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Funding crisis: WFP cuts refugees' rations

By Francis Kajubi

MORE than 200,000 refugees hosted in Kigoma region camps face the prospect of halved rations due to a critical funding shortage at the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).

Sarah Gordon - Gibson (pictured), the UN agency's country director, told a press conference yesterday in Dar es Salaam that the ration will go down to 50 percent next month.

She expressed the deep concerns of implications that the drastic cuts entail, as immersing the refugees into further vulnerabilities. Cutting rations will leave thousands of refugees struggling to meet their daily meal and nutritional needs, she said.

"We urge the international community, governments, donors and the private sector to step up and respond to this crisis to ensure vulnerable people can meet their basic food and nutrition needs," the director appealed.

WFP provides monthly in-kind food assistance to people living in refugee camps in Kigoma region through family food baskets.

Back in March, a reduction of rations diminished food supplies from 80 percent of needs to 65 percent, now being reduced to 50 per cent.

WFP food assistance is designed to meet the minimum recommended 2,100 calories, but chronic funding shortfalls lead WFP to provide reduced rations, consistently dwindling since 2020.

"A few contributions have arrived on time," she stated, lamenting that rations have to be reduced at a time of increased needs.

"We urgently need \$21m (45bn/-) to provide food assistance to more than 200,000 refugees for the next six months

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'Cannabis now infused on cakes, biscuits for export'

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma



Energy Minister January Makamba (R) makes remarks to Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa during the launch of Energy Week activities at Parliament grounds in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: PMO

Push for clean energy shifting, PM tells MPs

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has called on legislators to push for the shift to clean energy such as solar power and gas in

their constituencies.

Gracing the commencement of the 'Energy Week 2023' at the National Assembly grounds he said alternative sources are essential in protection of

the environment and halting the threat of climate change from charcoal-related deforestation.

The Energy ministry will this week extend 100 gas cylinders to MPs to be handed to local elders in rural areas as part of sensitizing the public on the shift to clean energy.

While the ministry tables its 2023/24 estimates today, the sector week targets at informing MPs on the progress of the

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ILLICIT drug producers and sellers are inventing new ways to promote the use of cannabis by infusing intoxicating material in food products such as biscuits, honey, cakes and juices, the government has cautioned.

Jenister Mhagama, the Policy, Parliamentary Affairs and Coordination state minister in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) made this observation shortly after submitting a report on the State of Illicit Drugs for 2022 in the National Assembly here yesterday.

"In Arusha Region, we caught a woman with her foreign husband producing a lot of cannabis in farms," she said, noting that the two suspects were also found with a factory in their household compound producing biscuits in cannabis mixture.

"The products that we caught in Arusha were produced for export, the government will continue conducting operations to ensure that we curb production of cannabis and related products in the country," she stated.

Another factory in the northern tourist city reported to produce food products such as biscuits and cakes infused with cannabis was being investigated as this puts into great risk the health of many people and confidence in the products, she said.

Underlining the need for the Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA) to tighten efforts and put up more innovative ways to tame the situation.

The challenge was rapidly growing, with the youth being the majority of those targeted by new methods of purveying illicit drugs, she stated.

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cannabis were seized, where 10,277 were arrested, being 9,549 men and 728 women she said, citing Arusha, Iringa, Morogoro, Manyara, Ruvuma and Mara regions as leading in farming cannabis, mainly for export.

Drug abuse was affecting the country's workforce as those found using drugs are aged 15 to 40 years, she said, noting also that khat production reached 15.2 tonnes whose discovery led to 1,491 suspects being arrested.

Some 254 tonnes of heroin and 1.7 tonnes of cocaine were seized during the year, while a total of 854,134 drug abuse victims turned out to receive treatment at district and regional hospitals, she further noted.

The government was expanding the scope of treatment for such victims, with 15 heroin treatment centres, chiefly methadone assisted clinics which collectively registered 131,696 drug patients.

A total of 8.7bn/- has been set aside to support awareness campaigns and building rehabilitation centres in various regions. Research will be conducted in chronic areas in growing cannabis to

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Global social funds body awards PSSSF

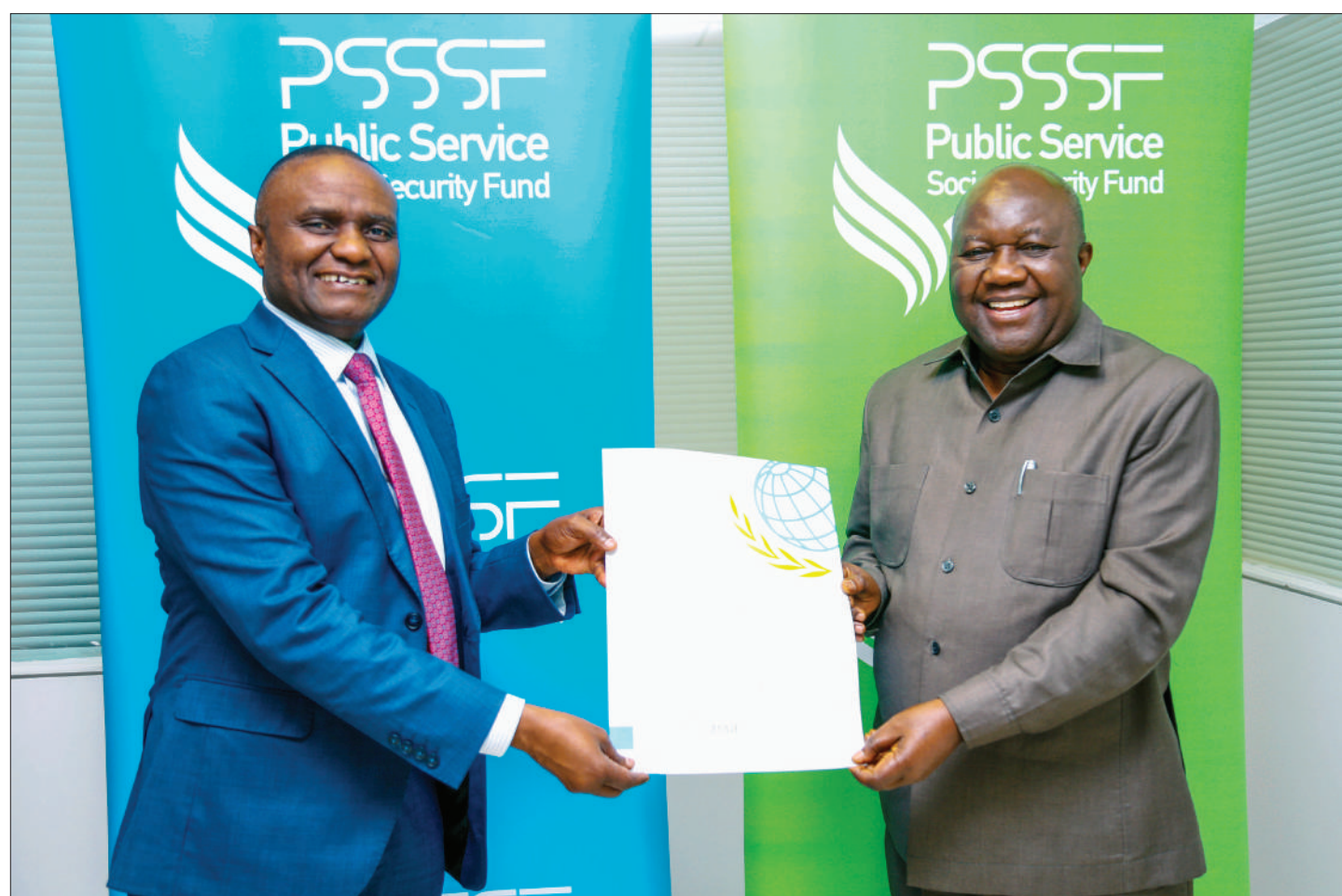
By Guardian Reporter

THE Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) has received a prestigious award from the International Social Security Association (ISSA) for successfully managing the assets of former social security funds.

Hosea Kashimba, the director general, said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the global body was impressed with the achievements realised in the short period after the merger of four public sector funds.

These were the Parastatal Sector Pensions Fund (PSPF), the Parastatal Pensions Fund (PPF), the Government Employees Pensions Fund (GEPF) later known as GEPF Retirement Benefits Fund,

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Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) director general Hosea Kashimba (L) hands over the ISSA Good Practice Awards 2023 certificate to PSSSF Board of Trustees deputy chairman Dr Aggrey Mlimuka at a ceremony held at the PSSSF Sub-Head Office in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The award is for managing the process of merging four social security schemes. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





CCM Secretary General Daniel Chongolo (with bucket) participates in a drive aimed at raising three thousand fingerlings for the Masaka Dam fish farming project in Iringa Region yesterday. Photo: Special Correspondent Adam Mzee

Govt: National Foreign Policy will be completed within this financial year

By Getrude Mbagu, Dodoma

THE government has affirmed that the review of the National Foreign Policy of 2001 will be completed within this financial year with much focus being on strengthening economic diplomacy by marketing the country's investment opportunities as well as utilizing opportunities overseas.

Tabling budget estimates for the 2023/24 financial year in the House yesterday, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Dr Stergomena Tax said the ministry was currently preparing a National Strategic Plan to implement economic diplomacy.

She said the strategic plan shall identify specific areas and opportunities for each sector, stakeholders and their responsibilities in the chain of implementation of economic diplomacy as well as the public awareness programme," she said.

She said climate change is also on the list of Foreign Policy focus together with digital economy, government's agenda to popularise Kiswahili globally and the issue of diaspora, specifically the role

of Tanzanians in the diaspora in national development.

She said the government has also established a digital system to facilitate registration of Tanzanians in diaspora giving the government actual data for better planning. The system will also enable the diaspora to access information about opportunities and services available in the public and private sectors in the country.

"Diasporas contribute a lot in the country's economic development by sending money (remittances) for investment, capital, expertise and technology which contribute to improving crop production, goods and various services," the minister explained.

She said that in the period between January to December 2022, Tanzanians in diaspora injected in the country \$1.1billion (2.6 trillion/-) through various activities and transactions.

The minister said Tanzanians diaspora also invested approximately 4.4bn/- through the purchase of houses and plots. This is an increase of 2.2bn/- compared to the investment recorded in 2021. Likewise, Tanzanians abroad

bought shares totaling 2.5bn/- in UTT Asset Management and Investors Services PLC (UTT AMIS) between January and December, 2022.

She added that the government was in the final stages of preparation to grant special status to Tanzania's non-citizen diaspora.

She said the Ministry collected suggestions from different stakeholders inside and outside the country, including from the diaspora. The suggestions have identified issues recommended to be included in the Special Status.

Dr Tax further highlighted other priorities for the next fiscal year as coordinating official visits for national leaders abroad, and visits of foreign country leaders as well as other representatives of international organizations in the country for the sake of maintaining diplomatic relations and exploiting economic opportunities.

"To implement the Strategic Plan for development of government-owned plots out of the country and to rehabilitate Tanzanian Embassy buildings; oversee the implementation of responsibilities of the institutions affiliated to the

Ministry," she said.

She said that the ministry will also consolidate participation of the Diaspora in the national development including completion of the procedure and regulations for their Special Status.

"The ministry will also invest in public awareness on international relations and opportunities accruing from membership of our country to regional and international communities as well as protocols/agreements between Tanzania and other countries," she added.

The minister said: "In order to implement the commitment of the government to construct and renovate embassy offices, investment buildings and to shape the image of our nation, the ministry has conducted a comprehensive evaluation and identified projects of priority, short and mid-term plans, the associated challenges and how to handle them, to particularly facilitate partnership and participation of the private sector in the development of these projects."

In the Financial Year 2023/2024, the Ministry expects to spend a total of 247.97bn/- of which, 230bn/- is for recurrent expenditure and 17.97bn/- for development projects, an amount which was later endorsed by the National Assembly.

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design robust measures to change mindsets in those areas, the minister explained.

Educating the public on the negative impacts of drug abuse

will be central to

the war against drugs as the challenge is big. DCEA expects to launch more crackdowns against cannabis farming, destroying farms and hauling suspects to court, she added.

