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President Samia Suluhu Hassan exchanges greetings at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday with Al Cook, executive vice president for international energy exploration and production at Norwegian multinational Equinor ASA. The firm, which is primarily engaged in developing oil and gas as well as renewable energy, has been in Tanzania since 2007 when it signed a production sharing agreement with the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC). It started offshore exploration drilling activities in the country in 2011. Photo: State House

Census attains 17.1pc on first day, eclipsing official target

By Correspondent James Kandoya

AT Least 17.13 per cent of households countrywide were enumerated in the first day of the Population and Housing Census (PHC), surpassing the 15 per cent target.

Anna Makinda, the 2022 census commissar, told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that with this first day achievement, it is clear that the exercise will be completed on time.

The results were collected from the monitoring dashboard late Tuesday, at the end of the first day of the seven-day exercise, she said, noting that there is still ample time for all households to be reached.

To ensure that the exercise rolls on time, census clerks will distribute forms to households and inform them of when they come for collecting filled forms, she said, noting that the head of a household must be interviewed to get detailed information.

Local street leaders need to escort the

census clerks to ease accessing houses, she said, appealing to large numbers of reportedly disgruntled clerks to remain calm as the census secretariat is working overnight to ensure their allowances are delivered on time.

Emiliani Karugendo, the director of statistical operations at the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) admitted that there were challenges that led to delaying delivery of census clerks' allowances.

Those allowances will be paid as agreed, he emphasized, asking them to pursue their work diligently, noting that the challenges related to allowances tied to demarcations between streets, but since then "everything is under control."

Seif Kuchengo, the census coordinator in the capital, said that a total of 2.35m households with 10.26m inhabitants had been counted on the first day of the census, representing 15.45percent of anticipated total target.

The national database shows 2,345,964 households counted by late Tuesday with

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TCU rolls out new window for first degree applications

By Getrude Mbago

ELIGIBLE students who did not obtain admission for degree courses during the first application window can reapply at various universities where they could obtain admission as 60,000 study places remain unfilled.

Prof Charles Kihampa, the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) executive secretary, told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that TCU has opened the second round of applications for first degree

programmes during the 2022/23 academic year.

A total of 106,295 candidates applied in the first window and mostly enrolled in various universities but those who missed in the first phase can send applications to selected universities where they stand a good chance of being selected in the courses they seek, he said.

Applications for the second window will be received from August 24 to September 6, where a substantial portion of those initially

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Dar set for removals of banned packaging bags

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

AUTHORITIES in Dar es Salaam have launched a campaign to remove illegal plastic bags finding their way back to the streets.

Regional Commissioner Amos Makala announced the campaign at a meeting

with officials of district councils, major city markets and the National Environment Council Management (NEMC).

He directed NEMC to prepare a team for the campaign, also holding accountable those found to be producing and supplying banned plastic bags, asserting that he had checked the matter with Vice President Dr Phillip Mpango and obtained green light for the campaign.

This campaign is likely to be taken up in other regions, he asserted, with NEMC officials also expected to prepare teams to tackle the presence of banned plastic bags all over the country.

The government banned single use plastic bags for routine carrying of foodstuffs and shopping in June 2019 but since then alternative bags have appeared on the

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By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has declared that the late Augustine Lyatonga Mrema will be remembered for his huge contribution in how the government developed relations with emerging political parties.

In remarks before hundreds of mourners at a service to pay last respects to the late Mrema at St Augustino Kilimaheha Parish at Salasala in Kinondoni District, he said that during his time as a party leader he helped the government to get the right direction for political parties.

PM leads in church last respects for TLP leader

His lasting role was serving the Tanzania Labour Party (TLP) as chief leader, he said, underlining equally important roles that the fallen veteran of multiparty politics took up while serving in the government.

Referring to funeral services slated for

today at Kiraracha village in Moshi Rural District of Kilimanjaro Region he said the government would be represented by George Simbachawene (Prime Minister's Office-Policy, Parliamentary Affairs and Coordination)

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Doreen Kimbi (R), widow of Augustine Lyatonga Mrema, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday paying her last respects to him alongside other mourners including Vice President Dr Phillip Mpango (L, foreground) and the VP's wife, Mbonimpaye Mpango (to his left). The long-serving politician died in a Dar es Salaam hospital on Sunday (Aug 21) aged 77. Photo: VPO



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10,259,497 people, where 5,305,533 are women and 4,953,964 men, surpassing the target by 0.45 percent.

"Our evaluation has shown good progress, our systems are receiving information countrywide to the main center here," he stated, pointing out

that clerks were slow on the first day and would be gathering speed as the working environment improves, partly in being more knowledgeable on how to handle their work instruments.

It is expected that there will be upwards of 61.3m and even up to 64m as officially projected by the government, he added

Burglars break into a house, steal tablet, cash in Katavi Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

THE Population and Housing Census Clerk posted in Majimoto ward, Mele District, Katavi Region had his house broken in by burglars while he was sleeping and made away with a bag containing Census equipment including a tablet and 760,000/- cash.

Speaking by phone on Tuesday, Mele District council director, Catherine Mashala said one man whose name was not revealed has been detained in connection with the theft for police investigations.

Mashala said the burglar appeared to have sprayed the room with some sleeping gas as the clerk and his family were sleeping and took away the items.

"Thereafter the thief went to a neighbouring house from where he stole a mobile phone," said the wife of the Census clerk and added that they discovered the theft at around 5:00 am and reported the incident at the police

station as well as informing district council officials.

After the matter was reported to the police, they made a follow up and succeeded to arrest one man with other stolen items.

Meanwhile, Mele District Commissioner Filberto Sanga said they have worked on the directives from Katavi Regional Commissioner, Mwanamvua Mrindoko by removing people in reserve areas directing them to settle in registered villages for them to be enumerated for the Census.

For his part, Mele District census coordinator, Deo Johannes said the Population and Housing Census exercise kicked off since Tuesday midnight started in guest houses.

For their part, Mele District residents praised the government for improving this year's Census exercise compared to those held previously including the use of modern equipment for recording people's details.

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sending applications will have to redo the exercise, after 75,163 candidates were enrolled in various universities.

This year's first window had 106,295 while 92,809 applicants turned up last year for the first window, while a total of 172,168 study opportunities are available this year, he stated, noting that all eligible applicants are welcomed to use the second window to pick relevant courses or universities.

There is also an increase in university programmes from 724 last year to 757 this academic year, explained from ongoing technological changes and job market needs, he said.

For those who sent applications to different universities and obtained enrolment in more than one university need to ensure that they confirm enrolment in one university before September 7, he elaborated.

Applicants and the general public "must avoid being misled by some dishonest people who claim to provide services on how to join higher education institutions, he stated.

"We have three groups of people who are eligible to apply for higher studies and these are form six leavers, ordinary diploma holders and those who underwent foundation courses at the Open University of Tanzania (OUT). All information on how to apply and the minimum requirements are found on the TCU website and those of respective varsities," he emphasised.

Those with secondary school certificates obtained in foreign countries should submit them to the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) or the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTEVET) for certification and eligibility before applying, he added.

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market, some not meeting standards for recyclable bags, those which aren't single use.

Apart from evading tax, illegal plastic bags cause unfair competition in the market as alternative plastic bags users incur purchase costs dissimilar to illegal plastic bag dispensers.

Markets and shop operators in the city need to collaborate with government officials supervising the exercise, helping to conserve the environment for current and future generations, he said.

Dr Samuel Gwamaka, the NEMC director general, said the council conducted a public education campaign on plastic bags in packaging

during the run up to their formal ban in June 2019. Last year some businessmen started to produce the bags again, carting them into the market, he said.

NEMC along with the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) and the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) made far reaching awareness campaigns, moved to control the importation of plastic bags but some consignments are infiltrated through informal routes, he explained.

The main challenge was that some neighboring countries still use plastic bags in packaging and some local business people take advantage of this discrepancy to make them cheaply available for shoppers and in markets, he added.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango signs a condolence book following the death of Tanzania Labour Party national chairman Augustine Lyatonga Mrema at the deceased Salasala home in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is his wife Mbonimpaye Mpango followed by Kinondoni district commissioner Godwin Gondwe. Photo: VPO

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minister and Hamad Yusuf Masauni (Home Affairs minister).

Anthony Luta, deputy commissioner of police and head of administration at police headquarters said Mrema will be remembered by the force for various efforts that also helped improve operations, helping to boost

police presence countrywide.

As minister, he activated community-based vigilante groups (sungusungu), mobilised for the construction of police posts and promoting women's rights, later resulting in setting up gender desks in police stations, he said.

Padre Peter Assenga said in his homily that the late Mrema was a

man of the people as he used what he was blessed with to support the development of the church.

Dar es Salaam Auxiliary Bishop Henry Mchamungu said the large numbers of people who attended the service shows a clear picture of the late Mrema as a man of the people, cutting across the government and political

parties alike.

Other leaders who attended the special service included former Prime Minister Fredrick Sumaye, Prof Ibrahim Lipumba of the Civic United Front (CUF), UDP leader John Cheyo, former minister Steven Wassira and former leaders of NCCR-Mageuzi, among others.



Mourners carry the casket bearing the body of former political veteran who was Tanzania Labour Party national chairman Augustine Lyatonga Mrema after a mass service at Salasala Roman Catholic Parish in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

TRA vows to hunt bogus accountants

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

TANZANIA Revenue Authority (TRA) in Kahama Tax Region says it will hunt all sham accountants who have been causing losses to traders by raising amounts of taxes when preparing their annual tax returns.

This was revealed Monday this week by Acting TRA Manager for the Kahama tax region, Honest Mushi in a training seminar on new tax rates of the 2022/23 Finance Act, saying every businessman has the responsibility correct statistics when preparing tax

returns.

He said there has been the practice by accountancy firms opening up offices in the district managed by unqualified accountants while qualified ones remain in their offices in Dar es Salaam.

Mushi added that the person required to prepare tax returns is the trader himself in collaboration with the accountant he hired, but even traders themselves often provide incorrect data to the accountants especially in regard to lower income from sales of goods than actual ones.

In the circumstances, Mushi said it will hunt down all unqualified accountants not registered with TRA as tax consultants to clamp down on the practice.

"We register tax accountants, but often they do not do their work well, they raise the tax payable by their clients that spur many complaints, this issue has reached our office and will work on it for evidence," he added.

For his part, Kahama District Member of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (CCIA), Frank Jerome said some traders who have had

their amount of tax payable increased thereby making many of them thinking about closing their businesses.

He further said after calculations, one of the traders was told to pay 25m/- as tax while the volume of his business was not proportionate to the amount.

For his part, TRA Taxpayers Education Officer, Anicethi Kailage said in FY 2022/23 the government plans to collect 41.48trn/- of which TRA is required to collect 23.65trn/-, an increase of 1.1trn/- over the previous year.



Vodacom Tanzania PLC director of digital services Nguvu Kamando (R) talks to students from various schools in the country who graduated from the ICT training course dubbed: 'Code like a Girl' aimed at building their capacity in ICT and website design organised by DLab Tanzania and sponsored by Vodacom in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Pesticides dealers lack correct information about application of crop inputs - officials

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

A CROSS section of sellers of pesticides in the southern highlands regions have claimed to lack training in regards to the correct use of the farm inputs resulting in farmers not getting correct information for their application.

This was revealed early this week by sellers of pesticides shops in Mbeya, Katavi and Songwe regions during a special training seminar for the correct use of the farm inputs organised jointly by Tanzania Plant Health Regulatory Authority (TPHRA) and HELVETAS Tanzania.

The seminar involved 44 participants from the regions 12 of whom paid for the training cost and for 32 others the cost was met by HELVETAS Tanzania - a co-implementer of the AGRI-CONNECT programme that deals in improving the value chain for horticulture crops, coffee and tea.

Reading a statement to the seminar participants, Mataliwa Rubuye said as a result there has been an increase of the improper use of pesticides.

"The effects of this include destruction to the environment, livestock and fisheries products, hence we appeal for the enhancing of the pesticides control," Rubuye said.

TPHRA Head for the Southern Highlands Zone, Emmanuel Mausa said every year they have been providing the training to owners of shops selling pesticides to ensure the correct application of the farm inputs.

He said owners of these shops are supposed to educate farmers in order to reduce the effects from toxic chemicals found in the pesticides.

He added that apart from education to pesticides dealers, they have also

been making frequent inspections in the shops to make sure every staff in them are trained and has a certificate issued by TPHRA.

For his part, HELVETAS Tanzania Verification and Monitoring officer Shoma Nangale said they decided to sponsor the training through the project for the improvement of horticultural crops (KIBOWAVI).

He praised seminar participants for their decision to participate in order to get permits that would enable them to do the work legally without friction with government authorities.

Closing the five-day seminar Mbeya Regional Administrative Secretary (Economy and Production), Saidi Madito thanked the two institutions for the seminar, saying it will also help the government to attain its goals.

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African countries ought to invest more in education - stakeholders

By Guardian Reporter

AFRICAN countries need to make changes to their education sectors including adequate investment therein to attain positive results to solve existing challenges.

The changes can be achieved if only joint efforts are made by relative governments including development partners, aid donors, teachers, students, parents and all those touched.

This is among recommendations issued by education stakeholders at

an international conference on quality education concluded on Tuesday in Dar es Salaam that discussed various issues on education aimed at boosting the sector.

Briefing reporters, Tanzania Education Network/Mtandao wa Elimu Tanzania (TEN/MET) coordinator Ochola Wayoga said stakeholders have unanimously agreed that Africa has not adequately invested in the education sector, and called on governments thereof and stakeholders to do so for positive results to solve existing challenges.

He said members at the conference also called on civil society organisations to be promoters to make sure that governments of all countries, including Tanzania implement their responsibilities accordingly by adequately investing in education.

"We understand that the responsibility in the provision of quality education is squarely vested on the government," he stressed.

Wayoga added that the conference has found out that the effects of COVID-19 still exist in various areas of the African continent, hence there

was the need to work on them, and gave an example of Kenya that closed its schools for almost a year while Tanzania did so for three months.

"Another issue we discussed in the conference is the need for investing in elementary education, which for a long time was ignored by African countries in one way or another," Wayoga added.

The international conference on quality education was attended by over 300 participants from 11 countries who discussed issues of education in the African continent.



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – ELECTRICAL, CONTROL AND INSTRUMENTATION CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER PROJECT DEMONSTRATION PLANT

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

Now Mantra Tanzania Ltd invites eligible electrical & instrumentation construction companies to express their Interest (EOI) for the provision of electrical, control and Instrumentation construction works. The works includes the furnishing of all labour, materials, equipment, and services for the installation, testing and commissioning of the Electrical Installation for the Mkuju River Project demonstration plant. The Contractor shall supply and install electrical equipment and materials, install free-issued equipment and materials, test, pre-commission and certify the works.

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

- Detailed Company Information with Organization structure, List of workers with CVs of key personnel.
- Approved contractor on the Mining Commission of Tanzania
- Supplier Classification Letter – Original Equipment Manufacturer or Approved Distributor (Class II Minimum)
- Details of completion of similar type of contracts in the last three years and similar contracts / agreements currently under execution under headings:
 - Brief scope of work
 - Value of work in USD
 - Contractual Duration
 - Client's name
 - Contact details of the Client (Mantra may approach the client directly for the feedback).
- Details of Resources available in terms of number of manpower, equipment etc. for providing similar services
- Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) policies, procedures and statistics covering the last 4 years.
- Copies of Valid Quality Certifications / Accreditations, ISO certifications, If any
- Company's financial performance documents (Audited Balance sheets, Profit and Loss Account & cash flow statement, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc.) for last 3 (three) years. Latest financial statement should not be older than 18 months on the date of submission of response to Expression of interest.
- Current Tax Clearance certificate from relevant authority.
- All documents in English

The interested bidders should submit a soft copy of their Expression of Interest (EOI) via e- mail address; piliseleman@gmail.com and the hard copy to the below address latest on **07 September 2022 at 12h00 hours.**

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) - DETAIL, SUPPLY, FABRICATION AND DELIVER TO PLACE OF INSTALLATION, STRUCTURAL STEEL & PLATEWORK FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER PROJECT DEMONSTRATION PLANT

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Now Mantra Tanzania Ltd invites eligible steel fabricators to express their Interest (EOI) for the provision of Detailing, Supply, Fabrication, and Deliver to place of installation, Structural Steel & Platework for the Mkuju River Project demonstration plant.

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

- Detailed Company Information with Organization structure, List of workers with CVs of key personnel.
- Approved fabricator on the Mining Commission of Tanzania
- Supplier Classification Letter – Original Equipment Manufacturer or Approved Distributor (Class II Minimum)
- Fabricator must have capacity to produce shop detail drawings from Advanced steel 3D model. Use Tekla, Solidworks, advanced steel etc.
- Details of completion of similar type of contracts in the last three years and similar contracts / agreements currently under execution under headings:
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Government gets rid of NTDs in sixty seven districts

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has successfully eradicated neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) in sixty seven districts out of seventy seven found with the diseases.

NTDs coordinator at the ministry of Health Ambakisy Mhiche said yesterday in a strategic meeting with stakeholders to ensure the diseases are eradicated by 2030.

He said the government was working hard to eliminate the diseases in

the remaining seven districts that, according to him, are found in the northern, central part of the country and Kalambo district in the Rukwa region.

"Our target is to ensure the diseases are eradicated completely in the country as per World Health Organisations (WHO) and the Rwanda declaration," he said.

The Kigali Declaration on NTDs was a high-level, political declaration which aims to mobilize political will and secure commitments to achieve

the Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG3) target on NTDs and to deliver the targets set out in the World Health Organizations' Neglected Tropical Disease Roadmap (2021-2030).

He called on the public to join the president's efforts to reach the government target of eradicating the diseases by 2030.

NTDs are a group of 20 diseases that include leprosy, elephantiasis, rabies, river blindness, and trachoma, and more than 1.7 billion people worldwide

- 35 percent of whom live in Africa - suffer from them. But although these diseases debilitate, disfigure, and can kill, they receive far less attention than other diseases, in part because they primarily affect the world's poorest people.

On August 2, in 2021, Tanzania and Rwanda signed several bilateral agreements including in health and immigration during President Samia Suluhu Hassan's two-day visit to Kigali. Tanzania is among the countries

hardest hit by NTDs. Nearly half of the country's population - more than 29 million people - requires treatment for at least one NTD, including 19 million children at risk of intestinal worms.

The effects of NTDs are devastating, and they fall disproportionately on women and girls, because high-risk activities such as washing clothes in rivers are a typical part of their daily routine, making them more likely to fall ill.

When they do, they cannot attend

school, go to work, or take care of themselves or their families.

Tanzania's success in the fight against NTDs echoes a pattern of progress globally. 46 countries have eradicated at least one NTD so far, and 600 million people no longer require treatment for NTDs.

The infection rates of diseases that have plagued humanity for centuries, such as leprosy, sleeping sickness, and Guinea worm disease, are at an all-time low.

The 2022 Population and Housing Census



What is Population and Housing Census?

Population and Housing Census is a total count of the country's population, where demographic, social, economic and environmental information as well as information about housing conditions of the people who live in the country is gathered.

Why do we conduct Population and Housing Census?

The government conducts census to collect information which will assist in planning, decision-making, monitoring and evaluation of development policies and programs. Indeed, the information collected is also used by private sector, development partners and social institutions in planning and implementation of their day-to-day activities.

Which information is collected during census?

The information collected includes demographic variables such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, disability status and housing condition as well as economic activities of household members. Other information includes ownership of identity documents such as National ID, Zanzibar Resident Identity Card, Passport, Driving License, Health Insurance Card and Machinga ID card.

When will Census be held?

Census count begins on the night of 23rd August, 2022 and enumeration will continue for up to six days through 29th August, 2022. However, all information collected will be referred to the census night; that is 23rd August, 2022

Who will be enumerated during Census?

Everyone who will be within the geographical boundaries of the United Republic of Tanzania on the census night irrespective of his or her citizenship status.

Is it important to take part in census?

Yes, because government and all other partners including the private sector need accurate information for effective planning and policy making. Census data assist government as well as private sector to establish the needs of different population groups in the society and be able to plan and address them accordingly.

How will census be conducted?

On the census day, enumerator will visit households with census questionnaire and conduct interview with head of household or any other person entrusted to represent him or her.

How can I identify an Enumerator?

Enumerator will visit your household accompanied with your local leader wearing special uniform and with identity card.

Should I let the enumerator into my house?

Yes, as the interview is expected to take about thirty minutes depending on the size of the household, and the need to keep the information collected confidential, it is advised to let the enumerator into your house or somewhere within the compound where the anticipated privacy can be assured once you have done all necessary checks and satisfied that the person is legitimate.

What is my responsibility?

Everyone is responsible to provide correct and accurate information during the interview. Remember that providing correct and accurate information will result in producing quality census data.

Am I legally bound to participate?

Section 351 of the Statistics Act obliges respondent to answer all questions put to him/her by the enumerator.

Is my collected information safe and confidential?

Yes, all your collected information is strictly confidential. The law guarantees the confidentiality of your information and data collected, and are strictly used for statistical purposes only. Please, note that all enumerators are signing an oath of secrecy to uphold the confidentiality of the collected information.

What can I do if I have a question?

If you have any question, kindly contact our census offices at regional and district level. You can also call our Census Information desk through telephone numbers below.

Call Centre: +255626141515/+255753665491/+255764443873.
www.nbs.go.tz | www.ocgs.go.tz



Kipunguni Community Voice centre director Seleman Bishagazi (L) talks with participants at the opening of a seminar aimed at increasing the number of women's participation at the decision-making levels, involving more than 40 women from Majehe and Kipunguni wards. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Students decry 'humiliation' in public transport

By Geoffrey Mgawe, TUDARCO

A CROSS-section of secondary school students in Dar es Salaam have complained of spending much of their learning time waiting for transport after some public transport operators deny them the service on grounds that they are not profitable.

In separate interviews, students said they use most of their precious learning time in the morning waiting for transport to school, the same situation when coming back home.

One of the students from Kiluvya Secondary School in Dar es Salaam Glory Munishi said it takes two to three hours from home to school every day due to transport challenges.

"In the morning it is very hard to go

early to school because most of the conductors reject us or they decide to take few students and to leave a huge number of students in bus stands, a move which affects their studies," she said.

Most commuter bus operators said they prefer taking a few students to balance their output which has been affected by rising cost of fuel.

