

PM stresses community policing in all wards

'Horticulture is sure path from poverty'

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

HAILEMARIAM Desalegn, a former Ethiopian premier recently attending the Africa Drive to Democracy conference here, has expressed confidence in commercializing horticulture farming, saying the industry is a pathway out of poverty.

The Horn of Africa statesman, a board member at the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), made this affirmation at familiarisation tour with top Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) officials, visiting the hightech horticultural seed farm, Rijkzwaan O-sem. He also visited the TAHA practical training center at NaneNane grounds and the



Inspector General of Police Camilius Wambura (R), pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting to Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa a trophy meant for President Samia Suluhu Hassan. This was at the opening of this year's edition of the weeklong International Association of Women Police - Africa Chapter - Conference. The president was honoured with the trophy in appreciation of her recognition of the contribu-tion of women police, including her trusting them with various positions of leadership. Related photo on Page 2. Photo: PMO

By Guardian Reporter

RIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has stressed the need to take up community policing countrywide to bolster the fight against crime, shoring up public security and safety.

He issued this guidance when opening a weeklong International Association of Women Police (ISWP) Africa Chapter training conference, with over 2000 ranking women police officers from Malawi, South Africa, Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and the hosts taking part.

Community policing had shown good outcomes as it strengthens cooperation between the police force and communities in spotting criminal activity, he stated, welcoming the visiting police officers to the country.

He said the officers will have an opportunity to learn the culture of love, peace and unity, helping to strengthen relations between ISWP member countries.

The government has instituted a community policing commission, working to provide relevant training and building capacity for officers deployed in wards and shehias, he stated, pointing out that the drive



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'Building a Better Tomorrow' incubation center at the Horti-Tengeru College.

Seeing the commercialization of horticulture as helping to facilitate sustainable economic growth, he praised TAHA for a job well done in developing the horticulture industry.

The former premier, who was lately asked by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to co-chair the presidential food and agriculture delivery council, said Tanzania has what it takes to be a leading producer of horticulture crops in Africa.

"The entirety of Tanzanian land is productive," he said, noting that the country is blessed with massive land potential plus rivers and lake systems. It can feed the entirety of Africa if it harnesses its agricultural potential, he declared. Ethiopia was in the past declared a centre of excellence in Africa for agricultural transformation while he was in

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TGL journalists scoop awards at EJAT 2022

By Getrude Mbago

THE Guardian Limited (TGL), which publishes The Guardian and Nipashe newspapers, has outshone other media houses as its journalists scooped top awards in most categories in the 2022 Excellence

in Journalism Awards Tanzania (EJAT), bagging the overall spot aside two other including the coveted overall prize.

Sanula Athanas, a senior reporter with a leading Kiswahili daily in the country, Nipashe, was named crème de la crème amongst the winners at the awards gala held in Dar es Salaam on Saturday night,

categories to boot.

Apart from the glitzy trophies, Athanas will also smile all the way to the bank as his

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is being coordinated at headquarters with a commissioner of police picked for the task.

He said that the police force needs close support from the community inm coordinating policing in residential areas, taking action on visible acts of crime acts other security challenges.

Tanzania was implementing the ISWP Resolution 1325 sealed back in 2000 that emphasises the participation of women and inclusion of gender aspects in regional

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Nipashe newspaper managing Editor Beatrice Bandawe (2nd-L) poses for a souvenir photo with The Guardian Ltd winners of the Excellence in Journalism Awards Tanzania (EJAT) - 2022 during a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Third left is the overall winner for the year, Sanula Athanas of Nipashe newspaper. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Kampala oil firm, Zanzibar sign up windpower MoU

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals in Zanzibar has signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Aseel Oilfield Services Ltd, a Kampalabased firm, for a wind farm project with capacity to produce up to 200MW of electricity. Saeed Al Jabry, the firm's managing director, said at the signing ceremony during the weekend that the firm along with its partners and technology providers have set aside upwards of \$340m

(827bn/-) for the project, The second MoU focuses on mineral exploration to enhance exploration capabilities in the sector, with state-ofthe-art equipment and technologies, he said. Joseph Kilangi, the permanent secretary, signed the MoUs with CEO Al Jabry, and witnessed by the minister, Hassan Shaibu Kaduara, deputy minister Shaaban Ali Othman and key officials from various sectors. The minister said that

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office with horticulture booming, a profile indicated.

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Sharing his assessment, he said Ethiopia had achieved substantial progress in generating sustained agricultural growth due to political will and tremendous policy change.

"At the center of favorable these changes is political commitment," he said, noting that early on the government recognized the need to put agriculture at the center of the country's development agenda.

This fundamentally shaped Ethiopia's approach to addressing its age-old problems of structural bottlenecks for development, he asserted.

"As such, the government envisioned overall development around an 'agriculture-first and then industrialize' approach with a series of strategies put in place to execute this grand vision" he explained.

As a result, Ethiopia and its development partners invested heavily in putting in place development programmes and projects, along with critical institutional and governance structures to implement them.

"This required instigovernment tuting

structures, at times overly bureaucratic, and building new organizations tasked to achieve agricultural transformation," he stated.

TAHA board chairman Zebadia Moshi was glad that the former premier agreed to visit TAHA premises and talk to its members.

"We know Ethiopia was designated as a centre of excellence in Agriculture transformation in Africa, he pointed out, underlining that his insights will help the producers' association to take the horticulture industry to the next level.

TAHA CEO Dr Jac-QUeline Mkindi said the industry earned the economy \$779m in 2019, up from \$60m in 2006, making horticulture a nascent sphere of enterpriseo that is leading in creating jobs and wealth.

The government has de-

veloped a strategy intending to spur the horticulture industry to earn the economy \$2bn year, creating per decent employment to a layer of youths and women along the entire value chain in the coming decade, she added.



Women police officers salute Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa as they marched past the VIP dais at Dar es Salaam's Uhuru Stadium yesterday. The PM filled in for President Samia Suluhu Hassan as chief guest at the opening of this year's edition of the weeklong International Association of Women Police - Africa Chapter - Conference. Photo: PMO

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the wind farm will harness the region's abundant wind resources, reducing dependence on fossil fuels and promoting a greener and more sustainable future.

The project is aligned with the government's commitment of transiting to renewable energy

sources while addressing ongoing challenges of power shortages and growing industrial demand, he stated. Praising President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi for spearheading investment initiatives in the minerals sector in particular, he said the president has a visionary approach. His efforts to simplify

investment processes have attracted investors in various sectors. stimulating growth and overall development prospects, the minister affirmed.

Minerals exploration work is part of efforts to open up the Zanzibar economy as it helps the government to scale up available mineral resources, he said.

'This will add another important sector to boost the Zanzibar economy," he stated, underlining that the MOUs will cement the partnership between the two sides, on the basis of mutual commitment to advancing mineral exploration and clean energy aspirations. Group chairman Iman Al Jabry saluted the

government for the cordial welcome extended to the firm, expressing intent to properly supervise the project to ensure that wind energy is well implanted to bring about intended outcomes. Al Jabry said they will use advanced instruments and technologies for mineral exploration and wind farm projects.

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Anjelina Nyansambo (in black T-shirt), a senior business development officer with the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday guiding women engaged in horticulture in implementing a financial management group task. It was all part of entrepreneurship training for women in agribusiness. The training was organised by Dar es Salaam-based Women of Hope Alive and sponsored and facilitated by the bank. Photo: Guardian Correspo

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account is much fatter since the overall award comes with 3m/- prize money.

Categories the senior reporter scooped are education, tourism and conservation reporting.

In total, TGL's six journalists were called on stage, dominating the mentions, including top spots and runners-up, as their published in depth reporting entries impressed a panel of judges in the annual event Francis Kajubi of The

declared best entry in data journalism category, environmental conservation and water sources, along with the cooperatives category. Augusta Njoji of Nipashe

scooped

emerged winner in the category of census reporting, tailed by Rahma Suleiman who emerged second runup in the water category and Shaaban Njia (Nipashe), the second runner-up in the people with disability category. Elizabeth Kilindi

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three awards,

gender and children category. The competition involved over 90 journalists from various media houses, with the panel of judges expressing satisfaction with the quality of entries submitted in the

competition. Tido Mhando, veteran media practitioner and executive director of Azam Media Group took the Lifetime Achievement in Iournalism Award (LAJA) at the ceremony.

Ambassador Ombeni Sefue,

second runner-up in the graced the ceremony, urging to avoid providing confusing I write for the public is journalists to make a point to undergo regular training to improve in their profession, attaining efficiency in reporting various issues in the society.

> Presenting the veteran broadcaster with the lifetime award, he emphasized on the need for journalists to all the time adhere to professional ethics, informing the public by upholding patriotism, mindful of the national interest.

Media practitioners need to also from Nipashe emerged a former chief secretary conduct in-depth reporting

or misleading information as this adds to pressures routinely faced by the media industry, he stated.

Sanula, the overall winner, thanked the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) for its perennial organisation of the awards event, as it uplifts recognition of outstanding efforts made by journalists.

"This award has given me more strength to continue investing time and innovation to write for people. I have always been making efforts to ensure that whatever

well researched to bring out intended outcomes," he stated, qualifying the recognition as a huge step in

his career pursuits. Young journalists need to work hard and focus on conducting investigative journalism on issues of public interest. This will enable them to expect merited recognition within the industry and support the public authorities to take action on various issues on which they have investigated, he added.

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peace moves, humanitarian peacekeeping support, operations and post-conflict peace building and governance, he said.

The move by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to implement the resolutions is seen in providing opportunities for women police officers to head top positions in safety and security organs, he stated.

"We have been investing in providing training to women police officers where in 2023 alone a total of 8000 officers have been trained to increase their competence and efficiency," he told the gathering.

He laid emphasis on strengthening police gender desks top fight domestic violence, extending legal and psychological support to victims.

Police force administrators have to set clear objectives for training women police officers to overcome challenge of genderbased violence in particular, asking the participants to share with other officers and cadres what was learned during the training.

Hamad Yusuf Masauni, the Home Affairs minister, said capacity building for women police officers will be strengthened, tied with other safety and security bodies.

He cautioned that some religious leaders have been misusing their platforms by engaging in political issues which incite conflicts. This may bring more negative impacts in the near future, he added.

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Govt to coninue supporting Kili Challenge campaign

By Guardian Reporter

JENISTA Mhagama, Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister (Policy, Parliament and Coordination) has reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting the GGML Kili challenge campaign to raise funds for the fight against HIV and AIDs.

This commitment is in line with the government's efforts to eliminate new infections of the disease by 2030.

Mhagama also instructed the ministry's deputy permanent

secretary to ensure that the two 14-year-old pupils who successfully completed the seven-day climb of Mount Kilimanjaro as part of the campaign, which was launched 22 years ago, are included in the list of participants for the upcoming Heroes' Day celebrations on 25 July this year.

Launched in 2002 by Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) in partnership with the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS), the GGML Kili challenge campaign also aims to support the government in achieving the national tar-

gets of zero new infections, zero discrimination and stigma, and zero AIDS-related deaths.

Speaking at the ceremony held in Moshi District to celebrate the achievements of the 35 participants who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and the 26 cyclists who circumnavigated the mountain over the past seven days, Mhagama praised GGML for successfully coordinating the campaign for over two decades.

She remarked: "GGML's willingness to endure seven days of hardship for the betterment of July, this year. Their achieve-Tanzanians is an act of bravery and heroism that will be celebrated in our national history. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations for setting such a remarkable example."

Mhagama urged other Tanzanian and international organisations to emulate GGML's sincere dedication and commitment to serving the community. She also commended the participants, especially the two

students who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro between 14 and 20

ments are testament to the fact that a united effort against HIV and AIDs can yield positive results and is a significant step towards ending the epidemic in the countrv

Rebecca Damiani (14), a student at kivukoni primary school, and Abel Musa (14), a student at Mbugani primary school, demonstrated immense civic spirit by joining forces with fellow Tanzanians in the fight against new HIV infections. Mhagama emphasised that these young people deserve to be

By Guardian Correspondent, Ngara

communities and the nation.

fer full cooperation.

sated.

DR Angeline Mabula, Minister for

Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development has said that the

Tembo Nickel mine in Ngara District,

Kagera Region will benefit surrounding

Dr Mabula made the remarks recently

when speaking to residents at Bugara-

ma ward in Ngara District during a visit

ment is a shareholder and this means

that you too have ownership in this

project which will benefit you in a

number of ways," said the minister,

noting the government is ready to of-

Dr Mabula added: "Bugarama will

reap the full fruits of this project start-

ing from the child that is born today

and the elderly. We congratulate you

for your readiness because these natu-

gal procedures have been completed,

those who will be relocated to pave

way for the project will be compen-

from now you will receive your com-

pensations. The compensation sched-

"You have been patient; any time

ral resources will benefit all citizens." She stressed that as soon as all the le-

to the Tembo Nickel project area. "This will be a big mine, the govern-

Mabula: Tembo Nickel to benefit

local communities and the nation

recognised as heroes within the nation.

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Terry Strong, Chief Executive Officer of GGML, thanked the government for its invaluable support in the fight against HIV/AIDs. He also pledged GGML's continued commitment to supporting the children in their journey to realise their dreams.

Jerome Kamwela, acting director of TACAIDS, congratulated the climbers and praised them for their incredible contribution as ambassadors in the fight against new HIV infections in the country.



Jenista Mhagama (2nd-L), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Coordination and Parliament), presents a certificate of appreciation yesterday to Abel Musa. The 14-year-old primary school student was on a climb of Mount Kilimanjaro but a bout of malaria made him fail to make it to Uhuru Peak, the summit of the highest mountain in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain above sea level in the world. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Morogoro RC visits Kilombero Sugar factory, commends expansion project

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ules have been finalized, after your agreement to make way for the project, we will make sure you reallocate as soon as possible," Dr Mabula stated.

She wanted the community to cooperate and protect the project for the government's benefit. She said the project is a joint venture insisting the government is a shareholder on their behalf.

She said the project will bring a lot of benefits, adding there are people who will be compensated with new modern houses. "The houses to be built will of higher quality and beautiful than those you currently own. You will also be supported so that you can live well in your new residences, you will receive title deeds which will enable you to even be able to receive loans from banks," she said.

Manny Ramos, Tembo Nickel Chief Operating Officer said there is on-going cooperation with communities in the project area, and job opportunities as well as procurement, of which, a large percentage of the suppliers are from Ngara and Kagera.

He added that they are finalizing compensation procedures to pave way for the project which is expected to bring several benefits to Tanzania and the world.

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By Guardian Correspondent

Kilombero

MOROGORO regional commissioner Adam Malima has commended efforts by the Kilombero Sugar Company Limited to expand the factory, a move which apart from increasing sugar production will see more people getting jobs.

Malima made the statement over the weekend during his official visit to witness the ongoing construction of the new sugar processing mill dubbed K4. He also observed the sugar processing at existing mills within the estate.

During his visit at the company estate, the Re-Commissioner gional commended the factory's management for its cooperation with the government in contributing to the country's revenue and providing employment opportunities to surrounding communities.

Malima urged sugarcane farmers to start preparing to utilize opportunities presented by the company's expansion project including the use of best farming practices to ensure quality and improve their yields.

government, "The led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan is well prepared to ensure sugarcane growers increase their production to meet the demands of the new K4 mill by providing them with training on best farming practices and facilitating access to

inputs in collaboration with the Sugar Board of Tanzania (SBT)," he remarked.

Managing Director, Kilby 2025. ombero Sugar Company Limited, Guy Williams thanked the government for creating an enabling environment which trigtainability. gered the decision to ex-

Fimbo Butallah, the pand its milling capacity company's Commercial

Head said that introducwhich is in line with the country's agenda of maktion of sugar pre-packed ing the country self-suffiin various sizes enables cient in sugar production citizens to buy sugar ac-

cording to their needs. Williams urged the Butallah encouraged government to continue the use of pre-packs urging the public to use protecting the sugar industry to ensure its susproducts that adhere to strict health and safety standards to protect consumer's health.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

American Society for Microbiology

(ASM) announces a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the procurement of equipment and supplies for Human and Animal Health laboratories in

Tanzania. Qualified vendors are invited to contact intprocure@asmusa.org to request a

detailed copy of the RFP. Please ensure the subject of your email is "RFP for AH and HH equipment and supplies".

All requests must be submitted by **31 July, 2023.**

INVITATION FOR APPLICATION TO VARIOUS ACADEMIC **POSTS AT MWANZA UNIVERSITY**

Mwanza University (MzU) is a newly established private University, located at Mbugani Street, Kishili Ward, Mwanza, with provisional license No. 20210630-01.

MzU has started to enrol students for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) programme in the academic year 2023/2024 and intends to start new programmes, including Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science; Bachelor of Science in Mental Health and Rehabilitation; Bachelor of Science in Health Insurance and Health Records Management; Bachelor of Science in Public Health and Health Systems Management; and Bachelor of Science in Health Systems Management and Medical Tourism, from academic year 2024/2025 upon accreditation of the programmes by the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU).

We therefore invite interested candidates to apply for the posts of Lecturer and Assistant Lecturer as indicated here under, and meeting the following minimum requirements;

- 1. Holders of MMed Psychiatry; MSc Clinical/Counselling Psychology; Masters in Tourism Management; Masters in Financial Management; PhD/MMed Pathology; MSc/MMeD Pharmacology; MSc in Health systems Management; MSc in Insurance and Risk Management; Masters of Procurement and Logistics; MSc in Epidemiology and Biostatics; Masters of Project Planning and Management; MSc in Health Management; MSc in Global Public Health; MSc Health Policy and Management; MSc in Economics and Policy; Masters of Science in Medical - Surgical Nursing; MSc in Community Health Sciences; MSc in Nursing and Surgery; Master of Public Health; MSc in Environmental Microbiology; and MSc Environmental Science and Laboratory with a minimum G.P.A of 4.0 (Assistant Lecturers) 30 positions.
- 2. Holders of PhD in Global Public Health, PhD in Nursing, PhD in Public Health; PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatics or related fields (Lecturers) 4 positions.
- 3. Holders of MMed Paediatrics & Child Health (05 positions); MMed Obstetrics & Gynaecology (05 positions); MMed Internal Medicine (05 positions); MMed General Surgery (05 positions); MMed Anaesthesiology (05 positions); MMed ENT (05 positions); MMed Ophthalmology (05 positions); MMed Radiology & Imaging (05 positions) and MMed Orthopaedics and Traumatology (05 positions).

Application submission and deadline: Interested applicants to fill these teaching vacant positions are invited to send a merged PDF file which shall include application letters, up to date curriculum vitae, and certified copies of certificates and transcripts addressed to the Vice Chancellor, Mwanza University P. O. Box. 3068 Mwanza. You can submit the application through administrator@mwanzauniversity.ac.tz or you can submit physically at MzU campus no later than August 3rd, 2023.

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Majaliwa lauds bank for supporting cervical cancer and maternal health

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has commended NBC Bank for its unwavering support to the fight against cervical cancer and maternal health adding that the bank's initiatives complement priorities in the health budget this year.

Majaliwa made the remark during the fourth edition of the NBC Dodoma marathon held at Jamhuri grounds in Dodoma that attracted over 5,000 participants and raised more than 300m/- to support the fight against cervical cancer awareness and midwifery scholarships in Tanzania with the proceeds going to the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) and Mkapa Foundation.

In the last two years, NBC Bank has raised more than 500m/- that has helped in facilitating the screening of more than 23,000 women where 1300 were diagnosed and are currently undergoing treatment at Ocean Road Cancer Institute.

Prime Minister Majaliwa said that the government appreciates the drive by the private sector to join hands in finding solutions to challenges facing society.

"The government acknowledges the noble social citizenship work carried out by NBC Bank over the years. We appreciate the innovation of partnering with Ocean Road Cancer Institute, Benjamin Mkapa Foundation, and the Tanzania Athletics Association to develop this marathon geared

towards raising funds to support the maternal health initiatives in Tanzania. The government supports all endeavors to save the lives of mother and child," he said.

Majaliwa said cervical cancer has claimed many lives of women across the country adding that these deaths can be minimised through increasing public awareness.

"Maternal deaths can be minimised if we ensure that there are ample midwives especially in villages. It is my hope that NBC's midwifery scholarships will help close the midwives' gap hence enhancing maternal health," Majaliwa said.

Dr Pindi Chana, Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports, during the event noted that the sixth phase Government is committed to support development of sports across the country urging that sports is vital in enhancing people's health but their well-being as a whole.

"We will continue partnering with various players in the private sector to ensure development of various sports activities across the country as we believe engagement in sports is integral in enhancing people's life-spans," Chana added.

Chief Medical Officer, Prof Tumaini Nagu said the bank's efforts compliment the Government's health sector development drive.

"Tanzania records around 40,000 new cancer cases each year. Out of four cancer patients, one is diagnosed with cervical cancer. Out of 25,000



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured in Dodoma city yesterday presenting a dummy cheque for 100m/- to Dr Julius Mwaisalage (2nd-R), director general of the Dar es Salaam-based Ocean Road Cancer Institute. It was in the course of the NBC Charity Marathon, whose focus is on raising funds to support midwifery students. Photo: PMO

patients who die each year, one of three die due to cervical cancer. These numbers are extremely high and intolerable as cervical cancer is treatable," she stressed.

She noted that vaccination for cervical cancer is available in the country and urged the public to undertake routine cancer screening adding that the Government has invested heavily in reducing cervical cancer deaths.