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Stakeholders outside the government will take full part in the energy shift initiative, along with influential people from different communities, he said.

Extending the campaign to Zanzibar is on the cards, with plans for next financial year to take the campaign to boarding schools, universities, military camps and among refugee camps, he said.

Shifting to alternative energy is a key priority, he said, appealing for greater empowerment of innovators of alternative energy sources.

He expressed satisfaction with REA progress in connecting villages to hydro power sources, affirming that the deployment of REA coordinators will fast track the work.

Applauding the ministry's efforts for execution of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in Lindi Region,

he said the government will soon sign another accord in finalising arrangements for commencing LNG project execution.

Noting that availability of fuel was stabilizing, he said the government is working on capacitating the Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd (TIPER), a joint venture between the government and Oryx Energies, to elevate its fuel storage function.

TIPER is charged with guaranteeing fuel reserves lasting up to six months instead of one month at present, implying the need to widen storage facilities to ensure this capacity is realised, he asserted.

The Energy and Water Regulatory Authority (EWURA) and TIPER need to set a common strategic plan for sustained fuel storage facilities, he said.

Energy minister January Makamba said the preparation of the strategic plan and vision on alternative energy was ready and would be launched early July.

Various influential people will be pushing this agenda, with 10bn/- being allocated in the current estimates for procurement of 100,000 gas cylinders for societal distribution to campaign for shifting to alternative energy, he said.

Other cylinders have been distributed to various social groups countrywide, the minister added.

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and avoid making deeper cuts as hunger bites in the refugee camps," she declared.

The refugee population relies on WFP assistance, with about 70 percent of the refugees hailing from

Burundi, and the rest from the DRC.

A surge in new arrivals fleeing the unrest in the DRC North Kivu region was lately noticed, pushing up local food prices as needs far outstrip available resources, the director added.

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and the Local Authorities Pensions Fund (LAPF) to become PSSSF.

The ISSA award was based on how PSSSF was able to reduce operational costs and assure payment of compensation in time, Kashimba said, noting that ISSA saw that in merging the funds there were inspiring achievements.

These include reducing operational costs and providing equal benefits to members despite their provenance from different social security funds, he said, also pointing at dealing with debts of the merged funds and their investments especially in industries.

He praised the Fund's board of trustees for "a proactive oversight role that enabled the fund to perform well". The board handled the merging task under government supervision, he said.

In many parts of the world, upwards of 85 per cent of merged funds usually fail, "but our merger has continued to do well until it attracted this big global institution in making PSSSF as an example to emulate," he declared.

Kashimba reported that PSSSF has started receiving guests wishing to study what precisely it is doing, citing a visit late last week by a Ugandan parliamentary committee. It was working on establishing

a social security fund for public employees; it opted to learn from PSSSF and expressed satisfaction with its methods, he stated.

Credit for the award isn't for the management alone but the board as well for putting in place strategies to make sure it uplifts the services it provides to the members, Kashimba explained.

James Mlowe, the PSSSF public relations manager, meanwhile said they were presented with the award in the Ivorian capital, Abidjan, on May 15, ahead of attaining five years since it came up as the four social security funds were being merged.

The award will stand as a driving force in the execution of PSSSF staff responsibilities all the more appropriately for the benefit of the Fund's members and retirees, he noted.



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Legal and Human Rights Centre executive director Dr Anna Henga read out to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday a statement by her agency condemning violations of human rights said to have affected some residents of areas bordering wildlife reserves. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

LHRC condemns unlawful human acts committed by wildlife rangers

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE LEGAL and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) has condemned unlawful human acts she said are committed by wildlife rangers against people living near national parks and reserved forests; hence giving four recommendations to the government as a solution.

Unlawful human acts committed by wildlife rangers involved those working with the Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA), Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) and Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS).

Briefing journalists yesterday in Dar es Salaam Dr. Anna Henga, said it's time wildlife rangers consider the fundamentals of human rights as they implement evacuating orders against citizens who unlawfully invade national parks and reserved forests.

"Let it be clear that LHRC as an institution we do not support or rather a will to support peoples invasion in game reserves; classified according to the states law but to commend responsible authorities like TANAPA, TAWA and TFS consideration on fundamental human rights as they implement their task of evacuating people who invaded on the reserved areas," she said.

She said one of the unlawful act that happened May 6th this year, in Mwanavala village in Mbarali Region where five people (three women and two men) ranging from 21-39 years were beaten and injured by TANAPA wildlife, the beating went hand in hand with stripping off their clothes.

She said it's time the government ensures that wildlife rangers found guilty are arrested and taken to court according to the law.

"It is time the government formulates a special commission or Special Audit on borders upon all national parks areas likewise reserved areas that for long on different occasions have been the cause to conflicts between people and wildlife rangers from different national parks," she added.

She further noted that citizens living near national parks should wave out the intrusion behavior on national parks and all reserved areas according to the law.

Dr Henga, said as soon as the unlawful acts went viral on social media and mainstream platforms, LHRC made investigations and found out that the report was true beyond doubt as they were verified by Mbarali local government authorities including the District Commissioner, District Administrative Secretary on top of that, Natural Resources and

Tourism minister Mohamed Mchengerwa, verifying on the report.

"These are among many incidents that have ever happened to people living near national parks and forest reserved areas. LHRC has received not less than four unlawful acts such as killing of citizens, uncompensated evacuation, unlawful livestock confiscation and defamation."

Dr Henga noted: "Along with Ruaha National Park that has been reported to be cause of conflicts leading to death, reports showed that three fishermen were shot dead by Lake Manyara National Park wildlife rangers, same scenario report in Geita and Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA) as most times such incidents are grounded from conflicts between people living near national parks and reserved and authorities."



Tempo Africa managing director Pendo Michael Lema (C) addresses a news conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the launch of an Android and Web app for tourism services. She is with Tempo business manager Thadei Swai (L) and retention specialist Millian Lema. Story on Page 4. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Number of illegal immigrants shows a significant drop - govt

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE number of illegal immigrants entering the country has significantly dropped following the government's decision to remove Ethiopia from the list of countries whose nationals require referral visa, the House has been informed.

According to the government, the decision follows the review of the Immigration Regulations of 2016 and the fact that a large number of illegal immigrants entering the country are from Ethiopia.

Winding up debate for the Ministry of Home Affairs' budget estimates here on Monday evening, minister responsible for the docket Hamad Masauni said Ethiopian nationals can now enter the

country using a passport issued in their respective country and transit visa.

He said that latest statistics indicate that the number of illegal immigrants from Ethiopia has dropped to 40 people per month from more than 300 people who were entering the country illegally every month.

When debating the budget estimates, lawmakers raised concerns that, presence of illegal immigrants in the country's prisons causes overcrowding and also costs to the government.

"It is obvious that this new system has helped a lot in getting a long term solution to this problem," he said.

He further detailed that the government has also taken other

measures to deport the illegal immigrants through collaboration with other stakeholders.

He said the latest statistics indicate that the number of illegal migrants in the country's prisons is 1,600.

"We have managed to deport 3,100 illegal immigrants in recent days through the collaboration with International Organization for Migration (IOM) and relatives of the illegal immigrants," the minister said.

He further said that the country's Immigration Department in collaboration with Ethiopian Embassy in Tanzania also made efforts to encourage relatives of the illegal immigrants to cover the cost of deporting them.

"When these people are being

jailed they cost the government a lot of money because they need food and also when they are sent back to their home country using taxpayers' money is also misuse of public funds that is why we decided to use this approach of involving IOM and their relatives to repatriate them," Masauni said.

A recent report by the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) showed that the presence of 3,110 prohibited migrants from various countries, who have completed their jail sentences but are still in prisons, are costing the country approximately 5.7bn/- per annum.

The CAG report for the financial year ended 30 June, 2022 submitted to the Parliament in Dodoma said the deportees whose daily food budget for each stand at 5,000/- are still in prisons in range of one to five years.

The CAG's dossier states that deportees are still in prisons due unissued release orders by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Tanzania registers remarkable strides in fight against malaria

By Felister Peter

TANZANIA has recorded remarkable strides in scaling up cost effective preventive and curative interventions for malaria control on both the mainland and in Zanzibar with the number of reported incidences going down drastically.

Current statistics indicates that in Tanzania mainland the number of malaria incidences per 1000 population declined by 64 per cent from 162 in 2015 to 58 cases in 2022. In Zanzibar, malaria incidences per 1000 population have also decreased from 8.5 percent in 2020 to 2.4 per cent in 2022.

Representing chief medical officer at the Malaria Forum 2023 organised by the Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Dr Ahmed Makuwani, Director of Reproductive and Child Health Services in the Ministry of Health said malaria prevalence among primary school children has also declined as per findings of the national school malaria parasitological survey, 2021.

Dr Makuwani said prevalence among school children has declined by 48 percent from 21.8 percent in 2015 to 11.1 percent in 2021.

"Zanzibar has made a dramatic progress in reducing parasite prevalence down to less by 11 percent in the last decade from more than 20 percent in 2002," said Dr Makuwani calling upon researchers to continue releasing findings that help the government in making informed decisions.

According to him, the availability and use of the current highly efficacious antimalarial drugs (Artemisinin Combination therapy - ACTs) is the outcome of research findings which recommended change of treatment regimen from chloroquine to SP in 2001, and subsequently to Artemisinin Combination Therapy (ACT) in 2007.

Dr Lazaro Samwel, programme manager, National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) said the malaria

morbidity and mortality trend (2015-2022) shows that the number of confirmed malaria cases has declined by 55 percent from 7.7 million to 3.5 million. He said hospital admissions due to malaria have decreased by 66 per cent from 529,146 in 2015 to 178,549 in 2022.

He said the malaria prevalence (2008-2022) survey indicates a decline by 55 per-cent from 18.1 percent in 2008 to 8.1 per cent in 2022. In 2022, high prevalence was recorded in Tabora Region (23.4 per cent) followed by Mtwara (20 per cent), Kagera (18 per cent), Shinyanga (16 percent) and Mara with 15 per cent.

Dr Shija Joseph Shija, programme manager at the Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Programme (ZAMEP) said there were no reported deaths caused by malaria among under five children and pregnant women from 2019 to 2022. He said there were only four deaths caused by the disease between 2014 and 2022.

"We are now at elimination stage, from the prevalence of 74.2 per cent in 1960's to zero cases for three years and more," he said, adding Zanzibar with a population of 1.8 million people is the first country in sub-Saharan Africa to introduce a combination of therapy in treating malaria.

Dr Honorati Masanja, IHI chief executive director said significant strides have been made in the fight against malaria. "We have witnessed the transformative power of collaborative action, guided by scientific advancements, strengthened partnerships, and a shared commitment to improving the lives of those affected by this disease. Today's forum is an opportunity to review the progress made thus far and explore innovative strategies to accelerate our efforts," he noted, calling upon participants to share best practices, knowledge and expertise towards malaria elimination by 2030.

This year's malaria forum has been supported by the Swiss Embassy in Tanzania.

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Tempo Africa launches special one-stop-shop app for tourists

By Guardian Reporter

THE tourism sector has received a shot in the arm following the launch of a one-stop-shop application (Platform: web app+ mobile app) that local and foreign tourists can now easily use to access various products and services through Tempo Africa, which is a local tour and travels company.

The Tempo Africa managing director, Pendo Michael Lema, said during a press conference held in Dar es Salaam, that following the gap in the sector and the difficulties encountered by tourists in accessing different services, they decided to come up with the solution.

"We are mainly focused on innovations to improve and provide quality renting, traveling, air ticketing, and tour services," she said.

She further noted that as a preferred tour, travel, and rental service provider. "We can provide our customers with the best deals with flexible terms and conditions as we have a team of experienced and reliable employees who are also committed experienced team members who are reliable," she said.

She assured tourists of safe and reliable services, visiting Tanzania's top destinations, getting perfect rides at low cost with Tempo Ride, booking hotels lodges and stays, booking flights, access to all tourism companies in Tanzania and verified guides. All these she said will be done at a very minimal fee and are all accessible through the website application.

