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Photo of conjoined twins awaiting separation scheduled for tomorrow at Muhimbili National Hospital in Dar es Salaam - as availed to the media yesterday by MNH authorities.

Simiyu twins for separation as Muhimbili readies teams

By Henry Mwangonde

MUHIMBILI National Hospital (MNH) is tomorrow expected to conduct surgery to separate nine-month-old conjoined twins, the third such operation in the top referral hospital nationally.

Dr Petronia Ngilo, a consulting pediatric surgeon at the hospital who will be part of a team of 31 specialists lined up for the surgery, made this affirmation at a press conference yesterday, noting that the twins from Mwabayande village at Mwigwa ward in Maswa District, Simiyu Region weighed 4.9 kilogrammes at birth on September 21, 2021.

The twins, Neema and Rehema, were examined after arriving at MNH from Bugando referral Hospital in Mwanza, with the joining involving the liver to an extent plus a bone in the chest, the specialist noted.

As Bugando could not handle the matter, the twins were brought to Muhimbili on November

12, weighing seven kilograms. They have since gained weight and now clock 13.3 kilograms, she stated.

It was necessary to hold them to reach an age where they can withstand intense medication as the surgery is a massive operation, so it is medically recommended that they at least reach a certain age, the medic explained.

If the twins were to be taken abroad, about 120m/- would be required for the surgery to be done, taking up the cost of transport, accommodation and medication, she said, while another pediatric surgeon at MNH, Dr Zaitun Bokhary said the hospital has made all preparations for the surgery.

The spectacular operation is expected to last for six hours and will involve pediatric surgeons, plastic surgeons, nurses and physicians specialised in intensive care units. The team will include radiologists, anaesthetists and haematologists, with 26 out of the 31 specialists

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Contributions impede free education - MPs

By Grtrude Mbago, Dodoma

DESPITE the formal abolition of fees in primary and secondary education, parents still have to find multiple contributions for the children to attend school, a parliamentary leader has cautioned.

Closing the marathon Budget session of the legislature, Deputy Speaker Mussa Azzan popularly known as 'Zungu,' said that these contributions hurt parents, and puts at issue the sincerity of the government in removing school fees at all levels.

Parents were expected to feel actual

relief from implementation of the free education policy, but they are burdened with contributions to cover expenses of school supplies, food, power, employing guards and other costs, routinely compelling poor parents to beg that their children remain in school, he said.

District councils have the ability to cover such expenses but they shift the responsibility to parents, he stated, wondering why the responsible ministry was allowing them to do so.

"We have witnessed how Dodoma has managed to eliminate such contributions, but other regions are still giving parents a hard time

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Mkunda new CDF

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has promoted Major General Jacob John Mkunda to the rank of General and appointed him as Chief of Defence Forces (CDF).

A statement by the Directorate of Presidential Communications said yesterday that before the new appointment, General Mkunda

was the chief of operations and training at army headquarters.

The president has also promoted Major General Salum Haji Othman to the rank of Lieutenant General and appointed him as Chief of Staff of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF), it said.

Before his new appointment, Lt Gen Othman was

commissioner for research and military development at the Ministry of Defence and National Service, it said.

Similarly, the president has appointed Lt Gen Mathew Edward Mkingule to the post of ambassador. Before this appointment he was Chief of Staff at army headquarters.

The newly appointed senior army officers will be sworn in today early in the afternoon at the State House in Dar es Salaam, the statement added.

Zambian minister praises mineral sector reforms

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TANZANIA'S tight control on the mining sector to ensure that the country optimises earnings from its wealth of natural resources is a lesson to other African countries, a Zambian cabinet minister has declared.

Paul Kabuswe, the Mines and Minerals Development minister, made this assertion at the onset of his tour to see how Tanzania made a difference in terms of how it manages the sector, noting that the new Zambian government was keen to study the landmark achievement to implement the

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CRDB Bank Plc board chairman Dr Ally Laay (3rd-L) and CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (2nd-L) pictured in Dodoma city yesterday presenting to Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (C) a dummy check for over 19.7 bn/- in the bank's dividend to the government. With them (from-R): Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Employment and Youth), Patrobas Katambi; Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), David Silinde; and Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Finance and Planning ministry, Lawrence Mafuru. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Treasury gets 36bn/- in CRDB dividends

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday received 36bn/- in annual dividends from its CRDB Bank Plc shares, held by the Treasury Registrar.

FINANCE and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba received a dummy cheque for the money from the bank's board chairman Dr Ali Laay and the managing director, Abdulmajid Nsekela at Treasury head offices, attended by heads of institutions with shares in CRDB.

The minister hailed the bank for paying dividends which resulted from the bank's performance during 2021, noting that the bank was fast growing. Paying dividends is also a sign that the strategies put in place are in the right

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Abdulsamad Abdulrahim (2nd-L), Chairman of the Association of Tanzania Oil and Gas Service (ATOGS) providers board, hosts a Petroleum Technology Association of Nigeria (PETAN) delegation including chairman Nicolas Chiokejine Odinuwe and vice chairperson Richard Oluranti Omole at ATOGS offices in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The team is on a two-days visit to Tanzania aimed at sharing experiences and exploring avenues of mutual interest and formalisation of ATOGS/PETAN partnership and collaboration for the benefit of both countries. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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track, he affirmed.

The money collected will help in implementing projects outlined in the 2022/23 budget estimates, as the dividend reached 90bn/-, an increase of 111 percent from 43bn/- reported for

2020, he said.

The dividend was a result of the bank's 268.2bn/- profit after tax obtained in the past year, with the bank's annual general meeting recently unanimously approving a 36/-dividend payment per share, a rise of 64percent from the previous

year, pushing total dividends this year to 94bn/-.

The board chairman said the bank was ready to work with the government especially in promoting the financial sector, as the bank was investing in technology, launching various banking channels like simbanking and mobile

banking.

Patrobas Katambi, the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities) deputy minister receiving dividends on behalf of social security funds, urging public institutions to invest in shares to increase their revenues.

"The government is the main shareholder in CRDB bank in collaboration with the Danish development agency (DANIDAS) while the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSF) and others hold 17.1percent of the bank's shares.

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being Tanzanians, the consultant noted.

Similar cases were received at MNH in 1994 and later in 2019, with one of the twins dying in the earlier instance, while the surviving twin is now 28 years old. In the second case, MNH separated the conjoined twins who are now three years old.

Separating the twins will be another milestone for the hospital after boosting its healthcare and specialized operations capacity in the past five years, to provide major services like the cochlear implant, radiology intervention, then the kidney and bone marrow transplants.

MNH first launched kidney transplant services and then sent its specialists for heightened exposure on liver transplants. The kidney transplant was a new milestone after cochlear implant surgery in June 2017.

Localizing those operations reduces costs of liver transplant by up to 50 percent, as one transplant costs upwards of 100m/- in a specialized institution in India, despite that it is taken as among the cheapest in global indices of medical tourism, observers noted.



If the twins were to be taken abroad, about 120m/- would be required for the surgery to be done, taking up the cost of transport, accommodation and medication



Health minister Umyy Mwalimu (2nd-R) presents a certificate in Dar es Salaam yesterday to Child Help Tanzania director Hakim Bayakub in recognition of the organisation's contribution to the success of the recent Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute Marathon 2022. The race was meant to raise funds to help children born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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by forcing them to purchase teachers' working tools and specially tailored school uniforms," he told MPs.

Prices of uniforms sold in street markets range from 5,000/- but students are directed to pay 20,000/- or more to obtain such uniforms in school, he said in illustration, urging the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) to work on the matter and rescue parents from unnecessary contributions. This habit acutely distorts the free education policy, he insisted, while castigating MPs who have not been attending sessions, describing their behaviour as intolerable.

The free education policy prevalent for primary and secondary schools was buttressed a fortnight ago in a budgetary measure removing fees in high schools, to further facilitate ease of access to education for those selected for high school places.

Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said in his budget presentation that currently there are 90,825 students in form five and 56,880 in form six, with their total needs pegged at 10.3bn/-.

"As directed by President Samia, I recommend fee-free education for form five and six students. The government is planning to accommodate technical colleges in this programme once the economic situation allows," he affirmed, noting that by last April, a total of 244.5bn/- had been disbursed to facilitate free education at primary and secondary levels.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan is deeply concerned with rising numbers of school drop-outs for various reasons including household income poverty, teenage pregnancies, and poor education awareness in some communities, absenteeism and low examination performance, the minister added.

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lessons imparted

The Zambian government is just ten months old and thus interested in experiences in neighbouring countries on managing the mining sector as it is pivotal in Zambia's economy.

During the tour, the minister will confer with ministerial cadres and public organisations on the management and development of artisan miners, as well as operations of the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO).

He said that Tanzania and Zambia share many things, thus the need to exchange notes on the mining sector, among others, with his local counterpart, Doto Biteko affirming that Zambia is in the process of reviewing its minerals policy in an effort to obtain

more earnings from the sector.

The visiting cabinet minister was slated to tour several mining sites and observe their operations, he stated, underlining that it was true that Tanzania has done a lot in the mining sector, attracting other countries to wish to study what took place.

Tanzania passed a mining law in 2010 that increased the royalty paid on minerals like gold from three percent to four percent, while subsequent legislation provided for the government to take a stake in newly established mining projects.

Mining firms are similarly required to list at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE), not later than two years after the approval of the new regulations. The holder of a special mining licence needs to have a minimum of 30 percent local ownership of all paid up shares.

Mulamula cites CHOGM conference as strategic

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA has outlined the success achieved from the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (CHOGM) recently ended in Kigali, Rwanda including democracy, gender equality, innovation, technology and inclusive development.

Liberata Mulamula, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation told reporters yesterday in Dar es Salaam when briefing journalists on the recommendation of the meeting under the theme of 'Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming.'

She said compared to others, this year's meeting was strategic since member states discussed number of issues including innovation, women empowerment and investment.

She said on good governance and the rule of law, Tanzania showcased the success achieved including the ongoing constitution review.

"Our country is currently in the process of restoring the constitution process that ended in chaos few years ago," she said.

She said on an inclusive economy, Tanzania also insisted on the importance of women to be involved in policy making in order to conserve the environment and others that have an impact on climate changes.

Mulamula said the government was keen to support women and youths financially to perform sustainable agriculture.

"We also get a chance to discuss issues related to Non Communicable Diseases (NCD) and malaria where the Vice President Dr Philip Mpango detailed the secret behind success of Zanzibar in combating malaria," she said.

During the meeting, head of governments underscored the importance of connecting, innovating,

and transforming in order to facilitate a full recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and achieve the 2030 Agenda.

Another was to respond to conflicts and crises in ways that increase resilience and progress in delivering a common future, underpinned by sustainability, peace and prosperity, to improve the lives of all the people of the Commonwealth.

Other recommendations were stressing on the importance of the right to freedom of expression through peaceful, open dialogue, and the free flow of information, including through a free, independent, responsible, and pluralistic media, and committed to enhancing democratic traditions and strengthening democratic processes.

They also reiterated their commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international instruments.

Recognising that human rights are applicable in online and offline media, they underscored the vital role of a vibrant civil society, including human rights defenders, in delivering good governance and democracy.

They underscored the importance of good cooperation between member countries and their respective National Human Rights Institutions or equivalent mechanisms.

The minister said they also stressed on the importance of the right to freedom of expression through peaceful, open dialogue, and the free flow of information, including through a free, independent, responsible, and pluralistic media, and committed to enhancing democratic traditions and strengthening democratic processes.

Mulamula said radicalization leading to violence, violent extremism, and terrorism in all its forms are serious global threats, the government noted to be proactive to technology.

Government sets aside 11bn/- for subsidy on sunflower seeds

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government has set aside 11bn/- for the provision of subsidy on sunflower seeds so as to reduce cost, stimulate farming and increase supply of edible oil in the country, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture Anthony Mavunde made the statement when responding to a question by Bupe Mwang'ita (Special Seats) who wanted to know the government's plans to offer subsidies on all farming inputs to enable farmers access the equipment at an affordable price.

He also the government had set aside 150bn/- for the provision of subsidy on fertiliser to further help reduce the cost. "The government has a system in place to subsidize agricultural inputs in various crops in the country, for the year 2021/2022 subsidies for agricultural inputs were provided on cashew, tobacco, sunflower, palm and coffee," he said.

Mavunde said in the year 2022/2023, the government will continue to provide subsidies as it was in the ending fiscal year and will continue to provide subsidies on fertilizers for all crops.

In addition, the government will establish an agricultural development fund which among its responsibilities is to ensure that agricultural inputs and tools are available at affordable prices for all crops and all farmers in the country.

It has also put new strategies to control price hiking of fertiliser in the country through the Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) in collaboration with regional authorities by conducting assessment of actual cost and providing indicative prices.

The government believes that the process will help control the illegal increase of price of the product by traders who in most cases do not consider the cost of importing it into the country.



SGA Tanzania managing director, Eric Sambu (R) receives UKAS ISO 18788 certificate from Intertek lead auditor Dr Nick Yordanov during a function held in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Nigeria and Tanzania gas bodies in D'Salaam for partnership talks

By Guardian Reporter

THE Association of Tanzania Oil and Gas Service Providers (ATOGS) has hosted a delegation of Nigerian gas bodies to share experiences and formalise the ATOGS/ Petroleum Technology Association of Nigeria (PETAN) partnership on a number of strategic areas.

PETAN is an association of Nigerian indigenous technical oilfield service companies in the upstream and downstream sectors of the oil industry.

ATOGS Board Chairman, Abdulsamad Abdulrahim said through the partnership, Nigerian will share its local content experience in oil and gas sector, deep offshore capabilities and technological, collaborate on joint venture bidding and financing for projects and all business opportunities available in the industry as well as training and capacity building programs for locals in technical aspects of service provision in oil and gas value chains.

He said Nigeria will also share insight and experience on how the country achieved local content value in the provision of services, good, materials, supplies and equipment to the local oil and gas industry, support in Health & Safety Environment, Quality (HSEQ) and ISO compliance, knowledge transfer and expertise in the oil and gas industry as well as research and development harmonization.

"ATOGS appreciates the partnership with PETAN as it will help to improve education standards, invest in our citizens, train and develop their capacities in an inclusive manner. I appeal to all governments, representatives, policymakers, legislators, captains of industries, and all industry stakeholders to work together for a better operating environment that will have the desired positive effect on the respective economy of Tanzanians," he added.

Local Content is a call for National to survive" said Abdulsamad.

Dan Kay, a member of ATOGS and CEO of JD Investment Ltd said: "I

have learned how to raise capital for indigenous companies and how to work together with joint-venture partners in oil and gas projects including administrative experience and technology transfer. This partnership (ATOGS and PETAN) will set a platform where ATOGS members will share experience and learn directly and collaborate with their counterpart PETAN members from Nigeria in promoting inclusive growth in the oil and gas sector here in Tanzania."

PETAN Chairman, Nicolas Chiokejine Odinwe said the company is the largest and leading advocacy group representing Nigerian oil and gas service companies with membership cutting across the entire value chain of the oil sector which have been delivering quality services to the industry for over 30 years.

Ambassador Hamisu Umar Takalmawa, Nigeria High Commissioner to Tanzania said the partnership will cement ties between the two countries and boost Tanzanian growth in the oil and gas sector.

"Tanzania has good fiscal and regulatory regimes to attract investors. I believe ATOGS/PETAN partnership has come at the right time due to many opportunities in the natural resources but importantly to share Nigerian knowledge which will be an asset to Tanzanians," said Takalmawa.

The meeting brought together ATOGS members from various sectors of the economy from logistics, training institutions, engineering, carpentry, banking, construction, transportation, real estate, services and catering.

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By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

Tanzania is working on measures to starting disbursing individual loans for entrepreneurs

THE government is working on a plan to start disbursing individual loans to entrepreneurs who are able to supervise themselves and reimburse the loans on time.

Deputy minister, President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) Dr Festo Dugange, made the statement in the Parliament yesterday when reacting to a question by Ester Maleko (Special Seats) who sought to know the government's plans to start allowing group members to get council

loans individually so as to improve their businesses.

She claimed that the current system of offering the loans to groups that have joint projects wasn't benefiting the members as the majority of them fail to achieve the intended goals.

Dr Dugange said that the government has continued to identify challenges in the implementation of Laws and Regulations for the provision of 10 percent loans to

groups in all Councils in the country.

These challenges include councils providing small loans compared to the actual needs arising from the diversity of ideas of group members in order to implement projects which they have planned.

"These loans have a number of challenges which are fuelled by different perspectives of group members, this leads to poor reimbursement of the loans but the

government is working to strengthen systems so as to improve issuance of the loans as well as collecting them back," he explained.

He said the government continues to evaluate the effectiveness of the issuance and repayment of these loans as per laws and regulations.

"This review will enable us to plan on the best way to provide credit as well as review laws and policies," he said.



MEDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES

Publication of Financial Statements

Issued pursuant to regulation 13 of the Non Governmental Organizations Act (Amendments) Regulations, 2018

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2021		
	2021 TZS	2020 TZS
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Other receivables	433,108,554	381,133,542
Amount due from related parties	58,032,704	38,173,195
Cash and bank balance	361,036,638	156,584,047
	852,177,896	575,890,784
Non-current assets		
Property and equipment	9,206,893	47,340,467
TOTAL ASSETS	861,384,789	623,231,251
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Amount due to related parties	45,561,721	24,067,455
Deferred revenue	671,060,593	9,632,910
Other payables	135,555,582	542,190,419
	852,177,896	575,890,784
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred capital grants for projects	9,206,893	47,340,467
TOTAL LIABILITIES	861,384,789	623,231,251
NET ASSETS	-	-

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021		
	2021 TZS	2020 TZS
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Surplus for the year	-	-
Adjustments for non-cash items		
Depreciation	38,133,573	88,069,134
Amortisation of capital grants	(38,133,573)	(88,069,134)
	-	-
Working capital changes		
Increase in trade and other receivables	(51,975,012)	188,369,429
Increase in related parties' receivables	(19,859,509)	151,832,673
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	(406,634,838)	23,878,691
(Decrease) / increase in deferred revenue	661,427,683	(745,702,026)
Increase in related parties' payables	21,494,266	(2,302,134)
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	204,452,591	(383,923,367)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Transfer from MEDA Waterloo	-	23,073,692
Net cash flows used in financing activities	-	23,073,692
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalent	204,452,591	(360,849,675)
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year	156,584,047	517,433,722
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year	361,036,638	156,584,047

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021	
	Accumulated Surplus TZS
At 1 July 2020	-
Surplus for the year	-
At 30 June 2021	-
At 1 July 2019	(23,073,692)
Deficit for the year	-
Transfer from MEDA Waterloo	23,073,692
At 30 June 2020	-

Signed by	Date
Mussa Lubango	13 April 2022
Country Director	
Felix Kayunze	13 April 2022
Country Finance Manager	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021		
	2021 TZS	2020 TZS
Revenue from non-exchange transactions		
Grant income	8,843,277,314	10,699,794,762
Amortisation of capital grants for projects	38,133,573	88,069,134
Total income	8,881,410,887	10,787,863,896
Expenses		
Program expenditure	8,843,277,314	10,699,794,762
Depreciation	38,133,573	88,069,134
Total expenses	8,881,410,887	10,787,863,896
Surplus for the year	-	-

PCT Pyrethrum Company of Tanzania Ltd

"Home of pyrethrum"

P.O Box 63, Mafinga, Iringa Region, Tanzania

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JUNIOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

Location: Mafinga-Iringa, Tanzania

PCT owns and operates a pyrethrum processing factory in Mafinga, Mufindi District- Iringa region, Tanzania. PCT is seeking to fill the position of Junior Electrical Engineer.

The primary purpose: The Junior Electrical Engineer will work as part of a team to install, test, troubleshoot and repair electrical wiring, fixtures, control devices and related equipment in a processing environment. This individual will have the ability to read and interpret drawings, blueprints, schematics, and specifications to provide troubleshooting and repair services. The industrial components to ensure the continued safe, efficient, and effective operations of all equipment and fixtures utilized by the PCT.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES include the following.

- Designing, maintaining, implementing, or improving electrical instruments, facilities, components, or systems.
- Perform a wide range of engineering task by operating computer-aided design or engineering software.
- Ensuring compliance with specifications, codes, or requirements by directing or coordinating installation, testing, commissioning, maintenance, documentation, and support activities.
- Writing report and compiling data regarding existing and potential electrical engineering project and studies.
- Preparing specifications for purchases of electrical equipment and materials.
- Supervise or training project team members.
- Estimating material, labor, or construction costs for budget preparation
- Ensuring that installation and operations conform to standards and requirements by preparing electrical systems specifications, technical drawings, or Bill of materials.
- Install, test, maintain, troubleshoot, and repair electrical wiring, fixtures, control devices and equipment.
- Operates boilers and perform related maintenance duties on the same
- Perform preventive maintenance through inspection of electrical systems, equipment, and component.
- Maintain the plant earthing system and re-condition it as necessary.
- Documents information on preventive maintenance file on electrical equipment and machinery and monitor a preventive maintenance program.
- Work on other electrical projects as required.
- Operates and care for a variety of standard power tools, equipment, and trenchers in electrical installation.
- Provides guidance and direction to less experiences personnel and others assigned to his/her position.
- Perform other duties as instructed by the Management

Preferred Qualifications and Education:

- Bachelor's degree (B. Sc Electrical Engineering or Equivalent)

Work Experience:

- Minimum Required: 1 year in a similar or internship position in a busy manufacturing or processing industry.

Specialized/Technical Knowledge and Behavioral Competencies

- Demonstrate practical knowledge of Electrical Engineering principles and practices.
- Proficient computer skills
- Be able to efficiently analyze a problem domain and recommend effective development approaches.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills both in English and Swahili
- Ability to multitask, prioritize and manage time efficiently
- Accurate and precise attention to details
- Ability to work well with management and staff at all levels
- Technical troubleshooting skills
- Ability to follow any new procedures and guidelines
- Collaborate effectively with other team members.

