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India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Bishwadip Dey, presents his letters of credence to President Samia Suluhu Hassan in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: State House

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Such skills would also help young people increase the value of the products they produce, including fish farming, as it has local and regional markets

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

DEPUTY US Ambassador Andrew Lentz has stressed the importance of maintaining peace and trust to alleviate existing fears, for the country to attain swift socio-economic development. A State House statement here yesterday said the envoy made the remarks in talks with the Zanzibar First Vice President, Othman Masoud Othman, focusing on Zanzibar politics, the economy, development initiatives and preliminary impressions for the march towards the 2025 general election. The envoy was on familiarisation meetings with Zanzibar leaders, similarly holding discussions with a number of youth leaders in the Isles, who expressed concerns about potential drawbacks in

the next general election. He pledged to continue fostering co-operation between the US, Zanzibar and the Union authorities, highlighting the importance of popular confidence in the peace and faith in institutions as the general election approaches. Tanzania and the United States have a long-standing relationship in various areas which include implementing development projects, he said, underlining that the US was affirmative in its long-term cooperation in the country's development priorities. He pointed at healthcare, education, infrastructure development, good governance and accountability in particular, praising Zanzibar for maintaining peace

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JKCI plans to train tourist agents in first aid delivery

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

THE Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) has announced plans to train tourism service providers across the country on how to administer first aid to tourists who may suddenly fall ill while in the country. Prof. Mohamed Janabi, a leading member of the JKCI board of trustees, unveiled this initiative in Dar es Salaam yesterday, explaining the upcoming 'CardioTan 2025' heart specialists conference scheduled to take place in Tanzania in April next year. The conference will host close to 1,000 heart specialists from over 40 countries within Africa and outside.

The conference, slated for Zanzibar, is meant to promote medical tourism and contribute to the government's goal of reaching five million tourists in the country by 2030.

"This conference in Zanzibar is expected to attract global attention as Zanzibar is one of the most beautiful islands in the world. JKCI contributes sig-

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VP adopts optimistic tone as EAC experts scan education

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has called for concerted efforts to address challenges facing education systems in the East African Community (EAC) zone, citing access to education, its quality, teaching capacities, financing, learning and integrating recent technologies.

Dr Mpango made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday when officiating at the opening of the EAC education conference, themed: "Educate an African Fit for the 21st Century," examining collective action for quality, inclusive and life-long learning in East Africa. "It resonates with and underscores some of the pertinent issues and challenges facing the region," he stated.

Other issues include digitalization of ed-



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ucation systems and coping with emerging issues in education, like the development of artificial intelligence and greening education.

An online entry says that the greening education partnership is a global initiative that takes a whole-of-system approach to support countries to tackle the climate crisis by harnessing the critical role of education.

"We must confront and overcome these challenges in the education sector and highlight the measures that Tanzania is taking in this regard," he said, pointing out that East Africa, like the rest of Africa, has a very youthful population and shows some of the highest fertility rates in the world.

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Maize: Agency to buy 40,000 tonnes from northern regions

The branch has set up five centres for coordinating grain purchasing as NFRA seeks to buy maize from farmers by ensuring the produce meets recommended standards

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Arusha

THE National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) plans to purchase some 40,000 tonnes of maize grains from farmers in the northern zone in the next harvesting season during fiscal 2024/25.

Andrew Kanyika, the NFRA northern

zone manager, said in an interview here yesterday that so far the branch has distributed 23,000 tonnes of maize over a period of three years, affirming that the grain was marketed at reasonable prices to residents of Kilimanjaro, Arusha and Manyara.

The grain was marketed in response to prevailing scarcity, as part of the agency's

tasks of ensuring food adequacy, that people get enough food at reasonable prices, he said.

The branch has also purchased 36,000 tonnes of maize grains from farmers, he said, pointing at budget measures during the past three years enabling NFRA to buy enough maize. This assures farmers reliable markets for their produce, he stated.

Up to June 2024 the branch had succeeded in providing food assistance to families affected by natural disasters within the zone, delivering at least 14 tonnes of maize for residents of Katesh in Hanang District, Manyara Region who were victims of a massive mudslide.

A total of 27 tonnes was distributed in Same District, Kilimanjaro Region, he said, noting that Hai District received 23 tonnes, Moshi District 20 tonnes and Siha

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ics can be a huge blessing. It means that we will continue to have a young and dynamic population to build our economies," he stated, underlining that if we harness our human resources fully, we will enjoy the fruits of our youthful population through what is called the demographic dividend.

"To enjoy the demographic dividend, we must significantly invest in the education and health of our children. High fertility rates in our countries imply that we must set aside more resources, both financial and human; to cater to the ever-expanding needs for quality education and health," he emphasized.

World Bank estimates indicate that Africa has the largest return on education compared to other continents, where for each additional year of schooling, the average earning of the youth rises by up to 14 percent, he said.

Unfortunately, in the EAC region and the entire Sub-Saharan Africa, education remains highly underfunded, he affirmed, pointing at a recent World Bank index that gives a score reflecting the human capital attainment of a country, largely reflecting investment in education.

Using this index, Sub-Saharan Africa has the lowest score of all regions in the world, scoring an average of 0.4 compared to the global average of 0.57, he said, noting that in the EAC, six member states have a human capital index score falling below the 0.4 average score for the wider region.

"This is a very gloomy picture. It is also a call for action. Fortunately, there is a renewed focus on education both globally and regionally. The 2022 Transforming Education Summit in New York, was an initiative in the right direction," the VP declared.

"The 2024 Africa Year of Education is a reminder of the urgent need for us to take action. In all of our efforts, we must remember that the challenges of education in Africa stem largely from under-investment in the sector, which makes it very difficult to offer quality education infused with the necessary skills to cope with population structure and dynamics, globalization and technological development."

"The challenges that we are facing must inspire us to work harder. In Tanzania, the government has initiated major reforms in the education sector to further promote access, improve quality and infuse necessary skills into our youths.

"Currently, compulsory schooling in Tanzania is seven years. We have resolved that by the year 2027/28 it will be compulsory for each child to be in school for ten years."

"Further, we have undertaken a major curriculum review to improve the quality of education and also to take on board such developments as digital transformation and other new technological developments," he said.

"Within the education system, we have divided secondary education into two streams, one focusing on general education and the other on vocational education. To this end, we will have some students who will graduate with both a secondary school certificate and also a vocational training certificate.

"We are doing this to ensure that our education system offers sufficient opportunities to those students whose aptitude is more on skills, rather than just academic pursuit. We did this, cognisant of the fact that one of the impediments to attracting investments in our country is the lack of sufficient skills."

He further asserted that these reforms will also involve more investment in education infrastructure like classrooms and teachers' houses, improvement in the teaching environment, improving the quality and quantity of teachers, and ensuring availability of teaching aids and materials such as books and computers.

The overall aim is to improve quality, expand access and ensure that education is relevant in this world of globalisation and rapid technological progress, he stated.

Educational reforms embarked upon will surely require massive financial commitments, he affirmed, hailing President Samia Suluhu Hassan is determined to ensure that the country forges ahead with this reform agenda.

The president has directed that significant resources be set aside to ensure that this reform package is implemented successfully, he added.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango exchanges greetings with East African Community Secretary General Veronica Nduva on arrival at the Arusha city venue of the inaugural East African Community Regional Educational conference yesterday. Photo: VPO

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and tranquility.

He said that peace is the cornerstones for development, which the US will always cherish for the benefit of Zanzibar people, while the VP highlighted the importance for the Isles government and political leaders to build public trust.

This is vital as the nation approaches the upcoming general election, especially the need to avoid recurring disputes that have troubled Zanzibar during each election period, he said.

He said that since the introduction of the multi-party system and the first pluralistic elections in Zanzibar in 1995 persistent election-related problems have surfaced, cre-

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ating anxiety among the people and affecting democratic development and good governance.

This puts peace at risk, he stated, emphasizing that with preparations starting for next year's general election, "now is an opportune time to build public trust by correcting the root causes of these recurring issues," he told the envoy.

Among the issues to be addressed is the need to reform procedures and laws governing the entire election process in Zanzibar as recommended, to ensure that the elector-

al process is free, fair and adheres to true democratic principles, he declared.

Leaders need to demonstrate genuine political will to deliver a free and fair election process and to contribute to the construction of a multi-party democracy, he said, noting that "such actions would confirm that leaders prioritize the establishment of genuine peace in the country."

He similarly stressed the need for an education system that prepares young people with the knowledge

and skills required to compete in the job market locally and outside.

Such skills would also help young people increase the value of the products they produce, including fish farming, as it has local and regional markets, he said.

Collaboration between Zanzibar and the United States has various notable areas, including helping Zanzibar reduce dependency on Mainland electricity, uplifting healthcare, road infrastructure and tourism sector development, he added.

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District four tonnes, all distributed free of charge.

He said that maize farmers in the three regions need to market their produce at NFRA, noting that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed the agency to purchase grain at more attractive prices. The branch expects to lift its purchasing price to 700/- per kilo, from 650/- earlier.

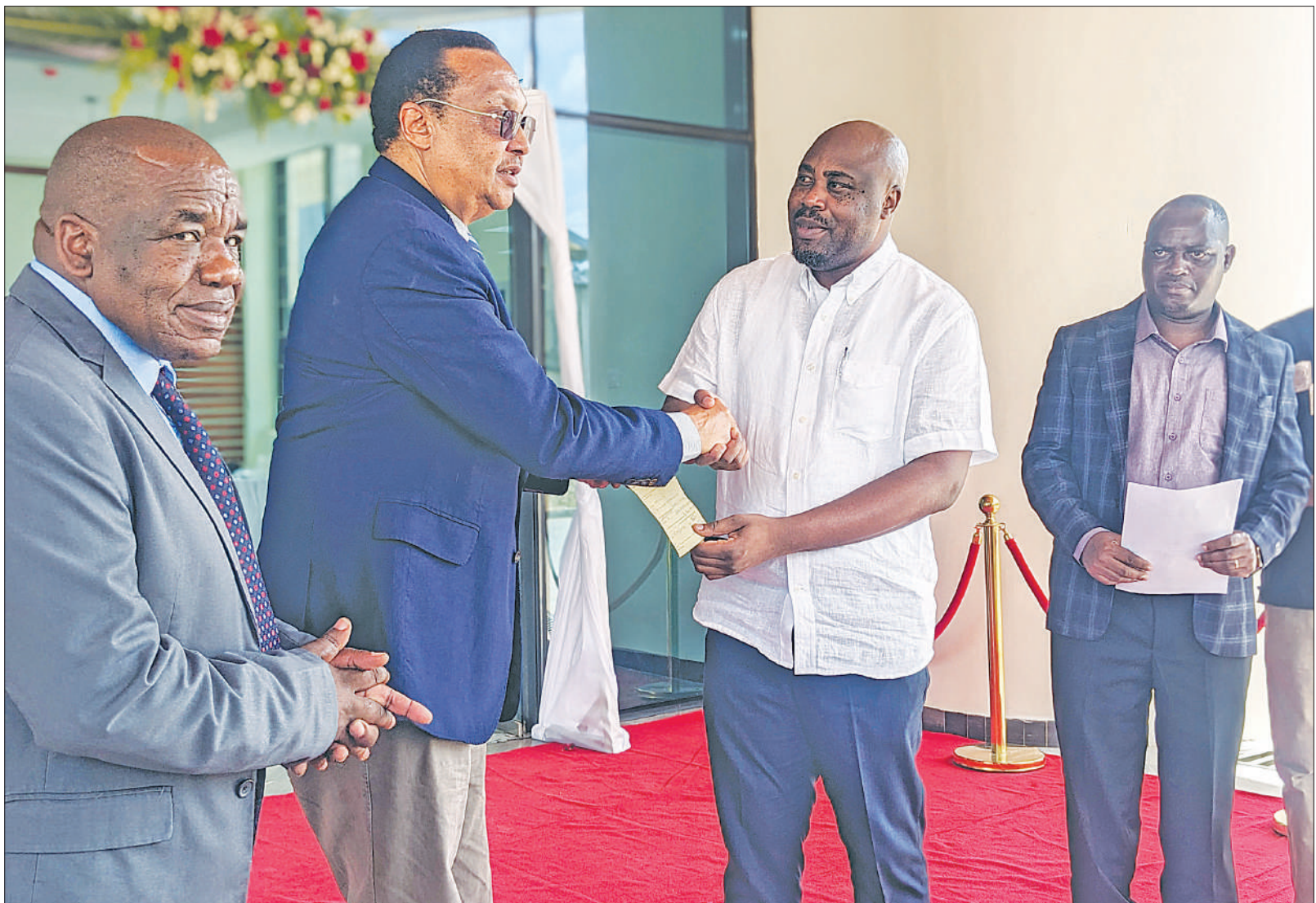
The branch has set up five centers for coordinating grain purchasing as NFRA seeks to buy maize from farmers by ensuring the produce meets recommended standards, he specified.

The branch management was at the fore to ensure that enough food

is purchased and properly reserved, ready and equipped to assist local communities in times of need, while ensuring for food security in the vast zone and the country in general.

Currently, NFRA operates 72 purchasing points across eight regions, namely Dodoma, Dar es Salaam at Kipawa, Njombe at Makambako, Songwe, Rukwa at Sumbawanga, Arusha at Babati, Shinyanga and Songea.

The second tier of grain purchasing involves grain delivered in quantities of 2,000 tonnes or more from large-scale traders, while the third tier includes buying from cooperative societies where farmers aggregate their produce, he added.



Agriculture ministry permanent secretary Gerald Mwelli (2nd-R) symbolically hands over the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority's laboratory building at Kibaha in Coast Region yesterday to the chairman of the agency's board of directors, Andrew Temu. Photo: Correspondent Julieth Mkiriri

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nificantly to the national economy through medical care, and we will provide training on how to assist a tourist or local resident who suddenly falls ill," he stated.

"We will offer training to drivers, hotel service providers and staff of the Tanzania Tourism Board, as time and every minute are crucial in saving a patient's life," he emphasized.

Dr Peter Kisenge, the JKCI executive director, said the conference will focus on discussing the treatment of heart diseases using new artificial intelligence (AI) technology.

"Heart disease rates are rising rapidly worldwide, with many los-

ing their lives. We have decided to invite experts from different countries. We will learn about treating conditions with AI, especially for patients suffering from strokes," he said.

A number of research findings will be presented to share experience, where non-medical professionals will be put to basics on how to assist someone experiencing a sudden medical inconvenience, he said.

"Many of the doctors coming will not only attend the conference but will also take the opportunity to explore and enjoy the country's attractions. This is a great opportunity for the country to boost its medical tourism image," he added.

Mpox now declared public health emergency in Africa

Addis Ababa

MPOX, the high infectious disease that used to be called monkeypox, has been declared a public health emergency in Africa by the continent's top health body.

Scientists from the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) yesterday said they were alarmed by the speed at which a new strand of mpox has been spreading.

Since the beginning of the year, more than 13,700 cases and 450 deaths have been recorded in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The virus, which can cause lesions across the whole body, has spread to other African countries, including Burundi, the Central African Republic (CAR) Kenya and Rwanda.

The declaration of a public health emergency will help governments co-ordinate their response and potentially increase the flow of medi-

cal supplies and aid into affected areas. Health chiefs outside Africa will also be monitoring the situation to assess the risk of the outbreak spreading further.

On 29 July, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said the risk from the mpox virus was "very low" in Europe.

Mpox spreads from animals to humans and between people through close contact with someone who is infected - including through sex,

skin-to-skin contact and talking or breathing close to another person.

It can cause symptoms such as fever, muscle aches and lesions across the body. If left untreated, mpox can be deadly.

There are two main strains of the virus known to exist. The milder one caused the global outbreak in 2022 that affected Europe, Australia, the US and many other countries - and was mainly spread through sexual contact.



Dr Mary Kamuzora (2nd-L), Chairperson of the International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM), briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the Second International ISMRM and Fourth Tanzania Neuroradiology Conference scheduled to be held in the city this September 19 and 20. Right is Tanzania Radiology Society resident Dr Lulu Fundikira. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

Over 250 experts to gather in Dar to promote understanding of MRI

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

OVER 250 scientists are expected to participate in the 2nd International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM) and the 4th Tanzania Neuroradiology Conference aimed at advancing understanding of the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) field.

The conference dubbed: "Health Insights Through Imaging Innovations", is scheduled to run from 19th to 20th of September this year in Dar es Salaam and will be preceded by a workshop from 17 to 18.

Dr Lulu Fundikira, Tanzania Radiology Society (TARASO) President, said this at a press conference held at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) in Dar es Salaam yesterday, underlining

the advantageous part of the conference to MRI technicians who will take precautions by adhering to strict protocols to ensure a safe environment for everyone involved.

"On the government's support that has increased modern medical equipment in diagnostic and disease detection equipment, including MRI machines and CT scanners, as stakeholders, we also see the need to engage scientists in the upcoming conference to promote communication, research, development and applications in the field of magnetic resonance in medicine and biology," she said.

According to her, the platform will provide experience-sharing opportunities and uncover key insights on the use of MRI.

Dr Mary Kamuzora, Chairperson of the ISMRM Local Organizing Committee, said the conference will

engage ISMRM - African Chapter, TARASO, Tanzania Association of Radiographers (TARA); Association of Medical Engineers and Technicians Tanzania (AMETT), Federation of African Medical Physics Organization (FAMPO), MUHAS and the Ministry of Health through the Medical Radiology and Imaging Professionals Council (MRIPC) and the Department of Diagnostic Services.

"On the evening of the 19th of September 2024, we will have an entertaining moment, a fashion show "The Art of African MRI" for our professionals and other invited delegates that will aim at showcasing a fusion of MRI science and the African culture that will raise funds for young researchers and students in the field to attend such conferences in the future days."

She further said that the

conference is expected to be officiated by the Minister for Health Ummu Mwalimu on 20th September 2024.

ISMRM is a non-profit, scientific association whose purpose is to promote communication, research, development, and applications in the field of magnetic resonance in medicine and biology and other related topics. Its multidisciplinary membership of over 8,000 consists of clinicians, physicians, engineers, biochemists and technologists.

The conference will also be dwelling on sub-themes such as medical imaging devices design and innovations, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning in medical design, improving healthcare with medical imaging, advancing understanding of health and disease, multimodal imaging and medical imaging accessibility.



NMB Bank's Head of Human Resources, Joanitha Rwegasira (L) welcomes Ridhiwani Kikwete (R), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), to the bank's pavilion at the venue of the climax of International Youth Day celebrations held in Dodoma city on Monday. The bank was one of the main sponsors of the event. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

TCRA sponsors five pupils to take part in African maths competition

IN a new drive to promote digital and science skills in the country, Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has offered sponsorship to five pupils taking part in the Pan African Mathematics Olympiads (PAMO) competition in South Africa.

The pupils left the country yesterday to participate in the seven-day competition taking place at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, from yesterday until next Tuesday.

Dr Jabiri Bakari, TCRA director general, told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the authority was determined to propagate Information and Communication Technology (ICTs) and digital skills in Tanzania to build a digitally enabled nation.

He appealed to pupils in the country to cultivate interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) subjects as they constitute foundation for ICTs and digital competencies which are deployed in artificial intelligence and other global systems applications.

He said pupils who take part in regional, continental, and international competitions not only add to their professional skills but also promote the image of the country in international platforms.

Pupils from Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar who departed yesterday from the Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es

Salaam to South Africa are Ambrose George Rutashobya from Iyunga Technical Secondary School, Ilham Abdalla Awadhi from Feza Secondary School-Zanzibar, Mwanaarab Said Mbwana from Lumumba Secondary School-Zanzibar, Stella Ludan Maliti from Marian Girls' Secondary School, and Zakaria Mataiga Mwitwa from Azania Secondary School.

According to Dr Said Sima, Chairman of the Mathematical Association of Tanzania (MAT) based at the University of Dar es Salaam who are country organisers of PAMO competition, the five pupils emerged winners out of a

total of 812 from different schools in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar who participated in a national mathematics competition a few months ago.

Patron of the Faculty of Mathematics at UDSM Dr Sylvester Rugeihyamu said that they looked for sponsors from different institutions both government and private but in vain.

"We would have not been able to send our country's representatives to participate in the PAMO competition in South Africa were it not for TCRA offering return air tickets," he said, appealing to other organisations to emulate TCRA.

Govt unveils new integrated adult education Programme

By Grtrude Mbago

IN efforts aimed at transforming adult learning in the country, the government in collaboration with Germany-based DVV International, has unveiled a revised Integrated Community-Based Adult Education (ICBAE) Programme.

Originally developed in 1993 and implemented nationwide by the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology in 1997, the ICBAE programme is a non-formal adult education initiative aimed at providing out-of-school youth and adults with access to basic education and skills development.

Speaking during the launch in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Monica Mbululu, assistant director of quality assurance at the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology, said the programmes are designed to provide youth and adults who have not been able to finish school or have completed but have not received adequate education, access to basic education and opportunities for skills development based on current needs in the communities and labour market.

The key learning areas of the revised programme include literacy and post-literacy support, life skills, parenting and civic education, entrepreneurship and business skills, agriculture and livestock, health and nutrition, and pre-vocational skills development.

Mbululu highlighted that the new ICBAE framework adopts a competency-based curriculum that is learner-centred, demand-driven, and fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills. It also incorporates topics on gender equity, inclusion, environmental awareness and digitalisation.

Frauke Heinze, DVV International regional director, noted that the two-day event will provide detailed information on the updated learning areas, the programme's implementation framework and the positive impacts of community learning centres, which serve as hubs for lifelong learning and ICBAE service delivery.

She said that the initiative marks the beginning of a nationwide rollout and active engagement with various stakeholders, including ministries, donors and civil society.