"The vaccine for cervical cancer is available in the country and is free of charge. I take this

opportunity to encourage the public to go for screening," she added.

NBC Bank Managing Director Theobald Sabi during the event reiterated that the bank's commitment to continue the fight against cervical cancer and maternal health as part of its Corporate Social Investment (CSI) adding that the fifth edition of the NBC Dodoma Marathon will be held on 28th July next year.

"After three successful editions of the Marathon here in Dodoma, we are pleased to organize the fourth edition. All the money raised today, close to 300m/-, will be channeled to Ocean Road Cancer Institute to support women's fight against cervical cancer and Benjamin Mkapa Foundation to provide scholarships to midwives' scholars in Tanzania.

Sabi added: "I am grateful for all the support from all the corners of the continent, with people joining us in this noble course. NBC Bank is privileged to be able to mobile funds to save lives and bring hopes to families."

Mpango: Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign should address challenges facing all people

By Guardian Reporter

THE Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign is supposed to look into challenges facing the people of all statuses including those with disabilities and victims of gender bases violence.

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango made the remarks at the weekend as he launched the Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign in Songea, Ruhelp victims of these acts get their vuma Region.

He said there has been a marked increase of acts of gender based violence (GBV) in the country, adding that statistics for January - December 2022 show that the majority of GBV incidents were on rape, totalling 6,335, sodomy 1,555 and child pregnancies 1,557.

rights and directed state organs to continue taking stern legal steps against the suspects.

He also called on Tanzanians to adopt the culture of writing wills as early as possible to avoid family disputes regarding inheritance in case of death.

He direcxted the Min uistry of He called on the campaign to Constitutional and Legal affairs to

double efforts on providing educating on the preparation of wills and issues of inheritance in general.

Meanwhile, Dr Mpango called on defence and security organs to curb the ongoing illegal bringing in of livestock in the Ruvuma Region, in particular in Tunduru, Namtumbo ans Songea Rural districts done by some officials and wealthy peo-

He also instructed the Ministrtry of Land, Housing and Human Settlements Development to increase the pace of town planning surveys and land formalisation to the people, saying the land sector continues to be faced with many land conflicts in various areas of the country due to lack of survey and formalisation. He also called on legal including the police force and the National Prosecution Office to abide by the law when implementing their duties.

He said there have been many reports of violation of human rights regarding arbitrary arrests of people, denial of bails, searchin without aghering to the laid down laws and regulations and other violations.

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- 2. Plan International Tanzania has set aside fund for provision of internet services to Dar es salaam, Kisarawe, Ifakara, Rukwa, Kibondo, Geita, Mwanza and Katavi. The Interested eligible bidders must confirm their intention to bid indicating all relevant contact information including an email address to tenders@plan-international.org Attn: Head of Procurement and Logistics. Bidding documents in the English language will be sent to interested bidders by email. Plan International Tanzania will not be held responsible for any costs related to printing or submission of the bid documents.
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INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES FOR OFFICE PREMISES & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

24 July, 2023

- 1. Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Co Ltd (TIPER) is a bulk storage facility for Petroleum Products with its shares divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA of Switzerland. The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
- 2. TIPER hereby invites via National Competitive Bidding (NCB) eligible Service Providers to bid for the Provision of **Cleaning Services for Office Premises & Environmental Control.**
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- 4. Interested and eligible bidders may request an electronic copy of the tender document by sending their request letters through the following email: tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz from date 24 July 2023 to 7 August 2023 from Monday to Friday, between 8:00 A.M.OA.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- 5. Bidders MUST visit the site before bidding. The site visit will be conducted on 28 July, 2023 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am local time.
- 6. During the site visit all bidders will be required to come with their own PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) which meets TIPER standards. This includes Steel Toe Safety Boots, Cotton Overcoat, and helmets. Bidders without PPE will not be allowed onto the site.
- 7. Bids MUST be submitted in hard copies only in envelopes sealed with postal seals or fire seals. Softcopies of bids should submit via a USB flash driver embedded in the hardcopies of bid submitted. No bid should be submitted by email.
- 8. All bids submitted in plain sealed envelopes in one original plus one copy, properly filled and marked **TENDER NO**: TP/05/2023/NCB/S/009 FOR PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES FOR OFFICE BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. All bids must be delivered physically to; The Secretary, Tender Committee, Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Limited (TIPER), P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam.
- 9. The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be 4.00 P.M. local time on 8 August, 2023.
- 10. There shall be NO public opening of bids.

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- 11. Late bids, a portion of bids, and electronic bids will not be considered for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- 12. TIPER is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid.

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exploration, in the fuel and energy complex, including nuclear power, in the chemical industry, mining and transport engineering, agriculture and fishery. The changes taking place in the world require the search for solutions related to the establishment of new transport and logistical chains, the formation of a monetary and financial system, and mechanisms of mutual settlements that are safe and free from unfavourable external impacts.

We understand the importance of uninterrupted food supplies for the socio-economic development and political stability of the African States. On this basis, we have always paid great attention to issues related to the supply of wheat, barley, maize and other crops to African countries. We have done so both on a contractual basis and free of charge as humanitarian aid, including through the United Nations Food Programme. Thus, in 2022, Russia exported 11.5 million tons of grain to Africa, and another 10 million tons were delivered in the first half of 2023 - despite the sanctions imposed on our exports, which severely hamper the supply of Russian food products to developing countries, complicating transport logistics, insurance arrangements, and bank payments.

Many have probably heard of the so-called "grain deal", whose initial purpose was to ensure global food security, reduce the threat of hunger and help the poorest countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America - the reason why Russia undertook the obligation to facilitate its implementation in the first place. This "deal", however, while it was publicly advertised by the West as a gesture of goodwill that benefited Africa, has in fact been shamelessly used solely for the enrichment of large US and European businesses that exported and resold grain from Ukraine.

Judge for yourselves: in almost a year, a total of 32.8 million tons of supplies were exported from Ukraine under the "deal", with over 70 percent of the exports ending up in high- and upper-middle-income countries, including in the European Union, whereas such countries as Ethiopia, Sudan and Somalia, as well as Yemen and Afghanistan, received less than 3 percent of the supplies, i.e. less than one million tons

In the meantime, none of the terms of the "deal" relating to the exemption from sanctions of Russian grain and fertilizer exports to world markets, were fulfilled. Moreover, barriers have been mounted even to our attempts to supply free of charge mineral fertilizers to the poorest countries in need. Of 262,000 tons of goods blocked in European ports, only two shipments were delivered - one of 20,000 tons to Malawi and one of 34,000 tons to Kenya. The rest is still unscrupulously held by the Europeans. And this is a purely humanitarian initiative we are talking about, which should be exempt from any sanctions as such.

Considering all these facts, there is no longer any use in continuing the "grain deal" as it has failed to serve its original humanitarian purpose. We argued against further extending the "deal", which terminated as of 18 July.

I want to give assurances that our country is capable of replacing the Ukrainian grain both on a commercial and free-of-charge basis, especially as we expect another record harvest this year.

Notwithstanding the sanctions, Russia will continue its energetic efforts to provide supplies of grain, food products, fertilizers, and other goods to Africa. We highly value and will further develop the full spectrum of economic ties with Africa - with individual states as well as regional integration groups and, naturally, with the African Union. We welcome the Organization's strategic course towards further economic integration and the formation of the African Continental Free Trade Area. We are ready to build pragmatic, mutually beneficial relations, including in the framework of the Eurasian Economic Union. We are also willing to step up cooperation with other regional integration organizations on the continent. In keeping with the existing tradition, we intend to continue providing assistance to African states in building their national capacities. There are currently about 35 thousand students from the continent in Russia, more than six thousand of them receive Russian government scholarships. Each year we increase the number of scholarships, promote paid higher education options and facilitate inter-university ties, which have gained significant momentum in recent times. Bringing humanitarian, cultural, sports and mass media cooperation to a whole new level would serve our common interests. I would like to seize this opportunity to invite our young African friends to the World Youth Festival, which will take place in Sochi, Russia, in March 2024. This large-scale international forum will gather more than twenty thousand participants from over 180 countries for an informal, friendly and open dialogue that is free from ideological and political barriers, racial and religious prejudice and would consolidate the young generation around the ideals of lasting and durable peace, prosperity, and creative spirit. In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that we attach great importance to the upcoming Second Russia-Africa Summit. We expect that the Summit would adopt a comprehensive Declaration, a number of joint statements, and approve the Russia - Africa Partnership Forum Action Plan for 2023-2026. We are working to prepare an impressive package of intergovernmental and inter agency agreements and memoranda with individual states as well as regional associations of the continent. I am looking forward to welcoming the African leaders in St. Petersburg and stand committed to a fruitful constructive dialogue. I firmly believe that the decisions adopted at the Summit and Forum, coupled with continuous diversified joint work will contribute to further development of Russian African strategic partnership for the benefit of our countries and peoples.

Russian President, Vladimir Putin

RUSSIA AND AFRICA: JOINING EFFORTS FOR PEACE, PROGRESS AND A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

the second Russia-Africa Summit and Russia-Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum. On the eve of these large-scale stately events which will bring together heads of state and government, entrepreneurs, academia and public figures, I would like to share my vision of the development of Russia-Africa relations with the readers of the leading media on the African continent, outlining priority cooperation areas for the coming decades of the 21st century

The partnership relations between our country and Africa have strong, deep roots being distinguished by stability, trust and goodwill at all times. We have consistently supported African peoples in their struggle for liberation from colonial oppression. We have provided assistance in the formation of statehood, strengthening of sovereignty and defence capabilities. Much has been done to create sustainable foundations for national economies. By the mid-1980s, with the participation of our specialists, over 330 large infrastructure and industrial facilities have been built in Africa, such as power plants, irrigation systems, industrial and agricultural enterprises, which are successfully operating to this day, and continue to make a significant contribution to the continent's economic development. Tens of thousands of African doctors, technicians, engineers, officers and teachers have received education in Russia.

I would especially note the traditionally close cooperation on the world stage, the firm and consistent advocacy rendered by the USSR and then Russia to African countries at international fora. We have always strictly adhered to the "African problems - an African solution" principle standing

n 27-28 July, St. Petersburg will host in solidarity with Africans in their struggle for self-determination, justice and their legitimate rights. We have never tried to impose on partners our own ideas about the internal structure, forms and methods of management, goals of development and ways to achieve them. Unchanged remains our respect for the sovereignty of African states, their traditions and values, their desire to independently determine their own destiny and freely build relationships with partners.

We highly value the honestly gained capital of friendship and cooperation, traditions of trust and mutual support that Russia and African countries share. We are brought together by a common desire to shape a system of relations based on the priority of international law, consideration of national interests, indivisibility of security, and recognition of the central coordinating role of the United Nations.

Today, the constructive, trustful, forwardlooking partnership between Russia and Africa is especially significant and important. Major centres of economic and political power and influence are emerging in the world, which are asserting themselves more and more insistently, demanding that they be reckoned with. We are sure that a new multipolar world order, the contours of which are already seen, will be more just and democratic. And there is no doubt that Africa, along with Asia, the Middle East and Latin America, will take its worthy place in it and finally free itself from the bitter legacy of colonialism and neo-colonialism, rejecting its modern practices.

Russia welcomes the rising international authority of individual states as well as Africa as a whole. Their desire to make their voices strongly heard and to take the con-

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tinent's problems into their own hands. We have always supported the constructive initiatives of our partners. We stand for granting African countries their rightful place in the structures that determine the fate of the world, including the UN Security Council and the G2O, as well as reforming the global financial and trade institutions in a way that meets their interests.

Regrettably, we see that the situation in the world today is far from stable. The longstanding conflicts that exist in nearly every region are deepening, and new threats and challenges are emerging. And Africa feels the burden of global challenges like no other part of the world. In such a challenging environment, we look forward to working with our African partners to shape a nondiscriminatory agenda for cooperation. The strategic areas of our interaction are set by the decisions of the first Russia-Africa Summit held in Sochi in late October 2019. The Russia-Africa Partnership Forum was established for their effective implementation. We have set up bilateral intergovernmental commissions for trade, economic, scientific and technological cooperation with many countries of the continent, and the network of Russian embassies and trade missions in Africa will be expanded. Further instruments are being actively developed to better structure economic relations and give them greater dynamism.

I would like to note with satisfaction that Russia's trade turnover with the African countries increased in 2022 and reached almost USD 18 billion. However, we are all well aware that the potential of our trade and economic partnership is much higher. Russian companies are interested in working more actively on the continent in the sphere of high technologies and geological

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Participants of an entrepreneurship training organised by the CCM women's wing in Iringa Urban District gift the wing's chairperson, Christina Makwei (2nd-L), a wall clock at the end of the training yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

BBT for youth empowerment programme starts to bear fruit

By Guardian Correspondent, Karagwe

YOUTHS who have joined the Building a Better Tomorrow (BBT) initiative in the livestock program under the training of Livestock Training Agency (LITA) have started to taste the fruit of their work after selling 310 cows they fattened for three months.

This came to light during the recent visit by the Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega at the training center located at Kikulula area in Karagwe District, Kagera Region.

Speaking on behalf of fellow youths, Salum Husidicheki said so far they have sold 310 cows in two phases, whereby in the first phase they sold 150 cows and in the second phase they sold 160 cows.

"We managed to sell our cattle at an average price not less than six hundred and fifty thousand (650,000) and in those sales the profit for each cow is not less than ninety thousand (90,000)," he said.

He also took the opportunity to thank the Sixth Phase Government led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan for enabling them to get the training opportunity, adding that as youths of this country they believe that through such training they will be able to have the commercial breeding knowledge and upsurge their income.

On his visit, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega congratulated them for the milestone achieved so far, adding that it is a vivid indication that the training acquired is appropriate and fruitful.

He added that the vision and mission of President Samia is to make BBT a nationwide programme and make sure that youths play a vital role in productivity by using local resources.

"We want you to be the ambassadors of the change we seek in the livestock sector by implementing the knowledge you have acquired in this program, the target is to ensure growth in the livestock business," he said.

TAMWA calls on women to vie for political leadership positions

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Tanzania Media Women's Association, Zanzibar (TAMWA- Zanzibar) has urged women to remain steadfast in their attempt to vie for political leadership position, overcoming any possible challenges that women often face when entering leadership positions to increase their participation in decision-making bodies.

Dr Mzuri Issa, TAMWA-Zanzibar director said in a statement that the low number of women in decisionmaking bodies and democratic processes is evidently spotted during election time every five years, where

women are given limited opportunities the situation which can hinder Tanzania's efforts to eradicate poverty and strengthen democracy, which grants citizens the right to choose their preferred leaders.

She said that recently, TAMWA-Zanzibar conducted training sessions for women with the aspiration to run for leadership positions in Zanzibar and discovered that there is fear among women to participate in such roles due to various reasons.

According to her, among the identified reasons identified hindering the participation of women in these bodies are threats, fear of sexual bribery, as well as the absence of gender systems and policies within political parties that build and prepare women to become effective leaders.

Dr Mzuri said that the absence of such systems hinders women's ability to recognize and stand up for their fundamental rights, which goes against the requirements of the Constitution and international agreements concerning human rights.

It was observed that this challenge leads many women to attempt to enter leadership roles without having the proper foundations on how to be effective leaders, making it difficult to achieve Sustainable Development Goal number five of Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls in all areas.

She also noted that recognizing the importance of women, various laws and policies in Zanzibar have emphasized the right of women to participate in democracy and leadership. Article 21(2) of the Zanzibar Constitution of 1984 states that every Zanzibari has the right and freedom to fully participate in decisions regarding matters concerning women and their nation.

"Therefore, TAMWA ZNZ calls for political parties and other stakeholders to join the frontline in capacitating young girls and women

the United Nations, which promotes with good governance skills so that they can grow within these foundations that empower them to recognize their rights and participate fully in all decision-making processes for the development of the nation."

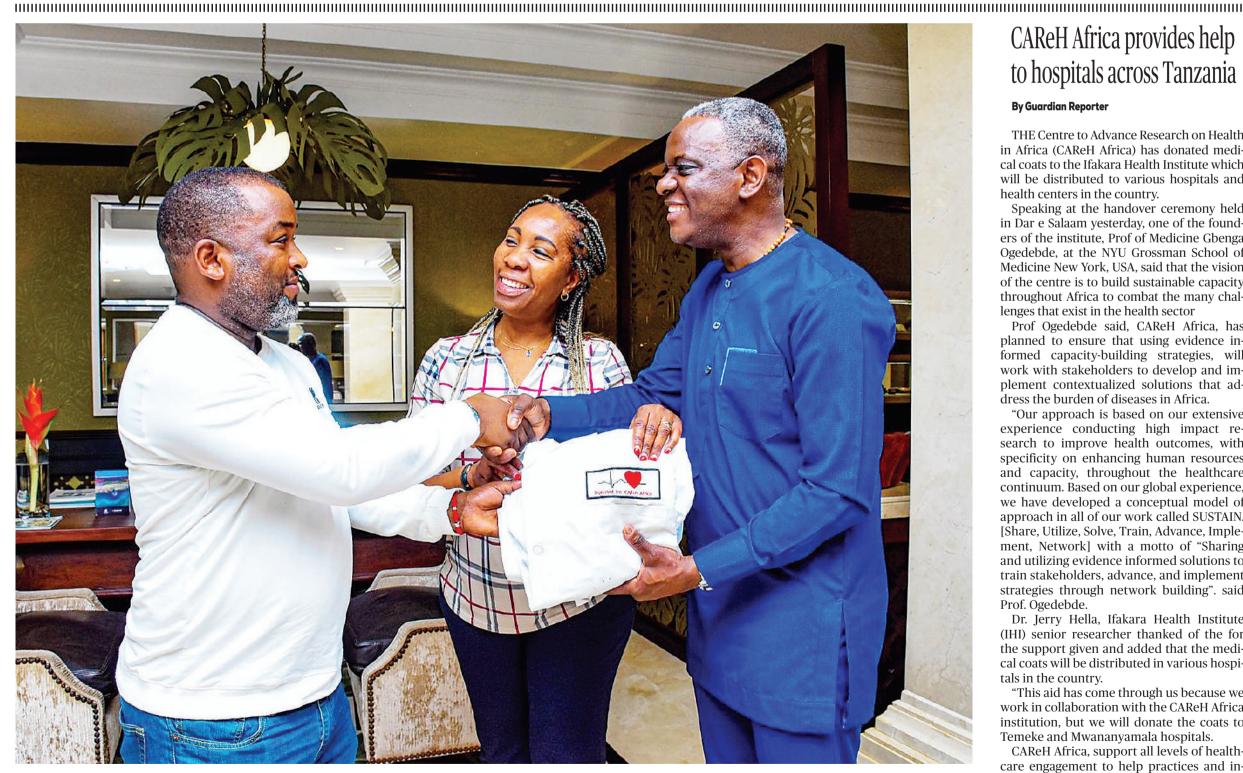
"TAMWA-Zanzibar believes that the presence of gender policies within political parties and the establishment of well-structured leadership systems that consider gender will lead to a balanced representation that advocates for the rights and interests of all groups for the development of society and the nation as a whole.'

A total of 170 women from Unguja and Pemba have been empowered

with leadership skills with the goal of achieving gender equality and increasing their participation in decision-making levels.

"We believe that if women are given a strong foundation in leadership early on, it will contribute to the emergence of competent leaders who advocate for the rights and interests of all, promoting the development of both society and the nation as a whole.

"We also encourage women to overcome their fears and instead have the courage to participate in demanding their rights, including engaging in leadership processes to promote gender equality.'





By Guardian Reporter

THE Centre to Advance Research on Health in Africa (CAReH Africa) has donated medical coats to the Ifakara Health Institute which will be distributed to various hospitals and health centers in the country.

Speaking at the handover ceremony held

CAReH Africa founder Prof Gbenga Ogedebde (R) from the US-based NYU Grossman School of Medicine pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting medical coats to Dr Jerry Hella (C), a senior researcher with Ifakara Health Centre. Left is Prof Chinwe Ogedebde from New Jersey's Hackensack School of Medicine. The support is is meant for use at various health centres in Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

in Dar e Salaam yesterday, one of the founders of the institute, Prof of Medicine Gbenga Ogedebde, at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine New York, USA, said that the vision of the centre is to build sustainable capacity throughout Africa to combat the many challenges that exist in the health sector

Prof Ogedebde said, CAReH Africa, has planned to ensure that using evidence informed capacity-building strategies, will work with stakeholders to develop and implement contextualized solutions that address the burden of diseases in Africa.

"Our approach is based on our extensive experience conducting high impact research to improve health outcomes, with specificity on enhancing human resources and capacity, throughout the healthcare continuum. Based on our global experience, we have developed a conceptual model of approach in all of our work called SUSTAIN. [Share, Utilize, Solve, Train, Advance, Implement, Network] with a motto of "Sharing and utilizing evidence informed solutions to train stakeholders, advance, and implement strategies through network building". said Prof. Ogedebde.

Dr. Jerry Hella, Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) senior researcher thanked of the for the support given and added that the medical coats will be distributed in various hospitals in the country.

"This aid has come through us because we work in collaboration with the CAReH Africa institution, but we will donate the coats to Temeke and Mwananyamala hospitals.

CAReH Africa, support all levels of healthcare engagement to help practices and institutions identify contextualized improvement needs, develop skills, and engage in capacity building efforts.

