headed as there is no unflinching loyalty to the club sponsor, whom a government-invented leadership format says



Yanga's defensive midfielder, Khalid Aucho (R), challenges Simba SC's midfielder Sadio Kanouté when the squads locked horns in a 2023/24 NBC Premier League match which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Yanga edged Simba SC 2-1. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

he is an investor, but this is simply designed to limit either his leadership or administrative authority.

The main part of the club expects the sponsor to pour cash into the club and the leadership to conduct the work, not his appointees, and they are without answers as to how business in the club should be conducted.

There is no workable formula as members insist on their ownership of the club, not obeying the sponsor, whereas Mo Dewji, like any decent investor, needs to trust those who use his cash, not being placed in a situation of releasing cash on demand and not supervising it.

There is, hence, the possi-

bility that the club remains in the doldrums for a while if the club's membership does not accept management conditions that are seemingly being prepared by the club sponsor.

This has been long coming, for instance, earlier grouping past club leaders into a board advisory council, which implies he has no confidence in elected leaders.

One reason is their pursuit of roles that are, at best, left to experts, for instance, the recruitment of players, a situation that in their long-time rivals' camp was heard in a past general meeting.

A range of those present were complaining that club president, Hersi Said, was doing everything on his own, un-

aware that this is precisely the reason for runaway success at the club.

What was not said at the Jangwani Street outfit Annual General Meeting but it would grossly matter in their arch-rivals' camp is that the club president is an appointee of the sponsor, which is unlikely at the Msimbazi Street side.

That is what is ailing Simba SC as it is split down the middle, meanwhile, as its local and continental ambitions require that it hire top-level coaches and players, but it has failed to radically improve the side over the past two years.

It has been losing players as it has been gaining, though at the coaching level, there was a clear uplift.

Chances are that the Simba SC leadership versus ownership dispute will not be resolved in one moment but in a staged manner, whereby the chairmanship of the board by the sponsor was the first stage, which failed as he could not be available on a day-to-day basis to take sides in interminable bickering.

Replacing his presence with either one of his more trusted business allies or club friends has not changed matters, as it implies that the fellow reaches compromises with an elected leadership, based on an overly fictitious 51 percent shareholding in the club.

Once a common view has been reached, which contains plenty of what Mo objects, he signs on it.

To be certain, the future of the Msimbazi Street outfit is a greater affinity between the club and the sponsor, which implies scrapping the shareholding format as its use by the state is unworkable at the club.

Here an investor has to lay the rule and, if there is another investor, they can share the burden - and the power - while at present non-investors wish to extort, or fleece, the proper investor by using elected positions to write anything on a piece of paper, and he signs.

The club may have to accept a unified board loyal to the sponsor and an advisory capacity for members, short of which there is the singular possibility of Mo pulling out like Azam FC's Said Salim Bakhresa earlier.

## Azam FC eyes KMKM FC's scalp in Muungano Cup tourney opener

By Guardian Correspondent

Azam FC has said that it is well-prepared to garner three points in the outfit's opening tie of the Muungano Cup that will witness it confront Zanzibar's KMKM FC at New Amaan Complex in the Isles in the evening.

Thabit Zakaria, Azam FC Information Officer, said they have prioritized the game because they know the value of the Muungano Cup.

"Our goal is to secure three points in the game due to the preparations we have made, nothing is impossible," Zakaria remarked.

He said all of his side's players have high morale going into the game which is expected to be competitive.

He added that despite bracing for stiff opposition, they will fight to ensure that they hold sway in the showdown.

Zakaria further called on various stakeholders to support his squad so it can win the trophy as well as finish second in the 2023/24 NBC Premier League.

In another development, Tanzania's universities have been invited to

participate in the East African competition slated for December 16-20 this year in Kenya.

Speaking to The Guardian yesterday, the Tanzania University Sports Federation (TUSA) vice-chairman Noel Kiunsi said the competition targets to, among others, bring students together to discuss their studies.

"The competition will help students meet and discuss various academic matters as well as get to know each other," Kiunsi noted.

He said before the start of the competition there will be a general meeting slated for May 29-30 this year, which will see the appointment of various preparation committees.

He mentioned some of the sports disciplines that will feature in the showdown as athletics, netball, swimming, tennis, football, and roll-ball.

The official, moreover, asked college leaders to make sure that they embark on early preparations for the competition, adding the deadline for confirming participation is May 15 this year.