To Apply

- Please email your cover letter and resume to info@pct.co.tz.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- Application Deadline: **Friday 15th July, 2022**

Applicants who do not meet minimum requirements for the position will not be considered.

PCT is an equal opportunity entity, promoting cultural diversity and reduces gender preferences

Benjamin Mkapa Foundation's mother, children programmes benefits more than 26 million

By Francis Kajubi

OVER 26million beneficiaries have been reached across the country through the mother and children related programmes extended by the Benjamin Mkapa Foundation since its inception in 2006.

Addressing the press yesterday in Dar es Salaam ahead of the second memorial dialogue of the late President Benjamin William Mkapa since he passed away in 2020, Mkapa Foundation Chief Executive Officer Dr Ellen Senkoro said that the improvements initiated by the foundation in the health sector has resulted into saving millions of lives especially women and children.

However, deployment of midwives, nurses and medical doctors have seen people especially from the rural and remote areas of the country benefiting from the Foundation's health programmes.

"The foundation has so far facilitated deployment of 10,042 midwives, nurses and doctors of which 5,882 are serving in remote areas health facilities. About 80 percent of these health professionals have been employed by the government," said Senkoro.

According to her, the foundation has facilitated the renovation of 537 health centers in rural areas. It has facilitated 933 scholarships for higher learners in the health sector to study abroad. However, 482 residential units for nurses and doctors have been constructed in remote areas to enable the people access health services 24 hours a day.

"In Pemba and Ugunja islands the foundation since 2020 had facilitated deployment of over 100 nurses and doctors through programmes related to pregnant women and children under five, tuberculosis and Covid-19 vaccination," she asserted.

During the last two year, almost 47,000 girls from primary and secondary schools were reached by the foundation through HIV testing

programmes and training related to adolescence and peer group relationships.

Another 25 million people have been reached so far through Covid-19 vaccination campaign since 2020.

Speaking of the second late Benjamin Mkapa memorial dialogue, Dr Senkoro said that the event will be held in Zanzibar for two days on July 13 and July 14.

Over 500 leaders from the government, private sector, diaspora and ambassadors will take part in the two day event where President Samia Suluhu Hassan and the Zanzibar's First Vice President Othman Masoud will grace the dialogue.

Rahma Musoke, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager said that two key topics will be discussed during the two-day dialogue.

"The first topic to be discussed in the dialogue will be accelerating strategic health transformation in Tanzania through a business coalition. The second topic will be innovative public-private partnership approaches towards attaining universal health coverage," said Musoke.

According to her, this year's memorial celebration is being organised under the theme 'Resilient Leadership-Inspiring Change for All'.

She asserted that through discussions under the highlighted topics, stakeholders from the governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and that of the revolutionary government of Zanzibar will have an opportunity to table their strategies and set new approaches in strengthening health services.

Rita Kahurananga, Head-Mkapa Legacy Initiatives Unit said apart from topics related to addressing challenges facing the health sector, progress made and the future plans, the dialogue will feature a special delegation of experts who will deeply analyze the importance of collective investments in improving the country's health sector.



NMB Dar es Salaam zone manager Donatus Richard speaks to the press (not in picture) on the bank's preparedness to service thousands of customers attending the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair being held at JK Nyerere grounds along Kilwa Road. Left is Temeke branch manager Kidawa Masoud. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt plans big water project to serve towns in Songwe Region

By Guardian Reporter, Songwe

WATER Ministry Permanent Secretary, Eng Anthony Sanga has said the government plans a huge water project to serve various towns in Songwe Region to end challenges regarding the availability of safe and clean water in the region.

The PS made the remarks recently during his visit to Bupigu River at Bupigu Village in the region to identify

potential water sources for towns with persistent water shortages.

"In these mountains there is a water source from where we expect to pump water 75 kms away from Bupigu Village to Tunduma town. It is the project which we are envisaging and making feasibility studies thereon so that we can source funds to start construction," said Eng Sanga.

He said the government recognises challenges facing town residents

in Songwe regions in regard to the availability of water and that deliberate efforts are underway to solve the problem.

"As for the region's rural areas, the government, through RUWASA has done a great job in regard to provision of safe and clean water, in towns such as Tunduma the requirement is 17 million litres of water per day but the supply is less than five million litres per day," he said.

He said the government plans to draw water from Bupigu River to Ijeje Town and 14 villages will benefit, as well as the regional capital of Vwawa, Tunduma, Mbozi and Mlowo towns.

He added that for the proposal to reach the Water ministry level it means that the project is in the planning stage and therefore implementation to relieve residents of the region of their long time water challenges.

Z'bar govt, BADEA in discussion over Mnazi Mmoja hospital face-lift project

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR government plans to construct new buildings at the Mnazi Mmoja Referral Hospital in Ugunja as well as face-lifting the aged structure at the hospital to improve provision of health services.

The remarks were made here on Tuesday this week by the Zanzibar Minister for Health, Nassor Ahmed Mazrui in his discussions with a visiting delegation from Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA).

The delegation is in the Isles for talks on the development of the Mnazi Mmoja Hospital's construction and face-lifting projects.

Mazrui said the project will help in putting into place a better environment at the hospital as it will increase the number of rooms for wards, operation theatres and rooms for treating patients.

He further said the project will also enhance the availability of many medical services and cure and bring about great transformation in the health sector.

Mazrui said the completion of the project will also reduce the number of maternal deaths as well as the need for sending patients to be treated in foreign countries.

He further said through the project, the Mwembeladu Maternity Hospital will undergo great refurbishment by

installing modern medical equipment as well as some enhancements to the Kidongo Chekundu psychiatric centre.

Meanwhile, Sameh Aziz, BADEA representative said his bank was ready to work together with the ministry to make Zanzibar's medical services better.

He also pledged to complete the project in time even though it stalled for a long time due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The project is being sponsored by the Zanzibar government in collaboration with BADEA, Kuwait Fund and the kingdom of Saudi Arabia where USD 48 million is expected to be spent upon completion.

Board pushes for more efforts to protect L. Nyasa water catchments

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIANS living around all the rivers that flow into Lake Nyasa have been asked to intensify their efforts to conserve the water sources of these rivers, claiming that they are holding the life of the Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM), which is made up of eight countries.

Lake Nyasa Basin Water Board (LNBWB) Director Eng Elice Engelbert made the call when speaking at a basin meeting held yesterday in Rungwe District.

Eng Elice said a study showed that 59 percent of all Lake Nyasa water is produced in Tanzania, 33 percent of which is in Malawi while Mozambique produces only eight percent of all Lake Nyasa water.

The official stated that Tanzania is one of the eight countries that make up the ZAMCOM and due to the contribution of water to Lake Nyasa; it is becoming important for the country to protect its water sources for the life of the commission.

"Our country is very important to the production of Lake Nyasa water, this contribution comes from us. So, it is crucial for Tanzanians to take care of water resources and we must work hard to keep those sources safe for the life of our commission," Elice said.

Some of the LNBWB stakeholders said they've started taking steps to ensure that they conserve water resources by ensuring that all human activities taking place at those sources are stopped.

Rungwe District Council Executive Director, Renatus Mchau said that he is using his experts to ensure that water sources are protected including encouraging the planting of friendly trees at water sources.

"We have started removing all the people who built in the water sources, but we are also encouraging our citizens to plant-friendly trees in the water sources to protect them," said Mchau.

Rungwe District Commissioner Dr Vincent Anney instructed ward

councilors and LNBWB experts to ensure that they protect water sources by educating the public, saying that in some areas they've marked around the sources of various rivers where a large area of land used by the people for agricultural activities appears to be within those sources.

He said in those areas the government has no plans to evict the people unless they are relocating them to plant permanent crops to protect those areas and protect water sources.



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Ref: KSL/IOM/239/22

Date: 24 June 2022

LETTER OF INVITATION – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

International Organization for Migration (IOM) Mission in Tanzania, hereinafter referred to as 'client' hereby invites prospective qualified proposers to submit proposals for development of technical design and technical documentation (Architectural and Engineering Designs, Bill of Quantities, Cost Estimate and Construction Schedules in The proposed Makere Resettlement Processing Centre Phase 2 (M-RPC-2), located at Makere in Kasulu District, Kigoma Region in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract and the Terms of Reference as set out in this Request for Proposal (RFP).

Below list of documents are valuable resources to enable you to submit your proposal:

- Section 1: This Letter of Invitation
- Section 2: Instruction to Proposers
- Section 3: Data Sheet
- Section 4: Evaluation criteria
- Section 5: Terms of Reference/Statement of Works
- Section 6: Contract Forms
- Section 7: Proposal Forms

If you are interested in submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, please prepare your proposal in accordance with the requirements and procedure as set out in this RFP and submit it by the deadline for submission of proposals set out in Section 3: Data Sheet – Site visit 14 July 2022 while proposal submission deadline **27 July 2022 (1:30pm – EAT)**.

Request for proposal documents are also available at below sites:

1. IOM website: <https://tanzania.iom.int/do-business-us-procurement>
2. IOM Dar es salaam: Slipway Road, Off Chole Road Msasani Peninsula, **Plot No. 1365, P. O. Box 9270, Dar es Salaam.**
3. IOM Kasulu Sub-Office: Bogwe Secondary Road – opposite Kasulu Teacher's College, **P. O. Box 303, Kasulu District.**

We look forward to receiving your proposal.

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Approved by:

Name: Nyararai Kwenda
Title: Head of Sub-Office
IOM Kasulu

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REQUESTS FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST :PROVISION OF LOGISTICS SERVICES TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

REF NO: ISOAF/PROC/01/0622

ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated company with its head office in Dar es salaam and its plant in Nzega District. The company is a Thermal Insulation System Contractor for East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in provision of Logistics Services.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline from Hoima, Uganda to an onshore Marine Export Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Handle all port clearance and related issues for our containers
- Provide transport of containers and loose cargo from Port to site and back to Dar es salaam
- Advise on any requirement prior to shipping and even during the clearance process
- Give any road transport advise to client on time

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings
- Proof of registration as Logistics Service provider under Tanzanian Law

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : SUPPLY OF 3 TRACTORS OF 120HP-140 TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED:

REF NO: ISOAF/PROC/02/0622

ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated company with its head office in Dar es salaam and its plant in Nzega District. The company is a Thermal Insulation System Contractor for East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in supplying 3 Tractors.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline from Hoima, Uganda to an onshore Marine Export Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Supply of three (3) tractors each with 120-140 HP
- Provide after- sale support
- Provide training to the operators
- Maintain the tractors services during the warranty period

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
- Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO SUPPLY OF ICT EQUIPMENTS

REF NO: ISOAF/PROC/03/06 22

ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated company with its head office in Dar es salaam and its plant in Nzega District. The company is a Thermal Insulation System Contractor for East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)

Project. ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in supplying ICT Equipments.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline from Hoima, Uganda to an onshore Marine Export Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Supply of laptops and peripherals
- Supply of Printers for purchase and for hire
- Supply of network equipments

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
- Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

REF NO: ISOAF/PROC/04/0622

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The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline from Hoima, Uganda to an onshore Marine Export Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Construction equipment like cranes, forklift ,lifting boom, sizzors
- Trucks from 25 tons carrying capacity with 5 tons and above Hiab crane
- Scaffolding for height construction
- And other construction equipment that may be needed from time to time but for a shorter period

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
- Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : SUPPLY OF METALWORKING SERVICES TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

REF NO: ISOAF/PROC/05/0622

ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated company with its head office in Dar es salaam and its plant in Nzega District. The company is a Thermal Insulation System Contractor for East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing Metalworking Services to the coating plant of EACOP Project.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline from Hoima, Uganda to an onshore Marine Export Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Metal fabrication and welding
- Supply of different metal profiles and sheets

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
- Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : PROVIISON OF HEALTH INSURANCE TO EMPLOYEE

REF NO: ISOAF/PROC/06/0622

ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated company with its head office in Dar es salaam and its plant in Nzega District. The company is soon expecting to commence its operations as a Thermal Insulation System Contractor for East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing Provision of Health Insurance services.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania and an onshore Marine Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Provision of health Insurance to employees with options for various policies.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : PROVISION OF MEDICAL CLINIC SERVICES.

REF NO: ISOAF/PROC/07/0622

ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated company with its head office in Dar es salaam and its plant in Nzega District. The company is a Thermal Insulation System Contractor for East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in Provision of Medical Clinic Services.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline from Hoima, Uganda to an onshore Marine Export Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Provision of basic medical care (First Aid) at the coating facility
- Monitoring the work-related medical fitness of all personnel
- Supervision of medical evacuation from the site when required.
- Prepare the Malaria Control Strategy
- Be able to advise client on what steps to be taken to reduce/eliminate malaria
- Managing fumigation of the site chemicals and approved by the Tropical Research Institute (TPRI)
- Be ready to supply malaria self-testing kits if required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended

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- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
- Statement of Experience

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : SUPPLY OF PRE-FABRICATED CONTAINER MODULES AND FURNITURES

REF NO: ISOAF/PROC/08/0622

ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated company with its head office in Dar es salaam and its plant in Nzega District. The company is soon expecting to commence its operations as a Thermal Insulation System Contractor for East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing Provision of Pre-Fabricated Container Modules And Furnitures

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania and an onshore Marine Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Prepare the drawing for the pre-fabricated modules and share with ISOAF
- The modules includes for accommodation, sanitary plant, locker rooms, eating facilities, meeting rooms, and administrative office
- The module must have all needs nessary items to be usefull like able to have AC ,water where needed, and be able to be installed in all fixtures
- For the furnitures,the company needs beds ,office furnitures (like tables, cupboards , and chairs,...)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : PROVISION OF HSE SERVICES.

REF NO: ISOAF/PROC/09/0622

ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated company with its head office in Dar es salaam and its plant in Nzega District. The company is soon expecting to commence its operations as a Thermal Insulation System Contractor for East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing HSE Services

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania and an onshore Marine Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Give advice on all indtrial health and safety related issues
- Provide training to the HSE team at site including and not limited on emergency rescue, first aid training ,defensive driving,fire fight , and risk assessment
- Able to supply certified safety materials
- Any HSE Issues found relevant to the industry and the environment in which the company operate
- Train on the different acceptable certifications available for HSE items

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings

Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the equipment listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to: procurement@isoaf.com (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 14th July 2022.

Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.

EACOP project reserves the right not to consider companies that submit incomplete dossiers.

Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.

Govt dishes out 3bn/- to NARCO for procurement of breeding stock

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE government has pledged to roll out at least 3bn/- as part of support to the National Ranching Company (NARCO) to implement a key project for the production and marketing of crossbred cattle.

The amount, set aside by the government in the 2022/23 fiscal year will support the state-owned company to procure standard breeding stock from within and outside the country in readiness to implement the robust project which generally targets to improve livestock breeds among the pastoralists from across the country.

NARCO's managing director, Prof Peter Msoffe expressed that the envisaged project will be implemented at the Dodoma-based Kongwa ranch, as well as at Mzeri ranch in Tanga.

"We have decided to invest in this project in order to enable local pastoralists to adopt crossbred cattle, the development which apart from improving the county's livestock sector, will on the other hand improve livelihood among the indigenous pastoralists," the don unveiled.

He said the impressive development has surfaced after the company got a new board of directors, added: "The new board which was officially introduced on 20th June 2020 under the chairmanship of Eng Cyprian Luhemeja has come up with a strategic plan to transform NARCO into a fully business entity and thus, we're expecting to implement a number of income-generating projects."

Throughout the envisaged project, he detailed, the company will be selling the improved cattle to local pastoralists at patriotic prices.

"The improved cattle will be available at Kongwa ranch in Dodoma and Mzeri ranch in Tanga and it is our highly optimistic that pastoralists from different regions will use the opportunity bravely in order to adopt keeping of crossbred cattle for improving their income status," he expressed.

Journalists in Zanzibar elated by proposal to enact new media law

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR media stakeholders and journalists are elated by the government's move to review the outdated Media Act that aims to enhance media freedom.

Talib Ussi, one of Zanzibar media stakeholder is delighted by the government's decision to kick-start the process to enact the Media Services Act (MSA).

Ussi says the new law will be a big saviour for the future of the freedom of expression in the Isles as stipulated Under Section of the 1984 Zanzibar Constitution.

He says the move will fill the gap that has been existing for several decades between the people and those holding accountability regarding public expenditure.

"The government has endorsed the legal process for the new media law that will replace the 1988 Information, Newspapers and Books Act, and I hope the coming law will be better one," he added.

Ussi hopes that the new law will enable news dissemination, cite boundaries in regard to news for public consumption, establish an independent body to control media institutions while defining its responsibilities and expand transparency and accountability of public employees.

Khatib Suleiman, a senior Zanzibar reporter is among journalists who participated in the early stages of the amendment to the current media law by stakeholders before it was submitted to the government.

He says if the new media law is passed the existing relationship between media organs and officials will disappear.

"We were not pleased with how

Prof Msoffe informed that the project will go in tandem with another project for the fattening of cattle at the Kongwa ranch in Dodoma.

He also said the project which will start by fattening of cows, will see the company buying cows, goats as well as sheep from small scale local pastoralist farmers and fattening them for the business purposes. "The project has multiple benefits, firstly, it will benefit local farmers through selling their cattle at the company at good prices, but secondly it would also benefit meat sellers and processors by providing them with healthier cattle and at good market weight," he observed.

He hailed the sixth phase government for supporting the company, ever more than before, detailing that several projects are afoot all under the sponsorship of the government.

According to him, NARCO has so far developed a crucial roadmap for the implementation of the strategic programme that would overhaul and improve the livestock keeping industry in the country for Tanzania to ensure the sector plays an important role in fast-tracking a pace of industrialisation drive in the country.

In Tanzania, the livestock industry plays important socio-economic roles that include contributing to building a strong national economy, contributing to household food supplies and incomes and in providing employment opportunities to livestock keeping individuals and communities, while nurturing the natural resources.

The country has a total area of 945,000km² whereas 62,000km² of the surface area is covered with water and has 60 million hectares of rangelands that are suitable for livestock production.

The available rangeland resources and varied forage and fodder resources are suitable for grazing to the available 28.4 million cattle; 16.7 million goats and 5.01 million sheep, 1.85 million pigs, 37.4 million indigenous poultry and other non-conventional species such as donkeys and rabbits.

we were being treated, but we had nowhere to go. I believe the new law we are proposing will reduce the challenges," he says.

Meanwhile, a private advocate Mpale Mpoki fears that in case journalists and stakeholders will not provide close cooperation, there are dangers that the new media law will have stipulations that will suppress press freedoms just as the Mainland's own 2016 Media Act.

"Press freedom is the soul of other freedoms, the lack of it will threaten community development, hence we must fight," he says.

Harwa Shamte, another Zanzibar senior journalist thinks that many challenges facing scribes could have been avoided if there had been free flow of information between the government and public officials.

Shamte, who is also the chairperson of Zanzibar's association for reporters of development news says the gap between the people and public officials was a big obstacle in attaining social and economic expectations and can be solved by the proposed media law.

Another Zanzibar senior journalist, Jabir Idrisa says he has great expectations that the proposed media law will enhance accountability in regard to development planning between the people and government officials, and public participation in the implementation of the government's budget for the local authorities, and transparency.

"The draft can help in the participation of local government officials to mobilise the people to participate in development activities to attain anticipated transformation," he says.

He says the lack of government information to the public has brought about mistrust between the people and officials.



Biko lottery operations and communications manager, Goodhope Heaven (L) cheers as he presents a lucky winner Gladness Gaithan Lugenge of Sinza in Dar es Salaam, who won 10m/- from the draw held over the weekend. Right is CRDB public relations manager premium branch Ateeq Khan Photo: Guardian Photographer

Firm introduces two new solar hybrids

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

IN support of government initiatives towards rural electrification, two new solar hybrids—Homaya pro and Mobiya original have been launched in Dar es Salaam by Schneider Electric East Africa.

Homaya Pro is a solar hybrid solution specifically designed for locations having unreliable or no access to electricity. Providing customizable, reliable and renewable energy for homes, fuel stations, small offices, healthcare centers, educational institutions and telecom towers while Mobiya original solar are designated to help communities living in locations with unreliable grid," she said.

The launching was held on Tuesday at an Alliance for Rural Electricity's (ARE) Energy Access Investment Forum 2022, an initiative that focuses to bring about rural electrification in

communities with little or no access to energy.

Schneider Electric East Africa Country President, Carol Koeh said rural electrification obligation comes along with accomplishing United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goal that ensures human needs equality.

"Aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, Schneider Electric is committed to having a positive impact on our many stakeholders, especially when it comes to addressing climate change and social inequality. Therefore Homaya pro and Mobiya original solar are designated to help communities living in locations with unreliable grid," she said.

Adding: "We run five global sustainability strategies like acting for the climate, being efficient with resources, living in a principle of trust, creating equal opportunity and

harnessing power for all generations and one local strategy which is empowering local communities."

"There are Schneider products in store in the sugar industries and some of the major players in factories of which Schneider products have cut across upon the company's goal to stick on the local level."

Koeh also noted that as a support to the government, it has provided digitization solutions through workshops with TANESCO as it offered recently on the newly launched Homaya Pro.

Anglophone Cluster Business Development Manager, Geraldine Sande said newly invented Homaya Pro is set to simplify domestic lighting radio, televisions and fridge of which high cost will be on maintenance depending on the purchased panels and batteries.

Energy Minister January Makamba

who officiated the launch said the country is honored to host power investors targeting to table and host rural communities with unreliable grid.

"As you are aware, rural electrification is a very important agenda and one of the needs of our people but also the private sector as a very important pillar in this investment clean rural electricity. This conference brings many investors to look at opportunities to invest in rural electrification and as a country we are privileged to host them," said Makamba.

Citing an example from one of the power solution organisations, he said that solar energy will be used to distribute electricity in a number of villages especially in areas where the grid cannot reach. "So we are happy to show these group opportunities available in Tanzania for such investment."