On the mobile application, she noted that currently users can access information about rentals, hotels and lodges and reservations only but the plan is to have all these services on both the website and mobile applications.

According to the managing director, the move is aimed at complementing the government efforts in promoting tourism as Tanzania is one of the best tourism destinations.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan has been on the frontline to promote

tourism through the Royal Tour Film that is now popular in many countries. We want these tourists to have an easy time in locating all the services that they require just in the comfort of their living rooms or offices through their cell phones," she said.

She said her company is ready to collaborate with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism in making sure tourists have a memorable stay that will make them choose Tanzania as the best tourist destination following the simplicity in accessing various services before and during their stay.

She appealed to Tanzanians to also make good use of the application to access different tourism products and services which also includes renting of houses, which is currently a major hassle for most Tanzanians.

She said Tempo Africa was established in 2021 and is a registered trademark in Tanzania.



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A resident of Tanga's Bombo suburb undergoes eye screening at the weekend at a three-day free medical camp jointly organised by Diamond Trust Bank and Lions Club of Dar es Salaam Host at the Tanga Regional Referral Hospital, popularly known as Bombo Hospital. More than 2,900 people were screened for various medical conditions, followed by 281 cataract surgeries and the issuance of spectacles. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Experts caution on effects of climate change on future sunflower growing

By Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

AN evaluation by experts and various stakeholders including Dutch development Agency (SNV) has found out that areas which currently grow sunflower, in the coming years they will not be fit for such cultivation owing to the effects of climate change, hence, they said it is better for the stakeholders in farming to abide by better farming practices for the crop.

In these circumstances, farmers are required to cultivate crops that withstand climate change including sunflower if it will be grown by

adhering to better farming rules for enhanced benefits.

Senior SNV Consultant, Godfrey Kabuki made the remarks when he met with various stakeholders including farmers, crop processors and other experts and discussed the effects of climate change in regard to sunflower cultivation.

He said 2019, the project involving climate change in regard to climate change dubbed GRAFT made an evaluation on the effects of climate change and discovered that the report thereof had not reached many stakeholders, and that is why they saw fit for many more stakeholders understand how climate change will be like in the

coming 10 to 20 years.

"Therefore, we are required to have a team comprising various people involved in the sunflower crop to discuss appropriate ways to make farming stakeholders continue farming because sunflower is among the crops that withstand drought," he said.

For his part, research scientist on land management and climate change and sustainable farming, Dr John Recha said the aim for participating in the project is to investigate, especially on the ongoing effects of climate change in Tanzania.

Dr Recha, a prominent researcher in East Africa on land management,

climate change and sustainable farming said they found out that in the coming years there will be areas that would be having more drought conditions, hence sustainable sunflower farming can be carried out.

For his part, Morogoro Regional Administrative Secretary, Mussa Ali Mussa called on Morogoro region residents to plant trees to control the effects of climate change, including clove trees for income generation. He said the issue of climate change is not supposed to spur finger pointing, but the people with habits that contribute to the effects of climate change are supposed to be dealt with.

Youth NGO supports street vendors in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

YOUTH-serving organization, Mulika Tanzania and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) have teamed up to empower street vendors in Tanzania through 'Imarika Intervention'.

In a statement issued yesterday in Dar es Salaam, Mulika Tanzania chief executive director, Hussein Melele, said the partnership is implemented the 'Imarika Intervention', a groundbreaking program designed to provide reproductive health education, life skills education, and youth engagement in leadership areas specifically tailored for street vendors, known as 'Machinga,' in the Temeke District of Dar es Salaam.

He said that following the successful implementation of the second phase, Mulika Tanzania is excited to announce the commencement of the second quarter of the Imarika project.

"The focus of this phase is to ensure that Machinga street vendors are well-informed about the Tanzania National Youth Development Policy of 2007 and are aware of proposed amendments to the policy, recognizing their pivotal role in the country's economy," Melele said in a statement.

He also stated that the ToT will undertake the crucial task of mapping health facilities where street vendors can access youth-friendly Sexual Reproductive Health services.

According to Melele, during the initial phase of the intervention, Mulika Tanzania focused on equipping street vendors with essential knowledge on Sexual Reproductive Health, including topics such as gender-based

violence (GBV), life skills, financial literacy, and leadership skills. As the program progressed to its second phase, street vendors were provided with comprehensive information and guidance on acquiring loans from the Local Government Authorities (LGA).

He stated that out of 70 street vendors, 10 were selected and empowered with the necessary knowledge to become Trainers (ToT), enabling them to guide and assist others effectively.

"Mulika Tanzania remains committed to empowering Tanzanian youth and enabling them to assume active community roles. Through the Imarika Intervention, the organization strives to create a positive impact by equipping street vendors with the necessary tools and knowledge to improve their reproductive health, life skills, and overall well-being."



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Association of Tanzania Employers executive director Suzanne Ndomba-Doran addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the upcoming launch of the 2023 edition of the Employer of the Year Awards. The event is conducted annually to recognise and award the employers with best practices in business and human resources management and doing business in line with legal standards. It is credited with having helped to promote decent business and harmony in workplaces. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

ATE launches the 'Employer of the Year Award' (EYA) 2023

By Correspondent Anaeli Mbise

THE Association of Tanzania employers (ATE), has officially launched the Employer of the Year Award (EYA) 2023 with the aim of recognizing the employees who are doing well in establishing the best strategy that values and focuses on management of human resources in order to increase productivity in the business.

Speaking at a press conference in Dar es Salaam, the executive director of ATE, Suzanne Ndomba, said that the awards also aim at identifying employers who do business in accordance with the

rules and regulations.

"Since its beginning the best employer of the year award has continued to be an important event for all employers in the country, recognized at the national level, where for several years now these awards have encouraged employers to put in place the best policies for employment," she said.

She added that employers have also improved in human resource management and have increased productivity, better relations in the workplace and in competing in business.

"I asked all the employers to come in big numbers to

participate through the website in this important process in search of the best employer of the year who will be officially announced at the big event for the presentation of these awards which will be held in early December this year," she said.

She said that the criteria of the award for this year 2023 will be 14, including governance and leadership, human resource management excellence, managing diversity and inclusion, talent management and development.

Other criteria are quality, productivity and innovation, corporate social responsibility,

employees' engagement, performance management, apprenticeship and internship.

"We shall also look at local content, gender equality and equity, compliance with regulatory requirements, managing during crisis and climate change or environmental management," she added.

Apart from the mentioned criteria, there will also be awards of overall, public and private sector, local employer, NGO's, size based and local content award.

The employer of the year award (EYA) was established and has been organized by ATE since 2005.

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

Villagers 'welcome' DC with placards calling for intervention in their land dispute with MP

MOROGORO district commissioner Rebeka Nsemwa has found herself being welcomed by placards and cries from Dalla and Mbwade villagers in Bwakira and Mvuhwa wards in the district calling for the restoration of their more than 400 hectares claimed to have been taken away without following laid down procedures by former Livestock and Fisheries minister Luhaga Mpina.

Dalla villagers stopped the DC's motorcade that also included members of the district's defence and security committee as it was on its way to a public meeting for residents of Dalla, Kongwa and Mbwade villages to listen to their complaints.

Carrying placards of various messages including appeals to President Samia Suluhu Hassan to listen to their complaints regarding seizure of their land by the former cabinet

minister. Submitting the complaints to the DC, Consolata Mchuma, formerly a member of Dalla Village Government, said the residents have been having a hard time in regard to the issue of their seized land.

She said after they were told by the government that an investor (Mpina) had been found, they agreed to give him 300 acres of land and that he would be paying them 5,000/- per acre per year and that he was required to build four classrooms, two each for primary and secondary schools as well as developing farming activities but so far he had not implemented any of the

conditions of the agreement.

She said in 2016, Mpina wrote them a letter seeking to be provided with 700 more acres of land, but the villagers refused and called on him to come in person to implement earlier conditions, but never turned up.

Consolata said that later Mpina also grabbed that land as well on claims that he had purchased it, the process that did not involve the villagers.

For his part retired Councillor for Mvuhwa Ward, Marystella Chamlungo, speaking while shedding tears, said apart from Mina grabbing their land, but he was also arrogant enough to pass a grader on their farms causing them

loss and when he was summoned to pay compensation he refused to do so.

Acting Head of Morogoro District Lands Department, Halima Mtawazo said the investor had discussed with 25 members of village councils and that his application was not complete as the members did not convene a villagers meeting for endorsing the deal, hence the process was not finalised.

After listening to the complaints, DC Nsemwa decided to form a team of experts that will go through documents

and records from both sides of the issue as well as to survey the land area to find out its size and identification of the boundaries.

She said the aim of the team that was given 14 days to complete its work is to establish the legality of the records and the determination of the boundaries so that every side of the conflict should get its rights.

She also called on the investor (Mpina) to cooperate with the team to finalise the issue to enable the villagers continue with their economic activities.

Speaking to this paper by phone in regard to the conflict, Mpina said he was not ready to discuss the issue as it has already been referred to the office of the District Executive Director



Joseph Mabula (R), coordinator of the Tanzania Inclusive-Producer Partnerships in Dairy (TI3P) project implemented in part by the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank, pictured yesterday briefing Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister David Silinde (L) during the latter's visit to the bank's pavilion at the International Dairy Week exhibition now in progress in Tabora municipality. The bank is collaborating with various other stakeholders in executing the project, the thrust of whose activities is on supporting 100,000 small-scale dairy farmers and processors. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Child narrowly escapes death in hyena attack

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

said the child was brought in very poor condition and that she was still under treatment. For his part,

Kiloleni ward Councillor appealed to wildlife officials in the district to hunt for all hyenas roaming

about and attack people, especially women and children who wake up early in the morning to fetch water.

JOYCE Sengerema (10), resident of Kiloleni village, Kishapu District, Shinyanga Region has escaped death after she was attacked by a hyena as she was fetching water from Manonga River.

Recounting the incident at the weekend, Joyce's father, Kishiwa Maganga after taking her to Shinyanga region referral hospital said the incident happened last Saturday at about 6:00 in the morning.

He said her daughter was wounded on the head, neck and on the ribs and what saved her was a man who was tilling his farm and heard screams and rushed to chase the beast away. "Joyce has a habit of waking up very early in the morning to fetch water from the river, but on the fateful day I was surprised to learn that she was attacked by a hyena, but I thank God that she was saved, and if the farmer was not around we would now be talking a different story," said Maganga.

He confirmed receipt of the child at Shinyanga regional referral hospital and the doctor on duty that day, Dr Jesse Samuel

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DAR ES SALAAM STOCK EXCHANGE PLC

NOTICE OF THE 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **8th Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Shareholders of the Dar Es Salaam Stock Exchange PLC (DSE PLC) will be held on Friday 23rd June 2023 on a hybrid of both physical attendance at the DSE Offices, 3rd Floor, Kamarage House, Ufukoni Street, Dar-es-Salaam and online through Zoom Video Conferencing at 9.30 a.m.


The Agenda for the meeting will be:

- Adoption of the Agenda;
- Confirmation of the Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting of the DSE PLC;
- Matters Arising from the 7th Annual General Meeting of the DSE PLC;
- To Receive and Adopt:
 - The Board's Report for the year ended 31st December 2022;
 - The DSE Group Audited Financial Statements and Auditors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2022;
 - Fidelity Fund Audited Financial Statements and Auditors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2022;
- To Approve Proposed Dividend of TZS 116/= per share for the year ended 31st December 2022;
- To Ratify Auditors' Fees;
- Appointment of External Auditors for the year 2023;
- To Approve Directors' Fees for the year ending 31st December 2023;
- To Approve the Proposed Revised Directors' Fees;
- Election of Members to the DSE Board of Directors, and
- Any Other Business.