## Ken Gold FC coach asserts Championship League's competitiveness

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AFTER helping Ken Gold FC garner promotion to the 2024/25 NBC Premier League, the club's head coach Jumanne Challe has asserted the task's toughness, having failed to achieve the feat in previous attempts.

The newly-promoted side is also the winner of the second-tier soccer showpiece, NBC Championship League.

The squad had ended its campaign with 50 goals scored and 18 goals conceded from 29 games while drawing seven games, losing two, and getting 20 wins.

Last weekend, Ken Gold FC defeated FGA Talents to secure promotion to next season's NBC Premier League, with goals by Mishamo Michael and Robert Mickidala helping the Mbeya-based team live up to its expectations.

Ken Gold FC played three seasons in the Championship League after securing promotion from Mainland Tanzania's third-tier soccer showpiece, then known as Second Division League- and currently termed First League.

The experienced gaffer stated: "As per my experience, the Championship League is very tough compared to other divisions in the country. We played against teams with premier



Newly-promoted NBC Premier League outfit, Mbeya's Ken Gold FC.

league experience and were eager to return to the top flight. Matches against such teams were tough."

Challe remarked: "I have a group of amazing players who, throughout the season, stayed fit, trained intensively, and remained disciplined in the game - such an approach enabled us to secure promotion. We had aimed to finish either first or second to ensure automatic promotion."

The tactician noted: "Playing playoffs against premier league teams is tough, and we had to avoid that by having good prepa-

rations for this season, aiming to grace the premier league."

"I want to thank the team's leaders for (setting up) the effective plans and strategy that smoothed our promotion," Challe revealed.

Ken Gold FC becomes the first team to secure promotion after picking 67 points that can only be secured by Pamba Jiji - formerly known as Pamba FC, - after close rivals, Biashara United, lost 2-1 to Pan Africans last weekend.

Pamba Jiji will need at least a draw in the club's last Championship League match to garner automatic promotion to the NBC

Premier League next season and end the side's 20-year hiatus in the premier league.

With 64 points, the Mwanza team will need to avoid a loss, because Mbeya Kwanza FC also has a chance to attain automatic promotion - with the outfit now boasting 62 points and a match in hand.

Former NBC Premier League side Ruvu Shooting has been relegated to next season's First League after finishing last in the Championship League - having notched 13 points - while Pan Africans also face relegation.



## Mauricio Pochettino accuses 'soft' Chelsea of giving up in Arsenal humiliation

By Sam Dean

MAURICIO Pochettino admitted his Chelsea players "gave up" and accused his team of being "so soft" as their shambolic season hit a new low with a 5-0 thrashing by Arsenal.

Chelsea's defeat was their heaviest ever loss to Arsenal and meant that there are now 30 points between the two sides, with Pochettino saying: "When we have bad days, we are so bad."

Mikel Arteta, the Arsenal manager, said he had "all the sympathy in the world" for Pochettino, his close friend, and praised Arsenal's courage as they moved three points clear of Liverpool at the top of the Premier League table.

Arsenal are now four points ahead of Manchester City, widely regarded as the favourites to win the league again, but have played two more games than Pep Guardiola's team.

Chelsea, meanwhile, remain stuck in ninth place after another night which provoked serious questions about Pochettino's future and the overarching project at the club.

"We didn't compete from the beginning of the game"

The night was made worse for Chelsea by the fact that Kai Havertz, their former player, scored twice for Arsenal.

"Everyone saw we didn't compete from the beginning of the game," said Pochettino. "After we conceded I think the team was so soft. I'm so disappointed with the start because we're supposed to have full energy and compete better."

"We were not aggressive and we did not concentrate in situations where it is easy to find the solution. That is why we're so disappointed."

"We were talking at half-time to start in a different way [in the second half]. But we started really bad. When we conceded the third goal we gave up."

"Arsenal is a very good team. But we allowed them to play. We gave all the possibility to play and create chances [to them]. In some parts of the game it was an even game. But we're too inconsistent."

During the second half, a young Chelsea fan held up a banner reading: "I don't want your shirt! I want you to want to fight for ours."

Asked about the banner by TNT Sports, Chelsea captain Conor Gallagher said: "We definitely are putting the effort in. I know how much it means to all the boys. It is a very young squad with not much experience as a team in the Premier League."

"We have had a lot of ups and downs and we are still improving as a team to get to the next level and today was one of those days we were nowhere near it."