Sameer Hirji, Selcom managing director (L) with Benjamin Fernandes, founder and CEO of NALA (R) mark the partnership between the two companies to power inbound remittances from the United Kingdom and United States to Tanzania for mobile money wallets and bank accounts. The event was held in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TARI sends cashew nut farming expert to Manyoni District

By Guardian Correspondent, Manyoni

TANZANIA Agriculture Research Institute at Naliendele in Mtwara Region (TARI-NALIENDELE) that researches on the country's big strategic projects including cashew nuts and edible oil seeds (sesame and groundnuts) has implemented the directives of the Minister for Agriculture to send a farming expert

on cashew nuts crop to Manyoni, Singida Region to assist farmers.

Speaking here yesterday at a brief function to receive the expert - George Lucas, the national coordinator of cashew nuts research from TARI-Naliendele, DR Geradina Mzena said as an institution they have implemented the minister's instructions.

"The expert will be assisting cashew nuts farmers on the crop's better

farming practices by training extension officers and farmers, not only those from Manyoni only, but also from other neighbouring regions," said Dr Mzena.

He said the aim of TARI is to see farmers grow crops profitably and get benefits therefrom, while the government gets its revenue.

Manyoni District Council Executive Director, Melkizedeck Humbe thanked the government for sending the expert

to Manyoni to help farmers cultivate cashew nuts, and added that since cashew nut is a strategic crop, the expectation is to increase the district's economy and the nation in general.

The event to welcome the expert was attended by Manyoni District Commissioner, Rahabu Mwigisa and agricultural experts including Manyoni district's acting Tanzania Cashew Nut Board (TCB) manager, Ray Mtangi.



Request for Tenders

RFQ Title : Procurement of CBIM Sports Materials
RFQ Number : 2022-PACT/01/06
Date of Solicitation : 30th June 2022
Closing Date and Time : 13rd July 2022, 11:00 am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
Questions and Clarifications : Due by 12nd July 2022
Estimated Delivery/ Performance Date: 15th September 2022.

Introduction to Pact:

Pact is an international nonprofit that works in nearly 40 countries building solutions for human development that are evidence-based, data-driven, and owned by the communities we serve. Founded in 1971, Pact works with partners to build resilience, improve accountability, and strengthen knowledge and skills for sustainable social impact.

The Adolescents and Children, HIV Incidence Reduction, Empowerment, and Virus Elimination (ACHIEVE) project is a five-year, USAID-funded global project to reach and sustain HIV epidemic control among pregnant and breastfeeding women, adolescents, infants, and children. ACHIEVE is implemented by Pact, in partnership with Jhpiego, Palladium, No Means No Worldwide, and WI-HER. The overall goal is to improve access to HIV-inclusive services to improve the health and well-being of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). The project is working to support and strengthen the capacity of the national and community-level social services workforce, systems, and structures to ensure quality services for OVC, at-risk AGYW, and people living with HIV (PLHIV) at National and across all regions of Tanzania.

Pact Tanzania through ACHIEVE project will procure school sports materials for both coaches and boys aged 9-14 in the twelve (11) councils implementing Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) intervention.

Overall Objective:

The overall objective of this assignment is to supply and print school sports materials for both coaches and boys aged 9-14 in the twelve (11) councils implementing Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) intervention.

A. Requirement/ Scope of Work

SN	Requirement	Type of Purchase	Quantity	Specifications
Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM)				
1	Instructors Cones	Supply different colored cones	1,296 Pieces of Cones	Quality football training cones (This should be 6 pieces per coach)
2	Linesman Flags	Supply linesman flags	432 linesman flags	FIFA quality linesman flags (2 per coach)
3	Coaches Kit Bag	Supply and printing coaches' Kit Bags.	216 Kit Bags	Sports kits bag, complete with whistles, Referee cards (Yellow and Red), Air gauge, and referee notebook. Printing costs should be included for the logo.
4	Boy's and Coaches' Exercise shoes	Supply football Exercise shoes	4,752 Exercise Shoes (Boys' size 9-14 years) 216 - Adult size (CBIM Coaches)	Quality Football exercise shoes in different colors Size: • Coaches – Size 41 (pair 55), size 42 (pair 76), size 43 (pair 85). • Boys – Size 38 (pair 2,376), size 39 (pair 2,376).
5	Coaches tracksuits	Supply and printing Coaches' Tracksuits.	216 Tracksuits (Adult size)	Cotton Tracksuits, different color patterns with printed Logos (Logos will be provided by Pact) Size – XL (106) and XXL (110)
6	Trophies for Football Winners-First and Second winner	Supply winner's trophies - Big trophies Supply winner's trophies - Small trophies	216 big Trophies 216 small trophies	Sports trophies specifically for football for 1 st runner's (Big) Sports trophies specifically for football for 2 nd runner's (small)
7	Football	Supply footballs	432 Balls (2 per school)	The balls should be of good quality leather size 4 football, circumference 25-26 inches, weight 12-13 ounces for children 9-14 years
8	Football Jerseys	Supply and print Football Jerseys Supply and print Goalkeeper Jerseys	4,320 Jerseys (Boys' size 9 - 14 years) - This is per piece which includes top, shorts, and socks. 432 goalkeeper jersey which includes shorts, top, socks, and gloves	Quality cotton jerseys of different colors to differentiate the two teams, the football jersey should include shorts, top, and socks. printing costs should be included for the logo. Size – Small (2,160) and Medium (2,160) Quality cotton goalkeeper jerseys of a different color to differentiate the two teams, the jersey should include shorts, top, socks, and gloves. printing costs should be included for the logo. Size – Small (216) and Medium (216)
9	Coaches whistles	Supply Coaches whistles	432 whistles	Football whistles of good quality
10	First Aid Kits	Supply first Aid kits	216 first aid kits	Middle size box with all medical equipment i.e., bandage, spirit, pair of scissors (Complete)

Scope of Work

The specific scope of work includes but should not be limited to the following:

- Review of vendors' samples of required items to be procured.
- Selected vendors procure school and sports materials for CBIM.
- Use the distribution provided in the ToR to deliver the school and sports materials for CBIM to the CSO offices. CSOs will do the distribution the materials to CBIM coaches and schools.
- Write a report on the distribution of school and sports materials for CBIM and send it to Pact.

Interested vendors should download the terms of reference (ToR) via link <https://www.pactworld.org/country/tanzania/procurement>

All questions and requests for clarification should be directed to ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org with the subject line "Request for Clarification: Procurement of CBIM Sports Materials" before 12th July 2022.

B. Eligibility

To be considered for the award, vendors must currently be legally operating in Tanzania, and the quotation must include all of the following information:

- Ability to meet or exceed the requirements/technical specifications outlined in **Section A**;
- Ability to deliver the items/services specified in **Section A** no later than the date(s) required.

C. Submission Instructions

The following information is to be included by a vendor in the proposal:

- Draft inception report detailing the methodology for distributing school and sports materials to CSO offices including tentative work plan, for review and approval by Pact.
- Quote, valid for at least 90 days.
- Current company profile.
- Copies of registration, certificate and address of their registered office, valid business license, VAT, TIN certificates, and Tax clearance certificate.
- Item's specifications are fully addressed in the quotation.
- Evidence of similar assignments, and at least two (2) PO and names and addresses of clients served.
- Current Audited financial statement – for two consecutive years.
- Delivery time must be specified.
- Payment terms 100% after delivery.

Vendors who wish to answer this RFP should send their proposals in sealed envelopes to Pact Tanzania Head Office by 13rd July 2022, 11:00 am. All sealed envelopes need to be marked as "Procurement of CBIM Sports Materials"

Office Address: :

The Tender Committee
Pact Tanzania
74 Uporoto Street, Victoria
P. O. Box 6348, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Proposals submitted through emails will not be considered.

Quotations received after that time or at a different address may not be accepted

As mentioned above, all quotations and delivery dates shall be valid for at least 90 days following the submission.

PACT will open all bids on 13th July 2022 at 11.30 am in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

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FOR

INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGN OF AN ULTRA-MODERN TANZANIA REVENUE AUTHORITY OFFICE BUILDING ON PLOT NO. 123, 124 AND 265 BLOCK '121' SAMORA AVENUE AND PLOT NO 126 FUR 11 ALONG SOKOINE DRIVE, ILALA DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

Expression of Interest

16th June, 2022

- This invitation for expression of interest follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) which appeared in Tanzania National e-Procurement System (TANePS) on 10th June, 2022.
- The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has set aside funds for the operation of the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) during the financial year 2021/22. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for **Design of an Ultra-modern and Iconic Tanzania Revenue Authority Office Building on Plot No. 123, 124 and 265, Block '121' Samora Avenue and Plot No 126 FUR 11 along Sokoine Drive Ilala-Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.**
- The Tanzania Revenue Authority now invites eligible Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the services which include Architectural Design Competition. The office building is intended to accommodate 2,582 staff whose spatial requirements is approximately 76,299m² (Gross Floor Area) within a plot size of approximately 6,600m².
- Interested Consulting Firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services by submitting consultant's profile, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. Local and International Architectural Firms may associate to enhance their qualifications.
- A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement Act No. 7 of 2011 as amended in 2016 and the Public Procurement Regulations, 2013 – Government Notice No. 446 as amended in 2016 (hereinafter called Procurement Regulations) whereby the **International Architectural Competition Approach** will be used.
- Selection will be conducted through the "Quality Based" selection procedures specified in the Public Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible consulting firms may obtain further information online through TANePS OR from the office of the Commissioner General, Tanzania Revenue Authority, Postcode:28 Edward Sokoine Drive,11105 Mchafukoge, Ilala CBD, P.O. Box 11491, Dar es salaam, Tanzania from 08:00hrs to 17:00hrs on Monday to Friday inclusive except on public holidays.
- Expression of Interest (EoI) in digital format (PDF) must be submitted through **TANePS** clearly marked "the International Architectural Competition for the Proposed Design of an Ultra-modern Tanzania Revenue Authority Office Building on Plot No. 123, 124 and 265, Block '121' Samora Avenue and Plot No 126 FUR, along Sokoine Drive, Ilala-Dar es Salaam, Tanzania".
- The Expression of Interest should be submitted at or before 14:00hrs EAT on Wednesday day 6th July, 2022.
- Late Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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We can put in place better policy to control GBV incidences

GENDER equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. Therefore, gender equality and the empowerment of women are at the heart of Tanzania's socio-economic development. While Tanzania has achieved progress towards gender equality, women and girls continue to suffer violence and discrimination in access to employment, health services, education and decision making processes.

This is reflected in the Gender Inequality Index, where Tanzania ranks 125 out of 155 countries with a rating of 0.547. Root causes for gender inequalities include historical and structural power imbalances between women and men and pervasive gender stereotypes. Some of the main challenges for gender equality in Tanzania are inequitable access to and ownership of land and resources, the low participation of women at all levels of decision making, gender based violence and women exclusion from the economy. These issues are augmented by the impacts of HIV/AIDS and high levels of income poverty among women.

In the same vein, we support national efforts to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in close collaboration with the government, civil society, development partners and other UN agencies.

Stakeholder advocating for gender equality have recently called for proper policy and regulatory frameworks to control the escalating incidences of gender based violence including early marriage amid the report showing Tanzania had high rate of early marriage in Africa.

In some regions the situation is alarming from family to national level.

Despite the fact that government had ratified several international conventions on the elimination of all forms of violence to women, the available statistics for the increase of incidences prove that there was not enough initiatives to control the situation.

For instance lack of political will was also a problem as most of the available government leaders specifically Members of Parliament (MPs) were not working on how to address the problem but merely for their interests.

Among others early marriage practice is still the main challenge for violence in Tanzania whereby we are told that Shinyanga Region was having the highest rates of early marriage at 59 per cent, followed by Tabora Region with 58 per cent, Mara Region with 55 per cent, Dodoma Region 51 per cent and Lindi Region with 48 per cent.

We believe the country can put in place better policy and regulatory frameworks to control the GBV incidences.

Media is the only organ that is powerful to influence the policy makers to see the need of framing new policy and laws to address the incidences.

If we depend on politicians to change the situation we will not be able to address the problem, but as the media we are supposed to amplify the magnitude of the problems so that the policymakers become aware with the real situation and take action.

As media we are supposed to expose early marriage practices and other GBV related incidences as a national agenda by showing how the problem had cost the life of other people.

In the same vein as media we are supposed to consider proper reporting of the GBV related incidences to express the seriousness of the problem to society.



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2023 and the looming youth disruption

By Cheta Nwanze

ORGANISATION will be important in achieving this.

The upcoming elections present a great opportunity for a youth-led political uprising (not in the sense of violence) at a proportion that the country has not seen in its recent history. There is only so much that can, and should be done.

In 2020, the country's young people decided to have another go at enforcing change. This was through the EndSARS protests of October that year. The extermination of the movement by the military put out the revolutionary fervor that any youth might have had in his notion of a better Nigeria. That trauma still affects many of his peers, adding to the mammoth problems of voter and political apathy, which is the bane of our democracy today.

There is a prevailing notion in Nigeria that the youths are (historically) left out of critical policy and general governance issues in the country. On some examination, this is true, given the form of gerontocracy that Nigeria practices.

We are a country of young people, with a median age of 19.1, in an environment (Africa) with 18 as its median age. This means a third of our population is about 25 years old or younger.

Despite this, none of the persons who have ruled Nigeria (ruled, for lack of the much better "led") was born post-independence. Next year's presidential election pits septuagenarians as the main challengers from the two major parties.

Clearly, there is a gaping hole of a disconnect. The distance between the past, when, ironically, our military rulers were youthful, and now when young people are good enough just for cannon fodder positions, is filled by worsening economic fortunes. To put it simply, the political elites run a classist economic system that resembles feudalism, more than a modern working system. In a way, this creates different classes of people and, importantly, alienation from the people who are left to deal with the existing realities.

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To reverse this, we must take trips back to the old days. Most of the young people who participated in leadership in the formative years of this country got into government at early ages. The young officers who led the July counter-coup of 1966 were encouraged to join the Nigerian Army to participate in the national process by Muhammadu Ribadu, the minister of Defence in the First Republic.

Over the years, this initiative has been lost due to parochial and self-serving reasons. And so, we have a case where the national leadership has no such interest, and young people have to take that burden on themselves. This is what led to the success of the Not Too Young To Run Movement, which reduced the age for seeking elective offices.

Furthermore, organisation is important. The #EndSARS protest was the clearest example of the essence of organisation and aggregation of collective interests. The anti-police brutality movement, for a while at least, united young people across parties and ethnic nationalities by a simply shared status of victimhood of police excesses. It also brought to the fore the ability of young Nigerians to organise outside the existing constraints of a government clampdown on financial transactions. To influence policy and participate in

governance, that ability will have to be revived. For that to happen, the effort must be genuine and free from the mud of ethno-religious colourations that is the bane of most socio-political movements in Nigeria.

In line with participation, support for policy is important. This has less to do with blind support that often cuts across party lines, as it has more to do with inclusivity. For instance, the recent voter registration exercise has seen a surge of potential young voters who, by some indication, are seeking to rebel against the existing structure.

There are organisations committed to ensuring that the exercise is continuous, keeping in line with the Electoral Act that mandates the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to keep registration open till a few weeks before elections. The Socio-Economic Rights And Accountability Project (SERAP) took on the initiative to make this enforceable. There has to be a communication of support for certain actions. Social media has made this easy, as well as the work of polling agencies.

To have a say in the direction of the country, young people have to get directly involved in party politics and rise through the ranks of the parties. This is so that they can have a chance to become delegates in future. The delegate system throws up elected leadership. This is as foundational as it

can get. To change things, people have to get involved and make their cases for change.

Critically, the fastest vehicle for policy support and/or change for young people is the joining of political parties.

Although Nigeria's political system does not fit the conventional definitions of political ideology, most policies, especially at the federal level, can be tied to the orientation of the person of the president that a given party produces.

Presidential candidates present their manifesto in line with those of the parties. To have a say in the direction of the country, young people have to get directly involved in party politics and rise through the ranks of the parties. This is so that they can have a chance to become delegates in future. The delegate system throws up elected leadership. This is as foundational as it can get. To change things, people have to get involved and make their cases for change.

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Cheta Nwanze is a partner at SBM Intelligence.

With each edition of the Dar International Trade Fair, the country's image improves

VISITING the trade fair grounds at Kilwa Road on the upper southern reaches of the city of Dar es Salaam is an annual ritual that is captivating for generation of city dwellers, more of a festival than a shopping bonanza, let alone an exhibition of goods and services per se. An online chronicler says the event started being held in 1962, within a year of becoming independent and indeed before the country was even a republic. It was synchronized with the formation of the nationalist movement, July 7, 1954.

Just 15 years after the trade fair was created as the Sabasaba Trade Fair at the start, the two parties of the nationalist movement in the Mainland and in Zanzibar were fused into one political party, and its date of birth overlooked another memorable event, the day of the Arusha Declaration, February 5, 1967.

So one aspect of 7-7 lost meaning and only the date remained, so it became more of a Dar es Salaam mega business show while the Sabasaba aspect diminished rapidly. At a later date the fair grounds were given a new name, not surprisingly attached to the memory of the founder president; 7-7 is his undisputed mark.

The term 'Sabasaba' has even become part of Swahili lexicon, a usable term by itself that doesn't need to be attached to the trade fair or to the nationalist movement, and in that format it was earlier this year given an international day status by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organisation (UNESCO). That means the organisers could do well to bring back the Sabasaba usage closer to the public, instead of the 'Dar International Trade Fair' announcement, as at any rate it will remain as an explanation of Sabasaba Fair means, or indeed Sabasaba grounds. We have a plethora of other Nyerere towering memorial sites, like the international airport in Dar es Salaam, the big hydropower project, etc.

The chronicler noted that in 2009, a total of 23 countries were represented at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair, slightly lower than 27 countries in 2008, after the stock exchange meltdown in the United States disrupted business worldwide. Still the number of exhibitors climbed to 2,103 that year from 1,930 exhibitors in 2008, with 1,760 local exhibitors and 343 foreign exhibitors. The participation of ministerial agencies and other public institutions has tended to rise over time, and in the past decade participation rose by leaps and bounds.

This year's show is likely to be particularly captivating as the country is brimming with investors of all sorts, those wishing to sell goods and services and those seeking to produce for local and regional markets, or even for far off zones given the current global supply chains instability. With the government taking numerous measures to ease the doing business environment, we can expect that the fruits of this work will be visible to everyone. Just go there, one and all.

Bikes for schoolgirls: Fighting GBV and dropout rates in rural areas

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

WHILE both boys and girls suffer the consequences of walking long distances to school, in most cases, girls are more vulnerable to Gender Based Violence (GBV).

Studies show that girls who walk long distance to school every day are at high risk of experiencing GBV incidents such as rape, unwanted sexual touching, unwanted sexual comments, bullying and name-calling.

School dropout among girls is alarming and several initiatives are being taken to contain the situation. In 2020 for instance, at least 6,475 schoolgirls in Tanzania dropped out of school in over pregnancy.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa revealed the figures in April last year while launching the National Agenda for Investing in Health and Development for Adolescents in Dodoma, adding that among the girls, 1,135 were from primary schools and 5,340 from secondary schools.

To respond to the challenge, a Tanzanian organization Msichana Initiative came up with a special project dubbed One Girl, One Bike to support young girls by giving them bicycles as a means of transport to commute to and from school every day.

This initiative focuses on helping secondary school girls who walk more than 10 kilometres to and from school to enable them attend school safely, but also to reduce the risk of being subjected to various abuse such as sexual abuse which leads to early pregnancies and child marriage.

Rebeca Gyumi, executive director of Msichana Initiative says since the project commenced in 2017, it has benefited a total of 348 school girls in Lindi, Dodoma, Tanga, and Shinyanga regions. Each of them now owns a bicycle which help them attend school smoothly thus reducing truancy and increasing performance.

"Ensuring equal access to education and keeping young girls' dreams alive. One Girl, One Bike is a donation campaign that supports young girls in secondary schools in rural areas, living more than 10 kilometers from where the schools are, and having to walk two to three hours every day to attend



Girls on a test ride at Kituli secondary school in Shinyanga Region after receiving bicycles to enable them attend school smoothly. Photo courtesy of Msichana Initiative

school," she said.

The campaign mobilizes citizens to contribute bikes for girls in disadvantaged conditions in rural Tanzania, distance being a major determinant factor in selecting schools and girls who benefit from the campaign.

"We appreciate support from our partners including the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation, Partners for Equality, MY ILAVA, InfoBip and many other Tanzanians who have devoted their efforts to helping the

girls achieve their dreams," she said.

Gyumi said the organization is also planning to provide 50 more bicycles to schoolgirls before the end of this year, noting that 54 per cent of the students who have received the bicycles have been rescued from the dangers of falling into acts of abuse.

The schools include Nangaru Secondary School in Lindi Region, Mwitikira, Kigwe, Mpayungu and Segala in Dodoma, Imalampaka, and Mpyagula in Tabora, Tinde

and Kituli in Shinyanga as well as Kipunguni Secondary School and Bushiri in Tanga.

The girl rights campaigner noted that it is clear that girls in rural areas, especially those mostly affected by child marriages and teenage pregnancies, face a lot of challenges in access to education, and it will take more than a bike to ensure that there is equality in accessing education for both girls and boys.

"We have conducted an evaluation on the impact of the project on girls and

found that the project has really impacted girls positively by increasing their academic performance, reducing girls' school dropout as well as decreasing GBV incidences."

Benedict Kikove, the organisation's board member encouraged girls to be agents of change by fighting against harmful traditional practices in their communities.

He pointed out that many girls are forced to drop out of school because of long distance from home to school which leads to poor academic performance as well as risk to GBV like rape, teen pregnancy and child marriage.

Kitove said the bicycles help to retain girls at school and hence improve their academic performance and reduce temptation to girls on their way to and from school since they ride their own bicycles.

"Due to economic hardships, most parents cannot afford to purchase bicycles for their children to enable them attend school in a timely manner," he noted.

John Mwampai, Academic Teacher at Nangaru secondary school in Lindi said: "We have managed to have one of the beneficiaries selected to join A-Level studies in a special school for girls. This has not happened in a long time in this school. It is through this project that now we have such an outcomes."