Heinze also pointed out that adult education in Tanzania has

been underfunded and neglected in recent years, with issues such as staff shortages at the district level and inadequate integration into the national reporting system.

Additionally, the content of the original ICBAE programme had not been reviewed or updated to reflect current socioeconomic development and learner needs.

To address the challenges, DVV International facilitated the formation of a national technical working group. The group, which includes representatives from the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology, the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government), the Institute of Adult Education, the Tanzania Education Network (TEN/MET), and the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), led a comprehensive review and update of the ICBAE programme guidelines.

The revised programme guidelines and new competency-based learning components were developed based on research conducted by DVV International in collaboration with UDSM and the Institute of Adult Education.

German Ambassador to Tanzania Thomas Terstegen praised the initiative for its focus on local community engagement to address challenges and find solutions.

He expressed confidence that improved adult learning programmes will offer numerous opportunities and skills that contribute to the country's development and sustainable livelihoods.

Michael Ng'umbi, Director of the Institute of Adult Education (IAE), thanked DVV International for its support in transforming adult education in the country.

He noted that the new programme and guidelines are expected to stimulate positive change in communities and enhance learning centres to meet the programme's needs.

Jackson Mdimba, Coordinator of a Community Learning Centre (CLC) in Hogoro Ward, Kongwa District, Dodoma Region, commended the initiative he said helps promote literacy and reduce poverty.

He called for continued coordinated efforts to expand access to alternative education and skills development, reaching more individuals in both rural and urban areas through adult learning centres.

PCCB says vigilant ahead of next polls

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) has urged journalists, politicians and the general public to adhere to laws and regulations when carrying out their duties ahead of this year's local government elections and the 2025 general election.

The national anti-graft watchdog has stated that anyone found breaching the laws would face legal consequences.

Speaking at a one-day workshop for journalists held yesterday here, Kilimanjaro Regional PCCB commander Musa Chaulo urged the groups to ensure that they conduct their activities professionally all the time.

In his presentation, titled "The Role of Journalists and the Media in Eradicating corruption ahead of this year's local government elections and 2025 general election," Chaulo emphasized the critical role of journalists as a bridge between the public and the anti-corruption body.

"As PCCB, our mandate is to investigate and combat corruption within the country. We are dedicated to educating, researching, and addressing all forms of corruption to ensure sustainable social and economic development," he said.

He said that combating corruption is a collective responsibility involving all stakeholders, including journalists, government and private

entities as well as the general public.

"Many community members trust information from the media. So, you have a significant role in educating and informing the public about how corruption and bribery hinder sustainability of our country's development projects. This will help them support the government's efforts to combat and eradicate corruption, particularly ahead of this year's local government elections and the upcoming general election," he said.

Chaulo also highlighted several challenges faced by the PCCB such as difficulties with evidence gathering, witness cooperation, interference and tampering with information.

He noted that some key witnesses either provide inaccurate information or are reluctant to testify in court.

The PCCB commander added that the anti-graft body closely monitors the conduct of politicians and the general public in the lead-up to the local government elections and the 2025 general election.

"I would like to remind politicians and the public that the PCCB is observing their conduct during the electoral process, including election campaigns, to ensure compliance with election laws," he warned.

Bahati Nyakiraria, chairperson of the Media Club of Kilimanjaro (MeCKI) commended the bureau for organising the workshop which he said was beneficial to participants.

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TCB Bank has launched its exciting Strategic Plan for the year 2024 - 2028 in which its primary focus is to optimize its positive impact to the community and the economy at large. This will help to widen the customer base as well as position the bank as the future leader in the industry. TCB Bank is committed to digital transformation in its five year plan, which is expected to deliver the best customer experience. On behalf of its shareholders, TCB Bank's Board of Directors would like to invite applications from suitable candidates with proven track records in governance and strategic oversight, to fill two positions of Independent Non-executive Director at the bank.

TCB Bank is seeking distinguished leaders with expertise gained from reputable organisations in the following areas;

- Financial expertise particularly in SME management, penetration and Credit Management (TCB/ID/FE 001)
- Branding expertise particularly in Marketing, Social Media marketing and Corporate Social Responsibility (TCB/ID/MK/BM001)
- Sustainability expertise, specifically in Agri-finance and Climate Risk (TCB/ID/SF/001)
- Technology expertise; specifically on innovation of new technology trends (TCB/ID/TECH/001)

Duties and responsibilities

The Independent Board members are expected to carry out the following duties;

- Determine the Bank's vision, mission, and values and continuously monitor and evaluate the strategy to ensure that TCB achieves its objectives.
- Drive the implementation of the Bank's vision and mission
- Govern TCB through broad policies and objectives as formulated and agreed with the Board of Directors.
- Oversee risk management function within TCB Bank and ensure effective management of stakeholders.

- Oversee and provide governance to the management on the growth of the bank's balance sheet.
- Attend Board and other important meetings as well as participate effectively with commitment in Board assignments.
- Stay abreast of TCB Bank's matters and actively participate in annual evaluation as well as planning meetings.
- Build strong working relationships with other Board members.

Key Qualifications and Experience:

- Holder of a Bachelor's degree in one of the following fields; Economics, Agri Finance, Commerce, Credit Management or Climate Change, Marketing, Branding, Communication, Computer Science or equivalent qualifications from a recognized institution.
- A Master's Degree is an added advantage.
- At least 10 years working experience in any relevant industry or organisation at the C-Suite Level.
- Over 10 years Consulting experience.
- Possession of any of the following but not limited to certification; Certified Public Accountant (CPA)(T), ACCA ACI, CISI, CFA, Sustainability Financing, Sustainable Agriculture Financing, or any other related certifications in the areas of expertise mentioned is an added advantage.
- Good understanding and experience with Fintech operations and collaborations

Interested candidates are advised to apply for the stated position and send their email to tz_executive_recruitment@pwc.com indicating on the subject of the email the reference number of the expertise on or before 28th August 2024. The applicants should attach their Motivational letter highlighting suitability and achievement, extensive and well elaborated CV which should contain the applicant's mobile number, email address, career background, and three referees. The applicants are also required to attach certified copies of their academic certificates.

- **Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.**
- **Qualified female candidates are encouraged to apply.**
- **Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.**



Augustine Vuma (L, facing camera), Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Investments, pictured in Dodoma city yesterday presiding over a meeting of the committee deliberating on a report by the Treasury Registrar's Office on National Social Security Fund and Public Service Social Security Fund investments. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

Govt launches youth policy, prioritises digital economy

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has officially launched the National Youth Development Policy to help streamline youth affairs in the country, expressing commitment to supporting young people achieve their goals.

Speaking during the launch in Dodoma yesterday, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities) Ridhiwani Kikwete said engaging and uplifting youth is a strategic investment in the country's future stability, prosperity and growth.

He noted that the government recognises the vital role of young people in society and their contributions to development and that is why it came up with the policy.

He said the policy aims to empower youth and promote the use of technology in fostering an inclusive digital economy.

One of the key features of the policy is the establishment of the National Youth Council, which will serve as a platform for discussing youth challenges and exploring solutions.

Kikwete said that the policy addresses the long-standing desire of the youth for recognition of their contributions to national development.

"The National Youth Council will provide an opportunity for youths to discuss their issues and develop joint solutions to their challenges," he said.

The policy launch coincided with the celebration of the International Youth Day in Dodoma. This year's International Youth Day theme, 'From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development,' underlines the vital role that digital innovation plays in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

International Youth Day is designed to acknowledge their potential and achievements while also addressing the challenges they face.

Under the new policy, innovations

by youth in various sectors—including technology, arts, sports, agriculture and livestock—will be recognised and nurtured.

According to the minister, engaging and uplifting youth is crucial for several reasons, all of which have significant long-term implications for a society's development and stability.

Kikwete said that youth represent the future labour force, adding that investing in their education, skills and wellbeing ensures that they are prepared to contribute effectively to the economy. This helps in sustaining economic growth and addressing future labour market demands.

Regarding youth economic empowerment, the minister reported that in the 2023/24 financial year, the government disbursed 1.2bn/- to 57 youth groups as soft loans through the Youth Fund.

Speaking on behalf of the youth, Charles Reuben, called for greater involvement in decision-making processes to ensure full engagement in planning and development projects.

He called for improved youth-friendly health services, a conducive business environment and better access to capital to help more young people contribute to economic development.

He also suggested that increasing access to digital services by reducing the cost of digital gadgets would be beneficial to young people.

Earlier, Ambassador of Switzerland to Tanzania Didier Chassot acknowledged the government's commitment to engaging youth in development initiatives.

“The National Youth Council will provide an opportunity for youths to discuss their issues and develop joint solutions to their challenges”

By Guardian Reporter

TPA donates 261m/- for renovating, buying medical tools at Dar hospital

THE Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) has contributed 261m/- to renovate and upgrade dialysis unit for kidney patients at Temeke Regional Referral Hospital in Dar es Salaam.

Of the total donation, 251m/- was allocated for renovation of buildings while 10m/- was used to purchase 20 wheelchairs and additional medical equipment.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Temeke District Commissioner Sixtus Mapunda, expressed gratitude to TPA for the support.

He said that the authority cares deeply about the community and encouraged other institutions to emulate this example.

"I thank the Ministry of Transport through TPA for dedicating funds for the renovation of this building to

improve dialysis services at Temeke Hospital," he said.

He added that the government has invested significantly in the health sector, but still needs and values various contributions from stakeholders, including TPA, to improve infrastructure and acquire medical equipment.

"The government prioritizes improving healthcare services and TPA's support plays a crucial role in this effort," he said, expressing gratitude to TPA for backing government's health sector improvements.

"We sincerely thank TPA for supporting the government's initiatives to improve health sector

which impacts people's lives," he said.

He noted that TPA's donation came at a crucial time due to high service demand. The hospital treated 9,566 patients with non-communicable diseases in 2022/2023, rising to 11,175 in 2023/2024, marking a 14.4 percent increase.

Dr Mapunda said that causes of non-communicable diseases include poor diet, excessive salt and sugar intake, tobacco use, excessive alcohol consumption and lack of physical exercise.

"To combat these diseases, the government is focused on increasing public education and awareness to prevent and manage these conditions and encourage

regular medical check-ups and exercise," he said.

He added that the Ministry of Health plans to equip all regional referral hospitals with the capacity to provide dialysis services to bring the services closer to the people.

Abed Gallus, TPA General Cargo Manager, said that the donation was motivated by the hospital's urgent needs and aimed to support government efforts effectively.

Dr Joseph Kimaro, medical officer in charge of the hospital, thanked TPA for the support, stating that construction of a new dialysis building was driven by the increasing number of kidney patients which totalled 412 in 2023.



Stanbic Bank's affluent express manager, Irene Bizere (R), briefs children in Dar es Salaam at the weekend on services on offer for the bank's special customers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Chawata asks govt to compel employers to engage PwDs

By Getrude Mbago

THE Tanzania Association of Physically Handicapped People in Tanzania (Chawata) has appealed to the government to conduct inspections in companies and institutions to ensure that they comply with the country's laws on hiring people with disabilities (PwDs).

The association specifically urges the Labour Commissioner to take immediate legal action against those who do not comply.

Speaking during a meeting which brought together PwDs, development stakeholders and ward councillors from Dar es Salaam Region on Monday, CHAWATA Chairman Hamad Komboza said that despite ongoing efforts, many public and private institutions still do not adhere to the set laws and regulations.

He noted that PwDs face many barriers when it comes to equal opportunities for employment and the majority rely on informal sector work, such as self-employment and small businesses.

He said Persons with Disabilities Act Number 9 of 2010; Section 31 requires that employers with more than 20 workers to have at least 3 percent of their employees to be persons with disabilities.

"Despite the presence of legal frameworks that encourage employment of persons with disabilities, inclusive legislation has not been implemented effectively with many firms not complying with it," he said.

The event was organised by Stella Ikupa, a Special Seats legislator and founder of IKUPA Trust Fund (ITF) and supported by the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS).

He further called on the government to provide free health insurance for PwDs to improve

access to quality medical services.

MP Ikupa acknowledged efforts of the government and stakeholders to address various challenges facing PwDs, including plans to increase the number of qualified teachers for this group.

"For instance, the government is addressing the shortage of qualified teachers by ensuring institutions offer sign language training and special education," she said.

"This commitment extends beyond education to other sectors such as health. We appreciate the steps being taken and believe that the government will continue to address our challenges. Patience is needed."

Nasim Losai, FCS head of programmes suggested that the Vision 2050 preparation should include the development of digital environment to assist PwDs in making informed decisions, accessing accurate information and participating in development processes.

She emphasized that enhancing digital capabilities would also support their economic empowerment.

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World Organ Donation Day: MNH appeals for 10 kidneys

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) executive director Prof Mohamed Janabi yesterday announced an offer for 10 patients in need of kidney transplant to come forward and receive the service.

Prof Janabi said that the initiative comes after the hospital received funding from the government and that the transplant procedures will take place soon if 10 donors also come forward.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam on the occasion to

mark World Organ Donation Day 2024, Prof Janabi said: "This is the second phase of beneficiaries of the President's fund, with 12 patients already having undergone transplant." "Firstly, we need donors to come forward to donate kidneys for 10 patients. Tanzania is one of nine countries in Africa out of 54 that perform kidney transplant. We should eat more vegetables and fruits to avoid kidney diseases. Elephants live long on a diet of only grass."

Dr Jonathan Mngumi, MNH head of kidney unit, said that men are the leading donors for kidney patients,

with 70 percent of the 102 donors being male.

He noted that kidney donors at the hospital are aged between 21 and 70, and age is not a barrier. Donors must be related up to the fourth degree, including cousins.

"All 102 donors in the country are safe. Donating a kidney is safe. Donors must be related up to the fourth degree, and their relationship with the patient will be confirmed through genetic testing," he said.

He also mentioned that before a transplant, there must be valid legal documentation, and the committee

responsible for kidney issues must review and approve the request.

"MNH has approximately 70 dialysis machines, with 14 of them located at Mloganzila. Seven percent of the population suffers from kidney diseases in the country. Dialysis is costly and is typically performed at least twice a week, with about 5,000 dialysis sessions per month for kidney patients.

Among the causes of kidney disease are high blood pressure, which can damage the kidneys if uncontrolled, type 2 diabetes linked to poor lifestyle and nutrition, and misuse of pain medications, he said.

Kenya aviation workers to strike over deal with Indian company

NAIROBI

KENYA Aviation Workers Union (KAWU) has said that it will go on strike from next Monday over plans to lease Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to a private operator.

The industrial action would likely cause significant disruption to national carrier, Kenya Airways, and operations at the airport which is a key African travel hub.

KAWU, which represents airport workers, said the proposed deal announced last month with India's Adani Airport Holdings would result in job losses.

It has called on the government to scrap the deal which it sees as the "unlawful intended sale" of the airport.

The government, however, said the airport was not for sale and that it had not decided whether to go ahead with what it described as a "public-private partnership" to upgrade the hub.

Kenya Airports Authority said the investment proposal includes a second runway and upgrades to the passenger terminal.

It hopes that a resolution with the union can be reached through negotiation.

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Bishop Liberatus Sangu (L) of the Shinyanga Diocese of the Catholic Church engaged in a conversation in Mwanza city yesterday with Mwanza regional commissioner Said Mtanda, chiefly on the upcoming inauguration of the Bariadi Diocese. Photo: Vitus Audax

swissport

SWISSPORT TANZANIA PLC UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Commentary

The Board of Directors of Swissport Tanzania Plc hereby publishes the unaudited financial results for the period ended 30 June 2024. During this period, total revenue increased by 17%, from TShs 18,910 million to TShs 22,157 million. Total operating costs also rose by 12%, from TShs 16,502 million to TShs 18,513 million, in line with the increase in operations. Net profit for the period grew from TShs 2,081 million to TShs 3,235 million. The increase in net profit is attributed to higher revenue coupled with cost control measures.

Dividend to Shareholders

The Board has decided not to declare interim dividend to enable the Company to meet its maturing obligations relating to ongoing investments.

Future Outlook

We anticipate the improved business environment and the strong performance of the National Carrier 'Air Tanzania' and other airline customers, as well as the sustained cargo volumes to continue bolstering the performance of the business in the second half of the year. Efforts to retain existing customers, acquire new ones, and introduce new product lines will continue, this coupled with ongoing investments in human resources, ground support equipment, warehouse facilities, processes, training, and technology, as well as cost reduction and control measures, are expected to enhance operational and financial performance in the second half of the year.

Appreciation and commitment

The Board would like to thank all customers, authorities and other stakeholders for their continued support and our employees for their hard work throughout the year. The Board is committed to implement appropriate strategies to ensure the business remains sustainable.

Dirk Goovaerts

Board Chairman

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS For the period ended 30 June	2024 TZS M	2023 TZS M
Revenue	22,004	18,620
Other operating income	152	290
Total revenue	22,157	18,910
Total operating expenses	(18,513)	(16,502)
Operating profit	3,644	2,408
Finance costs	(409)	(327)
Profit before income tax	3,235	2,081
Income tax expense	(812)	(702)
Profit for the period	2,423	1,379
Earnings per share	67.29	38.3

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As At 30 June	2024 TZS M	2023 TZS M
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Intangible asset	7,976	10,578
Property and equipment	17,152	14,223
Right of use assets	2,185	2,612
Staff receivables	179	162
Total non-current assets	27,491	27,575
Current assets		
Inventories	756	686
Trade and other receivables	8,073	6,510
Income tax recoverable	1,071	576
Cash and cash equivalents	8,252	6,603
	18,153	14,375
Total assets	45,644	41,950
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	360	360
Retained earnings	35,905	31,932
Total equity	36,265	32,292
Non Current Liabilities		
Lease liabilities (IFRS 16)	1,301	2,195
Deferred tax liability	1,181	567
Retirement benefit obligations	1,296	2,041
Total non-current liabilities	3,778	4,803
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	4,990	4,317
Lease liabilities (short term)	610	538
	5,600	4,855
Total equity and liabilities	42,913	41,950

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the Period Ended 30 June	2024 TZS M	2023 TZS M
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before income tax	3,235	2,081
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation of property and equipment	2,894	1,713
Amortization of intangible assets	2,047	1,444
Depreciation of right of use assets	427	486
Provision for retirement benefit obligations	192	399
Interest expense on lease liabilities	-	89
Interest expense on loan	180	128
Adjustments for:		
Inventories	(70)	(246)
Trade and other receivables	(1,580)	280
Trade and other payables	(414)	(2,106)
Cash generated from operating activities	6,911	4,268
Cash flows from investing activities		
Retirement benefits paid	(937)	(76)
Interest paid on lease liability	(180)	(89)
Interest paid on loan	(495)	(128)
Net cash from operating activities	5,298	3,975
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of property and equipment and	(3,292)	(1,760)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,292)	(1,760)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of Loan	-	(1,375)
Dividends paid to the Company's shareholders	-	(2,584)
Payment of lease liabilities	(357)	(452)
Net cash used in financing activities	(357)	(4,411)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,649	(2,196)
Movement in cash and cash equivalents		
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,649	(2,196)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st July	6,603	8,799
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	8,252	6,603



From Landing to Take-Off: We care!

Dirk Goovaerts
Board Chairman

Mrisho Yassin
Chief Executive Officer

Joshua Jonas
Chief Financial Officer

Research centre in drive to expand oil palm production

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) through its Kigoma-based Kihinga centre is working to expand oil palm plantation in the country to increase edible oil producing capacity.

Currently, there are around 500,000 hectares suitable for cultivation of edible oil raw crops in the country, but only eight percent of the hectares is being utilized by local farmers.

Dr Fison Kagimbo, director of TARI Kihinga Centre which is designated for research and development of oil palm crop in Tanzania, told this writer in an interview yesterday that the centre was working on efforts to sensitize more farmers and investors to open plantations.

To help attain the vision, he said the centre, through support from the government, was implementing a project for mass production of improved seedlings for the crop, coded Tenera.

"Since we ventured into production of the improved seedlings, the centre has managed to produce a total of 16.8 million seedlings and out of the number, at least 14.4 million have already been distributed to farmers across the country," he said.

"And out of the distributed seedlings, over 3.1 million have been planted on a total of 60,000 hectares, mostly in Kigoma as well as other regions where the crop flourishes."

He said that the improved seedlings have been distributed to farmers in all eight municipal councils in Kigoma Region and 31 councils outside the region, bringing the number of beneficiary municipal councils to 39 across the country.

Dr Kagimbo added that the centre was continuing to sensitize more farmers to chip in and engage in production of the crop, the initiative which is expected to improve livelihoods of farmers.

Thanks to the initiative, he said demand for the seedlings has been soaring, especially in Kigoma, Mbeya, Morogoro and Coast regions.

However, he said that at least 90 percent of the oil palm trees in the country are old, and with low oil content, hence need to be uprooted and replaced with new improved ones for increased productivity and cash for farmers.

"We produce and disseminate to farmers the new hybrid seedlings to enable them establish new plantations with high production and yield," he said.



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Empty 20-litre plastic drums being moved in such style at a Ubungo-Kibo section of a Dar es Salaam road yesterday that one would think the tricycle rider would not have benefited from knowing what kind of traffic was behind him, at least for his own safety.... Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Zambia, DRC reopen border after resolving trade dispute

KINSHASA

ZAMBIA and DR Congo agreed to reopen their border on Monday after resolving a trade dispute between the countries that led to Zambia closing the border over at the weekend.

"The Zambian party informed the Congolese party that the border will be reopened, to allow the free movement of people and goods between the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic

of Zambia," said the ministers of commerce of the two countries in a joint statement.

Zambia's commerce, trade and industry minister Chipoka Mulenga had met with Congolese officials in Lubumbashi near the border.