Arteta expressed his support for Pochettino, saying: "[I have] all the sympathy in the world. With everything that he's been through and everything that he's been doing. He knows that."

"I've been on the other side as well. He's doing a great job, I think when you look at this team and analyse every second of them, they deserve to win many matches, they deserve to win against big teams. He's doing a really good job so hopefully things will turn around and be as he deserves."

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## Al Ain knock out Al Hilal to reach Asian Champions League final

Riyadh

AL Ain reached the Asian Champions League final for the first time since 2016 with a 5-4 aggregate victory over four-time winners Al Hilal, despite a 2-1 second-leg defeat in Riyadh on Tuesday.

Trailing 4-2 after their record 34-match winning run was ended in last week's first leg, Al Hilal quickly cut the deficit through Ruben Neves' fourth-minute penalty.

Brazilian Erik drew Al Ain level on the night, though, to leave runaway Saudi Pro League leaders Al Hilal with a mountain to climb in the second half.

But Salem Al Dawsari scored a rebound less than six minutes after the restart to give the hosts renewed hope.

Brazilian Michael and former Lazio star Sergei Milinkovic-Savic both went close as Al Hilal piled on the pressure, the latter seeing his effort cleared off the line.

Al Ain goalkeeper Khalid Eisa enjoyed a fine evening, making six saves, including from Michael and Mohamed Kanno late on.

The Emirati visitors clung on desperately through nine minutes of added time, with Eisa keeping out a Michael header in the 98th minute.

Hernan Crespo's Al Ain will face either Yokohama F-Marininos or Koreans Ulsan Hyundai in the final in May as they bid for a second triumph in the competition and first since 2003.

Japanese club Yokohama trail 1-0 on aggregate and were heading into their semi-final second leg later yesterday.

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# Five-star Arsenal thrash Chelsea to open up Premier League lead

LONDON

KAI Havertz and Ben White scored twice as Arsenal thrashed Chelsea 5-0 on Tuesday to surge ahead in the Premier League title race and ramp up the pressure on Liverpool and Manchester City.

Leandro Trossard was also on target in a record win over Chelsea for the Gunners, who move three points clear of Liverpool and four of Manchester City.

The destiny of the title remains in City's hands as the defending champions have two games in hand.

Liverpool have also played one fewer game than Arsenal and are in action at Everton in the Merseyside derby on Wednesday. However, Mikel Arteta's men's goal difference advantage now looks unassailable should it become decisive in the title race.

"We have made our people very proud, it is a big derby for us and I know what it means," said Arteta. "We started the game really well but didn't convert all our chances - we were a bit sloppy in certain areas of the pitch."

"In the second half we were much more disciplined and created chances and were



Leandro Trossard put Arsenal ahead in the first half. Agencies

ruthless in front of goal."

Chelsea and Arsenal's title rivals were dealt a huge blow before kick-off as the Blues' danger man Cole Palmer was ruled out due to illness.

Palmer has scored or assisted nearly 50 percent of Chelsea's Premier League goals this season and his presence was badly missed by the visitors.

Despite enduring a disappointing first season under Mauricio Pochettino, Chelsea had been unbeaten in eight consecutive league games prior to their FA Cup semi-final defeat to Manchester City on Saturday.

But they were blown away by an Arsenal side keen to reaffirm their title credentials after losing their last home game to Aston Villa.

"So difficult (a) result and performance (to accept) because it is not nice to see your team playing like this from the beginning of the game," said Pochettino. "Today we didn't compete against a team fighting for the Premier League. We need to be aware we need to compete in a different way."

The hosts flew out of the blocks and were in front inside five minutes.

Trossard only ended up at the Emirates after Arsenal

were gazumped by Chelsea in the battle to sign Mykhailo Mudryk in January 2023.

The Belgian has proved to be a far more productive signing and smashed in his 15th goal of the season at Djordje Petrovic's near post.

Petrovic redeemed himself for a mistake at the opening goal with two brilliant saves to turn away Havertz's low effort and a deflected shot by Trossard to keep his side in the game before half-time.

The Serbian briefly held Arsenal at bay early in the second period with saves from Declan Rice and Havertz.

However, the floodgates

opened once White curled in Arsenal's second after Chelsea failed to clear a corner on 52 minutes. Havertz scored the winning goal in a Champions League final for Chelsea during his three years in west London, but he never performed consistently to the level he has found in recent months under Arteta.