The teacher said that one bicycle can benefit more than one girl at a time because the selected brands have comfortable seats so that the girls can give their needy neighbours a lift.

He said report by teachers show that absenteeism among beneficiaries has ended, appealing to more Tanzanians to do whatever they can in their communities to ensure that girls attend classes unhindered.

According to UNICEF, around the world, 129 million girls are out of school, including 32 million of primary school age, 30 million of lower-secondary school age, and 67 million of upper-secondary school age. In countries affected by conflict, girls are more than twice as likely to be out of school than girls living in non-affected countries.

Only 49 per cent of countries have achieved gender parity in primary education. At the secondary level, the gap widens: 42 per cent of countries have achieved gender parity in lower secondary education, and 24 per cent in upper secondary education.

BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

THE pace with which our world is turning online is amazing. From sharing messages, photos and videos to electronic marketing and payment, this sounds dreamlike. Add digital currencies and we are truly in a digital economy.

In the early 2000s, MySpace became the first social media site to have a million monthly active users, marking the start of digital marketing. Now, not a single day passes without one being bombarded with some form of brand marketing on their social media platforms.

We now have influencers based on the platforms engaging audiences while brands curate their advertisements based on the platforms. This has ended up becoming a vexing challenge to marketers who must now prowl for the next big thing that can create and reinforce their brand awareness in a way that can make their audiences easily recognize their brand, messaging and products.

While the traditional marketing and advertising has stood the test of time, it is time for marketers to move ahead of the curve, expand their ideals of what social networks are and go where their customers are.

And one of these unconventional social networks are the music streaming platforms which saw a global subscribers surge by 26.4 per cent to 523.9 million during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are giants such as Spotify which is pioneer in music streaming and Apple Music that comes second to it in terms of subscribers. And there are African-focused music

The future of marketing and brand building is in emerging platforms



streaming platforms that are growing the industry on the continent.

The music industry is growing and streaming music in Africa alone is set to generate close to USD500 million (over trn/-) by 2025. This is almost five times more than in 2017, according to Statista Music Streaming - Africa.

Boomplay was instigated in 2015 by Transnet Music Limited and primarily focuses on African and urban music content. The platform has currently over 5 million music tracks and videos with 42 million active users on monthly basis.

Nigerian entertainer Burna Boy recently became the first African artist to reach

200 million streams on Boomplay whereby 85 per cent of the users are African residents mainly in Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya and Tanzania.

Apart from the global giants and platforms with specific focus on the continent, entrepreneurs in some African countries have seen this as a potential area for investment.

Here in Tanzania, there are platforms such as Mkito where users are offered limited music downloads for free every month and after that they are required to pay to continue enjoying the service.

African artists have over the years suffered to monetize their music contents but now times are changing on

their favors. They have for years depended on performances and endorsement deals for the few big names to earn a living.

Even though the African based music streaming platforms are contributing to the revenues of African artists, Tanzanian entertainer Diamond Platnumz was quoted as saying that the foreign giants such as Apple Music and iTunes offer considerable amount of money.

It must be remembered that it is not easy to be eligible to join the American platform as Diamond is among just a handful African based artists who have qualified to join Apple Music and iTunes.

But there is hope for Africa. In Kenya for instance, music streaming subscribers for a platform such as Mdundo rose to 5.7 million in quarter one of 2022 from 4 million users in last quarter of 2021.

Music streaming platforms also create valuable opportunities for marketers to boost their emotional connection with different audiences. And as in the case of the brands which were first on TikTok, with

streaming platform brands have the opportunity to connect with new audience-branded playlists.

Music streaming platforms provide brands with organic distribution through branded and social playlists which can be curated to a brand's purpose. Secondly, for small and medium size enterprises, these platforms offer affordable yet targeted marketing without breaking the bank.

In an era where marketing budgets are tight, music streaming platforms offer a tactical approach for brands to reach a wider audience in a short time. Marketers can also use these platforms to collect valuable audience data that may have direct impact on their bottom line.

While it may seem its only brands that benefit, music streaming platforms such as Mdundo has put in place legal frameworks that benefit musicians and artists from streaming revenue and royalties.

By offering free downloads to users, the platforms enable brands to associate themselves with artists while curbing illegal downloads. With the ever-increasing numbers of people using smart devices and social networks, marketers must seek ways to speak directly and authentically to them as this is integral to their brand survival and standing out against the competitors.

HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES

DHAKA

Bangladesh flood victims cry for relief

After losing everything in the recent devastating flood that swept the northeastern districts in Bangladesh, pregnant mother Joynaba Akter, her three children and her husband took refuge in a shelter centre at Gowainghat in Sylhet.

"As the flood damaged all our belongings, my husband took us to Dasgaon Naogaon School shelter centre to escape," Joynaba said. "I was in the final stages of my pregnancy, and that is why I had no alternative to going to the shelter centre amid this disaster. I was scared, and my husband took me here by boat."

Joynaba gave birth to a baby girl at the centre last Friday, and she was happy to welcome the new family member, but she did not know how they would survive.

After giving birth to her child, she has been feeling ill but hasn't any money for treatment, resulting in her newborn child not getting enough breast milk.

When the flooding stopped in the Gowainghat area, she returned to her homestead but found nothing remained as the flood washed away all their belongings.

"My husband had an auto-rickshaw. The flood washed it away too," Joynaba said.



Relief workers bring supplies to stranded communities following devastating floods in Bangladesh. Credit: Rafiqul Islam/IPS

They built a makeshift shelter with tin sheets and installed a temporary cooking stove at their homestead. But they don't have enough grain to cook.

"We have only four kilograms of rice and 250 grams of pulses, and one kilogram of potato that we got as relief at the cyclone centre. Once those are finished, we all have to be starving," she said.

Seventy-year-old farmer, Suruj Ali's house, was also flooded, and he, with his family members, took shelter at a building which is under construction located nearby his village. He also

shifted his domestic cattle.

Eight days after they took shelter, Suruj Ali returned home on Friday. While the floodwater has receded from his house, the homestead's yard is still under water.

"In front of my eyes, the flood washed away all the rice stored, and cattle feeds (like straw). I could do nothing. I was only able to save my cattle," said Suruj Ali, a resident of Kaskalika Balaura village at Sylhet Sadar upazila.

The floodwaters have made him destitute, he said. All the rice stored in the house, utensils and even his mattress were

washed away.

"I know a dark time (crisis) is waiting for my family and me. We are yet to get any aid," Suruj Ali said.

Reports from the region say 2,500 millimetres of rainfall in the upstream Assam and Meghalaya of India over three days in the middle of June this year, resulting in floods in Bangladesh's northeastern region. Many blame climate change for the floods affecting several million across the country.

In Netrakona district, over 554,000 families have been affected by the floods in 10 upazi-

las (administrative regions). Some families have already returned home from shelters as floodwater recedes. But there are still about 112,000 people in 353 shelters.

Mozammel Haque, chairman of Pogra Union Parishad (UP), Netrakona, said the official relief provided by the government was inadequate, while over half a million families were affected in the upazila.

The flood situation is improving in Sunamganj and Sylhet, but many homesteads are still under water.

"The water is still waist level in my home, so there was no way to return. All the goods in the house were destroyed," said Idris Ali, who is staying at the Ikarachai Primary School shelter centre in Sunamganj.

Boats Rushing In Relief

Although the flood has started improving in the northeastern region, many families stuck in the remote haor (wetland) areas are still experiencing a food and drinking water crisis.

"In the remote bordering area in Sunamganj, many were calling for relief. We were taking boats with relief goods for them, but that was not adequate," said AR

Tareq, a volunteer group member involved in relief distribution in Sunamganj.

Bashir Miah, a resident of Darmpasha in Sunamganj, said those on the main road received assistance, but few volunteers want to go to remote areas, which is why they are not accessing the relief.

Rajesh Chandro Ghosh, the coordinator of Low Cost Tour Bangladesh, another volunteer group that distributed relief in Sylhet, said: "We have distributed some relief goods under a private arrangement and saw how hopeless the flood victims' situation is. They need more relief, particularly for those who are living in remote areas."

But Sylhet Deputy Commissioner Mujibur Rahman told reporters there was no relief crisis.

"Flood situation is getting back normal in Sunamganj gradually. And we are carrying out relief distribution programme too," Sunamganj Deputy Commissioner Jahangir Alam said.

However, Nurul Haque, convener of Jagannathpur Upazila Citizens Forum, said the pace of relief distribution was slow despite the government allocations,

while a lack of coordination meant many were not receiving help.

The government has already allocated over Taka 711 crore (about 765,000 US dollars) as humanitarian assistance for the flood victims in 14 flood-hit districts, said Md Selim Hossain, Deputy Chief Information Officer at Disaster Management and Relief Ministry.

Besides, he said 5,820 metric tonnes of rice, 1.23 food packets and baby food. Cattle feed was also allocated across the country.

Waterborne Diseases on the Rise

Bangladesh's death toll from the flood was estimated at least 84, according to the Health Emergency and Control Room of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Most died in floods from May 17 to June 26 in Sylhet, Mymensingh and Rangpur divisions. The most casualties occurred in the Sylhet division, with 52 deaths, while 28 people died in Mymensingh and four in Rangpur.

Diarrhoea outbreak has been reported in these flood-hit districts. Around 6,000 people have been diagnosed with waterborne diseases across the country, according to the DGHS data.

Digital training in Pakistani villages yields bumper participation

RAHIM YAR KHAN, PUNJAB, PAKISTAN

Farmer Abdul Waheed, 32, has been using his cell phone for everything but work for the past seven years. But after a recent training session he has installed six farming apps and says the move has paid off.

"I mostly use one mobile application to sell and purchase cattle, which has enhanced my earnings," says Waheed, from Ahmedpur Lamma village in eastern Punjab province. "I am also using another app that provides me with information about the weather forecast, soil health, equipment and most important, the use of bio-pesticides. This has helped me to cut costs by 10 percent as conventional pesticides are more expensive because they are imported," he adds in a recent interview.

Pakistan is considered an agricultural country. As per the 2017 census, 64 percent of the population is rural



Uzma of Ahmedpur Lamma village, Punjab province, using her mobile phone at home. Credit: Irfan Ulhaq/IPS

and 36 percent urban. Agriculture, centred in Punjab and Sindh provinces, contributes 19 percent to the country's gross domestic product (GDP) and employs 38 percent of workers. Today, 90 percent of farmers (7.4 million) are categorized as 'smallholder' as they own less than five hectares of land.

And now agriculture can be seen through a different landscape – a digital one. During the Covid-19 pandemic the use of online tools accelerated in every domain in Pakistan – from finances to health, education and services. This tran-

sition is also creating opportunities for digitalization of agriculture.

Against this backdrop, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has launched its 1,000 Digital Villages Initiative (DVI) in Pakistan. To date it is taking the shape of a pilot project in Punjab and Sindh.

In late May and early June, FAO Pakistan did a baseline assessment of 22 villages in seven districts of the provinces, which included 54 local women and 100 men. About two weeks later it trained more than 1,000 farmers and villagers

on six different digital applications related to agriculture, water conservation and online markets for buying and selling agricultural products.

IPS visited four villages in Rahim Yar Khan, a district in Punjab, to meet men and women who attended virtual and in-person training sessions organized by FAO Pakistan in collaboration with local non-profit organisations Food & Agriculture Centre for Excellence (FACE) and Rural Education and Economic Development Society.

Men and women interviewed said they had been unaware about how digital technology could help them in their work. Many were eager to show the applications they have installed and started using on their phones. Most are related to services for farmers – timely information about weather and market rates, crop health, soil fertility, water usage and accessing markets. Women were accessing information about sewing, stitching and embroidery, health and hy-

giene.

"I managed to increase my household income by more than 20 percent by selling stitched garments online and my traveling expenses to meet customers and buy materials dropped by more than 25 percent because I started using one social media app," says Uzma, 32, who has used a cell phone for six years but was unaware of the apps, which are now key components in her business.

Besides using popular social media apps to market her clothes and receive orders, Uzma, from Ahmedpur Lamma village, says she buys her raw materials online. With her newfound digital literacy, she is also using her bank's mobile app to make payments and helping her children with their studies, especially science and maths.

FAO Pakistan's Project Lead for DVI, Muhammad Khan, said the response from trainees has been better than expected. "We are surprised to see the level of interest shown by the villag-

ers when they were trained. To scale up implementation of DVI in minimum time, FAO Pakistan has decided to integrate it as a component in existing and future projects."

Most villagers trained say that they are also now regularly using popular social apps. That access opened the door to a new livelihood for Muhammad Sajid, 33. "I learned mobile repairing skills by watching different tutorial videos and this helped me to open my mobile repairing shop in my village," he says. Using his online skills to help fellow villagers buy and sell agricultural products and livestock is his next goal, he adds.

All the farmers who IPS spoke with said that mobile phone connectivity boosted their operations. "With an agriculture app I learned the differences among many fertilizers, which ones are best for my crops, and how to apply them. Now I am getting the maximum yield from my crops," says Muhammad Haseeb, 29.

Shahid Hussain says that after attending a meeting about digital tools for farmers in his village he converted his manual pesticide spraying machine into an automatic one, saving valuable time. Using one app, he learned more about fodder for his cattle and changed their feeding practices. "My livestock now produces more milk than before," he adds.

Given results to date, FAO's Khan predicts that in the next five years most villages in Pakistan will be connected to a digital ecosystem with farmers and their neighbours managing their work, and other aspects of life, using digital applications and technologies.

A global initiative inspired by FAO's Director-General, Mr QU Dongyu, the DVI is being piloted in the Asia-Pacific region. The villages in Pakistan are among many being showcased and sharing their advancements with other villages and areas in Asia and the Pacific as well as other regions of the world.

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Fertiliser shortage hits African farmers battling food crisis

By Special Correspondent, Dodoma

UNDER the beating Tanzanian sun, Lossim Lazzaro nervously looks over his farm. He slowly pours livestock manure on his crops, in a last-ditch attempt to help them grow.

Lazzaro owns five acres of land and was once a successful tomato farmer in the northern Arusha region. But now, like many others, he is battling to keep his business and crops alive, amid a global fertiliser shortage.

"It's been difficult for me to get fertilizer in the market," Lazzaro says.

Fertilizer - the key ingredient needed to help crops grow - is in short supply across the world. Global prices have also skyrocketed in part because of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

"I used to buy fertilizer for about \$25 (£20) per 50 kg bag in 2019," Lazzaro recalls. "But the same bag now goes for almost double that price. It is extremely expensive for me."

The amount of fertilizer available globally has almost halved, while the cost of some types of fertilizer have nearly tripled over the past 12 months, according to the United Nations.

That is having a knock-on effect in countries like Tanzania, where farmers are dependent on imported fertilizer.

"I ended up buying fertilizer from a local manufacturer but still I have to place an order months earlier due to the shortage," Lazzaro adds.



Tomato Lossim Lazzaro standing in front of his farm.

The crisis is fuelling fears of food scarcity.

Africa - which already uses the least amount of fertilizer per hectare in the world - is at high risk.

The short supply will inevitably impact crop yields, particularly for wheat which requires a lot of fertilizer and is essential for feeding millions.

The World Food Programme (WFP) has warned that the fertilizer shortage could push an additional seven million people into food scarcity.

They say that cereal production in 2022 will decline to about 38 million tonnes, from the previous year's output of over 45 million tonnes.

Tanzania, like many other African countries, relies on fertilizer from Russia and China - the two leading global manufacturers.

Russia, which is under Western sanctions, produces large amounts of potash, ammonia and urea.

These are the three key ingredients needed to make chemical fertilizer. They helped to fuel the Green Revolution in the 1960s which tripled global grain

production and helped to feed millions.

Russia exports around 20% of the world's nitrogen fertilizers and combined with its sanctioned ally Belarus, 40% of the world's exported potassium, according to data from Rabobank.

The cost of fertilizer was already high following the economic fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic. Now, the sanctions on Russia and Belarus, compounded with export controls in China, have made a bad situation worse.

The crisis has left many African countries, which are heavily dependent on foreign imports, scrambling to find solutions.

Demand for locally produced fertilizer is rising. Small-scale farmers in the north of Tanzania are now turning to places like Minjingu Mines and Fertilizer Ltd, one of the biggest fertilizer manufacturers in the country.

The company says it is experiencing a sudden increase in demand and is struggling to fill orders. But bosses say they are unable to increase their capacity due to heavy taxation.

"We don't have a level

playing ground compared to the importers," said Tosky Hans, a director of Minjingu Mines and Fertilizer.

"Local manufacturers have to pay a lot of taxes, whereas the importers don't," he added.

Like many other countries, foreign investors are given subsidies in Tanzania to attract investment while local manufacturers pay set taxes.

Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (Agra), a non-government organization that promotes green solutions across the continent, says this is an opportunity for farmers to become more self-sufficient.

Vianey Rweyendela, country manager of Agra Tanzania, encourages farmers to unionize and form cooperatives. A move he says that could give them a voice on market prices.

"That will help them have bargaining power and fertilizer sold to them will be affordable," argues Mr Rweyendela.

The richest man in Africa, Aliko Dangote, recently commissioned a fertilizer plant in Nigeria, which is expected to produce three million tonnes of urea fertilizer annually.

He believes that guaranteed supplies will make the difference.

"Ordering fertilizer and having it arrive has been a big challenge for farmers in Africa and they end up missing their planting season," said Dangote.

"With the launch of this plant, we shall ensure farmers get the nutrients early."




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BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED

Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest from qualifying parties wanting to participate in the below goods/service package at Bulyanhulu Gold Mine

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited (BGML) is a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation. Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Site is located 45km south of Lake Victoria, in the Kahama District of Shinyanga Region, northern Tanzania. There are road accesses to the mine from Mwanza, 127km to the northeast and from the town of Kahama, 84km to the south.

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

No.	Reference no.	Description of services to be procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-22-06-07	DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION, CORROSION PROTECTION AND MECHANICAL INSTALLATION (CIL TANKS 2, 4 & 7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor specialised in steel construction, corrosion protection & mechanical installation of mild steel tanks with minimum Class 5 CRB registration Experience working with similar works in last 5 years Fully conversant with the risks and control measures of working in Mining industry Team with multi discipline members (Mainly – Supervisors / Safety officer / QA&QC officer / E&I Engineer /Multi skilled) should have sound Knowledge of Mine Health & Safety acts. QA / QC officer should be NACE certified or equivalent List of equipment's - Resource list – specifying quantities - List of all tools and tackles (with detailed specifications of important equipment).

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


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

Kindly send your response by email to bulytender@barrick.com by latest 18:00 on the **7th July 2022**. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered. Please quote reference number in the subject line of your email.

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

For and on behalf of BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED

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VACANCY: DRIVER
LOCATION MAFIA ISLAND

1. BACKGROUND:

WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) Tanzania is seeking for a competent and motivated Driver for its projects to be based in Mafia, Tanzania.

1. Major Responsibility:

- a) Provide driving and maintenance services for the WWF vehicles.
- b) May perform other office work including reproducing and collating documents, courier services and other duties as assigned.

2. Specific Duties:

- a) Drive WWF TCO vehicles and other WWF staff, Partners and Project visitors, to field activities, meetings, and other work-related activities, ensuring that safety of all passengers is always given first priority.
- b) Ensure that office vehicles are properly maintained and secure at all times. Ensure that vehicles have adequate fuel, oil, brakes and other fluids and proper air in tyres at all times, including routine checks first thing in the morning, and ensure that vehicles are regularly cleaned. Schedule and perform periodic servicing, maintenance and tune-ups. Notify supervisor immediately of any maintenance problem or need for repairs.
- c) In addition to ensuring the safety of passengers, WWF vehicles should always be driven with the condition and long life of the vehicle as a primary concern. Vehicles should be driven carefully, cautiously and unhurriedly, overshadowing any consideration of speed or lateness. Departure times should be planned to allow plenty of time for the journey, avoiding any pressure to drive more quickly that road conditions or regulations warrant.
- d) Maintain vehicle logbooks in accordance with the policies and procedures for the WWF Tanzania Country Office, record-keeping including details of each journey; all inputs of fuel and lubricants; and all servicing and maintenance conducted.
- e) Pick up and deliver documents, mails, messages, purchased goods and other items as required.
- f) Provide additional services in the office as needed when not driving. These services may include photocopying, collating, clean-up, petty maintenance or other duties as assigned.

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

1. Holder of at least Ordinary Secondary School Certificate (form IV), Holder of a clean 'class C' driving licence and a certificate of basic vehicle maintenance/mechanics training from a recognised institute: i.e. holders of Trade Test Certificate, Have at least 3 years driving experience, in both urban and rural remote, areas. Experience with Natural Resources Conservation Projects will be preferred. Fluent in spoken and written Kiswahili, and basic functional English. Must be competent in safe driving techniques with high manual knowledge combined with auto maintenance skills. The ability to follow instructions and communicate effectively is also required. Experience in working with international NGOs and/or donor-funded programmes will have an added advantage.

Additional information, Interested applicants may get the detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) through the following websites: https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/jobs/. Applications must include a complete Cover Letter & CV with full contact details of three referees and should be addressed to the People & Culture Manager, via email to: hresources@wwftz.org by Thursday, **07th July 2022 at 3:30 pm**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and the interviews will be conducted in Mafia Island.

WWF has a principle of zero tolerance for fraud and corruption, if you encounter such an incident, then report by sending an email to fcici@wwftz.org

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

Supply and Installation of Pre-fabricated Housing Units for Camp at North Mara Mine Site

North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

No.	Reference no.	Description of work	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	NM043/2022	Supply of Prefabricated Housing Units at North Mara Mine Site	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Applicants to submit company profile ii. To provide concept drawings and technical specifications of proposed prefabricated units iii. To submit work orders evidence that the applicant has been actively engaged in the supply of prefabricated housing units in the last 3 years iv. To be able to supply prefabricated housing units – Unit Size 12 mtrs x 7 mtrs (Consisting of 2 bedrooms with attached toilet and bathroom, Hall and Kitchen), Complete unit with electric wiring (3 phase Distribution board) and plumbing connections, Structural insulated panels with steel structural frames, Fire rating minimum 30 minutes, Top roof sheeting, colour coated with minimum 25-gauge thickness, v. Electrical components – preferred to make ABB / Schindler, Flooring ceramic tiles vi. Paint application internal and external with medium term durability of at least 15 years vii. To provide proof of statements as necessary regarding financial stability and documents complying with Tanzanian laws and Regulation

Expression of interest

If your company meets the pre-qualification criteria and would like to be considered to receive the invitation to tender (ITT), an expression of interest (EOI) including your company profile and evidence of compliance with pre-qualification criteria may be submitted to nm.proposal@barrick.com

Applicants must quote the tender description(s) and the respective reference no.(s) in the subject line of the email.