Another student from Mbezi Secondary School Abdul Mohammed said the situation affects their learning as they arrive late for classes hence perform poorly.

Kelvin, also a student from Mbezi Secondary School said the bus operators deny them because they do not make profits as the students do not pay the same amount as adult passengers.

The students called for government intervention on the matter including coming up with a new strategy to ensure students get the required transport services to facilitate their studies.

A student pays between 200/- on any route in Dar es Salaam against an adult fare of a minimum fare of 600/- to any route.

When asked about the tendency, a commuter bus conductor Thomas Peter said they deny carrying students because of the rising cost of life as the student fare takes time to accumulate and achieve the targets set by their bosses.

"So sometimes we decide to take a few students and leave others at least to balance between making money and offering services.

Manyara RC pleased with census conduct

By Guardian Correspondent, Manyara

MANYARA Regional Commissioner Makongoro Nyerere has expressed his satisfaction by the conduct of the ongoing Population and Housing Census in the region.

Nyerere made the remarks here on Tuesday as he briefed reporters after he was enumerated at his home along Mrara Street, Babati.

"I have been asked many questions that were largely simple and answered them all because the census clerk had wanted correct information," he said.

He noted that any country caring for its citizens must have correct statistics thereof including their exact population.

He further said he liked the clerk's decision to interrogate family members of the household separately, adding that he did not know the kind of questions they were asked.

He said there was a village chairman in Babati district whose name he declined to reveal who refused to be enumerated and mobilised others not to be enumerated as well but district officials succeeded to talk him off the decision and was eventually enumerated.

The RC said the reason for the chairman to refuse being enumerated was that his homestead is in a farm owned by another person and had no title deed.

He said the chairman was infuriated; he called on the entire homestead not to be enumerated because it was skipped for listing during the postcode address exercise for the reason that it was not their area.

In the same vein, Manyara Region Census Coordinator, Gideon Mokiwa said the census kicked off at 12:01AM on Tuesday and that it was going on well.

He said there were five road barriers for enumerating travellers - at Sinai, Minjingu, Magugu, Bonga and Sigino.

"The people who will not be enumerated today will do so the following day, they should remain patient, the clerks will reach them.

MFUKO WA MAENDELEO YA JAMII (TASAF)



TANGAZO LA MNADA WA HADHARA WA MAGARI CHAKAVU

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a) Magari yatauzwa kama yalivyo.

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c) Mtu yeyote atakae tamka bei ya juu kisha akashindwa kulipia asilimia ishirini na tano (25%) ya bei aliyotamka atachukuliwa kuwa ni mwenye kutaka kuvuruga Mnada na hivyo hatua kali zakisheria zitachukuliwa juu yake kwa mujibu wa sheria ya Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania.

d) Mnuuzi atatakiwa kuondoa /kuchukua gari alionunua ndani ya siku saba (7) kuanzia siku ya kukamilisha malipo.

e) Gharama za kubadilisha umiliki ni jukumu la mnuuzi na atatakiwa kukamilisha taratibu za kumilikisha kwa mujibu wa sheria ndani ya siku ishirini na moja (21).

f) Wanaopenda kuona magari hayo wataruhusiwa kufanya hivyo siku mbili (2) kabla ya mnada.

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PUBLIC AUCTION:

UNIVERSAL AUCTION CENTRE under instructions received from Embassy of the United States of America, Finland & Expatriates We shall sell Household furniture's and Vehicles by public auction on Saturday August 27, 2022 commencing at 10:00 am. The auction will take place at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street.

Furniture and Computers Bidding Start at 10:00am: Sofa set, Chest drawer, Dining table, chairs, Book case, Dresser, Office table/Chairs, Beds, Wardrobe, Fridge double door, Deep Freezer, Washer, Electric/Gas cooker, Garden Table, Computer set, TV Set, Kyosera Photo copy m/c model 55001 etc.

Vehicles Bidding Start at 12:00 hrs

Unit	Make	Model	Year	Duty
1	Scania Truck Tanker 9,000 Liters	P250 - Diesel Engine	2014	Not Paid
1	Land Rover Freelander Station Wagon	SALFA -Petrol Engine	2010	Not Paid
1	Ford Ecosport Station Wagon	FY58 - Petrol Engine	2015	Not Paid
1	Nissan Murano Station Wagon	Petrol Engine	2006	Paid
1	Nissan Patrol Station Wagon	ZD30 Diesel Engine	2015	Paid
1	Tata Pick-up 2Tons	Mobile 207 Diesel	2008	Paid
2	Wheel Loader 0.25 Cubic Meter	16.2KW Diesel Engine	2014	Paid
1	Podium Trailer 3 Tons	Single Exel	-	Paid
1	Catic Tipper Tuck 3Tons	LNJ-Diesel Engine	2007	Paid
1	Suzuki Motorcycle	TF 125	1995	Paid

All items may be inspected at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street from August 24 th to 26, 2022 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

AUCTION CONDITIONS:

- The winning bidder for Furniture has to make full payment to cashier immediately. For Vehicle winning bidder must pay 25% to cashier immediately and the final payment in full within 4 working days by 1 September, 2022 at 4:00pm. For payments not made within 4 working days, the Vehicle will be offered to the next highest bidder and the advance payment will be forfeited.
- Payments via CRDB and NBC Bank VISA & Master Cards will be accepted.
- All items are sold on "as is" basis with no guarantee.
- Duty and all taxes are the responsibility of the buyer.
- Bidder will remove the items after all payments and duties
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PRE-QUALIFICATION NOTIFICATION

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FOR YEARS 2022 – 2025

Pathfinder International is driven by the conviction that all people, regardless of where they live, have the right to decide whether and when to have children, to exist free from fear and stigma, and to lead the lives they choose. Since 1957, we have partnered with local governments, communities, and health systems in developing countries to remove barriers to critical sexual and reproductive health services.

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Pathfinder invites applications from eligible, competent, qualified expert consultancy companies, individual consultants, private companies, local NGO's sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Pre-qualification of tenders on various goods and services categories that will be shortlisted and saved in the organizational vendor database for use for the period of years 2022-2025 as listed below.

Lot Number	Description of Goods/Supplies, Services and Consultancy	Pathfinder office location; Goods, supplies, service required
Category I - Goods/Supplies		
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/01	Printing Services: Supply and printing of business cards, letter head, fliers, brochures, posters, branded stationery items, envelopes, t-shirts, manuals, various reports, designing and printing of staff ID cards, signboards, certificates, caps and the related services / promotional items (Samples to be submitted along with other requested documents)	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/02	Supply of office sundries/general merchandise That is; (sugar, milk powder, tea leaves, milo, coffee, expel, honey, drinking cups, plates, and the related items) as well as cleaning materials	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/03	Supply and maintenance of general office equipment/machines: Printers, scanners, photocopiers, projectors, cameras, shredders, and related equipment and services	Dar es Salaam
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/04	Supply of general office stationery, cartridges and tonners	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/05	Supply of Laptops, desktops, keyboards, mouse, USB ports, cables and related items	Dar es Salaam
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/06	Supply, repair, servicing of fire extinguishers and equipment	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/07	Supply of tires, tubes and valves for motor vehicles and motorcycles preferably importers, authorized dealers and distributors	Dar es Salaam
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/08	Supply of Medical equipment and consumables	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda and Iringa
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/09	Supply of Mobile phones and tablets	Dar es Salaam
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/10	Supply of office furniture and fixtures	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma

Category II - Services		
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/11	Supply of drinking water for the dispensers, water bottles, dispensing machines, servicing, and maintenance	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/12	Provision for computers service, repair and maintenance	Dar es Salaam
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/13	Provision for hotel accommodation and conference services	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/14	Provision for catering services for meetings, training and conferences and hiring of venues	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/15	Provision for motor vehicle and motorcycle service, repairs, maintenance and supply of spare parts and other related accessories	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/16	Provision for transportation services specifically vehicle hire; saloon cars, pick-ups double cabin, station wagon, minibuses and trucks.	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2019/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/17	Provision for Sanitary Services	Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, Shinyanga, Arusha, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa and Mbeya
2019/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/18	Provision for General Cleanliness, Fumigation and pest control	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/19	Provision for security services	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/20	Provision for Air ticketing services	Dar es Salaam
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/21	Provision for Courier and mail delivery services	Across the Country
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/22	Repair, maintenance and service of generators, power stabilizers and pumps	Dar es Salaam and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/23	Supply and maintenance of Air conditioning installations and services	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/24	Provision for general insurance on items such as vehicles, fixed assets and all other office equipment	Across the country
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/25	Provision for medical insurance	Across the Country
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/26	Provision for Plumbing and Electrical works services	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma

Category III - Technical Consultancy Services		
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/27	Provision for Human resources services inclusive of recruitment services, salary survey and workforce planning, learning and development and employee wellbeing programs	Dar es Salaam
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/28	Team Building and Performance management	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/29	Provision for professional consulting services in administering social surveys, projects evaluations and conduct baseline, capacity assessment/capacity building	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/30	Advisory services on SRHR (Sexual Reproductive Health Rights), PHE (Population Health & Environment), AYFS (Adolescence Youth Friendly Services), FHM (Frontier Health Marketing), SVAC (Sexual Violence against children) and Advocacy	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro, Zanzibar and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/31	Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting, Verification and Learning	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro, Zanzibar and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/32	Governance, Accountability and Leadership	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro, Zanzibar and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/33	Multi-stakeholder facilitation and coordination	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro, Zanzibar and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/34	Financial service and management	Dar es Salaam
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/35	Organisational audit and tax management	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro, Zanzibar and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/36	Media and communication services including professional services in graphic design, video production, photography, social media, narrative content development-translations and website development	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro, Zanzibar and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/37	Climate change, Vulnerability and resilience expertise, synergy of climate vulnerability	Arusha, Kigoma, Katavi and Iringa
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/38	Mobile applications, data collection and analysis database management, monitoring and evaluation	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro, Zanzibar and Dodoma
2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/S/39	Fuel Supply (pre or post), Use of fuel cards, Coverage of the fuel stations in the country (please mention the regions that you are currently present), Availability of door-to-door service delivery of fuel	Dar es Salaam, Shinyanga, Kigoma, Mpanda, Iringa, Mbeya, Lindi, Morogoro, Zanzibar and Dodoma

General Pre-qualification Instructions

Carefully read the instructions below. Note that submission of false information will lead to automatic disqualification.

- Participants should clearly indicate the goods, services, or works and regions they would want to be considered for short-listing.
- The pre-qualification should be relevant to the goods, services or works applied for and should be as clear and concise as possible.
- Submission of tenders: The application for prequalification should be submitted in sealed envelope properly labeled with the item code and the item description as applied for.
- In selection of suppliers, Pathfinder International Tanzania will short-list only those firms that are able to demonstrate their competence to supply the listed products or undertake listed works and services. Registered service providers, contractors, manufacture, as well as retailers and dealers are encouraged to apply within the lines of their registered business.
- The application document should be signed by the authorized representative of the organization under Company Seal / Stamp and submitted with relevant supporting documents such as relevant licenses, references, certificates, and any other information that applicants wish to be considered.
- It is a condition that participants MUST have complied with all statutory requirements in regard to registration for VAT/TIN and Taxes Clearance certificate.
- Applicants will meet all cost associated with preparation and submission of their applications.
- Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification of the applicant.
- Late submission will not be acceptable. Any applications received after the date of closure will be considered as late and disqualified.
- Prospective bidders will not be considered qualified unless in the judgment of Pathfinder International Tanzania they possess capability, experience, qualified personnel available and suitability of equipment and net current assets or working capital sufficient to satisfactorily executed the contract for goods/services.
- Experience: Prospective bidders shall have at least 2 years' experience in the supply of goods, works, services and allied items in case of potential supplier / contractor should show competence, willingness, and capacity to service the contract.
- The candidate's financial condition will be determined by latest financial statement submitted with the prequalification documents as well as letters of reference from their bankers regarding supplier / contractors' credit position. Potential suppliers / contractors will be pre-qualified on the satisfactory information given.
- Applicants must include a sworn statement form by the tenderer ensuring the accuracy of the information given
- Should a condition arise between the time the firm is pre-qualified to bid and the bid opening date which in the opinion of Pathfinder International -Tanzania could substantially change performance and qualification of the bidder or his ability to perform such as but not limited to bankruptcy, change in ownership or new commitments, Pathfinder International -Tanzania reserves the right to reject the tender from such a bidder even though he was initially pre-qualified.
- The firm must have fixed Business Premises and must be registered in Tanzania, with certificate of Registration, Incorporation / Memorandum and Articles of Association, copies of which must be attached. Mandatory- copy of current business license, and registration. The firm must show proof that it has paid all its statutory obligations and have current Tax Clearance Certificate.

Poor hygienic sanitation threatens lives, businesses

By Naima Ahmad and Abdallah Mfaume, TUDARCO

PEDESTRIANS, bodaboda and Bajaj drivers along Soldering Road in Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam have expressed their concerns over foul smelling stagnant water caused by poor drainage system, threatening their health and survival of businesses.

In separate interviews, they said the situation has become hard to tolerate and thus calling upon the government to intervene and address the matter.

Hussein Ndutu, a Bajaj driver said: "This challenge has been here for a very long time and the main source is some of the food vendors who have been pouring dirty water in the trenches where they remain stagnant for a long time and thus causing bad smell that bothers us a lot and threatens our health."

Another Bajaj driver Maulid Bakari said: "The government has to take measures on this immediately because we have been in this situation for a long time now, the drainage system is poor as it doesn't allow water to pass."

He however said that while waiting for the government to address the problem, dwellers and traders should come together and clean the areas while controlling improper pouring of waste water.

A shopkeeper near the area, Ibrahim Mnung'a said the problem affects his business as sometimes traders as well as customers feel unwell staying in the area due to bad smell. "The situation chases away customers because when they reach the area and come across with the situation, they decide not to come again, we appeal to the responsible authorities to see this and

extend their help, we want the water to flow in the drainage system and not remain stagnant," he added.

Gertrude Humphrey, one of the customers said: "I normally use this way but the problem here is the bad smell from the trenches. I see some food vendors as the main source as they are not properly handling their wastes but throwing them in trenches."

Sophina Hamis, one of the food traders said they have no other alternative areas to pour their wastes and thus find themselves putting them in the ditches.

Mikochei Industrial Area Street's assistant secretary, Arnold Richard confirmed the matter, saying it has been reported to the district level and the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) for action.

"The idea is to address the challenge in the said area and if possible legal action will be taken to those behind the matter," he said.

Richard urged food vendors in the area to abide by laws governing their businesses, by making sure that the area is clean all the time.



Azania Bank Limited Masdo branch manager Benson Msuya (R) hands over one of the computers and printers to the Dar es Salaam regional assistant commissioner for land Idrisa Kayera donated by the bank to the Ministry for Land, Housing and Human Settlements Development aimed at improving efficiency in the ministry. The event took place yesterday. Looking on (L) is the ministry's human resources officer Nasra Idury. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Makutupora lab equipped with new digital gadgets to bolster wine sector

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

INSTALLATION works for the highly technological wine manufacturing machines has commenced at the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Makutupora Centre's laboratory in Dodoma region.

Procured from France, Italy and South Africa, the state-of-the-art wine bottling facilities are projected to enable the center-which is designated for research and promotion of grapes-to strengthen its research capacity, wine production and training to the farmers and wine makers on how best to manufacture quality wine varieties.

Moreover, with the equipped lab, the Dodoma-based agro center (TARI Makutupora) will stand a better chance to bridge the existing gap in the country's wine making sector and thus, enabling the county to start producing advanced wine varieties that would penetrate and compete highly in the world market.

In an exclusive interview to this publication, the Centre's Director, Dr Cornel Massawe unveiled that the exercise for the installation of the modern apparatuses has reached at least a good pace.

"So far, we have already managed to install half of the facilities and we have currently been compelled to halt the exercise while waiting to get funds to send in the country experts from South Africa to help us install the rest facilities," he communicated.

Dr Massawe elucidated that they sought to seek services of high-profile relevant experts from South Africa in the quest to ensure the facilities are installed at needed quality and standards, however, observed over lack of such experts within the country.

"Among others, the core target is to ensure a professional additional value chain for grape products, but also, to scale-up conduction of diverse wine research and training," he informed.

He asserted that installation of the world-best high-tech facilities at the famous center's lab was a major milestone which will see the country stand at the helm of the continental wine making corridor in the near future, saying they are well prepared to make sober use of the renovated lab.

Divulging more relevant details, Dr Massawe disclosed the 200million/- worth facilitate that are being installed as wine tanks with capacity to absorb up to 10,000 liters, basket press, a crusher machine, a digital ebulliometer for measuring wine quality, screw

capping machine and wine pump. Others, according to her, include the digital PH meter, digital refractometer and a special wine cooling unit.

"With the well-equipped lab, we will also be able to make effective monitoring of production of wine, targeting to see if the stakeholders are producing quality wines," he stressed.

Meanwhile, Felista Mpore, the research officer at the department of Crop Innovation and Post-Harvest Management at TARI Makutupora Center, noted that installation of the digital equipment will help to push for fresh impetus in the country's wine sector. And she added: "Upon completion, we expect to use the laboratory to train the farmers and wine processors on professional stages in bottling the best wines."

She said the exercise will also incorporate installation of the modern walk-in solar drier to facilitate professional production of raisin (drying of grapes).

"Apart from generating wine varieties, we're planning to expand the use of grapes by producing other products, including raisins, jam as well as grape juice," she unveiled.

On the same vein, she added that the development will see grape farmers within the semi-arid region effectively trained on how best to produce grape bulk juice, but also, all vital processes involved in wine making, from fermentation, packaging as well as professional preservation of wine.

By Joyce Ntutu, TUDARCO

RESIDENTS of Sakuveda and Maua streets in Kawe ward, Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam have appealed to the government to construct a bridge linking the two sides to do away with difficulties in crossing River Mbezi especially during the rainy season.

When interviewed, the residents said they face challenges passing through the site which currently lacks a bridge forcing them to cross the river separating the two residential areas endangering lives especially of children.

One of the residents, Rehema Khamis said she lost two of her children in past years who were swept away by the flooding river.

"This memory keeps moving in my mind whenever I pass through the areas, and I believe this will remain in

Dar residents ask for bridge

me for a long time, so the government should do everything possible to construct a bridge to save us," she lamented.

Another resident, Frank Dalali said he has been residing in the street since his childhood but the area has never seen a bridge, a move that makes life difficult for residents.

"I have been here since I was born; we get a lot of problems crossing here during the rainy season because water overflows," he said.

Jesca Mzungu a resident of Sakuveda Street said she has her parents residing on the other side of the river saying lack of the bridge makes her fail to visit them during the rainy season.

Sefu Abdallah, a resident of Sakuveda Street said the area has

become risky for incidents of rape due to its geographical location asking the government to take immediate actions.

The residents expressed their frustrations on how lack of the infrastructure affects their daily life including having difficulties in doing businesses during the rainy season.

"I own a shop in Sakuveda Street, so during the rainy season I open my shop late because I must use the long way to reach the shop," said Selemani Mkandasoni.

In response, a local government leader in the area Rehema Muya said that she was aware of the challenges facing residents in the area over lack of a bridge on the area saying however that they have never sent their complaints to authorities.

Selection Criteria:

Pathfinder will review and evaluate submitted documentations by the deadline according to the following criteria.

S/N	Criterion and documents to be provided	Weight (%)
1.	Past Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential bidders should submit references letters (at least two most recent in a letter head) and their contact information 	20
2.	Quality of Goods and or Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samples in addition to references are requested for the goods in Category 1 Lot: 2022/PI-TZ/RFQ/G/01	20
3.	Valid business registration documents <p>For Companies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificate of Incorporation or certificate of compliance if a foreign company - Copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association. - The most recently filed statement of Annual Returns of the Company <p>For partnerships, joint ventures and sole proprietorships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extract from the register of names <p>General to all, (Companies, partnerships / joint ventures and sole proprietorships):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valid Business License - TIN registration certificate - VAT registration certificate (if registered for VAT) - Tax Clearance Certificate - Electronic Fiscal Device user Identification Number registration certificate (EFD) - Any other specific license / registration for professional bodies eg Contractors, engineers etc, - Industry required certification or permits i.e. OSHA, Sumatra, EWURA, TCRA - Certified Copy of Certificate of Title or Lease Agreements (to determine physical location) - Client list. - ID Copy of the owners 	20
4.	Financial Stability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certified copy of Audited financial report for the past 3 years or - Financial Statement 	20
5.	Payment Terms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pathfinder International payment policy is 30 days after issuing of the invoice - 100% Pre – payments are highly discouraged - Partial payment terms are only permitted to selected services such as Consultancy works and Construction works only 	20
TOTAL WEIGHT		100

The Prospective supplies may submit proposals for one or more Lots

1. Applications for pre-qualification should be submitted as follows; One original copy and one copy in sealed envelopes, delivered by hand or post to the address provided below at the reception desk.
2. For obtaining further clarification, please send your enquiries directly to below email address Procurement-TZ@pathfinder.org
3. Deadline for submission is September 26, 2022 at 11.00am however you are welcome to send your documentation earlier in order to avoid last minute hassles.
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We can't afford to lose rhino population battle

POACHING syndicates have decimated upwards of 1,500 rhinos since 2017, on the basis of a recent report by the African Rhino Specialist Group (ARSG) linked with the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF). It has detailed information on rhino population trends, indicating that threats to African rhinos from transnational crime networks remain high, despite a relative decline in poaching during the COVID-19 lockdowns. What is evident is that law and order remains ineffective.

The report affirms that on a continental scale the threat of killing African rhinos for trading its horn has declined to a 2.3 per cent poaching rate on the total population annually from the peak in 2015 (5.3 per cent poaching rate). This has facilitated increase in overall numbers of the black rhino, cited at three per cent per annum to 6,200 at the last count within a wider tendency of decline at around 3.1 per cent per year to reach less than 16,000 in total by 2021 count. It is hard to stop the decline.

What many observers may just notice in passing is an affirmation that the declining white rhino populations are found in the large state-managed protected areas in South Africa in particular. The specialist group highlighted that rhino populations which are co-managed through partnerships between local people, the private sector and state agencies are performing better than those managed solely by state agencies. The private sector came in for particular praise in rhino numbers efforts.