Martin Odegaard's stunning through ball was met with the finish it deserved as Havertz smashed high past Petrovic.

His next finish was more subtle as the German international fired in off the post from Bukayo Saka's pass for his seventh goal in his last 14 club games.

A night for forget for Chelsea was summed up when White's attempted cross flew into the top corner from another sensational Odegaard pass.

Defeat leaves Chelsea still in ninth, three points adrift of the European places.

Next up for Arsenal is what appears their toughest hurdle remaining away to Tottenham in Sunday's north London derby.

Should Arteta's side prevail at the home of their fiercest rivals, City will likely need to be perfect in their final six games to retain the title.

AFP

## Who is Arne Slot? The Guardiola disciple who coaches like Mikel Arteta

By Jason Burt

ARNE Slot is the disciple of Pep Guardiola who has strong similarities to Mikel Arteta and Roberto De Zerbi in the way he coaches and the intense playing style he demands.

Slot's Feyenoord side play some of the most exciting, entertaining, high-energy, attacking football on the Continent. It should come as little surprise then that Liverpool are interested in hiring him as Jürgen Klopp's successor - with Slot a friend of Klopp's assistant Pep Lijnders, who is also leaving Anfield.

The 45-year-old former midfielder is renowned for his precise coaching methods and his attention to detail. So precise is he that that the 'rondo' - the training drill whereby players attempt to keep the ball while a smaller group aim to intercept - is made extremely specific at Feyenoord.

Slot is concerned the drill does not allow players to 'scan' (to check the options on the pitch) which is one of the fundamentals of passing and so he insists that they can take only one touch, that they cannot return possession to the player who passed to them and, crucially, that the ball always stays below the knee. Players are even encouraged to consider which foot they are passing with.

Telegraph Sport learnt this, as Slot led Feyenoord last year to only their second Dutch league title this century, after being given detailed access into the way he works and his methodology - and ambition.

This campaign Feyenoord have won the Dutch Cup and are second to PSV Eindhoven



Arne Slot led Feyenoord to the Dutch league title in May last year. Agencies

in the league - although it should be factored in that he is operating with a fraction of his rivals' finances and also those of Ajax, who are 24 points behind.

Feyenoord may traditionally be the third biggest club in the Netherlands but that gives a false impression. They are far behind the Dutch giants in terms of budget and had been, in recent years, frankly one of its most boring, defensive teams especially under Slot's predecessor Dick Advocaat. How that has changed.

\*Dutchman long fancied by English clubs

Liverpool are not the first Premier League club to take an interest in Slot who joined Feyenoord from AZ Alkmaar in 2021. But Liverpool are clearly the biggest and most serious proposition. Leeds United tried to hire him in February 2023 after sacking Jesse Marsch (and he would be a natural successor to Marcelo Bielsa) but Slot stayed in Rotterdam.

Tottenham Hotspur then made a move before they eventually brought in Ange Postecoglou - with Slot surprisingly deciding to stay at Feyenoord and signing a new contract.

Given that Feyenoord's style of play is so demanding, it is impressive they suffer so few inju-

ries - in contrast to Leeds under Bielsa, which is why Feyenoord were so interested in Slot.

\*Slot's eye for detail fuels Feyenoord success

The demanding attention to detail is a theme. For example, Slot has concluded that in training sessions for the days immediately after games the players should work in a space no longer than 40 metres. If they play in bigger areas it means they have to accelerate more and sports medical science has proved that running above 20kmph risks more muscle injuries.

Slot does not play games of 11 vs 11 in training as most coaches do and works hard on the mental side of the sport. He has even convinced the Feyenoord players

that the more games they play the stronger they will become.

It does feel that it is only a matter of time before Slot makes his move to England. There is, of course, an obvious comparison with Manchester United's Erik ten Hag who moved from Ajax, and there is always that concern over how Dutch coaches fare outside of the Eredivisie which is clearly not one of Europe's strongest leagues.

Yet Liverpool will certainly have run the numbers and the data on Slot, who now has Champions League experience beating Celtic and Lazio but failing to get through the group, and will have been impressed by what they have seen. Not least because his football and pressing game is

far more attacking than Ten Hag's. Interestingly when Ten Hag won the league with Ajax it was Slot who won the Rinus Michels Award for Eredivisie manager of the season.