NB: The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit an EOI through this advertisement.

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

Key Dates

- Last date to submit EOI **6th July, 2022**

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UN's 'No-Fly List' on sexual harassment falls short, complains rights group

UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations has continued to crackdown on sexual harassment system-wide since 2017 while its "whistle blower protection policy" has provided "protective status" for nearly 68 UN staffers who reported wrong doing.

But Equality Now, an international human rights organization, is accusing the UN of faltering on its longstanding "zero-tolerance" policy.

Antonia Kirkland, Global Lead on Legal Equality and Access to Justice at Equality Now told IPS her organization was "shocked and concerned to discover that Kingston Rhodes, a former UN Under-Secretary-General, has been allowed to return to the corridors of the United Nations despite previously resigning from a senior position following multiple accusations of sexual harassment against him that were found to be "credible" in an internal investigation conducted by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS)".

Although the Secretary-General acknowledged that the allegations of sexual harassment and mistreatment were "credible", she pointed out, Mr. Rhodes,



The UN Secretariat building in New York City. Credit: UN Photo/Manuel Elias

the former Chair of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), was able to resign quietly without being held to account for his behavior and, alarmingly, has now been allowed to become affiliated with the UN in an influential voluntary position.

The protest has been triggered by his new position in a staff Pension Committee.

"The new appointment of Mr. Rhodes in light of his past unacceptable behavior is an affront to the women he victimized. It also discourages others who have experienced sexual harassment from reporting cases because it sends a toxic message that, yet again, powerful men at the UN can harass female colleagues with impunity," she argued.

Equality Now sent a letter to Secretary General Antonio Guterres voicing its concern about Mr. Rhodes being allowed to take this position, and saying he should be "disqualified from serving on the AFICS/NY Pension Committee and asked to resign this position immediately."

On June 10, Equality Now received what it calls "an unsatisfactory re-

sponse" from Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance.

The response from Pollard read: "Having taken note of your concerns, I must bring to your attention that, as Mr. Rhodes is a retired former staff member, the Secretary-General has no jurisdiction regarding his membership of an AFICS Committee."

Kirkland told IPS the UN claims to have "no-fly list" of 564 names of those who have left the UN following allegations of sexual abuse or harassment.

"Mr. Rhodes' name should be included on that list. He should in no way be allowed to "represent the interests" of sexual harassment victims or any other former UN staff members".

"Nor should they be subjected to further interaction with him or be in a position to have to ensure personal financial data and other information are not shared with him through the auspices of the UN," said Kirkland.

She said the UN is the foremost international defender of human rights and must enforce its zero-tolerance approach to sexual harassment of its staff members, and apply it to all, without exception and irrespective of what position the offender holds.

"Anyone who has been found to have perpetrated sexual harassment should be held fully to account and victims and whistleblowers protected from future interaction with them."

"Present and past employees are continuing to raise the alarm about the widespread under-reporting of sexual harassment and abuse across UN institutions. There is an urgent need for strong leadership to ensure clear, effective policies are enforced, complaints are dealt with in a timely manner, and both victims and whistle-blowers receive protection and support," declared Kirkland.

Shihana Mohamed, who worked under Rhodes in the office of the International Civil Service Commission as Human Resources Policies Officer, told IPS "the recent news about naming Rh-

des, the former ICSC Chair who had been confirmed as being a sexual harasser, to the Association of Former International Civil Servants (AFICS)/NY Pension Committee to represent the interests of former staff is shocking, deeply disturbing and unacceptable."

"It is all the more shocking because this is happening after a series of initiatives taken by Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and his Taskforce on Sexual Harassment, as well as the numerous efforts by UN organizations, NGOs and Civil Society."

Zero tolerance for sexual harassment and not allowing sexual perpetrators to creep back into the UN system, formally or informally, should be fundamental to safeguarding the dignity of all staff members and ensuring the integrity of the UN policies and mechanisms towards creating an enabling environment in the UN system, said Mohamed, who has more than 20 years of experience in the UN system, having previously worked at UNESCAP, UNDESA, UNOHRM and UNDPKO.

All UN affiliated formal and informal organizations, including AFICS should Stop Enabling Sexual Harassment and Rewarding Sexual Harassers. Instead, they should make every effort to uphold the values of the UN Charter," declared Mohamed who is also a founding member and one of the coordinators of United Nations Asia Network for Diversity and Inclusion (UN-ANDI).

Meanwhile, asked about the recent BBC documentary on sexual abuse and corruption in the UN system and complaints by whistle blowers UN spokesperson Stephane Dujarric told reporters ""When it comes to people who feel they have suffered sexual harassment or abuse within the UN system, our heart goes out to them."

He also said that Guterres remains "focused on strengthening whistleblowers' protection" and since 2017 "about 68 people have been given some sort of protective status because they reported wrongdoing."

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- large country in Eastern EU
- a bird of the rail family
- sick building syndrome
- partner in sexual relationship
- a step in dancing
- be filled with love
- forbidden by law
- "coconut egg jam" in Malaysia
- second largest county in Kenya
- remove from a place of danger to a safer place
- Capital city of Zambia
- World's number one exporter of chocolates
- Populous country after China
- run in a great hurry
- friend
- largest lake in Ethiopia

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- current President of Kenya
- book in advance
- official language of S. Africa
- largest state in US
- every day
- the ruler of an empire
- at a short distance away
- used by a person to walk
- famous kingdom in Uganda
- strong feeling of annoyance
- county in Kenya inhabited by Iteso tribe
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- saddest country in Africa
- Also known as
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- equipped with firearm
- fifth month of a year

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Govt to invest heavily in facilitating value addition of avocados



By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government has reaffirmed its determination to invest heavily in robust strategies on facilitating farming and value addition of avocados so as to fight harvest loss and increase productivity, the House heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Investment, Industries and Trade Exaud Kigaha made the statement in the Parliament yesterday when re-

sponding to a supplementary question posed by Kilolo MP, Justin Nyamoga.

In his question, Nyamoga sought to know the government's plans on the construction of more avocado processing factories so as to fight harvest loss as many avocados have been ending up rotting.

The deputy minister acknowledged that avocado is among the crops given priority by the government considering its benefits in the environment, health

and economy.

He said the government will implement measures including producing quality seedlings, promoting mass production, construction of factories and storage facilities and has started encouraging the construction of various factories in Iringa, Njombe and Mbeya.

"Strategies put in place also include setting aside enough and productive areas in each district across the country to facilitate establishment of the facto-

ries, creating a conducive environment for investors as well as ensuring that raw materials are easily available," he said.

In her basic question, Momba MP Condester Sichwale queried on the government's plan to attract investors on fruit farming within the Momba River Basin.

Responding, the deputy minister said the government was implementing investment initiatives which include promoting fruit farming in the country

through preparing national and regional investment guidelines, organizing investment conferences as well as furnishing investors and the public with investment opportunities through the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) website.

He said Investors who will come to invest in the agricultural sector as a result of these plans and strategies, will also be directed to the Momba River Basin for fruit farming.

NBC bank collaborates with Zanzibar e-government agency for improved revenue collections, payments

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Zanzibar e-Government Agency for providing solutions that will facilitate effective collection and payments to government institutions in isles.

Speaking during the event, the NBC Bank Managing Director, Theobald Sabi said: "NBC Bank strives to continuously invest in technological solutions to make banking part of a lifestyle and provide customer-centric solutions."

Sabi also said: "NBC Bank is proud to support the government of Zanzibar under President Hussein Mwinyi's efforts in digitizing the financial sector to improve efficiency in both revenue collections and payments within the public organizations. As a trusted partner in the development, we are keen to continue developing solutions to make banking seamless and effortless, to provide the needed convenience to our customers."

This partnership will enable the government of Zanzibar to collect revenue in real-time by affording customers the ease to pay their dues conveniently at any NBC Bank branch, Wakala, or through

the online platforms of mobile banking and internet banking. All a customer will need is the control number.

E-GAZ Managing Director Said Seif said: "We are delighted to partner with NBC Bank, one of the largest banks in Tanzania, in digitizing Zanzibar Government collections and payments systems. Asan agency entrusted with digitization in Zanzibar, we have a mission to ensure that we collaborate with all able partners in securing the digital edge in all spheres of the public services provision points," he said.

NBC is one of Tanzania leading financial institutions, with operations across the country among its 47 branches. The bank traces its origins from 1967 to date providing banking services and related financial services through diverse channels. NBC Bank also works via Agent banking and digital platforms.

The e-Government Agency is a public institution established through Act No. 12 of 2019, responsible for coordinating, overseeing, and promoting e-government initiatives and enforcing e-Government-related policies, Laws, Regulations, Standards, and Guidelines for Public Institutions.



NBC Bank Managing Director, Theobald Sabi (L) and e-Government Zanzibar managing director Said Seif exchanges signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) after the two entities agreed to provide solutions that will facilitate effective collection and payments to government institutions in isles. The signing ceremony held yesterday in Zanzibar. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Insurance operators urged to promoting environmental sustainability in Africa

By Ebere Nwoji

INSURANCE and reinsurance operators across Africa have been challenged on the need to promote environmental sustainability in the continent in line with the UN's principle of sustainable insurance initiative.

The insurers were given the challenge at the ongoing Africa Insurance Organisation's (AIO) conference holding in Nairobi, Kenya.

The regional insurers were informed that the 2012 UN's principles of sustainable insurance were dedicated to helping insurers manage sustainability risk while seizing opportunities to move towards a more climate resilient economy.

The Chief Administrative Secretary, The National Treasury and Planning Kenya, Eric Simiyu Wafukho who challenge the regional insurers at the conference noted that the theme of the conference which is, "Insurance and Climate Change: Harnessing the Opportunities for Growth in Africa," was apt in addressing the current global challenges affecting the continent.

"The insurance industry has a critical role to play in helping companies and nations manage, measure and reduce the impact of climate change. We therefore cannot continue with business as usual in the face of increasing frequency and scale of risks caused by climate change. We must adjust our business models to better support environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues," Wafukho stated.

He highlighted the UN's four principles for sustainable insurance as including ESG issues that are relevant to insurance business into decision making process, working with clients and business partners to raise awareness of ESG issues, manage risk and development solution.

In his remarks, the AIO President Mr Tope Smart, said the AIO, was established in 1972 with the objectives of developing a healthy insurance and reinsurance industry and the promotion of inter-African co-operation.

He said the African insurance industry remained one of the least penetrated in the world, with an average of around 2 percent which is low compared to the global average of around 7 percent.

"Our industry's growth keeps getting slowed down by our inability to build substantial capital reserves due to poor saving culture and Premium flight. There is still heavy reliance on foreign expertise. Our industry is still plagued by poor public image and lack of trust. These and many more are the challenges we face today, and we need to address them if we intend to secure a better future for our industry," Smart stated.

TPC, transport firm in new partnership towards bolstering access to quality health care services

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Posts Corporation (TPC) has signed an agreement with a transportation company (TUTUME) to partner in facilitating and enhancing access to quality health care services.

Speaking during the signing ceremony in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday, Minister of Information, Communications and Information Technology, Nape Nnauye urged the two institutions to work professionally and be honest in their services so that Tanzanians get access to appropriate health care services in accordance with their needs.

"I urge you to be professional and honest, these should be your priority in service provision so that Tanzanians can benefit from access to quality services that are available on time everywhere within the country," said Nape.

The agreement will facilitate



smooth transportation of health related materials such as human and animal medicines, vaccinations and laboratory blood samples where TPC through its experience in the field of transportation in collaboration with TUTUME will ensure timely delivery.

Nape commended the on-going efforts to engage stakeholders in various sectors, including the private sector towards improving provision of health care services as well as bring the services closer to the community.

Permanent Secretary Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology Dr Jim Yonazi added there are various opportunities especially in the transport sector that TPC can use to

reach more people.

Dr Yonazi noted that TPC can also create opportunities in the tourism industry whereas through development of its stamps they can promote the country's tourism destinations within and outside the country.

TPC Postmaster General, Macrice Mbodo said the corporation continues to improve its services especially in the transportation sector, adding that they are ready to cooperate with other institutions and organizations in the country.

CEO of TUTUME, Misana Misana said the company is ready to cooperate with TPC pledging to use their expertise and capacity to ensure efficient delivery of health services to Tanzanians across the country.

Bank inaugurates special branch to offer one-stop financial services at DITF

By Correspondent
Geoffrey Nangai

NMB Bank has opened a special branch at Sabasaba grounds along Kilwa road in Dar es Salaam dubbed NMB Sabasaba branch as part of its efforts to enhance financial service delivery during this year's Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) that opened on June 28, 2022 and ends on July 13, 2022.

The inauguration of the branch was held yesterday at Sabasaba grounds along Ambassadors' Street and follows many requests from the bank's customers to open up a special branch.

In line with its commitment to bring financial services closer to the people, the bank has also assigned over 50 bank agents who will offer various financial services during the international trade fair.

Speaking during an event to unveil the special branch, the NMB Bank Dar es Salaam Zonal Manager Donatus Richard said the special branch will offer a unique banking experience to people who will visit the bank's pavilion.

"All is set for our special branch to offer a unique banking experience. At this branch, our customers will have one-stop access to all their banking and financial needs. This year's trade fair is expected to attract more



than 600,000 people, with more than 3,000 booths of national and international companies and institutions. As a bank, we will ensure that visitors of our branch get the best in terms of service and customer-care," he added.

He noted that the bank has already deployed 35 employees at the Sabasaba branch who will offer various financial services including settlement of various government levies and tax through the Government elec-

tronic Payment Gateway (GePG), foreign exchange, electronic payment transactions among other services.

He added that, NMB will work closely with the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade to provide education and financial advice to participants and investors, especially foreigners who will participate in the exhibition, to enable them to know the local commercial and investment environment.

During the exhibition that opened on June 28, the bank will show case its unique and tailor-made financial solutions that include its flagship digital payment system dubbed 'Teleza Kidigitali', 'NMB Lipa Namba; and 'NMB Pesa Wakala.'

The NMB Temeke Branch Manager Kidawa Masoud, who will now oversee the Sabasaba branch until the end of the international trade fair, said the inauguration of the branch was

a practical response to customers who had been struggling to access NMB services at the stadiums, and asked them to visit the bank's pavilion.

"We have received a lot of requests to come up with this special branch. As a bank that values our customers, we are today opening this new branch today and we believe it will go a long way in quenching their thirst," he added.

Traders lash at TRA for padlocking their shops over EFDs

By Guardian Reporter

TRADERS in Tabata Posta and Magengeni areas in Ilala Municipality, Dar es Salaam have aired their complaints to Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) by sending its officials to padlock up their business premises allegedly for not using electronic fiscal devices (EFDs).

Speaking on behalf of traders dealing in building materials in Tabata Posta area, Amos Rutibu said TRA officers have padlocked his shop without even listening to his problem despite having an EFD that is defective.

"I pleaded with them not to lock my shop as I had reported the device's breakdown and planned to buy another as I had family problems that prevented me from making a follow up," he lamented.

Rutibu said the TRA operation was not humane as many people knew it was about inspection of trading licences.

"Hence locking up one's business does not help as what was needed is to educate traders on the importance of having EFDs before taking that step," Rutibu added.

He said: "More than 20 shops from this area have been padlocked due to reasons that don't add up at all. TRA is supposed to be at the forefront to protect business growth and expand taxpayers' base instead of being an impediment."

For his part, Deborah Julius, a trader from Tabata Posta area owning a shop selling utensils said the move by TRA cannot assist traders despite President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts in strengthening business environment so as to increase government revenues.

"They came to padlock my business without warning on claims that I must have an EFD but when I asked them to give me one week to do so they refused saying they had received instructions from the top," Deborah said.

Simon Materego, a food shop owner at Tabata Magengeni area said he was not given any chance to explain except padlocking his shop.

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Babati councillors tasked to fight against embezzlement

By Guardian Correspondent,
Manyara

BABATI Town Councillors in Manyara Region have been called to closely supervise the town council officials so as to tame embezzlement of public funds and poor supervision of development projects.

The call was made here yesterday by the Acting Assistant Manyara Regional Administrative Secretary, Jackson Kisaka at the council's special meeting that discussed the 2020/21 report of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG).

Kisaka said the town council has received a clean audit certificate but the councillors are required to assist the town director for more achievements.

He said the council's reliable source of funds is the Main Babati Bus stand, but the revenue collection thereof was not very good.

"There is great laxity and it will be better to remove the current revenue collectors at the bus stand," Kisaka said.

He said in the next financial year he would like to see audit queries are not repeated even though they received a clean audit certificate.

Meanwhile, CAG External Auditor

for Manyara Region, Paschal Lawrence said a lot of money from the 10 per cent of the council's internal funds given as loans to vulnerable groups has not been repaid as compared to other councils in the region.

Manyara region's Audit Consultant from the Office of the President - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), Falesi Kibasa said Manyara Region leads in revenue collection and supervision of development projects.

He said the region received 80 audit queries from CAG that are yet to be closed while 10 are in court being dealt with by the PCCB, hence he said 70 queries are still outstanding for all seven local councils of Manyara Region.

He said out of the 184 local councils countrywide Manyara region has two councils out of five that do well, according to the CAG report.

He said it is better for the council to have three projects that are completed than 10 that are incomplete.

Manyara regional Commissioner, Makongoro Nyerere said no council will attain development if it does not collect revenue.



EACO pushes for bold communication services management in EAC

By Guardian Correspondent,
Zanzibar

THE Executive Committee of the East African Communications Organisation (EACO) has expressed its determination towards promoting effective supervision of communication services in the east African region.

EACO Executive Secretary Dr Ally Simba made the determination when

speaking in Zanzibar during a regular working session to actively implement measures designed to improve management of communications across member states' territories in order to ensure the successful development of the larger communications sector in East Africa.

Simba stated: "We're determined to ensure that there is a constructive transaction between us as member

states in aspects of mutual benefits to our member states."

He said that it was high time for country members to strengthen the relations to win the battle in the competitive world in terms of communication.

EACO members who met in Isles were made up of the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of the regional regulatory agencies.

Those members include DeoMuvunyi, Acting Director General, Rwanda Utilities and Regulatory Authority (RURA), EACO Executive Secretary Dr. Ally Y. Simba, Acting Executive Director, Uganda Communication Commission (UCC), Irene KaggwaSewankambo, and Communications Authority of Kenya (CA), Director-General Ezra Chiloba.

Others are Tanzania Communi-

cations and Regulatory Authority (TCRA) Director General Dr. Jabiri Bakari, Agence de Régulation et de Contrôle des Télécommunications, Burundi (ARCT) director general Samuel Muhizi, National Communications Authority, South Sudan (NCA) director general Eng. Napoleon AdokGai, and other members of the secretariat.

EACO which was established in 2000, is a regional organization that

brings together national communications regulators, operators, services providers (in the telecommunication, broadcasting and postal sub-sectors) in the communication sector within Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Uganda. The broad objective of EACO is to strengthen and promote cooperation among the EAC Countries in the development of communications sector.

G7 launches \$600bn infrastructure plan to counter China

SCHLOSS ELMAU, Germany

G7 leaders meeting in southern Germany have detailed plans to raise \$600bn in private and public funds to finance much-needed infrastructure, notably on the African continent, and to counter China's influence in the developing world via its older, multitrillion-dollar Belt and Road project.

US President Joe Biden and other G7 leaders relaunched the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII), unveiled at last year's G7 talks, at their annual gathering held this year at Schloss Elmau in southern Germany.

PGII calls on G7 leaders to raise \$600bn over five years to fund the launch of infrastructure projects in middle and low-income countries.

The programme responds to China's so-called Belt and Road Initiative, which Western officials have long argued traps receiving countries in debt, and with investments that benefit China more than their hosts.

The US has promised to mobilise \$200



billion of the total through grants, federal funds and private investment.

"I want to be clear. This isn't aid or charity. It's an investment that will deliver returns for everyone," Biden said, adding that it would allow countries to "see the concrete benefits of partnering with democracies".

Biden said hundreds of billions of additional dollars could

come from multilateral development banks, development finance institutions, sovereign wealth funds and others.

Europe will mobilise €300 billion for the initiative, Com-

mission President Ursula von der Leyen said.

Infrastructure projects in Africa

The initiative will help tackle climate change as well as im-

prove global health, gender equity and digital infrastructure.

Flagship projects include a \$2 billion solar farm project in Angola, a vaccine manufacturing facility at the Institut Pasteur de Dakar in Senegal, and a 1,609km submarine telecommunications cable connecting Singapore to France via Egypt and the Horn of Africa.

\$320 million has been earmarked for hospital construction in Cote d'Ivoire and \$40 million for Southeast Asia's Smart Power Program to decarbonise and strengthen their power system.

PGII has been vaunted as a way of countering China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) which finances projects like ports, roads and bridges in more than

100 emerging countries.

While it has developed trade links, it has been criticised for luring African countries into debt traps, offering huge unaffordable loans.

Beijing disputes the charge, arguing that its loans are designed to alleviate poverty.

Giving partners 'a choice'

Von der Leyen said PGII was aimed at presenting a "positive powerful investment impulse to the world to show our partners in the developing world that they have a choice".

In February she unveiled plans to invest €150 billion in Africa, explaining that her goal was to make Europe the continent's biggest and "most reliable" partner.