The group underlines that private ownership of rhinos increased to 53.2 percent of the South African national white rhino population, thanks to the sector's sustained investment in their

protection.

It shows that endangered species are safer with private wildlife entities, in which case the case is made for joint ventures in that field, where range management issues are handled by agents of private investors. This aspect is rather clear but activists focus their attention on a different matter.

Noting the clear decline of rhino numbers by more than two thousand since the last survey in 2017, it proposes to table proposals on the issue at the next jamboree of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) holding its 19th Conference of Parties (CoP19) in Panama later in November. The proposals will focus on "this recognition of the importance of the role of local communities in biodiversity conservation in Africa," which the report says it echoes the activists' Kigali Call to Action for People and Nature tied to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) chapter on Africa's Protected Areas. It isn't about enhancing joint ventures but the role of villagers.

What is surprising is that this tonality can only be meant to enhance the role of non-governmental organisations charged with building local capacities to protect animals by obtaining a chunk of the revenues. NGOs on the other hand obtain the bulk of conservation fieldwork financing which private firms could obtain from banks basically as revolving credit targeting conservation activities, where loaned companies pay for others to be loaned. That way the funds are sustainable in the long run and conservation succeeds, while the NGOs-villagers format is pegged on durable dependency and mixed results, as vast areas will remain under state bodies.

Tanzania ought to comply with advice to prevent monkeypox

MONKEYPOX is an infectious viral disease that can occur in humans and some other animals. Symptoms include fever, swollen lymph nodes, and a rash that forms blisters and then crusts over. The time from exposure to onset of symptoms ranges from five to twenty-one days. The duration of symptoms is typically two to four weeks. There may be mild symptoms, and it may occur without any symptoms being known. The classic presentation of fever and muscle pains, followed by swollen glands, with lesions all at the same stage, has not been found to be common to all outbreaks. Cases may be severe, especially in children, pregnant women or people with suppressed immune systems.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has said monkeypox infections continue to rise globally, with more than 35,000 cases across 92 countries and territories and 12 deaths.

WHO Director General, Dr Adhanom Ghebreyesus, disclosed this while speaking at a news conference from WHO headquarters in Geneva recently. "Almost 7,500 cases were reported last week, a 20 per cent increase over the previous week, which was also 20 per cent more than the week before," he said.

According to him, the majority of cases are being reported from Europe and the Americas, and mostly among men who have sex with men.

Ghebreyesus said that the primary focus for all countries must be to ensure they are ready for monkeypox, and to stop transmission.

He said countries should focus on stopping monkeypox transmission by using effective public health tools, including enhanced disease surveillance, careful contact tracing, tailored risk communication and community engagement, and risk reduction measures.

Currently, global supplies of monkeypox vaccines are limited, as is data about their effectiveness, noting that WHO is in contact with manufacturers, and with countries and organisations willing to share vaccine doses.

"We remain concerned that the inequitable access to vaccines we saw during the COVID-19 pandemic will be repeated, and that the poorest will continue to be left behind," he said.

Ghebreyesus reported that it is becoming harder to understand how the virus might be changing.

The number of sequences shared per week has fallen by 90 per cent since the beginning of the year, and the number of countries sharing sequences has also dropped by 75 per cent.

He warned that with colder weather approaching in the northern hemisphere, and people spending more time indoors, the risk for more intense transmissions will only increase.

"But none of us is helpless - please get vaccinated if you are not, and if you need a booster, get one," he advised.

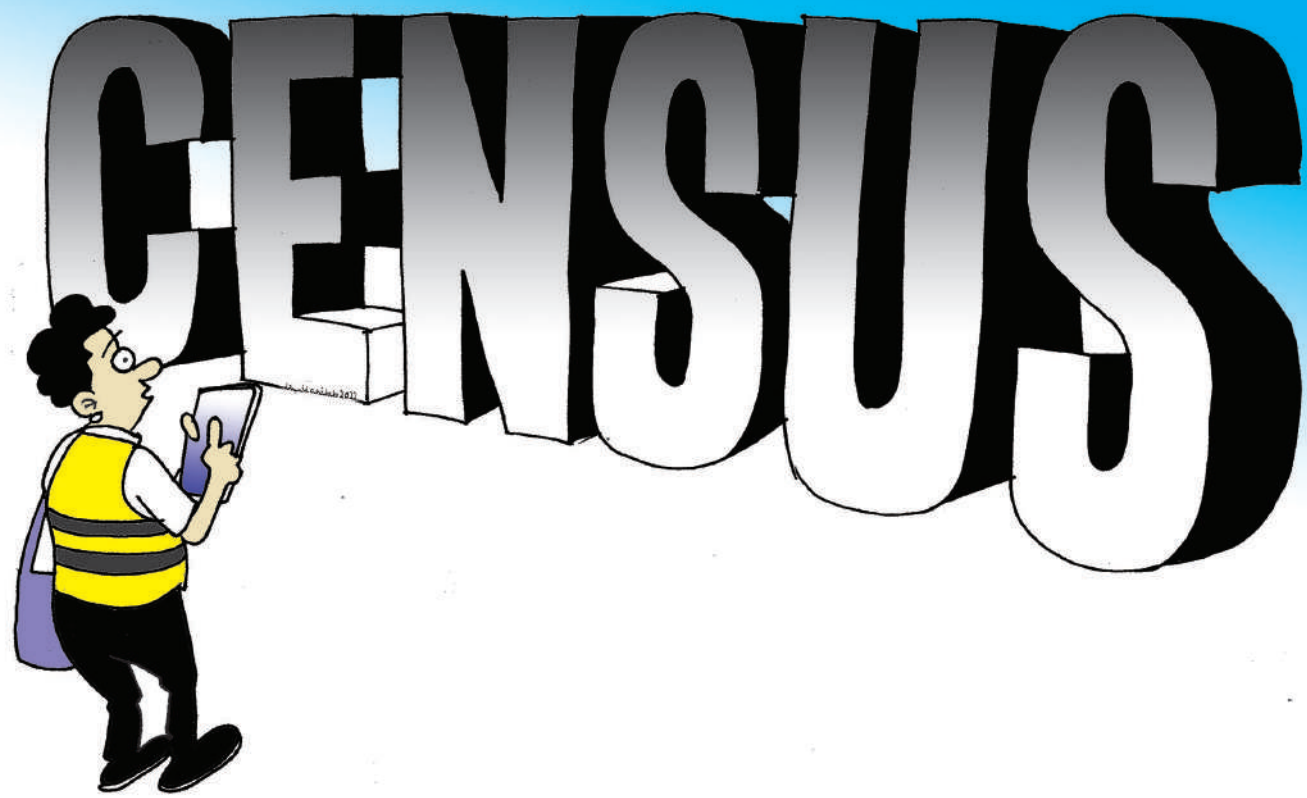
In addition, he said measures such as wearing a mask and avoiding crowds, especially indoors should be embraced.

"There is a lot of talk about learning to live with this virus. But we cannot live with 15,000 deaths a week".

The WHO chief also highlighted the ongoing crisis in the Horn of Africa, where millions are facing starvation and disease due to drought, conflict, climate change and rising prices for food, fuel and fertiliser.

WHO has provided more than \$16 million from an emergency fund to meet the needs, but more support is required.

The agency is appealing for \$123.7 million which will be used to prevent and control outbreaks, treat malnutrition, and provide essential health services as well as medicines.



The troubles of an unintended 'know-all'

By Cameron Duodu

IT will sound paradoxical for me to say that I was "unlucky" to get a very good teacher at the very beginning of my school career.

The guy was called Teacher [Kwasi] Akwa, and Class one of the Asiakwa Presbyterian Junior School was the very first class he taught, upon graduating from the Akropong Teacher Training College.

He came to us in 1945, in the company of a classmate of his, Kwasi Aryeh (a slightly fair-coloured man, who taught Standard Six in the senior school).

These two teachers were full of beans. They wore the same Boy Scouts outfits a lot of the time. This meant that when they were walking on the cement floor of our school veranda, we could hear them a mile away. They had also been taught to speak loudly and clearly. So their voices carried very far and no-one could remain unaware of their presence. (In the voice category, however, they were not quite up to the standard of another teacher, Teacher Osae (whose deep, bass voice was so authoritative that he would have been much appreciated by the Gold Coast army, had become a parade commander in it!)

In January 1945, when we started at Class One, the Second World War was yet to draw to its fierce end, and these teachers probably desired to demonstrate to all that they too were "fit" to be soldiers, though they had been trained to be "mere" teachers.

Such a desire, if it was present in them, would have been due to the fact that the British, being great propagandists, had subtly spread the word that "able-bodied" men who didn't join the army and fight against Hitler, in defence of the British Empire, were "slackers" or "the rejected", who were physically lacking in something.

This was a serious charge to be made against any man. In fact, one of my own uncles, Kwasi Aade, had been sent back from a recruitment centre, because they said "gyat" (yaws) had been uncovered in the soles of his feet, during his medical examination!) So, young men like the three teachers must have resented the fact that to some in our community, they were what were contemptuously termed "k sa-ank bifo" [literally, "those who had evaded the war"]!

Being regarded as a "k sa-ank bini" was a terrible disaster, for a man was enormously "heroic" if he deserted wife, children and family and got himself sent to Burma, by ship, to fight on the side of one group of white men (the Brits) against another group of white men (the Germans). Men plotted in secret for weeks before "running away" to go and "di soja" (be recruited



as soldiers.)

One early morning, all a man's kinsmen would notice was that he had not joined in the early morning gathering, as usual. His mother would be roughly awakened and informed. She would then wail and wail and refuse to eat the whole day.

Mourning would be appropriate, for next would come news, a few months later (usually brought by a cryptic telegram) that the man had been killed. (Indeed, up to the arrival of the universal mobile phone, the arrival of a telegram was dreaded throughout Ghana! The killing ground could be in Burma or Abyssinia or somewhere in "East Africa". (No-one in the family would have the slightest idea where these geographical expressions existed!) Few would ever have seen the sea, either!)

It didn't matter that a dead Ghanaian might never have set eyes on a German. Even the British were only seen occasionally -- at the parade ground. But the Good Coast soldier would be as "dead as a door-nail, all the same. That was how one fought to save 'King and Country' one would never set eyes upon!

Teacher Akwa brought an unrealised military zeal into his teaching. He was a great psychologist, for if he asked one a question and one got the answer correct, he would praise one to high heaven. A wrong answer attracted the bitter b taste of his raffia cane.

Because elder brother of mine was already in Standard Three) when I started in Class One, I had had a good collection of textbooks to study privately before I ever set foot in a classroom. So I could answer most of the questions Akwa asked us. He took my ability to parrot what I had read before as evidence of genius, and would get the whole class to clap for me.

On one occasion, he embarrassed me by giving me a desk all to myself (whilst everyone else shared desks with another child). This was because when I had scored ten-ten in an examination, the second best person had only got eight-ten! Akwa went berserk in his excitement: beneath the "One-pupil" desk, he wrote, in large letters, DANGER 'DD' BOY! And he invited older children from the more senior classes to come and see it and look at me!)

Naturally, the flattery went to my head and I studied even more ardently, to try and win more plaudits. The result was that he divided the class into two -- one to be taught by him, and the other to be taken through their lessons by me (under a tree). The bigger boys (some of whom owed their ability to evade being whipped by Akwa to my efforts) adored me. But some classmates of an equal size to me began to hate me. Was I some freak inserted into their midst to show them up as "numbskulls"?

With misguided enthusiasm and a

desire to broadcast my standing in the school and provide other children an incentive to study hard, Akwa promoted me to Class two, before the end of the year. It turned out, however, to be the worst decision he could have taken with regard to my future. For when I got to Class Two, I found that the class teacher, a sleepy fellow called Teacher Otu, had no interest, whatsoever in teaching me what he had already taught my new classmates, so that I could catch up with them. In fact, he was so lazy that he left the class to a bully, who could ensure that the classroom was as quiet as the teacher wanted. Otherwise, the teacher would keep shouting "QUIET!" all day.

Well, without any warning, Teacher Otu one day suddenly sent me back to Class One! It was a major blow, but I was pleased. Yes, those of my classmates who were jealous of me could mock at me for getting my "comeuppance". But I didn't care. I was again "lord of all I surveyed".

Best of all, at the end of the year, I was jumped to Class Three! I was as happy as a lark, for I was going to rejoin the Class Two pupils, out of whose ranks I had been thrown earlier. In the new class, we would all have the same brand new teacher and start on an equal footing in every sense of the word. Just let them wait and see, (I confidently told myself!)



REQUESTS FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

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

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : SUPPLY OF FURNITURES FOR HOUSES AND OFFICE TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/01/0822

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in provision of **FURNITURE FOR HOUSES AND OFFICE**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Able to supply office and camping furniture
- Must have a good experience in making and supplying furniture for a project, hence know the client's needs
- Able to provide references in the expression of interests

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : SUPPLY OF DIESEL AND LUBRICANTS AT ISOAF LIMITED SOJO SITE IN NZEGA

ISOAF/PROC/02/0822

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in **DIESEL AND LUBRICANTS**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Be able to supply between 5 millions to 7.5 million litres of diesel during the 30 months of operations
- Be able to supply constantly and deliver whenever the client needs the diesel
- Be able to supply greases and lubricants for different rotating and moving machines
- Be registered by EWURA as a fuel distributor and registered by the Fire Department as well all business requirements

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SUPPLY OF MECHANIC AND PIPING EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/03/0822

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in supplying **MECHANIC AND PIPING EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Be able to supply mechanic piping equipment and tools
- Have a good experience in supplying the machines and tools

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
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2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.

- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : SUPPLY OF OFFICE CONSUMMABLES FOR DAR-ES-SALAAM AND SOJO OFFICE TO ISOAF TZ

ISOAF/PROC/04/0822

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing **OFFICE CONSUMMABLES**.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Have a good experience in dealing with all office supplies
- Be able to deliver on time

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
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 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : SUPPLY OF WAREHOUSE IN KAHAMA TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/05/0822

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing **WAREHOUSE IN KAHAMA**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- The warehouse should be at least 1600 SQM well paved, well ventilated, with firefighting equipment
- with a good and big yard, well paved where trucks can park easily,
- Easily accessible to the main road
- Not closer to water ponds
- Protected with fence, electrical or barbed wire and security cameras to avoid intrusion
- If located in Kahama city center or near Kagongwa area would be more appreciated

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
 - Statement of Experience with at least three (3) similar undertakings
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SUPPLY OF POLYETHYLENE MATERIAL TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/06/0822

ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing **POLYETHYLENE MATERIAL**.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Have a good experience in dealing with polyethylene (PE100) materials used in pipe coating
- Have an experience in supply of such materials in such big quantity
- Share the material data sheet and ensure it is registered into government chemist register
- Have all import permits

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS FOR LIFTING EQUIPMENT TO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/07/0822

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in **SPARE PARTS FOR LIFTING EQUIPMENT**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Be able to supply spares for different lifting machines used on different project
- Be able to supply accessories and all other lifting safety materials
- Able to provide quality certification of spare parts supplied

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - Should be ISO certified
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AT ISOAF LIMITED SOJO SITE

ISOAF/PROC/08/0822

ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in providing **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Prepare the Waste Collection and management plan
- Advise clients on how to handle the waste
- Be able to dispose them according to the environmental management system.
- Experience in handling both normal and chemical waste.
- Be registered by the NEMC (National Environmental management Council)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the equipment/services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to: procurement@isoaf.com. (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 09/09/2022. Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.

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

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

Celebrating our different cultures good for national unity and tolerance

By Correspondent-Emmanuel Onyango

IT is human nature to fear the unknown. Cultural differences come up as top causes of conflicts in the world. And understanding of different cultures and tolerance of the same is credited for peaceful coexistence of communities and nations.

The government through the National Museum of Tanzania (NMT) introduced the National Cultural Festival in 1994 to showcase what the over 120 tribes in the country has to offer in terms of cultural heritage.

The event organizers select at least one tribe annually to showcase various aspects of culture such as dances, food, attire and various rites such as initiation to adulthood. It is normally a colourful event full of fanfare and normally grazed by high-level government officials.

The recent event which took place at the Village Museum grounds in Dar es Salaam showcased the cultural wealth of the Safwa people from Mbeya Region. A traditional dance group from the tribe wowed the crowd in attendance with their energetic renditions.

In her speech, Deputy Minister for Tourism Mary Masanja who was the guest of honour said the main purpose of organizing such an event is to remind Tanzanians of the basic cultural issues and values which need to be promoted and maintained.

She said the significance of this occasion is that it can be used as an important platform through which development programmes and plans can reach people especially the youth.

"This is one way of showcasing Tanzania's traditional culture to other nations and communities; it reminds us where our ethnic groups came from and who the leaders were before colonization of African continent," she said.

NMT Director General Dr Noel Luoga told this writer in an interview that since its inception, a total of 33 tribes have participated in the event and more are lined up for the coming celebrations.

"There are certain cultural elements which are showcased at the festival to make people learn ways of life in selected ethnic groups in our country especially their values and traditions," he said.

These include rites of passage to adulthood, courtships and marriage, traditional delicacies, dances, adornment and the general way of life in the selected ethnic group way back before the disruptions that came with colonialism and modernity.

According to Dr Luoga, also show-



Dancers perform Mwendulo dance of the Safwa tribe from Mbeya Region during the national cultural festival in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo/Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

cased is how various Tanzanian tribes dealt with difficult situations such as epidemics, famine, natural hazards such as floods as well as other unforeseen disasters. He said rituals were also performed in communities to restore peace and tranquility among tribesmen.

Different tribes have different ritual practices and the initiation rites are also different although there are predominant aspects among many tribes such as male circumcision.

According to various interpretations, African traditional ceremonies are events based on social, spiritual, religious or public significance performed on special occasions for various reasons.

In some instances, they involve events or community gatherings, usually staged by

local communities and sometimes center on some unique aspects of people's lives in a community.

The recent occasion involved three different clans of the Safwa ethnic group namely Mbeta traditional dancers from Iduda clan, Simba Machezo from Galijele and another group came from Eleje.

Manzori Mwasanga Mwandere stole the show after he was introduced before the crowd as the oldest person among the Safwa traditional dancers at 102 years yet she still makes some energetic moves.

Looking at her physical appearance closely while dressed in her traditional dancing attire, one could be forgiven for thinking that she anywhere between 60 and 70.

Mwandere became an attraction as she

danced enthusiastically to the tune of drum especially when the Mwendulo group took to the stage, seeing many revelers on their feet in awe and disbelief.

Roketi Mwanshinga, Chief of Safwa whose official title is Mwene who introduced Mwandere said Mwendulo dance is played by family members who have lost a loved one to complete the mourning and resume normal life.

Mwandere who spoke through an interpreter told this writer in an interview that she was born in 1920 and got married, had four children but three have already died.

She recalled that in late 1930s when she first came into contact with a white man in her village. The white men who visited her village were looking for energetic young African men for enlistment in the army for

the Second World War.

"Because it was forceful, I remember how men including my late husband ran and hid in the bush and returned when the white men had left," she said.

Safwa is a member of the large Niger-Congo group who are estimated to have come to the country between 1836 and 1843. Alternate names for Safwa language are Ishisafwa, Cifafwa, and Kisafwa. Its dialects are Guruka, Mbwila, Poroto and Songwe.

Chief Mwanshinga said that the official traditional title of the Safwa chiefs is Mwene for a man and Mpoli for a woman. The clan that has held the Mweneship for many years is the Mwanshinga who trace their origins to Igawilo in Mbeya Urban District.

'Transforming governance practices is necessary or SADC's groundwater potential will remain subdued'

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

"THERE is an urgent need to intensify comprehensive groundwater governance to address the current challenges, achieve the future significance of groundwater and make use of opportunities for protecting and augmenting groundwater resources," says James Sauramba.

Sauramba is the executive director of SADC-GMI, the Groundwater Management Institute of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Water security in the SADC region has been subjected to the impacts of climate change and severe weather events. These have impacted negatively on the livelihoods of a significant proportion of the region's population which relies on groundwater for their daily activities.

It is estimated that 70 per cent of the SADC population depends on groundwater for their everyday uses, with groundwater having the potential to support further socio-economic growth on the continent.

Groundwater is today estimated globally to provide 36 per cent of potable water, 42 per cent of water for irrigated agriculture and 24 per cent of direct industrial water supply.

This dependence on groundwater calls for robust policy frameworks and institutional ar-

rangements at local, national and regional levels.

Considering the pivotal role played by groundwater in the region, it is disheartening to learn that groundwater resources are still often poorly understood and managed.

In some areas, particularly urban and intensively cultivated areas, groundwater is often overexploited or contaminated.

It is important for policies and institutional frameworks at all levels to be revisited if we want to tap into the benefits potentially presented by groundwater resources. These include, but are not limited to, irrigated agriculture, contribution to employment and economic growth, increased water supply during extended droughts and protection of groundwater-dependent eco-systems.

Groundwater is a fundamental resource for social, economic and environmental sustainability across the 16 SADC member states.

As climate change intensifies and surface water levels continue to dwindle, human well-being, livelihoods, food security, ecosystems, natural habitats, industries and growing cities turn to groundwater for their primary source of the all-important.

Through improved policies and practices, groundwater could prove a catalyst for sustainable and equitable socio-economic develop-

ment and food security for resilient livelihoods across the African continent and in the SADC region in particular.

However, unless concerted efforts are made to vigorously transform groundwater governance practices, its potential remains subdued.

Some SADC member states have recorded great strides in integrating groundwater into their water resources management policies and institutional frameworks.

However, according to the UNESCO report: Groundwater Governance: A call for Action, legal instruments for groundwater governance are still in their infancy.

Notably, groundwater is not prominently featured in water legislation or policies in southern Africa. The resource is often excluded in water planning, and there is a general shortage of skills to monitor compliance with standards and abstraction.

The UNESCO report warns that the world's groundwater resources are falling victim to a lack of effective governance.

Information systems to measure and manage groundwater differ from country to country, while institutions to manage groundwater have limited capacity and suffer from scarce financial and human resources.

Through Sustainable Groundwater Management in SADC Member States Project Phase I

(2015-2021), SADC-GMI implemented robust interventions aimed at promoting sustainable groundwater development in the region.

One such initiative was the implementation of the Policy, Legal and Institutional Development for Groundwater Management project across SADC member states.

The project focused on identifying gaps that existed in policy, legal and institutional frameworks and devised mitigating actions/strategies to address inconsistencies identified.