Notes:






- Shareholders wishing to participate at the meeting online through Zoom Video Conferencing, you are required to notify the Company Secretary from 16th June 2023 onwards, through telephone no. +255747536696 or the following email addresses so that you may be availed with a link to the meeting: info@dse.co.tz or msmniwasa@dse.co.tz
- Shareholders wishing to attend the meeting physically will do so at their own costs, must observe the COVID-19 preventive procedures and observing social distancing. A member must also come with his/her CDS Account Number and national identification card.
- A Shareholder entitled to attend/participate and vote at the meeting and is unable to attend, can appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her behalf by submitting his/her proxy form to the Company Secretary at the DSE Offices not later than 14:00 hours on Thursday 22nd June 2023. In case of corporate body, the proxy must be under its common seal.
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- Annual Reports for the year 2022 and copies of the proxy forms will be available at the DSE Offices situated at 3rd Floor, Kamarage House, Ufukoni Street, Dar es Salaam as well as the Licensed Dealing Members of the DSE (Stockbrokers) effectively from Thursday 15th June 2023.
- The Register Closing date for determining shareholders entitled to vote will be Tuesday 20th June 2023.

Mary Stephen Mniwasa
Ag. CEO & Company Secretary
30th May 2023



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WILLIAMSON DIAMONDS LIMITED

Plant Superintendent – Advertisement

Applicants are invited to apply for the existing position mentioned above.

Position Title: Plant Metallurgist
Location: Williamson Diamonds Limited, Mwadui, Shinyanga
Grade: D2
Report: Production Manager

Summary: Williamson Diamond Limited (WDL) is Tanzania's only large-scale diamond producer. The mine is an open pit operation based upon the 146-hectare Mwadui kimberlite pipe, which is one of the world's largest economic kimberlites.

Role Description: Reporting to Plant Superintendent, the role will be responsible for the overall supervision and monitoring of all production activities and monitor and comply with all company safety and security procedures and practices throughout the plant.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Manage all metallurgical process, prepare charts and graphs and prepare appropriate reports for all investigations.
- Make timely and effective decisions regarding plant operations to ensure clean ore and quality concentrate is produced.
- Coordinate with staff members and resolve all technical problems of the processing plant.
- Analyze all data and prepare reports for all results.
- Ensure compliance to all environment safety requirements and operating guidelines.
- Reviewing safety procedures to ensure that they are being followed by employees at all times.
- Coordinates with staff members in process designing.
- Assists the Plant Superintendent to manage production activities at the required standard.
- Monitors and controls production quality and process efficiency.
- Develops a process to eliminate inefficiencies in the production line.
- Coordinate with procurement staff and equipment suppliers or manufactures to provide the necessary required informations for the intended equipment.
- Performs tests and monitor major equipment performance to ensure prevention of loss of intended product in the process.
- Provide support to all staff involved in production and assist in analyzing various test results.
- Analyze all data and prepare reports for all results.
- Evaluates all reports, perform regular examination with the help of a methodological system.

Minimum Requirements for all applicants:

- Bachelor Degree in Mineral Processing Engineering or its equivalent.
- A minimum of 5 years' experience in Plant Metallurgist activities.
- Competent in Computer application.
- Excellent verbal and written communication in English and Swahili
- Possession of a valid driving license.

Other required Skills and Competencies:

- Honesty, punctuality, ability to obey orders and dedicated to any legal task.
- Ability to work in a team environment.
- Ability to actively show willingness to work on normal days and public holidays when required.
- Identify problems and proactively present feasible solutions.
- Coordinate activities in area of responsibility.
- Demonstrate knowledge in Plant process and equipment.
- Analyze all available process data and identify improvement opportunities.

Mode of Application:
Candidates meeting the requisite qualifications should submit their applications describing how they qualify for the positions. They should also send detailed CV, copies of certificates, three referees, daytime telephone numbers and e-mail addresses before **13th June 2023 at 16hrs00**. Via the following address:

**Human Resources Manager,
Williamson Diamonds Ltd,
P. O. Box 23,
Mwadui-Shinyanga.**


Or drop the same through the following email, joseph.mokoro@petradiamonds.co.tz

NB: Please complete an external job application form available on <http://www.petradiamonds.com/careers/current-vacancies>)

Williamson Diamonds Limited supports the Mineral policy (2009) of Tanzania and is committed to ensure adequate development of local technical capacity to service the mining industry; and to employ local experts available and develop succession plans for Tanzanians to take over expatriate positions. Pre-screening, profile testing, on mine assessments, medical and security clearances form part of the minimum requirement and selection process. Short listed candidates will be required to attend a panel interview. Employment of the successful candidate is subject to passing on mine induction and the aforementioned criteria.






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Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Lead and develop operations teams and processes.
- Monitor and comply with all Company Safety & Security procedures and practices throughout the plant, tailings and slimes.
- Monitor all Production activities as per guidelines.
- Monitor all production process Consumables.
- Delegate and directs plant foremen in the performance of their duties and communicate production information to the plant manager or General Manager and crews to enhance performance.
- Manage and maintain production operations budget and expenditures.
- Oversee safety to all plant workers and their work surrounding areas and assist to correct any problems or defect to machinery identified.
- Reviewing safety procedures to ensure that employees are following them at all times.
- Conducting safety inspections of equipment and structures to ensure that they meet safety standards.
- Reviewing engineering designs and plans to ensure that they meet safety standards and other requirements.
- Coordinating with other staff members to ensure that projects are completed on time and within budget.
- Coordinating with other staff members to prepare a production budget for the upcoming year based on plant performance, new regulations and other factors that may impact production operations.
- Developing and maintaining good relationships with vendors or manufacturers to obtain process equipment or supplies at the best prices.
- Recommending capital improvements for machinery and equipment to increase efficiency and safety.
- Coordinating with maintenance team to oversee maintenance of plant machinery and equipment to ensure proper functioning of facilities.
- Maintaining records of labor, production and major equipment maintenance, as well as capital expenditures.
- Ensure accuracy and timeliness of required documentation, including shift report information, daily reports, month-end inventories, plant consumables usage and inventories, task training, safety and first.
- Analyzing production reports and checking process efficiency.

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- Competent in Computer application.
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- Ability to work in a team environment.
- Ability to actively show willingness to work on normal days and public holidays when required
- Solve Plant process problems.
- Demonstrate decision-making and apply a systematic approach.
- Coordinate activities in area of responsibility.
- Demonstrate knowledge in Plant process and equipment.
- Analyze all available process data and identify improvement opportunities.
- Apply generic management principles and practices when coordinating production activities.
- Act as initiator in disciplinary proceedings. Demonstrate a good understanding of labour relations principles and company procedures.

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One of the youths (R) who have just completed training on fishing and aquatic life development in Mwanza briefs Livestock and Fisheries minister Abdallah Ulega (C, in jacket) on the production of fish feeds shortly before the minister graced the closing ceremony in Mwanza city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Mbaraka Kambona

Minister urges TANAPA on links between parks, local residents

By Guardian Correspondent, Tarime

MOHAMED Mchengerwa, Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, has asked the management of the Tanzania National Park (TANAPA) to strengthen its good neighbourhood programmes and ensure full participation of people surrounding the parks in their conservation plans.

The minister made the remarks over the weekend when speaking to villagers bordering the Serengeti National Park for purposes of ending a long time dispute associated with installation of beacons to demarcate village land and the park area.

During the meetings that were held at different villages around the

park, the minister allowed villagers to express their opinions and ideas whereas he directly responded to some of the matters.

He was accompanied by the Ministry's Deputy Permanent Secretary, Anderson Mutatembwa, TANAPA Commissioner, William Mwakilema and different government leaders from Tarime District including the Tarime-Rural Member of Parliament, Mwita Waitara.

The villagers commended the government for taking measures to end the dispute, insisting the need for them to be involved in various government plans that aims to enhance conservation activities.

Nyanungu Ward Councillor,

Tiboche Richard said that people at his area are willing to cooperate with the government only if authorities ask them to take part in meetings regarding conservation of the park.

"We are happy that you have come to listen to our concerns. We only request the government to further enhance the good neighbourhood programs. Having good relations with the villagers would ultimately end unnecessary disputes," he said.

While at a meeting in Karakatonga village, Mchengerwa asked the management of TANAPA to make sure they visit the villagers and conduct meetings with them because they are the number one conservationists.

The minister called upon citizens to always cooperate with the local government leaders and follow procedures when seeking solutions to issues regarding conservation activities. He warned that boycotting would lead to conflicts.

"You should listen to government leaders when they come to discuss land use planning. This is where you can give opinions on how best the exercise can be implemented," he added.

Mchengerwa assured them that the government is ready to cooperate with them because they are also conservationists as some of their family members work at the Serengeti National Park.

Serengeti is one of the oldest parks, the largest and the best National Park in Africa. It is one of the most famous wildlife areas in the world with the greatest concentration of wild animals on the planet.

Govt is set to allocate more than 500m/- for Rombo Water Supply, Sanitation Authority

By Correspondent James Lanka, Rombo

THE government is set to allocate more than 500m/- for Rombo Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (ROMBOWSSA) in Kilimanjaro region, for renovations of the water supply infrastructure to reduce water loss as well as increase water production.

The promise was made recently by the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Water, Eng. Cyprian Luhemeja when he visited and inspected the water supply projects and activities in the district.

"The level of water loss is very high, especially considering the fact that the people who are affected by the losses are the main beneficiaries of this project," he said.

He added, "May I take this opportunity to direct the management of ROMBOWSSA to develop a strategic plan of repairing the dilapidated infrastructure and submit it to the ministry so that funds can be delivered early for the repairs."

Eng Luhemeja went on to say that, apart from affecting the residents, it also affects the Government's income and that the Government was ready to provide the money so that the water losses are reduced to a great extent if not end the issue completely.

In addition, he said the goal of the Government to provide the money is also to ensure that Rombo increases the level of water supply from the current 62 percent and reaches the national target of 95 percent for urban areas and 85 percent for rural areas.

Eng Luhemeja continued to say that apart from the funds expected to be allocated to Rombowssa, the Government was also continuing with other plans to increase water production in Rombo district.

"The plans include the drilling of 17 boreholes that will contribute to the increase of water production whereby so far, the Pangani Basin Water Board (PBWB) has already identified seven areas that are ready

to be drilled to begin with", he said.

Earlier, while briefing the Deputy Permanent Secretary, the Rombowssa Acting Managing Director Eng Martin Kinabo said that the authority produces and distributes approximately 18.404 million liters of water per day which he said was equal to 46.01 percent of the demand of 40 million liters of water per day.

"This shortage leads the authorities to provide water supply services in Rombo district on allocation basis for the whole time of the year", he said.

Eng Kinabo said the reason for the shortfall is the loss of water which he said has reached 65 percent, whereby he said that the loss is largely caused by the wear and tear of the water supply infrastructure.

"In order to improve the production and supply of water, the authorities are focused on implementing various water projects", he said.

He added, "Until March, 2023, the authority is focused on implementing six water projects involving the construction of distribution infrastructures with a length of 121 kilometers and the construction of eight water storage tanks which have the storage capacity 2,200 cubic meters; all these projects are in various stages of implementation".

"The completion of these projects which are in the implementation stages will increase the level of water production up to 85 percent in 2025 and thus meet the needs of the people", he said.

Eng Kinabo also said that the implementation of the projects will also significantly contribute to the challenge of water losses, something which he said will be a big step in increasing water production in the district.

"In order to improve the production and supply of water, the authorities are focused on implementing various water projects"

FEMATA to establish bank for the provision of assistance to miners

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

THE Federation of Miners Association of Tanzania (FEMATA) contemplates establishing own bank to be used to provide loans to miners to boost the country's essential economic sector.

FEMATA president John Bina disclosed this Monday that the federation executive meeting convened to finalise the process for writing a new constitution to address the Federation's present needs.

Bina said they will establish the bank to help miners with loans for capital to run their mining activities following huge challenges they face in accessing bank loans from the country's financing institutions.

"We miners face many challenges, including crude working tools due to capital constraints, worse still even if we approach banks for loans, they turn their backs on us," Bina said.

He added that for the Federation that was established 1986 to succeed, they have seen it fit to improve its constitution to boost its activities.

He also urged Singida Region residents to grab opportunities in mining as there many minerals of various kinds in the region.