Peter Sololo: From technical level to PAET's operations manager

PETER Sololo is the operations manager at PanAfrican Energy Tanzania (PAET). Peter has risen through the ranks of technical responsibility at the company. This role has never previously been held by a Tanzanian, so this is a demonstration of his ability and the company's trust in his technical and managerial qualities.

We recently had a chance to sit with him and have a conversation.

Question: When did you join PanAfrican Energy Tanzania?

Answer: April 2012. I can't believe it has already been 10 years.

Q: Have you always wanted to work in the gas/energy sector? If so, why?

A: Honestly at the time I got into PAET, everything was new to me and I had not really thought about getting into the oil and gas industry because I knew very little about it. It will therefore not be true if I said I was aspiring or chasing to enter this industry.

However, after getting into the industry I just knew right away that this is what I want to be doing for the rest of my career.

Q: What experience did you have before joining PAET?

A: Before joining PAET I had worked for 6 months as a sales engineer at TATA Africa holdings. I was responsible for ordering and selling polymer resins. Although the polymers are petrochemical products, my experience importing and selling them did not excite me quite as much as my current job does.

Q: What is your role in the company? Did you start in that position? If not, how did you get to it?

A: I am currently the Operations Manager of PAET but I have been through a few positions prior to being appointed to this position in July 2020 and confirmed later in September 2020.

When I joined PAET in 2012, my first role was as a Field Operator stationed in Songosongo. I served this role for 1 year and 6 months before being moved to other roles: Production Engineer (1 year and 4 months), Well Services Engineer (5 years and 7 months) and Projects Engineer (1 year and 10 months).

Q: What are the responsibilities you handle?

A: I oversee all day-to-day gas production, processing and distribution operations for the company. I am also responsible for planning, execution and monitoring of all PAET operations



and gas production sustainability projects.

Q: What challenges have you faced in your work?

A: On projects, apart from the usual technical challenges during project executions, logistics have been a challenge to meeting project delivery timelines. It should be noted that worldwide logistics were very unpredictable over the past two years. With COVID lockdowns in various parts of the world, it became a very big challenge mobilizing equipment and personnel on time.

The working arrangements were also affected by the need to adjust for the pandemic. Requirements for 1 to 2 weeks self-isolation for travellers and our staff working on Songosongo Island was a big challenge not only to our day-to-day operations but to timely completion of critical projects.

Q: What training does the company provide for operations staff?

A: PAET has offered numerous trainings to its staff both locally and internationally. Training courses covering operations certifications

and technical enhancement are planned on a yearly basis.

My team has hugely eliminated the use of experts for most of the technical work.

Q: What achievement are you most proud of in your work?

A: Well, there are many achievements that I am forever grateful for and very proud of. Operationally, we have always managed to keep the gas plant running smoothly all year despite the challenges I have already highlighted. The gas plant is only totally shutdown for planned maintenance not more than 12 hours a year. All other maintenance activities are managed with careful planning.

Apart from keeping the plant healthy all year, I am very proud to have led my team to completion of vital projects that ensure sustainable gas supply to customers. We have completed the Songosongo feed gas compression project and the well rehabilitation project despite the numerous challenges along the way. This is an achievement I will never undervalue.

Q: How do you feel the gas and

energy industry is progressing in Tanzania? What developments would you like to see?

A: I think the gas and energy industry is at its prime in Tanzania now. More companies are showing interest to develop several reserves which is a sign of good things to come. We are hearing about LNG from deep sea Mtwara and the ECOP project in Uganda, these just mean that the region will soon become very busy in matters related to oil and gas production.

I would like to see a concrete roadmap showing the country's future on how the current reserves will be developed and how it plans to explore more virgin lands. The phasing of such projects would also be very helpful to local professionals and international investors.

Apart from his professional life, Peter is a family man who loves travelling with his family. He is fascinated by nature, culture, historical sites and soccer. He has also had a passion for space and aircrafts, but he feels he ended up in the right place at PAET where he has grown to be a professional that can work anywhere in the world as far as the oil and gas industry is concerned.

World Bank approves \$45 million to support entrepreneurship and women and youth-owned SMEs in Lesotho

WASHINGTON

THE World Bank Group's Board of Directors approved a \$45 million loan for the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho to increase access to business support services and financial products targeted at micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and entrepreneurs, especially women and youth. The project is co-financed by a Global Risk Financing Facility (GRIF) grant in the amount of \$7.5 million.

Lesotho, a lower-middle income country, is struggling with persistently high levels of unemployment, informality, inequality, and poverty—all of which have been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also facing economic challenges which include a crowding out of the private sector by a large public sector, a lack of diversification, a largely informal small and medium enterprise (SME) sector, and limited support for SMEs and entrepreneurs. The Second National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP II) (2019-2023) identified an uncompetitive business environment as one of the key binding constraints for private investments.

"As our local businesses recover from the devastating impacts of the pandemic, a deliberate government intervention is crucial to stimulate MSMEs' recovery and competitiveness. This project will provide a timely boost to these enterprises through a digitalization of Government to Business services; improved access to finance, especially for women and youth owned enterprises; a strengthened entrepreneurship ecosystem; and improved SMEs participation in horticulture and apparel value chains," said Dr. Thabiso Molapo, Honourable Minister of Trade and Industry for Lesotho.

The project is expected to directly support the growth of 500 or more entrepreneurs and small and medium enterprises (SMEs), 50% of which will be women-owned and 25% of which will be youth-owned. It will also support the resilience of 15,000 or more MSMEs to climate related and other shocks.

"Lesotho has tremendous potential to shift from public sector dependent to private sector driven growth. However, the COVID-19 pandemic and repeated climate related shocks have slowed the pace of this transformation. SMEs face business environment challenges and access to finance is challenging, particularly for women-owned businesses given their low credit history," said Marie Françoise Marie-Nelly, World Bank Country Director for Eswatini, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa. "The Competitiveness and Financial Inclusion project will build the resilience of SMEs and their capacity to weather shocks and successfully compete in regional value chains. It will also unleash the entrepreneurship potential of youth and women."



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Rebel attacks: Rwandans fear leaving their homes in Congo

KINSHASA

LIFE in Kinshasa was going well for Zawadi, a mother of two from Rwanda, until faraway fighting stoked Congolese anger against her country and videos of men with machetes prowling the city streets in search of Rwandans surfaced on social media.

The trouble started in May, when the M23 rebel group resumed heavy fighting against the military in the eastern reaches of Democratic Republic of Congo after years of relative quiet. Congo accuses Rwanda of supporting M23, which Rwanda denies.

Hundreds of kilometres to the west, in the Congolese capital Kinshasa, Zawadi watched in horror as videos of anti-Rwandan demonstrations circulated on social media and people she knew started posting anti-Rwandan images and slogans.

"I can't take my children to school. I can't go to the market. I have to stay at home," said Zawadi, who declined to give her family name because of safety concerns.

Zawadi is no longer even able to work. "Even my business partners, when they see me, they hurl hateful words," said Zawadi, speaking in her home where she spends hours every day with her two young children, following the latest developments on her phone.

In early June, a video that circulated widely showed some men, armed with machetes and faces wrapped in Congolese flags, loitering on a Kinshasa street in front of a Rwandan-owned shop.

Another video, shot during a protest in the city on May 30, showed a crowd cheering as a picture of Rwandan President Paul Kagame, defaced with a Hitler-like moustache and swastika, was torched. Protesters, including some well-known political



Women fleeing the fighting between M23 forces and the Congolese army find refuge in a church in Kibumba, north of Goma, in Congo, in this Jan 28, 2022 file photo.

figures, have demanded the closure of the Rwandan embassy.

The provincial commissioner of police, General Sylvano Kasongo, said officers were under orders to arrest anyone dressed in paramilitary outfits and adopting a threatening attitude, and some arrests had already taken place. "The people of Kinshasa are hospitable," he said, condemning the anti-Rwandan protests and attributing them to a minority.

Kinshasa Governor Gentiny Ngabila urged residents not to take out their anger on Rwandan citizens.

"We should not slip into that xenophobic rhetoric because it would give ammunition to those who would use the excuse that Rwandans are persecuted in Congo, therefore it is necessary to go to their rescue," Ngabila said.

He was alluding to a justification given by Rwanda for invading Congo in 1996 and 1998. But the calls for restraint have done little to ease Zawadi's fears.

"Everywhere you go, you think people could kill you, people could harm you," she said.

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Aide: Trump wanted to join Capitol riot, tried to grab limo

WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump tried to grab the steering wheel of his presidential limousine on Jan 6, 2021, when his security detail declined to take him to the US Capitol where his supporters were rioting, a former aide testified on Tuesday.

The then-president dismissed concerns that some supporters gathered for his fiery speech outside the White House that day carried AR-15-style rifles, instead asking security to stop screening attendees with metal-detecting magnetometers so the crowd would look larger, the aide testified.

"Take the effing mags away; they're not here to hurt me," Cassidy Hutchinson, who was a top aide to Trump's then-White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, quoted Trump as saying that morning.

Hutchinson, in testimony on the sixth day of House of Representatives hearings into the deadly Jan 6 Capitol assault by Trump's followers, said the conversation was relayed to her by Tony Ornato, a senior Secret Service official who was Trump's deputy chief of staff for operations.

The New York Times and NBC, citing sources in the Secret Service, said the head of Trump's security detail, Robert Engel, and the limousine driver were prepared to testify under oath that Trump never lunged for the steering wheel. Engel was in the room when Ornato relayed the story, Hutchinson said.

The New York Times and CNN, citing unnamed sources, said Ornato also denied the story and was willing to testify.

Citing her conversation with Ornato, Hutchinson testified that Trump struggled with Secret Service agents who insisted he return to the White House rather than join supporters storming the Capitol where Congress was meeting to certify Democrat Joe Biden's victory over him in the

presidential election.

Trump's supporters were roused by his false claims that his 2020 election defeat was the result of fraud.

"I'm the effing president. Take me up to the Capitol now," Hutchinson quoted an enraged Trump as saying. She said Trump tried from the back seat to grab the steering wheel of the heavily armored presidential vehicle and lunged in anger at a Secret Service official.

Trump, a Republican, denied her account of his actions.

"Her Fake story that I tried to grab the steering wheel of the White House Limousine in order to steer it to the Capitol Building is 'sick' and fraudulent," Trump wrote on Truth Social, his social media app.

In a statement, the Secret Service said it was cooperating fully with the committee and would continue to do so.

"We learned of the new information shared at today's hearing and plan on responding formally and on the record as soon as they can accommodate us," it added.

Hutchinson's lawyer Jody Hunt wrote on Twitter that she had "testified, under oath, and recounted what she was told. Those with knowledge of the episode also should testify under oath."

Dozens of courts, election officials and reviews by Trump's own administration rejected his fraud claims, including outlandish stories about an Italian security firm and the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's tampering with US ballots.

Four people died the day of the attack, one fatally shot by police and the others of natural causes. More than 100 police officers were injured, and one died the next day. Four officers later died by suicide.

Witness tampering?

At the end of about two hours of testimony, Representative Liz Cheney, one of two Republicans



Cassidy Hutchinson, former aide to Trump White House chief of staff Mark Meadows, concludes her testimony as the House select committee investigating the Jan 6 attack on the US Capitol continues to reveal its findings of a year-long investigation, at the Capitol in Washington on Tuesday. AP

on the nine-member House panel, presented possible evidence of witness tampering and obstruction of justice.

Cheney showed messages to unidentified witnesses advising them that an unidentified person would be watching their testimony closely and expecting loyalty.

Republican Mick Mulvaney, who served as Trump's chief of staff before Meadows, tweeted: "There is an old maxim: it's never the crime, it's always the cover-up. Things went very badly for the former President today. My guess is that it will get worse from here."

Hutchinson told the committee that Meadows and Trump's former attorney Rudy Giuliani had sought pardons from Trump.

Giuliani told WSYR radio in Syracuse, New York, on Tuesday that he had not sought a pardon.

Tuesday's hastily called hearing marked the first time this month, in six hearings, that a former White House official appeared for live testimony.

Speaking in soft but assured tones, Hutchinson, 26, painted a picture of panicked White House officials bristling at the possibility of Trump's joining what was to become a violent mob pushing its way into the Capitol, hunting for his vice president, Mike Pence, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other lawmakers who were certifying the victory of Biden over Trump.

'Every crime imaginable'

The White House officials' worries focused on the potential criminal charges Trump and others could face.

"We're going to get charged with every crime imaginable," Hutchinson said White House counselor Pat Cipollone told her if Trump were to go to the Capitol on Jan 6.

"We need to make sure that this doesn't happen, this would be a really terrible idea for us. We have serious legal concerns if we go up to the Capitol that day," Cipollone said, Hutchinson testified.

Hutchinson, who sat doors away from Trump's Oval Office, testified that days before the attack on the US Capitol, Meadows knew of the looming violence that could unfold.

"Things might get real, real bad on Jan 6," she quoted him as saying in-

side the White House on Jan 2 with her boss.

She testified that Giuliani had said of Jan 6: "We're going to the Capitol, it's going to be great. The president's going to be there; he's going to look powerful."

At that point, she told the committee of seven Democrats and two Republicans: "It was the first moment that I remembered feeling scared and nervous of what could happen on Jan 6."

This month's hearings featured videotaped testimony from figures including Trump's oldest daughter, Ivanka Trump, and his former attorney general Bill Barr. They and other witnesses testified that they did not believe Trump's false claims of widespread fraud and tried to dissuade him of them.

Before resigning, Barr told the Associated Press in an interview there was no evidence of fraud. That angered Trump so much that he threw his lunch at a White House wall, breaking a porcelain dish and leaving ketchup dripping down the wall, according to video testimony to the committee from Kayleigh McEnany, Trump's White House press secretary at the time.

Hutchinson told the committee it was not unusual for Trump to throw food when he was angry: "There were several times throughout my tenure with the chief of staff that I was aware of him either throwing dishes or flipping the tablecloth to let all the contents of the table go onto the floor and likely break or go everywhere."

Death toll of migrants found inside 18-wheeler in US Texas rises to 50

HOUSTON

THE death toll of migrants found on Monday inside a "cloned" and abandoned 18-wheeler in San Antonio, a major city in south central U.S. state Texas, has risen to 50, authorities said on Tuesday.

The tragedy appeared to be one of the deadliest migrant-smuggling operations in recent U.S. history, local media reported.

Forty-six people were found dead at the scene and four others were later pronounced dead at area hospitals, Texas Public Radio reported, citing Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard. Ebrard said 22 were Mexican nationals, seven were from Guatemala, two were from Honduras, and the remaining 19 dead have not yet been identified.

At least 16 others, including four children, were taken to area hospitals due to heat exhaustion and dehydration, local officials said at a news conference. Nearly 100 people were reportedly packed inside the trailer of the 18-wheeler.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that someone "cloned" the truck carrying the migrants with the same color and identifying numbers from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Texas DOT as a truck owned by a South Texas trucking company, in an apparent move to evade authorities.

Three people are in police custody, but it's unclear if they are involved in the tragedy, San Antonio Police Chief William McManus told a briefing Monday night.

Police received a call on Monday evening from a person working nearby, who heard a cry for help from the 18-wheeler in the southwest of the city, approached and saw bodies inside the trailer with its doors partially open, said McManus.

Those who were found alive were hot to the touch and suffering from heat stroke and exhaustion, and there was no sign of water in the refrigerated tractor-trailer and no visible working air conditioning unit, according to San Antonio Fire Chief Charles Hood.

Temperatures in San Antonio climbed to 101 degrees Fahrenheit (38.3 degrees centigrade) on Monday, while the heat in a packed trailer was likely way higher than that, according to the U.S. National Weather Service. "Migrants seeking asylum should always be treated as a humanitarian crisis, but this evening we're facing a horrific human tragedy," San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg tweeted on Monday.

Texas Republican Governor Greg Abbott, who is seeking a second term, on Monday night slammed U.S. President Joe Biden for the tragedy, tweeting: "These deaths are on Biden. They are a result of his deadly open border policies." In July 2017, 10 migrants died in a packed truck carrying 39 people in San Antonio. Agencies

Ethiopia army denies allegations it executed captive Sudanese soldiers

ADDIS ABABA

THE Ethiopia National Defense Force (ENDF) has rejected allegations that it executed seven captive Sudanese soldiers.

The Ethiopian army wasn't even present in the area of the alleged atrocity and as such couldn't commit the alleged execution act, Getnet Adane, public relations director at the ENDF, told state media on Tuesday.

The Ethiopian National Defense Force's distinct trait is it handles any captives it has in its hands in a lawful and humane way," Adane said.

On Sunday, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) issued a statement through the state-owned Sudan News Agency (SUNA) alleging that the Ethiopian army had executed seven captive Sudanese soldiers and one Sudanese civilian. The SAF also accused the Ethiopian army of parading the bodies to an Ethiopian public.

The ENDF denied the Ethiopian allegations and accused the Sudanese military of trying to divert from its country's "political crisis" by conducting regular provocations against Ethiopia.

Adane, the Ethiopian army spokesperson, warned that the Ethiopian army won't hesitate to use force to wrest back "Ethiopian land" from Sudanese control and restore Ethiopia's "full territorial integrity" if given orders by the Ethiopian government.

On Monday, Sudan decided to file a formal complaint to the United Nations Security Council against Ethiopia, while the Sudanese foreign ministry decided to immediately recall its ambassador to Ethiopia for consultations and to summon the Ethiopian ambassador in Khartoum to inform him of Sudan's condemnation.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has urged Sudan and Ethiopia to take concrete steps to defuse tensions and to peacefully resolve their differences over the Al-Fashaqa border area, a UN spokesman said Tuesday.

Ethiopia and Sudan have longstanding competing claims over the Al-Fashaqa border region, an area of fertile land settled by Ethiopian farmers that Sudan claims is within its boundary.

Xinhua

SAN ANTONIO

AT least 51 migrants have died after being trapped inside a sweltering tractor-trailer truck found abandoned in Texas, authorities said on Tuesday, as two Mexican nationals tied to the unprecedented smuggling tragedy were charged in US federal court.

The deceased migrants, 39 men and 12 women, most of them citizens of Mexico, were discovered on Monday in an industrial area on the outskirts of San Antonio, Texas, about 160 miles (250 km) north of the US-Mexico border.

The incident marked the greatest loss of life on record from a human trafficking attempt in the United States, according to Craig Larrabee, an acting special agent in charge with the investigative arm of US Immigration

Two Mexicans charged after 51 migrants die in Texas truck

and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Local authorities described finding the rear door to the trailer open with "stacks of bodies" inside, while others were strewn collapsed nearby. Some of the victims were hot to the touch, they said.

Two suspects identified as Juan Francisco D'Luna-Bilbao and Juan Claudio D'Luna-Mendez, both Mexican citizens, have been charged with possessing firearms while residing in the United States illegally, according to court documents and US authorities.

Investigators traced the truck's vehicle registration to a San Antonio address that they placed under surveillance, and arrested the two men

separately when each was seen leaving the residence.

A third suspect, described as a US citizen who drove the truck, has also been taken into custody and was expected to be charged, but he remained hospitalized as of Tuesday evening, according to a Mexican official.

The truck had been left parked beside some railroad tracks as temperatures soared as high as 39.4 C. Local authorities said there were no signs of water or visible means of air-conditioning inside the truck.

"It's unspeakable," San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg said on MSNBC, noting that his community depends on migrants in the midst of a labor shortage. "It's a tragedy beyond expla-

nation." US President Joe Biden, in a statement Tuesday, called the incident "horrifying and heartbreaking."

"Exploiting vulnerable individuals for profit is shameful," Biden said, vowing to crack down on multibillion-dollar criminal smuggling enterprises that have helped fuel a record number of migrant crossings at the US-Mexico border since he took office in January 2021.

Investigations underway

At least 27 Mexicans, three Guatemalans and four Hondurans were believed to be among the dead, according to officials from all three countries. There was no immediate information on the nationality of the

other victims.

More than a dozen survivors were transported to area hospitals for treatment of heat stroke and exhaustion, including four minors.

At a press conference outside one hospital on Tuesday, Rebeca Clay-Flores, a local Democratic official in Bexar County, sharply criticized Republican Governor Greg Abbott for a tweet on Monday night blaming Biden's border policies for the incident even as the emergency unfolded.

"While bodies were still being removed, and others being taken to local hospitals, he chose to be heartless and point the finger," Clay-Flores said.

The truck may have been carrying around 100 migrants, but the exact

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New platform to enhance Sino-African trade

A new platform to promote economic and trade cooperation between China and Africa was established in Beijing on Tuesday.

The Asia-Africa Innovation Cooperation Center was set up following President Xi Jinping's proposal made at the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in 2018 to set up a China-Africa center on innovation cooperation to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among young people in China and Africa, according to the Administrative Committee of Beijing Daxing International Airport Economic Zone.

The center was jointly set up by the committee, the embassies of a number of African nations in China and Chinese companies including Asia-Africa Silk Road International Business Co.

It is set to become an important channel through which Chinese and African entrepreneurs can set up and develop business more efficiently, the zone's administrative committee said.

The committee said it will intensify cooperation with African countries and improve the business environment and services, with the center facilitating China-Africa cooperation in areas such as trade, investment, science and technology, environmental protection, culture, tourism and talent cultivation.

Deep friendship

Mahamudu Bawumia, the vice-president of Ghana, applauded the establishment of the center and the deep friendship and cooperation between China and Ghana.

"The establishment of the Asia-Africa Innovation Cooperation Center, with the inclusion of a Ghana pavilion, is a further indication of



the greater commitment between our two countries," he said via video link at the launch ceremony of the center on Tuesday.

The range of Chinese investment in Ghana is very wide and covers areas including agriculture, health, infrastructure, industries and services, which have made significant contributions to creating jobs and promoting development in Ghana, he said, adding that China is Ghana's biggest trading partner and foreign investment source.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, China has provided assistance in terms of projects such as ports, roads and bridges, which have brought benefits to the people of Ghana, he said.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, Martin Chedondo, Zimbabwe's ambassador to China, said, "The center represents the culmination of the

initiative by the government of China to forge stronger and mutually beneficial relations and cooperation with Africa."