Zambia announced on Sunday it had closed its border with its northern neighbour after DRC imposed a ban on the import of soft drinks and beer from Zambia. That resulted in protests by Congolese truckers near the border town of

Kasumbalesa. Zambian business groups also criticized the ban.

The Zambian Association of Manufacturers said it could set a "dangerous precedent for future trade relations."

Zambia's decision to shut its border threatened Congo's ability to export its minerals. Landlocked Congo has huge gold, copper and cobalt reserves in its mineral-rich east. Much of it passes through Zambia on its way to the coast for shipping.

Congo is by far the world's biggest producer of cobalt, which is in high demand and used in batteries that power electric vehicles, smartphones and computers. Zambia is also a key gateway for Congo's imports.

Congo's trade ministry said it had not received a formal complaint from Zambia before the border was closed and questioned the move. It said it hoped the talks in Lubumbashi would result in "a lasting solution."



BIZARRE COMBINATION: Business kiosks, congested kitchen running on cooking gas, heap of garbage, notice on presence of public toilet and bathroom nearby, etc., all available at the same spot... Roving correspondent Sabato Kasika witnessed this spectacle at in Dar es Salaam city's Mikocheni suburb yesterday.

By Special Correspondent, Johannesburg

WED: Advocating for future of elephants

COMMUNITIES worldwide celebrated World Elephant Day (WED) on Monday, raising awareness about the protection of elephants from various threats.

At the Adventures with Elephants reserve in Bela Bela, South Africa, an annual event showcases a herd of rescued elephants as they graze and cool off by the water under the hot sun.

The managing director Sean

Hensman said elephants faced huge pressure on their habitat.

"I think it's just a day to celebrate elephants in general and think about the bigger picture when it comes to their conservation. Elephants are under huge pressure from a perspective of land. So, human populations are exploding. Africa is due to double its population to about 3 to 4 billion people by 2050, and land for elephants is definitely decreasing."

Elephant handler David Mupupu stated that the population of African elephants has significantly decreased since 1920.

"If you look at 1920, in Africa alone we had 4 million elephants and today, only 400,000 are left, which is a 90 percent decrease in the numbers. So we have to take care of our elephants."

He added: "We have to take care of our elephants."

The World Elephant Day

Society reports that African and Asian elephants are increasingly endangered by poaching and habitat destruction.

The organisation intends to collaborate with other conservation groups to implement effective policies that will combat poaching and protect the habitats of these animals.

World Elephant Day was established in 2012 and is celebrated every year on August 12.

Mozambique unveils R21 vaccine to prevent children against malaria

MAPUTO

MOZAMBIQUE has reached an important milestone in malaria prevention among children with the introduction of the R21 vaccine which will help reduce malaria cases and save thousands of children's lives each year.

In Africa, one child dies from malaria every minute according to the World Health Organization.

Through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and co-financing from the government of Mozambique, the country has received about 800,000 malaria vaccine doses.

They will be deployed to vaccinate around 300,000 children through the Mozambique's Expanded Program on Immunization.

The vaccine will be distributed in 22 districts in Zambezia province.

It will be administered in a 4-dose schedule, with the first dose covering children aged 6 to 11 months.

"The malaria vaccine, which is being rolled out initially in Zambezia today, is one of the latest approaches in the fight against the disease," said Dr Armindo Tiago, Minister of Health.

"The choice of Zambezia as the launch site is due to the high burden of the disease in the province. The vaccine will be administered in four doses with the aim of reducing the severe malaria illness and death."

The World Health Organization is recommending the R21 vaccine as being safe and effective.

That is especially when provided in childhood immunization program.

The Vaccine has been found to reduce over half of malaria cases (as high as 66 percent) in children during the first year of follow-up and prolonged protection with the fourth dose of vaccine. This vaccine represents an advancement for child health, disease control and reduction of child mortality.

In Mozambique, malaria endemic, with a prevalence of 32 percent in under 5 children.

"The introduction of the malaria

vaccine into Mozambique's childhood vaccination programme is a historic event because it is the result of research and trials carried out by Mozambican scientists in Mozambique that led to the development of the first vaccine of its kind, the RTS,S vaccine.

This pioneering work laid the foundations for the World Health Organization to recommend the RTS,S and R21 vaccines for childhood immunization from 2021," Dr Severin von Klyander, WHO Representative in Mozambique

The introduction of the malaria vaccine in Mozambique brings to 11 the number of countries on the African continent to offer malaria vaccines, with eight countries providing RTS,S and three offering R21 as part of childhood immunization programme.

The wider malaria vaccine rollout is expanding access to more comprehensive prevention against the disease.

Malaria continues to be a huge health challenge in the African region, which is home to 11 countries that bear approximately 70 percent of the global malaria burden.

The region accounted for 94 percent of global malaria cases and 95 percent of all malaria deaths in 2022, according to the 2023 World Malaria Report.

In addition to the vaccine, efforts must continue to increase the coverage and use of insecticide-treated nets.

Only 57 percent of households in Mozambique have at least one insecticide-treated net.

Gavi, UNICEF, WHO and other partners are supporting the country's Ministry of Health in the preparation, acceptance and introduction of the malaria vaccine.

The support ranges from developing vaccine implementation plans, communication strategies, conducting health professional training and community engagement, and ensuring sufficient cold chain capacity.

Sierra Leone's president uses UN Security Council post to urge more seats for Africa

FREETOWN

AFTER decades of seeking a bigger voice in the United Nations' most powerful body, Africa "cannot wait any longer," Sierra Leone's president told the Security Council on Monday.

Chairing a meeting that his country convened, President Julius Maada Bio pressed a longstanding bid for African countries to get more council seats, including two permanent and potentially veto-wielding spots.

"The time for half-measures and incremental progress is over. Africa must be heard, and its demands for justice and equity must be met," Bio said, calling his continent the "unquestionable victim" of an imbalanced, outdated and unrepresentative Security Council structure.

It wasn't the first time the council has heard calls for expanding and reshaping its membership – and African countries aren't the only ones that want more representation. While there's a general sense that the council needs to change, discussions have bogged down over differences on how much to expand the group, what countries to include and what powers it should have.

But Bio's presence put an exclamation point on the issue ahead of a U.N. "Summit of the Future" and the annual General Assembly gathering of presidents, prime ministers and monarchs. Both gatherings are scheduled next month.

Some countries are hoping for momentum from the summit, which is meant to generate a wide-ranging new vision of what international cooperation should look like in this century. The latest draft of the summit's potential "Pact for the Future" terms Security Council reform a priority and pledges an "ambitious" result, with specific language still to come.

"We are sure it is a matter of time. Because the gatekeepers will find it difficult to let us in," Bio said at a news briefing Monday, but "we have a genuine and compelling case."

Set up in 1945 to try to maintain peace in the wake of World War II, the Security Council can levy sanctions,

deploy peacekeeping missions and otherwise pass resolutions that are legally binding, if sometimes ignored.

Its composition reflects the post-war power structure, and a time when most of Africa was under European control.

The United States, Russia, China, Britain and France are permanent, veto-wielding members. Ten other seats – originally six, until a 1965 expansion – go to countries that get two-year council terms, without veto power. The broader General Assembly elects them by region, with three seats for Africa.

African countries, and many others, have argued that the arrangement shorts the continent with the world's fastest-growing population, now at 1.3 billion. The continent's 54 countries make up 28 percent of the U.N.'s member states. Five of the U.N.'s 11 current peacekeeping operations are in Africa, as are four of the top 10 countries in terms of sending troops.

The African Union, a regional group, has called for two additional elected seats – yielding a total of five – and two permanent ones for countries on the continent.

The permanent seats, in particular, must "be urgently addressed," Namibia's foreign minister, Peya Mushelenga, told the council on Monday.

Any changes to the council's composition would be up to the General Assembly, which has held negotiations for years. Assembly President Dennis Francis said Monday that Africa is "manifestly underrepresented" on the council and that the status quo is "simply wrong."

But the U.N.'s member countries have floated many different ideas for changing the council, and any move to accommodate Africa would likely stir pressure to consider other proposals. The United States, for instance, backs adding permanent seats for countries in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, among others.

"Let's stop admiring the problem here. We need to move to solutions," U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, whose prior postings include multiple African countries, told the council.

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Electricity sector competition more helpful than 'energy use managers'

ONE of the most controversial spheres of economic activity is regulations - where rules are made for various purposes in line with actual legislation, the difference being that the rules don't have to go to Parliament for approval.

Thus, a lot can be done for the benefit of this or that interest group until the law itself is amended or outright repealed if it is seen to be incapable of obtaining results without objectionable regulations.

The regulations envisaged for use on a certain cadre of employees of industries and perhaps an inspection fee on their presence and work is sure to cost firms.

It will remain debatable if the government had to formulate regulations for energy efficiency auditing for large electricity consumers, as if there is a gap in the technical capacities the government wishes to fill.

An assistant commissioner for electricity development talked of employing such officials at the start of recent training for 132 certified energy managers from various regions, seemingly the ones poised for jobs.

And, as if to underline the urgency of the project, the government is collaborating with the United Nations Development Programme on the country's first energy efficiency action plan, also fielding financial support from the European Union.

What is not quite clear in the commissioner's remarks is that the overall objective is to enhance access to affordable, reliable and sustainable power flow to most consumers.

In other words, large companies are being monitored for energy use by officials they will be

compelled to pay so that the government realises wider energy policy objectives none of which can credibly be anchored in what a company is doing.

If company X or Y is in a sense inefficient in its energy use, it will use more cash to pay its bills; it is nobody else's business but suddenly authority airs strong feelings on all these costs, or starts calling.

There is another unclear area as to whether the plan is to demand that factories operate on a specific sort of energy to lessen the use of electricity or to heighten the use of natural gas as is current policy.

However, it is hard to see how a management cadre is trained for the purpose. Faulty energy use can come from faulty metering or lack of metering, but clearly officials are not being trained to advise a company if the daily meter reading is correct or the meter needs to be changed.

It is as if there is an energy mix focus that calls for the physical presence of an official to be present for one to be sure how much gas, electricity, etc., is used.

The fact, though, is that what most industries need at present is to see if they can develop their own sources of energy. This could be wind power for many companies located on the seashore or biogas for those having an environmental enclosure for a large dumpsite or near it.

Firms at the street level could also be enabled to generate biogas power supply from cesspits that otherwise make the streets dirty when they are emptied into canals when there is a downpour.

The residents concerned would be acting as if they are doing so under cover of darkness to do a foul. Whatever they are assigned to do, options arising from the market work ten times better.

Leading opposition parties compete to fight corruption, brook no reform roles

TRAINING in basic principles of politics suggests that political parties are there to provide alternative views of how government can be run or how public resources can be 'allocated' - that is, having revenue collected and spent.

A look into the scenario in Africa at the moment will show that there is enough reason to distinguish between political parties on the continent and much of the developing world on the one hand and those of developed countries on the other.

Like most other political parties, those in Africa could be said to want political power not by alternative governance platforms but claiming that corruption has reached intolerable levels and people simply have to act.

This one-liner is at times paired with some real claims, like frontally protecting local sugar producers against cheap sugar from outside on the part a more recent political party, while another, rather older party, latched on a dispute arising from the presence of Zanzibar in a 'suspicious' 1993 international meeting.

Opposition parties at times fail to enrich the policy debate because their feelings are similar to those of the ruling party; they are nationalists rather than reformists.

That applies, say, with the government wanting to privatise debt-laden public firms and the leader of a key opposition party saying a referendum would have

to be held.

The government resists the idea and, surprisingly, even with extensive violence in youth demonstrations on the cost of living and new taxes, that idea is not been raised again.

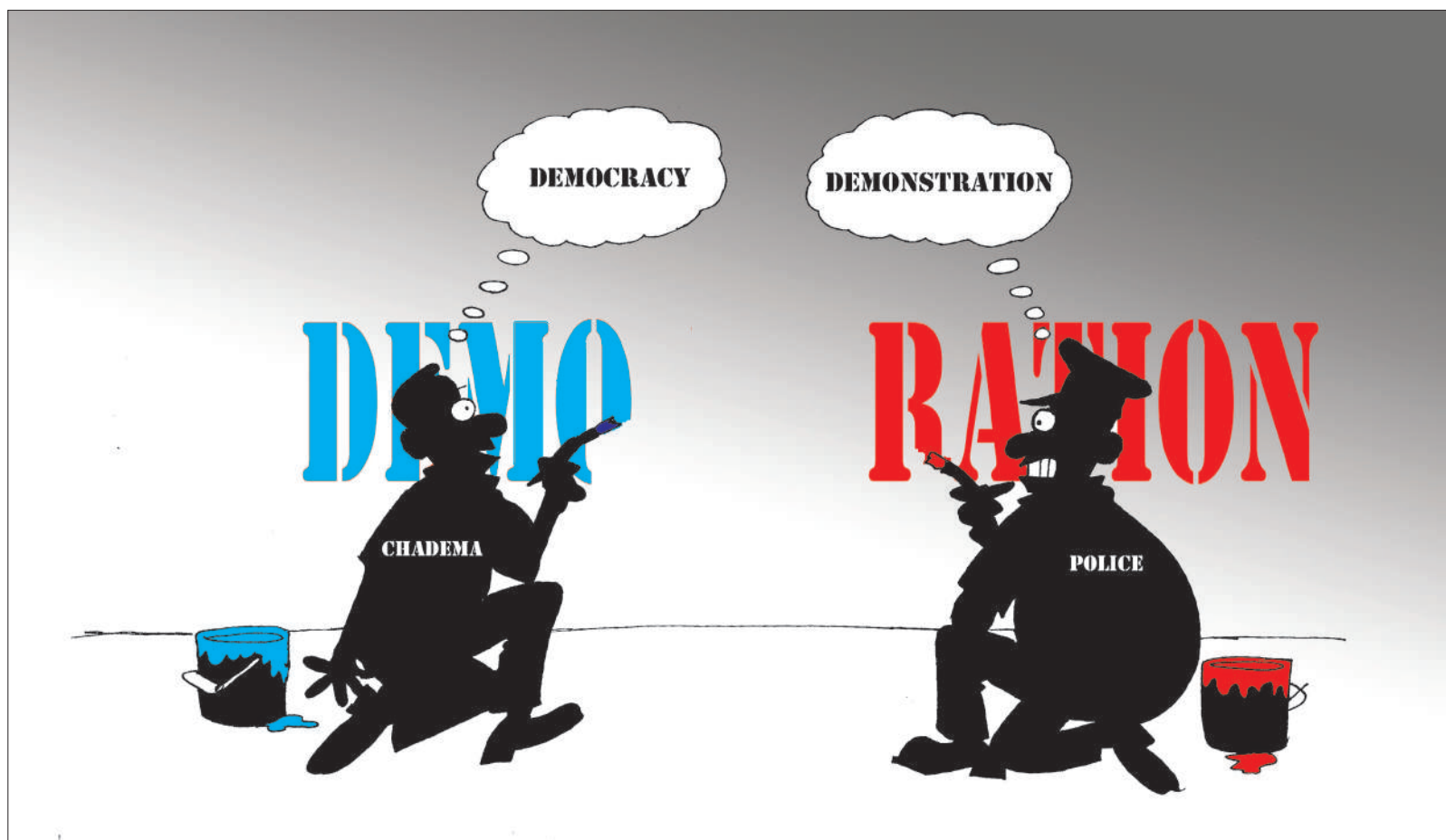
It means that people could die fighting corruption in the streets but doing little or indeed nothing on a public sector-dominated economy that is arguably the source of the corruption both in its costs and in its attitudes.

When nationalists want power held by other nationalists they say that those holding office are corrupt; another party is elected and it is business as usual.

This is what has repeatedly occurred in various African states, with few ultimately satisfied with asking the youth to imitate what is happening elsewhere or affirming that making such allusions is just democratic debate. Debating with another person whether to set the house on fire isn't civic debate, so many will take their distance.

Going back to square one, the failure to enunciate proper governance platforms for the public to choose from by and large removes the rationale of having political parties, as constitutional presence hangs on a thread.

It is an implicit principle that anyone has the right to be elected to govern, and any such person or group is free to choose its methods. Yes, but those in authority may ask for forgiveness if they don't quite agree to play along as if they had just joined a dance they genuinely enjoyed.



Tanzanian foundation enhancing capacity by newsrooms for investigative reporting

By Arinze Chijioke

THIS year's edition of the Reporters Without Borders' World Press Freedom Index shows that politicians in Tanzania own or influence many media outlets in the country.

It adds that privately run newspapers in the country tend to rely on the government for funding, receiving between 40 and 80 per cent of their income from state advertising.

Media outlets that don't produce content in line with the government can have resources evaporate and, as a result, struggle to stay afloat and meet their financial obligations.

This reliance on governmental support for sustainability has undermined newsrooms' editorial independence and ability to hold those in power accountable, leading to a decline in investigative journalism in particular.

A long-serving publisher and editor is quoted as having said that at times journalists may find a big story but they fall well short of digging it out.

Journalists are underpaid and media outlets struggle to fund investigative journalism, which is regarded as luxurious, he said.

In an effort to improve the state of journalism in the country, a team of media practitioners and human rights advocates came together and created the Tanzania Media Foundation (TMF) in 2015. An offshoot of what was known as the Tanzania Media Fund, for almost a decade now TMF has worked with the goal to help newsrooms produce quality investigative reporting.

TMF executive director Dastan Kamanzi says the foundation runs various training sessions meant to build journalists' investigative reporting skills, adding that they also help media outlets improve their financial sustainability.

Deodatus Mfugale, identified as one of TMF's founders, meanwhile said: "Our focus is the internal environment of the media because we believe that if the organisations have strong internal systems and journalists' capacities to practise investigative journalism are upgraded, they can better navigate the economic, political and social environment."

The foundation employs a "nurturing" approach when assisting journalists and newsrooms - teaching them how to generate investigative story ideas, interview sources, and write the articles that follow.

"We nurture because, over time, we found that journalists and media outlets attend workshops



and seminars daily yet the quality of journalism content is low," explained Mfugale.

He elaborated: "In our approach, journalists learn from experts after which we meet to discuss story ideas and provide funds to support them. For the organisations, experts teach business plans for financial sustainability, media management and technology."

The PJJ Bank

TMF runs the Public Interest Journalism Bank to help journalists and newsrooms produce high-quality journalism. The bank is composed of three pillars: Public Interest Journalism Ideas, Public Interest Journalism Story, and Public Interest Journalism Story Behind Story.

Under Ideas, reporters can submit investigative pitches for review. If selected, they receive mentorship and financial support to carry out their reporting.

Through the Story pillar, journalists and newsrooms can submit stories they have published for consideration to be analysed for competence and quality, and recognized during the annual Tija Journalism Awards which celebrate outstanding investigative stories.

For the Story Behind Story initiative, journalists and newsrooms can provide documentation highlighting the most significant impacts of investigative stories they will have produced, for TMF to assess and for consideration to be honoured at the Tija awards.

"The PJJ Bank represents a significant step forward in TMF's mission to strengthen public interest journalism in Tanzania," said Kamanzi.

"By supporting and recognising journalists pursuing accountability and transparency, TMF empowers the media to play a more prominent

role in fostering a responsible and accountable society," he added.

Grants to support original reporting

TMF administers grants to journalists and media outlets to carry out investigations. Thus far, according to Kamanzi, the foundation has supported over 3,000 journalists and 150 media outlets across Tanzania. With this funding support, journalists have published unique reporting with a strong focus on rural issues and voices.

"With training and support from TMF, I have investigated social, economic and political issues, keeping the public informed," said Sanula Athanas, a reporter with IPP Media's Kiswahili daily newspaper Nipasha.

The professional development opportunities TMF offers have equipped journalists with advanced investigative and data journalism, fact-checking and ethical reporting skills, Athanas noted.

The Tija Desk

In January, TMF established the Tija Desk, which means "productivity" in Kiswahili, at the media outlet, Mwananchi Communications Limited. This unit focuses on in-depth reporting and investigative journalism, and strives to enhance productivity and reporting standards.

The desk is understood to comprise a team of nine reporters who have received training and support through TMF's programmes and are pursuing a range of investigations.

This May, the outlet published its first special report focusing on how the poor condition of ferries in Dar es Salaam, and the lack of maintenance they receive, puts in jeopardy the lives of over 60,000

passengers known to use the ferry services on a daily basis.

An editor with the outlet readily admitted that TMF's support had enabled them to improve their reporting quality and contribute more effectively to public discourse and accountability in Tanzania.

Challenges and looking ahead

As with many media initiatives these days, funding has been a primary challenge for TMF, and hear this from executive director Kamanzi: "We plan to launch the Jo-Bazaar, a platform where story ideas with a focus on a given thematic area will be sold to potential funders and sponsors like non-governmental and civil society organisations. Funds raised will be used to help journalists pursue stories."

The foundation says it also plans to approach universities and journalism schools in Tanzania for discussions on how to further bridge the gap between classroom teaching and field experience for students.

"We have already defined our direction and know precisely what we want to achieve moving forward. We just have to keep fundraising to be able to achieve our goals because funding remains a challenge," Kamanzi noted.

A dispatch by the International Journalists' Network (IJNet), a project of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists. Arinze Chijioke is a freelance journalist in Nigeria covering global health, climate change and the environment, conflict, corruption, social justice, human rights, business and economics. He is currently a fellow reporter at the International Centre for Investigative Reporting and a member of the 2021 edition of the Solutions Journalism Network mentoring programme.

Empowering Africa's informal market traders to deliver safe food

BULAWAYO

LOCAL informal food markets feed millions of urbanites in bustling African cities, but the consequences of tainted food could be illness and death for unsuspecting consumers.