Dodoma RC orders hunt for people behind torching of Mzakwe valley

By Guardian Reporter

DODOMA regional commissioner Rosemary Senyamule has instructed the region's defence and security organs to hunt for all those involved in setting fire in Dodoma City's Mzakwe valley.

Senyamule gave the instructions last

Saturday when she visited the area and witnessed the destruction by the fire that began at noon.

She said 70 per cent of Dodoma City water supply comes from the Mzakwe Valley, which is a reserve area, hence, she added it is essential to ensure its protection for the health of the people and the environment.

She also commended National service (NS) youth who participated in extinguishing the fire in the Mzakwe Valley

"We are very much concerned by the fire as it has destroyed the Valley's ecosystem including TANESCO infrastructures including power poles.

"In the circumstances I commend the NS

youth for their efforts to put te fire down and also instruct investigation organs to make investigation to find out its cause.," she said.

The RC also directed the Manager of the Wami-Ruvu Basin to make sure they create special roads aimed as protection of the Valley from fire.

Earlier the Assistant Commissioner of Fire Brigade and Rescue Services for DSodoma Region, Juliushaeli Mfinanga said they received reports of the fire by phone through the emergency Number 114 and promptly dispatched firemen to the area.

He said the fire has been contained and did not cause great destruction.

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Vivo Energy Tanzania's head of marketing and communication, Grace Kijo (L) pictured in Morogoro at the weekend introducing Phineas Boniface (2nd-L), a resident of the municipality, as the winner of a new motorcycle courtesy of the firm's promotion drive dubbed 'Jaza Ushinde Tena na Engen'. The raffle involves refuelling at Engen filling stations. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Don't trade in your kidneys, **Mpango cautions Tanzanians**

By Guardian Reporter

DR Philip Mpango, the Vice President has called on Tanzanians, especially the youth to avoid offering their kidneys for money to avoid health complications.

He made the call on Saturday during his working visit in Ruvuma Region soon after inaugurating the building for dialysis services at St Joseph Referral Hospital, Peramiho. He said selling one's kidney can

make the remaining kidney being overworked. The Vice President also called on

Tanzanians to embrace the habit of examining their health statuses at least once a year to avoid the diseases they might be suffering from

be difficult to treat.

He also called on health experts and other officials to continue educating the public on how people can get kidney complications in order to make other people careful.

He said the kidney disease is among fatal diseases in the world, and added that in Tanzania it is estimated that every 100 Tanzanians, seven suffer from the disease.

He explained that 10 per cent of people suffering from acute kidney disease reach the threatening stage that need kidney dialysis or kidney transplant.

Dr Mpango added that the government is implementing various measures aimed at preventing and

to reach advanced stages that could control the kidney disease and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) whereby so far more than 20 specialist doctors and more than 19 nurses have completed training and provide kidney services at various hospitals in the country.

He praised the St joseph Referral Hospital, Peramiho for providing dialysis services that will be a great relief to many people in the area.

For his part, Peramiho Member of Parliament who is also the Minister of State in the PM Office (Policy, Parliament and Coordination), Jenista Mhagama thanked the government for implementing various development projects in the area in the health, education and infrastructures sectors.

NEMC challenged to bring in better programmes to protect Ruaha River

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) has been urged to come up with better programmes that will help to protect Great Ruaha River (GRR) from all forms of environmental degradation.

Leonard Masanja, the Iringa regional administrative secretary threw the challenge over the weekend when he met with NEMC officials delegate from the Central Zone region who paid a courtesy call at his office.

He described Ruaha River as a lifeline for millions of people hence need to have environmentallyfriendly programmes.

The Great Ruaha River is a river in South-Central Tanzania that flows through the Usangu wetlands and the Ruaha National Park East into the Rufiji River.

It traverses and marks the borders between Iringa Region, Dodoma Region and Morogoro Region. The Great Ruaha river has a basin catchment area of 83,970 square kilometres (32,421 sq m).

"The preservation of water sources, including the Ruaha River that passes through the zoo, is an area that needs to be looked at with a very special eye,"he said.

Eng. Masanja raised grave concern over the growing spate of destruction of water bodies within the region, asked NEMC to stand at a forefront front to help preserve the vital water catchments for the development of an array of socioeconomic activities in the region.

"The region has been endowed with the various sources of water but due to the emerging drought people are invading the water

sources the situation which calls for jointly intervention before things went out of hand," he insisted. He asked NEMC to help monitor-

ing the effective reinforcement of the relevant laws, over protection of water sources, the regulations which among others prohibiting human activities within 60 meters from water sources.

For his part, the Regional Environmental Officer, Dr. Golyama Bahat expressed that in this year of 2023, Iringa region has successfully managed to plant a total of 35 million trees, being efforts to improve the general environment of the region.

NEMC officials were in Iringa Region for at least five days for visiting the environmental stakeholders as well as provide education on environmental conservation management.



AKIBA COMMERCIAL BANK PLC Company No. 22797

COMMERCIAL BANK PLC SHALL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 19TH AUGUST 2023 AT DAR ES SALAAM SERENA HOTEL AND VIRTUALLY FROM 10:00 A.M. (EAT)

The following Agenda will be transacted:

- 1.0 Opening Remarks, Confirmation of Quorum and Adoption of the Agenda
- 2.0 To Confirm Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting and Extra Ordinary General Meeting
- 3.0 To Discuss Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting and Extra Ordinary General Meeting
- To Receive the Chairman's Statement 4.0
- 5.0 To Receive and Adopt the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2022 together with the Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon
- To Receive the Current Management's Report on the Operational Performance of the Bank 6.0
- 7.0 To Approve the Appointment of a Director

To Set Date for the Next Annual General Meeting

- 8.0 To Appoint the External Auditors for the year ending 31st December 2023 and Approve their Remuneration
- 10.0 Closing Remarks

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By

THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

(the Bank)

NOTICE FOR CONVENING THE 26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AKIBA

The Aga Khan University (AKU) invites applications for the following position based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania:

Lecturer/Senior Instructor-School of Nursing and Midwifery, Tanzania (SONAM)

Position responsibilities:

- · Implement the curriculum as approved by curriculum committee and regulatory authorities' jurisdiction.
- Teach in classroom and clinical areas as assigned by the Associate Dean, SONAM-Tanzania.
- Prepare a master plan of clinical placements for students and disseminate as required.
- Monitor theoretical and clinical teaching activities.
- Provide academic support to students and colleagues. E.g., supervise and evaluate (peer-review) faculty performance as required; monitor faculty teaching and clinical hours to determine fair distribution of teaching loads.
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Invitees: soard of Directors - Akiba Commercial Senior Management - Akiba Commercial Bank Plc **External Auditors - KPMG** Director, Financial Sector Supervision - Bank of Tanzania

NOTE:

A. PAPERS FOR THE MEETING

Papers for the meetings will be available for collection at the Bank's Registered Offices from Monday, 14th August 2023 and at the venue on the date of the meeting.

B. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Any other business to be discussed during the Annual General Meeting must be communicated to the Company Secretary not later than Monday, 14th August 2023.

C. OPTION TO JOIN VIRTUALLY

Shareholders may join the meeting virtually if unable to attend physically, by notifying the Company Secretary to register their virtual attendance and obtain meeting access before Thursday, 17th August 2023. The meeting can be accessed virtually only by Shareholders who have registered their attendance.

D. ATTENDANCE BY PROXY

A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at these meetings may, if unable to attend in person, appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of the Company.

The instrument appointing a proxy must be signed by the respective Shareholder.

The instrument appointing a proxy must be submitted to the Company Secretary at the Bank's registered office or via email by 10.00 a.m. (EAT) Thursday, 17th August 2023.

E. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Each Shareholder shall be responsible for the cost of their own travel and accommodation.

F. OTHER INFORMATION

Shareholders are reminded to confirm/update their personal information with the Company Secretary in order to update the Company Register.

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TPDC has to act fast to use existing export opportunities for natural gas

PROSPECTS that Tanzania becomes a natural gas exporter, in the region and beyond, have been there for a whole, and indeed the drilling offshore firms are doing plenty of that already. or several, and then asks its pro-Yet this isn't an item that is constantly being heard about, merely registered in terms of monthly revenue expectations and how this enables the government to realise often dreamy development projects. Widening the arc to sell natural gas to our immediate hinterland isn't complicated at all.

This is basically what the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) wishes to do, and this isn't a new idea as it has been there for a while, to start exporting natural gas to various countries in eastern Africa. An executive with the corporation laid out the plans, in what often is a curtain raiser for the formal proclamation of such intent on the part of the government. In a converse scenario, a reminder could as well be a public appeal for its taking up.

To be sure, the parastatal organisation is in a position to do so but it is likely to take a lot of time, as they require fairly substantial financing to take off, which means lining up another project for World Bank consideration. Its private sector window, the International Finance Corporation could be approached if the project was anchored in the public-private partnership format, of which we are now taking profound measures to move in that direction. We can do it here too.

For once, TPDC has for a whole expressed the wish to build large oil storage facilities to take position as a major fuel supplier for that direction.

landlocked countries. The way in which the project has been mooted, so to speak, is apparently based on a supply side format, that TPDC builds such a facility, jected clients to come forward. That appears to be risky, and instead they could be built into the plan by having their key oil suppliers take shares in a specialised company for that purpose. Then its financing could be arranged.

For one thing, we often think that there are decades ahead in exploitation of carbon fuels, which includes natural gas through it is coal that is pilloried by activists, as well as crude oil. We have concurred for our purposes that natural gas is clean energy, but at the world level there is a lobby staking out that position, while in actual fact natural gas is a fossil fuel like petroleum. The point is that we need to 'run while others walk,' as relying on TPDC to find the cash to bring up such outlays will take time, others chip in rapidly, and later renewable energy ruins the prospects for large markets for natural gas.

That is why it is important for planners at the concerned ministry and elsewhere to think out plans for optimal exploitation of fossil fuels, all of them, before the situation is negative for that whole atmosphere. The trouble with plans as they are being doled out as in this case is that they focus on parastatal prerogatives and plans, while as a matter of fact the world shall not wait. The degree to which members of the European Union Parliament have been fastidious, even vengeful, about the East African crude oil pipeline project is salutary in

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Thande Mugure: The judge blocking Ruto taxes no stranger to controversy

By Alex Ndegwa and Sam Kiplagat

ONE might not be faulted to say that Justice Thande Mugure was only known to those close to her, and perhaps advocates and litigants who have appeared before her.

That is until last month when she first delivered the landmark decision stopping the controversial Finance Act, 2023, which details new taxes the government railroaded despite public protests, on its tracks.

However, the 58-year-old judge who has rattled President William Ruto's administration isn't new to bold verdicts. The ruling party and the electoral commission have in the past been on the receiving end of the Kianda High School alumni who has been in the legal profession for over three decades, and

determine the case. This was despite submissions by Kimani that the application for certification was like 'kicking the matter into the long grass', as the case is likely to stall before the bench is picked and makes a determination on the matter. The decision has roundly been criticised by President Ruto, his deputy Rigathi Gachagua and their allies.

But Justice Thande is no stranger to controversy. Five days to last year's presidential election, she delivered another landmark judgment to protect the rights of all eligible voters, despite protests by the electoral commission and the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) on whose ticket Dr Ruto would subsequently win the presidency.

Act remains suspended, court

ya Integrated Elections Management System (KIEMS). Justice Thande observed while Section 44 of the Elections Act provides for the use of technology in the election process from registration and identification of voters to transmission of results, "technology can and will fail, and did indeed fail in the 2013 general elections."

The judge cited the Supreme Court finding during the 2013 presidential election filed by Mr Odinga that "it is common ground that even the best technology can fail; it was also admitted that in the conduct of 2013 general elections it largely failed and it can also be interfered with through criminal and human elements.'

Following the failure of technology during the 2013 elections and in Implementation of Finance order to forestall the risks associated with technology hitches in subse-

Despite the Supreme Court upholding Dr Ruto's election as Kenya's fifth President, Azimio politicians, capitalising on mounting public discontent over the runaway cost of living and numerous new taxes imposed by the Finance Act, are orchestrating mass protests and collection of 15 million signatures to discredit the government.

In the verdict on the row over the manual voters' register, Justice Thande went on to state on August 4, 2022: "A declaration is hereby issued that the decision of the 1st (IEBC) and 2nd (Mr Chebukati) respondents signified by the letter dated 10.6.22 stating that the 1st respondent shall not use manual register of voters in the General Elections on Tuesday 9.8.22 is unconstitutional and the said decision is hereby quashed."

And earlier before the General Election last year, Chief Justice

Breakthrough cures for Hepatitis still out of reach of vast majority

a new outbreak of unexplained acute hepatitis infections affecting children. World Health Organisation (WHO), together with scientists and policymakers in affected countries, are working to understand the cause of this infection that does not appear to belong to any of the known 5 types of hepatitis viruses: A,B,C,D, and E.

This new outbreak brings focus on thousands of acute viral hepatitis infections that occur among children, adolescents and adults every year. Most acute hepatitis infections cause mild disease and even go undetected.

lead complications and be fatal. In 2019 alone, an estimated 78 000 deaths occurred worldwide due to complications of acute hepatitis A to E infections.

Global efforts prioritise the elimination of the hepatitis infections B, C and D infections. Unlike acute viral hepatitis, these 3 infections cause chronic hepatitis that lasts for several decades and culminate in over 1 million deaths per year from cirrhosis and liver cancer.

These 3 types of chronic hepatitis infections are responsible for over 95 per cent of hepatitis deaths.

While we have the guidance and tools to diagnose, treat, and prevent chronic viral hepatitis, these services are often out of reach of communities and are sometimes only available at centralised/specialised hospitals.

On World Hepatitis Day WHO is highlighting the need

THE world is currently facing for bringing hepatitis care closer to the primary health facilities and communities so that people have better access to treatment and care, no matter what type of hepatitis they may have.

WHO aims to achieve hepatitis elimination by 2030. To get there. WHO calls on countries to achieve specific targets: Reduce new infections of hepatitis B and C by 90 per cent; Reduce hepatitis related deaths from liver cirrhosis and cancer by 65 per cent; Ensure that at least 90 per cent of people with hepatitis B and C virus are diagnosed; and At least 80 per cent of those eligible receive appropriate treatment.

In 2016 Muhimbili National But in some cases, they can Hospital (MNH) planned to establish a diagnosis of hepatitis B virus and offer free treatment with Tenofovir medication to patients for five years.

> MNH's John Lwegasha, speaking in Dar es Salaam, said Tanzania becomes the second country after Rwanda within the East Africa to control and treat the disease. Dr Lwegasha said the programme will help in capacity building in making the therapy within the country, assuring sustainability and guaranteeing high quality of services.

Hepatitis B is one of the most common infectious diseases in the world with high prevalence in most of sub-Saharan Africa countries. The complexity in its diagnosis and treatment poses a significant management challenge in the resource-limited settings including Tanzania, where most of the tests and drugs are either unavailable or unaffordable.

so has the Chief Justice Martha Koome-led Supreme Court.

But the judge is now a popular name among many Kenyans after granting orders, twice, stopping Treasury Cabinet Secretary Njuguna Ndung'u from implementing the controversial law that imposes higher taxes on fuel and new deductions including housing levy for salaried workers likely to worsen runaway cost of living.

The judge, who joined the Judiciary in May 2015 from private practice, had temporarily stopped the government on June 30 from implementing the Act, a few days after President William Ruto had signed it into law. Rattled by the decision, the government through Attorney General Justin Muturi picked a battery of lawyers including his predecessor, Prof Githu Muigai, senior counsel Kiragu Kimani, and Mahat Somane, in a bid to convince the judge to lift the suspension.

Unconstitutional

But after hearing arguments from litigants and advocates for more than four hours, Justice Thande maintained her position and refused to lift the freeze on July 11. She stated that the prejudice that will be suffered by the public by being subjected to a law that may ultimately be determined to be unconstitutional, outweighs the prejudice to be suffered by the government by far, if the petition were to fail.

"I am, therefore, satisfied that notwithstanding the presumption of constitutionality of legislation, there is merit in granting conservatory orders in respect of the Finance Act under challenge," the judge said.

The judge then certified the case as raising substantial questions of law and referred the matter to Chief Justice Martha Koome for appointment of a bench of judges to rules The petition filed on June 21, 2022 arose from a statement by the then Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) chairman Wafula Chebukati that IEBC would not use the manual or printed register of voters in the August 9, 2022 presidential election after blaming the physical voters' roll for vote rigging in the

nullified 2017 presidential polls. Chebukati, the presidential election's national returning officer, had made the statement in response to concerns raised with IEBC on June 5, 2022 by Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition Party, which fielded Raila Odinga as its presidential candidate.

"In 2017, the commission strongly argued for the need of manual identification of voters and transmission of results as a complimentary system yet in this election, it is taking a totally and exactly opposite position," Odinga subsequently told Chebukati in a letter dated June 22 2022.

Concerned the outlawing of the use of the manual register would deny eligible voters their right to vote on account of lack of fingerprints or technological failure, seven rights groups lodged a constitutional and judicial review petition at the High Court.

They sought an order compelling IEBC to provide a manual register of voters in every polling station as a backup to identify voters in the event of failure of the electronic voter identification devices.

But Dr Ruto's UDA, which was an interested party, opposed the petition in a replying affidavit sworn by the then Secretary General Veronica Maina. Maina is now a nominated Senator.

UDA supported the position taken by Chebukati and the IEBC for the petition to be dismissed, arguing the petitioners had not demonstrated the probability of failure of the Ken-

quent elections, Parliament had enacted Section 44A which compelled the IEBC to "put in place a complementary mechanism for identification of voters that is simple, accurate, verifiable, secure, accountable and transparent."

"The 1st Respondent (IEBC) has made a decision that is in violation of the Constitution and the law and indeed its own internal memo," Justice Thande ruled, referring to an internal memo dated July 27, 2017 authored by then IEBC chief executive officer Ezra Chiloba (now Communication Authority's Director-General) and addressed to poll officials prior to 2017 polls.

The memo set out three modes of identifying voters; biometric, the complementary mechanism of alphanumeric search and the use of the printed register of voters, and would feature in a Court of Appeal elections case involving the National Super Alliance (Nasa). Nasa, Mr Odinga's coalition, subsequently successfully petitioned the Supreme Court to nullify then President Uhuru Kenyatta's re-election in 2017, citing unconstitutional conduct by the electoral commission. President Kenyatta won a fresh election in October 2017 that Odinga boycotted. In the ensuing post-election crisis, President Kenyatta in March 2018 struck a truce with the opposition leader.

This ceasefire, referred to as handshake, would escalate a fallout between President Kenyatta and his deputy, Ruto, culminating in last year's acrimonious presidential election that Dr Ruto won after trouncing Mr Odinga who had the backing of the outgoing president. President Ruto is now battling opposition protests led by Odinga and his running mate Martha Karua, who have branded the Kenya Kwanza administration illegitimate and demanded an audit of election servers alleging last year's presidential vote was rigged.

Koome came up with rules- the Supreme (Presidential Election Petition Amendment Rules) 2022, barring advocates and litigants from making comments on the presidential election petition, while the case is yet to be determined. The rules were challenged in court and Justice Thande agreed with the petitioner, lawyer Omwanza Ombati, that their development was unconstitutional as it amounted to usurpation of the authority of Parliament. Justice Koome had defended the rules, saying the rules, which were gazetted on April 12, 2022, were meant to ensure both the dignity and independence of the court is maintained. Justice Koome said the intention was not to take away the freedom of expression.

But Justice Thande differed saying while it is accepted that the Supreme Court should be given the leeway and space to exercise the powers conferred upon it by the Constitution, such power must be exercised within the 'four corners of the Constitution and without usurping the powers of other constitutional entities'.