"It symbolizes China's vision to uplift the lives of the people on the African continent through the promotion of trade and investment with China," he said, adding that he expects the center to become a platform for sharing information and resources and policy communication between China and Africa in the promotion of economic cooperation and trade.

"The center will truly be a steppingstone in the quest to jointly build a China-Africa community with a shared future of prosperity," he said. "The center will facilitate the importation and sale of Zimbabwean goods both online and offline. This will help enterprises in Zimbabwe expand their production capacities, thereby growing our economy and increasing jobs."

Key role in cooperation

Dawano Kedir, deputy head of mission of

the Ethiopian embassy in Beijing, applauded China-Ethiopia cooperation and said he hoped the center would play an important role in strengthening bilateral cooperation.

Saying that China has made a great contribution to the development of Ethiopia, he added that the "great opportunities" created by China had benefited both sides.

Despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, China-Africa trade exceeded \$250 billion last year, making China the biggest trading partner of Africa for 13 years in a row, according to China's Ministry of Commerce.

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As long as we hoist high the sail of mutual benefit and win-win and keep a steady hand on the tiller of solidarity and cooperation, we will break waves and steer the giant ship of BRICS countries toward a brighter future.

- Chinese President Xi Jinping at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum

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EU countries reach deal on climate laws after late-night talks

LUXEMBOURG

EU countries clinched deals on proposed laws to combat climate change early yesterday, backing a 2035 phase-out of new fossil fuel car sales and a multibillion-euro fund to shield poorer citizens from CO2 costs.

After more than 16 hours of negotiations, environment ministers from the European Union's 27 member states agreed their joint positions on five laws, part of a broader package of measures to slash planet-warming emissions this decade.

"The climate crisis and its consequences are clear, and so policy is unavoidable," EU climate policy chief Frans Timmermans said, adding that he thought the Ukraine crisis involving top gas supplier Russia was spurring countries to quit fossil fuels faster.

Ministers supported core parts of the package that the European Commission first proposed last summer, including a law requiring new cars sold in the EU to emit zero CO2 from 2035. That would make it impossible to sell internal-combustion engine cars.

The deal makes it likely that the proposal will become EU law. The ministers' agreements will form their position in upcoming negotiations with the EU Parliament on the final laws. Parliament has already backed the 2035 car target.

Italy, Slovakia and other states had wanted the phase-out delayed to 2040. Countries eventually backed a compromise proposed by Germany, the EU's biggest car market, which kept the 2035 target and asked Brussels to assess in 2026 whether hybrid vehicles or CO2-neutral fuels could comply with the goal.

Timmermans said that the commis-

sion would keep an "open mind" but that today, hybrids did not deliver sufficient emissions cuts and alternative fuels were prohibitively expensive.

The climate proposals aim to ensure the 27-country EU - the world's third-biggest greenhouse gas emitter - reaches its 2030 target of reducing net emissions by 55% from 1990 levels.

Doing so will require governments and industries to invest heavily in cleaner manufacturing, renewable energy and electric vehicles.

Ministers backed a new EU carbon market to impose CO2 costs on polluting fuels used in transport and buildings, though they said it should launch in 2027, a year later than initially planned.

After fraught negotiations, they agreed to form a 59-billion-euro EU fund to shield low-income citizens from the policy's costs over 2027-2032.

Lithuania was the only country to oppose the final agreements, having unsuccessfully sought a bigger fund alongside Poland, Latvia and others concerned that the new CO2 market could increase citizens' energy bills.

Finland, Denmark and the Netherlands - wealthier countries who would pay more into the fund than they would get back - had wanted it to be smaller.

Ministers also rallied behind reforms to the EU's current carbon market, which forces industry and power plants to pay when they pollute.

Countries accepted core elements of the Commission's proposal to reinforce the market to cut emissions 61% by 2030, and extend it to cover shipping. They agreed on rules to make it easier for the EU to intervene in response to CO2 price spikes.

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Diplomat says Kiev must stop intimidating Russian journalists

MOSCOW

THE Kiev regime and Ukraine's special services should stop trying to intimidate Russian journalists through assassination attempts and provocations, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said at a briefing yesterday.

"The Ukrainian security services have been working very closely in the journalistic environment for a long time, coming up with terrible provocative actions, preparing to assassinate Russian journalists," she said, "By trying to intimidate our journalists with their 'punishments', the Kiev regime is demonstrating a new facet of lawlessness and misanthropy. Stop intimidating people who work in the media, stop threatening them."

The Foreign Ministry spokeswoman recalled in this regard the threats made by Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky in his Tuesday night video address, in which he promised to "punish" Russian journalists for being dedicated to performing their professional duties.

"It is indicative that Zelensky's address with the mentioned threats was made public right after the Ukrainian president tried to accuse our country of terrorism from the UN tribunal," the diplomat said, "I see an analogy with the terrorist act of the Ukrainian Nazis, foiled in April, with the aim to eliminate several prominent representatives of the Russian media."



The attack was planned and carried out under the coordination of the Ukrainian special services and with the knowledge of their Western handlers."

Zakharova pointed out that in Ukraine, "over which the West has exercised its protectorate for many years, the murders of journalists have not been investigated at all".

"You live in the 21st century, after all, and everything that you thought you could do in your country is not acceptable in our country and in the whole world, which you consider civilized," she addressed Zelensky.

"All the crimes of the Kiev regime are thoroughly documented, and all the perpetrators will be brought to justice and will suffer the punishment they deserve, as established by law".

Russia ready to export tens of millions of tonnes of grain if West lifts bans – MFA

MOSCOW

RUSSIA is not preventing the export of grain from the territory of Ukraine and is ready to export tens of millions of tonnes of its own grain if the West stops blocking food supplies, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told a briefing yesterday.

"Russia is ready to export tens of millions of tonnes of its own grain if Western bans are lifted from its export," she said. The diplomat stressed that Russia is not preventing the export of grain from Ukraine and provides safe corridors for this every day.

According to her, if the West is worried about the onset of world famine it

should "stop blocking food supplies."

Zakharova stressed that "it is Washington, Brussels and London that are doing everything to really artificially escalate the situation" with the export of grain. The diplomat also noted that the blame for blocking the export of grain from Ukraine also lies with the Kiev regime, which is responsible for demining ports.

The Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman also criticized German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock's words that Russia uses hunger as a weapon.

"Just look at the statement of the German Foreign Minister [Annalena Baerbock], which is absolutely outrageous and unacceptable for a politician, a

statesman and just a person with little or no knowledge of the history of its own country, Europe and the world as a whole. She stated that Russia is quite deliberately weaponizing hunger and taking the whole world hostage. Baerbock is not only lying, she is lying brazenly and cynically," Zakharova said.

According to the diplomat, the German Foreign Minister is doing everything "to forget that it was her country that historically used hunger as a weapon and took people as hostages, destroying the civilian population."

Exports of Ukrainian grain, which turned out to be blocked in the country due to the ongoing conflict, has been on the international agenda for more than

two months. Although several options of its transportation were proposed, the final decision has not yet been made. According to various estimates, from 20 to 25 million tonnes of wheat were blocked in Ukraine.

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China tops the world in number of Wetland City Accreditation

LATELY, the second batch of 25 cities across the world was awarded Wetland City Accreditation, including seven Chinese cities, namely Hefei, Jining, Liangping, Nanchang, Panjin, Wuhan and Yancheng.

There are a total of 43 cities that hold the accreditation, among which 13 are in China, ranking the world's first in number.

The accreditation representing a city's ecological achievements, which is given by the intergovernmental environmental treaty Ramsar Convention, is a high and important honor worldwide for the protection of wetland ecology in cities.

The continuous increase in China's city number of the accreditation indicates that wetland protection in the country has enjoyed standardized management and an awareness of wetland conservation has been gradually heightened in the whole Chinese society.

China now has 64 sites designed as "Wetlands of International Importance", 602 wetland nature reserves, and more than 1,600 wetland parks.

As of the end of 2021, most wetlands in China had seen their water replenishment steadily increase, their overall water quality improve, and biodiversity enriched.

Since April 2017, the Ramsar Convention, also known as the Convention on Wetlands, has carried out the Wetland City Accreditation scheme around the world.

In July of that year, China issued interim measures for the nomination of candidate cities, which specified that the cities it nominates for



Photo taken on June 15, 2020 shows the picturesque Shuanggui Lake National Wetland Park in Liangping district, southwest China's Chongqing municipality. The park injects new impetus into the city's green development. File photo

the accreditation should not only have adequate wetland resources, but have taken comprehensive and stringent measures to protect wetlands and seen certain results.

Located in east China's Shandong province, Jining, one of the Chinese cities newly added to the list, is rich in wetland resources, including riverine wetland and wetland in artificial lakes.

The city initiated a campaign aimed at the Ramsar's Wetland City Accreditation in 2018. For the past several years, conservation and restoration of local wetlands have been given high priority and relevant facilities have been improved, earning much fame for the city.

More and more Chinese cities are making active efforts to apply for the accreditation.

Suzhou city in east China's Jiangsu province has over 300 lakes including the well-known Taihu Lake and Yangcheng Lake, and more than 20,000 rivers including the Yangtze River. The total area of its natural wetlands has reached about 4 million mu (268,667 hectares), and the proportion of wetlands in the inland city ranks the first in the country.

Recently, Suzhou officially set in motion a campaign for the title, and strives to explore its unique model for the measures of wetland conservation. The city has effectively strength-

ened its ecological restoration and environmental governance, and formed an eco-leisure tourism brand based on its characteristic ecological resources, fully reflecting the city's ecological value.

Focusing on wetland protection, many cities have included their existing heritage sites in the conservation of wetland resources.

People began to redefine cultural and natural heritage projects from more perspectives, and put forward more comprehensive requirements for urban development.

Jining and Suzhou are both major heritage cities along China's Grand Canal, a world-renowned artificial canal that has been inscribed on the World Heritage List of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. The ancient canal has constantly explored water sources to guarantee water transport conditions.

Nansi Lake in Weishan county, Jining, includes four contiguous lakes, ie. Weishan Lake, Zhaoyang Lake, Dushan Lake and Nanyang Lake, and is the largest lake in Shandong province.

The formation of the lake is closely related to the historical evolution of the Grand Canal. It is still an important channel of the canal, and is rich in natural resources, especially wetland resources.

In Jining's application for the accreditation, the lake wetland, sites and sections along the Grand Canal recognized as world heritage, the Nansi Lake provincial nature reserve and 35 wetland parks above the municipal level together laid the foundation for Jining's status as a Ramsar's Wetland City.

These new features of natural environment and biodiversity presented by wetlands and wetland cities awarded have driven the combination of natural heritage elements with cultural heritage factors along the Grand Canal.

It not only adds new elements for experience in the Grand Canal national parks under construction, but also tests cities' abilities and potential for coordinated development in the construction of ecological civilization

People's Daily

Mainland Premier League signings that shocked Tanzania's football fraternity

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S soccer fraternity members are eagerly waiting to know a side that Ghanaian winger, Bernard Morrison, will sign for after parting ways with Simba SC.

There are currently rumours that he could return to Yanga, an outfit the footballer left two seasons ago.

Morrison has captivated various social media networks due to the fact he performed well for two of the biggest football clubs in Tanzania.

But this is not new to the ears and eyes of football stakeholders in the country as moving from Simba to Yanga and vice versa is hardly surprising.

The Guardian brings forth some of the complex events that have taken place in the transfer of players that served Simba and Yanga.

Such registrations brought about strong feelings among passionate followers of the two clubs.

Bernard Morrison

He is a winger who landed in the country during the mini-transfer window of the 2019/20 season and moved to Yanga, after turning out for South Africa's Orlando Pirates.

Morrison played for Yanga for six months and later joined Simba in an extremely controversial move.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) had last year ruled the case in favour of Morrison.

His signing for Simba was shocking given the prowess he showcased at Yanga for six months and there was, thereafter, news of his move to Simba that shocked many



Former Yanga midfielder, Haruna Niyonzima.

Yanga fans.

Haruna Niyonzima

The skilful midfielder was born in Gisenyi, Rwanda. He is among the players whose registration was accompanied by plenty of hype due to his ability and the impressive performance he showcased at the time.

After serving Yanga for seven seasons, having parted ways with Rwanda's APR in the 2011 season, Niyonzima left the Jangwani Street outfit and joined Simba SC in the 2018/19 season.

Niyonzima helped Simba reach the quarterfinals of the 2018/19 CAF Champions League after executing an assist to the fellow midfielder, Clatous Chama, the scorer of the winning goal in a group stage tie against DR Congo's AS Vita Club.

After serving Simba for two seasons, the midfielder briefly served Rwanda's AS Kigali and thereafter made his way back to Yanga.

Emmanuel Okwi

Football fanatics were surprised that Ugandan midfielder, Okwi, was landing in Tanzania to serve Yanga.

The signing was, nevertheless, made, given the footballer, who was popular at Simba, went on to serve Yanga on a two-year contract.

The signing shocked Simba that had been solving the player's dispute with Tunisian club, Etoile du Sahel, over a \$ 300,000 (480m/-) that was not fully paid.

However, while Simba was seeking to settle the dispute, Yanga secured the footballer's signature a few hours before the transfer deadline set by the Tanzania Football Federation for domestic outfits to complete the registration of players for the Mainland Premier League.

All Premier League clubs were required to register new players from November 15-December 15 in 2013.

Okwi was first signed by Simba in 2010 from Sports Club Villa of Uganda before the Tanzanian side sold him to Etoile du Sahel.

Simba's sale happened to be difficult, with Okwi complaining that Etoile du Sahel did not pay him salaries and benefits.

As a result, he agreed to sign a six-month contract with SC Villa after the club applied for a special permit from FIFA to use him to save his talent.

Simba officials opposed the move and promised to appeal to FIFA.

In December 2013, Yanga announced the signing of Okwi from Uganda's Sports Club Villa.

The registration sparked controversy which prompted the TFF to suspend it and ask FIFA for clarification on the legality of the player's registration.

Amissi Tambwe

The Burundian attacker signed for Simba in 2013 after emerging as the top scorer in the CECAFA Kagame Cup, which took place in Sudan the same year.

He was released by Simba after a one-season stint despite being the Premier League's top scorer, landing at Yanga in 2014 and becoming one of the key players in the club.

The goal-getter netted over 70 goals in all competitions, as well as helping Yanga win various trophies.

Simba regretted leaving Tambwe, given the squad had believed that the striker was past his prime.

The attacker went to Yanga as a free agent and formed a deadly striking partnership with Zimbabwean Donald Ngoma.

Hamisi Kiiza

Kiiza, popularly known as Diego, now playing for Kagera Sugar, had a good goal-scoring record when he featured for Yanga. He was released by Yanga and went on to be a hero at Simba.

His registration at Simba was revealed when he had attended the wedding of his compatriot, Okwi.

He revealed that he would return to Tanzania to play for Simba once a reporter queried about his next move.



Shinyanga Regional Basketball Association's Chairman, Yohana William (L), is presented with kits to be used by the region's side, Risasi, by Jambo Food Products Company's Assistant Marketing Officer, Musa Deus, in the region recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Short in the arm for Shinyanga hoops clubs

By Guardian Correspondent

EFFORTS to develop basketball in Shinyanga have gained a boost given the region's hoops outfits were recently presented with jerseys by Jambo Food Products firm.

The clubs are lately battling it out in the region's basketball league which is organized by Shinyanga Regional Basketball Association (SBA).

Yohana William, SBA Chairman, expressed regards to the company for the support and urged other companies to follow suit.

"This company has been monitoring our ongoing league here in Shinyanga and it discovered there is something it can do to help us we are very grateful for the support it has handed us," William stated.

William congratulated all teams participating in the regional league due to the impressive displays shown by all outfits.

"All teams are good and have signed players with higher standards as compared to previous years," William pointed out.

Meanwhile, Shinyanga regional basketball league's defending champion, Risasi, said the absence of several key performers has led to its loss in its previ-

ous match against Kambarage Warriors which culminated with the latter garnering a 106-94 win over the former.

Noah Lameck, Risasi's skipper, said the missing players include center John Gabriel, Andrew Gabriel, and Kelvin Colen that is nursing an injury.

However, Lameck admitted his team lost an important tie.

"All I can tell you is a person who laughs at the beginning will, in the end, cry and the one who cries at the end at the end will laugh in the play-off," Lameck joked.

Kambarage Warriors' skipper, Rajab Wahome, revealed the side is determined to hold sway this season and ultimately dethrone Risasi.

Risasi's William slotted in 55 points, followed by Lameck and Kenny Kaini who chipped in with 16 and 13 points respectively.

Kambarage Warriors' Wahome posted 32 points followed by Ahmed Mapalala who recorded 28 points while Charles Dismas notched 15 points.

Mohamed Sungura notched 12 rebounds, followed by Wahome and Kaini who ended with nine and eight rebounds respectively.

Lameck and Dismas excelled in slotting in three-point shots, ending with three and two respectively.

Taliss-IST Invitational Championship now set to follow swimming federation rules

By Guardian Correspondent

THE International Swimming Federation (FINA)'s rules are to be applied in the Taliss-IST Invitational Championship scheduled to take place at Masaki's International School of Tanganyika (IST) swimming pool later this year.

Hadija Shebe, Taliss-IST Club manager, disclosed they have decided to use the rules and regulations set up by the global swimming governing body to scout the best swimmers for the nation.

"Swimmers are required to get used to the international rules and regulations of the game," Hadija revealed.

The official disclosed: "On qualifying time, we have decided to twist because most of our swimmers do not meet the qualifying time and instead we set ours."

"There are swimmers who have failed to book space in the competition due to the time standard we set," Hadija pointed out.

According to Hadija, the swimmers who have failed to meet the qualifying time need to work hard to attain it.

She said they expect to see more than 200 swimmers participate in the showdown, which has attracted various sponsors including Jubilee Insurance, Azam, Pepsi, Auric Air, Dolphin Tours and Safari Limited.

Hadija said the event is one of the premium galas in the country that all clubs and swimmers target to feature in.

"All preparations are complete and swimmers are ready for the event. We expect it to be thrilling because this is the first contest since last year in February," Hadija noted.

According to the event organizers, each swimmer is required to compete in six individual events and two relays.

The contest will see swimmers from Mainland Tanzania compete in 105 disciplines.



Medical students from various universities in Tanzania that volunteered to screen children with special needs at Dar es Salaam's Al Muntazir Special Education Needs, attend to the youngsters in the exercise which took place last week. More than 30 children that participate in athletics were screened in the exercise which was organized by Special Olympics Tanzania (SOT) and backed by Golisano Foundation. PHOTO: JOSEPH MCHEKADONA

Bwalya rates AmaZulu move as a dream come true

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

ZAMBIAN midfielder Rally Bwalya has said playing football in South Africa completes part of his dream after joining AmaZulu FC from Tanzania's Simba SC.

Bwalya, who was officially sold by Simba SC to the South African outfit a few days ago, said his biggest goal was to play in the South African Premier League (PSL), and he is hyped after

being signed by AmaZulu FC.

The 27-year-old midfielder wants to help AmaZulu do well and says he wants to be recognized as a good player in the DStv Premiership.

He said he realizes he has a lot of work to do in collaboration with his teammates there, after doing well at Simba SC of Tanzania for two seasons.

The midfielder disclosed: "Joining

AmaZulu is a good achievement for me because I have been watching AmaZulu for a long time."

"It is a club that is known, especially in my country Zambia, people love watching the PSL, so it is a team that is not new to me, it is a team that I know and I think it is a great club," the former Simba midfielder revealed.

He noted: "I just have to work hard

and do my best to help the club go forward because as a player, you dream of playing well, achieving your goals, and helping the club do well to be recognized as a good player."

Bwalya makes his move to Usuthu after the club parted ways with his fellow countryman Augustine Mulenga. Mulenga was mentioned as one of the 15 players that parted ways with the club, including Luvuyo Memela,

Xola Mlambo, Thabo Qalinge, Siphelele Mthembu, Tshepo Masilela, Kgotso Moleko, and Hendrick Ekstein.

Philani Zulu, Neil Boshoff, Limbikani Mzava, Abraham Majok, Andre de Jong, Tapelo Xoki, and Siyethemba Sithebe complete the list.

The club, however, has brought in new players, confirming the signing of Gabadinho Mhango, Dumisani Zuma, Ethan Brooks, Riaan Hanamub,

Augustine Kwem, Thendo Mukumela, and Veluyeke Zulu.

With Bwalya and the rest of the new acquisitions, AmaZulu will be looking for a better campaign in the 2022/23 season.

The outfit almost missed out on finishing the campaign inside the top-eight the last term as they ended up grabbing a seventh place on the league standings.

Blunt talk means saying LIV Golf is all about money

By DOUG FERGUSON

BROOKS Koepka likes to boast about his honesty. He takes as much pride in being bold and blunt as he does in his remarkable record in the major championships.

He does not shy from criticism if he feels it is warranted. Koepka once accused Patrick Reed of cheating by "building sand castles" in a waste area in the Bahamas. He left no doubt about his feelings for Bryson DeChambeau, a long list.

"I'm always going to speak my mind and tell you what I think, and I think everybody in this room knows that," he said at a PGA Championship preview day in 2020.

And now he has a chance to speak the truth about his decision to go back on his word and join the Saudi-funded rebel league known as LIV Golf.

It's about the money. It's that simple.

This is not a "force for good," the message Greg Norman has been trying to preach and too many of his puppets have been repeating. The 22 former or soon-to-be-suspended PGA Tour members in Oregon for the LIV Golf Invitational are not there for the innovative format, or to test themselves against the best, or even to win tournaments.

They are getting paid an obscene amount of money.

Of course, money never came up when Koepka spoke to the media on Tuesday for the first time since his decision was revealed. He simply spoke his mind, just like always, only he was of a different mind.

"My opinion changed," he said, a phrase he used no fewer than six times. Koepka was the latest example that everyone has a price. He actually said that himself four months ago at the Honda Classic.