Over 130,000 people across Africa fall ill and die from consuming unsafe food, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

An estimated 70 percent of Africa's urban households buy food from informal markets, such as street vendors, kiosks, and traditional market sellers. Despite being key to food and nutrition security, informal food markets have traditionally been neglected in terms of improved food safety practices, the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) has noted.

Informal food markets are crucial economic engines, providing livelihoods for many but hygiene concerns, and regulatory uncertainties pose threats to the growth of these markets where people buy and sell food.

Fishworker, Godknows Skota, from Binga District, trades in kapenta fish (Tanganyika sardine) and the Kariba Bream (Tilapia) harvested from Lake Kariba, north of Zimbabwe, which finds its way to public markets in the city of Bulawayo, more than 400 km away.

"Fish go bad easily if they are not handled and prepared well, which means I must ensure I process them in a hygienic manner so that I do not throw away my catch," Skota told IPS as he cleaned a catch of Bream fish for a customer at a fishing camp in Binga, south of Lake Kariba.

"I salt the fish to preserve them and I take precautions to ensure that the fish are not contaminated by dirt during processing and I use enough salt to preserve the fish well so that they do not rot," Skota said.

The significant burden of poor food safety on the continent's health systems is also reflected in its economic impact. Illnesses due to food-borne diseases cause around USD 15 billion in medical expenses annually, according to the World Bank which estimates that food-borne diseases are associated with productivity losses of up to USD 16 billion across Africa.

"Not that the informal food sector is responsible for the disease burden but that we need to have more focus on this sector because it is important and contributes almost 80 percent of the food consumed by urban dwellers," said John Oppong-Otoo, Food Safety Officer, African Union's International Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR).

The African Union (AU) and ILRI have produced the first framework of food safety guidelines to support African governments' efforts to improve food safety across the continent's informal food sector. The draft guidelines have been developed following the AU's Food Safety Strategy for Africa, published in 2021 to encourage improvements in food safety management.

Oppong-Otoo highlighted that the new guidelines will provide realistic and practical guidance to help governments work with the informal food sector to manage food safety risks and deliver safe food. Food risk can emanate from processed or raw food that can be contaminated, poor handling of food, and infrastructure, for instance, in informal markets.

"It is not that people want to produce unsafe food, it is just that they are not aware that their practices could lead to the production of unsafe food and so they need to be guided," Oppong-Otoo told IPS, noting that unsafe food undermines the human right to food and nutrition security for millions of Africans annually.

Food safety is a major health and economic burden across Africa. According to ILRI research, Africa is responsible for most of the global health burden caused by food-borne diseases.

Silvia Alonso, Principal Scientist Epidemiologist, at the Nairobi-based ILRI, says the guidelines are being developed under a continent-wide consultation with informal market traders, agro-processing actors, and governments. African governments are expected to domesticate the guidelines by developing regulatory frameworks and administration practices to support their implementation.

Alonso told IPS that the guidelines under development by the AU and ILRI are currently undergoing a consultation process, with informal and agri-sector actors, partners, as well as with AU member states, before approval in 2025.

"Since the guidelines are also informed by ILRI's research as well as examples of successful interventions for improving food safety across Africa, we also hope to demonstrate to national governments that a new approach to informal food markets is possible and is entirely to their benefit," said Alonso, explaining that while not expected to be legally binding, the consultation process should pique the interest from governments on seeing the guidelines implemented in their countries.

ILRI has supported informal food markets across Africa through training on food safety. For example, in Kenya, the More Milk project has trained more than 200 milk

vendors in Eldoret, to improve hygiene and handling practices.

Milk vendor Francisca Mutai, from Kenya, said she has gained knowledge on milk hygiene and improved her engagement with customers. Her customer base increased and she expanded her business, leading to increased profits.

"With this knowledge, I am able to advise my suppliers and customers on hygienic milk handling and the nutritional benefits of milk," Mutai said.

Another milk vendor, Daniel Kembo, also from Kenya, switched from using plastic containers to aluminum ones, which ensured better hygiene and quality of milk. As a result, he has increased his milk sales.

While in Ethiopia, a consumer awareness campaign helped reduce the recall of tomatoes sold on the informal markets. Dubbed "Abo! Eat the Intact Ones" (Abo is an Amharic word similar to 'hey'), the campaign achieved a 78 percent recall rate, driving demand for intact, or safe, tomatoes in Dire Dawa and Harar areas by enhancing safe household tomato preparation practices.

Akintayo Oluwagbemiga Elijah, chief whip of the Oyo State Butchers Association in the Bodija Market, in Ibadan, Nigeria, has been made aware of hygienic practices in meat handling and processing. He now pays serious attention to the cleanliness of the slab where cows are slaughtered and uses potable water to clean the meat and its products.

Oppong-Otoo, said promoting food safety in informal markets is one of the targets of an ongoing One Health initiative of the African Union because food trade is an opportunity for economic growth under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

"The informal food sector, which includes people handling and producing food, is at the heart of the AfCFTA and it means that if we can support them to consistently produce and market safer food, then we would have more commodities to be traded," he said. "The AU Food Safety Strategy recognizes that even though Africa has huge agriculture resources, we have not been able to fully tap their potential because of the production of unsafe food."

It is projected that by 2030, intra-African agricultural trade will increase by 574 percent if import tariffs are eliminated under the AfCFTA. This would be a great boost for the continent that spends over USD 50 billion annually in food imports, according to the African Development Bank (AfDB).

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Fisherman Godknows Skota holds gutted and cleaned fish. Credit: Busani Bafana/IPS



ZANZIBAR FAIR COMPETITION COMMISSION



IN THE MATTER OF THE MERGER NOTIFICATION IN RELATION TO INDIRECT ACQUISITION OF SHARES AT ZANEA SEAWEED CO LIMITED ZANZIBAR (TARGET FIRM)

BY
TATE & LYLE PLC (APPLICANT)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE ZANZIBAR FAIR COMPETITION COMMISSION

(Made under Section 5(1), 49 and 50 of the Fair Competition and Consumer Protection Act No. 5 of 2018 and Regulation 48 of the Fair Competition Regulation 2019)

The Zanzibar Fair Competition Commission (ZFCC) is an Independent Government Institution established under the Fair Competition and Consumer Protection Act, No.5 of 2018 to promote and protect fair and effective Competition in trade and to protect consumers from misleading market conduct.

The Act empowers the Zanzibar Fair Competition Commission (ZFCC) to review, investigate and prohibit any proposed mergers and acquisitions that contravene the stipulations of sections 49 of the Zanzibar Fair Competition and Consumer Protection Act No. 5 of 2018.

Conferring to Section 50 of the Fair Competition and Consumer Protection Act No.5 of 2018 read together with Regulation 32 of the Fair Competition Regulation 2018, ZFCC has received merger notifications to the effect that **Tate & Lyle Plc (Acquiring firms)** intends to acquire indirectly **66% shares of Zanea Seaweed Company Limited (Target Firm)**.

Tate & Lyle Plc is a company incorporated in England and Wales, the firm is a global supplier and manufacturer of ingredient solution to food or beverages and its registered office at 5 Marble Arch, London, United Kingdom

Zanea Seaweed Company Limited, a private company limited by shares and incorporated under the laws of Zanzibar, its diels with sourcing seaweeds from local farmers and its office is located at Malindi, Urban West Region, Unguja, Zanzibar.

The Acquiring Firm and Target Firm are collectively referred to as the "**Merging Parties**"

Based on Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) entered between The **Parties** agreed to take control of 66% of shares at **Zanea Seaweed Company Limited** subject to the terms and conditions of the agreement.

ZFCC is currently investigating the intended acquisitions in line with the provisions of the Fair Competition and Consumer Protection Act No. 5 of 2018 and the Fair Competition Regulations, 2019. Pursuant to Regulation 48 of the Fair Competition Regulation 2019, parties (both legal and natural) who deem themselves as having sufficient interest in this merger, or, if the merger is not objected to, they will have or are likely to have material effect on their interests, are hereby, **NOTIFIED to Director General** their interests and or objections (if any) or file any information that will assist the ZFCC in reaching just and reasonable decisions with regard to **Acquiring Firm's** notification of the intended merger.

All such parties shall file and register such interest(s) or information by way of written submissions to the ZFCC within **Fourteen (14) days**, starting from the first day of publication of this public notice. Submissions filed after the said deadline shall not be accepted.

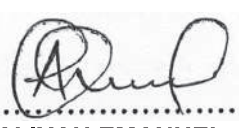
Registration of the said interests/objections or information should be accompanied by a duly filled Form ZFCC No. 10 of the Fair Competition Commission Regulations, 2019. Failure to fill in Form ZFCC. No 10 will deny a party the right to make any oral submissions before the Commission and the presence of that party in the proceedings will be as an observer only.

Parties should take note that pursuant to Regulation 10 (4) of the Fair Competition Regulation, 2019 as applied to this Public Notice, ZFCC shall not entertain a subject of the petition where: (a) it does not fall under Act or Regulation (b) it has no material effect on competition; and (c) the same in whole or in part is before any court, tribunal, arbitration, judicial or quasi - judicial body or was previously determined by any court, tribunal, arbitration, judicial or quasi-judicial body.

Form (ZFCC NO 10) can be collected at ZFCC office.

Submissions must be submitted to the ZFCC at the address below.

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By Luo Shanshan

Overseas warehouses bolster Chinese foreign trade enterprises in global markets

At 8:30 a.m., local time, container trucks were lining up in front of a Chinese overseas warehouse in Dusseldorf, Germany, waiting to be unloaded.

About an hour later, the first truck was ready to depart. "The goods on this truck will be sent to different parts of Germany and its neighboring countries through transfer centers," said Shi Lei, manager of the warehouse. Overseas warehouses are important logistics nodes connecting the Chinese and international supply chains, he noted.

With the booming development of cross-border e-commerce, consumers are demanding faster and more reliable shipping services. Setting up warehouses close to end markets allows for pre-stocking, which facilitates the distribution and turnover of Chinese goods in overseas markets and enhances the efficiency of last-mile deliveries in cross-border e-commerce.

According to statistics, China has established over 2,500 overseas warehouses so far, covering a total area of over 30 million square meters.

Overseas warehouses can greatly reduce the shipping time. For instance, businesses used to stock up in China before shipping them to German customers once orders were placed. Even with air freight, it would take 5 to 10 days for the goods to reach Germany. Now, by pre-stocking items at overseas warehouses, packages can reach Berlin within one day or two, similar to the efficiency of Chinese domestic logistics.

Besides, overseas warehouses can lead to a significant drop in overall logistics costs. "Cross-border logistics for overseas warehouses typically involves three stages: shipping between ports, storing goods abroad, and delivering them to customers overseas," said Shi.

According to him, the first stage is usually covered by container sea freight, known for its high capacity that lowers the cost per unit of transportation. For the second stage, overseas warehouses can cut costs by enhancing operational efficiency and inventory turnover with refined operations and customized and professional services.

When it comes to the third stage, with products located closer to consumers, distribution costs are lower, especially when using combined shipping from multiple warehouses. Moreover, large overseas warehouses have stronger negotiating capabilities with local last-mile delivery service providers, which also helps reduce overall operational costs.

More importantly, the service chain of overseas warehouses is becoming more complete. Handling returns has been a major challenge for foreign trade companies, but this obstacle has been effectively addressed by overseas warehouses. Consider the case of clothing exports, which often involve a high number of returns and exchanges. Without overseas warehouses, returns would be complex and time-consuming due to the need for cross-border shipping;



Photo shows employees of an overseas warehouse in the Middle East owned by an e-commerce company in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang province. (Photo provided by the interviewed enterprise)

but now, products can be returned to overseas warehouses and redistributed as needed.

In recent years, as overseas warehouse companies continuously make innovations and improve their services, overseas warehouses have evolved from basic storage locations to multi-functional foreign trade service facilities, playing a crucial role in the foreign trade supply chain. Some overseas warehouses can even provide multiple services such as exhibitions, after-sales support, and maintenance for companies venturing into global markets.

For example, the Yiwu-based Zhejiang China Commodities City Group Co., Ltd. has established overseas warehouses in Dubai, Mexico, and other locations around the world, which serve as both exhibition halls and warehouses.

Besides, some Chinese overseas warehouse companies have expanded their services to include first-mile

logistics services from Chinese domestic origins, creating a complete service cycle for exporters and importers.

Nowadays, Chinese overseas warehouses have formed a network around the world, opening up new routes for exports.

According to the latest data released by China's General Administration of Customs, the trade volume of China's cross-border e-commerce reached 1.22 trillion yuan (\$170.22 billion) in the first half of 2024, up 10.5 percent year on year, 4.4 percentage points higher than the overall growth of China's foreign trade during the

same period. The trade volume of China's cross-border e-commerce has grown by 1.2 times over the past five years, from 1.06 trillion yuan in 2018 to 2.38 trillion yuan in 2023.

To improve logistics efficiency, many Chinese overseas warehouse companies are speeding up their shift toward digitalization and automation.

The movement of goods into storage and out for shipping involves a significant amount of information entry and product handling. Some warehouses handle tens of thousands of outbound orders each day, making it challenging to manage order allocation effectively.

With information-based intelligent platforms, product information can be collected, transmitted and processed in real time. Combined with big data analysis, the platform can predict sales trends and inventory demands, enabling proactive inventory allocation and replenishment.

Such efforts can help ensure timely delivery of goods and prevent issues like inventory backlog and poor sales. During the sorting and distribution process, robots and automated sorting equipment can efficiently handle a large volume of orders with stability and precision. **People's Daily**



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF ASSET CODING SERVICES REFERENCE NO: 00000581

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies or organizations to express their interest in undertaking the Provision of Asset Coding Services at the offices of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project located at [insert list of offices (Regional offices)].

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from Lake Albert area in Uganda to eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula in Tanga, Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 296km will be in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania. In Tanzania the pipeline will traverse eight (8) regions comprising of Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, 27 administrative District Councils, and 231 Villages.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The Scope of Services includes creation of a special bar code customized in EACOP needs, counting and insertion specific approved bar codes to each and every EACOP properties across the EACOP Offices in Tanzania. The service to be provided shall include:

- Physical verification to be carried out and reconciled to the existing asset register prior to insertion of bar codes creation of readable by Bar Code Readers (BCR) bar codes which should be readily visible from normal viewing point with following specifications;
 - Material to be used: Very attractive .020" anodized aluminium face stock.
 - Use 3M 467 permanent pressure-resistant adhesive for rapid application and tamper evident.
 - Label Copy; High quality, durable, able to withstand extreme weather conditions between 100C to 850C and are solvent resistant, thin, and flexible enough to conform to most surfaces.
 - Colours: Black graphics on silver background.
 - Sizes: 39mm x 13mm.
- Packaging: Delivered in sequential order, 100% no missing numbers.
- A requisite card reader should as well be provided.

DETAILS ON TAG

- Asset Register number in barcode format to facilitate reading by the scanner.
- The word 'The East African Crude Oil Pipeline' as displayed with the EACOP Logo.
- The asset tag should be alpha-numeric including a unique reference to the nature of the asset e.g. furniture, equipment etc.
- The asset tag should also include the location of the asset e.g. Dar es salaam Office.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- A copy of current official search report from the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA).
- Valid certificate of incorporation and business license.
- Proof of registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database, or a proof of application for registration at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Brief description of experience, expertise and capacity to deliver the required scope of services.
- Provide financial statement for the previous financial year and proof of financial capability.
- Availability of Technical resources (CV and years of experience must be provided)
- Confirmation and recommendation letters from previously executed projects for the past 5 years.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to cft.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00 hours** East African Time (EAT), on **29/08/2024** Email subject should be **EOI 00000581- ASSET CODING SERVICES**.

Note: EACOP LTD will review and assess the documents provided by companies or organizations that have expressed interest in accordance with this EOI and conduct evaluations based on internal criteria to determine which companies or organizations will be included in the list of pre-qualified companies or organizations. Only the pre-qualified companies or organizations will receive, by signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to bid as a continuation of the call for tender process. EACOP LTD reserves the right at its sole discretion to make the decision to select or reject a company or organization and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company or organization concerned.



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PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GOODS FOR A URANIUM PLANT IN LIKUYU WARD, NAMTUMBO DISTRICT, RUVUMA REGION.

Mantra Tanzania Limited (Mantra), operating as a subsidiary of Uranium One Group, Joint Stock Company, is focused on the potential development of a Uranium Mine at its Mkuju River Project (MRP) in the Namtumbo District of Ruvuma Region.

Now Mantra invites eligible suppliers and service providers to express their interest (EOI) for the below list.

Package No.	Description
0371_063	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PREGNANT LEACH SOLUTION CLARIFIERS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_065	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HEAT EXCHANGER FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
MTL04-2024	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 10,000 CUBIC METRES OF AGGREGATES (GRANITE STONES SIZE 14-20) FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT

Interested Companies and business entities are requested, as a minimum, to submit the following:

- Detailed Company Information with an Organization Structure, list of workers with CVs of key personnel.
- Details of completion of similar types of contracts in the last three years and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution under headings:
 - Brief scope of work
 - Value of work in USD
 - Contractual Duration
 - Clients name
 - Contact details of the Client (Mantra may approach the Client directly for the feedback).
- Details of Resources available in terms of number of manpower, equipment etc. for providing similar services.
- Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) policies, procedures and statistics covering the last 4 years.
- Copies of Valid Quality Certifications / Accreditations, ISO certifications, if any.
- Company's financial performance documents (Audited Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Account & cash flow statement, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc.) for the last 3 (three) years. Latest financial statement should not be older than 18 months on the date of submission of response to the Expression of interest.
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- Workers Compensation Fund Certificate.
- Corporate ownership including main shareholders by percentage.
- Approved Local Content Plan by the Mining Commission.

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Chinese-made motor rickshaws transforming central Kenya's donkey bay

NYERI

TWO km outside the central Kenyan town of Nyeri's bustling streets along the busy highway linking the town to Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, one cannot fail to notice the well-tended giant evergreen trees under whose shades rest dozens of donkeys.

The meeting point area in Nyeri has for decades stuck to donkey-pulled carts, an antique means of transport.

Unique to other places where donkey carts are embraced, Nyeri has set aside an area known as Ruring'u donkey bay, similar to bus parks or taxi bays.

In Nyeri and its environs, donkeys have been used to transport various goods, including sawdust, firewood, fodder, building materials like timber and stones, and household goods for tenants moving houses.

In recent years, Chinese-made motor rickshaws, popularly known as tuk-tuks, have gradually held sway at the yard, which boasts more than 50 donkeys and carts.

The introduction of tuk-tuks has

seen traders bid farewell to various challenges previously experienced with donkeys.

Mwangi Githae is one of the oldest traders at the bay who has since replaced their donkey carts with tuk-tuks.

"We have been abandoning donkeys for tuk-tuks due to the three-wheeler's high reliability compared to the beasts of burden," Githae told.

The importation of Chinese tuk-tuks started about two decades ago, offering a respite to traders who could not afford to buy vehicles, and have since provided jobs and cheaper, faster and more reliable transportation for millions of Kenyans.

The introduction of the arrangement by which buyers can own the three-wheelers and pay in instalments has also made things easier for prospective tuk-tuk owners.

A tuk-tuk in Kenya can cost between 2,700 and 3,875 U.S. dollars, depending on its capacity and make. The cost of a donkey, however, was only 7,000 shillings (about 54 U.S. dollars) while that of building a cart was about 77.5 dollars.

With just about 132 dollars, one



Peter Gitonga, Mwangi Githae and Maina Karuoho wait for customers at the Ruring'u donkey bay in Nyeri, Kenya.

was able to comfortably start the business. As opposed to donkeys, which can only cover a short distance, three-wheelers cover hundreds of kilometers per day. They are also faster, more effective, and can carry heavier loads with passengers and riders on board.

Additionally, the transporters

find tuk-tuks saving them a lot of trouble with Nyeri County officials for letting the animals loose in town.

"Many a time, we would get into disputes with farmers after donkeys strayed into their fields, destroying crops. The farmers would, in some cases, attack and wound

the animals," Githae said, adding that tracing their whereabouts wasted a lot of their time.

Peter Gitonga joined the growing list of those upgrading from donkey carts to tuk-tuks about two years ago. The longest distance he covered with a donkey was 20 km daily, while with a tuk-tuk, he can

cover up to 200 km a day.

Maina Karuoho came to the bay in 2007 and ran the business with a donkey until about two years ago when he shifted to a tuk-tuk. He said Dayun and Captain are the most popular models at the yard, whose spare parts are readily available in Nyeri.

UN officials praise technology transfer for economic growth and job creation in Africa

KIGALI

UN officials have commended China's efforts to transfer Juncao cultivation technology to local communities in Africa, highlighting its potential to drive economic transformation and create job opportunities.

Earle Courtenay Rattray, chief of Staff to the United Nations Secretary-General, and Amson Sibanda, chief of the National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch Division for Sustainable Development Goals at the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, shared their insights in recently on the sidelines of a Juncao technology training workshop in Huye District, Rwanda, for African participants.

Rattray said Juncao technology aligns with the UN's primary goals of promoting sustainable development.

"Juncao technology is affordable. Many times when we talk of the need to transfer technology, you recognize that there is a technology gap between the rich and poor countries. But this technology is applied in such a way that it can be affordable to the person that is applying it at a very local level, and that I think is the key benefit of it," Rattray said.

"It is really about transferring technology to the local level, transferring technology from China in a way that makes sense and is relevant and practical for the people of developing countries throughout Africa, and that is what we are seeing, a tangible demonstration of that," he added.

Juncao is a hybrid grass and a crucial agricultural resource for mushroom farming, initially developed by Lin Zhanxi of Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University in China during the 1980s. It has since benefited over 100 countries.

The technology supports several Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, including poverty eradication, clean energy, gender equality, and biodiversity preservation.