Culminating from the project, a SADC Regional Gap Analysis Report and 16 national gap analyses reports were produced. These reports are now serving as guiding documents for the member states in addressing the gaps identified.

The USAID Resilient Waters Programme is currently supporting SADC-GMI in converting the gap analyses for the four Limpopo River basin countries, namely, Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa, and Zimbabwe into national road maps for each of the countries to implement.

This activity forms part of the implementation of the work of the Limpopo Groundwater Committee, a structure set up and operationalised with support from the USAID Resilient Waters Programme.

Sauramba believes that informed management of groundwater resources is needed for

unlocking the sustainable development of groundwater in Africa for the benefit of socio-economic development, water and food security, and climate change resilience.

This would be made possible by using an improved knowledge base and human and institutional capacity as well as enhanced governance through the implementation of effective policy and legal instruments.

However, he gives the lack of scientific and technical knowledge on trans-boundary or national aquifers as one of the major challenges to proper governance.

If well managed, he adds, groundwater could ensure long-term water supply to meet the increasing demands brought about by the anticipated climate variability.

SADC-GMI activities towards ensuring sustainable groundwater management in the SADC region are funded by the Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) for Cooperation on International Waters for Africa (CIWA), Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the World Bank and USAID, and implemented under the strategic guidance of the Water Division in the SADC Secretariat's Infrastructure Directorate, in the Botswana capital, Gaborone.

■ **Compiled by Thokozani Dlamini, a communications and knowledge management specialist with SADC-GMI.**

By Special Correspondent

“The Politics of Knowledge” is a new compendium from the Global Alliance for the Future of Food about ways funders, researchers, and policymakers can help scale agroecological practices across the globe.

“Companies and governments have supported [industrial agriculture] by billions of dollars of investment, which has gone into systems that lock farmers into certain types of production,” says Ronnie Brathwaite, Senior Agriculture Officer at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), at a recent symposium focusing on the African region.

Industrial agricultural systems rely heavily on inputs from a few major suppliers and often require shipping food products across the globe, Brathwaite says. And weaknesses in these systems threaten food security across Africa and the globe, as recent crises like the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine have exposed.

Brathwaite emphasizes that systemic change is necessary for food security and food sovereignty. And it's important for the additional benefits that communities can gain from better farming practices, such as employment opportunities, income generation, strengthened rural economies, and more.

“That can come from agroecology,” says Brathwaite.

Janet Maro, Executive Director of Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania, defines agroecology as a sustainable and holistic farming system that works with nature, reducing the use of heavy external inputs, improving and sustaining biodiversity, recycling resources, and prioritizing local supply chains—all of which contrib-

Agroecology boosts employment, rural economies and gender relations in Africa



ute to climate change mitigation.

This is a transformative approach, Maro says: “Agroecology is the way to go if we aim to feed the growing population and ensure that we're able to produce food in ways that are sustainable also for the future generations.”

According to the results from the Tool for Agroecol-

ogy Performance Evaluation (TAPE) in Africa, households using more advanced agroecological practices are linked to a range of benefits. They have higher scores in soil health, agrobiodiversity, and the presence of natural vegetation and pollinators, more diversified diets, and better economic performance.

Rural areas in Africa with

more agroecological farms can sustain more people. They tend to have a higher population and higher employment in farming, and “as a result, young people are less prone to emigrate,” says Dario Lucantoni, Agroecology and Livestock Specialist at the FAO.

The TAPE also showed that in areas with more agroecological households,

“women are enjoying higher gender parity and they have more voice in the decision-making,” says Lucantoni.

Agroecological practices have already promoted gender equality throughout Northern Malawi, says Lizzie Shumba, Agriculture and Nutrition Manager at Soils, Food and Healthy Communities (SFHC). SFHC is a nonprofit conducting

community-based training on agroecology through a participatory co-learning approach.

“After applying different agroecological practices involving both men and women, we have seen significant changes in terms of gender relations within the household as well as the community,” says Shumba. This includes equality in owner-

ship of assets, control over income, input in agriculture decisions, workload and leisure, and more.

Meanwhile, these households have significantly improved soil fertility, climate resilience, and biodiversity. According to Shumba, they are 32 percent less likely to be severely food insecure per additional food crop grown.

But despite the studies presented, Gungu Mibavu, Senior Economist with the Government of Tanzania says there is not enough scientific evidence to support the commercialization of agroecological practices.

“We're missing a common platform on this, in the region or as a continent... we could have some agroecological centers or a kind of platform where we can all share what we have, our experiences, and also build knowledge and disseminate issues,” says Mibavu.

According to Brathwaite, there is ample evidence to prove agroecology is effective, but it does not see the number of resources devoted to large chemical or seed companies.

“That is where the big money lies, and it is within the private sector,” says Brathwaite. “We either need foundations to help us up-scale agroecology or we need to woo the private sector over to our way of thinking more about sustainability rather than profit—the latter is more difficult.”

Brathwaite emphasizes that while the FAO has joined several partners to consolidate agencies, institutions, and farmers' groups under the Agroecology Coalition, these activities still need donor funding: “Many of the activities that we do are quite modest in terms of the scale at which we can do them because funds are not available.”

Throughout the discussion, speakers agree that effectively scaling agroecological practices in Africa will need all sectors and stakeholders at the table.

“Farmers alone, scientists alone, or policymakers alone cannot make really big change and also bring the transformation that we need in the food system,” says Maro. “We need interaction, co-creation, collaboration, and working together.”

‘Census will stimulate communication services in Tanzania’

By Guardian Reporter

THE increase in the number of mobile phones has enabled Tanzania to be the first country in the world to achieve a full interoperability system by allowing mobile money transfers between various mobile networks.

According to the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA), the number of registered sim cards reached 56.3 million by June, this year, which means that telecommunication services have continued to penetrate in various areas in the country.

In a statement, TCRA Director General Dr Jabiri Bakari said mobile phones have penetrated by 94 percent whereby their several uses including financial transactions have contributed to strengthen financial inclusion in the country.

He said along with benefits to users, agencies and financial institutions, the financial services through mobile phones have enabled the communication sector to grow.

“Mobile money transactions are rapidly increasing. A report of the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) in 2019/20 shows that mobile money transactions have grown by 21.8 percent in volume and 8.9 percent in value compared to 2018/2019.

Dr Jabiri said this is an important milestone and first of its kind in the world to create a cashless society with flexible payment options and with full participation in Tanzania's formal financial system by spreading financial inclusion.

He said the ongoing 2022 Population and Housing Census was important to facilitate proper development planning by knowing the actual situation of people and settlements so as to prepare enough resources that will address the ex-



isting problems.

He said that the census statistics will enable the government to compare its plans with existing resources, know the needs of its people, review plans and strategies with the aim of improving them and using resources in a sustainable way.

He noted that Tanzania is implementing the plan to build a digital economy, strengthen communication in rural areas and reduce the cost of operations making the country a centre of excellence in e-commerce in East Africa and SADC. This requires accurate statistics of communication so as to

achieve the intended goals.

He said information such as gender, disability, education levels and daily activities can be used in preparing strategies to eliminate differences in the use of mobile services in gender, geographic, economic, understanding and ability to use.

“There are three types of differences in the access and use of communication services; these are between men and women; urban and rural users, the ability to afford communication devices and the costs of use and understanding, so all these information are important

to enable the government to improve communication services to its people,” he said.

The 2021 OECD report shows that hurdles to access, affordability, lack of education and skills and technological literacy, and inherent gender biases and socio-cultural norms, are at the root of gender-based digital exclusion. It shows that women are lagging behind in owning and use of mobile phones.

The report suggests that addressing the digital gender divide requires raising awareness and tackling gender stereotypes, while

at the same time enabling enhanced, safer and more affordable access to digital tools and fostering strong cooperation across stakeholders to remove barriers to girls and women's full participation in the digital world.

It also recommends strengthening the data collection system to facilitate sustainable decision-making. This includes improving access to statistics for all stakeholders so as to speed up the removal of the gaps in the access and use of communication services.

Tanzania is implementing some programmes to

remove the barriers in the access of communication services which included the establishment of the Universal Communication Service Access Fund (UCSAF) to strengthen the capacity and partner with telecommunications service providers in the country to ensure availability of communication services in rural and urban under-served areas.

The government plans to send ICT services to 718 villages that have not yet been connected to networks by 2025, according to the Minister for Information, Communications and Information Technology, Name Nnauye

Closer China-Africa cooperation boosting Africa's supply chain development: report

BEIJING

CLOSER cooperation between China and Africa is boosting Africa's supply chains amid various headwinds, according to a report released on Tuesday.

The report, titled “Chinese Investment in Africa (2022): China-Africa Cooperation from a Supply Chain Perspective,” was published by the China-Africa Business Council. It elaborated on China's role in Africa's supply chains, Chinese enterprises' efforts in this regard and the challenges faced.

Africa's supply chains were under stress, the report said, citing negative factors such as diseases, regional conflicts and logistical snags.

However, considering its rapid population growth, Africa is still an ideal market for supply chain investment with significant potential, it noted.

The report highlighted Chinese contributions, both at the policy and local levels, that are playing crucial roles in boosting Africa's supply chain development.

Thanks to the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, the Belt and Road Initiative and other government efforts, China and Africa have realized practical cooperation in a wide range of areas, in particular in industrial and supply chain development.

Deeper Belt and Road cooperation between China and African countries “will play an important role in building a more integrated African continent as well as connecting Africa to global supply chains,” the report noted.

Chinese enterprises have also made a great contribution to advancing Africa's supply chains in the fields of logistics, agriculture and e-commerce, among others, according to the report.

It also provided recommendations for governments and enterprises to further incentivize high-level China-Africa supply chain cooperation.

UN labour report highlights employment challenges for youth

UNITED NATIONS.

When COVID-19 prompted economic shutdowns across the globe, many analysts predicted that youth would be especially at risk. This is because young people tend to have fewer economic assets and limited experience in the labor market.

A recent International Labour Organisation (ILO) report published on August 11, 2022, confirmed this vulnerability. The Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022 found that the pandemic set employment rates for youth back more than for any other age group.

Certain regions struggle with youth employment more than others. High-income countries would see their youth employment rates back to pre-pandemic levels by the end of the year, the report revealed. In Africa, however, the decline would only serve to worsen a state of affairs that was already growing perilous.

Africa hosts the world's youngest population. Seventy percent of Sub-Saharan



An International Labour Organisation report found that the COVID-19 pandemic impacted youth employment more than any other group. Credit: Dominic Chavez/World Bank

in precarious work to earn a wage.

Limited economic opportunity for youth can pose significant problems for societies. It can often lead to an increase in alcohol and drug abuse and crime. Academics have pointed out that swathes of unemployed youth have also led to political turmoil, the most notable example being the Arab Spring.

In its report, the ILO issued several recommendations for governments around the world to boost youth employment. Prime among them were investing in the blue (activity involving the marine environment) and green (activity aimed at reducing environmental risk) economies.

Such investments could generate up to 8.4 million jobs globally for young people, per the ILO. This has been a particularly loud cry for Africa, given the breadth of its natural assets.

The ILO also suggested governments support youth-led entrepreneurship—a position that Carleton University professor Dr Tony Bailetti echoes.

“The immediate task that lies ahead for all of us is in formulating and executing actionable policies at the country and regional levels. The most effective policies will be those that leverage cross-border, digital and inclusive entrepreneurship to transform the future of young people.”

Many NGOs in Africa are also supporting the entrepreneurship idea. One, Junior Achievement (JA) Africa, has found considerable success with its entrepreneurship education program.

The organization partners with ministries of education in 13 different countries to bring programs around work readiness and skills development to students. So far, they have reached more than 300,000.

Senanu Adiku, JA Africa's communications, and marketing officer told IPS that the company believes it can make an impact in tackling Africa's youth employment problem.

“JA Africa sees entrepreneurship education as the solution to this gap, not only to create entrepreneurs but to skill young people for the few jobs that are actually available because they need upskilling,” he said.

This education also has

ripple effects, he added. Empowering one student to start a business will lead other students to be employed by the business. More students will also be inspired to create their own enterprises.

Over 72 percent of students who participated in JA Africa's program went on to create businesses, according to a company survey. Most of these initiatives also gave back to their community.

“These usually create businesses that are community-oriented, looking at addressing some of the serious issues in their communities, like plastics, plastic pollution. They look at youth empowerment themselves. They try to bring solutions to some of the things that they see around them. So really, we are creating solution providers, who are also going to go on and help others.”

The organization has goals to expand to 20 countries, reaching a million young people across the continent.

Closing its report, the ILO noted that the COVID-19 recovery presents opportunities for governments to pursue policies that boost youth employment.

“What young people need most is well-functioning labor markets with decent job opportunities for those already participating in the labor market, along with quality education and training opportunities for those yet to enter it,” Martha Newton, ILO Deputy-Director General for Policy, stated in the report's press release.

On South Africa's unemployment problem, Graham stressed that no matter what policies get selected to tackle the crisis, policymakers should consider poverty-related barriers that may hinder young people's ability to access employment.

“Young people in [South Africa] also struggle to transition into the labor market at the same time as they face multiple forms of deprivation including food and income insecurity, care responsibilities, and in some cases strained mental health.”

The suggested policies were all necessary and welcome, Graham told IPS, but they will need to be evaluated to see how young people fare in their wake to measure their true impact.

Africans are under 30. But, only 3 million jobs are available for the 10-12 million young people on the market each year.

One in five African youths were not in employment, education, or training in 2020, according to the ILO.

Young people across Africa face both unemployment and underemployment. Both situations have potentially serious long-term consequences for young people.

In South Africa, the unemployment problem is acute. The current rate for youth is 63.9 percent.

Dr Lauren Graham, Director of the Centre for Social Development in Africa at the University of Johannesburg, explains one of the underlying challenges is the nation's high labor market.

“Much of the challenge sits on the demand side - high levels of unemployment are related to low job growth over many years - insufficient to absorb the large numbers of work-seekers. Young work-seekers often enter the labor market at the back of the labor market queue with limited experience and qualifications.”

Elsewhere in Sub-Saharan Africa, young people are more likely to be underemployed. Unable to find formal jobs, many end up in the informal economy, engaging

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-33 indicating starting positions for clues.

- 3 letters: HEM, EVE, AVE, DUE, RAY, YET, EEL.
- 4 letters: NAME, READ, DINE, UNIT.
- 5 letters: MAIZE, INDIA, VIDEO, EVOKE, EVADE, RISER, DINAR, RINSE, ANISE
- 6 letters: MOVIES, INK CAP, VOICES, SENDER, LONDON
- 7 letters: ENDLESS, CAPEESH

- CLUES: Across**
- rub hard so as to clean
 - a loud, deep, resonant sound
 - pan
 - a part of a plant normally below ground
 - straightforward
 - Capital city of Mexico
 - name of lake Malawi in Tanzania
 - natural
 - a bone framework enclosing the brain of a vertebrate
 - woman's breast
 - grade
 - half of two
 - ulama
 - computer programming language
 - gee whizz
 - the centre of an activity
 - an occupation
 - motherly
 - honey bee
- Down:**
- a young cod, haddock, or similar fish
 - a part of a building enclosed by a wall
 - Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
 - Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
 - mackintosh
 - succeed in accomplishing
 - the holding of an office
 - call a telephone number
 - a common freshwater fish of the carp family
 - the vascular tissue in plants which conducts water and dissolved nutrients upwards from the root
 - chemical element of atomic number 70
 - former com of various Italian states
 - Cola
 - accept
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 - a taxi
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 - mouse

Word-fit and crossword solutions grid with words filled in.

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Core banking solution market to grow by \$12.14bn until 2026

By Guardian Reporter

Core Banking Solutions (CBS) market size is expected to grow by \$12.14 billion at an Accelerating Compounded Average Growth Rate (CAGR) of 14.8 percent between 2021 and 2026, the report by Technavio has said.

The CBS market size was valued at \$14 billion in 2021 and is projected to expand to \$50 billion by 2030.

Technological advancements are expected to drive the core banking solutions (CBS) market growth positively during the forecast period.

Core Banking Solution (CBS) is the networking of bank branches, which allows customers to manage their accounts, and use various banking facilities from any part of the world while helping banks and other financial institutions deliver a complete range of financial services.

CBS include internet banking, mobile banking, Automated Teller Machines (ATMs), fund transfers remotely and immediately, and point of sale systems.

The analysts at Technavio have categorized the global core banking solutions market as a part of the global IT consulting and other services market.

Top banking solutions available



Technological advancements are expected to drive the core banking solutions (CBS) market growth positively during the forecast period.

in the market include EdgeVerve Fincle, Oracle FLEXCUBE Core Banking, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) BaNCS, Wipro Core Banking As-a-Servicem and SAP Banking and Financial Services.

Others are Temenos T24 Transact, C-Edge Technologies Ltd, NCR Corporation digital banking solutions, Finastra Fusion core banking software, Fiserv banking platforms and Encore360.

The report shows 31 percent of the market's growth will originate from North America during the forecast period and US will be the key market.

Market growth in this region will be faster than the growth of the market in South America.

The large-scale selection of advanced core banking solutions by leading banks will facilitate the market growth in North America over the forecast period.

"Banks are currently upgrading their existing product lines on the market due to a significant shift in consumer preferences for banking products and services," the report says.

"To deliver cost-effective and efficient banking services, the market is anticipated to see an increase in the need for connecting traditional banking systems to a centralized server."

Banks are also rapidly adopting and deploying core banking systems to provide convenient services and ensure operational transparency.

Banks' focus has shifted toward growing existing product lines, enhancing techniques to manage operation costs, and enhancing customer service in the marketplace, according to the report.

"These factors promote the expansion of the market for core banking solutions," the report says.

The report noted that as several banks and financial institutions adopt advanced technology into their business operations, developing economies present core banking solution suppliers with ample opportunity to increase their products.

This will triggers high expenditures in expanding and converting existing product lines, enhancing operations to meet client requests, and increasing the productivity of business operations are anticipated to be the primary factors driving market expansion.

In addition, countries such as Australia, China, India, Singapore, and South Korea are critical users of core banking solutions and are anticipated to drive market growth in the following years.

"Our report provides extensive

information on the value chain analysis for the core banking solutions market, which vendors can leverage to gain a competitive advantage during the forecast period," the report notes.

Due to the elongated durations of lockdown because of the coronavirus pandemic, financial offerings had been impelled to undertake far-flung operation offerings, which surged the call for core banking answers.

But, the report says concerns about data security and privacy threats is one of the key challenges limiting the core banking solutions (CBS) market growth.

Cybercriminals focused on the banking industry, and the later spike in Covid-19-related phishing assaults compounded the issue.

One of the greatest challenges associated with keeping a money environment is securing the terabytes of advanced client information from cyberattacks.

The information security hazard is uncommonly lengthy for little and mid-sized banks with fewer assets to guard against an advanced cyberattack and is less demanding to penetrate.

"Thus, such issues may limit the core banking solutions (CBS) market growth during the forecast period," the report asserts.

Absa Bank, Visa launch debit card for businesses in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

Absa Bank Tanzania Limited has partnered with Visa to introduce a debit card targeted at businesses in Tanzania, the first of its own in banking industry.

The Absa Visa Business Debit Card, which is linked to the business' transaction account, is aimed at helping businesses track and manage operational expenses efficiently, access cost saving benefits and make easy and secure online transactions.

Speaking during the launching, Absa Bank Tanzania head of retail banking Ndabu Swere, said "we are fully committed to delivering innovative solutions that help businesses get things done. This is testament to the numerous "firsts" that Absa has introduced in the market in the last few years, evidenced by the recent recognitions received from Global Brand Magazine where we were awarded as the 2020 Best Digital Bank in Tanzania and 2021 Best Banking Cards in Tanzania."

Swere said the bank will continue to bring new disruptive innovations that are going to be a game changer for clients and Tanzanian population at large.

"We believe that this new Visa business debit card will encourage businesses to shift from cash to digital payments, which is not only the more secure payment option, but also improves efficiency and transparency in the business' expense management and thus giving businesses better control of their expenditures, and ability to budget and plan for their business growth," she added.

Head of business banking Melvin Sapr-



Absa Bank Tanzania Head of Retail Banking Ndabu Lilian Swere (centre), Absa's Card Issuing Manager Retail Banking, Elfrida Mruma (right) and ABT Head of Marketing and Corporate Relations, Aron Luhanga displays the just launched Absa visa business debit card during its launch in Dar es Salaam yesterday PHOTO/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER.

pasen said; "Expense mismanagement, associated with poor cash handling and inability to separate personal expenditures from business expenditures, is one of the key challenges that SMEs and sole proprietors

face world over. The Absa Visa Business Debit Card comes in to fix all that."

He noted that the card comes with powerful features and benefits that businesses of all sizes will find ex-

remely valuable.

"Over and above its functional uses as a payment tool, the card will aid in the separation of personal funds from business, increase visibility and control of business expenses, provide

means for employee empowerment, enhancing operational efficiency, and digitize payments to move away from carrying cash for a more secure payments experience," he noted.

Visa country manager for Tanzania Salma Ingabire, said the product Absa is launching today is a solution tailor-made to assist businesses in overcoming many cash flow management hurdles and move beyond to financial prosperity.

The Visa Business Card is much more than just a payment tool, it's a card that puts the business owner in control of their business transactions and expenses.

All transactions are detailed on the businesses monthly statement, so that you know exactly how much money was spent and for what. This allows businesses to better plan their expenses and control their budget, something which is a challenge experienced by SMEs globally.

In her concluding remarks, Ms Salma said, "Collaborations such as these between Absa and Visa will go a long way in helping businesses to digitise their payments and open new avenues for growth. I am confident on the impact that this card will have on the growth of small businesses in Tanzania."

British Arab Bank partners Ugandan bank to support trade

KAMPALA

British Arab Commercial Bank (BACB) has signed a collaboration agreement with leading Uganda-based commercial lender Tropical Bank Limited (Tropical Bank) to mutually support a range of projects and trade opportunities.

London-based BACB has agreed to provide additional capacity and transaction support allowing Tropical Bank to increase the growth trajectory of its business activity.

Making use of BACB's extensive global network, the banks will collaborate on trade opportunities within Africa, as well as facilitating new business outside of the region.

Building on BACB's efforts to up-skill its banking partners in the region, the alliance will also foster improved knowledge sharing in relation to compliance, financial crime regulation and risk practices.