In regard to charges charged by local councils on miners, he said FEMATA should be involved when formulating the charges as there are so many of them.

He said another challenge they face in regard to Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) coming up with a system to charge miners two per cent tax, saying even though they do not oppose paying taxes for the country's development, but that tax has been a great inconvenience for them.

He called upon TRA to sit together with miners to discuss the tax recently imposed to see how best to apply the tax without inconveniencing any side.

For his part, Singida Region Resident Minerals Officer, Chone Malemo who was chief guest at the meeting called on FEMATA to open its doors for miners from other regions to invest in Singida Region, as Tanzania is for all.

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Kinondoni district education officer Mtundi Nyamhanga (3rd-R) presents a certificate to Sofia Kileo as the year's Best Form VI student at Dar es Salaam's Feza Girls' Secondary and High School Feza at graduation held in the city at the weekend. Fourth right is school's chairman, Ismail Yilmaz. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Media CSO talks of widespread female genital mutilation among under-fives in Longido District

By Guardian Correspondent, Longido

MEDIA Aid for Indigenous and Pastoralist Community (MAIPAC) has discovered widespread acts of female genital mutilation on children under five years of age in Longido District, Arusha Region

Some parents within the pastoralist communities in the district have started circumcision of infants to avoid apprehension by state organs.

Speaking to a team of journalists who are members of MAIPAC engaged in investigations on the reemergence of acts of circumcision on children in Longido district, some parents and government officials said in absence of stern measures against the vice, it will never stop.

Some parents of the district whose 95 per cent of the population is made up of Maasai pastoralists say that owing to government efforts to stop the acts on school going children, some of them have started circumcising infants.

Paulo Orkediyaye, resident of Oltepesi Village says in addition to the education being provided, some parents commit the vice on infants.

Neema Nailom, resident of Oldbomba Village said FGM acts on infants are committed in great secrecy between parents and some of the circumcisers.

"You cannot identify this on the infants as it is done in secrecy but we only identify them when they get ill and taken to hospital," she said.

For her part, Longido District Community Development Officer, Grace Mghase said the continuation

of FGM acts is contributed by the youth who are reluctant to marry girls who are not circumcised.

"The issue is still very painful to us, we provide education against the vice but there are some young people and girls with education who support these acts," said Mghase, and added that even some political leaders in the district still fear to publicly oppose this traditional belief.

Merkinoi Orkendiaye, another villager said acts of circumcision have been going on apart from the health affect they pose including suffering from fistula.

"I personally underwent circumcision and I suffered from fistula but now I provide education to other villagers to oppose the vice," she added.

For his part, the Director of Ewang'ani Maasai Foundation, Nangidare Laizer said the circumcision challenge is big but they continue providing education against it.

The Director of TEMBO Organisation in Longido district, Pauline Sumayani said the challenge still exists but their institution continues to make efforts to oppose it.

The Director of MAIPAC, Mussa Juma said the aim of taking journalists to the area to investigate on the issue has been sponsored by friends of the institution in Canada and focuses in eradicating the vice committed on small children in the pastoralist communities.

"We have discovered still education needs to be provided to the young people who support the vice by being reluctant to marry girls who are yet to be circumcised.

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Public entities' collective LPG shift is to live above our means

MODERNISATION is on the way as all prisons are set to be installed with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), where a total of 1bn/- has been set aside for the project where 19 prisons are to be installed with gas delivery systems.

The move is explained as a shift from using firewood for cooking, not just to vastly reduce tree cutting but also shift to clean energy. It reflects the strategy to shift to clean energy, which is not the same thing as to end the use of firewood.

Home Affairs minister Hamad Masau, like his counterpart in Energy ministry, is a firm believer in clean energy as the proper transition, which reflects a global consensus on abandoning the use of coal.

Yet with minimal government investment, like the amount that the ministry is using to connect prisons to natural gas systems, small firms would obtain loans to make usable coal that could be sold cheaply. Even prisons would just need steel pots to cook with it.

Lower income households at times purchase gas cylinders and have problems refilling on a regular manner, such that there are gaps where they have to use charcoal. On the whole the family would use more money relying on charcoal compared to gas, but there are foods they prefer to use charcoal, especially if it involves beans. It means the gas advantage isn't that straightforward, for many.

What seems to be missing in the shift to gas by public institutions is the way the briquettes option was left out as non-existent, as if it makes no difference to such institutions what energy source they use.

In addition, it isn't clear if this pairing of clean energy for homes and institutions can properly be governed, to avoid individuals using institutional gas for home needs. It is going to be free energy use the way public institutions fail to pay for electricity unless pushed.

While individual homes are advised to shift to cleaner energy in a regular manner, free availability of cylinders would quicken the pace. Our Kenyan neighbours have this policy for nearly a decade and here energy authorities resist it, for unclear reasons. So reliance on charcoal is unabated partly due to not affording simply to buy the cylinder, and the new moves leave it there.

Were it that entities with collective habitation with food for large groups being cooked together, they can have open air facilities to use cheap briquettes if the government encouraged it, for instance by removing tax on briquettes. Other raw materials like saw dust, crop wastes, unusable tar or dead wood can be collected by all sorts of people the way they collect empty water bottles. It would also ease unemployment by widening grass cutting, even planting.

What is called relevant technology has to do with preference for industries with manual labour bias to ensure more employment. It failed due to the need to export and thus lower prices than manual labour demands, but for the energy transition it is altogether applicable. Those in charge are thinking of exporting coal for industrial use but if the Ukraine war ends they will have fewer markets. Coal has no local use as we go for expensive gas, so charcoal remains in place.

Parents' role in early childhood learning still of much relevance

SOME of a child's most important cognitive development happens during their preschool years. By taking an active role in the early childhood education process, parents can help ensure that their child has all the support they need to develop to their full potential.

Decades of research have demonstrated that the parent-child and the environment of the family which includes all primary caregivers are at the foundation of children's well-being and healthy development. From birth, children are learning and rely on parents and the other caregivers in their lives to protect and care for them.

The impact of parents may never be greater than during the earliest years of life, when a child's brain is rapidly developing and when nearly all of her or his experiences are created and shaped by parents and the family environment.

Parents help children build and refine their knowledge and skills, charting a trajectory for their health and well-being during childhood and beyond.

The experience of parenting also impacts parents themselves. For instance, parenting can enrich and give focus to parents' lives; generate stress or calm; and create any number of emotions, including feelings of happiness, sadness, fulfillment, and anger.

Parenting of young children today takes place in the context of significant ongoing developments.

Parenting matters identifies parenting knowledge, attitudes, and practices associated with positive developmental outcomes in children ages 0-8; universal/preventive and targeted strategies used in a variety of settings that have been effective with parents of young children and that support the identified knowledge, attitudes,

and practices; and barriers to and facilitators for parents' use of practices that lead to healthy child outcomes as well as their participation in effective programs and services.

Like no one else, parents and caregivers shape the experiences that build our children's brains and set them on a path towards healthy development. Parenting is too big a job for parents and caregivers to do alone.

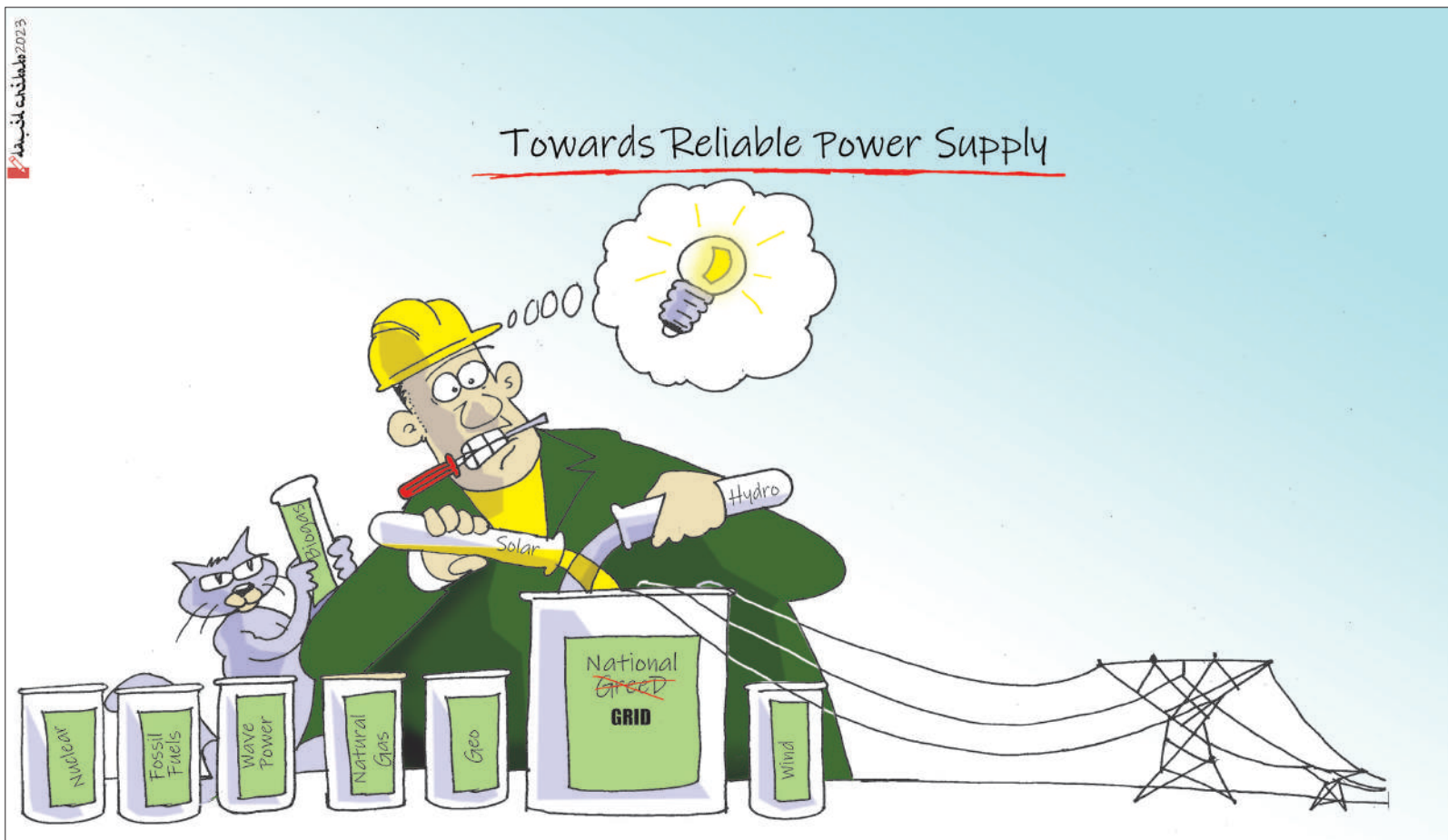
They need support to give our children the best possible start in life. Families remain at the centre of social life, ensuring the well-being of their members, educating and socialising children and youth and caring for young and old.

In particular, family-oriented policies can contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals relating to doing away with poverty and hunger; ensuring healthy lives and promoting of well-being for all ages; ensuring educational opportunities throughout the lifespan and achieving gender equality.

Being a parent is the most important job in the world. But may parents do not get the time and support they need to be with their children.

Families, parents and caregivers play a central role in child well-being and development. They offer identity, love, care, provision and protection to children and adolescents as well as economic security and stability.

In keeping with the spirit of the convention on the rights of the child, family and parenting support is increasingly recognised as an important part of national social policies and social investment packages aimed at reducing poverty, decreasing inequality and promoting positive parental and child well-being.



Arrest of genocide 'mastermind' must set pace for more arrests in southern Africa

By Special Correspondent

ONE of the world's most wanted fugitives was arrested Wednesday last week in South Africa after 29 years on the run, according to United Nations investigators. Fulgence Kayishema is alleged to have orchestrated the brutal killing of 2,000 women, men and children at a church in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide in the central African nation.

He was indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in 2001 and had been on the run, using various aliases and disguises, ever since. The Nyange church attack is seen as one of the most brutal acts during the 100 days of the Rwandan genocide.