"For us, we look at Juncao technology as one of the packages that countries should look at when it comes to achieving the Sustainable De-



A Chinese expert instructs local staff members to plant Juncao seedlings at the animal husbandry technology demonstration center in Mauritania.

velopment Goals," Sibanda said.

He further explained that Juncao can assist countries facing challenges in providing sustainable livestock feed. "This is one effective way to make sure that throughout the year your livestock have adequate nutritious livestock feeds. So, that is one positive contribution of Juncao technology to eradicating poverty, and improving food security throughout the world," Sibanda said.

Sibanda also said Juncao technology aids in producing nutritious mushrooms, which fosters nutrition, job creation, and environmental protection.

In Rwanda, the UN officials toured local mushroom producers using Juncao technology and observed demonstrations of mushroom cooking.

Rattray described the experience as rewarding, saying, "I'm delighted to be in Rwanda with other UN officials and the ambassador of Chi-

na (to the UN), to see for ourselves something that we previously were only reading about. It makes a difference to see with our own eyes an action benefiting people."

The officials also expressed optimism that the participants, who received hands-on training in mushroom production, would return to their countries and promote Juncao cultivation within their communities.

"It is an indication of how best to promote the technology to make sure that people

understand it. It is a technology that can be adopted anywhere, no matter the circumstances," said Sibanda. "It has been simplified and very easy to adopt and apply in any setting, whether rural or urban setting. So it is a technology that can really benefit many people."

BUSINESS

New shariah compliant collective investment scheme targets 10bn/-

By Correspondent James Kandoya

A new shariah compliant collective investment scheme has made its debut in Dar es Salaam, targeting to collect 10bn/- from the market in the next two months.

Dubbed "Alpha Halal Fund", its primary objective of the fund was to basket ethical financial products within the prescribed territory that adhere to sharia's principles, so as accommodates ethical and Islamic investors whose individual's investment options in conventional markets are limited.

Gerase Gwalisa, the Scheme CEO said that in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the official launching of the new invest-

ment scheme.

He said that an open ended collective investment scheme focuses investments only into ethical and sharia compliant financial products.

He said the scheme also focuses the East Africa community and the SADC regions adding that the fund shall accept funds without the limitations of borders, but also only invest in ethical financial securities, specifically equities and sukuk bonds that adhere to sharia principles authentic outlines in the offer document.

Reports show Islamic finance is today a \$3.9 trillion industry spread over more than 80 countries with the bulk of it concentrated in very few markets.



Comparing data from different sources shows that just 10 countries account for almost 95 percent of the world's sharia compliant assets.

The fund is also a diversification tool for investors, historically, sharia's compliant public companies are known to weather market cycles, a case in point is the 2008 financial crisis.

"We have today opened the window for those who are interested to do so and will be closed October 17 this year," he said.

He said the fund is open for participation by foreign investors and resident Tanzanians as well as those based offshore.

He said under the security markets and securities (foreign investors regulation act of 2004, foreigners are free to deal in Tanzania's primary and secondary markets for listed securities and only particularly in the secondary market for the government debt securities.

Under the banking and financial institutions

foreign exchange) regulations 2022 and the foreign exchange(listed securities) (amendment regulation 2014,restrictions to the capital account have been lifted and foreigners can now fully invest in Tanzania listed securities, excluding treasuries for foreigners based in a territory other than EAC or SADC without limit.

Director Market Supervision and Investigation at the Capital Market and Securities (CMSA) Exaud Julius said that the authority approved an offer document to Alpha Capital Limited April this year after meeting the Collective Investment Schemes, Regulations 1997.

"I would like to inform you that Alpha Halal Fund has met the regulations, laws and guidelines of the collective investment scheme," he said.

In remarks, the Deputy Minister of State, President's office for planning and investment Stanislaus Nyongo tasked CMSA to increase community awareness on financial literacy.

He said once the community is aware more people will invest through this kind of scheme adding the concerted efforts were highly needed.

He said the government has continued to improve the business environment to enable the financial sector to prosper.

DSE records 4.9bn/- turnover in two days

By Guardia Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) recorded a turnover of 4.9bn/- in two first days of the week, with 1.2 million shares being traded on pre-arranged block trade among three counters.

The Monday's daily market report show a total of 843,556 shares were traded in 274 deals, including 600,000 shares transacted through pre-arranged block trades on CRDB and NMB counters on Monday, while 918,695 valued 3.9bn/- were traded on Tuesday of which 620,000 traded on TCC counter through pre-arranged market board.

Top mover on Monday was CRDB Bank counter which transacted 670,033 shares valued 420m/-, traded at a price ranging from 620/- to 650/- per share in 180 deals. However, 500,000 shares were transacted through pre-

arranged block trade.

NMB Bank was second top mover, after recording the transactions of 104,833 shares valued 565.9m/- traded at a price ranging from 5,300/- to 5,450/- in 24 deals, with 100,000 shares being traded through pre-arranged market board.

Afriprise counter, former TCCIA Investment Company Limited (TICL) was third top mover after recording the transactions of 64,412 shares valued 14.8m/- traded at a price ranging from 230/- to 235/- in 31 deals.

On Tuesday, the report shows TCC counter was top mover after recording the transactions of 620,000

shares valued 3.7bn/- traded through pre-arranged block trade in four deals.

All TCC shares were sold by foreign investors as their participation accounted for 94 percent of total value of shares sold.

The second top mover on Tuesday was CRDB bank counter, which recorded the transaction of 181,427 shares valued 119m/- traded at a price ranging from 640/- to 670/- per share in 251 deals.

Analysts expect increased movements of banking counters, specifically CRDB Bank and NMB Bank, due to their recently announced

strong financial performances during the first half of this year.

During the first half of this year, CRDB Bank, bank recorded a net profit of 274.9bn/-, of which 147bn/- were recorded during the second quarter, from a net profit of 179.9bn/- recorded during the first half of last year.

NMB Bank, the second largest in terms of assets and the most profitable recorded a net profit amounting to 314bn/- during the period of six months ended in June, compared to 262bn/- recorded during H1, 2023, pushing its earnings per share to 1,106/- from 1,048/- respectively.

"With these remarkable performances, both banks and expected to dominate the trading activities in the coming weeks, potentially

prompting a sell-off of other counters in favour of them. As more companies disclose their financials, we anticipate continued high activity in the market," said Raphael Msumbuko, Chief Executive Officer, Zan Securities Limited.

The Monday's DSE daily report shows top gainer during the opening of the week was CRDB Bank, which its share gained by 4.84 percent, after closing at 650/- on Monday, compared to 620/- at the end of last week, and Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL), which its share closed at 3,160/- from 3,120/- respectively.

On Tuesday, CRDB Bank counter topped after its share price gained by 1.54 percent to 660/-, followed by EABL, which its share appreciated by 2.26 percent and JHL by 0.32 percent.

Tanzania, Pakistan trade volume reaches \$301m

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE trade volume between Tanzania and Pakistan has increased to US\$301 million in 2023 from US\$224 million recorded in 2022.

Pakistan High Commissioner to Tanzania Siraj Ahmad Khan provided the statistics in Dar es Salaam on Monday, ahead of the country's 78th Independence Day.

During 2022, Tanzania had a large net trade with Pakistan in the exports of Vegetable Products (\$54.5M), Textiles (\$31.9M), and Metals (\$7.87M), according to Observatory of Economic Complexity (OEC) website.

He said Pakistan has become an important trading partner for Tanzania, particularly in textiles, electrical and electronics parts; industrial products; machinery; bulldozers and tractors.

The envoy said the establishment of a Tanzania-Pakistan Business Council has facilitated closer commercial ties, benefiting entrepreneurs and businesses on both sides.

"As our country celebrates 78th Independence Day, today, let us celebrate the en-

during friendship between Pakistan and Tanzania and renew our commitment to working together for a brighter and more prosperous future for both countries. As both countries continue to progress and face new challenges in the 21st century, I am confident that this partnership will become stronger in the years to come," he said.

Khan said that educational exchanges have also played a significant role in promoting people-people contacts.

He said Pakistan has been contributing towards the development of health sector in Tanzania, adding that Pakistani doctors and healthcare professionals have been playing their positive role in this regard.

The two countries are working to further enhance cooperation in the health sector, including in pharmaceuticals.

Furthermore, Tanzanian students have always been welcomed in Pakistani universities and institutions, contributing to the knowledge exchange between the two societies.

"As Pakistan looks towards the future, it is important

for both countries to continue to build on the strong foundation of friendship and cooperation that exists between them. The partnership between the two countries has the potential to further strengthen peace and stability in the region and to promote economic growth and prosperity for both nations," he said.

The envoy said Pakistan and Tanzania have also collaborated effectively on regional and international platforms, advocating for shared interests and concerns.

Both countries have a history of supporting each other's positions on global issues, ranging from peace-keeping efforts to climate change initiatives. Their alignment on these matters has bolstered their partnership and reinforced their commitment to working together for a better world.

He said the two countries have maintained good cooperation in sharing expertise and technical know-how to assist and complement each other.

Also, Pakistan has provided institutional capacity building training programs to Tanzanian diplomats,



President Samia Suluhu Hassan with Pakistan High Commissioner to Tanzania Siraj Ahmad Khan

bankers, railways, postal as well as armed forces officers.

Pakistan established its High Commission in Tanzania in 1967 and opening of commercial section has been approved by the government to enhance bilateral trade relations.

Other Pakistan's exports to Tanzania mainly include cement and rice, while imports of Pakistan from Tanzania mainly include tea, raw cotton, tobacco, edible oils and tanning materials and with a lot of potential to explore.

Ride-hailing firm enters Morogoro

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE ride-hailing company is targeting to capitalize opportunities brought by operationalization of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma via Morogoro, by introducing the services within the municipality.

The local on-demand mobility firm announced the expansion to enhance connectivity and promote economic growth, as the SGR will increase the mobility within the municipal as Morogoro is poised to become a key transit hub, attracting increased business activities and tourism.

Dimmy Kanyankole, company's general manager said: "We are thrilled to extend our services to Morogoro, a vibrant city with immense potential. The launch of the Standard Gauge Railway marks a new era of connectivity in Tanzania, and we are proud to play a part in this transformative journey by offering our reliable and efficient transportation services to the people of Morogoro. We are also looking to provide economic opportunities for drivers in the region thus contributing to local employment and economic growth."

The expansion to Morogoro is a testament to Bolt's commitment to a continued push to expand its market footprint within the country.

Kanyankole said the company has already signed drivers up to the platform in Morogoro and is incentivizing passengers to use the platform by offering a 50percent discount on their first rides.

Other benefits to this expansion include enhanced mobility through easy access to transportation, provision of safe and reliable transportation as well as stimulating local businesses and contributing to the economic development of Morogoro and its environs.

New plan unveiled to curb cereals' post-harvest losses

By Frank Monyo

THE new comprehensive plan has been developed by local brewer to address the significant challenge of post-harvest crop loss faced by sorghum, corn, and barley farmers in the country.

Alfred Balikagira, the Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) Supply Chain Director, highlighted that crop loss is a major challenge for farmers, with losses often exceeding 30 percent.

He said through its agricultural business department, the company has introduced best practices and technological solutions that have significantly reduced these losses, leading to improved yields for the farm-

ers.

The company aims to reach farming communities across Tanzania, including regions such as Shinyanga, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Manyara, Dodoma, Tabora, Iringa, Mara, Mwanza, and Kagera.

The company will work with both small and large farmers in these regions, providing support through collaborations with various stakeholders including the Tanzanian government, agricultural input sellers, financial institutions, insurance providers, and NGOs like Sight Savers, which focuses on supporting farmers and young people with disabilities.

He said the company will also collaborate with the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) to pro-

duce high-quality and high-yielding seeds, including sorghum, maize, and barley as well as grain collectors and processors to ensure the grains reaching their factory are of the highest quality, ready for processing, and generate more income for the farmers.

According to him, the company has already trained and supported over 20,000 farmers across Tanzania, with a commitment to continuing this support as their business grows over the next decade.

"The impact of these programs is evident in the improved crop yield, reduced losses, post-harvest yield improvement, accountability, and better stewardship of resources and the environment, as reported by the participating farmers," he said.

Looking ahead, he said, the approach is to continue investing in and developing capacity-building and training programs to support farmers.

As agriculture remains the backbone of Tanzania's economy, he called on various partners, including government agencies, NGOs, industry stakeholders, agricultural institutions, input sellers, and insurance providers, to collaborate with them in developing sustainable agricultural capacity in Tanzania.

Balikagira emphasized the importance of the agricultural sector, which is the main focus of the factory, with over 70 percent of the raw materials being sourced from more than 400 farmers within the country.

SPECIAL REPORT

Rhino poaching rebounds after Covid-19 pandemic -3

By Francis Kujubi

AFTER slowing down during the Covid-19 pandemic between 2020 and mid-2022, the rate of rhino poaching is regaining in some parts of Africa.

Reports show that there is a sharp rebound of the illegal rhino horns business, coordinated in the black markets.

However, in Tanzania, the black rhino populations are slowly increasing, as the government has bold legal approaches to fight the rich and powerful poachers.

This is happening when an estimated 2,000 rhinos from the world's largest rhino populations will be introduced in conserved areas throughout Africa in the next two years.

Rhino poaching is conducted with the ill-intention of achieving three objectives, namely sports and recreation, production of traditional Chinese medicine and commodity stockpiling for investment purposes.

Economically, rhino poaching claims an estimated eight percent of the continent's annual growth in gross domestic product (GDP).

According to the State of the Rhino Report 2023 by the International Rhino Foundation (IRF) the world's five rhino species are under poaching threats.

Two species, black rhinos and greater one-horned rhinos, continue to slowly increase in numbers in the continent, while two species, white rhinos and Sumatran rhinos are declining.

The remaining species, the Javan rhino, has an unknown population trend status.

At the global scale, the greater one-horned rhino population in India and Nepal continues to grow, thanks to strong protection, wildlife crime law enforcement and habitat expansion.

Reports say factors causing rhino populations to decline are poaching and habitat loss on environmental related-issues, but climate change is increasingly impacting many facets of rhino survival.

Poaching for rhino horn is the greatest threat to all five rhino species.

Across the globe, rhino populations that were once considered less threatened have seemingly become the primary target of poaching efforts, which are orchestrated by highly organized, transnational criminal syndicates.

Across Africa, poaching patterns are changing. Since late 2022, poachers have shifted their focus from the largest rhino populations to smaller, perhaps more susceptible ones.

The report states that poaching still poses great threats to black rhinos (*Diceros bicornis*) which can currently be found in 12 countries across the continent estimated at 6,487 individuals.

At one time, black rhinos were the most common of the world's rhino species as the report indicates there were as many as 100,000 throughout Africa in 1960.

By 1970, poaching had reduced the population to approximately 65,000 and black rhinos continued to decline precipitously until a low of about 2,300 individuals in the mid-1990s.

"Thanks to intense protection and management efforts, black rhino populations stabilized and despite ongoing poaching pressure, have increased by approximately 28 percent over the last decade," reads the re-



port.

On the other hand, between 2012 and 2021 white rhinos (*Ceratotherium simum*) have seen a decline.

During the reviewed period, white rhino numbers declined by 24 percent to an estimated 15,942. Although the number of rhino deaths has decreased since the most recent peak in 2015, poaching remains the biggest threat.

This journalist has established that on September 21, 2023, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Species Survival Commission's African Rhino Specialist Group (AFRSG) reported that there are now an estimated 16,803 white rhinos - the first increase for the species in over a decade.

According to the IUCN-AFRSG Report for 2023, rhino poaching has been decreasing since 2014, but on the contrary in the past two years the trend has significantly changed.

The report shows that in 2014 an estimated 1,324 rhinos of all species were poached across the continent. Poaching incidents decreased to 1,125 in 2017.

"In 2020 an estimated 503 rhinos were poached in Africa. The incidents suddenly surged to 539 rhinos in 2021 while in 2022 poaching incidents soared to 556," reads the IUCN report.

It states that Namibia recorded the poaching of 87 rhinos in 2022. Kenya had no poaching incident while Tanzania

had no report on rhino poaching status.

In South Africa 448 rhinos were poached in 2022, but the number rose to 499 in 2023. Zimbabwe recorded 13 rhino poaching incidents in 2022.

In the fight to combat rhino killings, it is suggested in the report that African governments to explore and support innovative techniques to reduce the demand for rhino horns and to maximize penalties for its illegal possession and use.

The private sector is encouraged to support governments' actions for rhino conservation by helping to guide local, national, regional and international conservation policies and plans.

The international community at the global level is being asked to actively disrupt wildlife trafficking networks by supporting research and analysis, intelligence gathering, investigations and wildlife crime prosecutions.

According to the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), rhino poaching for the purpose of international trafficking of illegal wildlife products generally decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic.

UNWTO states that the numbers of both rhinos and elephants killed across Africa declined sharply in 2020 and 2021 compared with 2019, earlier and after the pandemic.

Worldwide quantities of illicit rhino

horns, elephant ivory, and pangolin scales seized all declined dramatically from 2019 to early 2022.

"These declines are largely attributed to the disruption of transportation routes used by wildlife traffickers to move illicit goods within Africa and overseas by air, and in some locations to the effects of local lockdown measures," reads part of the UNWTO report for 2022.

Latest report by Save the Rhino International states that as poaching pressure increases around the continent, the number of white rhinos, the most populous of the five species, continues to decline.

Namibia, home to the largest number of black rhinos in the continent and the world at large, saw a devastating 93 percent increase in rhino poaching from 2021 to 2022.

Black rhinos in Africa are a cautious success story, rebounding in the past few decades at a steady growth rate despite significant poaching losses.

However, poachers are reacting against new protective measures by governments as they are targeting other smaller areas, like province-run Hluhluwe Imfolozi Game Reserve, which has borne the brunt of South Africa's rhino poaching deaths in 2022.

"These two positive trends demonstrate what human will and capacity can do when governments are committed,

conservationists are dedicated and communities are engaged and supportive. With the right interventions, all five rhino species can rebound and thrive in the ever changing chaotic world," reads part of its latest reports.

At the global scale, the International Rhino Foundation report for 2023 states that after recording no poaching incidents in 2022, India suffered two poaching losses in 2023, one in Kaziranga National Park and another in the Manas National Park.

Indonesia's Ujung Kulon National Park, home to the world's only population of Javan rhinos, has seen an alarming increase in incursion attempts since 2022.

The report states that Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry has reported a recently discovered unnatural Javan rhino death that is currently under investigation.

Though the governments of India and Nepal did not conduct an official census in 2023, authorities believe the population is growing.

However, there are some bright spots. Greater one-horned rhinos continue to thrive due to strong protection and law enforcement.

To be continued.

Oil, gold prices surge as tension rising in the Middle East region

By Tina Teng

CRUDE oil and gold prices surged due to escalating tensions in the Middle East and the ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia.

While increasing demand for safe-haven assets is likely to sustain gold prices, the bullish momentum in oil markets may also persist due to concerns over undersupply.

Recently, both oil and gold prices surged due to rising tensions in the Middle East and the ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia.

The US Defence Department announced plans to deploy a missile submarine to the Middle East, as Israel braces for a potential military attack by Iran following the assassination of a Hamas leader.

This development has heightened concerns that the situation could escalate into a broader regional conflict. Additionally, Russia has begun extensive evacuations of civilians from Kursk and Belgorod as Ukrainian forces advance.

On Tuesday, gold futures on Comex increased by 1.2 percent, approaching their all-time high of over \$2,500 per ounce recorded on 2 August. This rise reflects heightened demand for safe-haven assets amid the escalating military tensions between Iran and Israel.

Similarly, concerns over potential supply disruptions have driven up crude oil prices, with Brent and WTI futures rising more than 3 percent to \$81.77 per barrel and \$78.25 per barrel, respectively, marking their highest levels in three weeks.

Both gold and oil prices experienced a slight retreat during the Asian session on Wednesday, as risk aversion eased with a rebound in stock markets across Asia, particularly in Japan.

Despite this pullback, the two major commodity prices are likely to face further upward pressure given the current macroeconomic environment.

The spot gold price surged to as high as \$2,473 per ounce on Tuesday before retreating to \$2,464 per ounce at 8 am CEST this morning. This level is just short of its all-time high from a month ago, and the momentum may take it to surpass that peak and set a new record if the trend persists.

Several factors are driving this rally. Firstly, recent market turmoil has increased demand for safe-haven assets as investors flee equities, particularly technology stocks. Secondly, the ongoing risks of a broader conflict in the Middle East are likely to continue supporting the rally in precious metals.

Finally, macroeconomic shifts are bolstering gold's long-term uptrend. Cooling inflation and anticipated easing of rate hikes in major economies, particularly with the US Federal Reserve widely expected to begin rate cuts in September, are likely to pressure the US dollar further, which in turn supports gold prices.

Additionally, mounting recession fears amid softening US economic data over the past month have made gold a more attractive safe-haven investment.

The oil markets surged more than 4 percent last week, with gains accelerating on Tuesday. Increasing demand and escalating tensions in the Middle East are the primary bullish drivers for oil prices.

The upcoming inventory data from the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) will be crucial for future market trends, as stockpiles have been decreasing for six consecutive weeks, ending on 2 August. According to the EIA, OPEC+ production cuts are expected to reduce global oil invento-



Mwanga Hakika Bank's Board Chairman Ridhuan Mringo (R), Vice Chairman Raymond Tarimo (C) and Board member John Msemo (L), read notes during the bank's fourth annual general meeting held recently in Mwanga, Kilimanjaro Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ries over the next three quarters, thereby pushing oil prices higher.

In June, OPEC and its allies agreed to extend production cuts of 3.66 million barrels per day until the end of 2025, with additional voluntary cuts of 2.2 million barrels per day continuing until September this year. The organisation, which accounts for over 37 percent of the world's total oil supply, has been reducing output since 2022, resulting in a total cut of 5.86

million barrels per day, representing 5.7 percent of global demand.