\*Statistics that show why Slot may be perfect fit for Liverpool

Feyenoord finished third in Slot's first campaign - they were fifth the season before. They subsequently were first and are now second. But that does not provide the full picture as Slot completely overhauled their negative playing style. The club wanted him to do it and, interestingly so did the players, with the coach exploding the myth that 'you can only work with what you have got'. Instead, with a fierce pressing game in which Feyenoord go man-for-man with their opponents all over the pitch, he showed that players can change.

Interestingly it was one of his main motivations for joining Feyenoord: to show the world it can be done.

For example in Slot's first team meeting he played clips of the 2021 Champions League final between Chelsea and Manchester City and asked the simple question: why were

there so few chances despite there being so many good attacking players?

The answer was equally as simple: it was because all those attackers also made incredible defensive runs to nullify their opponents. Slot then contrasted that with the lack of running Feyenoord had completed the season before and compared the distance covered - far less - to his previous AZ side.

His approach was also simple - as is his mantra: his teams defend by attacking. While Klopp's Liverpool wait for 'pressing triggers' Slot asks his players to press all the time which sounds exhausting but, after a few weeks, he believes becomes second nature.

The next part of that is to try to control games by emphasising ball possession which is straight out of Guardiola's play-book.

Slot believes that more defensive football - as espoused by Jose Mourinho - is not only more tiring but less stimulating for the players. He argues they cannot improve by primarily thinking about defending.

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## Chama calls for fans' support as Simba SC seeks redemption

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

SIMBA SC has navigated a tumultuous 30 days, facing setbacks across multiple fronts, including exit from the CAF Champions League last eight and the CRDB Federation Cup, alongside a lackluster performance in the NBC Premier League.

Their third-place standing in the top flight, trailing Young Africans SC by a significant 12-point margin, underscores the challenges the former has encountered.

Amidst these trials, Clatous Chama, the attacking midfielder for Simba SC, has issued a rallying cry to the club's supporters, emphasizing the importance of continued encouragement during this challenging period.

Simba SC finds itself amidst a testing phase, marked by eliminations from key tournaments and a substantial deficit in the race for the NBC Premier League title, with Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, commanding a considerable lead.

Based at Msimbazi Street in Dar es Salaam, the team suffered a notable defeat in the CAF Champions League quarterfinals, succumbing to an aggregate 3-0 loss against Egypt's Al Ahly.

Subsequently, they faced elimination from the CRDB Federation Cup Round of 16, falling to Kigoma's warriors, Mashujaa FC, in a tense penalty shootout, with a final score of 6-5 in favour of the hosts.

Reflecting on the team's underwhelming performance, Chama acknowledged the disappointment felt by fans but expressed confidence in the team's ability to rebound.

The Zambian midfielder stressed the significance of each remaining fixture, emphasizing the collective commitment to regain form and secure positive outcomes, while also urging fans to maintain unwavering support.

"Despite the challenges we're facing, we're united in our determination to persevere. This period represents a transition for us, but we remain steadfast in our pursuit of success. Our priority is to ensure that our fans continue to stand by us, providing the motivation needed to excel," Chama affirmed.

Simba SC has moved to Zanzibar to compete in the revived Muungano Cup.

After the Muungano Cup, Simba SC will have to turn its focus to securing a strong finish in the remaining eight NBC Premier League matches.

Simba SC currently sits third in the NBC Premier League with 46 points from 21 games played (14 wins, four draws, and three losses).

Their quest for second place finish, and the coveted CAF Champions League spot that comes with it, begins with a crucial five-game stretch against Mtibwa Sugar, Namungo FC, Tabora United, Azam FC, and Kagera Sugar.

With Azam FC currently holding onto the second place with 54 points, Simba SC needs a winning streak to close the gap.

A strong finish would maintain Simba SC's impressive five-year run of participating in the CAF Champions League.

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## Simba Queens meet Yanga Princess in 2023/24 women's Dar derby



Yanga Princess' Nigerian forward, Blessing Nkor (R), negotiates her way past Simba Queens' left-back Diana William when the two outfits took on each other in the previous season's Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League (SWPL) first phase clash held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on December 22, 2023. The two clubs were locked to a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA PRINCESS

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA Princess is today hosting top-of-the-table Simba Queens in the latest installment of the women's edition of the Dar derby.

The Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League fixture between the two teams will take place at the Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam this afternoon, with kick-off set for 4 pm.

With seven successive victories, Simba Queens is in the driving seat in the title race, sitting nine points ahead of second-placed JKT Queens.