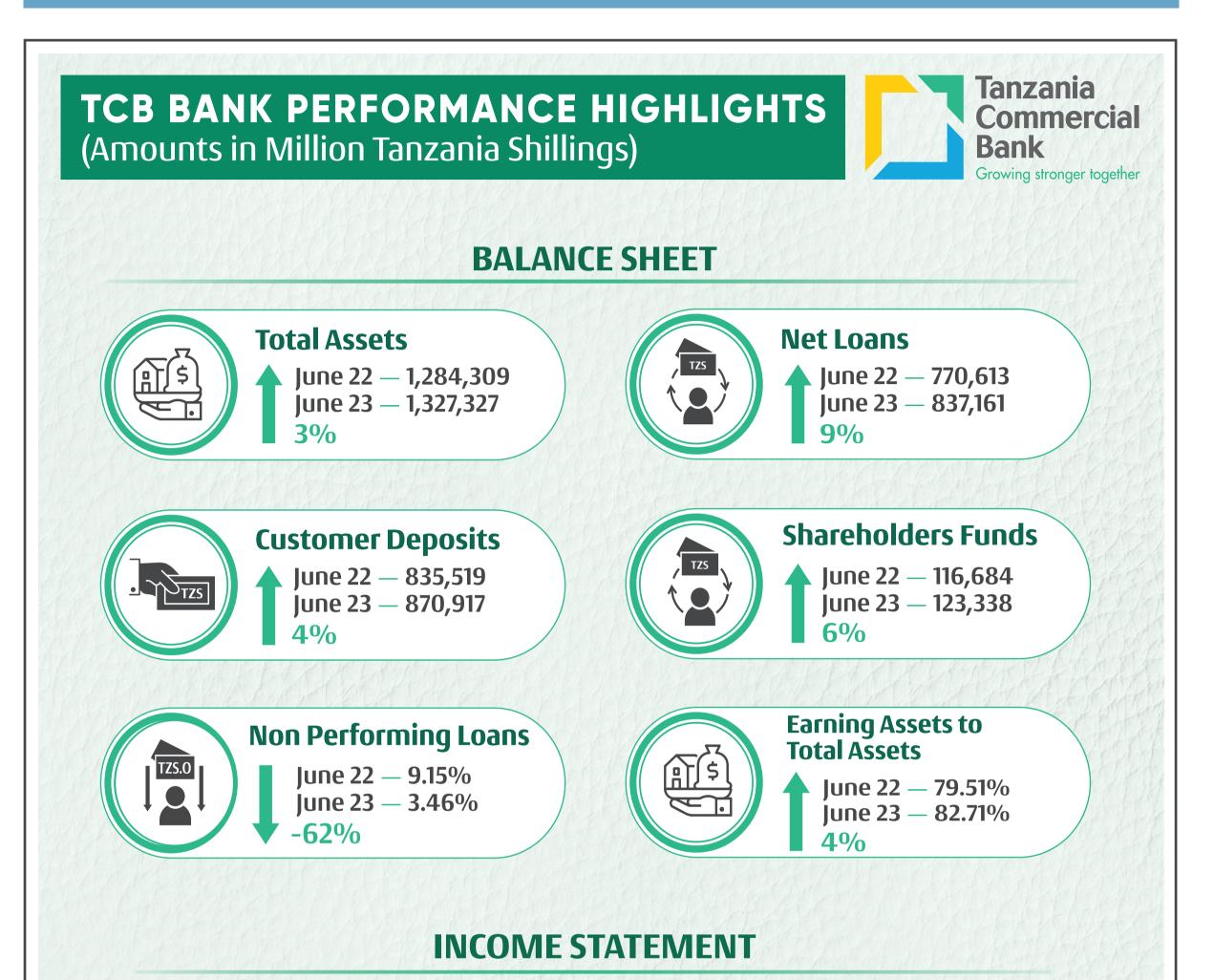
"I find that in making the impugned rules which contain a penal provision that is enforceable by the court, the Supreme Court went beyond its authority and usurped the law-making role of Parliament," the judge said.

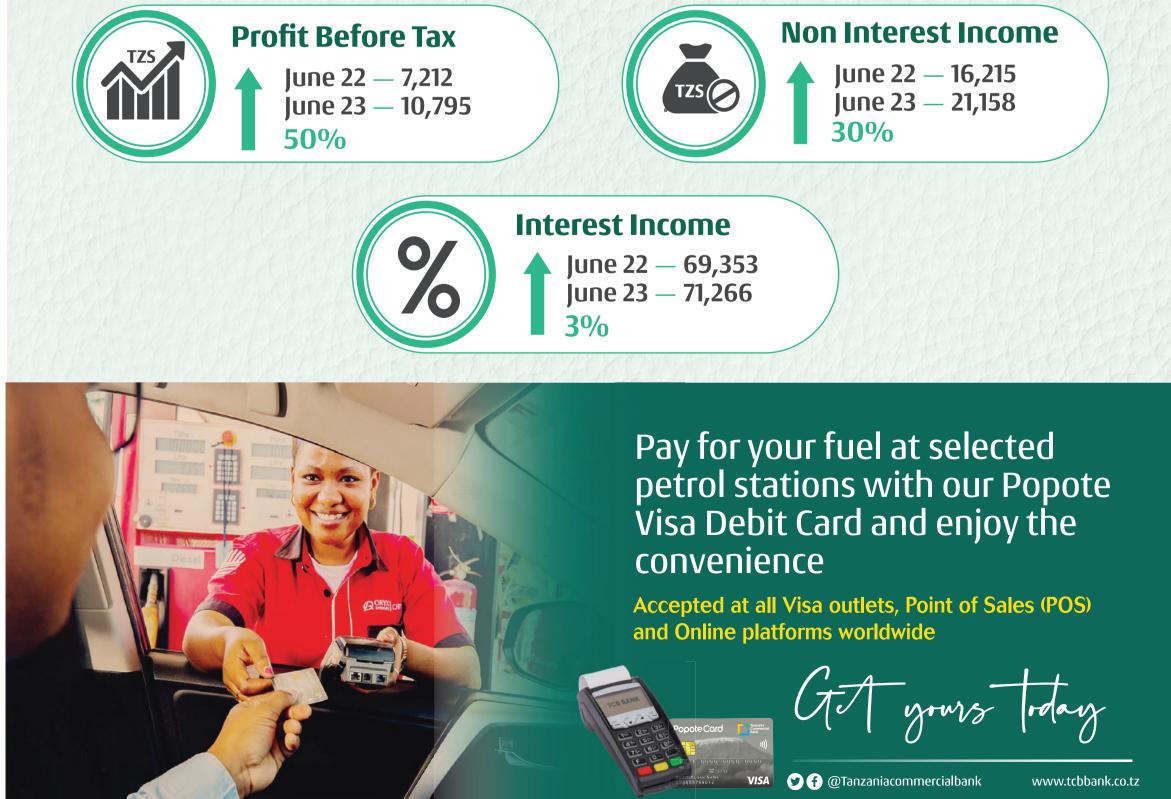
The judge said it was evident from the material before the court, including the CJ's own admission, that the Supreme Court did not conduct public participation in any form or shape, before the promulgation of the impugned rules, which is contrary to the the Constitution. While in Mombasa, the judge dismissed a case brought by a man challenging the distribution of their late father's property, stating that Sharia law, which excludes women, children and non-Muslims from inheriting their fathers' and husbands' estate, was not in violation of the constitution.

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1	BUL-23-07-04	Supply and Install of	Contractor specialised in design, supply & installation of the new MCC
		415 Vac 630A, MCC for	with minimum Class 3 CRB registration
		additional Rougher Cell.	Experience working with similar works in last 5 years
		Main incomer - NS630bN	Competence in MCC design and fully conversant with the risks and
		Mold case; MicroLogic	control measures of working in Mining industry
		5.0Roupher cell 08- NSX250F;microLogic	Team with multi discipline members (Mainly - Supervisors / Safety
		2.2 vigitrip C25F34V250	officer / QA&QC officer / E&I Engineer /Multi skilled) should have
		Roupher cell 09- NSX100F;microLogic 2.2	sound Knowledge of Mine Health & Safety acts. QA / QC officer should
		vigitrip C25F34V250	be NACE certified or equivalent
			List of equipment's - Resource list - specifying quantities - List of al
			tools and tackles (with detailed specifications of important
			equipment).

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- Applicable certification, accreditation and affiliated registration
- Required equipment availability to perform the specific work
- Time frame to complete the project. (including site mobilization stage)
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgment of submission from the Mining Commissioner
- BRELA detailed search certificate i.e statement indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018.

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No.	Reference no.	Description of services tobe procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-23-07-03	Supply and Installation	Contractor specialised in design, supply & installation of the new rock
		ofNew MRH16 BX20 Rock Breaker Systems	breaker with minimum Class 1 CRB registration
			Experience working with similar works in last 5 years
			Competence in rock breaker design and 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
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No.	Reference no.	Description of services tobe procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-23-07-02	Supply and Installationof New 800kVA; 6.6KV/525V Mini Substation	Contractor specialised in design, supply & installation of the new Transformer with minimum Class 3 CRB registration Experience working with similar works in last 5 years Competence in MCC design and fully conversant with the risks and
		COMPLETE WITH RM6 UNIT AND 100KVA; 525V/400V CAST RESIN DRY TYPE TRANSFORMERS, INCLUSIVE OF SKID BASEAND ENCLOSURE	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).

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- Applicable certification, accreditation and affiliated registration
- Required equipment availability to perform the specific work
- Time frame to complete the project. (including site mobilization stage)
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgment of submission from the Mining Commissioner
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		tobe procured	Criteria
1	BUL-23-07-01	Supply & Install	Contractor specialised in design, supply & installation of the new MCC
		of525 Vac MCC	with minimum Class 3 CRB registration
		for new 4020	,
		Tip.	Experience working with similar works in last 5 years
			Competence in MCC design and fully conversant with the risks and
		MAIN INCOMER NSX1250F;MICROLOGIG 6;	control measures of working in Mining industry
		Tip1A- NSX250F; microLogic 4.2	Team with multi discipline members (Mainly - Supervisors / Safety
		vigitrip; Tip1B- NSX250F;	officer / QA&QC officer / E&I Engineer /Multi skilled) should have
		micoLogic 4.2 vigitrip; Welding isolator with core	sound Knowledge of Mine Health & Safety acts. QA / QC officer should
		balance 32A x2; Feed to Small power TX -	be NACE certified or equivalent
		NSX250F; MicroLogic 2.2;	List of equipment's - Resource list - specifying quantities - List of all
		Small powerMain C/B - NSX250F;	tools and tackles (with detailed specifications of important
		MicroLogic 2.2	equipment).

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Survivors of risks abortion speak out about its horrors

By Guardian Correspondent

S the highest abortion rates in the country are found in the Lake Zone ▶(51 per 1,000) and Southern Highlands (47 per 1,000), and the lowest rate is found in Zanzibar (11 per 1,000) according to the 2015/16 study by researchers at the U.S.-based Guttmacher Institute and Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS).

Some female teenagers' survivors of unsafe abortion and medical doctors from the Lake Zone's regions (Mwanza, Geita and Sinyanga) which have the highest abortion rates have identified key issues to be considered by government and lawmakers in their effort to reduce maternal mortality due to unsafe abortion in Tanzania.

Survivors of unsafe abortion and medical doctors have proposed to extend the grounds for the legal termination of pregnancy so as to include victims of criminal offences of rape and incest.

Easter John, a resident of Buzuruga, Mwanza Region said that when she was 16-year-old she received pregnant by being raped by her Uncle who visited their home during Christmas and New Year festivals.

She also said: "After testing and found that I was positive, I had to travel from home in Buzuruga to Sengerema District in the Region to terminate it but the hospitals denied supporting me with the service and after being denied the service, I opted to terminate the pregnancy using local herbs because I didn't want to carry a baby given from my uncle and bad enough through rape.

I remember losing a lot of blood while hiding in my relative's house

until the situation got worse. I was finally, brought to the hospital where I received a better treatment although they removed my uterus because it was rotten. Otherwise, I could have lost my life."

Easter who was a secondary student by then concludes: "I am proposing the extension grounds for the legal termination of pregnancy in the country so as to save lives of the teens who given the unwanted pregnancies from different scenarios including rape of which some of them lost lives while conducting unsafe abortions."

Another female teen, Amina Ismail from the Mwanza region said that when she was 17 years old, she was raped by a bodaboda rider who used to take her to school every day, therefore from being raped it was when she received pregnant.

"After raped and getting pregnant, I went to terminate the pregnancy illegally through unprofessional practitioners, but I was ended up at the hospital after getting a lot of breeding," she said.

She insisted: "So, some of us received pregnancies in teen's age were either by rape, unwillingly or from relatives. So, we need legal abortion services for some of us who are conceived unwillingly so as to reduce the number of death that is occurred through illegal wavs.'

Elizabeth Masanja, from Kahama District in Sinyanga Region, said that she received pregnant after being raped by an acquaintance, her schoolmate who forced her into a sexual act without her will: "First of all, I would like to give my sincere thanks to everyone who participated in helping giving back my life after terminating the pregnancy through local medicine, all

that I can advice the state to allow



Some survivors of unsafe abortion from Lake Victoria zone regions of Mwanza, Geita and Sinyanga.

legal termination of pregnancy for rape victims like me." However, some of the Medical Doctors in Lake Zone said that three out of five women hospitalized for abortion complications are less than 20 years of age received complications from unsafe abortion and others get injuries to reproductive organs, intestinal perforation, and toxic reactions to substances or drugs used to induce abortion.

Mwanza's Buzuruga Health Centre Ag. Medical In charge Dr Mahube Richard said that from January to May this year, at least 100 cases were estimated to be hospitalized for abortion complications.

Dr Mahube also said that in May 2023 about 15 cases were attended in their health centre, 19 cases in April, 31 cases in March, 3 cases in February and 19 cases in Ianuary.

He has also called on the government to give the chance for females' victims of rape to terminate pregnancies that they were impregnated by their blood relatives including uncles, fathers and nephews.

Geita's Nyankumbu Health Centre's Medical Officer in charge Dr Irene Temba said that there is a need for those females who were impregnated by blood relatives and through rape to be permitted the opportunity to perform a safe abortion in health centres.

"We are legally permitted if it is to save a woman's life, and not otherwise, but the government could add

rooms for those who received the pregnancy by rape or sexual assaults or from relatives," Dr Irene said.

Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights Africa (WGNRR AFRICA)'s Regional Director, Nondo Ejano said: "Unsafe termination of pregnancy is contributing up to 19% of maternal deaths in Tanzania while the health care for managing complications from unsafe termination of pregnancy is costing the government's health system 10.4bn/-(\$4.5 million) per year. These human and financial costs can be largely avoidable and, this can free up resources to be spent elsewhere."

Ejano noted: "2015-16 Demographic and Health Survey indicates that Tanzania has one of the highest mortality rate "maternal mortality ratio in Tanzania is 556 per 100,000 live births, and the Guttmarcher & MUHAS report on the magnitude of unsafe abortion in 2013, shows that 19 per cent of maternal deaths in the country are due to complications from unsafe abortions.

The Guttmacher and MUHAS report on the health system cost of post-abortion care in Tanzania, 2018, 19% of these deaths are due to complications from unsafe abortion.

The report stipulates that an estimated 77,814 women in Tanzania receive Post Abortion Care every year while an additional 114,272 women need this care but

do not receive it. Meeting all women's need for Post Abortion Care in the country, government would spend up to 25.7bn/-(\$11 million) annually.

He further said that the government of URT is very committed to improving access to life-saving Post Abortion Care services, as a means of reducing maternal mortality but there is a need for the state and all stakeholders to join forces to make our efforts more preventive than reactionary. One of the preventive efforts would be to extend the ground for safe termination of pregnancy for the victims of rape, incest, and sexual assault as stipulated in Article 14, 2c of the Maputo protocol that Tanzania has ratified without reservation.

The Legal and Human Rights Center (LHRC) assessment indicates that sexual violence was the most common form of violence against women and Children (VAWC) that occurred in Tanzania in 2022.

Between 2017 to 2021, Police statistics on violence against children show that a total of 70,997 incidents of VAC were reported at police stations, averaging 14,199 each year, (this is an average of 1,183 incidents each month, and 39 incidents each day); and 5,899 children (girls) were raped in 2021, averaging 491 child rape incidents each month. We are also aware of so many cases of incests and sexual assaults occurring in different corners of the country.

These increasing criminal acts are likely to shoot the number of unwanted pregnancies which are likely to end up in unsafe termination because the current legal framework does not provide room for the victims of these inhuman acts to access safe services to terminate these pregnancies resulting from criminal acts.

He went on to say that collective commitments from stakeholders are needed to support the government's efforts to avoid both human and financial costs of unsafe abortion in the country.

15 top Malaysian varsities in Dar to showcase diverse opportunities

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

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tor said in an interview over the already got their diploma results weekend that the exhibition will it is high time to call and book for FIFTEEN top Malaysian uni- be held in Zanzibar on July 28 and the opportunity," he said. July 31 in Dar es Salaam and is be-

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According to him, this is an op-

need cooperation with universities in Malaysia should use the option in various disciplines.

He said local universities that lecturers? This is the very rare opportunity to use it," said Mollel

He also stated that the coming portunity to find areas of coopera- of the exhibition is also an opportunity for various institutions that

"There are people who are at work and they would like to increase their level of education and perhaps they would like to increase their skills in Malaysia so the universities will be here so those institutions whether it is government or private institutions this is the opportunity to use," said Mollel.

exhibitions in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar with the aim of showing Tanzanians various educational opportunities available at their universities.

Abdulmalik Mollel, Global edu-

ing coordinated by Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS).

"The coming universities are the best universities in Malaysia, so students who expect to get their form six results, those who got

portunity for people who want to study certificates, diplomas, masters and PhD degrees adding that they should take advantage of this rare opportunity to meet those representatives of universities.

"Universities should take advantage of opportunities based on the relationship they need, if it is about engineering courses, exchange programs, if is it about

would like their employees to increase their level of education in Malavsia in various fields at the level of Bachelor's Degree, Masbusiness courses, health, student ter's Degree, Doctorate Degree (PhD).

Global environmental project allows herders to adapt to climate change

By Guardian Reporter

THE negative impacts of climate change and climate variability are already evident, affecting Tanzania's social, economic and physical environment.

In most parts of the country, observational evidences from local communities suggest changes in temperature and seasonal shifts in rainfall patterns. Intra-seasonal and inter-annual rainfall variability manifested through late rainfall onset and early rainfall cessation, increase in dry spells and shift in rainfall patterns are becoming more common.

Rural communities are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to low adaptive capacity and dependence on climate sensitive livelihood options such as agriculture, livestock, fisheries, and forest services.

To reduce the vulnerability and enhance resilience of the rural communities to the impacts of climate change, the Vice President's Office (VPO) is implementing a project known as Ecosystem-based Adaptation for Rural Resilience (EBARR). This project is funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF).

The project is implemented in five districts namely Kaskazini 'A' (Kaskazini Unguja), Kishapu (Shinyanga), Mpwapwa (Dodoma), Mvomero (Morogoro) and Simanjiro (Manyara).

As the name suggests, the goal of the project is to increase resilience to climate change in rural communities of Tanzania by strengthening ecosystem resilience and diversifying livelihoods, using an ecosystem-based adaptation approach.

The impacts of climate change in pastoral communities of Kishapu, Mpwapwa, Mvomero and Simanjiro districts include severe recurrent drought periods resulting in shortage of forage and water, leading to cattle starvation and malnutrition. Deaths of large numbers of livestock due to lack of water and pasture has been of repeated occurrence in these areas, threatening the livelihood of pastoralists.

In addition, an increase in tickborne diseases such as East Coast fever (ECF), Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, and Heartwater. Competing for the limited water resources and grazing land has led to increased land disputes between different land users mostly between herders and crop growers and wildlife authorities.

In response to these challenges, the project has supported and facilitated land use planning in 17 villages in all of the project sites.

These include 3 villages in Kaskazini 'A' District, Zanzibar, and 14 villages on the Tanzania mainland, in Kishapu, Simanjiro, Mpwapwa and Mvomero districts. Dr James Nyarobi, EBARR pro-



One of the cattle water troughs constructed by the EBARR project in Simanjiro District, Manyara Region.

ject coordinator in the Vice President's Office, explains that the participatory land plans have helped to reduce conflicts between farmers and pastoralists. This is because areas have been set aside for grazing, crop production, village forests, watersheds and residential settlement.

"For example, in Mpwapwa district there was a longterm border dispute between two villages which are Ng'ambi and Mbugani.. But after the participatory land use planning, the conflict was resolved. Now, farmers and herders respect the boundaries for their respective areas according to the agreed land use plan," says Dr. Nyarobi.

A similar experience was observed in Simanjiro district, Dr. Nyarobi adds, there was a border dispute between Langai village and neighboring villages. But through a participatory land use planning, the conflict was resolved with boundaries defined, and now peace prevails between the neighboring villages.

"The conflict ended by allocating land for grazing and areas for other activities," concluded Dr. Nyarobi.

To address water shortage in pastoral communities, the project has constructed seven water dams for rain water harvesting and six cattle water troughs. These have ensured water availability for the livestock through the dry season.

Godwin Everygist, EBARR project coordinator in Kishapu District Council said that the problem of livestock migration searching for water have been reduced to water availability.

Community members are happy with the project and are grateful that the government have responded to their need. In controlling livestock diseases, the project has constructed a total of seven cattle dips and installed about 900 Tsetse traps in the project sites.

"All these initiatives seek to reduce the vulnerability and enhance climate change adaptive capacity of the rural communities of Tanzania. It has been possible due to collaborative efforts of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and our partners the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)," concludes Dr. Nyarobi.

FEATURES

Clean energy: The expensive but efficient technology we should embrace

By Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

ANZANIA has a lot to do to increase uptake of clean energies for cooking since primary fuel source for over 90 percent of the population remains biomass in the form of firewood or charcoal while a meagre less than 5 percent uses gas and electricity.

But there are numerous adverse health effects associated with biomass fuel use including low birth weight, cataracts, cardiovascular disease, asthma, tuberculosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and lower respiratory tract infections.

This is because burning biomass emits large amounts of pollutants, just like burning other solid fuels such as coal. Burning organic material emits particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, lead, mercury and other hazardous air pollutants.

To replace biomass with clean energy the government has since set January 31, 2025, as the deadline for the use of charcoal and firewood by public institutions such as schools, hospitals and prisons. All institutions that serve not less than 100 people are expected to stop using firewood and charcoal by January 31, 2024, while those serving people whose numbers start at 200 have been ordered to stop using the energy source on January 31, 2025.

For, apart carbon emission and related health risks, felling of trees for charcoal destroy the environment. Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Dr Seleman Jafo, recently said that more than 46,960 hectares of forests, equivalent to 26 percent of Tanzania's landmass, get destroyed every year due to the felling of trees for firewood and charcoal.