Moreover, traders are responding to technical signals, including a double-bottom pattern evident in both oil futures price charts. Notably, WTI futures prices have surpassed the 50-day moving average for the first time since 19 July. These combined bullish signals may encourage traders to maintain their positive outlook on oil prices.



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WORLD

Putin vows 'worthy response' to Ukraine's attack on border regions

MOSCOW/KYIV

UKRAINE'S attack on the Russian border will receive a "worthy response" and the Russian military's main task is to knock the Ukrainian forces out of Russian territories, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday.

"The enemy will certainly receive a worthy response, and all the goals facing us will undoubtedly be achieved," the Russian leader said at an operational meeting via videoconference on the situation in the border regions.

Putin said it is obvious that the Ukrainian army will continue to try to destabilize the situation in the border zone in order to destabilize the internal political situation in Russia.

The president called on the Russian Federal Security Service, together with the National Guard, to ensure the regime of the counterterrorism operation and an effective fight against Ukrainian sabotage and reconnaissance groups in the border regions.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky confirmed that Ukraine is carrying out an "operation" in Russia's Kursk region.

"Commander-in-Chief Oleksandr Syrsky reported on our defensive actions

on the front and our operation in the Kursk region," Zelensky wrote on Telegram on Monday.

Zelensky voiced his gratitude to Ukrainian soldiers and commanders "for their resilience and decisive actions".

The Ukrainian leader also said that he instructed the country's Security Service, Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko and other officials to prepare a humanitarian plan for the area of the "operation".

Separately, Oleksandr Syrsky wrote on Telegram that currently Ukrainian forces control about 1,000 square km of Russian territory.

Ukrainian forces crossed the Russian border last Tuesday and broke into parts of the Kursk region. Currently, the Ukrainian military holds 28 settlements in the region, according to Alexei Smirnov, the region's acting governor.

The situation in the Kursk region is complicated, Smirnov said, adding that about 120,000 people had been evacuated.

In the neighboring Belgorod region to the south, regional governor Vyacheslav Gladkov on Tuesday said about 11,000 people were evacuated from the region's Krasnoyarsky district due to increased activity by the Ukrainian Armed



In this pool photo distributed by Russian agency Sputnik, Russia's President Vladimir Putin chairs a meeting regarding the situation in the Kursk region, in his residence in Novo-Ogaryovo outside Moscow, on Monday. AFP

Forces.

Of the evacuees, approximately 1,000 are currently staying in temporary accommodation centers.

"Yesterday, residents of the Krasnoyarsky district left their homes due to the operational situation. These evacuees are now provided with food, bedding, and essential supplies. I hope the situation will stabilize soon, allowing them to return home," Gladkov said on his Telegram channel.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian Air Force said Russia launched 38 Shahed-type drones at Ukraine overnight on Tuesday and the air defense intercepted 30 of them.

The projectiles were destroyed over eight regions in southern, northern and central Ukraine, the force said in a statement.

The Russian forces also fired two Iskander-M/KN-23 ballistic missiles at Ukraine from the Voronezh region, the air force added, without giving further details.

Infrastructure facilities, including a gas pipeline and a hospital, were damaged. One person was injured in the attack in Ukraine's northeastern city of Sumy, the Sumy Regional Military Administration said in a statement.

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India is confident, it will be able to work with whoever wins US elections: EAM Jaishankar

NEW DELHI

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, yesterday, emphasised that India will be able to work with the president of the United States, whoever he or she will be.



Talking about the upcoming US presidential elections, Jaishankar said that the American system will throw up its verdict, and India is confident that it will work with whoever's government it would be.

The EAM was speaking at the launch of Indiaspora's Impact report in the national capital.

"Generally, we don't comment on other people's elections because we also hope others don't comment on us. But the American system will throw up its verdict. And, I'm not saying this just as a formality, but if you look over the last 20-odd years, maybe a little bit more for us, we have every confidence that we will be able to work with the president of the United States, whoever he or she will be," Jaishankar said.

Further, responding to how he sees the world today, Jaishankar said that today, we are going through an exceptionally difficult period, underscoring the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Israel.

"I'm an optimistic person and generally tend to think of solutions to problems rather than the problems that come out of solutions. But I would say with a great deal of sobriety, that we are going through an exceptionally difficult period," he said. He added that it would be a very grim forecast for the next five years.

You have what you see happening in the Middle East, what you see happening in Ukraine, what you see happening in Southeast Asia, East Asia, the continued impact of the COVID which those of us who have come out of it take for granted, but many have not come out of it," Jaishankar said.

ANI

Xi Focus: Xi's green vision drives northeast China's revitalisation

CHANGCHUN

AS scorching summer heat grips much of China, the country's northeast has emerged as a popular sight-seeing destination with cool weather and breathtaking views of lush mountains and lucid waters.

Encompassing Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning provinces and part of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the northeastern region, once a heavy industrial base, has embraced a green transition in recent years, embodying Chinese President Xi Jinping's thought on ecological civilization.

Since the 18th Communist Party of China (CPC) National Congress in late 2012, President Xi, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, has conducted several inspection tours of northeast China, emphasizing green development and providing guidance for the region's revitalization.

BETTER LANDSCAPE, BETTER LIVES

At Chagan Lake in Jilin Province, one of China's largest freshwater lakes, shimmering waters mirror vibrant wildflowers, lush wetlands stretch to the horizon and the sky blends seamlessly with the lake, creating a tranquil vista for visitors.

The stunning scenery contrasts sharply with severe regional ecological degradation decades ago when the lake almost dried up.

Zhang Wen, who has lived in the area for over 60 years, vividly remembers the hardship of that time. "Many fishermen left for greener pastures while those who stayed endured poverty due to shrinking fish resources caused by environmental degradation," Zhang said.

The situation has improved significantly in recent years, especially after 2012, when the 18th CPC National Congress highlighted the importance of ecological progress and advocated for building a "Beautiful China" as part of the country's development plan.

In addition to a water diversion project, local authorities have initiated dredging projects and mobilized farmers to turn farmland back into forests, wetlands and grasslands around the lake. These concerted efforts to a large extent have helped restore the lake ecology.

Zhang said he is amazed by the lake's revival. "We now not only benefit from plentiful fish resources but also earn additional income by showcasing traditional fishing practices to tourists," he said, adding that fishermen like him have moved into large houses and commute in their own private sedans.

While inspecting the ecological protection measures of Chagan Lake in September 2018, Xi said the sound environment is a precious resource for the economic and social development of the northeastern region, serving as an advantage for its revitalization.

Xinhua

US says it's preparing for 'significant' Iran attack on Israel, possibly 'this week'

WASHINGTON

THE United States has to be prepared for 'significant' attacks on Israel, which possibly can take place this week, said White House National Security Communications Advisor John Kirby on Monday (local time) amid the ongoing tensions in the Middle East.

This comes after President Joe Biden held talks with the leaders of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Italy as the US aims to de-escalate tensions in the Middle East.

"We share the same concerns and expectations that our Israeli counterparts have with respect to potential timing here. Could be this week," Kirby told reporters, according to The Times of Israel.

"We have to be prepared for what could be a significant set of attacks," he said.

The call, according to Kirby, was "largely for all the leaders to repeat what they have said before in terms of reaffirming Israel's defence" as well as "send a strong message that we don't want to see any rise in violence, any attacks by Iran or its proxies."

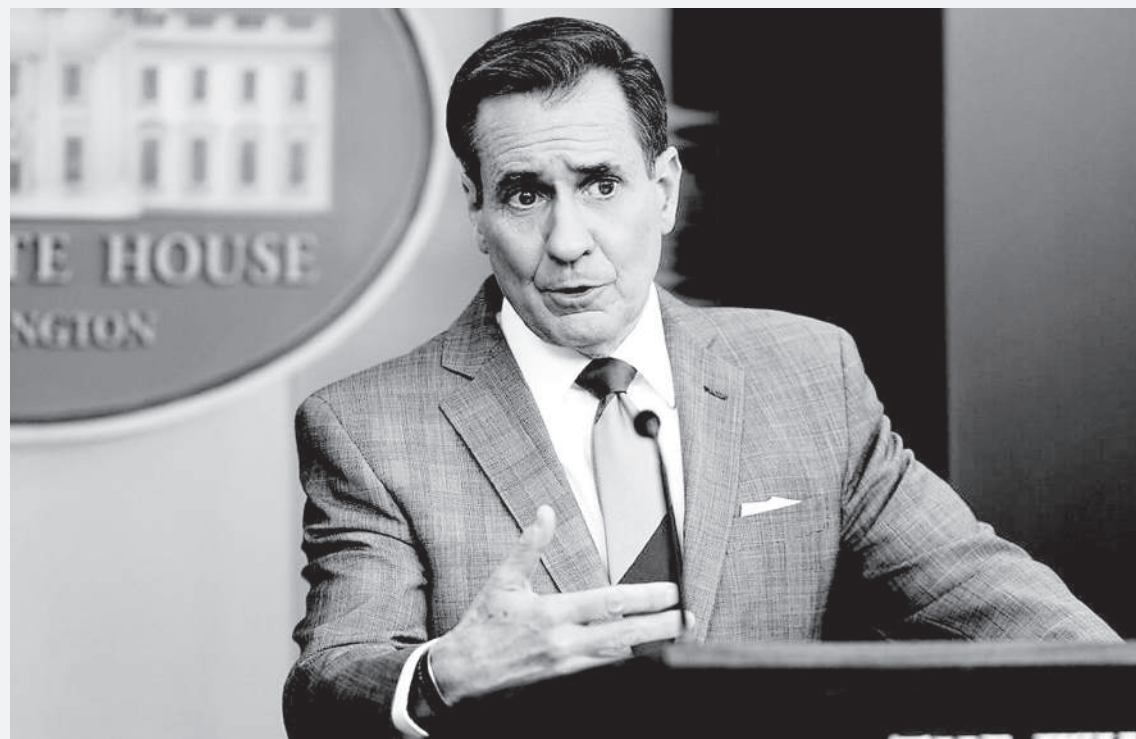
In a joint statement on Monday, US President Biden, along with the leaders of UK, France, Germany and Italy called on Iran to stand down its ongoing threats of a military attack against Israel.

The joint statement, according to the White House, read, "We called on Iran to stand down its ongoing threats of a military attack against Israel and discussed the serious consequences for regional security should such an attack take place."

It also underscored the importance of the ardent need for the delivery and distribution of aid.

"We expressed our full support for ongoing efforts to de-escalate tensions and reach a ceasefire and hostage release deal in Gaza. We endorsed the joint call from President Biden, President Sisi of Egypt, and Amir Tamim of Qatar to renew talks later this week with an aim to concluding the deal as soon as possible, and stressed there is no further time to lose," the joint statement read.

"All parties must live up to their responsibilities. In addition, unfettered delivery and distribution of aid is needed. We expressed our support for the defence of Israel against Iranian aggression and against attacks by Iran-backed ter-



White House National Security Communications Advisor John Kirby

rorist groups," it added.

After the Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh was killed in Tehran last month, which resulted in promises of "punishment" from Iran, Israel is preparing for a strong retaliation.

However, Israel has not denied or confirmed that it was responsible for Haniyeh's death, but it had previously threatened to execute him and other senior Hamas figures for their involvement in the terrorist attacks on October 7.

Tensions in West Asia have escalated after the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) announced on

July 31 that Ismail Haniyeh had been killed in an attack in Iran's capital, Tehran.

In a statement, the IRGC said that Haniyeh and one of his bodyguards were killed when their house was hit in Tehran. A projectile hit a residence allocated to war veterans in Tehran at 2 am (local time) on Wednesday, according to a Press TV report.

The IDF had also announced that top Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukur was killed in the Israeli strike in southern Lebanon on July 30, which came in retaliation to the rocket attack at Golan Heights that

killed 12 children.

Fuad Shukur, the "most senior Hezbollah military commander," was killed in the Israeli strike, the IDF had said in a statement. Shukur sat on the Jihad Council, Hezbollah's top military body, and was considered to be the head of its strategic division.

Since the October 7 attack by Hamas, he has been managing Hezbollah's attacks against Israel, including the deadly strike in Majdal Shams over the weekend that killed 12 children, according to the military.

ANI

Greater Bay Area generates vast opportunities for Hong Kong, Macao

THE Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) is one of the most open and economically vibrant regions in China with bright prospects and infinite potential. Its total economic output has grown from 10.8 trillion yuan (\$1.51 trillion) in 2018 to over 14 trillion yuan last year, achieving one-ninth of China's total with less than 0.6 percent of the country's national territorial area.

The region is known for its amazing "GBA speed." For instance, customs clearance can be completed within five seconds at the Hengqin port, and a business can obtain a license in less than 10 minutes. Besides, it

only takes an hour to travel between major cities within the region.

Over the past five years, the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area has transformed from a blueprint into a reality. The GBA is making solid progress on the path of high-quality development, marked by stronger overall economic strength, higher capacity for technological innovation, better connectivity to other parts of the country and the world, rapid development of major cooperation platforms,

and accelerated building of an integrated market.

Innovation is key to the development of the GBA. The GBA is built under "one country, two systems," involving three customs territories using three different currencies, without any precedent to follow.

By leveraging the comprehensive advantages of south China's Guangdong province, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), and Macao SAR within the framework of "one country, two systems" and the Basic Law, making institutional innovations, and

promoting the circulation of production factors, the differences in systems within the GBA have turned into something beneficial.

So far, a number of landmark initiatives have been implemented: designated mainland hospitals in the GBA can use Hong Kong-approved or Macao-approved drugs and medical devices without prior certification from China's National Medical Products Administration; residents of Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao can enjoy undifferentiated social security services within the GBA;

the Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme in the GBA allows residents of Hong Kong, Macao and nine cities in Guangdong Province to invest directly across the boundary of the designated wealth management products; the Cross-boundary Public Services enables residents and enterprises to access public services of the three places online anytime without the need for cross-boundary travel in person.

The GBA has announced 183 standards in areas such as food, traditional Chinese med-

icine, and elderly care. In addition, Hengqin and Macao have piloted cross-boundary business registration services, allowing businesses to complete registration procedures quickly in both locations. Guangdong and Hong Kong have launched 108 high-frequency cross-boundary government services.

With the efficient and convenient flow of factors such as people, goods, capital and data, the building of an integrated market in the GBA has been accelerated.

Hong Kong possesses inter-

nationally recognized advantages such as the free flow of capital, a simple tax system with low rates, high-quality and professional services, and well-developed shipping and aviation industries.

Macao, as a separate customs territory and a free port, has been making solid progress in building itself into a world center of tourism and leisure, a service platform for trade cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, and a cultural exchange and cooperation base, making new achievements in appropriate economic diversification. *People's Daily*

Trump hopes to get on well with Putin if he wins upcoming US presidential vote

WASHINGTON

US Republican presidential nominee and former President Donald Trump said that he hopes to get on well with Russian President Vladimir Putin again if he wins the upcoming presidential elections, reported local media TASS.

Trump returned to the social media platform X by sitting down for a chat on Spaces with platform owner Elon Musk and emphasised that he gets along with Putin very well.

"I got along with Putin very well, and he respected me," Trump said, adding that he hoped that they would get on well again.

The politician also claimed that conflicts in Ukraine and the Gaza Strip would not have occurred if he were still president, as reported by TASS.



After having a choppy start, the discussion got underway about 40 minutes late after what Musk claimed was a "massive" cyberattack on the platform, previously known as Twitter. Musk said a distributed denial of services (DDoS) attack "saturated all of our data lines".

After almost a two-hour-long discussion, the two men also talked about the recent assassination attempt on Trump, his views on

immigration and the economy, and the future of energy production. At its peak, Monday's Spaces had more than 1.3 million listeners.

The former president attacked Vice President Kamala Harris as a "San Francisco liberal" who had changed her tune on issues like fracking and defunding the police. He argued Harris would revert to more liberal stances if she is elected in November.

Eating to the high-profile interview, Kamala Harris' campaign described Trump and Musk as "self-obsessed rich guys" in a statement.

"Trump's entire campaign is in service of people like Elon Musk and himself -- self-obsessed rich guys who will sell out the middle class and who cannot run a livestream in the year 2024," Harris campaign spokesman Joseph Costello said.

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UN chief calls for Security Council reforms, push for permanent seat for Africa

NEW YORK

THE United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres has called for a permanent seat for Africa at the UN Security Council, adding that the UNSC needs reforms, reported Al Jazeera.

During a high-level debate on Monday, the UN Chief, addressing the Security Council said that the composition of the UNSC has failed to keep pace with a changing world.

"We cannot accept that the world's preeminent peace and security body lacks a permanent voice for a continent of well over a billion people ... nor can we accept that Africa's views are undervalued on questions of peace and security, both on the continent and around the world," Guterres (pictured) said, according to Al Jazeera.

The five permanent members of the 15-member UNSC--China, France, Russia, the United States, and the United Kingdom--each have the ability to veto a vote. The remaining 10 non-permanent seats are distributed regionally.

Among the ten seats are three for African states, two for Latin America and the Caribbean, two for Asia-Pacific, two for Western Europe and other states, and one for Eastern Europe, Al Jazeera reported.

The UNSC demanded in May that African nations play a bigger role in tackling



issues related to global security and development.

Meanwhile, the UN General Assembly President Dennis Francis said at the debate that the UN must reflect the world as it is.

"The fact that Africa continues to be manifestly underrepresented on the Security Council is simply wrong, offending as it does both the principles of equity and inclusion," he said.

"It runs counter to the principle of sovereign equality of states and calls for the urgency to reform this institution to reflect the world as it is now, rather than what it was nearly 80 years ago," Francis added.

ANI

Algeria condemn the assassination of the Hamas leader, while clarify France Western Sahara issue

ALGIERS

THE government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria condemned the assassination of the head of the Hamas political bureau, Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, Iran.

Speaking in the press conference Algerian Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Community Abroad, Ahmed Attaf (pictured) said "I Thank you for accepting the invitation and welcome to this meeting, which we deemed useful to organize to address the current issues related to foreign policy, which are the files that require us to address their merits, circumstances, and repercussions in order to enlighten national and international public opinion"

"We are meeting at an extremely dangerous time and at a tragic turning point, after the assassination of the head of the Hamas political bureau, Ismail Haniyeh, in Tehran. We condemn, and strongly condemn, this treacherous and heinous terrorist operation carried out by the Zionist occupation forces, which persist in their indifference and disregard for the most basic humanitarian, political and moral rules and regulations." He said

He however said It is the scorched earth policy that the Zionist entity has made into an approach, plan and strategy based on escalation and then escalation in all directions: Gaza, the West Bank, Yemen, Lebanon, Syria and Iran. It is truly a scorched earth policy, as if its intention is to plunge the entire region into a series of wars, the only beneficiary of which is the Zionist scorched earth policy occupier, and the loser is the security and stability of the region and the peace it aspires to.

He said Algeria extends its deepest condolences and sympathy to the brotherly Palestinian people, as they face this ordeal, which is shared by the rest of the Algerian people.

"As for the change that has occurred in the French position towards Western Sahara, please allow

me to focus my intervention on



three main axes: The first axis is related to the signs of the French move and attempts to prepare and justify it in advance. The second axis is related to the essence of this step and the serious changes it entails compared to the usual French position on the Western Sahara issue. The third and last axis are the repercussions of this step and its consequences on the issue of Western Sahara and on the peace and security in our region.

He affirmed that regarding the signs of the French move and the attempt to pave the way to it and its prior justification. The President of the Republic was informed of it in advance by his French counterpart during their meeting on June 13 2024, more than a month and a half ago, on the sidelines of the G7 meeting in the Italian city of Bari.

On this occasion, the French President, in his justifications and explanations for the change that he was preparing and paving the way for it emphasized the following: Firstly, this step is not new and does not bring anything new, and it is only a reminder of a French position that France had expressed in 2007 when presenting the autonomy plan by the Kingdom of Morocco.

Secondly, this step aims to contribute to reviving the political path to settle the conflict in Western

Sahara. Thirdly, France remains faithful to its pledges and commitments to support the efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and supports the endeavors of his personal envoy.

During the same meeting, the response of the President of the Republic was very strict, firm, and precise, considering that: Firstly,

the new French position is not a mere reproduction of the previous announced positions but rather goes beyond them and beyond them by a lot, as it focuses on the exclusivity of the autonomy plan as a basis for resolving the existing conflict in Western Sahara, and it explicitly recognizes what is called "Moroccanness of Western Sahara" and explicitly includes the present and future of the Western Sahara within the framework of alleged Moroccan sovereignty.

Secondly, the French step cannot contribute at all to reviving the political process, but rather came to feed the deadlock into which the self-rule plan has brought the Western Sahara issue for more than 17 years.

Thirdly, the French step cannot support the efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations because the performance of his mission is simply not heading in the same direction as France announced, that is, he is not working to implement the autonomy plan, nor does he consider Western Sahara to be Moroccan, not does it aim to establish the alleged Moroccan sovereignty over Sahrawi territory.

Fourth, the French step does not serve peace in Western Sahara, does not serve the search for a peaceful solution in Western Sahara, and does not go in a direction that can contribute to gathering the necessary conditions to accelerate the crystallization of the desired solution to this conflict, in accordance with what the international legitimacy has dictated and continues to dictate.

At a later stage, the French authorities informed us through our ambassador in Paris of the content of the message that the French President intended to send to the Moroccan Monarch, specially its text on the issue of Western Sahara. On instructions from the highest Authorities of the country, our Ambassador in Paris has expressed to the French Authorities the Algerian position towards this step, warning of its serious repercussions and consequences.