This was one week after Phil Mickelson went into hiding after his inflammatory remarks about the Saudis and the PGA Tour, after Dustin Johnson and Bryson DeChambeau said they were sticking with the PGA Tour, after Rory McIlroy declared the rebel league "dead in the water."

"I think there will still be talk," Koepka said in February. "Everyone talks about money. They've got enough of it. I don't see it backing down. They can just double up and they'll figure it out. They'll get their guys. Somebody will sell out and go to it."

And that somebody turned out to be him.

Mickelson showed his hand months ago in a couple of interviews when he accused the PGA Tour of "obnoxious greed" and said he and a few other top players had hired lawyers to write the new league's operating agreement. Joining LIV Golf was not a surprise.

Johnson was the biggest fish the Shark landed. The temptation had been strong all along, and then he got an offer he couldn't ignore. The Daily Telegraph reported his signing fee at \$150 million. That's twice as much as Johnson's career earnings after 15 years on the tour.

AP

French minister apologises for Champions League chaos

PARIS

FRENCH Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin on Tuesday made a partial apology for chaos at last month's Champions League final between Real Madrid and Liverpool in Paris, while insisting fake tickets and "delinquency" were mostly to blame.

"Should things have been managed better at the Stade de France (stadium)? The answer is yes. Am I partly responsible? The answer is yes," Darmanin told RTL radio.

"Of course, I readily apologise towards everyone who suffered from this bad management of the event," he added.

After scenes of fans crowded into tight spaces and being tear-gassed by police caused outrage around Europe, Darmanin poured fuel on the fire by blaming supporters with fake tickets for the disruption.

UEFA events director Martin Kallen last week told French senators investigating the fiasco that the football body's count of fake tickets was far short of the tens of thousands claimed by French authorities.

"We don't believe it's the number mentioned in France," he said, adding that 2,600 fake tickets were identified at turnstiles -- compared with the number of 30,000 to 40,000 people with fake tickets and without tickets suggested by Darmanin.

"It was a question of fake tickets... that created the difficulties we all know about" of large crowds of fans packed into underpasses or outside locked gates, Darmanin insisted Tuesday.

He added that "if there was something that went wrong at the Stade de France, it was the fight against delinquency", saying he had already ordered a reorganisation of policing around the venue and that three major matches since had passed without incident.

While some supporters did report being victims of crime by gangs of youths before and after the match, there were also many complaints about police treatment of fans.

Disabled Liverpool fans last week told the Senate how officers sprayed tear gas at people in wheelchairs.

The English supporters have reacted with particular fury to Darmanin's defence of the French police's actions.

"People's memories will forever be tarred by the lack of organisation and heavy-handed policing, and then of course the way authorities tried to deflect blame and scapegoat Liverpool fans for their incompetence," Liverpool mayor Steve Rotherham told AFP earlier this month.

CCTV footage from around the stadium has also been deleted despite the Senate probe.

A government report published earlier this month said a "chain of failures" by French authorities has inflicted "severe damage" on the image of the country as it prepares to host the Olympic Games in 2024.

AFP

The motivation behind Gabriel Jesus' Arsenal move

By Tim Vickery, ESPN South America correspondent

GABRIEL Jesus hit the ground running when he joined Manchester City. Still a teenager at the start of 2017, the striker made such an impression that for a while he was in the starting line up and City legend Sergio Aguero was on the bench.

Five and a half years later it is apparent that he has not become the long term successor to Aguero, an impression reinforced by City's acquisition of Erling Haaland. And with the Norway international joining the club along with Argentine striker Julian Alvarez, Gabriel Jesus is clearly concerned at being squeezed out of first-team action in the vital few months ahead of the World Cup. He is set to move south to Arsenal with his career at the crossroads, and with a key question hanging over him: what type of striker is he?

Back in 2017 it looked clear. He was a versatile and mobile operator capable of working all across the front line, but he was going to mature into a top class centre-forward. At the time that he joined City, Gabriel Jesus already appeared to be the solution to what had become a surprisingly long term problem with the Brazilian national team. He



Gabriel Jesus

was thrown into the deep end in World Cup qualification in September 2016 at centre forward, won his debut game away to Ecuador and did not look back. He scored seven goals in nine World Cup qualifiers, grabbed the winner when Brazil played a warm up friendly away to Germany, and went to Russia 2018 with an impressive record of 9 goals in his first 15 games.

And then it all went wrong.

Gabriel Jesus failed to score a single goal in Russia. Brazil has fielded much maligned centre-forwards

in the past -- Serginho in 1982, or Fred in 2014 for example. But at least they managed to get on the scoresheet. Coach Tite confessed that he wished he had made a change in the position during the competition. He should have brought in Roberto Firmino, he thinks, to replace Gabriel Jesus. For the player, the 2018 World Cup left a trauma that remains to this day.

In those early days when he was banging in goals for his country, a comparison was made between Gabriel Jesus and the original Brazilian Ronaldo. The source

could not have been more authoritative -- it was Ronaldo himself. Nowadays it is not a comparison that anyone would make, which is not necessarily a criticism of Gabriel Jesus. He has simply developed in different ways. Ronaldo bulked up into a powerhouse of a centre-forward. Gabriel Jesus has not been through the same physical process, and there are doubts about his lack of penalty-area presence.

But what is the root of such doubts? Is it a lack of physical strength? Or does it come from question marks in the player's own mind?

Brazil have hardly used Gabriel Jesus as a centre-forward since Russia 2018, but in part that is his own choice. Tite called him over and asked him where he would like to play. He replied that he had no preference. The coach pushed him harder for an answer, and he eventually declared himself happier attacking from wide.

Cutting in from the flanks certainly suits some of his characteristics. He is a sleek figure running with the ball, and is excellent at appearing as an element of surprise to put pressure on opposing defenders. But has he been running away from the goal-scoring responsibilities of the centre-forward? If he could do the job for his country five years ago -- and could be selected for City ahead of Aguero -- then why not now?

Gunners boss Mikel Arteta, of course, was there at City on Pep Guardiola's staff when Gabriel Jesus made such a promising start to Premier League life. He surely has a vision for how his new signing will fit into the Arsenal side. It is important that both of them are on the same page -- not only for Arsenal, but also for Gabriel's World Cup future.

Earlier this month he found the net for Brazil in a friendly away to South Korea, breaking a long dry

sequence of 19 games and nearly three years without a goal. He has had plenty of opportunities -- seven World Cup qualifiers plus four games off the bench, four matches in last year's Copa America and another four friendlies. He showed an understandable sense of relief, then, after cutting in from the right to plant a left-footed shot inside the far corner. It was a fine effort, but it was a stoppage-time goal in a 5-1 friendly win.

Meanwhile, plenty of other Brazilian strikers have emerged, especially over the last 12 months. Competition for a place in Qatar is fierce. If the squads were to contain the traditional amount of 23 players, then, for all his versatility, Gabriel Jesus would really be sweating on a slot. The increase to 26 gives him a much better chance of making the cut. Game time at club level could be important at getting him on the plane and higher up the pecking order -- and this is surely a massive factor in his desire to move away from Manchester City.

This, then, is a player in a hurry. Gabriel Jesus will not go to Arsenal expecting a gentle period of settling in. He will want to hit the ground running -- just as he first did at City -- but with a different ending in the next World Cup.

How Sweden went from underdogs to Euro 2022 favourites

By Sophie Lawson

SWEDEN's ascension to become one of the favourites at Euro 2022 this summer has been, so it seems, a long time coming.

When the sport was waking from its imposed slumber at the start of 1970 after bans on women's football were lifted, you only had to look to the Scandinavian triumvirate to find some of the best teams in the emerging game. Whereas Norway and Denmark have risen and fallen (and risen again) over the years, Sweden have remained the consistent performers in the region, never failing to qualify for an Olympic Games or World Cup.

The first winner of a women's European Championships -- or as it was called in 1984 in its debut run, "the European Competition for Women's Football" -- Sweden have, despite their consistency, failed to pick up any subsequent winner's medals. A country that has had a fine production line of players, as well as some incarnation of league since the early 1970s, there is perhaps little surprise to the longevity of Blågult ("the blue-yellow").

Yet, with Euro 2022 starting on July 6 -- Sweden's 11th appearance in the competition -- they have rarely looked as strong as they do now. Other nations, like hosts England and previous winners Netherlands, will be tabbed as favourites, but after Sweden reached last year's Olympic final in Japan -- losing to Canada on penalties -- their time may have finally arrived.

*Sweden's new attack-oriented style

For all the talent in this Sweden team, their current lease on life is all thanks to their coach, Peter Gerhardsson. Named as Pia

Sundhage's successor in 2017, Gerhardsson's focus with the national team has always been on the attack: he has encouraged his charges to unleash their creative side and lean on their instincts in the box. A former attacker himself, he was instantly keen to drag Sweden from an "old English 4-4-2 style" to something that could breed confidence in offensive passing and positive play.

For those who have followed Sweden, even if only at major tournaments, the gradual progress has been there for all to see. Shifting from the stodgy style of Gerhardsson's predecessor, Sweden navigated their way through the 2019 World Cup group stage in France with little fuss, before they dispatched with Canada and then Germany, before losing their semifinal in extra time to Netherlands. More of a butterfly emerging from its cocoon in 2019 than a relentless juggernaut, Sweden then earned silver at the 2020 Olympics when the pieces fell almost magnificently into place.

Americans will remember -- or may still be trying to forget -- the opening group game at last summer's Olympics due to Sweden's dominance and the confounded stuttering of their own U.S. national team. Ahead of the tournament, the problem for the Blågult had been converting their chances. Yet, as U.S. goalkeeper Alyssa Naehler repelled all she could in Tokyo, it fast became apparent that, despite her best efforts, she was on the losing side of the battle. Sweden danced their way to a 3-0 win over the world champions and didn't look like stopping until they lined up against Canada in the final, 16 days and 10 more goals later.

With that attacking ap-

proach buoying them, Sweden went from merely a good team going into last year's Olympics, to tournament favourites to claim gold by the end, with just about the right balance of everything both on and off the pitch.

A midfield three of Kosovare Asllani, Caroline Seger and Filippa Angeldal provided enough creativity, stability, experience and youth in perfect measure. The defence, parked in front of goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl, saw injury-enforced and game-management rotation as Gerhardsson remained able to go to his bench should his favoured front three of Stina Blackstenius, Fridolina Rolfö and Sofia Jakobsson need refreshing.

*From underdogs to one of the Euro 2022 favourites

The matches in the oppressive Japanese heat at last year's Olympics should have been energy-zapping -- yet, as all else seemed to be wilting, Sweden remained bright and determined until their pre-tournament inability to score returned for the rescheduled final in Yokohama. Sweden's better chances went begging as the match

crawled from regulation time to extra time to spot kicks and, eventually, sudden-death penalties. Canada were victorious, 3-2 on the night, as each team scored only two of their five spot kicks before Jonna Andersson missed and Julia Grosso scored.

While Sweden fell short again in Japan, they were barely recognisable from the team that won silver at the 2016 Olympics under Sundhage's pragmatic approach, managing just four goals for the entire tournament in Brazil. Whereas Sweden's first silver in Rio had been a feat of sheer determination and agonising concentration match after match to keep the opposition out -- a tactic roundly celebrated -- their second was seen by those within the team as a painful reminder of their failure in Yokohama. As Asllani said after the match: "I'm so f---ing tired of having a f---ing silver medal."

Gerhardsson had brought expressiveness and fun to the team, and throughout his tenure there has been joy in the way the players took to the pitch -- in the way they grew and retrained their brains to be confident in

being the favourites. Under Gerhardsson, Sweden became underdogs no more.

By the time they took to the pitch in Tokyo, the team was able to balance both world-beating confidence and humility in their minds, such that their tournament-opening win over the world-champion USWNT was both not a surprise but also nothing more than one win.

For the players in the Sweden squad, the Olympic final against Canada had been their first real taste of being clear favourites, of having an expectation on them to do something they never had before. The intention was to claim not just a first-ever Olympic gold in football but to end a 37-year wait for their second major tournament honours. Maybe on another day, the ball bounces slightly differently and Sweden are able to convert more than one of their 30 total shots. Or maybe it was a loss that always needed to happen, to provide a more teachable lesson moving forward.

The clichés are that you learn more from a loss than a win, or that the strife makes the eventual success all the sweeter, or that such

a loss is the greatest motivator. Whatever the case, as has been seen over the five years since Gerhardsson took charge, there is little that can be thrown at Sweden's squad that they can't take in stride or overcome together.

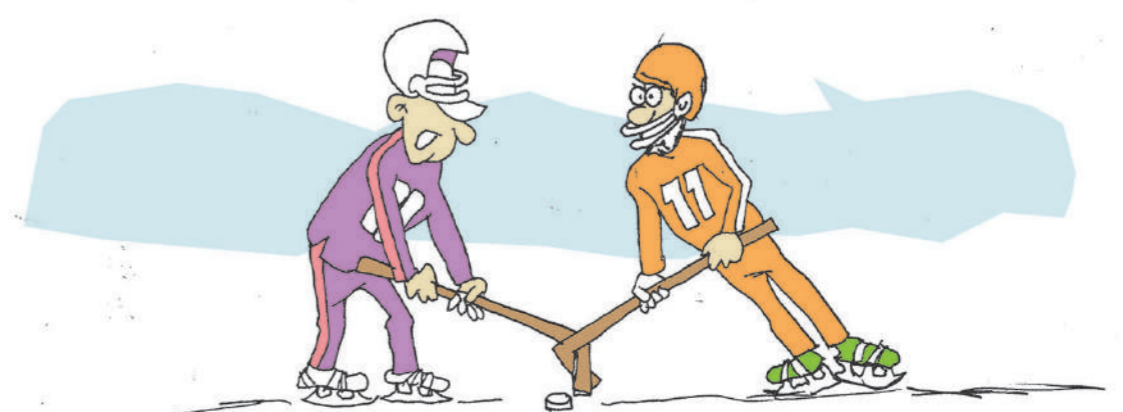
For the veterans in the team like Seger and Lindahl -- the goalkeeper the only player who was alive, albeit toddling, the last time Sweden won the Euros -- there are only so many more times they will line up at a major tournament, and there is little more fitting than a golden goodbye.

Drawn into a group at Euro 2022 with Netherlands, Switzerland and Portugal, Sweden are more than familiar with their opposition. Few teams look as strong as the Swedes ahead of the tournament, as they're unbeaten during regulation time in their last 29 matches, a run stretching back to March 2020. The challenge will be maintaining a consistent level and not peaking too soon.

In their third major tournament under Gerhardsson, perhaps the third time's the charm.

ESPN

Gwiji by David Chikoko



Tanzania's teenage midfielder Novatus Dismas joins Belgian club



Novatus Dismas

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIAN defensive midfielder, Novatus Dismas Miroshi, has completed a transfer to Belgium Jupiler Pro League side, SC SV Zulte Waregem, in a deal that will see him spend three seasons with the two-time Belgium Cup winners. The SV Zulte Waregem confirmed the signing of the

19-year-old midfielder on the club's official website and social media channels.

The left-footed midfielder will exchange the beaches of Tel Aviv, Israel where he played for two seasons, for a place in the Belgian weather.

Miroshi was signed by Maccabi Tel Aviv before being loaned out

to Beitar Tel Aviv Bat Yam last season, turning out for the side in 24 games.

The midfielder, popularly known as Novatus, is already a Tanzania senior national team "Taifa Stars" player and has played 10 games for Taifa Stars since making his debut last year.

Novatus was part of the

Tanzania U-20 team at the 2021 U-20 Africa Cup of Nations in Mauritius and also played a role in the 2022 World Cup qualification campaign.

He is the third Tanzanian to play in the Belgium top flight, following in the footsteps of Mbwana Ally Samatta, who played for KRC Genk and currently turning out for Royal Antwerp FC on loan, and Kelvin John who was recently promoted to the KRC Genk senior squad.

Novatus, the former Azam FC and Biashara United player could not hide his excitement after sealing a move that will see him play in the Belgium top-flight from next season.

"I am a player who likes to play fast and smart. You have limited time in football, so you have to play fast to make a difference," the midfielder stated.

The midfielder added: "After talking to the coach and the board of the club, I was

immediately convinced of the project and I look forward to being part of Esseevee."

The 2022/23 Jupiler Pro League season starts on July 22 with SV Zulte Waregem kicking off their campaign with a home tie against RFC Seraing.

According to Wikipedia, SV Zulte Waregem was established 20 years ago in a merger of two clubs.

Their highest finish in the Belgium Jupiler Pro League was second place in the 2012/13 season.

They have won two Belgian Cups. They qualified for the 2006/07 UEFA Cup, losing in the round of 32 to Newcastle United.

Also in the seasons 2013/14 and 2017/18 they managed to play in the Europa League group stages. On both occasions, the club ended third in their group.

They are currently coached by former Senegalese international striker, Mbaye Leye.

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Bluefins to field 34 swimmers in National Junior Championships

By Guardian Correspondent

ONE of the famous swimming clubs in the country, Bluefins, will field 34 swimmers in this year's National Junior Championships scheduled to take place at the Shabaan Robert Secondary School swimming pool in Dar es Salaam this weekend.

The squad will comprise 13 female swimmers and 21 male swimmers who have all qualified for the event according to Bluefins Club's head coach and founder Rahim Alidina.

Alidina mentioned the swimmers as Filbertha Demello, Aminaz Kachra, Maryam Ipilinga, and Salman Yasser who are as well members of the national swimming team.

The four swimmers represented Tanzania in the African Swimming Championship (CANA) Zone 4 held in Lusaka, Zambia recently.

Alidina said: "The swimmers had enough time to train and prepare for these championships under the panel of our coaches namely Hassan Omar, Odilo Kamata, Michael Katala, Saidi Hodari, and Juma Mwenda."

The tactician noted: "We are confident that our swimmers will do well and get new Personal Best times (PBs) in the event and win medals."

"We will have swimmers in all age categories including the relay team events in the age categories of seven and under, 8-9 years, 10-11 years, and in the 12-year category."

"We are also targeting our swimmers to break some records and create new records for the National Junior Championships. Besides our experienced swimmers in the squad, we will have many young and upcoming talented swimmers and our youngest swimmer will be six-year-old Sakina Manji who will take part in the age category of seven and under," he added.

He explained that they are continuing to train and develop new talented swimmers who can turn into competitive swimmers in the future.

The tactician revealed: "We highly commend and congratulate the Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA) for organizing the junior championships which encourage young swimmers and also allow them to showcase their potential in swimming and get an early start in competitive swimming."

"Such events are very important for swimmers to develop their talent in swimming at an early age," he said.

The team's female swimmers that will compete in the event are Sakina Abdulali, Zahra Alibhai, Filbertha Demello, Maryam Ipilinga, Aminaz Kachra, Imaan Kimario, Camilla Kyenekiki, Fatema Manji, Zainab Moosajee, Gabriella Sayi, Anahi Shah, Sakina Manji, and Tanaya Sheth.

The male swimmers in the team are Adnan Hassanali, Burhanuddin Huzeifa, MohammadHussein Imran, Sahil Jaffer, Burhanuddin Jafferjee, Kaysan Kachra, Moiz Kaderbhai and Qais Kanji.

Others are Kabeer Lakhani, Mohamed Manji, Saalih Mbonde, Burhanuddin Mustansir, Zac Okumu, Adam Patwa, Gervas Sayi, Zaeem Somji, Burhanuddin Taibali, Abdulhameed Yasser, Idris Zavery, Salman Yasser and Taher Zavery.

Minister Ummu Mwalimu graces Dar charity race

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

MINISTER for Health, Ummu Mwalimu, has called on regional and district chief physicians to ensure that folic acids are readily available at all levels of healthcare delivery and clinics.

Ummu issued the appeal after taking part in a marathon with children with head and back ailments, organized by the Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) early this week, to raise funds for the treatment of 200 children with the disabilities.

The race was held in Dar es Salaam, with the minister explaining that the problem of children being born with head and back ailments can be prevented, as it is caused by a lack of folic acid.

The minister's call has aimed at reducing the problem that leads some mothers to give birth to babies with severe head and back ailments.

He also urged women that are either the ones of the childbearing age or those planning to have children, to eat foods rich in folic acid to increase the protection of the babies against birth defects.

"Women of childbearing age and those planning to have children should start consuming foods that will give them folic acid to prevent giving birth to babies with these disabilities," Ummu noted.

The minister stated children born with head and back ailments still happen to the problem in the country, adding that statistics show that in five African countries with the highest number of children born with the challenges, Tanzania ranks third after Algeria and Ethiopia.

"For every 1000 children, three of the kids are born with the disabilities, the number of children born each year is about two million, so 6,000 babies a year are born with the disorder," he said.

The minister urged doctors, midwives, and nurses to once assist women to give birth and finding that the newborns have symptoms of head and back ailments, refer the children so that they can receive early care.

Charles Mkony, MOI Board of Trustees Chairman, thanked the minister for participating in the race and continuing to support the institution by providing quality services to Tanzanians.

Respicious Boniface, MOI CEO, said that with the money they have raised and set up medical care camp, 20 children have already received the service.

Milton Byemerwa, Child Help Tanzania (CHT) Information and Communication Officer, said the organization is a major stakeholder in the treatment of children with disabilities, especially in drug funding at the MOI institution which is a beneficiary.

"We are funding specialized shunts for cerebral palsy, surgical forks for open and large spinal cords, catheters," Byemerwa revealed.

He explained that Child Help Tanzania provides public education on the prevention and treatment of the problem, intending to see a healthier society.



Health Minister Ummu Mwalimu (C) presents a certificate of recognition to the Executive Director of Child Help Tanzania (CHT), Hakim Bayakub, after concluding a marathon in Dar es Salaam recently. The race was targeted to fund medical treatment for children with severe head and back ailments, organized by the Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI). The CHT is one of the institutions that sponsored the race. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT



Ilala beach soccer squad's player, Abdillah Boban (L), negotiates his way past the Mburahati team's player, Noah Selemani, during the Beach Soccer Super League's match which took place at Coco Beach in Dar es Salaam early this week. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Flexibles by David Chikoko