The agreement is part of a larger initiative by the banks' shared parent group Libyan Foreign Bank, spearheaded by its Chairman Mohammed Addarrat, to establish a framework for future collaboration across financial institutions, promote leadership and strengthen international ties.

The partnership was driven by Paul Jennings, Bhavesh Dattani and Marie El-Hawat at BACB and Abdul Aziz Mansur, Managing Director, and Joweria Mukalazi, Executive Director, at Tropical Bank.

BACB's Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Paul Jennings said: "I am delighted to have secured this partnership with our colleagues at Tropical Bank. By providing additional capacity, we can participate on new deals in this promising region and support the growth of Tropical Bank's business. It is very much a two-way collaboration and a key part of the agreement will be the sharing of knowledge, particularly in the field of compliance and regulation. This collaboration is possible thanks to the initiative led by Chairman Addarrat, which will add to our own expertise within African markets while boosting capabilities across the Libyan Foreign Bank group."

Large banks beat tier-two lenders in profitability

NAIROBI

Large banks are widening the profitability gap between them and their tier two and three counterparts, leveraging on their wider reach and cheaper cost of funds to extract a higher return on assets.

The tier-one lenders significantly extended the gap in earnings in 2021 as they made a better recovery from the Covid-19-led slowdown of 2020 compared to the other tiers, nearly doubling their gross earnings in the process.

The nine banks that make up the top tier are Equity, KCB, Co-operative Bank, NCBA, Standard Chartered Bank Kenya, Absa Bank Kenya, Stanbic, DTB, and I&M.

Together, they grew their pre-tax profit by 84 percent or Sh78 billion to Sh170.6 billion last year, while the eight tier two lenders grew theirs by 38 percent or Sh6.5 billion to Sh23.58 billion.

Tier three lenders, which number 22, raised their pre-tax profits by 39 percent or Sh970 million to Sh3.48 billion.

The Kenya Bankers Association (KBA) attributed the higher return on assets and equity of tier one banks to their advantage in market share in both deposits and assets—particularly cheaper deposits.

The nine tier one banks account for 75.3 percent of both assets and deposits of the industry by the end of last year, data from the Central



Co-operative Bank in Nairobi

Bank of Kenya (CBK) shows.

"Across bank sizes, profitability (measured by Return on Assets

and Return on Equity) was highest among tier one banks in 2021; an observation that supports the

view that larger operations allow banks to exploit economies of scale, thereby enhancing their profitability.

Further, efficient banks - that is, those with lower cost-to-income ratios - have a higher RoA and RoE than less efficient banks" said KBA in its 2022 State of the Banking Industry report that was released last month.

Return on Equity (RoE) is a measure of a bank's ability to generate profits using shareholder funds, giving investors a measure of how much they are getting from every shilling of retained capital.

Return on Assets (RoA) is a measure of a lender's capacity

to make profits from the total resources it controls, including borrowed funds.

For tier one lenders, RoA stood at 3.79 percent last year, compared to 1.83 percent for tier twos and 1.53 for tier threes, indicating that they were able to extract a higher return from their assets, which are mainly in form of customer loans and lending to the government.

In terms of value to their shareholders, tier one average RoE stood at 25.6 percent on average in 2021, marginally ahead of tier two RoE of 25.5 percent, while tier three lenders trailed significantly at 4.83 percent.

Banking graduate pandemic boom fades after junior exodus

LONDON

Thousands of top graduates vie for just a handful of high-paying jobs at the world's biggest investment banks each year.

But at some banks, competition for places is getting less intense.

Credit Suisse, HSBC and Morgan Stanley all saw a drop in applications for graduate and internship places this year, either in Europe or globally, according to figures obtained by Financial News.

The sharpest drop was at HSBC, where the number of students vying for graduate places in Europe fell by 49% to 3,558. Globally, applications fell by 36% to 10,763. The UK lender increased the number of hires within its global banking and markets unit by 27% on 2021 to 108 this year.

At Credit Suisse, which has been rocked by successive crises and executive departures over the past year, applications in Emea fell by 10% to 23,500, and by 7% globally to 77,000, according to people familiar with the numbers. The bank hired 100 interns in the UK, largely within its investment bank.

Meanwhile, Morgan Stanley received nearly 6,000 fewer applications for its European internship programme this year, a decline of 12% on the previous year. It had 41,211 students com-



Equity Group Managing Director and CEO Dr James Mwangi. PHOTO: NMG

peting for 816 internship places in Emea.

Banking graduate spots are known for their brutal hours. A handful of Goldman Sachs analysts leaked a presentation last year outlining physical and mental exhaustion as they endured 100-hour weeks, and the sector battled an exodus of burnt-out juniors.

Investment banks have been forced to hike entry-level salaries by 40% in London over the past year, with most shifting from £50,000 to £70,000 for graduates fresh out of university.

But while some investment banks have seen a drop in applications this year, the battle for a select number of jobs remains intense.

Morgan Stanley and Credit Suisse's 2022 numbers, while below last year, are still in line with the number of applications received

in 2019 and 2020.

"Demand remains super-high and fiercely competitive," said Logan Naidu, chief executive of headhunters Dartmouth Partners, which recruits for graduate banking roles. "There aren't many jobs where you can earn £100,000 in total compensation straight out of university. Students going into investment banking, more than ever, know what they're getting into."

Other banks drew more interest from juniors, including Goldman Sachs, despite the negative attention of its analysts' leaked memo.

Goldman received 236,000 applications for its internship programme globally, a 17% increase. It takes on around 3,000 employees each year.

JPMorgan had 270,855 students competing for 4,604 internship places globally, an increase of

20%. However, the rise within its investment banking division was not as sharp – 54,000 applications for 480 places, a 5% increase. In Emea, applications are up by 19% for the same unit, a bank spokesperson said.

Citigroup received 73,000 applications for 805 intern and full-time positions within its Emea business, which is flat on a year earlier as the number of recruits has increased.

A Bank of America spokesperson declined to comment on graduate recruits. Deutsche Bank did not respond to requests for comment.

Investment banks did not cut back on graduate recruitment during the pandemic even as other sectors pulled back, said Martin Birchall, chief executive of High Fliers Research, which tracks graduate recruitment numbers in the UK.

"We're seeing growth across all the sectors that cut during the pandemic, but investment banks are stable going into 2023," he said. "Banks have largely stayed away from campuses, preferring fully online recruitment initiatives that broaden the array of candidates applying. Whether that means they recruit beyond the business students from top universities remains to be seen."

As well as hiking salaries, banks have enforced restricted working hours, including protected weekends and allowing 'connection free' holidays.

However, senior bankers told Financial News that real change would be difficult without drastically increasing the number of recruits, which would both reduce the exclusivity of the industry and necessitate cuts to pay.

Nicola Thomas, head of research at the Institute of Student Employers, said that there were 118 applications for every available role within the wider financial services sector last year, an increase of 17% and the highest rate since 2001. Students who stayed in higher education or struggled to break into the labour market during the height of the pandemic in 2020, contributed to the rise she said.

However, she added there has been a "big drop" in applications across financial and professional services in 2022. Across all sectors, graduate applications have dropped by 48% compared to a year earlier, according to ISE's annual vacancy survey.



Visa appoints UAE country manager and CEMEA head

DUBAI

Visa, a world leader in digital payments, has announced the appointment of Salima Gutieva (pictured) as Vice President and Country Manager for the UAE.

Gutieva replaces Shahebaz Khan who has been appointed as Senior Vice-President, Head of New Payment Flows for Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa (CEMEA).

In her new role as a Country Manager for UAE, Gutieva will be based in Dubai and will be responsible for market strategy and supporting clients and government partners in the UAE in meeting growing demand for seamless, secure digital payments.

Gutieva has 16 years of experience with Visa in various business development positions, including Head of Sales for Visa in Russia.

In his new role, Khan will be responsible for driving Visa Business Solutions, Visa Government Solutions and Visa Direct for the Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa region, supporting clients and government partners capture the huge growth opportunity within new payment flows and global money movement.

With eleven years' experience at Visa, Khan first joined Visa Consulting and Analytics, before being promoted to Country Manager for UAE, and most recently leading Visa's business across UAE, Bahrain and Oman.

Commenting on Khan's appointment, Andrew Torre, Regional President for CEMEA said: "In recent years, we have seen tremendous opportunities in the CEMEA region when it comes to new payment flows and money movement including government-to-consumer, business-to-consumer, and person-to-person channels. I'm confident that Khan's deep knowledge and expertise will be a catalyst for the growth of our clients and partners across the region."

"We are delighted to have a leader of Gutieva's calibre managing our UAE operations," said Dr Saeeda Jaffar, Visa's SVP and Group Country Manager for the GCC.

"She brings her extensive industry experience and strong expertise to the region at a time of great opportunity in the payments, commerce and money movement. We are confident that under Gutieva's leadership we can further expand the acceptance of seamless, secure digital payments in the UAE and support the local economy in its digital transformation."

Visa has been at the forefront of digital transformation and payment technology innovation across the Middle East and beyond. The appointments strengthen Visa's commitment to driving financial inclusion, supporting a cashless economy, and strengthening its regional leadership.

Rewriting banking dynamics with blockchain technology

By Richika Biyani

Goldman Sachs (NYSE:GS) and JPMorgan Chase & Co. (NYSE:JPM) could be in the process of rewriting the dynamics of the banking industry with the adoption of blockchain technology. These are two of the first few banking companies that have integrated blockchain into their trading and business operations.

The traditional banking industry has this gigantic task of maintaining the records and processing the transactions of their ever-increasing customer base. They have to follow several procedures to ensure the safety and security of their customers. This makes the entire banking procedure quite costly and lengthy.

The use of blockchain technology in banking helps in alleviating these issues and streamlining the operations of banks. It reduces costs, improves transparency and fraud detection, increases automation, reduces the amount of paperwork, hastens verification process, and ensures



decentralization of lengthy banking procedures, among other things.

Now, let's learn more about how the aforementioned banking giants are utilizing blockchain technology to make the banking experience seamless for their customers:

JPMorgan Chase (JPM)

With a market cap of around \$375 billion, JPMorgan Chase is one of the first banks to offer a blockchain-based platform, called Onyx, to its customers to carry out wholesale payment transactions. The platform helps facilitate payments, digital assets, and

information sharing within the banking sector.

Onyx's services include Liink, an information exchange network, Coin Systems for digital clearing and transfer of money, and Onyx Digital Assets for smooth exchange of different types of digital assets. JPM also has a center of excellence, which is focused on the development and launch of new blockchain networks, applications, and shared platform technology.

These offerings make the New York-based financial services provider a pioneer in the transformation of the banking industry.

Based on 10 Buys, seven Holds, and one Sell, JPMorgan has a Moderate Buy consensus rating on TipRanks. JPM's average price target of \$138.33 implies upside potential of 19.8% over current levels.

Goldman Sachs (GS)

Goldman Sachs is catching up with JPMorgan in the use of blockchain technology within the banking segment. In June last year, it worked with the European Investment Bank for the first public digital issuance on Ethereum public blockchain. The two-year, €100 million bond was the first of its kind and unlocked a new

era of transparency and speed for capital market transactions.

Additionally, the investment banking firm recently collaborated with Swiss financial technology company HQLAX for the execution of the first agency securities lending transaction on the blockchain. According to a press release by HQLAX, the transaction involved hundreds of millions of dollars and included a combined series of 35-day term transactions.

These initiatives show the \$117.6 billion company's commitment toward enhancing the banking experience of customers.

Meanwhile, on TipRanks, Goldman Sachs has a Strong Buy consensus rating based on 14 Buys and three Holds. GS' average stock forecast of \$394.27 implies 15.9% upside potential.

Can Blockchain Technology Disrupt the Banking Industry?

Blockchain technology has the potential to disrupt the banking industry with its shared ledger feature. This feature can get rid of financial intermediaries and establish trust and transparency between the unknown transacting parties. The shared ledger technology makes use of cryptography to allow all transacting parties to control the data.

Blockchain technology is still new in the market, with not a lot of takers. It needs to gain mass acceptance to demonstrate its true potential. The technology also needs to overcome regulatory hurdles across the world to boost its uptake by financial institutions.

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BANKING&FINANCE

Islamic banking in Egypt market reached \$23.38bn by June



CAIRO

Mohamed Al-Beltagy – President of the Egyptian Association for Islamic Finance – said that the volume of Islamic banking in Egypt recorded EGP 443bn by the end of June – an increase of EGP 52.8bn and a growth rate of 13.5 percent from June 2021.

He pointed out that the volume of Islamic banking represents about 5% of the total size of the Egyptian banking market as a whole.

The Egyptian banking market includes 14 banks that have a license from the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) to provide Islamic banking products, and there are three fully Islamic banks – namely Faisal Is-

lamic Bank of Egypt, Al-Baraka Bank Egypt, and Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank Egypt – in addition to 11 banks that have Islamic branches alongside their traditional ones.

Al-Beltagy explained in a recent report issued by the association that the Faisal Islamic Bank of Egypt came in first in the Islamic banking market in Egypt with a business volume of EGP 138.3bn, accounting for 31.3% of the total industry.

In second place, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank Egypt achieved a turnover of EGP 98.7bn and a share of 22.3%. And in third place was Banque Misr's Islamic branches with a turnover of EGP 91.6bn and a share of 20.7%, followed by Al-Baraka Bank in fourth

place with a business volume of EGP 82.8bn and a share of 18.7%.

According to Al-Beltagy, the volume of deposits conforming to Islamic law in the Egyptian market amounted to about EGP 360.2bn by the end of the first half (IH) of 2022 – an increase of EGP 17bn and a growth rate of 5% compared to IH 2021.

He explained that Islamic deposits represent about 6.3% of the total volume of deposits in the Egyptian banking market, pointing out that the increase in those deposits was concentrated by 88% in Faisal Islamic Bank of Egypt's branches with a value of EGP 6bn, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank Egypt with EGP 7bn, and the

Islamic branches of Banque Misr at EGP 2bn.

He added that the volume of Islamic Sharia-compliant financing in the Egyptian market recorded about EGP 348.5bn – an increase of EGP 52.4bn and a growth rate of 17.7% – pointing out that this form of financing represents about 5% of the volume of financing in the Egyptian banking market.

Al-Beltagy also pointed out that the increase in Islamic finance was concentrated by 96% in Faisal banks at a value of EGP 13bn, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank EGP 19bn, and the Islamic branches of Banque Misr EGP 18bn.

Top ten UAE banks net income jumps 24.4pct in Q2

DUBAI

The top ten UAE banks' net income jumped 24.4 percent to AED12.6 billion (\$3.43 billion) in the second quarter (Q2) driven by better asset quality, improved profitability and margins, said Alvarez & Marsal (A&M).

The country's 10 largest listed banks are First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB), Emirates NBD (ENBD), Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB), Dubai Islamic Bank (DIB), Mashreq Bank (Mashreq), Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank (ADIB), Commercial Bank of Dubai (CBD), National Bank of Fujairah (NBF), National Bank of Ras Al-Khaimah (RAK) and Sharjah Islamic Bank (SIB).

Total interest income of the banks grew drastically by 19.5 pct QoQ (quarter-on-quarter) in Q2'22, boosted by higher interest income, said A&M, leading global professional services firm, in its latest United Arab Emirates Banking Pulse for Q2 2022.

The push and pull between loans

and deposits reveals an improvement in customers' personal economic standing. The rise in interest income has been spurred by a sharp rise in both advances and deposits. Total advances grew by 1.8pct while deposits grew faster at 4.5pct.

Aggregate non-interest income (NII) surged by 15.1pct QoQ and the overall net interest margin (NIM) jumped by 26.1bps QoQ due to higher benchmark rates. Overall asset quality improved as non-performing loans (NPL)/loans and advances (L&A) fell by 0.4pct to 5.7pct during the quarter.

A&M's UAE Banking Pulse examines data of the 10 largest listed banks in the UAE, comparing the Q2'22 results against Q1'22 results. Using independently sourced published market data and 16 different metrics, the report assesses banks' key performance areas, including size, liquidity, income, operating efficiency, risk, profitability, and capital.

The top ten UAE banks' aggregate L&A increased by 1.8pct QoQ in Q2'22,



First Abu Dhabi Bank

while the deposits grew at 4.5pct QoQ. Consequently, aggregate loan-to-deposit ratio (LDR) decreased to 82.4pct QoQ in Q2'22 compared to 84.5pct QoQ in Q1'22.

Operating income witnessed an uptick primarily due to higher interest income (19.5pct QoQ) supported by NII

such as foreign exchange income and investment gains.

The total operating income increased by 13.6pct QoQ as compared to -6.4pct in Q1'22. The growth was primarily driven by NII which increased substantially by 15.1pct QoQ and foreign exchange and investment related

income of +24.1pct QoQ.

The UAE banking sector's NIM noted an improvement as the benchmark interest rate increased. Although NIM increased to 2.3pct it is still below the pre-pandemic levels of 2.6pct.

The NIM improved by 26.1bps QoQ as aggregate NII of +15.1pct QoQ grew at a faster pace as compared to net interest-bearing assets of +3.9pct QoQ. The yield on credit jumped 84bps QoQ to 5.9pct for Q2'22 largely due to a substantial increase in interest income at +19.5pct QoQ due to interest rate hike. The cost of funds deteriorated by 26.2bps QoQ to 1.3pct in Q2'22.

Operational efficiency improved in Q2'22 despite an increase in operating expenses. The cost-to-income (C/I) ratio improved by 2.9bps QoQ to reach 31.5pct.

The drop in C/I ratio was due operating income of +13.6pct QoQ growing at a faster pace than operating expense of +4.1pct QoQ. Eight out of ten UAE banks reported an improved C/I ratio in Q2'22.

Cost of risk (CoR) improved as aggregate impairment charges continued to decline for the sixth consecutive quarter.

The aggregate CoR fell by -9.7bps QoQ to 0.72pct in Q2'22 and the decline is attributed mainly to the decrease in total provisioning to AED3.1 billion at -9.7pct QoQ in Q2'22 from AED3.5 billion in Q1'22.

The return ratios witnessed an uptick in Q2'22 as profitability improved across the board. The aggregate net income increased by 24.4pct QoQ, as a result the return ratios such as return on equity (ROE) and return on assets (ROA) improved by 1.9pct points QoQ and 0.3pct points QoQ respectively.

Asad Ahmed, A&M Managing Director and Head of Middle East Financial Services commented: "The regional banking sector, including that of the UAE is expected to report continued strong profitability on the back of increasing interest rates, improving credit quality and robust economic growth."

Bank al Etihad becomes first to promote ESG finance

AMMAN

Bank al Etihad recently signed an agreement with Jordan based credit bureau, CRIF ITS Jordan, a subsidiary of the CRIF group.

The agreement will provide Bank al Etihad and its SMEs and corporate clients access to Synesgy, a digital platform that scores companies based on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria.

The agreement aligns with Bank al Etihad's strategy to promote sustainable finance, support credit policies, commercial green financing strategies, supply chain selection, risk management, and funding for SMEs and corporates.

The bank's motivation to take this approach stems from its commitment to supporting the local community to overcome challenges ranging from climate change to social and environmental issues.

The CEO of Bank al Etihad, HE Nadia Alsaeed, and the Jordan Market Lead at CRIF ITS Jordan, Mrs Areej Obeidat, signed the agreement, where HE Mrs Nadia Alsaeed said: "At Bank al Etihad, we consider our partnership with CRIF ITS Jordan a pioneering step that will encourage our clients to strive towards adhering to



Bank al Etihad

ESG measures in an easy and cost-efficient way, which will help them keep pace with global trends and improve their chances of receiving funding and investment. I am very proud that we are the first Jordanian institution to use this platform".

The underlying methodology of the criteria is based on international sustainability standards set by the

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the Carbon Disclosure Project, and the taxonomy guidelines.

Regarding the partnership, Mrs Areej Obeidat said: "Signing this agreement with Bank al Etihad comes in line with national efforts towards a green financing strategy. Adopting CRIF's Synesgy platform

will help Bank al Etihad create value through sustainable finance".

Sustainable finance, which describes financing and investment decisions considering ESG issues, has gained much traction in recent years. More and more companies worldwide are looking for solutions to support them in adhering to the pillars of sustainability, which have

now become more critical than ever. This is no surprise, as companies that embrace ESG factors in their decision-making perform better and lead longer-term investments than those that do not.

Bank al Etihad is a Jordanian banking and financial institution that has been operating for 41 years. We are proud that human and family values are at the heart of our culture and we put the satisfaction of our customers - individuals, entrepreneurs, companies and women - at the forefront of our priorities.

The bank strives to be the leading digital bank in Jordan, so it prioritizes technology, entrepreneurship and innovation as the key principles of our path towards growth. The bank believes that empowering its community can only be achieved by investing in digital transformation. Through this, clients can access products and services and control their money wherever they are and at any time.

Bank al Etihad offers a growing network of 53 branches and 125 ATMs that are spread across the Kingdom.

The bank also owns a central exchange unit, a financial brokerage company (Al-Etihad Brokerage), and a financial leasing company (Al-Etihad Financial Leasing). It is a member and a strategic partner of the Board of Directors of the National Bank in Palestine. It also owns 36% of the shares in Safwa Islamic Bank.

Pope instructs holy entities to move cash to Vatican bank

By Hannah Brockhaus, Rome

Pope Francis has ordered that the Holy See and connected entities move all financial assets to the Institute for Works of Religion (IOR), commonly known as the Vatican bank.

The pope's rescript, issued Aug. 23, clarifies the interpretation of a paragraph in the new constitution of the Roman Curia, Praedicate Evangelium, promulgated in March.

According to Francis' rescript, financial and liquid assets held in banks other than the IOR must be moved to the Vatican bank within 30 days of Sept. 1, 2022.

The IOR, based in Vatican City State, has 110 employees and 14,519 clients. As of 2021, it looked after 5.2 billion euros (\$5.6 billion) of client assets.

Though commonly called a "bank," the IOR is technically a financial institute, with no branches, working within Vatican City State to provide services to clients, which include the Holy See and connected entities, religious orders, clergy, Catholic institutions, and Holy See employees.

The IOR saw its number of clients decline by 472, from 14,991 clients at the end of 2020 to 14,519 in 2021. Nearly half of its clients in 2019 were religious orders.

According to its annual report, the financial institution's \$19 million net profit in 2021 was also down from \$44 million in 2020 and \$46 million in 2019.