"The pillars of the Algerian position on the French decision were

included in the text of the official statement that was issued last Thursday, which you undoubtedly read at the time. Yesterday after the text of the French message was published, Algeria reiterated its position on this dangerous development and decided to withdraw its ambassador to the French Republic with immediate effect and reduce the level of its representation in this country. What are the changes, and the serious changes that have occurred with new French position." Minister Attaf insisted.

What is new in what France has undertaken is embodied in three serious matters, all of which contradict what this country claims in terms of support for international efforts, Support for the role of the Security Council, and support for the efforts of the Personal Envoy of the Secretary General of the United Nations:

He added that "The first matter: is the France's decision to recognize Moroccan alleged sovereignty on the territory of Western Sahara, a step that could be described in a simple phrase that I think summarizes the legal value of its content for this recognition, it is: "The gift from someone who doesn't own to someone who doesn't deserve it.""

The second matter: is that France considers the Moroccan autonomy plan as the sole and only solution to the Western Sahara issue, thus eliminating any effort to search for an alternative solution to the Western Sahara issue in accordance with the international legitimacy resolutions, foremost among which are the Security Council Resolutions that France participated in drafting and adopting.

The third and final matter, what is inferred from the text of the French President's letter to the King of Morocco, is that France has come to fully adopt the Moroccan proposal regarding the Western Sahara issue and makes it a priority that it pledges to defend at the national and international levels, as if the Moroccan proposal regarding Western Sahara has become a French proposal.

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Olympic Games ignite Chinese consumers' sports, fashion passion

BEIJING

DURING this scorching summer, Chinese audiences buoyed by the Olympic Games Paris 2024 athletes from China and around the world, have been increasingly interested in splashing cash on sporting activities and filling their shopping carts with celebrity-endorsed designer items.

The Paris Olympic Games have boosted the popularity of a variety of sports activities including tennis in China. Since the Chinese tennis players advanced to the semi-finals, the number of court bookings has increased by up to half, a person in charge of the chain tennis training center Rock Tennis said. "After Zheng Qinwen won the championship, it triggered a peak in bookings and inquiries," the person said, adding that the court is planning to expand the number of its chain stores in Beijing in the future.

Data from the e-commerce platform Meituan shows that in July, the search volume for sports activities increased by around 180 percent from June, further demonstrating the Olympics' stimulating effect on the consumption market in sports in China.

In July, the order volume for badminton grew by 90 percent from a year earlier, and the group purchase order volume related to tennis sports surged by 172 percent, according to the platform.

At the same time, the events introduced for the first time at this year's Paris Olympics have also attracted attention.

According to the Meituan data, emerging events such as breakdancing have gained popularity among young consumers since their Olympic debuts.

The search volume for breakdance

surged by around 107.8 percent compared to the same period last year, and the number of related notes and guides grew by 150 percent. Since July, the search volume for indoor climbing gyms has also increased by 62 percent from a year earlier, the data showed.

Li Yanbei, the person in charge of Morepark skateboard park, said that the Paris Olympics have brought a new wave of popularity to skateboarding. "We hope to continuously increase the popularity of skateboarding by organizing events and providing explanations, allowing more people to understand and learn about this sport," she said.

"With the appearance of Chinese athletes on the Olympic stage and other major events, we are optimistic about the future of skateboarding," she added.

The enthusiasm generated by the Paris Olympics has not only driven the popularity of sports events but also stimulated the heat of many other consumer markets, such as cinema and apparel markets.

Watching games in theaters with large screens has become a new trend among Chinese audiences this summer. The total box office for the live broadcast of the Olympic Games Paris 2024 in cinemas has reached about 2.44 million yuan (about 341,359 U.S. dollars), according to the data from the Lighthouse Professional Edition, a box office data provider owned by Alibaba.

Data from Douyin e-commerce platform shows that during the Olympic period from July 26 to August 11, the turnover of "essential" items used when watching the games, include alcoholic beverages, food and digital home appliances, has more than doubled from a year earlier.

Xinhua

Iranian president holds talks with German, Vatican leaders over Gaza

TEHRAN

IRANIAN President Masoud Pezeshkian and Pietro Parolin, Vatican City's cardinal secretary of state, on Monday exchanged views on the latest developments in the Gaza Strip.

In a phone call, the two sides highlighted the need to refrain from war and promote global peace and security, according to a statement published on the website of Pezeshkian's office.

Speaking highly of its role in promoting global peace, security and safety, the Iranian president called on Vatican City to play a more active role and help immediately stop Israel's "criminal moves" in the Gaza Strip and ensure humanitarian aid delivery to people in Gaza through holding consultations with relevant interna-

tional and human rights organizations.

Pezeshkian reaffirmed Iran's positions of opposing and refraining from war and bloodshed and improving global peace and security and condemned Israel's alleged "criminal action" of assassinating Hamas Politburo Chief Ismail Haniyeh.

According to all international rules and regulations, any country subject to aggression reserves the right to defend itself and respond to the aggressor, he said.

For his part, Parolin praised Pezeshkian for his "principled" stance towards promoting constructive interaction with the world and for his emphasis on maintaining and improving global peace and stability.

Vatican City is willing to further expand relations with Iran, he said, noting



Iranians drive next to a billboard of Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian (right) and late Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh at the Valise square in Tehran on Aug 1, 2024. AFP

that Vatican City supports Iran's positions on promoting interaction and synergy between countries in West Asia and the world.

Parolin also called for immediately stopping killing civilians in Gaza and achieving a ceasefire in the enclave.

Pezeshkian on Monday also had a phone call with Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz. The two sides discussed regional issues and expressed willingness to promote bilateral relations.

Pezeshkian highlighted the necessity to remove ob-

stacles to improving relations between Iran and European states, adding that Tehran is interested in developing ties with all European countries, including Germany, based on mutual friendship, trust building and respect, according to a statement published

on the website of Pezeshkian's office.

Maintaining and improving regional and global peace, stability, and security are among Iran's pivotal policies, he said.

Accusing Israel of continuing its "crimes and genocide" in Gaza, violating international treaties and law, and creating serious challenges for regional security and global peace, Pezeshkian called on European countries, especially Germany, to play an effective role in ending, instead of supporting, Israel's "genocide" in Gaza.

He said that Iran always considers itself duty-bound to comply with international rules and regulations.

While Iran welcomes the promotion of interactions with all countries and stresses the need to resolve problems through negotiations, it

will never bow to pressure, sanctions, coercion, and aggression and reserves the right to respond to aggressors according to international law, he added.

Scholz, for his part, congratulated Pezeshkian on his election as Iran's president and said his country is ready to improve bilateral relations in all areas.

Ensuring regional peace and security is among the priorities in Germany's approach towards the region and the world, he said, stressing the need to immediately stop the violence and reach a ceasefire in Gaza.

Israel has been launching a large-scale offensive against Hamas in the Gaza Strip to retaliate against a Hamas rampage through the southern Israeli border on Oct 7, 2023.

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Coach Isabelle Sambou, 43 years old, two-time Olympian and nine-time African wrestling champion, back to camera, speaks to young women before a wrestling training in Mlomp, southern Senegal, Wednesday, July 10, 2024. AP

In one region of Senegal, girls can become wrestlers – and win. But only until marriage

MLOMP, Senegal

It's almost dusk, and the West African heat is finally faltering. In Mlomp, a village in southern Senegal, dozens of teenagers in colorful jerseys are throwing each other to the ground to the rhythm of Afrobeats against a backdrop of palm trees.

It's a common sight across Senegal, where wrestling is a national sport and wrestlers are celebrated like rock stars. The local variation of wrestling, called laamb in Wolof, one of the national languages, has been part of village life for centuries. Senegalese wrestle for entertainment and to celebrate special occasions. The professional version of the sport draws thousands to stadiums and can be a catapult to international stardom.

But in most of the country, wrestling remains off-limits for women.

There is one exception. In the Casamance region, home to the Jola ethnic group, women traditionally wrestle alongside men. At a recent training session in Mlomp, most teenagers on the sandy ground were girls.

"It's in our blood," said coach Isabelle Sambou, 43, a two-time Olympian and nine-time African wrestling champion. "In our village, girls wrestle. My mum was a wrestler, my aunts were wrestlers."

But once Jola women marry, they are expected to stop practicing and devote themselves to family life, considered the main duty of Senegalese women regardless of ethnicity or religion.

Sambou's aunt, Awa Sy, now in her 80s, was the village champion in her youth, and said she would even take down some men.

"I liked wrestling because it made me feel strong," she said, standing outside her house nestled between rice fields and mangroves. "I stopped when I got married." She didn't question it at the time.

That hasn't been the case for her niece, who, despite her humble demeanor and small size, exudes strength and determination. She defied many barriers to become a professional athlete.

As a teenager, Sambou was noticed by a professional wrestling coach at a competition during the annual Festival of the King of Oussouye, one of the few events accessible to women. The coach suggested that she try Olympic wrestling, which has a female national team. But she only agreed after her older brother convinced her to do it.

Wrestling brought Sambou, who did not finish primary school, to the Olympic Games in London and Rio de Janeiro, where she placed outside the medal contenders. But being a successful professional female athlete in a conservative society comes with a price.

"If you are a female wrestler, people are going to make fun of you," Sambou said, recalling her experiences in parts of Senegal beyond her home region. "When I walked around in shorts, people were saying: 'Look, is it a woman or is it a boy?'"

Others claimed that her body would change and she would no longer look like a woman.

Such things can "get to your head," Sambou said. "But I tell myself: They don't know what they are talking about. It's in my blood, and it brought me where I am today."

In 2016, facing her mid-30s, she decided to retire from professional sport and move back to her village.

"I thought it was the time to stop and think of something else, maybe find a job, start a family," she said. "But that hasn't happened so far."

Instead, she focused on finding "future Isabelles." After not fulfilling her dream of winning an Olympic medal, she hopes a girl she coaches can achieve that.

That mission has been complicated by the lack of resources. Female sport is often underfunded, especially in sub-Saharan Africa.

Around Sambou's village, there are no gyms where girls can do strength training. They don't have the special shoes used in Olympic wrestling, and instead train barefoot. They don't have mats, so they make do with sandy grounds.

And yet, at Africa's youth championship in wrestling held in June in Senegal's capital, Dakar, Sambou's students won 10 medals, including six golds.

"Despite everything, they did magnificent work," she said.

She has received little in return. Senegal has no pension system for retired professional athletes. Her lack of formal education complicates her career as a coach. She helps to coach the national wrestling team, both men and women, but on a voluntary basis. To get by, she works in a small shop and cleans people's houses.

"I gave everything to wrestling, to my country," she said. "Now I don't have anything. I don't even have my own house. It hurts a bit."

She listed the countries she has visited, including the United States and Switzerland, while sitting outside the home she shares with relatives. Her bedroom is decorated with a picture of Virgin Mary and posters celebrating her participation in championships – the only sign of her glorious past.

"It's difficult to be a professional athlete. You have to leave everything behind," she said. "And then you stop, and you come back here and you sit, without anything to do."

But times are changing, and so is the perception of women in Senegalese society. These days, parents seek out Sambou and ask her to coach their children, regardless of their gender, even if it's still for free.

Sambou's 17-year-old niece, Mame Marie Sambou, recently won a gold medal at the youth championship in Dakar. Her dream is to become a professional wrestler and compete internationally. The big test will come in two years when Senegal hosts the Youth Olympic Games, the first Olympic event ever organized on African soil.

"It's my aunt who encouraged me to start wrestling," she said. "When I started, many people were saying they have never seen a girl wrestle. But I never listened to them. I want to be like her."

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I gave everything to wrestling, to my country," she said. "Now I don't have anything. I don't even have my own house. It hurts a bit

SPORTS

Ateba's signing may force Simba to make some tough decisions regarding foreign player quota

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

IN a significant move to bolster their attacking options, Simba SC have successfully signed Cameroonian striker Leonel Ateba from Algerian club USM Alger. With just three days remaining before the transfer window closes, Simba have made this acquisition as they aim to strengthen their squad for the upcoming 2024/2025 season.

The decision to bring Ateba on board aligns with the strategic vision of Simba's head coach, Fadlu Davids, who has emphasized the need for additional firepower in the team's attack. Simba have been actively seeking reinforcements, and Ateba (pictured), who has shown a keen interest in joining the Tanzanian giants, is expected to finalize his transfer once the agreement on his fee is completed.

Ateba's football journey has seen him play for several clubs in Cameroon, including Coton Sport, PWD Bamenda, and Dynamos Douala. His impressive performances earned him a spot in the Cameroon national team that competed in the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in Ivory Coast. His arrival at Simba is expected to add depth and experience to the team's attack, which is crucial as they prepare for a challenging season ahead.

However, Ateba's signing may force Simba to make some tough decisions regarding their current foreign player quota. Reports suggest that either goalkeeper Ayoub Lakred, who is currently injured, or striker Freddy Michael Kouablan, could be released to make room for the new signing. This highlights the balancing act Simba must perform between maintaining squad depth and adhering to foreign player registration limits.

Simba SC's information and communication manager, Ahmed Ally, confirmed Ateba's signing and provided insights into the club's recent assessments following their participation in the Community Shield. According to Ally, the technical team, led by Davids, identified a need to enhance the attacking lineup after thoroughly evaluating the team's performance.

"Our defense has been solid,



conceding very few goals," said Ally. "However, the coach has observed that we need to strengthen our attack. We are in the final stages of securing the signature of a new striker who is on his way to join the squad."

Ally also emphasized the club's focus on finding a striker who complements the existing talents of Michael Kouablan and Steven Mukwala.

"We have carefully considered the characteristics of Kouablan and Mukwala and realized the need for a top-class striker who can elevate our attacking play," Ally added. "The new striker, Ateba, brings experience and quality despite his young age."

As the club finalizes Ateba's registration, attention will turn to the potential departure of one of the foreign players to accommodate the new signing. Lakred, who has been receiving treatment for an injury sustained during the pre-season training camp in Egypt, appears to be the most likely candidate for release. With the recent signing of Moussa Camara, Simba now have two foreign goalkeepers, making the decision to release one of them more straightforward.

The transfer news also comes at a challenging time for Simba midfielder Fabrice Ngoma. The Congolese international has struggled to secure a place in Davids' first team since the coach's arrival. Ngoma's agent, Austine Mkandila, has hinted at the player's dissatisfaction with his current situation, suggesting that Ngoma may seek to terminate

his contract, which has one year remaining.

Mkandila's comments reflect growing frustration within Ngoma's camp, as the player has been relegated to the bench in favour of other midfield options like Mzamiru Yassin, Debora Fernandez, and Augustine Okeje. Despite being given opportunities in the Community Shield matches, Ngoma's position remains precarious, especially after receiving two yellow cards in the third-place match against Coastal Union, leading to his early exit.

As Simba navigate these roster changes, the club is also gearing up for the start of the Premier League. The Msimbazi Street-based side will kick off their campaign on August 18 against Tabora United FC at the newly designated KMC Complex Stadium.

This match is highly anticipated, as Simba look to make a strong start to the season and reclaim the league title after finishing third last year.

Following the league opener, Simba will face Fountain Gate FC on August 25, also at the KMC Complex, before traveling to Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya for a clash with Tanzania Prisons on October 22. The early fixtures also include a potentially tricky encounter with Azam FC in the fourth round, a match that could have significant implications for Simba's title ambitions.

In addition to their domestic league pursuits, Simba are preparing for the CAF Confederation Cup, where they will face either Zanzibar's Uhamiaji FC or Al Ahly Tripoli of Libya in the preliminary second-round match.

As the club continues to make strategic moves both on and off the pitch, the upcoming season promises to be a crucial one for Simba as they aim to achieve success on multiple fronts.

Uhamiaji FC to play both legs of CAF Confederation Cup preliminary rounds in Libya

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

ZANZIBAR'S Uhamiaji FC will face a challenging task in the CAF Confederation Cup preliminary rounds, as both legs of their tie against Al Ahly Tripoli will be played in Libya at the 11 June Stadium.

Initially, the first leg was set for August 18 at the New Amaan Complex in Zanzibar, but the plan was altered, with reports from Tripoli indicating that this decision was made over a month ago.

The winners of the Uhamiaji FC vs. Al Ahly Tripoli tie will progress to the next round, where they will face Tanzanian giants Simba SC. The victor of that matchup will secure a spot in the group stage of the 2024/2025 CAF Confederation Cup.

Uhamiaji FC's decision to play both matches in Libya has sparked criticism from local fans who were eager to see their team compete on home soil. However, the club remains optimistic

about the situation.

According to the club's spokesperson, Mwyni Hamad, the choice was made after discussions with Al Ahly Tripoli, and the club views it as an opportunity for growth.

"We had a conversation with Al Ahly Tripoli and saw the need to play both games at 11 June Stadium in Tripoli. The first leg will be played on August 18 and the second leg on August 23. We see this as an opportunity for our squad to gain exposure to competitive games, allowing our new players to be introduced in such a challenging environment," said Hamad.

Despite limited new signings, Uhamiaji FC head coach Ali Bakari Mngazija remains confident in his squad.

The club has added just three new players, but Mngazija has praised the progress of the team, noting the improvement in morale, tactical

understanding, and competition for starting positions. He believes these factors will be essential as the team prepares for the season ahead.

Uhamiaji FC earned their place in the CAF Confederation Cup by finishing sixth in the previous season with 47 points, achieving 12 wins, 11 draws, and seven losses.

Their opponents, Al Ahly Tripoli, are a strong team from the Libyan league, which is divided into two groups of ten teams each. Al Ahly Tripoli finished last season in Group B with 48 points from 20 matches, including 15 wins, three draws, and two losses.

They advanced to the championship round, where they finished third with one win, two draws, and two losses.

As Uhamiaji FC prepare to take on this formidable opponent, the club and its supporters will be hoping for a strong performance in Libya to keep their CAF Confederation Cup dreams alive.



Basketball youth players pictured recently during a training session at the Jakaya M. Kikwete Sports Park in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: JUMANNE JUMA

Furious Kompany swears at player 15 times in a minute as Burnley rant goes viral

By Becky Ashton

FOOTBALL fans have seen a very different side to Bayern Munich boss Vincent Kompany following the airing of the behind-the-scenes documentary of his time at Burnley.

Even as a player the defender always seemed cool, calm and collected, but the Sky documentary 'Mission to Burnley' shows a very different side to the Belgian and one that required several bleeps.

In a clip, which has now gone viral, Kompany, who left Burnley earlier this summer, following their relegation from the Premier League, is seen swearing at Johann Berg Gudmundsson 15 times in less than one minute.

"Joey, don't f***ing test me," shouts Kompany. "Do not f***ing test me. Enough of the f***ing moaning. Enough of the f***ing moaning. Play f***ing football. You've got to f***ing work for everything. F***ing play!"

"How many times do I have to tell you? Stop f***ing moaning."

Gudmundsson tells his boss: "I just said 'can we finish that attack?'"

But a furious Kompany hits back: "No, you're moaning about everything!" Gudmundsson asks: "What have I moaned about today?"

Kompany tells him: "Body language is f***ing s*** and I'm not ac-

cepting it. Play! F***ing hell man."

The row appears to be over but Kompany then charges back towards Gudmundsson, yelling: "It's f***ing life or death. F***ing play!"

Kompany eventually stops shouting at Gudmundsson and instead begins muttering to himself: "F***ing... I've had a f***ing enough of this!"

It might have made good TV but many fans were less than impressed than the behaviour of the then Burnley boss.

One fan tweeted: "A b***ocking I have no issue with. However, to belittle and insult someone, especially in front of everyone else? Awful."

Another fan wrote: "Heard from multiple people that Kompany created a toxic environment in the club."

Kompany left Turf Moor in May, when he was the surprise choice to replace Thomas Tuchel at Bayern Munich, with many believing he will have to approach management in the Bundesliga slightly differently.

"He's going to struggle with the big personalities at Bayern isn't he," read one comment on X. Another read: "I give him 6 months before the likes of Kimmich, Muller & Neuer have him out the door."

Bayern's league season gets underway on 25 August with a trip to Wolfsburg, but first they travel to SSV Ulm in the German Cup on Friday.

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Premier League 'ours to lose', says Manchester City's Walker

BBC

MANCHESTER City captain Kyle Walker says the Premier League is "ours to lose" as his side look to win an unprecedented fifth title in a row.

City were the first club to win four successive English top-flight championships last term and begin their defence on Sunday when they travel to Chelsea.

Speaking on BBC Radio 5 Live's Monday Night Club, England full-back Walker said: "I wouldn't say it's an ego, but we've done this now four times in a row - this is our trophy to lose."

"I can assure you, when you're looking down at your arm and you've got that gold badge that no-one else has got it's a good feeling. Long may it continue."

Meanwhile, reflecting on England's Euro 2024 campaign in the latest episode of You'll Never Beat Kyle Walker, he said the team "put more weight on our shoulders than was probably needed" as they finished runners-up to Spain.

Under manager Pep Guardiola, City have become a ruthless winning machine - but getting motivated for new campaigns hasn't got any more difficult. Walker added: "For us to go and do four in a row off the back of a Treble was a great achievement. To pick yourself up and go again after such a high, plus we won the Super Cup and Club World Cup as well, was especially important."

"Now, why can't we go and do five in a row? Why can't we go and do something I don't think will probably be ever be done again? That's the motivation we have to create from us as a group of players, from me as a captain."

Guardiola is a driving force for City's hunger and makes sure the players match his level of dedication to delivering silverware.

Walker admitted the club want "instant success - and that's what we have to deliver".

"I think if you didn't have that drive, he wouldn't have you at the club. It's a big part of his DNA, winning," he told the Monday Night Club.

"Look at the teams he's gone and managed, the players he's worked with. He's not shy that if you're not pulling your weight, he's not scared to tell you."