Embracing clean energies also come in the form of new technologies such as e-mobility which is gaining momentum in Tanzania, becoming increasingly important for economic prosperity among transport stakeholders in the country.

The new concept refers to the use of electric propulsion for a wide range of transportation types. Emobility involves use of electric vehicles that are fully or partly driven electrically, have a means of storing energy on board, and obtain their energy mainly from the power grid.

These include cars, motorcycles, buses, trucks, trains and off-road vehicles, as well as ships, ferries and other marine vessels such as boats. Although Tanzania has not done very well in this area due to its expensiveness, there is a need to mobilize for great-



er uptake given that e-mobility helps reduce emissions from transport and improve air quality.

The migration from use of petrol and disease to electricity as an alternative energy to run vehicles in Tanzania is possible after the latest report revealed that the number of vehicles using electricity in the country has increased considerably.

The report released by Africa E-Mobility Alliance (AFEMA) which was released in April this year shows that there are at least 5,000 electric vehicles operating in the country since electricity use for vehicles came into being.

Despite having the largest number of vehicles using electricity amongst the East African Community (EAC) member states, Tanzania has registered only 11 e-mobility companies.

The number of companies is still very low compared to projected demand to effectively manage and lead the sub-sector. This explains why investors have so far raised about USD 1 million in investments IN the last five years.

The companies are involved in importing, selling, retrofitting, servicing and charging electric vehicles, but still the SUBsector remains relatively small due to a number of challenges.

Stakeholders say the aforementioned hurdles stifle significant opportunities in the relatively open field due to expensiveness of the imported electric vehicles and related appliances. This is aggravated by the government tax regime for imported vehicles. But in the current 2023/24 fiscal year, the government undertook some initiatives in order to save the sub-sector. Minister for Finance and Planning Dr Mwigulu Nchemba highlighted a relief to transport stakeholders in his budget speech he read in parliament last month.

"I have come to realization that electric vehicles are currently out of reach for many Tanzanians due primarily to high import taxes charged." he said and added that the same will be lowered to help bring them to parity with fossil fuel vehicles.

According to the minister, the government will exempt excise duty charged based on engine capacity of electric nonutility vehicles with only electric motor propulsion alongside Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles.

This measure is intended to enhance the use of electricity and natural gas available in the country and save foreign currency used to import fuel. When contacted for comments, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy Felchesmi Mramba said that the government is doing all in its power to create an enabling business environment so as to promote investment in e-mobility sector.

According to him, the government is ready to partner with the private sector to ensure there are enough centres for charging electric vehicles in the country.

In a fresh bid to increase clean energy uptake, the PS further noted that the government has engaged a consultant to develop a strategy that will cover, among other things, the use of electric vehicles powered by compressed natural gas.

There are plans with similar technology use applied for electricity, the project which will link with the fast-growing Dar es Salaam Rapid Transit (DART) infrastructure which is expanding its networks within the city.

The project is expected to have numerous benefits, including reducing carbon emissions among city commuters and reducing running costs for city commuters as tricycles will be 100 percent powered by electricity. According to Jacqueline Senyangwa, a project coordinator Solution Plus Projects, the initiative aims to demonstrate and test different types of innovative and integrated emobility solutions for different cities through the Urban Electric Mobility Initiative (UEMI).

The project will initially introduce 20 tricycles as part of e-mobility for transporting passengers to the first and last mile using environmentally friendly tricycles.

Such electric-powered tricycles are anticipated to benefit both operators and passengers in various ways because they are cost effective while minimizing carbon emissions that have negative consequences for humans and the environment.

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Group antenatal clinics: New friendly healthcare for adolescent girls

Nuru Ngailo, Angasyege Kibona and Pankras Luoga

N most of our communities, adolescent girls and boys struggle to access health services, especially those related to reproductive health. The most affected group is adolescent girls who conceive at the age bracket of 10 to 24.



Attendance and utilization of these services automatically improves health of the mother and the newborn hence contributes to international and national efforts towards reduction of maternal and infant deaths. It is important to note that the establishment of group antenatal health services should be taken as an opportunity of getting education on various health topics such as sexual transmitted Infections and diseases, feeding styles and practices and how to carefully take care of the newborns and children in the society, family planning, nutrition and many other important health topics. Maternal and infant deaths are not accepted in our society. Let us support pregnant women in particular adolescent pregnant women aged between 10 and 24 to attend antenatal services under grouped antenatal clinics initiative.

This group faces many hindrances during pregnancy since their reproductive organs are not matured enough for giving birth. This consequently affects their health and the newborns as well.

The effects and outcomes included adolescent pregnant young women not attending antenatal health services available at public health facilities, unsatisfactory health conditions of pregnant girls, deaths of the pregnant girls (maternal deaths), deaths of the newborns or infants and occurrence of fistula incidences. All these effects and outcomes pose a huge burden to their families, communities and the nation at large.

The situation in our society

In recent years, our society has witnessed an increase in the number of health services directed to adolescents, including adolescent-friendly services in both public and private health facilities in the country. The services include those offered to pregnant women before delivery and after delivery which are known as antenatal and post-natal services in the medical field.

However, the attendance of adolescents who get pregnant at the age of 10 to 24 has been a major challenge. The group fears being served together with other pregnant women who are older than these adolescent pregnant women.

Furthermore, an increase of the number of deaths of pregnant women aged 10 to 24 years threaten the goal of the country to reduce maternal and infant deaths to the minimal acceptable number.

How is group antenatal services done?

The government through the Ministry of Health in collaboration with development partners is working towards promoting early booking and attendance by pregnant women to health services in order to reduce maternal and infant deaths in the country.

At the same time, the government is working to curb problems related to child health development, including malnutrition and its associated effects such as sunting. In particular, the government collaborated with the Elizabeth Glaciar Pediatric Aids Foundation (EGPAF) to provide the group antenatal services to adolescent pregnant women in the regions of Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Manyara, Dodoma, Singida and Tabora.

The initiative trains health providers on how to provide friendly services to adolescent pregnant women and also support establishment of groups of adolescents aged 10- to 24 years. The groups meet once per month on an agreed day without other older pregnant women so as to give space to these ado-

Expectant young girls discuss birth preparedness at a group antenatal clinic in Moshi municipality, Kilimanjaro Region recently. Photo courtesy of EGPAF

lescents to get health services they need.

On the agreed specific day, all adolescent pregnant women get comprehensive health services, meaning all health services they need including the drugs.

The adolescents who attend sign a register in order to monitor those attending and those who do not attend. In addition, one health provider is selected by adolescents to assist in leading group discussions and providing details of topic chosen by the adolescents themselves based on their interests and needs.

Some of the topics include preparing for child birth, birth planning, danger signs to pregnant women, personal hygiene, sexually transmitted infections and diseases, types of foods and feeding styles and practices and how to carefully take care of the newborns and children in the society, family planning and importance of using mosquito nets and attending health services especially taking regular checkups and many other topics.

In a long run, the adolescent pregnant women build trust among themselves and strengthen communication and conduct counseling among themselves. This improves their mental health and physical health as well.

Is the initiative supported scientifically?

Scientific studies done in other places in the world including Uganda and Botswana indicate that group antenatal clinics improve attendance of pregnant adolescent women and their health as well as the health of their newborns.

Furthermore, mental health of adolescent pregnant women improves among group members due to regular communication and counseling among themselves and from health providers as well.

What should be done going forward? First of all, after conceiving, all adolescents should go to the nearest health facility for antenatal services. In fact, during antenatal services they receive all the services they require for their health and the child in their womb.

Secondly, they should ask for information on the availability of friendly health services offered under group antenatal services in that health facility. If available, then they should join the service and attend meetings on the agreed days to get education and services for betterment of their health and of their newborns.

It is important for adolescent pregnant women to attend antenatal services and post-natal services for women and their children in order to promote, maintain and restore their health. This helps in reducing the number of maternal and infant deaths.

The urgent call

The society should support adolescent pregnant women in accessing and attending the antenatal services during gestation period and also attending post delivery ser-

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EUSINESS CRDB Bank Pls opens branch on Mafia Island

By Guardian Correspondent, Mafia

n an effort to extending banking services countywide to promote financial inclu-

sion, CRDB Bank Plc has launched the new branch in Mafia Island.

Speaking during the launch of the branch, the deputy minister of education, science and technology Omary Kipanga urged citizens to use banking services in order to avoid higher interest non-banking loans, which led into loss of properties in case of failure to repay.

The deputy minister said that the government in collaboration of financial institutions is currently implementing financial inclusion programme aimed at improving both national and individual economic

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"Bank is the major instrument in offering financial services to citizen, but should ensure meeting customer needs," the deputy minister, who is also the Member of Parliament for Mafia constituency, said.

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On his part, the Mafia District Commissioner Zephania Sumaye said the improvement of financial services in the Island will open more opportunities for businesses and investments.

"Mafia is the Tourist Island. There is a history of human development and civilization. We invite investors and business people to exploit these opportunities available," he said.

Bolt rolls feature to check safety standards for riders

By Guardian Reporter

Bolt has rolled out a driver selfie check feature as part of its ongoing efforts to prioritise safety and combat driver impersonation and account sharing on the platform.

This new feature will require drivers to take selfies when they come online, thereby ensuring their identity verification and aligning the provided details in the app with the shared photos.

By implementing this feature, Bolt aims to maintain the overall safety of its users on the platform.

Over the years, Bolt has introduced additional features on its platform to enhance the safety and well-being of drivers, boda boda riders, and passengers during a Bolt trip.

The driver selfie check, as an added feature, provides enhanced safety for users on the Bolt platform as it allows the verification of the drivers to avoid

trips are also tracked and monitored in real-time by Bolt throughout the journev

Others include share ETA feature on the riders app that enables them to share their live trip details with emergency contact numbers, thereby bolstering safety throughout their journey and SOS emergency button that can be used to alert and seek security or medical assistance at any time during a Bolt trip, where a driver, a passenger, or another road user is in immediate danger.

There is also a rider and driver rating score features that also allows drivers and riders to rate each other after every trip for monitoring behaviour as rated by either the drivers or the riders, and allows Bolt to warn and/or block anyone with unacceptable behaviour. The ratings are taken into careful con-



Speaking earlier, CRDB what CRDB Bank is doing sectors of the economy inthrough opening branches Bank chief commercial ofcluding agriculture, fishing and housing finance. in each corner of the counficer Boma Raballa said the bank is currently leading try," he said. The deputy minister had proved its SimBanking app with the largest network which allows customers to also reminded financial and has friendly services institutions to put friendly such as iMbeju, which is perform different tasks in-



cases of impersonation and also deter drivers from sharing their accounts.

Once a driver goes online, they will be prompted to take a selfie to verify their identity. Should the selfie not match previously shared driver details, the driver will be restricted from offering their services on the platform until their details are verified.

"At Bolt, the safety of our riders and drivers remains our topmost concern. We are committed to continuous innovation and providing exceptional safety features. Our mission revolves around delivering affordable, high-quality, and secure services. Introducing the new Driver Selfie Check feature aligns with this mission, as it aims to provide a safe and reliable rider mobility experience for all users on our platform. By deterring driver impersonation and further enhancing rider safety, this feature reinforces the strength of our mobility service." said Charles Matondane, Bolt Country Manager, Tanzania.

The Bolt app also has other safety features including rriver and car verification feature on the app that allows riders to check and confirm that the driver and car that picks them, is the same as the one displayed on the app and the driver trip-sharing feature provides enhanced safety for drivers by allowing them to share the status of their live trips with a third party, who then has the opportunity to follow the trip status and location in real-time. The

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sideration and Bolt addresses situations where those ratings are significantly low, or an incident is reported. Bolt says it remains dedicated to constantly promoting features and functionalities that enhance the safety ecosystem of the app. Through continuous innovation and investment, the company strives to deliver the best possible experience for our users, ensuring

their safety is prioritised at all times.

Education, Science and Technology deputy minister, Omary Kipanga (C) pictured shortly after cutting ribbon to open CRDB Bank's branch on Mafia Island at the weekend. Right is the bank's chief commercial officer. Boma Raballa and left is the Mafia district cBommissioner Zephania Sumaye. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

TADB equips women farmers with financial literacy

By Guardian Reporter

A group of 45 women engaging in horticulture from Dar es Salaambased Women of Hope Alive have benefited from an awareness and financial literacy training program sponsored and facilitated by the state-owned Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB).

The training workshop aimed at strengthening women's financial literacy and loan management, was offered as part of the bank's support in empowering women who make 50 percent of the total labor force in agriculture.

Speaking during the workshop opening session, Angelina Nyansambo who is TADB's Senior **Business Development Officer said** "TADB understands the role that women play in agriculture adding that the bank is committed to supporting the group in order to enable them contribute more in the

sector and also improve their economic well-being.

"Women are at the heart of Tanzania's agricultural transformation strategy. Tanzania's new agricultural transformation strategy, known as Agenda 10/30, aims to increase the sectors' growth to 10 percent per year by 2030. With women making up more than half of the workforce in agriculture, TADB's commitment to supporting this group remains solid," she said.

Women of Hope Alive chairperson - Discipline and Constitution Ummy Mmary expressed her appreciation to TADB for sponsoring and facilitating the training saying that women's contribution to agriculture can be scaled up if they are empowered.

"By empowering this vital group in our communities, it can contribute towards transformation of the agricultural sector. The impact can as well be extended to increased

household income, improved livelihood and greater economic empowerment at the village, district, regional, and national levels. We are grateful to TADB for this support," she said.

The training discussed topics including an introduction to basic financial concepts, including budgeting, saving, and investing. Participants were engaged through informative presentations, interactive discussions, and group activities.

The Women were also given practical tips on how to assess financial services, and equipped with knowledge and skills to manage their personal finances effectively, make informed financial decisions, and support the growth of their agribusinesses.

Since September 2022, TADB has provided such awareness and financial literacy training programs in 9 regions reaching 950 farmers.

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Brela, partners to offer intellectual property training

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) has signed a cooperation agreement with the Tanzania Copyright Office (COSO-TA), the Zanzibar Business and Property Registration Agency (BPRA) and the Zanzibar Copyright Office with the aim of implementing the project

of the Center for Intellectual Property Training in the country.

The agreement was signed over the weekend in Dar es Salaam in front of the Minister of Culture, Arts and Sports, Hon. Ambassador, Dr. Pindi Chana at the awarding ceremony for innovators held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in Dar es Salaam. Speaking at the event, the Chief

Executive Officer of BRELA, Godfrey

Nyaisa noted that the government recognizes the great need for education and training on Intellectual Property to ensure that innovations continue to be made, are protected and generate decent income for innovators

"The establishment of the Creative Property Training Center in this country is a sincere commitment of the Government to ensure that innovators benefit from their work zation (WIPO) for the establishment for continuing to work and create but are also protected. This training will be given to all artists, writers and designers in Copyright and Creative Property issues in general", said Nyaisa.

Initially, BRELA as the Office of Intellectual Property in collaboration with COSOTA, COSOZA and BPRA submitted an application to the World Intellectual Property Organiof the training center.

Nyaisa added that Tanzania and WIPO are currently conducting a needs assessment in the country and also in the implementation of this project; institutions in charge of Intellectual Property issues will provide experts to facilitate the provision of relevant training.

He congratulated all innovators

various creative works in Art and written works and to ensure that they earn their own income and the nation as a whole.

The provision of this training in Tanzania will help motivate innovators to do more innovation, put Tanzania on the map in these matters and become a catalyst for social and economic development.

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BUSINESS NEWS

US spends \$38million in support to agriculture

Bv Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

Guardian

HE US government has spent over \$38 million to support implementation of a program meant to empower Tanzania's agriculture sector in a period of ten consecutive years.

Dubbed 'Participating Agency Service Agreement (PASA)' the program which commenced in 2013 in different regions has played an important role to transform Tanzania's agriculture sector.

Speaking over the weekend during a special audience to assess o the implementation of the program's first phase in the country, the Director of the Eastern Africa Regional Hub from the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Dr. Leena Tripathi, unveiled that the PASA program has fostered resilient food and market systems while nurturing a conducive environment for mutual trade growth, local eco-

Correspondent nomic development, and overcoming food security challenges in Tanzania.

"This substantial investment has played a pivotal role in strengthening Tanzania's agricultural systems and enabling them to embrace climate-smart practices, while also facilitating data collection and analysis to enhance food security," Dr. Tripathi expressed.

The timely initiative is being implemented in the country jointly by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the US Agency in International development (USAID) with an eye to bolster the country's agriculture capacity.

However, in the further scope, in implementing the program, USDA and USAID collaborated with Tanzania's Ministry of Agriculture on both the mainland and in Zanzibar.

And the program engaged several implementing partners, including the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), Food and





ministeShamata Khamis during a forum to assess the implementation of PASA programme. Right is the USAID/Tanzania economic growth office director, Colin Dreizin. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

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USAID-USDA climate change, such as Dodoma, Morogoro, Iringa in the southern highlands, and Lindi on the coast," the minister of Agriculture in Zanzibar, Shamata Khamis said during the

event. He added that effects of climate change pose a significant threat to food security and the livelihoods of majority across the country.

"Tanzania stands among the countries heavily affected by climate change, experiencing rainfall variability, high temperatures, and the spread of diseases that have disrupted our food systems and compromised food safety and security," he observed.

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Among others, the gathering included a field visit to the Bihawana Youth Agriculture Center to observe vouth engaged in various agricultural production activities, including smartirrigation technology demonstrations and clean energy innovations.

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China regulators to address investor concerns

BEIJING

Chinese regulators met with global investors, according to people familiar with the matter, stepping up the government's bid to boost market confidence as the country's economic recovery loses steam.

China Securities Regulatory Commission Vice Chairman Fang Xinghai (pictured) met with some global venture capital and private equity firms to hear their concerns about investment in the country, the people familiar said, requesting not to be named because the matter is private. Among those present were Neil Shen, founding partner of Hong-Shan – formerly known as Sequoia Capital China – and representatives from GIC Pte. and Warburg Pincus. Temasek Holdings Ltd.'s China head Wu Yibing also joined. Fang was accompanied by regulators from the securities watchdog and the Asset Management Association of China, the people said. Neither agency responded to questions about the meeting outside of business hours, nor did HongShan or GIC. Temasek couldn't immediately provide a comment while Warburg Pincus representative declined to

when contacted by text message. The rare meeting with global funds comes after Chinese President Xi Jinping's administration

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voiced its strongest support in recent years for the country's private tech enterprises just days earlier. The government's efforts, however, have been met with skepticism, as investors call for more concrete measures and stronger stimulus to revive growth.

Topics discussed at Friday's meeting included steps that can be taken to ensure global funds can continue to invest in China, the people said. Regulators were urged to expedite procedures for overseas initial public offering registrations, accelerate listings in mainland China and relax merger-and-acquisition rules, one



tion are GGV Capital, GSR Ventures, Walden International and Qualcomm Ventures.

The US Department of State also recommended in June that Americans reconsider traveling to mainland China because of arbitrary enforcement of local laws and the risk of wrongful detentions, which spooked the business community.

Concerns about regulatory crackdowns in China have also weighed on the investment community. This month the Communist Party and the government issued a rare joint statement with 31 measures to improve conditions for businesses, including pledges to treat private firms the same as state-owned enterprises.

While that move won the backing

The government showed support for private equity and venture capital earlier this month when Premier Li Qiang approved the final rules on the 20 trillion yuan (\$2.8 trillion) private fund market almost six years after a draft was released. While penalties on irregularities were toughened significantly, the new rule sets out a special chapter for venture capital, with looser requirements. It also exempted parent funds from some restrictions, benefiting private equity's secondary market.

China's sputtering economic recovery has sent a chill through global markets. Beijing has opted for targeted steps – instead of a broad stimulus - pushing for lower interest rates, easier access to credit and

Foreign visitors to **China can** finally go cashless

BEIJING

China's two dominant mobile payment solutions, WeChat Pay and Alipay, announced that foreign users can now pay at Chinese retailers by linking their foreign credit cards, including Visa,

of the people said.

Escalating tensions between China and the US. Beijing's multi-vear crackdown on its private sector and the country's weakening economy are dampening investor interest. Private equity and venture capital firms have been struggling to attract institutional money from US endowments and pensions because of these long-term concerns. This week, a US congressional

committee said it was investigating four venture capital firms for their investment in Chinese technology companies, the latest sign of Washington's increasing scrutiny of American funds suspected of helping develop sensitive industries in China. The entities under investiga-

of Chinese entrepreneurs including Tencent Holdings Ltd.'s billionaire co-founder Pony Ma, foreign companies are looking for more than rhetoric after two years of crackdowns and pandemic controls. The European Union Chamber of Commerce in China said its companies have been accustomed to "sweeping pro-business statements being made with little concrete action being taken."

a series of measures to kickstart the moribund housing market.

Businesses are still waiting for signals from Xi's new economic team that the policy environment will be more transparent and predictable. The president has repeatedly insisted that economic development is the Communist Party's top priority, even as his government makes protecting national security a central focus.

Mastercard and Discover.

Previously, using WeChat Pay and Alipay in China required a local bank account, making it challenging for shortterm visitors to use these payment methods.

While paying has become breezier for those living in China, finding places that accept cash is now a headache for foreign visitors, as the two payments giants have largely replaced cash from metropoles to villages despite the government's efforts to warn merchants against rejecting cash.