In his Aug. 23 rescript, Pope Francis said article 219, paragraph 3 of Praedicate Evangelium "must be interpreted to mean that the activity of asset manager and custodian of the movable patrimony of the Holy See and of the Institutions connected with the Holy See is the exclusive responsibility of the Institute for Works of Religion."

The decree will force Holy See institutions, including the Secretariat of State, to move their financial assets to the IOR by the end of September. The Secretariat of State is known to have had accounts in Swiss financial institutions, including Credit Suisse, through which the controversial London building investment was initially carried out.

Article 219, paragraph 3 of the new curial constitution says: "The execution of the financial transactions referred to in §§ 1 and 2 is carried out through the Institute for the Works of Religion," the IOR.

The financial transactions described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 219 are the administration and management of the Holy See's real estate and movable assets and entities entrusting their assets to the Holy See.

Indian banks to gain from rising credit demands

New Delhi

Indian banks will get a lift from higher lending for the remainder of this year, though rising costs may drag on profits.

Most Indian banks reported better growth in lending and net interest income in the April-to-June quarter. Still, many missed earnings expectations on mark-to-market losses, or unrealized losses on investments, caused by market volatility.

For the remainder of the fiscal year to March 31, 2023, rising interest rates will help banks' net interest margins.

"Outlook for the Indian banking sector for fiscal year 2023 remains positive, supported by the improved asset quality and increase in loan book," said Tusharika Aggarwal, research analyst at APAC Dividend Forecasting at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Overall bank credit grew 14.3 percent year over year as of July 29 to 127.35 trillion rupees, according to Reserve Bank of India data released Aug. 10. Credit uptake has accelerated in recent months as the economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The International Monetary Fund expects India's gross domestic product to grow 7.4 percent in 2022, according to a July 26 press release.

In contrast, the world economy may



slow to 3.2 percent expansion this year, compared with 6.1 percent in 2021, dragged by downturns in Russia and China in the second quarter.

Most Indian banks "have raised their growth guidance for [fiscal 2023], factoring strong [first quarter] and improving growth impulses in retail, [small and medium-sized enterprises], and

corporate portfolio," said Anand Dama, analyst at Emkay Global, in a note on Aug. 11. Overall non-performing loan ratios are likely to decrease due to a better credit growth trajectory, and banks already have healthy provision buffers that should support their profitability.

However, operating costs have increased due to elevated business

expenses, staff compensation, and investments in branches and technology. That "kept core profitability in check," Dama said, adding that banks will need to pass on the rate hikes and raise fees to protect their core profitability.

State Bank of India expects to continue its credit growth in the next few months. The nation's biggest lender by assets will be able to

sustain its 14.93% growth in gross advances reported in the fiscal first quarter, as the bank has nearly 5 trillion rupees in term loans and underutilized working capital credit lines to its customers, Chairman Dinesh Khara said at a post-earnings conference call on Aug. 6.

Punjab National Bank CEO Atul Kumar Goel said during the company's July 29 earnings call that the lender is expecting 10% loan growth over last year, although that may be revised upward as "there is traction in the market."

Still, banks will be buffeted by market volatility. State Bank of India reported a 6.7% year-over-year decline in stand-alone net profit for the fiscal first quarter to 60.68 billion rupees, primarily due to mark-to-market losses on its investment book of 65.49 billion rupees. Similarly, Punjab National Bank posted 14.09 billion rupees in unrealized loss in the June quarter.

WORLD

FBI finds 700-plus pages of classified records at Donald Trump's home

WASHINGTON

THE US National Archives discovered more than 700 pages of classified documents at Donald Trump's Florida home in addition to material seized this month by FBI agents, according to a newly disclosed May letter the records agency sent to the Republican former president's attorney.

The large quantity of classified material in 15 boxes recovered in January by the National Archives and Records Administration, some marked as "top secret," provides more insight into what led to the FBI's court-authorized Aug 8 search of Trump's residence at the Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach.

The agency is responsible for preserving government records.

The May 10 letter was sent by Acting US Archivist Debra Steidel Wall to Trump attorney Evan Corcoran. It was released late on Monday by John Solomon, a conservative journalist who Trump authorized in June to access his presidential records. The National Archives posted a copy on its website on Tuesday.

"Among the materials in the boxes are over 100 documents with classi-

fication markings, comprising more than 700 pages. Some include the highest levels of classification, including Special Access Program materials," Wall's letter said, referring to security protocols reserved for some of the country's most closely held secrets.

The letter contains additional information about Trump's handling of classified materials and his efforts to delay federal officials from reviewing the documents.

The letter shows that Trump's legal team repeatedly tried to stall the Archives from letting the FBI and intelligence officials review the materials, saying he needed more time to determine if any of the records were covered by a doctrine called executive privilege that enables a president to shield some records.

President Joe Biden's administration - specifically the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel - has determined that the materials were not covered by executive privilege. It found "there is no precedent" for a former president to shield records from a sitting president using executive privilege when the materials in question legally belong to the federal



Former President Donald Trump

government, according to the letter.

Even after Trump returned the 15 boxes to the Archives, the Justice Department still suspected he had more classified material.

The Aug 8 search was part of a federal investigation into whether Trump illegally removed documents from the White House when he left office in January 2021 after his failed 2020 re-election bid and whether he tried to obstruct the government's investigation into the removal of the records.

In a lawsuit Trump filed late on Monday against the Justice Department over the search, he said he was served a grand jury subpoena on May 11 seeking additional classified records.

On June 3, the department's head of counterintelligence and three FBI agents visited Mar-a-Lago to inspect a storage room and collect additional records. Trump received a second subpoena later that month seeking surveillance footage from security cameras, which he also provided.

During the Aug 8 search, FBI agents recovered more than 20 additional boxes containing about 11 sets of records marked as classified.

Trump's legal team waited for two weeks before filing his lawsuit, which asks a federal judge to block the FBI from reviewing the seized materials until a special master can be appointed. A special master is an independent third party sometimes appoint-

ed in sensitive cases to review documents seized in a search, particularly if the records could be protected by attorney-client privilege.

The Justice Department previously sought a special master following FBI searches at the homes and offices of Rudy Giuliani and Michael Cohen, two of Trump's former attorneys.

Legal experts said the Trump document investigation differs from those cases because the records at issue belong to the federal government.

"The idea that executive privilege in some way would restrict (National Archives) access to the records, or the FBI's access to the records, sort of just misconstrues what executive privilege is," said Jonathan Shaub, a former Justice Department attorney who teaches at the University of Kentucky's law school.

"The person who gets to decide whether executive privilege is asserted is the president, so the special master would be Biden," Shaub added. "That is the only person who is legitimately able to decide whether turning something over to the FBI would harm the national interests." **Agencies**

Pope Francis expresses condolences over death of Darya Dugina

ROME



POPE Francis expressed condolences over the death of Russian Darya Dugina, calling her an "innocent victim."

"I think of the poor girl who was blown up by a bomb placed under the car seat in Moscow. The innocent pay the price of war," the ANSA news agency quoted the pontiff as saying yesterday at a collective audience.

Francis said he turned his thoughts to Russia and Ukraine on that day. "I pray that she, the Mother of God, will look to these two beloved countries and lead them to the peace we all so desperately need," he said.

The pontiff once again condemned those who make their money by selling weapons. "They (arms dealers - TASS) are criminals who kill humanity," the pope noted, recalling other conflicts, including those in Yemen and Syria.

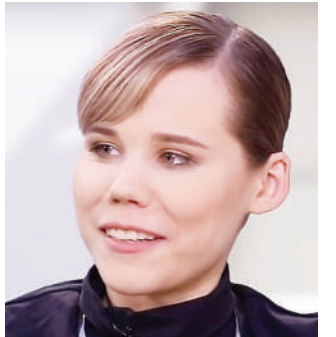
On the evening of August 20, an explosive device went off in a Toyota Land Cruiser car on a road near the village of Bolshiye Vyazyomy, the Moscow Region. The car caught fire.

As it was found out later, the explosive device had been planted under the vehicle's floor on the driver's side. Dugina, who was driving the car, died on the spot.

The Russian Federal Security Service's Public Relations Center told TASS that the murder had been solved. It was prepared by the Ukrainian special services, the perpetrator was Ukrainian citizen Natalia Vovk.

Russian diplomat slams Zelensky's denial of Kiev's involvement in journalist's murder

MOSCOW



UKRAINIAN President Vladimir Zelensky's denial of Kiev's involvement in the murder of Russian journalist Darya Dugina is "another link in the chain of lies," Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told Sputnik radio yesterday.

"Zelensky appeared in front of cameras once again, saying that they had nothing to do with it because she wasn't a Ukrainian national, nor was she staying in Ukraine. Well, it's nothing new. Another link in the chain of lies. However, the West is ignoring that. Not because it can't see it, but because the Kiev regime is doing exactly what Western guidelines say," she pointed out.

Zakharova noted that the Mirotvorts (or Peacemaker) website containing people's personal data had been operating in Ukraine for years.

"And now, as Russian Permanent Representative to the UN Mr Nebenzya said at a Security Council meeting and as he told reporters, Dasha's page is marked as 'eliminated'," the diplomat added.

Dugina, 29 (pictured), was a media professional who particularly covered developments in Donbass. The journalist was killed in a car explosion in the Moscow Region on August 20. Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) announced on August 22 that Dugina's murder had been solved. According to the FSB, it had been masterminded by Ukrainian intelligence agencies and executed by Ukrainian national Natalia Vovk, who fled to Estonia following the crime.

UN decries fighting in S.Sudan's northern state

JUBA

THE United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) on Tuesday decried renewed clashes between rival armed groups in South Sudan's Upper Nile State, a northern region.

The UN mission expressed concern about the safety and security of thousands of civilians caught up in the clashes, calling on all parties to respect international law and safeguard freedom of movement for humanitarian organizations in the Upper Nile area.

"Over 200 of the displaced persons have sought refuge at the UN Protection of Civilians site in Malakal, the capital of Upper Nile State. Many children are reported to be missing or separated from their families," UNMISS said in a statement in Juba, the capital of South Sudan.

The renewed fighting that began last week in Tonga town has displaced more than 15,000 people, while flooding is hindering their access to humanitarian aid and safer areas while others sought refuge at the UN base. It said it is engaging with the affected communities, government, and local authorities, to quell tensions and support efforts toward a peaceful resolution.

UNMISS urged feuding parties to immediately stop the violence and adhere to the Revitalized Peace Agreement. The UN mission said it supports the movement of humanitarian organizations and deploying additional peacekeepers to the UN protection site to increase security and mitigate the risk of spillover fighting. **Xinhua**

China's help on Africa's supply chain called crucial

CHINA has played an essential role in Africa's supply chain development by addressing related challenges, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and regional conflicts, and has helped improve socioeconomic development on the continent, African officials said on Tuesday.

The remarks were made at a ceremony marking the release of a report published by the China-Africa Business Council on China's investment in Africa. From a supply chain perspective, the report showcased efforts made by Chinese enterprises to improve Africa's supply chain and support the independent and sustainable development of Africa.

Rahamatta M. Osman, permanent representative of the African Union to China, said the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation and the Belt and Road Initiative are closely aligned with Africa's development blueprint and strategies, such as the AU's Agenda 2063 and the African Continental Free Trade Area.

Deeper BRI and AfCFTA cooperation would play an important role in building a more integrated African continent as well as connecting Africa to global supply chains, Osman added.

He also said that by 2021, China's trade with Africa had increased twenty-fold, and its investment stock in Africa saw a hundredfold increase since 2000. More than 3,800 Chinese enterprises have invested in Africa, he added. "All of this has contributed to China-Africa cooperation in supply chain development."

According to the China-Africa Business Council report, China has been Africa's largest trading partner for the past 13 years and was Africa's fourth-largest bilateral investor in 2021.

Mary Muthoni Gichohi, Kenya's ambassador to China, said China has always firmly supported Africa's development, adding that the report was of great significance to the development of Africa-China relations.

The report will help promote comprehensive Africa-China cooperation and bring more much-needed investment to the continent, she said.

Teshome Toga Chanaka, Ethiopia's ambassador to China, highlighted China's contribution to infrastructure in his country and called for more such investment.

He noted that the China-built Addis



Photo taken on Dec 7, 2021, shows a section of the 27.1-km Nairobi Expressway which is being constructed by the China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) in Nairobi, Kenya. [Photo/Xinhua]

Ababa-Djibouti Railway has improved logistics and said its success can help draw more outside investment.

Theophilus Mwendwa Mutui, managing director of the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service, said via video link at the conference that it was a practical step for China to help Kenya's development, and he hoped to further promote economic and trade cooperation with

China.

The first shipment of fresh avocados from Kenya arrived in China last month, marking the first time that China has imported fresh avocados from the continent. **China Daily**

Drought in Africa puts children 'one disease away from catastrophe'

UNITED NATIONS

CHILDREN in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel could die in devastating numbers unless urgent support is provided, as severe malnutrition and the risk of water-borne disease collide, warned UNICEF on Tuesday.

"History shows that when high levels of severe acute malnutrition in children combine

with deadly outbreaks of diseases like cholera or diarrhea, child mortality rises dramatically -- and tragically. When water either isn't available or is unsafe, the risks to children multiply exponentially," said UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell.

"Across the Horn of Africa and the Sahel, millions of children are just one disease away from

catastrophe," she said.

The number of drought-hit people in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia without reliable access to safe water jumped from 9.5 million in February to 16.2 million in July, putting children and their families in increased danger of contracting illnesses like cholera and diarrhea, said UNICEF.

Some 40 million children face

high to extremely high levels of water vulnerability in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Niger and Nigeria as drought, conflict and insecurity are driving water insecurity, it said.

More than 2.8 million children in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel are already suffering from severe acute malnutrition, which means they are up to 11 times more at risk of dying from

water-borne diseases than well-nourished children, it said.

In Somalia, outbreaks of acute watery diarrhea and cholera have been reported in almost all drought-affected districts, with 8,200 cases reported between January and June, more than double the number of cases reported during the same period last year, said UNICEF. **Agencies**

BY the Des Moines River, Iowa, sits a century-old landmark, the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. Chinese President Xi Jinping once visited the building to attend the U.S.-China High-Level Agricultural Symposium in February 2012 as then Vice President of China.

Kenneth M. Quinn, then president of the World Food Prize Foundation told People's Daily in a recent interview that he was honored to have received and had conversations with the Chinese leader.

Ten years later, Quinn can still remember the visit. He called it the high point of U.S.-China exchanges after the two countries established diplomatic ties in 1979.

Iowa, known as the "granary of the

China's poverty alleviation experience worth learning

U.S.," shares a close bond with China. In 1985, Xi, then Party chief of Zhengding County in north China's Hebei province, visited Iowa as a member of an agricultural delegation and stayed in the home of a local resident in Muscatine, where he made friends with a lot of hospitable locals.

The 2012 visit renewed this friendship.

"I got a call from then Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Tom Vilsack before the visit of the Chinese delegation to see if the World Food Prize Foundation could receive it,

and gladly I said yes," Quinn recalled.

At the agricultural symposium, Quinn introduced the exchanges between the World Food Prize Foundation and China to the Chinese delegation, and the two sides exchanged views on food security and international agricultural cooperation.

Quinn said Xi's remarks during the visit left a deep impression on him. Xi quoted well-known American writer Mark Twain to greet friends who had received him, which was moving, Quinn told People's Daily.

He said it was a wonderful experi-

ence for ordinary Iowans to hold a connection with a world leader.

The people are the creators of history. Xi, with a long-term perspective, has always stressed that the development of China-U.S. relations relies on the two peoples' participation and support.

Since this year, Xi has sent reply letters to the chairman of the Helen Foster Snow Foundation Adam Foster, Mayor of Tacoma Victoria Woodards and Mayor of Steilacoom Dick Muri of the U.S. State of Washington, as well as Sarah Lande, a friend of his in Iowa.

He wrote the significance of people-to-people friendship and promoted friendly exchanges between the two peoples.

Quinn read the report delivered by Xi at the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC). He said Xi portrayed an inspiring vision for China, and the importance attached by Xi on agriculture impressed him very much.

"I think it has a close relation with his experience of living in the remote villages. He has an understanding of rural people, rural life, and he makes

policies based on that," Quinn said.

Since the 18th CPC National Congress, China has won the battle against poverty and made a miracle in the human history of poverty alleviation. Quinn praised China's relentless efforts to eliminate poverty, stressing it was an achievement that no other country had ever achieved.

He believes China's poverty alleviation experiences are worth learning for other countries. In particular, China's practice of strengthening transport networks in remote and rural areas has set an example for the rest of the world, he once said in another interview. **People's Daily**

Twenty-five years since Paris death, Princess Diana still captivates

LONDON

A QUARTER of a century after her death at the age of just 36, Princess Diana remains a source of fascination to people around the world and her fate still casts a shadow over the British royals.

Diana was killed on Aug 31, 1997, when the limousine carrying her and her lover Dodi al-Fayed crashed in the Pont de l'Alma tunnel in Paris as it sped away from chasing paparazzi photographers on motorbikes.

Her death plunged the monarchy into crisis, coming after the highly public disintegration of her marriage to heir Prince Charles with its revelations of feuding, adultery, and the misery she had felt in her royal role.

Millions globally mourned the "people's princess", as the then British Prime Minister Tony Blair described Diana, who was one of the world's most recognised and photographed women.

Twenty-five years on, her allure shows little sign of faltering.

There has been "Spencer", a movie about the tumultuous end of Charles and Diana's marriage; "The Princess", a documentary by Oscar-nominated director Ed Perkins; while the hit Netflix drama "The Crown" has focused on Diana in its recent series.

There have been books, countless newspaper articles, numerous TV programmes, recriminations over a controversial 1995 interview she gave to the BBC, and even "Diana, The Musical", a much panned and shortlived Broadway show.

"Diana still has an impact, there are

still documentaries being made about her, stories written about her, people are still intrigued by this woman," said author Andrew Morton, whose 1992 biography first exposed the deep divisions in her marriage and with whom she secretly cooperated.

"She just had a charisma, she had an appeal which went beyond her royal moniker - it was of an extraordinary human being," Morton told Reuters.

Omnipresent

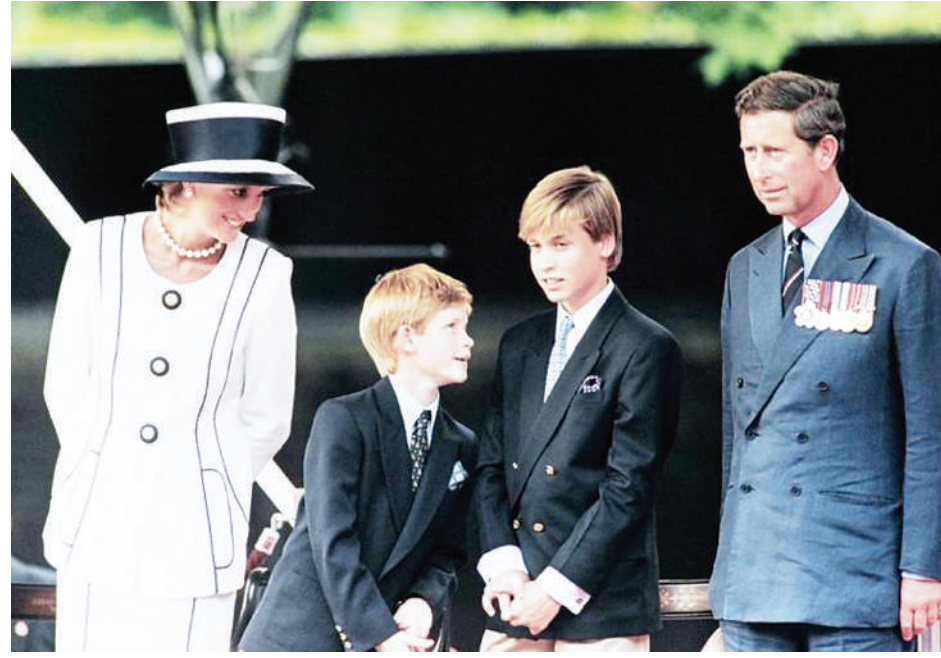
For the royals themselves, Diana is still omnipresent, not least for her two sons, Princes William, 40, and Harry, 37, who have spoken of the trauma her death caused, and how it affected their mental health for years afterwards.

They were just 15 and 12 when they walked slowly behind their mother's coffin, past a throng of mourners, through the streets of London to her funeral.

"Every day, we wish she were still with us," William said when the two brothers unveiled a statue in her honour last year at Kensington Palace in central London, her former home. "I feel her presence in almost everything that I do now," Prince Harry told a US television interview in April.

Prince Charles has slowly emerged from the shadow cast by his ex-wife's death, and has now been married for 17 years to Camilla, the woman Diana held responsible for their relationship failing. But, polls show the issue lingers with some.

"I think there's a generation of people still around who feel that she (Camilla) was to blame for the break-up of the fairytale marriage," Morton said.



In this file photo taken on Aug 19, 1995, Prince Charles (right), Princess Diana (left) and their children William (2nd right) and Harry (2nd left) watch the march past on a dais on the mall as part of the commemorations of VJ Day. Twenty-five years on from the death of their mother, princess Diana, Prince William and Prince Harry are struggling to maintain their formerly close relationship.

rytale marriage," Morton said.

The enduring fascination is also not just with her life, but the manner of her death.

A lengthy inquest concluded in 2008 Diana and al-Fayed were unlawfully killed by the grossly negligent driving of chauffeur Henri Paul and paparazzi photographers pursuing their limousine.

Al-Fayed's father, Mohamed, had claimed the killing was carried out by British secret service on the orders of Queen Elizabeth's late husband Prince Philip.

A police investigation which looked at whether she might have been murdered, dismissed a host of conspiracy theories and

determined Paul had been drunk and was driving too fast.

But, speculation that she was a victim of an assassination plot still endures, and one of Diana's former bodyguards made headlines this week by suggesting British security officers might have inadvertently caused the crash.

Why the interest still?

So why does Diana and her death generate such interest?

"I think the only other moment in my life that I really feel like time just stopped was 9/11," filmmaker Perkins told Reuters. "Di-

ana's death really was a moment where the whole world just seemed to be focused on this singular event."

He was 11 at the time, and remembers the collective outpouring of emotion and the unprecedented scenes of mourning.