"Everyone wants to be liked" - on criticism of England's Euro 2024 team

Having beaten Serbia in their Group C opener at the Euros, England came in for strong criticism when they followed that 1-0 win with drab draws against Denmark and Slovenia.

Speaking on You'll Never Beat Kyle Walker, the defender revealed the squad discussed media criticism while out in Germany.

"I'd be lying if I said we don't speak about it," he added. "We're all human beings and everyone wants to be liked - especially for the job that you're doing with so much passion and love."

The Three Lions later scraped past Slovakia in the last 16, winning 2-1. They were 1-0 behind to the 44th ranked nation until the 95th minute, when Jude Bellingham scored an overhead bicycle kick to take the game into extra time, where captain Harry Kane headed home the decisive goal.

Walker, who was also part of the England squad ignominiously knocked out by Iceland in the last 16 at Euro 2016, admitted he thought history may repeat itself before Bellingham's goal.

"You just think, 'is this really happening again?'," he said, adding how late winners showed "the guts and the courage" of the squad.

"Massively shocked" by Grealish omission

One major story going into the tournament was Gareth Southgate's decision not to include Manchester City forward Jack Grealish in his 26-man squad. The 28-year-old, who has 36 England caps, said afterwards he was "heartbroken" to be left out.

Club team-mate Walker told the You'll Never Beat Kyle Walker podcast he was "massively shocked" by Southgate's decision, saying Grealish "brings something different" to the other players who travelled to Germany.

He added "it's not down to me to decide who's in the squad."

Southgate's team selections were also scrutinised throughout the tournament, with some pundits and fans calling for Cole Palmer, Ollie Watkins and Anthony Gordon to start games or be brought on to the pitch earlier than they were as substitutes.

Walker said players "understand that the manager has a very, very difficult decision to make" and added "it's not always the starters who go on and get all the plaudits". Watkins scored a 90th-minute winning goal in the semi-final against the Netherlands after being brought on as a late substitute. Chelsea's Palmer, meanwhile, brought England level against Spain in the final after being brought on in the second half.

With Arne Slot in charge change is coming to Anfield but not how you'd expect

By Richard Jolly

LAST season had barely finished when one man at Anfield launched into a chorus of Arne Slot's name. Many another joined in. It helped, of course, that the instigator of the chant was Jurgen Klopp, in a parting gift.

Klopp set the scene for Slot's reign. His will also be the spectre that looms over it. Liverpool have lost their biggest character, their best communicator, their most charismatic figure. Their history shows that they can go on to greater success thereafter: Bob Paisley won more trophies than the iconic Bill Shankly. And if such a comparison applies pressure to Slot, the Dutchman has spent team meetings looking at areas where Liverpool can improve from last season.

Klopp gave "Liverpool 2.0" their nickname. He was their biggest advocate. At least, to continue the references to Liverpool's past, Slot has not started off as the Graeme Souness to the German's Kenny Dalglish. He has not taken an axe to the group of players he inherited; Klopp felt he left a "fantastic squad" and his selflessness in rebuilding and promoting younger players showed he was planning for a future without him. The criticism, instead, has been that Slot, new director of football Richard Hughes and the returning transfer guru, Michael Edwards, have done too little so far.

The other 19 top-flight clubs have all signed before Liverpool, who used to have a habit of acting quickly at the start of a window. The first departure of note, Fabio Carvalho, is occurring in August. There has been no arrival, with Martin Zubimendi's decision to stay at Real Sociedad a seismic



Having replaced Jurgen Klopp as Liverpool boss, Arne Slot's debut season has a high bar to live up to. (Agencies)

blow when he had been identified as their preferred defensive midfielder.

Slot is deemed a continuity candidate in many ways but, with no buys, there might be too much continuity; he had wanted to add more control in the centre of the pitch. If there are similarities with Klopp's style of play, a difference lies in a preference for a more measured approach. "We focus a lot on the build-up, a lot more responsibility for our centre-backs with and without the ball," said Virgil van Dijk. "But obviously our midfielders are important as well and I think we try to create certain patterns on what the opponent does against us." It could necessitate more of a metronome in midfield; hence the doomed interest in Zubimendi.

Whereas Klopp played 4-3-3, Slot's system is more of a 4-2-3-1. If Liverpool were distanced from the top two in terms of their defensive record, now there could be more

protection for the defence. "Whenever we are attacking there's more solidity behind us so if we do lose the ball we can regain it quick and attack again," said right-back Conor Bradley. Meanwhile, there are early signs that Trent Alexander-Arnold will continue inverting into midfield when in possession.

Sunday's 4-1 win over Sevilla, in Slot's first game at Anfield, offered signs Liverpool could continue to be devastating in attack. Diogo Jota scored a wonderful volley and looks in line to be Slot's preferred centre-forward, rather than Darwin Nunez. Luis Diaz was electric and struck twice but left wing looks one of the more intriguing spots in the side: Liverpool had some interest in Anthony Gordon this summer while Cody Gakpo's excellent Euro 2024 was a sign Ronald Koeman may not be the only Dutch manager who could prosper by using him on the flank.

If it is easier to identify Mohamed

Salah as an automatic choice on the other wing, the Egyptian will command attention for reasons beyond his goals or, after a severe haircut, lack of curls. The one concern in Klopp's legacy lies in three contracts with less than a year to run: those of Salah, Van Dijk and Alexander-Arnold. Liverpool's future will be shaped by the decisions taken and the apparent lack of progress feels a surprise.

Each has a symbolic as well as a football value. Along with Alisson and Andy Robertson, they are the survivors of Klopp's greatest side. Last season offered hints that Liverpool 2.0 could scale similar heights, even if their formula of comebacks and late goals was not quite sustainable over a whole season and, ultimately, Arsenal were the closest challengers to Manchester City.

Slot's capacity to overachieve, both relative to resources and in the context of his previous clubs' recent past, formed some of his appeal to Liverpool. One of Klopp's most endearing traits for his employers was a capacity to qualify for the Champions League, with seven top-four finishes in eight full seasons at Anfield. Now Slot could be in an eight-way battle for four or five spots among the European elite. There will be no soft landing.

Liverpool may recede from the spotlight in other respects, without Klopp's box-office magnetism and innate quotability. Part of the task is to ensure they don't regress. Slot has cut a lower-profile figure so far. That does not automatically mean the aims will be lower. It will be evolution, not revolution. But a glimpse at the technical area shows that change is coming to Anfield.

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Chelsea's pervasive chaos threatens to destabilise another season

By Jonathan Wilson

PRE-SEASON is always about the performance and never about the results. And even then there has to be an awareness of what managers are looking for from each individual game: clubs can be at different stages of their physical development, or managers may be working on a specific ploy. They are means to an end. Nobody should ever read too much into pre-season. And yet, all that said, it's impossible not to look at Chelsea's pre-season games without a slight twinge of concern.

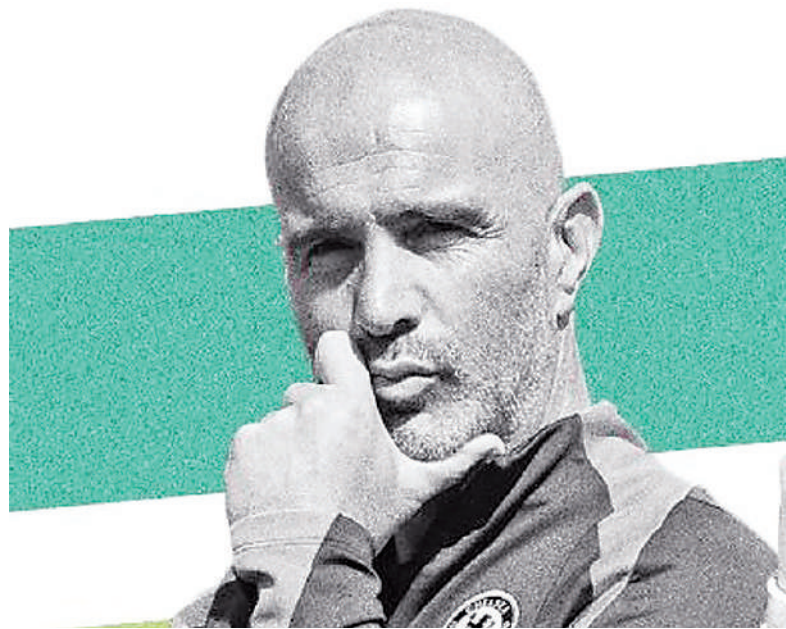
Enzo Maresca's record as Chelsea manager at this stage reads: played six, won one. That win came against the Mexican champions Club America who, four games in to the new Mexican season, sit in ninth place. Chelsea have also played the champions of England, Spain, Scotland and Italy in their warm-up matches, plus Wrexham, who were promoted from League Two last season. That's a challenging run of games. Against Manchester City they were 2-0 down inside five minutes, the result of a soft penalty and a wayward backpass. The 4-2 defeat perhaps wasn't reflective of the pattern of the game. Mitigation can be found.

But it's not just results. There's also a pervading sense of chaos. After the initial splurge following the Clearlake takeover, the £1bn spent on 28 senior players, this was supposed to be when the consolidation began. They had signed young players, we were told, so that there would be less need for upheaval as the project progressed. Players would grow into stature at the club. And then this summer a further nine players arrived at a cost of £160m, with two more already in the pipeline for next season.

Related: Chelsea eye permanent deal for João Félix after Omorodion deal collapses

An attempt to land the highly rated 20-year-old forward Samu Omorodion from Atlético fell through when a contract couldn't be agreed, leading to talks over a potential move for João Félix. This feels like the behaviour of an addict, desperately chasing the endorphin high of a purchase: if one Atlético forward won't come, why not go for another one, even if he has an entirely different profile?

Talks are apparently ongoing to land Victor Osimhen from Napoli, which



Enzo Maresca joined Chelsea as the club's head coach this summer. Composite: ISI Photos

would probably mean Romelu Lukaku - still, remarkably a Chelsea player - moving in the other direction. Lukaku has now spent six seasons on Chelsea's books in two stints, during which time he has played 159 league games, only 36 of them for Chelsea as he has been loaned out to West Brom, Everton, Internazionale and Roma.

The big signing of this summer has been Pedro Neto, bought from Wolves for £51m. He's 24 and clearly gifted, a relentless warrior of full-backs, even if there must be some concern about his goals return. He's the sort of signing that would have felt entirely natural for the pre-Clearlake Chelsea. But what does his arrival mean for the fleet of wide forwards already at the club? Is that an admission that Raheem Sterling, Mykhailo Mudryk and Noni Madueke

aren't quite where Chelsea would like them to be?

Filip Jørgenson has become the seventh goalkeeper on their books. Omari Kellyman adds to the legions of players who can play off a frontman. Like a bride fretting about the wedding venue, they've swapped Lewis Hall for Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall. If there is a pattern there, it is only investment in youth, presumably with a view to trading further down the line. And trading will be essential to cope with profit and sustainability regulations. Amortisation with long contracts is a neat accountancy trick to allow spending in the short term, but bills must be paid at some point.

That's why Hall, Omari Hutchinson and Ian Maatsen have been sold for a combined £86m, with sales of Conor

Gallagher, who is close to a switch to Atlético, and Trevoh Chalobah, who has been linked to Crystal Palace and Aston Villa, likely to take that figure to around £150m. All five of those players are academy products and therefore represent pure profit; there is no amortised fee to be taken into account. Still, selling two hotels between different arms of the business suggests PSR remains a concern; and soon there'll be no academy products left to sell.

It's easy to forget that Chelsea were actually pretty good after Christmas last season, surging to Europa League qualification and reaching the final of the League Cup. But then Mauricio Pochettino left by mutual consent, usually a euphemism, but he didn't seem to be too disappointed to be departing the chaos, which now includes a £100m-plus midfielder, Enzo Fernández, engaging in racist and homophobic chanting as he celebrated winning the Copa America.

There are positives for Maresca: Cole Palmer excelled last season; Malo Gusto looked highly promising; Marc Cucurella, after a poor start, blossomed and had a golden Euros. Christopher Nkunku is seemingly fit after injury problems last season. There are good players at Chelsea, lots of them; the question is whether, amid the constant noise, any manager will ever be able to find a pattern for them to play in.

The great disruptors have disrupted, but at some point the disruption has to stop.

"This is an extract from Soccer with Jonathan Wilson, a weekly look from the Guardian US at the game in Europe and beyond."

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Azam coach Dabo confident despite recent setbacks ahead of CAF Champions League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AZAM FC head coach Youssouf Dabo has expressed strong confidence in his team's potential to advance in the CAF Champions League, despite facing a series of recent challenges.

The Chamazi-based club has encountered a few hurdles, including a heavy 4-1 defeat to Young Africans in the Community Shield final and a tough loss to Wydad Casablanca in an international friendly. These setbacks have raised concerns among fans about the team's prospects in the continental competition.

However, Dabo (pictured) remains optimistic, viewing the mixed results as valuable learning opportunities as the team gears up for their CAF Champions League preliminary round against APR FC.

Azam's pre-season concluded on a positive note with a 1-0 victory over Rayon Sports of Rwanda on August 3, providing a confidence boost after the Wydad defeat.

While Azam's convincing 5-1 win over Coastal Union in the Community Shield semi-finals was impressive, some fans have questioned the significance of the result in terms of the team's readiness for continental competition. Coastal Union, it should be noted, will also participate in CAF competitions this season.

Acknowledging the need for tactical adjustments, Dabo has been experimenting with different formations in recent high-stakes matches. He particularly noted the challenges he faced against Young Africans, where he initially deployed a three-center-back system before reverting to a more traditional four-defender setup in the second half.

Now, the focus is on refining their strategy and building momentum ahead of their crucial match against APR FC. "I believe we have the potential to excel in the CAF Champions League," said Dabo. "We need to boost our confidence in every situation and master game management, whether we're leading or trailing."

Dabo explained that his tactical approach often depends on the opponent.

"Sometimes, even with a good start, we struggle to maintain control, especially when implementing a new formation. This can disrupt our overall game plan," he added.

Addressing the performance against Young Africans, Dabo noted: "My center-backs struggled to defend wide and deep areas. Their errors were likely due to being accustomed to a two-center-back system. Fortunately, this wasn't a Champions League or league match. We'll address these issues in training and return stronger."

Azam will face APR FC in a two-legged tie, with the first leg set to be played at Azam Complex on August 18, followed by the second leg at Amahoro National Stadium on August 24.

Should Azam progress, they will face either JKU of Zanzibar or Egyptian giants Pyramids FC.

Both Azam and APR FC center their CAF Champions League preliminary round clash following domestic cup final defeats.

APR FC, the reigning Rwanda Primus League champions, suffered a surprise loss to Police FC in the FER-WAFA Super Cup final, with Police FC claiming their first-ever Super Cup title via a 6-5 penalty shootout.

APR FC coach Darko Novic, who recently experienced a second cup final defeat after a heartbreaking 10-9 penalty shootout loss to Zambia's Red Arrows in the CECAFA Dar Port Kagame Cup final on July 21, will be eager to turn his fortunes around. Despite the loss, APR secured the runners-up spot and a \$20,000 cash prize.

The upcoming CAF Champions League preliminary round clash between Azam and APR FC promises to be a thrilling encounter, with both teams looking to rebound from recent defeats.

The English Premier League will have a different look when the season starts Friday. Here's what's changed

By STEVE DOUGLAS

THE English Premier League rarely stands still.

For the 2024-25 season starting on Friday, there are five newly hired managers, around \$1.6 billion worth of new players (and counting), new offside technology, updated financial regulations and a tweaked match schedule.

*COACHING CHANGES

A quarter of the coaches will be taking charge of a Premier League game for the first time, with Liverpool (Arne Slot), Chelsea (Enzo Maresca) and Brighton (Fabian Hürzeler) all having new managers and both Southampton (Russell Martin) and Ipswich (Kieran McKenna) gaining promotion with managers owning no top-flight experience.

Throw in Julen Lopetegui being the new guy at West Ham after 4 1/2 years of David Moyes at the helm and Steve Cooper replacing Maresca at Leicester, and the dugouts will look different this season.

Most of the intrigue, however, will focus on Slot and what style he implements at Liverpool after the team's nearly nine years with the popular Jürgen Klopp. Rock 'n' roll could turn into more control, with Slot preferring more of a possession game.

*SLOWER MARKET

The Premier League's 20 clubs have spent as much on new players in this transfer window as those in Spain, Italy and Germany combined, according to transfermarkt.com. So why does it feel such a slow summer of trading?

Maybe because there have been no blockbuster deals, with the most expensive being striker Dominic Solanke moving to Tottenham from Bournemouth for 65 million pounds (\$83 million).

However, lots of deals for between \$30-70 million quickly add up – and there are still three weeks left in the window, during which Manchester City, Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal and Chelsea are expected to weigh in. City (Savinho) and Arsenal (Riccardo Calafiori) have only made one new signing so far and Liverpool hasn't made any.

Come the end of transfer deadline day on Aug. 30, don't be surprised if Premier League clubs have spent way more than \$2 billion – even if most are balancing the books with sales because of the league's sterner financial rules.

*SEMI-AUTOMATED OFFSIDES

Expect offside decisions to be reached much quicker in the Premier League this season. The competition is introducing semi-automated offside technology for the first time, with the new system set to be launched during the first half of the season. Multiple cameras will track player movements and record data points on parts of the body that are relevant for an offside decision.

Data is processed with artificial intelligence to create a 3D offside line that is alerted to the team of VAR officials. It is expected to take an average of around 30 seconds off the length of time it currently takes VAR officials to come to a decision manually. Semi-automated offside technology was used at the 2022 World Cup and at the recent European Championship.

*SPENDING RULES

Last season in the Premier League was notable for some clubs, like Everton and Nottingham Forest, receiving points deductions for breaking the competition's profitability and sustainability regulations, which are now being more strictly applied. This coming season is the final year of those regulations, with two new forms of spending caps being trialed ahead of their introduction from the 2025-26 season. Teams in England's top division will trial a "Squad Cost Rules" system, which will limit spending on players to 85% of a club's soccer revenue and net profit or loss on player sales.

A second system called "Top to Bottom Anchoring" limits – or anchors – spending to a multiple of the lowest combined prize money and cash from TV rights forecast to be earned by a team.

The league said the systems aimed to "improve and preserve clubs' financial sustainability and the competitive balance of the Premier League" as well as "promote aspiration of clubs. AP

Tanzania's cricketers win ICC U-19 Men's CWC Africa Qualifier Division 2



Tanzania U-19 cricketers take a photo upon completing the 2024 ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 2's final at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club last weekend. The performers won the tournament's silverware after clobbering Sierra Leone. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

By Correspondent Japheth Kazenga

MOHAMMED Simba put in a stellar performance with the bat as Tanzania won the 2024 ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 2 title, walloping Sierra Leone in the final in Dar es Salaam last Sunday.

The tournament hosts cruised to a 36-run win over the West African nation's squad via the Duckworth-Lewis (D/L) method in the rain-affected match at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club venue.

The results witnessed Tanzania gallantly bring to an end a stellar run that has also won them progression to the ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 1.

Tanzania's cricketers were put in to bat first by Sierra Leone and the latter had the former finishing the innings with 178/8 in 50 overs.

Skipper Laksh Bakrania (24 runs) and Darpan Jobanputra (21 runs) were some of the other performers with significant showing at the crease for the tournament. The most impressive player, Karim Kisetu, having a brief stint at the crease after making his way back with five runs.

Sierra Leone's skipper Raymond Coker, George Sessay, and Turay took two wickets each as the trio sought to keep their opponents'

batting unit in check.

The West African nation's cricketers could not live up to expectations in their innings, failing to reach 135 runs – a revised target set in 29 overs following the downpour. They ended up amassing 98/8 in the 29 overs.

Even though they succumbed to the loss, Sierra Leone's captain Coker, rewarded for his leadership and individual performances.

The player had collected three Player of the Match accolades as he claimed 14 wickets and blasted 97 runs during his side's campaign.

Sierra Leone has progressed to ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 1, courtesy of easing into the Division 2 final.

Atif Salim, the Tournament Coordinator, shared his thoughts on hosting the Division 2 event, noting: "Hosting this tournament has been an incredible experience. The dedication and hard work of the Local Organizing Committee, combined with the unwavering support from our volunteers, fans, and management, have made this event a grand success."

Salim, also the Tanzania Cricket Association's Media and Communication Officer, added: "It's been a week of thrilling cricket, and we are proud to have showcased the talent and spirit of cricket in Tanzania."

"The enthusiasm and support from everyone involved has been phenomenal, and we are already looking forward to our next challenge," he disclosed.

Tanzania showcased its determination and skill to secure a spot in the final. Tanzania elected to bat first. The innings was anchored by a heroic performance from Jobanputra, who scored a gritty 56 off 132 balls.

Rwanda's innings went into a shell, with Cyusa left watching wickets fall at the other end.

Eventually, with the required run rate climbing, Cyusa had to go for it, only to be stumped off Azhar Premji's bowling by wicketkeeper Omary Ramadhani.

Despite a valiant effort from Cyusa, who scored 55 runs off 109 balls, Rwanda was bowled out for 105 in 42.5 overs.

Tanzania hosted this season's ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 2 from August 2-11.

The tournament took place at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club cricket ground and the University of Dar es Salaam ground, featuring promising young cricketers from eight nations – Ghana, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Mozambique, Rwanda, Botswana, and Tanzania.

Sunday's outcomes mean the Africa Qualifier will feature Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and already-qualified Kenya, Namibia, and Uganda, who will compete for the solitary spot on offer at the ICC U-19 Men's World Cup.

The qualifiers are a key step for teams aspiring to compete in the ICC U-19 Men's World Cup. Fans were exposed to thrilling matches as the young cricketers put skills, determination, and sportsmanship to show.

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