The development is thus a huge improvement in foreign visitors' experience in China.

Given Alipay and WeChat Pay are literally ubiquitous in both China's online and offline retail spheres, foreign visitors may now be able to hail a Didi car, ride the subway, rent a shared bike, buy fruit from a grocer, order food delivery and even shop online for myriad Chinese e-commerce goods.

WeChat's announcement provides useful details on what the setup looks like.

To activate their WeChat wallets, foreign users will need to authenticate their identity by uploading their passports. Foreign phone numbers can be used for receiving verification codes.

Unfortunately, visitors won't be able to try out the digitized Chinese hongbao custom, which involves sending or receiving digital versions of auspicious red envelopes filled with money.

This feature was originally what drove WeChat's early wave of mass adoption.

Visitors also can't conduct money transfers, which is unsurprising given China's stringent control of capital flows across borders.

On WeChat, spending limits per transaction, month and year for foreign visitors are 6,000 yuan (around \$835), 50,000 yuan and 60,000 yuan, respectively.

Transaction fees are waived for payments under 200 yuan (around \$28), and any amount above that charges a 3 percent fee.

Govt issues new requirements for trade in crops

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE government has directed local traders engaged in, or wishing to venture into, agricultural products business to register official companies, and not otherwise.

The directives focus to further formalize and improve execution of crops business across the country, including exportation, as well as protecting local growers and regulate crops prices.

Speaking at a meeting with agricultural produce traders and stakeholders held in Dodoma City over the weekend, agricultural minister Hussein Bashe said the traders from outside the country are also supposed to abide with the new set rule.

"We have decided to introduce the new system so as to help eliminating fraud that is going on in the networks through some unscrupolous companies," the Minister said.

He insisted that from now on, no any local or foreign trader will be permitted to operate crops business with-

out being registered and recognized by the ministry of agriculture.

Despite being the crucial sector which involves millions of transactions, the country's agricultural produce trading has for years been conducted as an informal type of business crop business, the unpatriotic move which denies the government to generate needed taxes as well as foreign currencies.

"The focus is not to prohibit, neither undermining the crops traders from continuing with their trading executives, but the major goal is to make sure they're performing in accord to the set regulations," he unveiled.

In the same vein, Minister Bashe said the government expects to start registering all private sectors' warehouses to help find out how much food the nation is annually collecting.

Currently, according to the minister, the government is working to store three million tons of food crops through the National Food Storage Authority (NFRA).



Patrobas Katambi (R), exchanges greetings with Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities),and the Head of Retail Banking at KCB Bank, Abdul Juma on arrival at University of Dar es Salaam to officiate the Youth Forum on the East African Community Integration Process organized by The Fungua Trust. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

BUSINESS NEWS

Guardian

Demand for critical minerals poses environmental, social risks

JOHANESBURG

he critical mineral resources that are increasingly in demand globally often pose environmental and social risks that need to be managed, the environment, social and governance (ESG) research arm of Fitch Solutions, Sustainable Fitch, has warned.

Global action on climate change has created significant demand for critical minerals, which are used in the production of clean technologies; however, the mining and processing of these minerals bring with it the same impacts as conventional minerals, in some cases even more so, given region-specific issues as of late.

Sustainable Fitch anticipates regulatory, market and social developments relating to aspects such as water use, air pollution and community engagements will become increasingly relevant for those active across critical mineral sectors.

Regional factors, such as exposure to physical climate risks and the prevalence of social inequality, can further exacerbate vulnerability to these issues in certain critical minerals sectors.

Sustainable Fitch adds that geopolitical considerations also closely intersect with environmental and social issues relating to critical mineral development globally.

In Latin America and Africa, for example, recent instances of resource protectionism and nationalisation relate closely to efforts to improve

socioeconomic conditions.

This while countries in North America and Europe continue to push for local supply capacity growth, which introduces a new wave of environmental and social issues, particularly as these regions often have stricter regulatory and compliance requirements.

"In general, the specific environmental and social risks associated with individual critical minerals are not substantially different from those of other types of mineral resources.

"However, we believe country- and region-specific issues and concerns are worth noting, as they can greatly influence mineral-specific ESG risks and often individual critical mineral supplies are concentrated in one or a few countries," explains Sustainable Fitch associate director Jonathon Smith.

Currently, electricity networks present the single largest source of demand for critical minerals, particularly copper and aluminium, which are required for transmission and distribution networks.

Electric vehicles and battery storage applications are the secondlargest source of demand for critical minerals, currently centred around copper, graphite and nickel, as well as cobalt and lithium to a smaller extent.

Sustainable Fitch also expects vanadium demand to rise after 2030.

The agency adds that low-carbon power generation will spur demand for silicon, zinc and rare earth elements although in smaller volumes.



Cobalt miner in Africa

Cobalt, for one, has a very concentrated supply chain, with the vast majority of production coming from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The country is, however, known for many artisanal and small-scale mining operations, which account for between 15 percent and 30 percent of regional production, and is often associated with big sustainability concerns - including human safety, labour rights and environmental pollution.

Sustainable Fitch says the lack of regulation and reputational risks associated with indirectly supporting unethical cobalt production have become increasing concerns for buyers, so much so that many seek to replace or remove the mineral from batteries.

Moreover, with China leading in the world's production of copper and reserves, the country has become increasingly scrutinised for its access to water and community opposition at many large-scale mining projects. Sustainable Fitch says community expectations of local copper mine operators, particularly around employment and the development of essential services, have also become important in the region.

While Sustainable Fitch is not too concerned that transition risks will create material risks for issuers and investors, the compliance costs as-

sociated with carbon pricing mechanisms will remain relevant, particularly as higher mineral production drives additional emissions.

Production from countries with progressive carbon pricing systems will face the highest risks over carbon pricing, such as Canada and Chile, which would potentially stall the establishment of new projects in these jurisdictions.

Physical climate risks will continue to pose risks to mining operations both in the near and longer term, with access to water being a potential major issue.

Droughts, for example, will likely become more severe in mineralproducing regions such as Asia and Latin America.

Critical minerals requiring more water-intensive extraction and processing methods tend to face the highest associated costs, although regional water stress and availability will also very much influence risks associated with water.

Jurisdictions with limited or weak water governance frameworks, such as Mozambique or DRC, may also become a source of risk for miners, if mismanagement of water resources worsens scarcity.

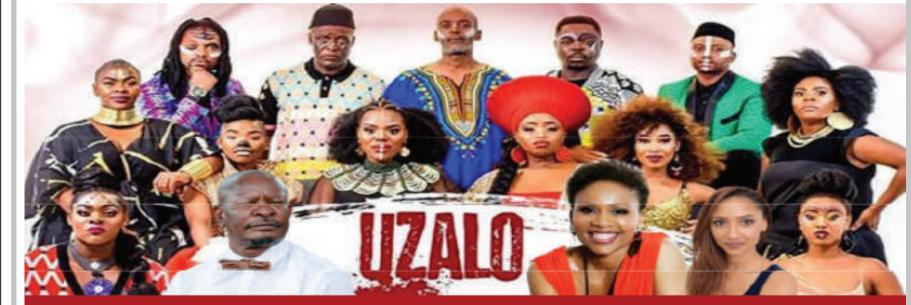
On the social side, Sustainability Fitch says community opposition to new and existing projects remains a major risk for investors in critical minerals mining projects, as it impacts on project execution and profitability. This foregrounds topics such as companies' social licence to operate.

Peru is a notable example: in June 2022, at the Las Bambas mining project, which accounts for 2 percent of global copper supply, a blockade by local communities and indigenous people claiming corporate failure to comply with the environmental impact assessment forced the operator to suspend operations for over 50 days, which cost 60percent of its output.

Following the halt, the company suspended its copper production targets for 2022.

The agency concludes that environmental and social issues will become more relevant for investors, requiring greater diligence and oversight, although the risks will vary by region and social context.





Royal Air Maroc seeks Boeing 737 MAX, 787 aircraft

RABAT

Royal Air Maroc, the flag carrier of the North African nation announced that it was preparing tenders for the acquisition of ten new aircraft.

Seven of these aircraft will be narrowbody 737 MAX jets and three longrange widebody Boeing 787 Dreamliners.

The carrier plans to acquire all new aircraft through lease agreements, pending the airline's latest financial results falling in line with those from earlier in the vear.

However, none of the most recently announced acquisitions appear on Boeing's latest order books.

Adelhamid Addou, the Chief Executive Officer of Royal Air Maroc, issued the following statement regarding the announced acquisition by saying; "We are in the process of preparing a call for tenders which will be launched soon for the acquisition of new aircraft through various manufacturers".

Across a network of 90 destinations, Royal Air Maroc operates 225 daily frequencies on 152

routes. Currently, the carrier maintains a fleet of 48 aircraft, with two wetleased Airbus A330 jets arriving over the course of the summer.

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Royal Air Maroc's announcement marks the latest move in the Moroccan carrier's push toward global expansion. The airline, backed

with strong support from the Moroccan government, aims to not just launch more flights, but help promote an increase in tourism.

The ambitious plan aims to drive traffic at the carrier's main hub, Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport (CMN), with the ultimate goal of becoming one

of Africa's top three air-

ports. The initiative aims to expand connectivity across Morocco with 46 new domestic routes, promoting tourism not just to the nation's most popular destinations. Furthermore, the con-

tract signed between Royal Air Maroc and the government was officially endorsed by King Mohammed VI, who has set an ambitious goal of 65 million visitors annually by 2027.

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WORLD Iran, Pakistan condemn Quran desecration in **Sweden and Denmark**

TEHRAN

IRANIAN Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and his Pakistani counterpart Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Saturday condemned the recent desecration of the Quran in Sweden and Denmark in a phone talk.

The two ministers said such "sacrilegious" acts contradicted human dignity and rights, according to a statement published on the Iranian Foreign Ministry's website.

Amir-Abdollahian said the recent "insults" to the Quran in Sweden and Den- tred, including the desecration of the

mark have harmed the feelings of Muslims across the world.

The Iranian top diplomat noted that he has proposed holding an emergency meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to convey a "strong message" from Islamic countries in response to such acts.

Zardari, for his part, pointed to his participation in a meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Council earlier in July, during which the council adopted a resolution that condemned and strongly rejected any advocacy of religious ha-



Students from Sunni Islamic seminaries march during a demonstration in Islamabad on July 14, 2023, as they protest against the burning of the Koran outside a Stockholm mosque that outraged Muslims around the world. AFP

holy Quran.

The Pakistani top diplomat voiced his country's readiness for cooperation with Iran in countering such acts, stressing that Muslim states should place on the agenda criminalizing such actions and publishing the perpetrators through law enforcement.

A copy of the Quran was burned by a group called Danske Patrioter in front of Iraq's embassy in the Danish capital of Copenhagen.

The group's members also carried a banner with insulting slogans against Islam, before stomping on the Iraqi flag and a copy of the Quran.

They said they made the move to protest against the Iraqis' at-

tack on the Swedish embassy in Baghdad on Thursday. Hundreds of angry protesters stormed the Swedish embassy in Baghdad on Thursday and set fire to the building in protest against the desecration of the Quran and the Iraqi flag in the Swedish capital of Stockholm.

Xinhua

Reporter killed in Zaporozhye Region was in civilian car, attack was deliberate, says senator

MOSCOW

RIA Novosti war correspondent Rostislav Zhuravlev, who was killed in the Zaporozhve Region on Ukrainian shelling, was traveling in a civilian car, and therefore



it was a "deliberate attack on civilians," Viktor Bondarev (pictured), chairman of the Federation Council Committee on Defense and Security, said on Wednesday.

"As a result of cluster munitions shelling with by the Ukrainian military, Rostislav Zhuravlev, a war correspondent for the RIA Novosti news agency, was killed. He was traveling with his colleagues in a civilian car from Vasilyevka to the village of Vladimirovka," Bondarev wrote on his Telegram channel.

"It is impossible to get wrong a target, mistaking a civilian vehicle for a military one. It was a deliberate attack on civilians

On the people who tell the shocking truth about the crimes of the Kiev regime and its army. On those who supported civilians in the regions in the area of the special military operation. On those who honorably were in the line of their journalistic duty covering the events on the frontline without fear," he added.

The Russian Defense Ministry reported that four Izvestia and RIA Novosti journalists suffered wounds on Saturday afternoon as a result of a Ukrainian cluster munitions strike on the Zaporozhye Region.

RIA Novosti journalist Rostislav Zhuravlev died from his wounds during evacuation, the others journalists' condition is stable.

The TASS correspondent who is working in the Zaporozhye Region reported that a total of nine journalists were filming then. They split into two groups that were doing their job separately from each other. Five people were in the group with Zhuravlev. The journalists from the second group were unharmed.

Vladimir Solovyov, chairman of the Union of Journalists of Russia, said that the Union was ready to help the family of the late war correspondent Zhuravlev and to file a request for the awarding him with the medal of courage.

Israel PM Netanyahu undergoes successful pacemaker implantation ahead of final votes on judicial reforms

TEL AVIV

ISRAEL Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu has been successfully fitted with a pacemaker in a successful surgery that took place in the early hours of yesterday, almost a week after he was admitted to a hospital for



dehydration and had a heart monitoring device implanted, The Times of Israel reported.

The Israeli PM's surgery comes as the parliament prepares to discuss a reform package, which will be followed by voting today. Thousands of protesters have vigorously opposed the contentious judicial reform plan, which MPs are due to discuss at the Knesset. At Ramat Gan's Sheba Medical Centre, Netanyahu underwent surgery.

China, Kenya agree to deepen Belt and Road cooperation

NAIROBI

KENYAN President William Ruto on Saturday met here with Wang Yi, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, with both sides pledging to deepen Belt and Road cooperation.

Ruto asked Wang, also director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, to convey his cordial greetings to Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Noting that Kenya-China relations have been developing smoothly since the establishment of diplomatic ties 60 years ago, Ruto said strengthening friendly cooperation with China has become a consensus shared by all sectors in the country.

Ruto highly praised China's efforts in growing relations with Kenya based on the principle of mutual respect. Kenya is firmly and is willing to work with Kenya to committed to deepening the comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership with China, and is as a new starting point to align their willing to strengthen inter-party strategies for revitalization with a and increase exchanges between exchanges, deepen cooperation in focus on development and coopera- governments and political parties in

such fields as railway, highway, water conservancy, aviation and renewable energy under the frameworks of Belt and Road cooperation and the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, in order to promote connectivity and regional integration in Africa and achieve winwin results, Ruto said.

The Kenya president said that his country supports and will actively participate in the Global Development Initiative proposed by China.

For his part, Wang conveyed Xi's sincere regards to Ruto. Since the establishment of diplomatic ties 60 years ago, China and Kenya have treated each other as equals, supported each other and jointly strived for revitalization, Wang said, noting that the two countries have become good friends sharing political mutual trust and good partners engaged in win-win cooperation. China approaches relations with Kenya from a strategic perspective,



Kenyan President William Ruto meets with Wang Yi, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee, in Nairobi on Saturday. XINHUA

tion, and push their comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership to a new level in the new era, Wang said.

various fields, Wang said.

China firmly supports Kenya in safeguarding its sovereign independence and national dignity, fighting

dence and national dignity, fighting terrorism and taking a development path in line with its own national conditions, he added.

China is willing to actively promote cooperation with Kenya in railway, highway, aviation, information and other fields while jointly advancing Belt and Road cooperation, the Global Development Initiative and the "nine programs" of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, so as to help Kenya advance its economic and social development and promote regional integration in Africa, Wang said.

China stands ready to work with Kenya to practice multilateralism, preserve the central role of the United Nations in international affairs and the common interests of developing countries, promote the implementation of the Outlook on Peace and Development in the Horn of Africa and safeguard regional peace

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and development, Wang said.

On the same day, Wang also met with Alfred Mutua, cabinet secre-China firmly supports Kenya in tary for Foreign and Diaspora Af-Xinhua

The treatment was finished smoothly and without any issues, the hospital reported at around 4 a.m, according to The Times of Israel. They also stated that the premier was in good condition and would "stay for observation at the cardiology department at Sheba.

According to the Prime Minister's Office, the procedure was successful, and Netanyahu was in good health, and he was scheduled to be released soon.

Hours before he underwent surgery. Netanyahu took to Twitter and posted a video message and said: "A week ago they put in a monitoring device. That device beeped this evening and said I need to receive a pacemaker. I need to do this already tonight. I'm feeling excellent, but I'm listening to my doctors."

During Netanvahu's surgery, which required the prime minister to be sedated, Justice Minister Yariv Levin, the overhaul's architect, served as interim prime minister, reported The Times of Israel. A pacemaker is, notably a medical device that stimulates the heart to regulate or speed up an irregular or excessively sluggish heartbeat.

Netanyahu, 73, was admitted to the hospital from Saturday to Sunday a week ago after he reported feeling lightheaded after visiting the Sea of Galilee. He admitted to spending several hours in the sun and in the sweltering heat there "without a hat, without water." (ANI)

Meanwhile, thousands rallied against the controversial judicial reform bill on Saturday that faces a final vote earlier today. The protesters had set up a 'tent city' near Knesset after the multi-day march.

Some of the protesters blocked the traffic on Tel Aviv's Ayalon Highway, as part of demonstrations against the judicial overhaul. The demonstrations on Saturday came days after Netanyahu's government gave preliminary approval to a crucial bill that is a part of the overhaul, reported Times of Israel. ANI

BRICS leaders to discuss sustainable payment mechanism - Lavrov

MOSCOW

ONE of the crucial topics the BRICS nations will consider at their summit next month is the establishment of long-term payment systems for cross-border commerce, the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

"Given the current international situation, this issue will be addressed during the upcoming meeting of the bloc's leaders," the ministry said on Friday, referring to the summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, on August 22-24, RT reported.

The use of national currencies in cross-border commerce is hindered, according to the Russian Foreign Ministry, by things like their restricted convertibility and

higher volatility than the US dollar. The government also admitted that it would be a "delicate" process to possibly launch a new BRICS common currency.

RT is a Russia-based global TV news network providing news, current affairs and documentaries on social, economic and political issues.

The BRICS nations have been seeking to shift further from the US dollar in mutual trade, with the de-dollarization trend gaining momentum following sanctions that effectively cut Russia off from Western financial

mechanisms Numerous developing nations - including Russia's fellow BRICS members China, India, Brazil and South Afri-

in Ethiopia.



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov

ca - have started to move to-Sandton Convention Centre ward alternative currencies in Johannesburg's Sandton in trade. RT reported. from August 22-24 South Africa will host the South Africa became 15th BRICS Summit at the Chair of BRICS on January 1 this year under the theme: pandemic socio-economic "BRICS and Africa: Partnerrecovery and the attainship for Mutually Accelerment of the 2030 Agenda on ated Growth, Sustainable Sustainable Development: Development and Inclusive Strengthening multilateral-Multilateralism". ism, including working to-

Earlier, South Africa inwards real reform of global formed that Russian Presigovernance institutions and dent Vladimir Putin will not travel to the country for the summit. Later, Kremlin informed that Putin would virtually participate in the summit. "The theme informs the

Chair's five priorities for 2023 - Developing a partnership towards an equitable Just Transition; Transform-

ing education and skills development for the future; Unlocking opportunities through the African Continental Free Trade Area; Strengthening post-

strengthening the meaningful participation of women in peace processes," according to the official statement. The first BRICS Summit was held in Russia in 2009. After the formation of BRICS, South Africa was invited to join the group in

2010 for Global Development".

The 14th BRICS Summit was held virtually in June 2022 under the theme: Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era

ANI

ADDIS ABABA

CHINA and the African continent, under the umbrella of the African Union, have vowed to strengthen the already fruitful military cooperation so as to realize their common aspirations toward securing peace and stability in Africa and beyond.

This came during a reception marking the 96th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese People's Liberation Army on Friday evening in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

The event brought together military representatives of different African countries, senior Ethiopian government officials, members of the diplo-

matic corps in Ethiopia, as well as repsaid during the ceremony. resentatives of the Chinese societies

"Without security and stability

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contributor to the cause of peace and

security in Africa, China has contin-

ued to deliver military assistance to

the African Union, supporting capac-

ity building of the African Standby

Force and jointly working on counter-

terrorism," Guo Baojian, Defense Ad-

visor of Mission of China to the AU,

Guo stressed that the PLA is developing into a world-class military, which serves as a strong guarantee for the realization of the Chinese national rejuvenation and also for making greater contributions to world peace.

"China has always been a peace loving nation. Under the guidance of the national defense policy, the PLA always honors its international responsibilities and plays an active role in maintaining world peace," he said. Guo said as part of its commitment

to international peace, China is the second-largest contributor to the UN peacekeeping budget, and a top contributor of the peacekeepers among the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.

China, Africa vow to strengthen military cooperation

Antonio Lamas Xavier, Chief of Staff of the African Standby Force, on his part echoed Guo's comments as he hailed the ever-expanding China-Africa military cooperation and fruitful partnership in promoting peace and security across the African continent. Xavier, in particular, underscored

the growing cooperation and positive outcomes in the peace and security sector following the establishment of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.

He stressed that the China-proposed Global Security Initiative, which aims to eliminate the root causes of conflicts and improve global security governance, is highly welcomed in Africa as it injects positive momentum towards strengthening continental security and development.

Without security and stability there can be no development. As a constructive participant and active contributor to the cause of peace and security in Africa. China has continued to deliver

Xinhua



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Why is Europe so hot and how long will it last?