South African police have finally arrested genocide mastermind Fulgence Kayishema who has been on the run for the past 29 years, having fled the country after committing the Genocide against the Tutsi.

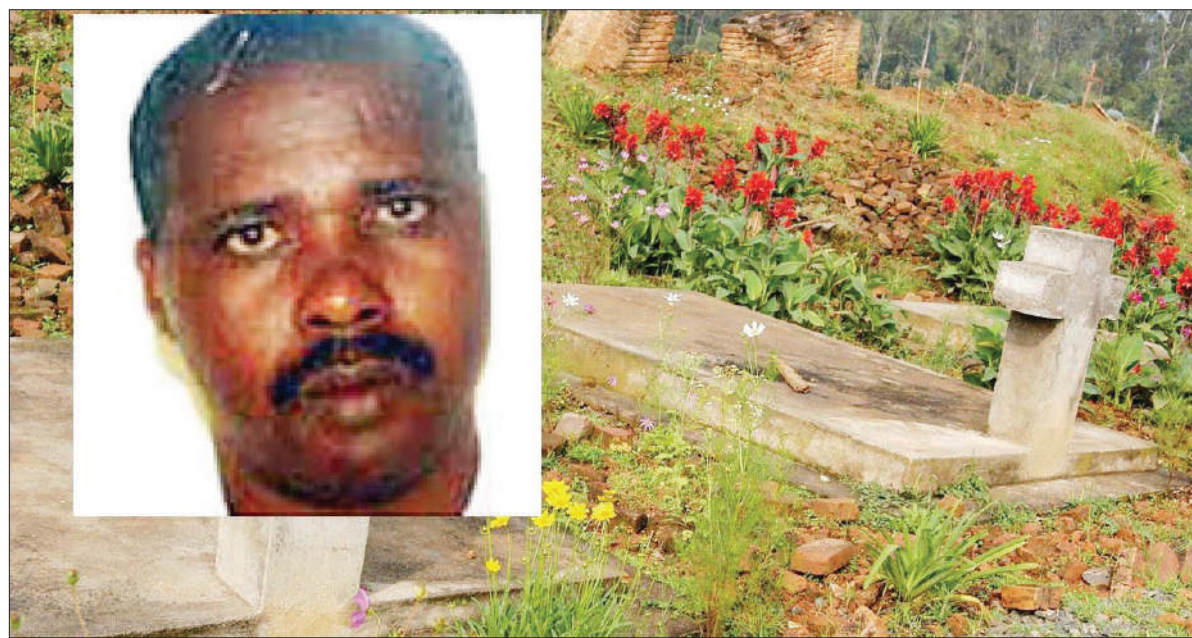
Fulgence Kayishema (born 1960) is a Rwandan Hutu militiaman arrested for war crimes in relation to his role in the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Born in Kivumu, he was the inspector of the judicial police there at the time of the genocide. His indictment cites his involvement in massacres from April 6, 1994, until April 20, along with Athanase Seromba, Grégoire Ndahimana, Téléphore Ndungutse, the judge Joseph Habyambere and the assistant mayor Vedaste Mupende.

Fulgence Kayishema is charged by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) with genocide, conspiracy to commit genocide and extermination (crimes against humanity). The ICTR indictment, dated 5 July 2001, alleges that, among other acts, Fulgence Kayishema ordered the killing of Tutsis inside Nyange church, and brought fuel for use by the Interahamwe militia to attempt to burn down the church. An estimated 2,000 civilians died in this attack alone.

On 22 February 2012, the ICTR Referral Chamber ordered this case to Rwanda.

The US government offered a reward of up to 5 million USD for information leading to Kayishema's arrest.

On 25 May 2023, Kayishema was arrested in Paarl, South Africa in a joint operation between South African authorities and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, which absorbed the ICTR in 2015.



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He is specifically responsible for atrocities in the former Kibuye Prefecture, which is now part of Western Province.

The Province of Kibuye was, between 2002 and 2006, one of the 12 provinces of Rwanda (known as prefectures before the administrative reform of 2002). Kibuye, Rwanda was the "capital" (or, in certain official Rwandan texts, the "major city"). The territorial reform on 1 January 2006 merged the province with the provinces of Cyangugu and Gisenyi, to create the new Western Province.

For the past five years, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMICT) has maintained that Kayishema was living in South Africa and that they had not received any help from the host country towards apprehending him.

Kayishema, a head of the judicial police in what was then called Kavumu Commune in Kibuye during the Genocide, has lived in South Africa since 1999 using different identities and nationalities including at some point disguising as a Burundian asylum seeker.

All this time, he banked on his connections with a well-established network of genocide fugitives and agents of a genocide militia FDLR that is well anchored in southern Africa sub-region to avoid capture, despite an arrest warrant by a UN court.

He also features on the Reward for Justice programme under the US State Department which put a \$5 million bounty on his head for information that could lead to his capture.

The fact that he was successfully protected by this network which also closely operates with

the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), a terror group that operates in the DR Congo, does not come as a surprise.

For decades, different countries in this sub-region have harboured these genocidaires, despite the indictments against them that have been issued by the government of Rwanda through the National Public Prosecution Authority.

This then serves as a reminder to our fellow African countries in southern Africa that it is not too late for them to act on the dozens of indictments that are gathering dust in offices of their judicial organs.

As fellow Africans they must set the pace for countries on other continents with regards to bringing to book these fugitives who are responsible for the death of over a million people in 1994.

Needless to say is the fact that keeping these people in their communities where they continue to mobilise funds and other resources for the FDLR, which was founded by the same perpetrators of the Genocide against the Tutsi, pauses great danger to them.

Finally, the IRMICT should now work with the authorities in South Africa to ensure Kayishema is within reasonable time transferred to Rwanda to face trial, after his file was handed to Rwanda by the ICTR, the mechanism's precursor as part of its completion strategy.

Survivors, especially the few who managed to escape the massacre at Nyange Catholic Church where Kayishema commandeered the death of over 2000 Tutsis, cannot wait to finally see justice being served.

Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) Hassan Bubacar Jallow in March 2012 handed over the case

file of genocide-fugitive and former Judicial Police Inspector, Fulgence Kayishema to the Rwandan Prosecutor General, Martin Ngoga in Arusha, Tanzania.

This is the second time Jallow handed over genocide-accused file to the Rwandan government. On January 16, 2012 he did the same for the file of Pastor Jean Uwinkindi by handing it to Ngoga in Rwanda. Uwinkindi is still on the hands of the Tribunal waiting for finalization process of his transfer to Rwanda for trial. Handing over two CDs and hard copy files, Jallow said the Tribunal would continue cooperating with Rwanda in the tracking down and the ultimate arrest of the fugitive. In his brief remarks at the ceremony, Rwandan Prosecutor General assured the UN court authorities that once arrested and brought before a court, the accused would receive a fair trial. On February 22, 2012, a Referral Chamber at ICTR granted the prosecutor's referral application for the transfer of the fugitive case to Rwanda for trial.

Kibuye is a city in Karongi District, and the headquarters of the Western Province in Rwanda.

The city lies on the eastern shores of Lake Kivu, between Gisenyi and Cyangugu, approximately 135 kilometres (84 mi), by road, west of Kigali, the capital and largest city in the country.

Kibuye is known as a beach resort and is within driving distance of two national parks. It is home to a genocide memorial marking the massacre of 90 per cent of the town's Tutsi population in the Rwandan Civil War. The Ndaba Falls lie near the city.

Both Kibuye Power Plant and KivuWatt Power Station lie within Kibuye.

Tanzanite: When deep blue, smooth cut and clarity equals treasure

By Christopher Agapiti

TANZANITE is among the most valuable and sought-after gemstones on earth. Apart from its unique features, the gemstone is found only in one place—Mimerani hills of Simanjiro District, Manyara Region. It is this rarity that earned it the name derived from Tanzania.

The original inhabitants of Mimerani are the Maasai. However, due to allure of the gemstone, people from other tribes and races now call it home. Also, apart from miners who live in the sprawling township, many traders live in the nearby Arusha city and Moshi municipality.

Mineralogically, tanzanite belongs to a group of minerals known as Zoisite. However, the gemstone differentiates itself from other zoisite members by its blue color and transparent nature.

The blue colour is a result of incorporation of vanadium element in the zoisite structure. The blue coloured tanzanite can be found naturally but mostly produced and enhanced by heat-treating brown zoisite. So, tanzanite can be found with other colours such as brown and turn blue after treatment.

The heat changes the oxidation state of vanadium to produce the blue colour. It is what makes it an adorable and valuable stone. It is the extent of the blue colour that determines the quality of tanzanite. Apart from colour, the value and price of tanzanite crystal is determined by its cut, carat and clarity.

Tanzanite is found as free crystals enclosed in fold corners. The crystals are formed during very high temperatures and pressures. Peak metamorphism reached is normally very intense conditions of about nine to 12 kilobar and 800°C to 900°C.

The high grade metamorphism is associated with rock deformations leading to folding. During the folding process, the fluids rich in the mineral forming elements are transported from their source towards pockets found in fold corners. During the cooling process, the fluids in the pockets are crystallized to form varieties of minerals.

Common minerals found in the pockets are quartz, pyrite, calcite, zoisite, diopside and garnet. Crystallization of zoisite in presence of vanadium produces tanzanite. Other minor minerals that are normally found in the pockets include apatite, allanite, mica, rutile, ilmenite, magnetite, zircon, beryl and tremolite.

Every mineral or gemstone has its way and procedures of mining. This is mostly affected by the way of deposition of the mineral and its depth from the top surface. Most tanzanite is obtained by underground mining methods. Miners excavate shafts from the earth's surface downward in search for mineralization zones. A geologist studies and understands mineralization style in the mining area.

After intensive and detailed study, a geologist figures out the direction to which minerals are concentrated then blasters and other technicians follow the direction given by the site geologist. Tanzanite extraction from mineralization layer involves pegging the surface, drilling, filling explosives, blasting, sorting and removal of waste materials to the surface system by using mono-rope system. The high price of tanzanite is driven by its properties but mostly by its rarity. It is one thousand times rarer than diamond. For, despite the rarity, tanzanite is less hard, less shiny and lasts a lot shorter than



diamond.

Tanzanite is among the most popular jewelry gemstones. Jewelers and jewelry lovers have embraced and valued the gemstone due to its fantastic color and towering clarity. The stone is used to make bracelets, earrings, necklaces, rings and

all manner of ornaments.

To some, tanzanite is believed to have mysterious emotional effect. One enthusiast writes: "Thanks to high vibrations and high energy, this gem can bring you into deep meditation and divine healing. Tanzanite not only helps us to find our sweet inner charm and clears our old patterns but it also sets us to open our minds and hearts to any

psychic abilities we have." For some of us in the industry, taking a look at tanzanite stone can stimulate joy, balance and sense of higher purpose. For, the gemstone is believed to have attributes of good luck and prosperity. The deep blue stone has been considered as a transformation stone which helps to dissolve old negative patterns and habits into new positive ones full of direc-

tions, purpose, optimism and confidence. The stone is also thought to attract energies of good luck, wealth and success.

These rare qualities of a rare gemstone challenge us as a country to put in place strategies that can help our country benefit more from this rare and precious gemstone. It is important to note that as long as the gemstone is exported raw, coun-

tries that process it will continue to earn more money from it than us.

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How drastic land use change can affect the environment

By Prof Raphael Mwalysi

THE Southern Highlands were originally comprised of mountain grasslands often with scattered natural woodland patches especially along drainage areas. The main use of these grasslands was livestock grazing until 1980s when the area was transformed into exotic pines and eucalyptus plantations as well as croplands.

This mixed land use change is assumed to have resulted in dramatic shrinkage of mountain grasslands and wetlands which are associated with drying up of formerly perennial rivers and streams during the dry seasons and heavy flooding during the rainy seasons. This is viewed as indicative of increased soil erosion and surface runoff and reduced recharge of groundwater within the mountain ecosystems.