"We as humans have been telling ourselves variations of the fairytale myth for thousands and thousands of years. And suddenly this real life fairytale sort of came into being," he said.

"And this marriage, this fairytale romance, came onto the public stage and gave a lot of people a beacon of hope, something that they really bought into and wanted to work. And I think a lot of people became emotionally invested in wanting that story to work."

In his 2010 biography, Blair wrote that his famous description of the "people's princess" now seemed "corny" and "over the top", but said it was how Diana saw herself and should be remembered.

"Was Diana, the queen of people's hearts? Just look at the evidence," Morton said. "The mountains of flowers, the fact that people mourned her loss probably in some ways greater than their own members of their own family."

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Angolan voters head to polls in highly competitive election

LUANDA

SOME 14.3 million Angolan voters are expected to cast ballots to elect the country's president and members of the National Assembly yesterday.

Eight candidates running on the tickets of seven political parties and a coalition will compete in this year's general election, believed to be a closely fought election since democratic elections were first introduced in the country in 1992.

The voters

Angola achieved independence from Portugal in 1975 after

a protracted anti-colonial struggle. Its population had grown to 32.87 million as of 2021. The country's constitution stipulates that voters must be at least 18 years old.

According to the National Electoral Commission (CNE), there are 14.3 million registered voters for this year's general election, which will also include the participation of overseas voters, with 22,560 citizens expected to vote from abroad. The expansion of voting rights to the diaspora, who are voting for the first time, also feeds into expectations of greater competitiveness.

Of the country's 18 provinces, Luanda, Huila, Benguela and Huambo remain the four largest strongholds. The four provinces have a total of 8.2 million registered voters, representing 57.2 percent of the total registered voters in the country. Luanda province alone has 4.6 million voters. The president is not directly elected in Angola. In accordance with the Angolan constitution, the top candidate of a political formation that wins the most votes is elected as president.

This year, seven political parties and a coalition are contesting the elections as they vie for

220 seats in the National Assembly. Out of the 220 seats, 130 are elected from the national lists of the parties, and the remaining 90 parliamentarians are elected based on provincial lists, with each of the 18 provinces in the country electing five deputies.

The competing parties are namely the ruling People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA), the National Patriotic Alliance (APN), the Social Renewal Party (PRS), the Humanist Party of An-

gola (PHA), the Nationalist Party for Justice in Angola (P-NJANGO), and the Broad Convergence for the Salvation of Angola-Electoral Coalition (CASA-CE).

The Aug 24 general election will be the fifth of its kind since democratic elections were first introduced in 1992 in the southern African country. The ruling party, the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), had won all the previous elections held in 1992, 2008, 2012 and 2017, respectively.

2022 general election front-runners

Incumbent President Joao Lou-

renco is running on a ticket of the ruling party MPLA, in hopes of seeking a second term in office. He will face the challenge from his major rival Adalberto Costa Junior, leader of the country's largest opposition UNITA.

The MPLA has chosen Esperanca Maria Eduardo Francisco da Costa as the candidate for the vice-presidency, while UNITA has picked Abel Chivukuvuku as the vice-president candidate.

In the 2017 elections, the ruling MPLA won with an absolute majority of 61 percent of the votes, followed by UNITA with about 27 percent.

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China's 'king of forages' paves way to prosperity for Mauritanian herdsmen

"THANKS to the 'king of forages' from China, livestock now have enough food to eat and the environment is getting better," said Abdu, a herdsman from Al-Idiny, a village 60 kilometers away from Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania.

Lying in the outer peripheral area of the Sahara Desert, Al-Idiny was once a barren piece of land covered by sands, Abdu told People's Daily.

The "king of pastures" he said is Medicago sativa, also known as lucerne. It was introduced to the African country by Chinese animal husbandry experts. As an herbaceous plant in the legume family Fabaceae, lucerne is excellent for fattening livestock.

According to local customs, when a man asks for permission to marry a woman from the woman's family, he has to send at least 10 sheep to the family as a betrothal gift.

Abdu told People's Daily that he only kept five sheep in the past, and three of them died because there was not enough forage. The remaining two were skin and bones, he said.

It was the arrival of Chinese experts that promoted the progress of local animal husbandry. "Now I keep 10 sheep and all of them are fat. I'll be able to get married soon. I appreciate the assistance from our Chinese friends," Abdu noted.

Animal husbandry is one of the pillar industries in Mauritania. However, over 80 percent of the country's land is covered by sands and the dry season there spans as long as nine months. Rainfall is scarce and meadows are becoming deserts. Many people in Al-Idiny, including Abdu, once believed that it was



Photo shows cows bred at an animal husbandry technology demonstration center aided by China in Mauritania. (Photo courtesy of the demonstration centre)

impossible to grow plants in the desert.

In 2016, an animal husbandry technology demonstration center aided by China started trial operation in the African country. Chinese experts improved local soil by employing water-saving irrigation methods and organic fertilizers. Finally, the first batch of lucerne was grown in April 2017. The plant has an average growth period of a month, and every mu (about 667 square meters) of land can produce over two tons of dried lucerne on an annual basis.

Today, Al-Idiny is home to

nearly 1,000 mu of lucerne. The plant, striking a balance between forage and livestock, has made the village a big name for poverty alleviation. It is often visited by officials and herdsmen from other regions, hoping to learn about lucerne-growing techniques.

Abdu said in 2018, then Mauritanian President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz had an inspection tour to Al-Idiny. Seeing the prospering lucerne, Aziz couldn't believe that the plant was actually growing in the desert, Abdu recalled.

"I'm grateful to Chinese ex-

perts who have brought us the 'king of forages.' The lucerne changed our lives and improved the image of our village," Abdu noted.

People's Daily

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Malaysia ex-PM Najib moves from luxurious lifestyle to lockup

PARK PATRIOT

KUALA LUMPUR - Former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak's new prison lodgings may be less than an hour's drive from his mansion in Kuala Lumpur's affluent Bukit Tunku neighbourhood, but it is a world away from the luxury he is used to.

Najib (pictured) lost his final appeal on a 12-year jail sentence for corruption on Tuesday, and was taken under heavy security to the country's largest jailhouse in Kajang - a sprawling complex southeast of the capital that holds up to 5,000 prisoners and includes a women's facility.

First convicted in July 2020, Najib had been out on bail pending appeals. The country's top court upheld his guilty verdict over criminal breach of trust, abuse of power, and money laundering charges for illegally receiving about \$10 million from a former unit of state fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad.

The son of Malaysia's second prime minister, Najib held the premiership from 2009 to 2018, when public anger over the multi-billion dollar graft scandal at IMDB brought election defeat.

Having been golf buddies with US presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump and other world leaders, the British-educated son of Malay nobility will now count murderers and drug traffickers among his fellow inmates in Kajang. One of them, Azilah Hadri, was a member of Najib's security detail before he was convicted of murder for the 2006 killing of Mongolian model Altantuya Shaariibuu.

Azilah is currently on death row, while a fellow policeman who was convicted along with him sought sanctuary in Australia, where he remains.

In a 2019 court filing seeking to set aside his conviction, Azilah accused Najib of ordering the murder, a claim the ex-premier denied. The Federal Court rejected Azilah's application in 2020. The Prisons Department did not respond to an emailed request for comment on what conditions Najib will face in jail. On Facebook, it denied as fake news a post by another user saying that the prisons provided special privileges for "VIP inmates" such as televisions and air-conditioning.

Otherwise, rights groups say Malaysian prisons suffer from overcrowding, poor hygiene, and lack of medical facilities, with infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and scabies common.

Opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, who spent a total of eight years incarcerated at another Malaysian prison, has said he experienced inhumane and degrading conditions, including being served rotten fish "all the time", according to media reports.

However, Najib's former deputy prime minister, Ahmad

Russian ambassador hopes Japan will help stop Ukraine's attacks against Zaporozhye NPP

TOKYO

RUSSIA'S ambassador to Japan, Mikhail Galuzin, hopes that the Japanese government will do everything in its powers to put an end to the Ukrainian military's attacks against the Zaporozhye NPP.

"We hope that the government of Japan, the only country in the world that has suffered from nuclear weapons, and it should be remembered, American ones, will do everything possible for the sake of ending the Ukrainian army's attacks on the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant and preventing a catastrophe looming over Europe today," Galuzin said in messages posted his behalf on the Russian embassy's pages in social networks on Wednesday.

Galuzin (pictured) rejected accusations by Japanese officials Russia was involved in the aggravation of the situation at the nuclear power plant.

"We are obliged to stress that the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant is being shelled by the Ukrainian army, and not by our country. Russia presented exhaustive evidence to this effect at a meeting of the UN Security Council on August 23," Galuzin added.

The Zaporozhye nuclear power plant in Energodar is controlled by Russian troops. Over the past few days, Ukrainian forces have delivered several strikes on the NPP's premises, using, among other things, drones, heavy artillery and multiple-launch rocket systems.

The majority of attacks have been deflected by air defense systems, however, shells hit some infrastructure facilities and the vicinity of a nuclear waste storage facility.

On August 19, IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi announced that active negotiations were underway on sending the agency's mission to the ZNPP.



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Zahid Hamidi, told parliament in 2016 that Anwar obtained privileges based on medical advice, including a customized hospital bed, a desk, hot showers, and a special diet. Anwar was also given access to the prison library, received regular visitors, and was allowed to leave for hospital treatments and to attend trial, according to Ahmad Zahid.

Anwar was jailed twice on corruption and sodomy charges, which he maintains were politically motivated. He was pardoned by the king and released days after Najib's election defeat in 2018.

More cases

The only times that Najib is likely to leave Kajang, are when he is escorted to court to attend hearings in four other cases related to corruption at IMDB and other government agencies.

US and Malaysian authorities say over \$4.5 billion was stolen.

Malaysian investigators say they traced more than \$1 billion to Najib's bank accounts, but he has steadfastly denied any wrongdoing and pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The opulent lifestyle of Najib and his family came to light with the discovery of about \$275 million worth of cash, jewellery, and other luxury goods in residences used by Najib and his family.

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Seeing Mbwana Samatta at Aston Villa via Dejan Georgijevic, but at Simba SC

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

SERBIAN striker Dejan Georgijevic (aged 28) has become an instant celebrity at Simba SC almost from the moment he was on the pitch.

Technically he is a replacement for Congolese Chris Mugalu at either the center-forward position or in a pattern of the play directed by the coach.

The first day he was on the pitch he did not score despite that his very mention excited the fans, seemingly recruited by the new coach also of that part of Europe. In the second encounter, he scored, largely sealing his acquired celebrity.

An online chronicle says that the Serbian forward has a two-year contract with the Msimbazi Street giants, who for once appear to be taking seriously their plan to reach the semi-finals of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League.

Already there are players that the coach wants to see released, in other words, based on a feeling that they cannot be trained to come up to the standards required, which by implication is also a change of standards.

Nigerian midfielder Victor Akpan earned a promotion to Simba SC from Coastal Union, while John Bocco is a veteran player, and often, captain.

There is something about Dejan Georgijevic that reminds some of us of the way Tanzanian Mbwana Samatta arrived at Aston Villa and instantly the club became a household name in Dar es Salaam and elsewhere.

It was in a sense a mixture of the novelty of playing at an England Premier League side, that had not occurred before, meanwhile, for our next-door neighbours it is commonplace, virtually like playing anywhere else. About West Africa, they scarcely notice but much-vaunted signings.

It is unclear how far the new coach instilled an impression of plenty to be expected from



Simba SC's goal-getter, Dejan Georgijevic.

the striker, or it was partially in a training field that such hopes were to an extent cultivated.

Still, it cannot be from such sources that instant celebrity status is cultivated but the mere fact of being present, just like Samatta, that no other player from the European circuit has been recruited in our premier league.

It is also a sort of elevation of the league itself when its recruiting reach is longer and more selective.

At the time that he joined Aston Villa, Samatta had registered phenomenal success at KRC Genk, even enabling the side to reach the UEFA Champions League for the first time, and in his first half-season, taking the side to the Europa League.

The fans expected that he would do much the same thing at the England Premier League club,

whereas those who signed him were under no such illusion.

He was a standby player purchased at something like 8.5m pounds which is fairly low in that league.

This valuation back in 2020 has by now come down considerably, where the transfer market valuation is pegged at around \$3m, substantial amounts for league circuits outside the England Premier League.

As Samatta was departing, strategic signing Oliver Watkins fetched \$25m from Brentford, a record that can be compared to the Serbian striker.

Georgijevic comes to a club whose total budget in a year, that is, the cash it has on the transfer market is put at \$5.3m, peanuts by England Premier League standards. His transfer price from the

Serbian club was not given.

That is why the celebrity status of the Serbian player, despite the initial promise, is an illustration of the lowly level of our premier league by international standards, where sensational players on this side can hardly play in an advanced league.

Samatta has been a success in Belgium as its best professionals play in richer premier league circuits in Europe, so the Serbian player can succeed here in like manner as Samatta did in Belgium.

Comparison can also be made with Burkina Faso's Stephane Aziz Ki who could not make an impression in Cyprus (unlike Samatta) but he is a star in the Ivory Coast. Tanzanian Simon Msuva failed in Greece but succeeded in Morocco.

The funny side of the matter is less the soccer expectations where local fans had profoundly misplaced projections for Samatta in his Aston Villa arrival, thinking his KRC Genk exploits could be duplicated at Aston Villa.

It is unlikely that the Serbian striker just wishes for a tropical experience of the game but rather that the coach saw he was a good enough player for his CAF Champions League semi-finals negotiating format with his new employers.

Assuming that the coach's attitude - and even the last encounter where he scored - are good indications of his abilities - it would follow that he is better than Bocco, or club marksman Clatous Chama must struggle to equal him, based on preliminary indications.

There is every reason to believe that this time the fans' expectations of a rather strange new player, a European for that matter, will be realized whereas the local fans woefully failed to raise the right expectations about Samatta at Aston Villa.

They flooded the fans' view pages of the club website, made the club instantly popular in Dar es Salaam, and dreamed of a Didier Drogba. All that was misplaced.



Polisi Tanzania FC's head coach Joslin Sharif.

The new coaches in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League campaign

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

ZORAN Maki's appointment at Simba SC has dominated the headlines this campaign but he is not the only new arrival on the bench of an NBC Premier League club.

As the 2022/23 campaign is underway, we take a closer look at the five new coaches.

Zoran Maki (Simba SC)

The 60-year-old was chosen by Simba SC to succeed Spaniard Pablo Franco Martin in the dugout in July.

He is a well-travelled coach having guided clubs in Algeria, Morocco, and Angola.

He has signed a one-year deal with the mandate to reclaim the Premier League title, Azam Sports Federation Cup, as well as leading Simba SC to the 2022/23 CAF Champions League semi-final.

Having failed to win the Community Shield, winning the league title is now non-negotiable for the Serbian-born coach.

He has won two of his opening games to stand at the top of the Premier League table on a superior goal difference.

Abdallah Mubiru (Mbeya City FC)

Mbeya City FC has confirmed Ugandan CAF 'A' licensed coach Abdallah Mubiru as their new coach for the 2022/23 campaign.

The former Uganda Cranes' coach replaced compatriot Mathias Lule who has since left the club.

Lule has joined newly promoted Singida Big Stars FC, working as an assistant to head coach, Hans van der Pluijm.

Mubiru joins a long list of Ugandans that have had coaching stints in the Mainland Tanzania Premier League including Lule, George Ssemwogerere, Moses Basena, George 'Best' Nsimbe, Sam Timbe, and Jackson 'Mia Mia' Mayanja.

He will be assisted by another Ugandan Joseph Kiwanuka who had been part of Lule's technical staff.

The duo will be tasked to improve on last season's performance, which had Mbeya City FC finishing ninth.

Hans van der Pluijm (Singida Big Stars FC)

Hans van der Pluijm requires no introduction given the reputation he has built up in Tanzania.

He has had different coaching spells with Azam FC, Singida United, and Young Africans, alias Yanga.

The 73-year-old was chosen by Singida Big Stars to succeed Ramadhan Nsanzurwimo in the dugout.

In an expanded technical bench that still includes Nsanzurwimo, Nizar Khalfan, the Dutch coach would be assisted by Lule who joined the team immediately after leaving Mbeya City FC.

He has started with two wins in two outings to remain as one of only three teams that have a 100% winning record.

Having also strengthened the team with experienced players such as Meddie Kagere, Pascal Wawa, and Deus Kaseke, the well-travelled tactician feels the young players will benefit from those players.

Joslin Sharif (Polisi Tanzania FC)

Polisi Tanzania's search for a head coach ended with the appointment of Burundian Joslin Sharif Bipfubusa.

The appointment of the former Burundi international ended rumours linking Ugandan coach Lule and Tanzanian Mecky Mexime, with Bipfubusa signing a one-year deal with the law enforcers.

Bipfubusa took over Polisi Tanzania, with the team having operated under the tutelage of local coach Malale Hamsini last season.

The 37-year-old coach joined the Moshi-based club after having a stint with Burundi champions Aigle Noir and is also Burundi national team assistant coach.

However, Shariff is still waiting for his work permit. Coach John Temba has been deputizing for Shariff on the sidelines, taking charge of the two games in the league so far, picking up one loss and a draw.

Zubeir Katwila (Ihefu SC)

Zubeir Katwila is another name that needs no introduction to followers of Tanzanian football.

Katwila joined Ihefu SC from Mtibwa Sugar in the 2020/21 mid-season but was unable to save them from relegation to the Championship.

He stuck with the team in the Championship and managed to get them promoted back to the top flight as champions ahead of another expensively assembled side, Singida Big Stars FC.

He has been given the book cheques to sign experienced players in a bid to avoid a repeat of their previous mistakes.

Ihefu SC has recruited a couple of big names who played for Yanga and Azam FC including Nicholas Wadada, Obrey Chirwa, and Papy Tshishimbi.

However, Katwila who played for Mtibwa Sugar for a better part of his playing career is yet to register a victory with Ihefu SC following two losses in two opening matches.

Mpole opens up on reasons for failure to join Simba SC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's soccer enthusiasts, especially those who root for Simba SC, are wondering how their team missed out on goal-getter George Mpole's signature when it is said that he garnered an initial contract to land at the Msimbazi Street's squad.

Similarly, they are wondering what are impacts of rumours that stated that he rejected Simba SC to play soccer outside the country.

Such rumours surfaced when his name was not in Geita Gold FC's squad for the 2022/23 season.

The Guardian made an effort to find the Geita Gold FC striker who was the top goal scorer of the Premier League last season and conducted a special interview with him and the footballer disclosed several matters including revealing his deal with Simba SC that hit a snag.

Mpole also revealed how Yanga's attacker Fiston Mayele put a lot of pressure on him in the race for the 2021/22 NBC Premier League leading goal scorer prize.

He conceded he negotiated with Simba SC but he did not agree with some of the elements in the contract and, at the same time, he received various offers from other countries' outfits.

There are reports that Mpole has been hanging around with Simba SC's contract whereas he did not agree with their offer.

The performer noted: "I never hung around with Simba SC's contract. After having negotiations with them, I saw that there were things that I was



George Mpole

not satisfied with, so I continued with another life. In short, Simba SC did not meet my wishes, that's why the deal vanished."

Regarding offers from foreign teams, he revealed in the aspects of their contracts, that they needed a player with experience in CAF inter-club tournaments and he did not meet their conditions.

Commenting on his failure to move to Simba SC which will compete in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League, the attacker disclosed: "I was supposed to sign the contract and play, not wait to play for Simba SC and sign it, that's why at the last minute I thought it would be better to stay with Geita Gold FC which knew everything I was doing from the first step until I got here, that's why I'm still with them."

He disclosed he was followed

by various Premier League teams, adding at that time he did not agree with their offers.

Mpole will be leading Geita Gold FC's striking force in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup, he is a footballer with great educational capital as he has a degree in business from the Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro.

"I have a business career, I graduated from SUA in 2010, I know what I'm doing in my life, unlike what the fans think of me, I see a lot of what they say on the internet, but in life, not everything should be answered," he said.

He pointed out that the previous season's top flight battle between him and Yanga's Mayele in the golden boot race did not put him under pressure, as he believed in his talent and did the work that concerned him without looking at

what his opponent was doing.

"Mayele is a leading striker in his team and he did his duties perfectly, that didn't make me feel pressure, I paid attention to what my coach Freddy Felix 'Minziro' told me and I did it, I also always believe in my talent and that's why I don't like to be swayed," he pointed out.

Mayele has already scored for Yanga in his first Premier League match this season when the Jangwani Street club took on Polisi Tanzania in Arusha and he was also on target during last weekend's top-flight clash between Yanga and Coastal Union that was held in Arusha.

Mpole noted: "If Mayele gets a chance to score, he should score a lot because when I get mine I will score a lot of goals."

He maintained that he has no pressure at all with Mayele's start compared to last season, he did not score in the first and second matches, and after that, he turned out to be the league's top goal scorer.

Mbeya Regional Football Association (MREFA) officials wanted to prepare a heroic reception for Mpole that hails from Mbeya after winning the top flight's golden boot but the treat was not fulfilled.

Mpole revealed: "I was called by the leaders of Mbeya regional football association to tell them my schedules so they can prepare a reception for me, but at that time I was in senior national team 'Taifa Stars' camp."

"I thus failed to fulfill that, despite all that, they have still told me that if I have the time they will hold a party for me," he disclosed.

He told Mbeya's soccer fanatics that the real situation was that he failed to schedule the time and did not have time to go to the ceremony, unlike what people say online.

Real Madrid and rivals await Champions League draw in Istanbul

ISTANBUL

TITLE holders Real Madrid and the rest of Europe's elite clubs will be able to start plotting their route to Champions League glory when the draw for this season's group stage is made in Istanbul today from 1600 GMT.

All going to plan, the journey will end back in the Turkish city on June 10 next year for the final at the Ataturk Olympic Stadium, the same venue where Liverpool defeated AC Milan on penalties in 2005.

Istanbul was supposed to host the final in 2020 and again in 2021, but on each occasion UEFA moved the game to Portugal due to pandemic-related restrictions.

Another late change was required last season, with Saint-Petersburg being stripped of the final after Russia invaded Ukraine, and Paris instead stepping in to host Madrid's 1-0 victory over Liverpool.

The Spanish giants have now been crowned kings of Europe 14 times, twice as many times as the competition's next most successful club, AC Milan, and they started this season by defeating Europa League winners Eintracht Frankfurt in Helsinki to lift the UEFA Super Cup.