ATHENS

EUROPE has been dealing with the effects of extreme weather, from record-breaking heatwaves to disastrous wildfires, reported Al Jazeera.

This month, the World Meteorological Organisation reported that the first week of July was the hottest on record. The severe temperatures followed the hottest June on record, which was caused by a combination of climate change and El Nino, a cyclical weather phenomenon that warms the Pacific Ocean.

A so-called heat dome that covered the southern part of Europe this week contributed to some of the warmest temperatures that Europe has seen so far this summer, as per Al Jazeera.

On July 10, a high-pressure anticyclone with the name Cerberus - a nod to the terrifying watchdog of the underworld from Greek mythology - started to approach from the south.

It was followed by Charon, named after a mythological ferryman who carried souls from the world of the living to the world of the dead. Parts of Greece, Spain, and Italy had temperatures above 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit) during that weather system.

The prevailing hot weather in Europe may have also been influenced by an Atlantic Ocean heatwave that was reported in early July, the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts suggested on Wednesday.

Most of the Atlantic's basins have experienced an increase in temperature, particularly those in North America and Europe. Ocean heatwaves warm the air masses above them and can change atmospheric circulation patterns, according to Al Jazeera.

Scientists predict that increased frequency, extreme heat, and dangerous heatwaves will be a result of climate change, which is mostly caused by greenhouse gas emissions from burning fossil fuels.

"Climate change across the globe is increasing the frequency, intensity and duration of heatwaves," Akshay Deoras, a research scientist at the National Centre for Atmospheric Science at the University of Reading, told Al Jazeera.

"It's effectively making heatwaves into severe heatwaves," he added.

What are anticyclones?

Anticyclones are the antithesis of cyclones and bring stormy weather. They are high-pressure areas with slower-moving winds. As a result, they are frequently related to sunny, warm weather, although they can also become heat sinks.

"If a high pressure comes in our region, and if it just moves away in a couple of days, then you don't get that much heating because that's just a transient phenomenon. But if it stays longer, then the temperatures go up," Deoras said.

"That's what happened last week. There was this high-pressure region that came from North Africa and anchored itself over Southern Europe. Then it went away, and we got another [one] this week, which they called the Charon new heatwave," he added.

Hannah Cloke, a climate scientist also at the University of Reading, described what the phenomenon feels like, according to Al Jazeera.

"The bubble of hot air that has inflated over Southern

Putin: Europe's support for Ukraine serves US interests

MOSCOW/KYIV

EUROPEANS are seeing that providing ceaseless support to Ukraine does not serve their own interests, but only benefits the United States, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday, as Russian navy carried out a live fire exercise in the Black Sea.

The Russian drill came days after the Kremlin declared it would consider ships traveling to Ukraine through the waterway potential military targets.

"We are seeing that public opinion in Europe is changing. Both Europeans and ... European elites see that the so-called support for Ukraine is serving foreign, rather than European interests, the interests of the global hegemon, which is benefiting from the weakening of Europe," Putin said at a meeting with permanent members of the Russian security council, cited by the Kremlin.

He noted that Europeans are seeing that their endless support for Ukraine is in fact a "waste of money and effort," and only benefits the US that wishes to prolong the Ukraine crisis.

It is questionable whether Washington's policies in Ukraine actually serve the fundamental interests of the American people, added the Russian leader.

Live fire exercise in Black Sea

A missile boat from Russia's Black Sea Fleet carried out live firing of anti-ship cruise missiles at a target ship in the northwestern part of the Black Sea, Russia's defense ministry said in a statement on Telegram.

"The target ship was destroyed as a result of a missile strike," it said.

Ships and fleet aviation had also worked out actions to isolate the area temporarily closed to navigation, and also carried out a set of measures to detain offending ships, it said without specifying exactly where the exercise had taken place

After pulling out of the Black Sea grain deal, the Kremlin said on Wednesday it would consider cargo ships destined for Ukraine via the Black Sea potential military targets.

Moscow on Wednesday also banned traffic on the northwestern and southeastern parts of the sea.

Ukraine also said it had prohibited navigation on "the northeastern part of the Black Sea and the Kerch Strait" near Crimea, making navigation in most of the Black Sea perilous for vessels.



Russian President Vladimir Putin chairs a Security Council meeting via videoconference in Moscow, Russia, on July 21, 2023 with Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu on the screen. AP

On Friday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky dismissed the country's ambassador to the United Kingdom, Vadym Prvstaiko.

On the battlefield, Ukrainian forces are using US-supplied cluster munitions, said the White House.

The US provided the weapons to Ukraine for the first time earlier this month.

The weapons, which disperse up to several hundred small explosive charges that can remain unexploded in the ground, are banned by many countries because of the

long-term risks they pose to civilians.

Telling illustration

Foreign Policy magazine criticized on Wednesday that Washington's controversial decision to supply Ukraine with cluster munitions is a telling illustration of liberalism's limitations as a guide to the US' foreign policy.

"The administration's rhetoric extols the superiority of democracies over au-

tocracies, highlights its commitment to a 'rules-based order', and steadfastly maintains that it takes human rights seriously. If this were true, however, it would not be sending weapons that pose serious risks to civilians and whose use in Ukraine it has criticized harshly in the past," the report said

"But as it has on other prominent issues, those liberal convictions get jettisoned as soon as they become inconvenient. This behavior shouldn't surprise us: When states are in trouble and worried that they might suffer a setback, they toss their principles aside and do what they think it takes to win."

When they turn to foreign policy, liberals tend to divide the world into good states (those with legitimate orders based it said.

on liberal principles) and bad states (just about everything else) and blame most if not all the world's problems on the latter,

Nationalization of Russia-linked bank

The Ukrainian government on Friday adopted a resolution to withdraw the Russia-linked Sense Bank from the market and nationalize it, said the cabinet's press service.

"The procedure of the bank's nationalization, including the appointment of a new management, will be ensured as soon as possible for its smooth operation," reads a government statement.

The Ukrainian Finance Ministry will temporarily take control of the bank, and seek to attract private investors once the martial law in the country comes to an end, it said.

The resolution was adopted after the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) proposed to nationalize the bank, saying that the owners of the financial institution are Russian citizens, who were put under Ukrainian and international sanctions.

Sense Bank, formerly known as Alfa Bank, is among the largest financial institutions in Ukraine, and is included in the NBU's list of systemically important banks.

Ukraine imposed a series of sanctions against Russian companies and individuals due to the Ukraine crisis. Agencies

Somali woman defies cultural hurdles to pursue higher education

MOGADISHU

THE education journey for Najma Abdullahi Qarey, a 24-year-old Somali woman, is intriguing and inspiring at the same time.

Abdullahi got married at a younger age by her parents who live in a community that believes that the only way to safeguard the dignity of their daughters is to marry them off while young.

However, Abdullahi refused to allow marriage to become an obstacle to her passion for education and overcame many hurdles that have denied education to the majority of her peers. "My childhood dream was to pursue education to the highest level possible despite my community's disregard for girl-child education.



wife was pursuing a degree impact on their offspring. In February this year, in public administration.

get Survey (SIHBS-2022), which is the first such credible national survey since 1985, nearly two-thirds of the country's population has no formal education.

Only 4.6 percent of the population report to have completed secondary education and 4 percent attained higher education. Young citizens are the most a substantial difference in educated and over half of literacy rates between age

Integrated Household Bud- of rural respondents have no formal education. Only 3 percent of rural residents have completed secondary schooling, and 1.7 percent have acquired higher education.

The survey states that the literacy rate is higher among males than females, at 63.6 percent and 45.3 percent respectively with this demographic or 53.7 groups, with younger age

Europe has turned Italy and surrounding countries into a giant pizza oven," she said in a statement.

"The hot air, which pushed in from Africa, is now staying put with settled high-pressure conditions meaning that heat in warm sea, land and air continues to build," Cloke added.

Which countries have been most affected?

The countries most impacted by the heatwave include Greece, Italy and Spain; however, parts of France, Germany and Poland also faced major heatwaves. How long will the heatwave last?

The extreme temperatures are expected to last until this Thursday before a less warm air mass moves in from the north. However, the relief might not last long as another period of extreme heat is expected at the beginning of next week (Sunday through Tuesday), as per the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts

If the heat dome is not disrupted, the forecast predicted it is possible that Europe could keep experiencing more episodes of extreme heat.

What can be anticipated for Southern Europe in coming days?

Greece's future temperatures are predicted to range from 41 to 45 C (105 to 113 F). All archaeological monuments, including the Acropolis in Athens, will be closed from noon to 5:30 pm (09:00 to 14:30 GMT) through Sunday, according to the Ministry of Culture.

High temperatures are predicted for central and southern Italy, with a maximum of 40C (104F) in Sardinia and 41C (105F) in Palermo. However, a break from the heat is anticipated when Charon weakens in the north.

There will also be some relief in some parts of Spain. Northeastern Spain is predicted to see storms, and the western Canary Islands will have significant wind gusts. On the other hand, Seville and Cordoba in the south are predicted to experience 38C (110F) temperatures on Sunday, Al Jazeera reported.





My parents were overprotective and did not want me to stay unmarried beyond my puberty stage," she told Xinhua during a recent interview in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia

"And since I didn't want to be rude to my parents, I accepted to marry my childhood lover, who turned out to be extremely supportive of my education journey," Abdullahi said.

Zakaria Abdullahi, Abdullahi's husband who works in the Ministry of Education in Somalia's Galmudug state, refused to succumb to mounting pressure from male friends who ridiculed him for looking after the children when his

Zakaria said that he felt that it was in the interest of his family to support and sacrifice for his wife's education since she will be a role model to their children.

"I am proud of my wife's resilience," Zakaria said, adding that mothers are the ones who spend more time with children and educating them will have a positive

Abdullahi was among 44 students who finished their undergraduate degrees in the Horn of Africa University, one of the best institutions of higher learning in Somalia registered with the

Ministry of Higher Education, and was awarded with various honors during the graduation ceremony.

percent is literate. For people in the 20-24

12.2 percent respectively,

Among nomads, the

overwhelming majority, or

92.5 percent, reported no

formal education, while

according to the survey.

categories showing the highest literacy rates and and 25-29 age groups, highthe oldest members having er education attainment the lowest literacy rates. rates are at 14.2 percent and

Abdullahi said that juggling between education and family responsibilities has not been a walk in the park, but she credited her supportive husband for enabling her to realize her According to the Somalia two-thirds, or 68.6 percent academic dreams. Xinhua

China sees high value-added economic growth in H1

CHINA'S consumer market is thriving this summer.

Family trips and cross-province tours are recovering. A prosperous night economy represented by night markets, midnight snacks and night boating activities is enriching urban business forms. The booming consumption exactly mirrors the strong vitality of the Chinese economy.

The country's macro economy is showing signs of recovery and growth. On July 17, the National Bureau of Statistics said that China's GDP grew 5.5 percent in the first half of 2023, surpassing the 3-percent growth in 2022 and the annual average growth of 4.5 percent from 2020 to 2022.

This proves that the Chinese economy is gradually walking out of the shadow of COVID-19 and getting back to its normal track. The obvious rebound trend indicates the high value of the Chinese economy.

The high value comes from China's tremendous development resilience, which can be well explained by the country's optimized trade structure.

This year, the global economy has shown a weak recovery. The sluggish global trade inevitably hindered China's imports and exports.

Against such a backdrop, the



Containers are unloaded from trucks at the Zhengpu port in Ma'anshan, east China's Anhui province, July 3. (Photo by Wang Wensheng/People's Daily Online)

total export value of China's three maior tech-intensive green products - lithium-ion batteries, solar batteries, and electric vehicles soared 61.6 percent year-on-year in the first half of 2023. The value of general trade accounted for 65.5 percent of the country's total. New forms of foreign trade such as cross-border e-commerce were in rapid development, which not only offset the contraction of the overseas market demand, but also made the trade sector more diverse.

In fact, the willpower to conquer all types of risks and challenges, as well as the capabilities

to flexibly maneuver and complete self-upgrade, is exactly what makes the strong resilience of the Chinese economy.

From a global perspective, China's economic growth in the first half of 2023 was high among major economies around the world, and it provided important support for the development of the global economy.

The high value also comes from the vitality of China's development

Recently, the second domestically-developed large passenger aircraft C919 was delivered to China Eastern Airlines.

Also this year, China's first domestically-built large cruise ship left the dock, and its Long March-2D carrier rocket set a national record for the most spacecraft transported on a single mission. The demonstration project of Hualong One, China's homegrown third-generation nuclear power reactor design, passed the final acceptance tests.

Innovation-driven development is releasing new momentum for China's high-quality development.

Structural optimization and transformation of development models can be observed in China's economic recovery. In the January-June period, investment in high-tech industries grew by 12.5 percent year-on-year, the production of new energy vehicles jumped 35 percent, and final consumption contributed over 70 percent to the country's economic growth.

This explains that the Chinese economy is growing with better quality and higher efficiency.

As the country builds stronger growth drivers and steadily improves its development quality, the Chinese economy will enter stages toward a higher-level form, a more sophisticated division of labor, and a more optimized structure.

China, currently at a key stage of economic recovery and industrial upgrading, is seeing cyclical contradictions and structural problems.

In the future, China needs to continue comprehensively deepening reform and opening up, accelerate the modernization of the industrial system, ensure smooth economic circulation and make more efforts to transform growth models, make structural adjustments and strengthen growth drivers.

The country should also issue and implement, in a timely manner, a batch of targeted, coordinated and synergetic policies and measures on stabilizing growth, ensuring employment, and guarding against risks.

Challenges build barriers for the time being, but they are a ladder to better development in the long run. China, witnessing recovery and growth in the first half of this year, has profoundly learned new situations and problems of its economy, and improved its policies and measures, to bring the full potential of its advantages and dynamism.

It is believed that China has the conditions and capability to achieve its full-year growth targets.



Newly signed Geita Gold FC midfielder, Samwel Onditi.

Geita Gold FC, Kagera Sugar now welcome new players

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

WITH the preparations for the new season already afoot for most of the NBC Premier League clubs, Geita Gold FC has been relatively quiet in the transfer window so far but has now added two new faces to the squad that will compete in the 2023/24 campaign.

The club announced during the weekend that it had secured the services of Tanzanian international midfielder Samwel Onditi from Ihefu SC.

Onditi came through the ranks at Azam FC academy before being loaned out to several clubs including Ihefu SC where he spent two seasons. He has signed a contract that will see him at Geita Gold FC until June 2025.

The 23-year-old footballer, who hails from Mara, can play as either a center-back or defensive midfielder.

He enjoyed a great season in the Premier League, earning a call-up to the preliminary squad for the senior er disappointing season. national team, Taifa Stars, last year.

The young striker expected to improve the conversion rate of chances into goals, which Geita Gold FC seemed to have struggled with last season.

The two new arrivals are already training with the team in Morogoro. Geita Gold FC which finished seventh last season has set up a pre-season camp in Morogoro under the recently appointed head coach Hemed Suleiman 'Morocco' who replaced the departed Fred Felix 'Minziro'.

Another Lake Zone side, Kagera Sugar, has officially confirmed the first signing of winger Richardson Ng'ondya on a two-year deal from Mbeya City FC.

The winger who can play on both left and right flanks made 22 league appearances for Mbeya City FC last season and found the back of the net on five occasions.

Kagera Sugar under head coach Mecky Mexime has undergone a major squad clear-out following anoth-

Seven players, including former

Speculations galore if Yanga can reverse the Morrison 'thank you'

By Correspondent John Kimbute

times player registration and termination can look somewhat funny, and when something happens that appears to signal a change in what is in the air, plenty of speculation comes up to figure out if it is true or not.

Not many fans of Young Africans SC, popularly known as Yanga, is avidly following reports on where Ghanaian winger Bernard Morrison, released by the outfit after the conclusion of the 2022/23 season, is going to play, as he had not been formally announced by Singida Fountain Gate FC where most pundits expect him.

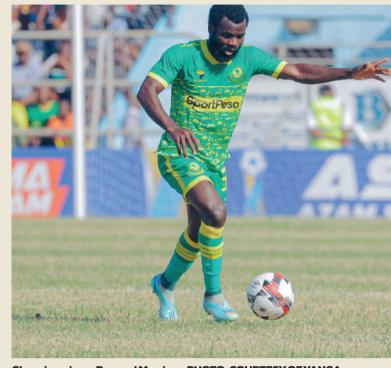
And despite his 'thank you,' he is seen fraternizing with his supposed former colleagues, and in a jovial mood that raises a bit of puzzling issues.

The reason the situation was a bit of a puzzle is that Yanga is in the market to get players, either by purchasing or preferably if they are out of contract, and one of the positions that need replacement is the wing position.

They already have one or two replacements for Tuisila Kisinda and Morrison, but a player they obtained from the relegated Marumo Gallants of South Africa is in the likeness of - yes, Bernard Morrison.

One is talking about a player who plays a few matches in a season and may change clubs even within one season but played well at Marumo.

This pick was an indication that if Morrison was a free player say at either South Africa's Marumo Gallants FC or Nigeria's Rivers United, he could have been picked, if anything due to the compo-



Ghanaian winger Bernard Morrison. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

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later stage, the picture starts to

emerge of what the city rivals

are likely to do at the continental

They are both in the club

champions league and as it was

the case last year, with Yanga in

the preliminary position of actu-

ally being the pivotal side repre-

senting the country as it was the

Yet no one is deceived by that

situation as to who is the real

contender for the continental

honours, especially with their

rivals, Simba SC, being listed for

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It is all the same a different

matter to try and figure out if

Simba SC will be in a position to

reach the quarter finals like last

that feat as they retained their

best players and recruited qual-

They appear to be poised for

the Africa Football League.

against the South African side, dribbling past the right back and side-stepping the goalkeeper to score.

The point is that the player recruited is aged 33 and has shone just from time to time at Mamelodi Sundowns, Kaizer Chiefs, and others, before playing against Yanga at the Gallants. It makes the Morrison 'thank you' more of discipline than ability in the game, more or less.

As Yanga has also registered a player from their age-old rivals next street who is also pinned for lack of discipline and repeatedly, match fitness, there is reason for some rethinking.

If one has recruited Jonas Mkude and someone similar to Morrison in age and 'stability' from Marumo Gallants, why not retain Morrison even if it implies the contract is renegotiated?

So when the fraternizing was noticed, and at times this sort of gesture is not accidental, it may not be altogether surprising if there is a shift.

At the end of the day, as there sure he showed in a match is now no issue of shifting to ity players to fill in some gaps.

With any luck, they could even knock on the doors of the semifinals, more assuredly than was the case in the past season, in serious contrast to their archrivals.

This time, the Jangwani Street outfit will be compelled to talk about the CAF Champions League straightforwardly and not in a glib way as they have constantly been referring to their CAF Confederation Cup final entry just as a continental club tourney.

The sort of recruitment they have done, the players they had to let go as well as the technical bench, and the replacements they managed to attract to the club is pointedly unconvincing for club championship honours.

As the club has more legroom at the local premier league that is not easy to predict as some other clubs could also do well, Azam FC in particular if not the Singida outfit, yet.

Chances that the sort of registration Yanga has done will be unconvincing for more than one stage, say up to the Group Stage of the club champions tournament, are likely to be clear within a fairly short period.

Even with the Lusaka talismanic player lately experiencing some difficulties with his side, and falling lower in the pecking order at the moment for the Roberto Oliveira-coached Simba SC, Jangwani Street club singularly shirked from pulling him to their side and at least assuage the fanbase feelings about the departure of Fiston Mayele.

At a premier league level and tactical level as it relates to finance club president Hersi Said may have played his cards fairly well as a GSM Group insider.

But from the viewpoint of rebuilding the side and reassuring the fan base, it appears Yanga's president, Hersi Said, excessively relies on luck 'body talk' as the club does not show readiness to play second fiddle, this year.

Geita Gold FC has also signed promising striker Valentino Kushengama for two years. Kushengama had a breakthrough with relegated Ruvu Shooting whom he joined midseason. He scored three goals in his debut top-flight campaign with Ruvu Shooting and he is another player who has passed through the Azam FC youth project.

Simba SC winger Yusuph Muhilu, have been shown the exit door.

Others are center-back Laurent Alfred, and midfielders Yusuph Dunia, Meshack Abraham, Jackson Kibirige, Eric Mwijage, and Abeid Athumani.

Mwijage has since joined an Armenian top-flight side together with former Ruvu Shooting and Azam FC striker Abalkassim Hamis.

Clatous Chama lauds Luis Miquissone's return to Simba

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC attacking midfielder Clatous Chama has lauded the return of Mozambican winger, Luis Miquissone, to the club after his two-year spell at Egypt's Al Ahly.

Miquissone had only joined Al Ahly in August of 2021 from Tanzania football giants Simba SC for a fee of €850,000 after wowing the Egyptian club during the 2020/21 CAF Champions League.

The Mozambique pacey winger has signed a three-year deal with Simba SC as returns for the second stint with the outfit after spending two years with former club Al Ahly and various loan spells.

Chama and Miquissone shared a successful stint in their last season in 2020/21 winning the Premier League, Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC), and Community Shield.

The Zambian midfielder noted: "I am very happy that he has returned to Simba SC, his abilities are great and will benefit us a lot as a club, I have been talking to him on various things, especially on the field and family matters which has helped us to maintain our relationship.'