The aim of this article is to mainstream the values of nature in decision-making by highlighting several trade-offs made in land use decisions in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania. These include hidden and often invisible contributions of nature to agricultural production, impacts of agriculture on biodiversity, human health and other links of agricultural systems with communities and ecosystems.

The area under consideration is the Great Ruaha River basin and specifically the Highland Mountain Zone (1,600 - 3,000 metres above sea levels), the Midland Zone (800 - 1600 metres above sea level) and the Lowland Zone (below 800 metres above sea level).

Consideration of land use alternatives is important to ensure that developers and decision-makers have a wider base from which to choose the most appropriate land use alternative in terms of getting better results with less environmental impact and other costs.

The alternatives chosen should take into account national development plans which are scheduled in five, 25 and 50 years and include strategic areas to achieve these development plans. The Southern Highlands is a national strategic area for production of food and commercial crops for domestic and export market. It is also a strategic region for production of timber from exotic trees for domestic and export market.

The area is a catchment for three major rivers



namely Ruhuji, Kihansi and Great Ruaha which are important for generation of hydropower that is highly needed for industrial development of Tanzania. The area is also home to people who derive their livelihoods from activities that include use of natural resources and producing externalities which are not taken into account during their resource use accounting and decision making. Equally important, the area

is characterized by complex and rapid land use tradeoffs between agriculture, exotic forest plantations and the latest entrant: avocado farming.

As noted earlier, many of the externalities resulting from these land use tradeoffs are not known. Thus, studies must be conducted to bring to surface the possible impacts of various policy options in the pipeline for the purpose of being considered in decision making. This policy that guides

what to do before doing it is important especially when dealing with lucrative activities such as production of timber from pines and eucalyptus and crops such as maize, round potatoes, tomatoes, sunflower, wheat, beans and avocado.

If unplanned, the decrease in area covered by natural vegetation would reduce the capacity of Southern Highlands to regulate the quality and quantity of water flowing in the streams and rivers.

Results from data based on three rivers draining the Southern Highlands indicate that flow rates will decrease while water turbidity will increase. Discontinuation of conversion of mountain grasslands into agricultural settlements seems to have positive impacts on natural vegetation cover and flow of ecosystem services but negative impacts to benefits to communities.

However, decrease in agricultural land, bare soils, built

up areas and forest plantation land would lead to decrease in production of crops and timber in upland zones.

The impact of change in land use must be measured and put into action in deciding which crops should be produced where and every step monitored from production to consumption. Otherwise, related supply chain of inputs would be equally affected and so will be the welfare and livelihood of all actors along the value chain of crops or products depending on the magnitude and direction of impact.

For, if crops with low commercialization that are mostly consumed locally are prioritized, the impact would mostly and directly be on our country's food security not only among producers but other actors along the chain.

This is important because if not carefully studied and planned, land use change may have positive impact on the welfare and livelihoods of the actors along the value chain on the short term but with permanent negative effects on the long term.

Based on the observations above, adoption of policies which leave no one worse-off is highly recommended. Stopping continuation of conversion of the remaining grasslands should involve introduction of high value crops such as avocado. Also, controlled irrigation is recommended as it seems to have positive impact for many years to come.

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There is urgency for a global fund for media and journalism

By Simone Galimberti

THERE have been arrays of proposals to sustain journalism around the world—from tax incentives and subsidies to the idea of allocating 1% of governments' GDP to a drastically increased ODA for independent journalism in the global South.

The debate has been intense and rightly so.

What is needed is a long-term project that would put together a global architecture supporting serious and reliable journalism regardless of the size and business model of the outlets producing it. Amid such calls for governments and philanthropies to do more, something finally is moving.

Yet the needs require real ambition and farsightedness that in practice means a coherent global governance to safeguard trustworthy media worldwide. The International Fund for Public Interest Media, initially announced by France during the Paris Peace Forum in 2022, is taking shape and an initial pilot cohort of media outlets already got selected.

Because of its hybrid form of governance, independent but backed by governments and major philanthropies alike, the IFPIM could become the biggest source of funds for media around the world.

As per the information provided on its website, it has already raised \$50 million USD from more than 15 governments, philanthropies, and corporate entities but the ambition is much bigger.

The Center for International Media Assistance (CIMA), an initiative of the bipartisan National Endowment for Democracy, an entity funded by the American Congress, estimates that global spending to support independent media globally should be \$1 billion a year.

The reality on the ground—considering also how many legacy media houses are struggling with revenues and a declining readership—might require a much bigger figure.

If the situation was already dire before the pandemic, COVID was the knockdown blow for many media around the world that were already assaulted by the damaging impacts of big tech companies and their social media platforms. And now we also have to deal with an even more threatening and disruptive use of artificial intelligence.

While AI-based technologies can offer some positive elements on how media engage with public, the risks are enormous. "AI-based technologies also have an enormous potential to harm our information ecosystems and threaten the fundamental human rights on which robust, independent media systems, and free societies" reads a resolution recently passed at the International Press Institute General Assembly just held in Vienna.

With this gloomy scenario, the public interest media landscape is rapidly turning into what experts define as "news desert. We should be all very weary of the perils associated with its consequences. After all, as explained by the World Trends Report published by UNESCO, it is a vital issue because journalism is a public good that must be protected at any costs.

In such a scenario the fact that the IFPIM aims to reach \$500 million USD, itself a milestone in this quest, is a relief. Still, it is not enough.

An issue to be taken into account is the fact that we are dealing with a fragmented landscape in this line of sector. There are already a small but increasingly more visible and impactful ecosystem, still in construction that is made up of blended agencies supporting independent media around the world.

Some of the most significant among them are the Media Development Investment Fund, MDIF that takes a more investor like approach than what seems the still in construction approach of IFPIM, has been already able to provide a variety of funding options.

With also a mixed lineup of investors, MDIF has already invested \$300 million USD in 148 media outlets from 47 different countries. In addition, there is an increasing number of "intermediary"



organizations.

Some of them like Pluralis acts more like investors (among its own backers there is MDIF). Others offer a blended package, financial and capacity building like Free Press Unlimited IMS, International Media Support while United for News takes a market approach of linking ads with local online news outlets.

BBC Media Action and Internews, on other hand, are intermediary closer to the field.

Though each of these represent a different model of support, are different from each other, they are all aimed at enhancing the viability of robust, independent media.

Interestingly we are seeing a cross-pollination of such initiatives because their backers are often interlinked to each other with a major philanthropic foundation or bilateral donor supporting multiple initiatives at the same time.

And we are not mentioning the mechanisms that several bilateral institutions in the West are putting together only exclusively to safeguard and protect journalists in danger.

For example, the recently announced Reporters Shield, an undertaking of USAID, is particularly designed on tackling SLAPs, the strategic lawsuits against public participation.

Undoubtedly the IFPIM is going to be a standout catalyst but it is rightly showing commitment to partner with other key stakeholders.

The recent MoU signed with Reporters without Frontiers, RSF and the Forum on Information and Democracy, the latter itself a global initiative leading the debate on safeguarding journalism that is housed at RSF, is promising but it is not enough.

If the ambitions of IFPIM is to become a global fund for media and journalism support akin to the funding mechanisms being used to fight HIV and Tuberculosis, all the actors investing in independent media must truly come together.

The fact that some of the major philanthropic organizations are putting resources in different baskets could be a positive element in a yet to establish globally coordinated multilayered approach promoting journalism and media houses.

Such common intent would enable a truly global ecosystem allowing media to return to prominence they used to command and becoming, once again, a central pillar of public debate.

First governments with adequate fiscal capacity should do whatever it takes to support their own media industry. Some of them in Europe are already doing so and also in the USA there are discussions for a new legislation and other financial tools, including cash vouchers for the citizens to buy subscriptions.

Yet if we want to safeguard journalism and media around the world, it is essential to boost public and private media working with integrity in the North, including legacy newsrooms.

It is not just about providing incentives, rebates or other financial support or ensuring that big tech owned platforms pay what is due to the newsrooms like it is slowly starting to happen.

It is also about re-persuading people, including the youths, to read news, on and off line.

Massive awareness initiatives involving schools and universities should also be prioritized in a way that a common user of news, can also turn into a

citizen journalist or opinion writer.

Second, a truly global and truly massive funding for media and journalism should be established even by merging existing entities. The result could become mega funder or donor of donors, a true Global Fund for Media and Journalism.

All major governments and philanthropic organizations would inject financial resources and know-how that would then trickle to other smaller actors in the supply chain.

In a potential ecosystem protecting media and journalism, there would be enough spaces for intermediary organizations like the ones already operating close to media houses on the ground, especially in the global South.

It might be that entities like IFPIM and MDIF, each with its unique identity and features but united in their intents, one day might come together or might themselves act as at the upper level of a pyramid sustaining journalism and media, just a step below what would be a Global Fund for Media and Journalism.

Journalism and the thriving of media should also become a central area of focus of the United Nations. Despite the obvious resistance that might come from certain camps, the United Nations Secretary General António Guterres should include it in its ambitious Our Common Agenda.

Two of its twelve strategic pillars, "promote peace and prevent conflict" together with "build trust" should be strengthened with initiatives focused on media. A global code of conduct that promotes integrity in public information, one of the milestones under "build trust" should be accompanied by other bolder actions.

Let's not forget that UNESCO has

been already involved in the promotion of media with two programs, like the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) on the top of the narrower, journalist focused protection tool Global Media Defense Fund.

Positively, at the present, the momentum to save the media is gaining strength.

Yet it is indispensable to ensure that the focus is going to be on medium and long term measures rather than on a short term fixes.

Without a global design and ambition, it's certain that the situation is only going to be worse. All global actors, together with the professionals and activists on the ground, must come together. The level and speed of discussions around the future of media must step up.

It is only with profound changes in the funding mechanisms of journalism that serious and reliable news outlets both in North and South, either legacy or start-ups thriving on internet, will be able to continue to operate and thrive.

There is no firewall to stop the journalism's decadence. Only urgency and bold actions offer the best chance to ensure a "New Deal" for global media and journalism.

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Grow food crops, refrain from tobacco production, Dr Moeti challenges African countries

By Guardian Reporter

AFRICAN tobacco-growing countries have been tasked to step up the implementation of Articles 17 and 18 of the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO's African regional director made the call in her message ahead of today's World No Tobacco Day, which is themed: "Grow Food, Not Tobacco", which meant to raise awareness about alternative crop production and marketing opportunities for tobacco farmers and encourage them to grow sustainable, nutritious crops.

The theme also seeks to expose the tobacco industry's efforts to interfere with attempts to substitute tobacco growing with sustainable crops, thereby worsening the global food crisis. It calls on all of us to explore how food and agricultural policies make adequate nutritious food and healthy diets available while reducing tobacco production.

The day provide the world an opportunity to highlight the dangers associated with tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke. It is also an occasion to renew our advocacy for effective policies to halt the tobacco epidemic and its impact on individuals, societies, and nations.

Dr Moeti said this can be possible by enacting legislation, developing, and implementing suitable policies and strategies, and enabling market conditions for tobacco farmers to shift to growing food crops that would provide them and their families with a better life while enhancing the protection of the environment and the health of people.

She said: "By doing this, we will be growing food, which our populations need, not tobacco."

She also revealed that tobacco leaf production has increased by 10.6 percent in Africa, posing a serious challenge in food and nutrition security in the conti-



WHO's African regional director, Dr Matshidiso Moeti.

nent, World Health Organization (WHO) has said.

"We face a grave challenge in food and nutrition security imposed by the increasing tobacco farming in the Africa Region. Available data shows that while the area under tobacco cultivation decreased by 15.7 percent globally, in Africa it increased by 3.4 percent from 2012 to 2018," she said.

According to her, during this period, tobacco leaf production globally reduced by 13.9 percent; however, it increased by 10.6 percent in Africa. In recent years, tobacco cultivation has shifted to Africa because of a regulatory environment that is more favourable to the tobacco industry, as well as increas-

ing demand for tobacco.

"WHO is working with Member States and other partners to assist farmers in shifting from tobacco growing to alternative crops. In the last two years, an initiative in Kenya has assisted over 2000 tobacco farmers to turn to alternative crops.