"The joy and satisfaction you get after such wins tends to stick around, making you feel like no one should ever take your place. And that's a pretty strong motivation to keep winning," coach Carlo Ancelotti told UEFA.com in a recent interview when asked about the chances of a repeat triumph for his side.

Their success is likely to be recognised elsewhere on Thursday, with goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois and Karim Benzema nominated alongside Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne for the UEFA Men's Player of the Year prize for last season.

Ancelotti is nominated alongside City's Pep Guardiola and Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp for the coaching gong.

As for the draw itself, Real are in Pot One along with the champions of Europe's other leading leagues in the shape of City, Bayern Munich, Milan, Paris Saint-Germain, Porto and Ajax, as well as Europa League winners Frankfurt.

Liverpool will be in Pot Two, meaning there is a possibility that they could get a rematch with Real. Chelsea, winners in 2021, and Tottenham Hotspur are the other English representatives.

Intense -
Meanwhile, Celtic will be in Pot Four as they return to the Champions League proper for the first time since 2017.

Russian clubs are banned because of the ongoing war, but Ukraine -- where a new domestic season kicked off this week -- will be represented by Shakhtar Donetsk.

Dynamo Kyiv, who faced Benfica in the play-offs, were hoping to join them but lost 5-0 on aggregate to the two-time winners.

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Varane: 'Warrior' Casemiro perfect for Manchester Utd

LONDON

RAPHAEL Varane has said Manchester United new signing Casemiro is perfectly suited to English football and has backed his former Real Madrid teammate to be a success at Old Trafford.

Casemiro has completed his move to United and watched from the stands as boss Erik ten Hag's team earned a memorable 2-1 win over Liverpool on Monday.

Varane knows all about the Brazil midfielder after their time together at the Bernabeu and said he is the perfect addition to the squad.

"I know perfectly his quality, he can bring this balance to the team and his mentality," Varane said.

"He's a warrior, so I think he will really enjoy English football. I know him.

"I think it was a perfect night for him to meet Old Trafford because the atmosphere was absolutely amazing, and he brings a victory so it's nice."

Varane and Casemiro were part of the Madrid team that won the Champions League four times between 2014 and 2018.

Varane joined United last summer in search of a new challenge, and the France international said Casemiro expressed the same reason when joining him in Manchester.

"I know exactly what he feels and why he's coming here after what he lived in Madrid," Varane added.

"He needs a new challenge, I know exactly what he feels, and I know exactly why he chose this club.

"It's a similar process that I had so obviously I wish him the best and I'm speaking with him a lot, but he didn't need me to make his choice."

Varane has endured a difficult start to the season after being left on the bench for the first two games against Brighton & Hove Albion and Brentford.

He was brought back in against Liverpool to partner Lisandro Martinez at centre-back as United got their first win, and afterwards Varane was at a loss to explain why they struggled in their dismal 4-0 defeat at Brentford, only to rebound so dramatically against Jurgen Klopp's side.

"It's difficult to explain why but we didn't start the games with the same intensity, with the same fighting spirit," Varane added.

"We had the motivation but it's difficult to explain why it was starting with this low energy.

"Football it's about energy, it's about when you have to push, when you have to stay calm, when you have to attack.

"We showed great control [against Liverpool]. It was a mature performance."

(Agencies)

'I'm concerned': Liverpool under scrutiny after slow start

By STEVE DOUGLAS

THEIR foreheads nearly touching, Liverpool teammates James Milner and Virgil van Dijk exchanged furious words on the field. They pointed, gesticulated, looked utterly disgusted.

Liverpool had just fallen behind for the seventh straight Premier League and, amid the bedlam inside a reawakened Old Trafford, two of the team's senior players were going after each other.

A sign that they care? Maybe.

To many people, though, that moment will be used to show all is not quite right inside Jurgen Klopp's team.

The results bear that out, too.

It's always dangerous to jump to early-season conclusions -- only three rounds of games have been played, after all -- but such have been the fine margins in Premier League title races in recent years that every point counts.

And Liverpool, already, have dropped seven of them after the 2-1 loss to Manchester United on Monday followed draws against Fulham and Crystal Palace.

The Premier League's crisis club for the first two weeks was United. Now, much of the scrutiny will



Liverpool's Mohamed Salah and his teammate Andrew Robertson leave the pitch at the end of the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and Liverpool at Old Trafford stadium, in Manchester, England, Monday, Aug 22, 2022. (AP Photo)

switch to Liverpool.

"The team is tight, we are a close unit but things need to be said sometimes," Liverpool defender Andy Robertson said. "Things will get better. But we are far behind where we want to be."

In all likelihood, Liverpool will pick up its first win of the season on Saturday against Bournemouth, a promoted team that has just shipped a total of seven goals in losses to Manchester City and Arsenal.

And it shouldn't be forgotten that the loss to United was Liverpool's first in the league in 2022.

Still, the first three games have highlighted some problems for the Reds.

INJURIES TAKING TOLL

Liverpool's strength in depth has improved immeasurably in recent seasons but the glut of injuries afflicting the squad is a concern.

Klopp said he was down to "14, 15 senior players" for the United game with the following out injured: defenders Ibrahima Konate and Joel Matip, midfielders Thiago Alcantara, Naby Keita and Curtis Jones, and forward Diogo Jota. Meanwhile, Darwin Nunez, the new signing up front, was serving the first match of a three-game suspension.

So, it meant Liverpool was playing its fifth-choice forward (Roberto Firmino), its fourth-choice central defender (Joe Gomez) and a journeyman midfielder (James Milner). Klopp filled his bench with two back-up goalkeepers.

"I'm concerned about our situation," Klopp said.

WEAKENED MIDFIELD

The midfield might be the biggest area of concern, even if Klopp maintains his options there are sufficient.

Without Thiago, Liverpool lacks a player to run a game and deliver a killer ball. Fabinho, the Brazil anchorman, was dropped

against United because of a middling start to the season. Jordan Henderson is a leader, sure, but rarely plays 90 minutes these days. Keita is hit and miss, yet to develop into the dynamic player Liverpool thought it was getting. Milner, at 36, has played the last two games despite being well past his best.

Liverpool's failure to buy a midfielder in this transfer window and move on others looks to be a misjudgment, with Klopp perhaps having too much faith in players who have served him so well.

Jude Bellingham of Borussia Dortmund might be the midfielder Liverpool is waiting to get next year. Maybe the Reds should have gone all out this summer.

STRUGGLING VAN DIJK

He was turned easily by Aleksandar Mitrovic and gave away a penalty in the opening-weekend draw at Fulham. He stood like a statue as Jadon Sancho lined up his shot to put United ahead on Monday.

That's two more errors than Van Dijk usually makes in an entire season.

If the imposing Dutchman -- the player who holds the defense together -- is off the pace, it is bound to seep into the rest of the team.

Van Dijk hasn't been

helped by having to start alongside three different center-back partners already this season, in Matip, Nat Phillips and Gomez.

The Reds have conceded the first goal in all three games and now in nine of their last 10 competitive games. They need to be switched on earlier in games.

MISSING MANE

Sadio Mane was a mainstay in Liverpool's attack for six years, a regular source of goals and the provider of so much energy and thrust that it helped his teammates around him. In the second half of last season, he mostly started as a center forward and was more prolific and important than Mohamed Salah.

He is sorely missed following his move to Bayern Munich, where he sought a new challenge. Luis Diaz is a fine replacement -- Klopp called the Colombian "special" last week -- but it's asking a lot of him to have the same output as Mane.

With Firmino on the decline and the tall Nunez a very different type of striker, Liverpool has a remodeled attack that requires a whole new style of play. That may take time and, after such a poor start to the season, time is already something Liverpool doesn't really have.

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Ruthless Ten Hag makes his mark to lift Man United over Liverpool

By Rob Dawson, ESPN Correspondent

IF things work out for Erik ten Hag at Manchester United, he may well look back on Liverpool's visit to Old Trafford early in his first season as something of a pivotal moment.

He will be relieved, of course, to get his first competitive win since arriving from Ajax Amsterdam this summer and delighted to have done it against an archrival in a big game, one that saw large groups of Manchester United supporters protest the Glazers' ownership.

Instead, Monday's 2-1 victory over Liverpool also will be remembered -- perhaps just as importantly -- as the night the Dutch manager put his stamp on the squad.

In dropping Cristiano Ronaldo and Harry Maguire for arguably the biggest game of the season, Ten Hag gave notice to his players that he is in charge. After a demoralising start that briefly saw United fall to the bottom of the Premier League table, victory over Liverpool will do everything for the confidence and self-belief in a dressing room that looked at rock bottom following the 4-0 defeat to Brentford nine days earlier. But it could be the team selection that ends up having a far bigger impact.

Ten Hag spent the summer ruling with a quiet authority but picked his moment to show his teeth. You can't get much more ruthless than benching your star striker and club captain (with Bruno Fernandes instead wearing the armband) against Liverpool at home.

"I have a squad, and we have to use the squad," Ten Hag said afterward. "We play 50 or 60 games, and from game to game, we will see what team we will pick.

I don't have to mention Maguire and Ronaldo; they are amazing players, and they will play a role in the future and the short-term future, as well.

"We have a squad and a way of play, of style, but also a game plan. You look at what's the best approach for the game. We need a squad because we have many games to cover, so we make a team out of the squad, we stick together as a squad and we achieve a lot. I'm confident about that."

It is understandable that Ten Hag would want to play down the significance of benching two of his highest-profile players for such a key game, but he will know better than anyone that it sends a strong message to his squad very early in his reign. He made his feelings clear after the defeat at Brentford, accusing his players of a lack of "hunger" and cancelling a planned day off so they could make up the distance by which they had been outrun by Thomas Frank's side.

Ten Hag resisted the temptation to single out those he felt were most culpable, saying only that he wished he could have made 11 substitutions at half-time. But when it came to picking his team against Liverpool, he didn't shy away from the big decisions.

He could have left out Lisandro Martinez -- replaced after 45 minutes at Brentford -- pushed the Argentine defender into midfield, or switched to a back five with three centre-backs. Instead, he dropped Maguire, his captain. Already well aware of the constant noise around Ronaldo, the easy decision would have been to keep the 37-year-old in the team, but instead, he was handed a seat on the bench behind Maguire.



Manchester United's head coach Erik ten Hag gestures as Liverpool's manager Jurgen Klopp watches him in background during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and Liverpool at Old Trafford stadium, in Manchester, England, Monday, Aug 22, 2022. (AP Photo)

It was telling too that when Anthony Elanga was substituted at half-time, it was Anthony Martial, rather than Ronaldo, who was sent on in his place. Ronaldo eventually came on with only four minutes left, but his introduction at the same time as that of Donny van de Beek and Aaron Wan-Bissaka was little

more than an afterthought as Ten Hag tried to see out the final stages of the win.

Maguire, meanwhile, barely even warmed up and spent the night watching from the sidelines. He is unlikely to get back in for the trip to Southampton on Saturday, after Martinez and Raphael Varane defended with

such resilience against Mohamed Salah, Roberto Firmino and Luis Diaz.

Ronaldo won't be expecting a recall at St Mary's, either, after contributing one shot toward goal that sailed into the Stretford End. It felt pointed too that afterward Ten Hag stressed the importance of "leadership" on the pitch despite playing without his captain and most experienced player.

"I wanted a different approach and a different attitude, and that is what they brought on the pitch," Ten Hag added. "Be a team and have a good spirit, and that is what we saw today. It is not always about what I said. I said we have to act and not to talk a lot and make sure you are a team and battle and be brave and give each other options."

Fernandes took the responsibility, and the captaincy encouraged him. He showed leadership with Varane. They made a huge difference. It is not just them; we need more leaders. When you want to win, you need leaders and the spirit we showed today."

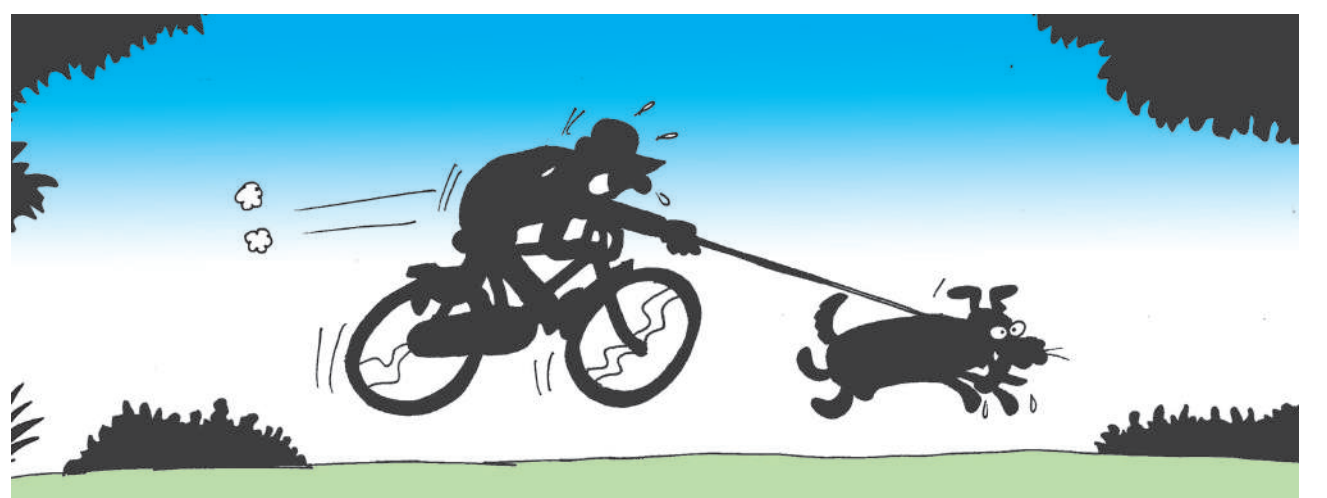
Ten Hag's decisions will do nothing to dampen the speculation around Ronaldo's future, while there also have been reports of inter-

est in Maguire from Chelsea. Ronaldo could find his path back into the team further complicated if United are successful in their efforts to sign a winger -- Ajax's Antony, Chelsea's Christian Pulisic or PSV's Cody Gakpo among those reportedly considered -- before the transfer deadline, although Ten Hag maintains the Portugal forward remains part of his plans.

Whether Ronaldo wants to be part of those plans remains up for debate, but if nothing else, Ten Hag has shown that it's Ronaldo who will have to adapt to his manager and not the other way around. United fans have believed for a while that there has been a lack of accountability among the players, that they have regularly been able to turn in miserable performances over the past 18 months without seeing consequences when the team was announced for the next game.

For now, at least, the cycle has been broken, and while Ten Hag has eased some of the pressure on himself, he also has made sure his players are reminded there is plenty of pressure on their places.

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Taifa Stars officials in high spirit ahead of CHAN Qualifiers' clash against Uganda

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S national football squad 'Taifa Stars' Manager, Nadir Haroub has called upon local football fans to be confident of the team under the tutelage of Kim Poulsen ahead of African Nations Championship Qualifiers' tie against Uganda.

The two nations battle for a place in the showpiece's finals with Tanzania hosting the first leg in Dar es Salaam on Sunday and then Uganda hosting the return leg at St. Mary's Stadium, Kitende early next month.

The two-legged affair will see the aggregate winners secure qualification for the final tournament slated for January next year in Algeria.

Taifa Stars that started training at the JMK Youth Park in Dar es Salaam on Monday is dominated by Simba SC and Yanga players.

They are, among others, experienced Aishi Manula, Jonas Mkude, Salum Abubakar 'Sure Boy', Feisal Salum, and right back Shomari Kapombe.

Haroub, the former Taifa Stars center-back, stated all players arrived on time at the camp and are progressing well with the preparations under head coach Poulsen, who is determined to catapult the squad to victory over Uganda.

He said that all players have shown the spirit to fight while insisting on playing patriotically in the game against Uganda which will decide the fate of Taifa Stars in this year's continental prize.

"Each player has a great desire to do well, the preparations are going well and all players arrived at the camp on time, the coach continues to give them good training to ensure that we win in that important game," Haroub noted.

Coach Poulsen said that the remaining time does not give his team a chance to play any friendly game, but he will use it to prepare various methods to achieve what is intended in the first round's first leg tie before the second leg that will be played in Uganda next week.

"For us to continue to hope to play CHAN we must win against Uganda. We have a few days of preparation, which are not enough to give us a friendly game but we will use them well to make sure we are better," the Danish coach noted.

This will be the third time both nations clash in the qualifiers, with either winning once.

Tanzania beat Uganda 3-1 in the qualifiers for the 2009 edition and the Cranes paid back by eliminating Taifa Stars with a 4-1 victory for the 2014 edition.

Uganda has played in all but the first edition (2009) since the inception of the competition.

Dodoma Jiji FC cites reasons for dreadful start to NBC Premier League



Dodoma Jiji FC's head coach Masoud Djuma.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

DODOMA Jiji FC has made its worst start to the 2022/23 NBC Premier League season, failing to win any of its opening two matches for the first time since gaining top-flight promotion.

In the club's debut top-flight season in 2020/21 under head coach Mbwana Makata, it started the campaign by winning the first two games and finished in a respectable eighth place.

In their second season, they won their first game before losing the second one and ended in 11th place, avoiding the promotion/relegation playoffs by one point.

The Capital City club lost 3-1 to visiting Mbeya City FC on the opening day of 2022/23

top flight before suffering a 2-1 loss at home to Prisons last weekend to make it a miserable start to the season.

Moses Mpunga, Dodoma Jiji FC Communication Officer, has cited chemistry, weather, and short pre-season camp as major reasons for experiencing

a dreadful start to the season.

Mpunga disclosed: "According to the coach's report, firstly, it is the weather that affected us. Players had breathing issues due to cold weather in our first game and even the second one."

The official stated: "The second reason is the lack of chemistry, as we are all aware we had a very short preparation for the season. After the league ended, we dived into the U-20 Premier League then it was time for players' registration."

The Communication Officer revealed: "We also had players who reported late for pre-season preparations due to various familiar issues which contributed to our lack of chemistry on the pitch."

"We are confident of doing well in the upcoming games after the short break. We resume training on Thursday."

Dodoma Jiji FC will be looking at getting back to winning ways when it travels to take on newly promoted Singida Big Stars at Liti Stadium in Singida when the league resumes in September.

Coach Masoud Djuma's side will also need to work on their finishing as they are not clinical in front of goal, having scored only two goals in two matches.

In the ongoing transfer window, Dodoma Jiji FC signed 15 players, Collins Opere (Biashara United), Christian Zigah (Biashara United), Jimmy Shoji (Mbeya Kwanza FC), Randy Bangala (TP Les Croyant), Amani Kyata (Coastal Union), Daniel Mgoré (Biashara United), Paul Peter (Azam FC), Rashid Chambo (Coastal Union), Said Kibuta (Alliance FC), Hassan Kessy (KMC FC), Salum Kihimbwa (Mtibwa Sugar), Muhsin Malima (Coastal Union), and Aaron Kalambo (Geita Gold FC).

The outgoing players are George Wawa, Omary Kanyoro, James Gubes, Mohamed Yusuph, Jamal Mtegeta, Steven Mganga, Omary Daga, Issa Abushehe, Hussein Masalanga, Khamis Mcha, Hassan Nassoro, and Waziri Junior.

Alliance Caravans cruise to 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup's semi-finals

By Guardian Reporter

THE 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's hosts, Alliance Caravans, continued their winning streak after securing a four-wicket drubbing of Aruti Aces in a Group B clash played at Annadil Burhani Club's venue last Sunday.

Electing to bat first after winning the toss, Aruti Aces' skipper Ankit Baghel teamed up with the opener Ejaz Aziz to get the outfit's innings underway.

In the first delivery of the third over, Baghel was caught by Alliance Caravans' Akhil Anil off the bowling of Adersh Dileep, when the team's score was just 17 runs.

After scoring three boundaries, Baghel was dismissed for his score of just 14 runs. Aziz also soon fell, caught by Amal Rajeevan off the bowling of Suraj Kumar.

Jumane Mohamed and Mohammad Ali then tried to steady the boat but they too could not hold for long, due to some magnificent economic bowling by Alliance Caravans bowlers, especially displays by veteran Kassim Nassoro and Jitin Pratap Singh.

For Aruti Aces, Mohamed was the top scorer who made 24 runs from 24 deliveries, which included four boundaries.

Kibwana Salum (unbeaten 19 runs), Jaffary Kanyita (14 runs not out), Salum Jumbe (13 runs), and Mohammad Ali (12 runs) were the only other batsmen who managed a two-digit score.

The team could so far score 116 runs in the 20 overs, losing seven wickets in the process which included two run-outs. For Alliance Caravans, all top-notch bowlers took one wicket each.

With a small target of 117 runs to score in 120 balls, Alliance Caravans made a brisk start with Nandakishan Pottachira and Nassib Kelvin scoring at over 10 runs an over.

When the score was 31 runs in the fourth over, Pottachira who scored

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All-rounder Kassim Nassoro of Alliance Caravans (R) receives the Man of the Match prize from Abhik Patwa of I&M Bank upon completion of the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup showpiece's match pitting the squad against Aruti Aces that took place on Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

eight runs was caught behind from the bowling of Aruti Aces' medium pacer Jumbe.

Jitin Pratap Singh joined Kelvin and he too fell from the bowling of Jumbe, adjudged leg-before-wicket when he scored just nine runs.

Amal Rajeevan scored a run-a-ball and was also clean bowled by Jumbe when he had scored 23 runs which included three boundaries.

Akhil Anil was clean bowled the very next delivery and when the team score was just 54 runs.

Facing a hat-trick delivery, Nassoro navigated the bowling of Aruti Aces' bowlers superbly.

He kept rotating the strike and scored 33 runs in just 25 balls, which included five fours and a six. His quick-fire batting helped Alliance Caravans come very close to the target.

Nassoro was caught by Mohamed and bowled by Ayaz Mustafa when the team's score was just seven runs below the target and with more than six overs to spare.

For Aruti Aces, Jumbe was the

most successful bowler, taking four of the six wickets of Alliance Caravans' batsmen. Mohammad Ali and Mustafa shared the other two wickets.

Nassoro was the automatic choice for the ColorFlex Man of the Match award, top scoring for his team and his magnificent bowling figures.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans Cup is an annual T20 Cricket Competition hosted by the Caravans Cricket Club.

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