"Also career-wise it will help him a lot because sometimes you switch clubs and find yourself not fitting into another team because you fail

to adapt quickly to the environment and need to change quickly something good for Luis (Miquissone) to return to Simba."

The Mozambique international made 28 appearances for Ahly, scoring five goals he still was one of the club's players that helped it finish third in the Club World Cup, featuring in the outfit's victories against Mexico's CF Monterrey and Saudi Arabia's Al Hilal.

Last season, though, he was on loan at Abha Football Club but only made four appearances in the Saudi Pro League.

Before his stints with Al Ahly and Simba SC, Miquissone was signed by Sundowns in January 2018 but was loaned out to Chippa United.

Two more loan stints at Royal Eagles and UD Songo in his home country followed.

Simba SC is set to cash in sales for midfielders Pape Ousmane Sakho and Peter Banda, with the latter set to leave on loan in Albania.

Their departure gives room for Miquissone, Aubin Kramo, and Leandro Onana to occupy the flanks giving head coach Roberto Oliveira more options.

Miquissone is soon set to travel to Turkey where Simba SC is holding a pre-season camp in preparation for the 2023/24 season.



Kenyan boxer, Daniel Wanyonyi (R)is declared the winner of a non-title Light Heavyweight fight against Tanzanian Karim Mandonga (L) at Sarit Expo in Nairobi, Kenya on Saturday. AGENCIES

Karim Mandonga loses to Wanyonyi in rematch

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN pugilist Karim Said 'Mandonga Mtu Kazi' lost a non-title rematch against Kenyan Daniel Wanyonyi via unanimous decision at the Sarit Expo Centre in Nairobi, Kenya last Saturday.

Six months after losing the first bout between the two pugilists, Wanyonyi got the perfect revenge against Tanzania's 'Mandonga Mtu Kazi' as he twice knocked down the 44-year-old in their highly billed rematch, a 10-round Light Heavyweight bout.

The Kenyan- the former Africa Boxing Union champion- made his intent in the contest well

match from the fourth round, sending the Tanzanian boxing sensation to the canvas in the sixth and 10th rounds to emerge victorious.

Judges George Athumani, Wycliffe Marende, and Leonard Wanga unanimously scored 100-88, 100-88, and 100-80 to give Wanyonyi his revenge.

"This victory means a lot to me because I am not only back but I am much better than before. I had not trained well when I met Mandonga for the first time, he felt what I am made of and I want a rematch to teach him more lessons," Wanyonyi said after his victory.

"Wanyonyi was a better boxer

known as he took control of the tonight and congratulations to knocked out Uganda's Valente him for a well-deserved victory. Remember I knocked him out and he took a unanimous decision, he will never knock me out," Mandonga revealed and called for a third bout between the two pugilists.

In the day's other bouts, Kenya's Albert Kimario knocked out Uganda's Ben Sajjabi after just one round in their Super Bantamweight contest that was scheduled for 10 rounds.

Lucien Botumbe from the Democratic Republic of Congo claimed a unanimous decision victory against Uganda's Ignatious Onyango in the six-round Super Middleweight bout.

Kenyan Consolata Musangi

Asibo in the third of their scheduled six-round tie.

In another women's bout, Nicholine Achieng of Kenya knocked out Natalie Lydia of Uganda in the fourth of their scheduled six-round Super Bantamweight bout.

Kenya Defense Force's Raphael Mutua outclassed Christopher Osochi in the Lightweight contest that went the full four rounds whereas Wilson Olembo needed 53 seconds to knockout Suleiman Gitau in the Super Flyweight bout.

Najib Musa took down Geroge Ochieg in the Light Heavyweight contest

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Saudi Arabian club reportedly makes massive transfer offer for Kylian Mbappé

By Tyler Greenawalt

THE next team Kylian Mbappé plays for won't be Paris Saint-Germain. The Ligue 1 club made that abundantly clear this week when the team left Mbappé off its summer roster and signaled to the rest of the soccer world its intention to move on from the French star.

And now, like so many other high-profile players before him this summer, Mbappé has been targeted by a Saudi Arabian club, according to multiple reports.

Al-Hilal, who lost the Lionel Messi sweepstakes to MLS's Inter Miami, reportedly offered Mbappé a €400 million contract (around \$445.3 million) and would pay a €200 million fee (around \$222.5 million) to PSG, per French journalist Fabrice Hawkins. PSG will reportedly accept this deal if Mbappe doesn't agree to a contract extension by July 31, per Hawkins.

Al-Hilal is also reportedly willing to let Mbappé leave for Real Madrid in 2024, the club he's been most linked to for the past several years.

Now, Mbappé could always reject the move to Saudi Arabia if accepted by PSG. He's still under contract with PSG until next summer, when he said he would leave the club. But PSG doesn't want Mbappé to leave for free. That's why it's trying to find another club to transfer Mbappé to before his contract ends.

But if he were to join Al-Hilal, he'd immediately become the face of the league. Other stars like fellow Frenchman Karim Benzema and former Real Madrid, Juventus and Manchester United forward Cristiano Ronaldo already play in Saudi Arabia, and the kingdom's Public Wealth Fund will reportedly spend billions of dollars propping up the country's top soccer league.

PSG has until the summer transfer window ends Sept. 1 at 11 p.m. ET to find a partner or wait until the winter window opens Jan. 1, 2024. If they don't move him, a report from ESPNFC indicates the club will sit Mbappé rather than play him and risk worsening his transfer fee value for the next window.

More than likely, other clubs will come out of the woodwork in an attempt to snag the winger. Real Madrid is the biggest and most likely name, but it also appears to have the lead in wooing Mbappé if and when he becomes a free agent next summer. Chelsea is reportedly another club interested in Mbappé, per Hawkins.

Nothing will change unless Mbappé clears it, though. So while PSG plans his exit, it's on Mbappé to decide his own immediate fate – or wait a year. Agencies

Jadon Sancho stars as a false nine in Man United win over Arsenal in New Jersey

By James Ducker

ANCHES-TER United beat Ar-2-0 senal in their first match of their pre-season tour of the US at New Jersey's MetLife Stadium on Saturday night.

Bruno Fernandes scored his first goal since replacing Harry Maguire as United captain this week to open the scoring before Jadon Sancho doubled the lead with a fine finish.

Here Telegraph Sport looks at some of the talking points from the game. *Mainoo looks the

part

It is easy to see why Manchester United have no intention of loaning out Kobbie Mainoo this season and Erik ten Hag is keen to have him in the first team fold. The midfielder, who hails from Stockport but whose family are of Ghanaian descent, may only have turned 18 in April but he has a mature head on young shoulders and his talents were on full display during an impressive showing against Arsenal.

Deployed in central midfield with Fernandes and Mason Mount either side, Mainoo oozed confidence and composure in and out of possession. It was from his pass that Fernandes was released to fire left footed past Aaron Rams-



Jadon Sancho fired a superb finish high into the corner of the net for United's second. Agencies

dale and give United the lead but his brightest moment came before then.

Dropping in between centre-backs Raphael Varane and Lisandro Martinez, Mainoo nonchalantly sprayed passes side to side before space opened up and the teenager drove forward with the ball before clipping a superb pass in behind to send Antony rushing down the right. It was the start of a slick United move culminating in a blocked shot and had all started because of Mainoo's vision. As well as being good on the ball, Mainoo is mobile and with a formidable build that belies his age.

Ten Hag is determined to see as much of the voungster as he can on United's pre-season tour of the US and it would not be a surprise to see him getting opportuni-

ing campaign, especially if the likes of Fred and Donny van de Beek are moved on. United are not blessed with natural alternatives to Casemiro and Mainoo could give Ten Hag another option in the middle. *Sancho stars as a false

nine For the third game running, Ten Hag opted to use Sancho as a false nine. The England player, a winger by trade, performed the role in the wins against Leeds and Lyon and he proved a handful here against

by Gabriel following a long pass forward, Sancho stole possession and showed a real turn of pace to race away from the Arsenal defender and then a cool head to fire a superb finish high into the corner of the net.

ties over the forthcom-With United vet to sign a striker this sum-Anthony Marmer. tial still recovering from a hamstring injury and Wout Weghorst having left the club after his loan expired, Ten Hag has been forced to get creative in attack. Marcus Rash-

ford played through the middle in the second half but his repeat use of Sancho centrally suggests it is a role he has potentially earmarked for the former Borussia Dortmund player, at least until he lands the new striker he desper-Arsenal. After a mistake ately craves or Martial returns.

> United are still willing to listen to offers for Sancho but the 23-year-old has a lot to prove and a big season ahead of him if he remains at Old Trafford, which seems likely. Sancho spent three months away last season

to work on his physical and mental condition but struggled after returning to the team. He favours the left wing to the right but Ten Hag has Rashford and Alejandro Garnacho as options in that position and the manager seems to have resolved that he can get more out of Sancho centrally.

*Penalty practice

In something of a novel move, a penalty shootout was held at full time even though United had won the game. Ten Hag and his Arsenal counterpart Mikel Arteta felt it was a good opportunity to practise penalties in front of a big crowd and decided it would be a useful part of their

preparations for the new

campaign. Aaron Ramsdale did not cover himself in glory for United's first goal as he allowed Fernandes' shot to spill under him and the Arsenal goalkeeper was unable to keep out any of United's penalties as Ten Hag's side won the shoot-out 5-3. Fabio Vieira missed Arsenal's third penalty with Christian Eriksen converting the winning free-kick for United.

*Fighting in the stands There was a capacity crowd of 82,262 in the stunning MetLife Stadium, home of the New York Giants and New York Jets NFL teams, a record for a football match at the venue. That was still consid-

erably less than the US record, which was set in 2014 when United played Real Madrid in front of 109,318 fans at the Big House in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The MetLife packed to the rafters is some sight as United and Arsenal fans mixed freely but it was not all smiles, with fighting briefly breaking out in one section of the ground in the second half.

The trouble passed fairly quickly but still came as a surprise given the carnival atmosphere in the stadium.

*No love lost on the pitch, either

This may have been a friendly but, in keeping with the stormy history of this fixture, there were no punches pulled on the pitch. Lisandro Martinez was booked for lunging in on Bukayo Saka shortly before half-time. Martin Odegaard took exception to Martinez's heavy challenge and confronted the United defender as tempers flared. A mini scuffle ensued with William Saliba, Mount and Luke Shaw rushing over and getting involved.

Asked about United's physical approach, Arteta said: "They are here to compete and to win as we are. It's the job of the referee to stop it. You asked me yesterday about how difficult or easy the season will be. It's going to be more difficult, more challenging. THE TELEGRAPH

Women's World Cup never been tougher, warns Germany coach

Once 'humiliated', S. Korea's Park savours third World Cup

lead against debutants player. the Philippines from the spot in the fourth game of the competition after a particularly controversial VAR intervention and consequent

SYDNEY

PARK Eun-seon was "humiliated" a decade ago by unfounded claims about her sex but has put the episode behind her to reach a third Women's World Cup.

And now the 36-year-old South Korean forward -- who played her first World Cup 20 years ago -- has one more ambition in what will be her farewell to the tournament.

"I've never scored a goal at the World Cup and I'm training hard with the aim of scoring a goal," Park told AFP in the lead-up to the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

"As I always say, I'm really working hard now thinking this is my last World Cup."

South Korea begin their World Cup campaign on Tuesday against Colombia in Sydney.

Park's long career has been marked by exceptional highs but also real lows.

Considered a child prodigy, she joined South Korea's squad when she was a teenager and played in the 2003 World Cup.

By the time she was 19 she had scored 11 goals for her country.

There was domestic success too. In 2013 she was top scorer in the league with 19 goals, leading her team Seoul City Hall to second place.

But her goals prompted six rival coaches to threaten a league boycott and demand a gender test. The claim was shut down when South Korea's Human Rights Commission intervened, saying that the coaches' actions amounted to sexual harassment.

"What happened is in the past and I don't remember much of it now," Park says, having described it at the time as "humiliating".

She said in 2013 that she had undergone several eligibility tests in the past.

"I scored a lot (in 2013) because I was given a lot of chances as my teammates were exceptionally good at the time," she says now of the scrutiny.

"There are coaches who have apologised since, and time has passed. I'm doing well now."

- For late father -

There have been other ups and downs.

Park failed to score in either the 2003 or 2015 World Cups, then was out of the national squad for seven years. She thought her international career was over. AFP

GERMANY coach Martina Voss-Tecklenburg warned Sunday that women's football has never been more competitive as her side chase a third World Cup title.

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The Germans are one

of the favourites in Australia and New Zealand, and have a serious pedigree, having won the tournament in 2003 and 2007.

But they went out in the quarter-finals four years ago, and with women's football at an all-time high, especially in Europe, Voss-Tecklenburg is wary.

"All the games are tight, women's football teams have come ever closer," the coach said on the eve of Germany's

World Cup opener on Monday against debutants Morocco in Melbourne.

"All the countries coming here are not only proud to be at the World Cup, but they absolutely have the quality to play here and to pose problems.

"We will have the same scenario tomorrow against Morocco."

But Voss-Tecklenburg, a decorated former international player who has been in charge since 2019, welcomed the challenge and said it was good for women's football.

"We see this around the world, everybody keeps developing," she added.

Martina Voss-Tecklenburg

getting ever tighter in an athletic sense, but itself as a sport it is also growing, and we are proud that is happening.

"We live that and we love that, and are up for the challenge.

"It is much more competitive than 20 years ago when I was playing." The United States are chasing an unprecedented third World Cup crown in a row but face a stern challenge from several European teams, Germany among them.

Aside from Morocco -- the first Arab nation to play at a Women's World Cup -- Germany face South Korea and Colombia in Group H.

Germany have several injury concerns ahead of the Morocco clash, with key players Marina Hegering and Lena Ober-"Women's football is dorf both in doubt.

Meanwhile, Germapenalties were given afny coach Martina Vosster referees consulted Tecklenburg called for the video assistant referee (VAR). The sequence of spot-

Saturday in game nine of the tournament in Australia and New Zealand.

Switzerland took the

penalty decision. "This is definitely not a penalty in my opinion," former Australia international Heather Garriock said on Optus Sport.

"I think that's pretty harsh."

Ramona Bachmann scored from the spot and Switzerland went on to win 2-0.

Ahead of Germany's opening match against Morocco on Monday, Voss-Tecklenburg said she had told her players to be particularly wary inside the penalty box.

"I hope that we will kicks only ended late on see a balance, not only among the players but also among the responsible referees," said the former international

"I have been a bit surprised that we have seen that many (penalties) in the initial games."

The United States were awarded a penalty in the opening match of their title defence against Vietnam on Saturday following a lengthy VAR check.

Alex Morgan failed from the spot but it did not matter in the end, the Americans going on to win 3-0.

Asked by AFP afterwards about the glut of penalties and if they were being awarded too easily, US coach Vlatko Andonovski said: "I don't know if they happen too easily or not.

"With all the cameras, with VAR and all the angles that the referees are reviewing, I'm sure they're making the right call."

"If it's a foul in the box, it's a penalty," he added. AFP



Cup. In about half the cases

greater "balance" on Sunday after referees awarded penalties in all of the first eight games of the Women's World

Yanga head coach delighted with preseason win over Kaizer Chiefs

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Guardian

Newly signed Simba SC keeper, Jefferson Luis Szerban.

Simba SC completes Brazilian goalkeeper transfer

By Correspondent Michael Mweb

SIMBA SC has bolstered the squad with a new signing ahead of the 2023/24 season, bringing in Brazilian goalkeeper Jefferson Luis Szerban.



Gamondi

believes his club's

Angel

win over South Africa's Kaizer

Chiefs is a good start to pre-

The Mainland Tanzania

champions, popularly known

as Yanga, gained bragging

rights over their South Afri-

season.

Yanga's head coach, Miguel Angel Gamondi. PHOTO COURTESY OFYANGA

half goal notched by Kennedy Musonda sealed a 1-0 win in the friendly clash which took place at Benja-

can opponents as a first- min Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

The Zambian attacker's cheeky chip went over the stranded Kaizer Chiefs goal-

keeper Itumeleng Khune a minute before the halftime break for a well-deserved lead for the hosts.

In the second half, Yanga created several chances but failed to find the net to add to their lead.

Gamondi had made lots of changes in the second half and swapped almost two-thirds of his team, yet the quality remained.

New arrivals Jonas Mkude, Nickson Kibabage, Max Zengeli, and Mahlatse Makudubela 'Skudu', who started the game, paved the way for others at the halftime break.

Speaking after the game, Gamondi expressed his delight in the overall performance of his players and praised them for their tactical discipline and organizational structure.

"Congratulations to the players, they put into practice what we are working on, and they deserve credit

for that, I say thank you to all the players, I am very delighted to work with these players," Gamondi said.

"In the first half, we were superior, we had control of the game, we created chances and scored as well," the coach revealed.

The tactician pointed out: "In the second half, we had total control of the game, we created three clear-cut chances but missed them."

The Argentine added: "We could have won 2-0, 3-0 but it is okay, we are on the right track, we played with a very good organization, and for me to be very good in the spaces inside the pitch is key."

"We had good occupation of the spaces, got control and, after that, it is about the creativity of the player, the discipline and organizational structure were there," Gamondi pointed out.



The 29-year-old Jefferson joins the Msimbazi Street-based club from Brazilian club, Resende FC.

He spent last season on loan to another Brazilian side, Itabirito FC. He has joined Simba SC on a twoyear deal, keeping him at the club until at least 2025.

"Goalkeeper Jefferson Luis Szerban has signed a two-year deal to play for Simba SC," the club announced on Sunday.

Jefferson has already joined up with the Robert Oliveira-coached squad, which is in Turkey for a three-week pre-season training.

He is a player Robertinho knows well. He is wellversed in the Brazilian coach's approach.

The club profiled him as a goalkeeper who has confidence with the ball at his feet commands his box very well and is also an outstanding shot-stopper.

He joins Simba SC to plug the gap left behind by Benno Kakolanya who joined Singida Fountain Gate.

With long-time first-choice goalkeeper Aishi Manula out with an injury, Jefferson is expected to take over the number-one role ahead of Ally Salim and Ahmed Feruzi.

The Brazilian goalkeeper is the 10th addition to Simba SC's squad so far having joined Willy Onana, Aubin Kramo, Che Malone Fondoh, Fabrice Ngoma, and Luis Miquissone as well as locals, David Kameta 'Duchu', Hussein Kazi, Shaaban Idd Chilunda and Hamis Abdallah.

With the addition of Jefferson and Miquissone, Simba SC has to release two foreign professionals to comply with league regulations. A club is allowed to sign a maximum of 12 foreign players.

Malawian winger Peter Banda and Senegalese winger Pape Sakho are likely to leave the outfit. It is understood Banda has attracted interests from South African clubs.

Despite reporting for preseason, Banda is likely to be allowed to move to one of the clubs that want his services.

Sakho is France bound and is yet to report for preseason training as he awaits clearance from Simba SC to complete his move.

Banda and Sakho's imminent exit could bring the number of departures to 12. Simba SC has already released goalkeeper Benno Kakolanya, fullback Gadiel Michael, center-back Mohamed Ouattara, midfielder Ismael Sawadogo, midfielder Victor Akpan, midfielders Nelson Okwa, Jonas Mkude, Erasto Nyoni, and Augustine Okrah so far.

The club's Kenyan center-back Joash Onyango was recently loaned to Singida Fountain Gate FC.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa hands over a medal to one of the winners of the 2023 NBC Dodoma Marathon which took place in Dodoma yesterday. Others are Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Pindi Chana (L) and NBC Bank's Managing Director Theobald Sabi (R). This year's race has successfully raised 500m/- for supporting the fight against cervical cancer and reproductive health for women. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Majaliwa lauds NBC for hosting 2023 NBC Dodoma Marathon

By Guardian Correspondent

has lauded NBC Bank for organizing a fundraising marathon, termed 'NBC Dodoma Marathon', to support the fight against cervical cancer and the provision of midwifery scholarships in Tanzania.

Speaking upon the conclusion of the marathon which took place in Dodoma yesterday, Prime Minister said that the government appreciates the drive by the private sector to join hands in finding solutions to challenges facing society.

Majaliwa stated: "The government PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa acknowledges the noble social citizenship work carried by NBC Bank over the years."

"We appreciate the innovation of partnering with Ocean Road Cancer Institute, Benjamin Mkapa Foundation, and Athletics Tanzania to develop this marathon that is geared towards raising funds to support the maternal health initiatives in Tanzania," he noted.

"The government supports all endeavours to save the lives of mother and child," he said.

Theobald Sabi, NBC Bank Managing Director, said the bank is pleased to organize another edition of the NBC Bank Dodoma Marathon after four successful stints.

Sabi said: "After four successful editions of the marathon held here in Dodoma, we are pleased to organize the fifth edition. "

"All the money raised today, 500m/-, will be channeled to Ocean Road Cancer Institute to support women's fight against cervical cancer and Benjamin Mkapa Foundation to provide

scholarships to midwives' scholars in Tanzania." He disclosed: "I am pleased to announce that in the last three years, the marathon raised more than 500m/-, which helped screen more than 23000 women, 1300 of whom were diagnosed with cancer and are currently undergoing treatments."

"I am grateful for all the support from all the corners of the continent, with people joining us in this noble cause," he pointed out.

"NBC Bank is privileged to be able to mobilize funds to save lives and bring hope to families," he said.