They have been immense, failing to win just one of their last 11 league games. They are yet to taste defeat this season.

Mussa Hassan's side is aiming to maintain their 100% record against the long-time rivals in 2023/24, having already come out on top in both the reverse league fixture and

the Community Shield tournament.

Goals from Vivian Corazone and Aisha Mnunka earned Simba Queens a deserved 3-1 win at Azam Complex Stadium in January's league clash, dealing Yanga Princess their first defeat of

the season.

One month earlier, Simba Queens ground out a crucial penalty shootout victory to book a place in the Community Shield final at the expense of their rivals.

Head coach Hassan has issued a rallying call to his

players to give it everything they have got in search of a third successive derby victory that would go a long way to help Simba Queens reclaim the league title away from JKT Queens.

Simba Queens captain, Violeth Nicholaus, said there

is high morale with the squad as they view this game as a crucial part of their title chase.

Yang Princess, however, is aware that a positive result in the derby could see the squad propelled back into the mix, with head coach Charles Haalubono's side currently sitting third in the league, 10 points behind Simba Queens with eight matches still to play.

Although Simba Queens holds the upper hand in games between the two sides this season, Yanga Princess has proved that it is more than capable of performing and claiming a positive result in this fixture.

In 2022/23, they played out an entertaining 1-1 draw at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam after Jentrix Shikangwa gave Simba Queens a first-half lead before Nigerian import Chioma Success grabbed a second-half equalizer for Yanga Princess.

Yanga Princess captain Noela Luhala, speaking ahead of the game, said they hope to cope with the pressure coming from derby encounters.

She stressed the need to avoid a repeat of past mistakes that cost them the previous derby game.

## Azam FC faces KMKM FC in heated Muungano Cup semi-final encounter

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

Azam FC gears up for a highly anticipated Muungano Cup semi-final clash against KMKM FC at the newly built Amaan Stadium in Zanzibar today.

The match kicks off at 2:15 pm East Africa Time, promising a thrilling afternoon of football.

The Muungano Cup is an annual tournament featuring top teams from Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.

This year's edition witnesses the return of the prestigious competition after a hiatus, with a significant boost in prize money.

The Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) strategically postponed several NBC Premier League matches for Azam FC and Simba SC so they could participate in the Muungano Cup.

Awadh Maulid, Chairman of the Finance Committee and Plans for Zanzibar Football Federation (ZFF), confirmed the winner of the competition will walk away with a hefty 50m/-, with the runner-up receiving 30m/-.

Maulid remarked: "We're starting small with four teams this year, however, our plan next year is to expand to eight teams - four from Zanzibar and four from the Mainland - which is why we've



Azam FC players are pictured training in Dar es Salaam recently, shaping up for this season's NBC Premier League and other showdowns. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

increased the prize money for the winner."

He further revealed that next year's champion will receive a staggering 100m/-.

Apart from Azam FC and KMKM FC, the tournament features Simba SC and KVZ FC, who battled it out in the opening match yesterday.

The winners of both semi-finals will meet in the grand finale scheduled for April 27 at New Amaan Complex.

KMKM FC head coach Ame Msimu sees the Muungano Cup as an ideal platform to prepare for the upcoming Zanzibar Premier League (ZPL) season.

The tactician stated: "This tournament is a blessing in disguise. It allows us to sharpen our claws during the off-season, keeping the team in top shape for the crucial league matches."

Msimu further expressed his excitement regarding the tournament's return, pointing out: "I'm one of the players who participated in the Muungano Cup for KMKM FC in the past."

"Back then, the competition was fierce, with every team fighting tooth and nail for a chance to compete in the CAF inter-club tournaments," he revealed.

KMKM FC, the 1984 Muungano Cup cham-

pion, vowed to put on a spectacular show for their fans.

Today's match marks the halfway point of the competition, and KMKM FC is determined to secure a spot in the final.

While both KMKM FC and Azam FC vie for the trophy, the record for most Muungano Cup victories belongs to Young Africans SC (Yanga).

They have clinched the title a remarkable six times, with their last win coming in 2003.

Following Yanga is Simba SC, holding five showdown titles between 1993 and 2002.

If Simba SC emerges victorious this season, they will break Yanga's record for most Muungano Cup titles.

The stage is set for an electrifying encounter between Azam FC and KMKM FC.

Today's match promises a display of tactical prowess and fighting spirit, paving the way for a thrilling conclusion to the Muungano Cup.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