"This has resulted in improved food and nutrition security, increased income for farmers, healthier farming activities as well as environmental rehabilitation. The expansion of this initiative to Uganda and Zambia has started, and should be encouraged for all tobacco-growing countries in Africa," she said.

Dr Moeti said African governments should support tobacco farmers to

switch to alternative crops by ending tobacco growing subsidies and using the savings for crop substitution programmes to improve food security and nutrition.

"Shifting from tobacco to nutritious food crops has the potential to feed millions of families and improve the livelihoods of farming communities in Africa."

"Such initiatives will also combat desertification and environmental degradation, raise awareness in tobacco farming communities about the benefits of moving away from tobacco and growing sustainable crops and exposing the tobacco industry's efforts to obstruct sustainable livelihoods work in the Africa

Region."

Tobacco growing and production exacerbates nutrition and food insecurity. Tobacco farming destroys the ecosystems, depletes soils of fertility, contaminates water bodies and pollutes the environment. Any profits to be gained from tobacco as a cash crop may not offset the damage done to sustainable food production in low- and middle-income countries.

Nearly 828 million people are facing hunger globally. Of these, 278 million (20%) are in Africa. In addition, 57.9% of people in Africa suffer from moderate to severe food insecurity. This jeopardizes the region's attainment of SDG 2 which aims to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture. The intensification of the major drivers behind recent food insecurity and malnutrition trends, such as conflict, climate extremes, and economic shocks, further compounds this situation. Therefore, our concerted actions are essential, so everyone has enough food.

The tobacco epidemic is one of the biggest public health challenges the world has ever faced, killing more than eight million people around the world every year. While the number of people using tobacco products is decreasing in other parts of the world, it is rising in the Africa Region. For example, the number of tobacco users in the WHO African Region increased from an estimated 64 million adult users in 2000 to 73 million in 2018. This is partly due to the increased production of tobacco products as well as aggressive marketing by the tobacco industry.

Aliko Dangote puts life into the 'clay feet' of the giant of Africa

NBy Cameron Duodu

Fifty years ago, Nigeria used to be justifiably mocked as "Africa's giant with 'clay feet'.

Justifiably? Yes. Which country in the world would import so much cement that its port facilities could not download them?

Where else could an importer of cement conspire with shipping companies to ship cement to Lagos, to join in a long line of vessels that had formed a "Great Cement Armada" there, knowing the ships could not be unloaded, and that a lot of money could be earned from "demurrage" and insurance charges, as the cement "caked" in the holds of ships' holds that awaited an unloading that didn't happen on time?

Huge sums from Nigeria's earnings from oil were spent to defray such unnecessary expenditures, while millions of Nigerians struggled to survive the inflation that prevailed as a result of the capture of the country's petroleum resources by local elites and their foreign partners.

As the years rolled along, bad planning, aided by corruption, created a situation whereby Nigeria began to spend huge sums of money importing refined petroleum products. Attempts to alleviate the high cost of imported fuel through a "petroleum subsidy" went awry because - fraudulent accounting in respect of for what had NOT been imported but put on the books as imports, was causing havoc in the economy.

Ameliorating the messy situation regarding local consumption of refined petroleum (by building local refineries) seemed a good idea and refineries were built at Warri and Port Harcourt. But they were operated as state enterprises. Which meant, they were a treasure trove for the bureaucracies that operated them.

Whilst all this was going on, a young man called Aliko

Dangote was growing up and getting educated. Born in April 1957, this young man came from a well-known family in Kano -- the Dantata family. Business and the Dantatas went together, and the young Aliko must have heard many a story, as he grew up, analysing and decrying what was going on, in the name of "business", in the country of his birth.

On May 22, 2023, that young man's idea of helping Nigeria to manufacture what it consumed, and exporting what it did not consume, came to fruition when the "Dangote Petroleum Refinery", built in the industrial free zone of Lekki, Lagos state, was commissioned by President Muhammad Buhari. The owner of the plant (which cost about \$19 billion US to build) showed his intent by also inviting the Presidents of Ghana, Senegal, Togo, Niger and Chad (all of them neighbours of Nigeria) to the opening ceremony.

The presence of Ghana's President, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, was greatly significant because although Ghana has stepped on the ladder of petroleum and gas production, she has, of late, been experiencing difficulties that remind the populace of the bad old days of "dumsor". So any amelioration of the petroleum-and-gas supply situation in Nigeria (the new plant will refine 650,000 barrels per day of crude petroleum from Nigeria's oilfields) is of great importance to Ghana, in terms of making up for shortages that Ghana may experience in utilising her own resources.

Dangote's mother, Mariya Sanusi Dantata, was the daughter of the wealthy businessman, Sanusi Dantata of Kano. His father, Mohammed Dangote, was a business associate of Sanusi Dantata's. Through his mother, he is the great-grandson of Alhassan Dantata, who was described as "the richest person in West Africa", at the time of his death in 1955. The term "rich-



est man" has been bestowed on Aliko Dangote, not just in relation to Nigeria or even to Africa alone, but throughout "the black world". Both Forbes and other classifiers of people's wealth agree that he is Black Richman Number One!

Dangote was educated at, among others, Capital High School in Kano and also at the Government College, Birnin Kudu, from which he passed out in 1978. He next received a bachelor's degree in business studies and administration from Al-Azhar University in Cairo.

The Dangote Group was established as a small trading firm in 1977. This was the same year Dangote relocated to Lagos to expand the company, trading in commodities, including bagged cement (!) as well as agricultural goods, such as rice and sugar.

He made his big move in the 1990s, when he approached the Central Bank of Nigeria and persuaded its top officials that it would be less expensive for the Bank to allow Dangote's transport company to manage their fleet of staff buses. This gave him an insight into finance and business, and he hasn't looked back since. The current Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, was one of the guest speakers at the

commissioning of the Petroleum Refinery on May 22, 2023. He praised Dangote highly for establishing an enterprise that (he said) "would save Nigeria billions of dollars in foreign exchange."

Early life

Dangote was born into a wealthy Fulani Muslim family on April 10, 1957, in Kano, which was then part of British Nigeria. His mother, Mariya Sanusi Dantata, was the daughter of businessman Sanusi Dantata. His father, Mohammed Dangote, was a business associate of Dantata. Through his mother, he is the great-grandson of Alhassan Dantata, the richest person in West Africa at the time of his death in 1955. Dangote's brother, Sani (died 2021), was also a businessman. Dangote was educated at the Sheikh Ali Kumasi Madrasa, followed by Capital High School in Kano. In 1978, he graduated from the Government College, Birnin Kudu. He received a bachelor's degree in business studies and administration from Al-Azhar University in Cairo.

Business career

The Dangote Group was established as a small trading firm in 1977, the same year Dangote relocated

to Lagos to expand the company. Dangote received a 500,000 loan from his uncle to begin trading in commodities, including bagged cement as well as agricultural goods like rice and sugar. In the 1990s, he approached the Central Bank of Nigeria with the idea that it would be less expensive for the bank to allow his transport company to manage their fleet of staff buses, a proposal that was also approved.

Today, the Dangote Group is one of the largest conglomerates in Africa, with international operations in Benin, Ghana, Zambia, and Togo. The Dangote Group has moved from being a trading company to being the largest industrial group in Nigeria, encompassing divisions like Dangote Sugar Refinery, Dangote Cement, and Dangote Flour. Dangote Group dominates the sugar market in Nigeria, and its refinery business is the main supplier (70 per cent of the market) to the country's soft drink companies, breweries, and confectioners. The company employs more than 11,000 people in West Africa.

In July 2012, Dangote approached the Nigerian Ports Authority to lease an abandoned piece of land at the Apapa Port, which was approved. He later built facilities for his sugar company there. It is the largest refinery in Africa and the third largest in the world, producing 800,000 metric tons of sugar annually. The Dangote Group owns salt factories and flour mills and is a major importer of rice, fish, pasta, cement, and fertilizer. The company exports cotton, cashew nuts, cocoa, sesame seeds, and ginger to several countries. Additionally, it has major investments in real estate, banking, transport, textiles, oil, and gas.

In February 2022, Dangote announced the completion of the Peugeot assembling facility in Nigeria following his partnership with Stellantis Group, the parent company

of Peugeot, and the Kano and Kaduna state governments. The new automobile company, Dangote Peugeot Automobiles Nigeria Limited (DPAN) factory, which is based in Kaduna, commenced operations with the roll-out of the Peugeot 301, Peugeot 5008, 3008, 508, and Land Trek."

Wealth

Dangote became Nigeria's first billionaire in 2007. Dangote reportedly added \$9.2 billion to his personal wealth in 2013, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, making him the thirtieth-richest person in the world at the time, and the richest person in Africa. In 2015, the HSBC leaks revealed that Dangote was a HSBC client and that he had assets in a tax haven in the British Virgin Islands.

As of June 2022, Dangote is the wealthiest person in Africa, with an estimated net worth of US\$20 billion.

Political activity

Dangote had a prominent role in the financing of President Olusegun Obasanjo's re-election bid in 2003, to which he gave over N200 million (US\$2 million). He contributed N50 million (US\$500 thousand) to the National Mosque under the aegis of "Friends of Obasanjo and Atiku". Dangote also contributed N200 million to the Presidential Library. These highly controversial gifts to members of the ruling PDP party have generated significant concerns despite highly publicised anti-corruption drives during Obasanjo's second term.

In 2011, Dangote was appointed by President Goodluck Jonathan to serve as a member of his economic management team. In 2017, rumors circulated that Dangote was considering a run for President of Nigeria in the 2019 election. Dangote declined to run and asserted that he does not intend to run for elected office. Instead, Dangote went on to serve on

a special advisory committee for Muhammadu Buhari's reelection campaign.

Other activities

Dangote has worked alongside the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on public health issues. In August 2014, he donated 150 million (\$750,000) to assist the Nigerian government's efforts to stop the spread of Ebola. In May 2016, he pledged \$10 million to support Nigerians affected by the Boko Haram insurgency. In March 2020, he donated 200 million (\$500,000) towards the fight against the spread of COVID-19 in Nigeria.

Football

In 2019, Dangote and Femi Otedola promised to give the Nigerian national football team \$75,000 for every goal scored in the Africans Cup of Nations (AFCON). He is also an avid fan of English football team Arsenal FC, and has shown interest in buying the club. In 2020, he donated money to Nigeria's sport ministry to renovate Abuja, the country's national sports stadium.

Personal life

Dangote lives in Lagos. Although he owns two private jets, he is otherwise known for living a relatively simple lifestyle for a billionaire, during which he reportedly works 12 hours every day from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. and runs 10 miles on a treadmill almost every day.

Dangote married Zainab Dangote in 1977, but they divorced at an unknown date. He was later married to Mariya Muhammad Rufai until their divorce, though the dates of the wedding and divorce are unknown. He has three daughters named Halima, Mariya, and Fatimah, and an adopted son named Abdulrahman. Halima followed him into the business world and is currently his company's executive director of commercial operations.

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Zulu King denies tensions with Buthelezi but there are signs of strain

By Chris Makhoye

MANGOSUTHU Buthelezi has been the prime minister of the Zulu nation for many decades and played a critical role after the March 2021 death of the then Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu. He went out of his way to ensure that - despite the dispute within the Zulu royal family about who would be the next monarch - King Misuzulu kaZwelithini emerged as king.

Some members of the Zulu royal family are still not happy about the elevation of Misuzulu and have headed to court to challenge his ascendancy. The matter will be ventilated in several cases brought by royal family members.

Since the king's coronation in October 2022, King Misuzulu and Prince Buthelezi have had several disputes. But it is the composition of the Ingonyama Trust Board that might have damaged their relationship beyond repair.

The Ingonyama Trust is a corporate entity established to administer the land traditionally owned by the Zulu people, represented by their king, for the benefit, material welfare and social wellbeing of the Zulu nation, which continues to occupy the land as it historically has done.

The Trust presides over about 29.67% of the land in KwaZulu-Natal, which is equivalent to 28,000 square kilometres.

The new nine-member board will serve a four-year term. The members are: Inkosi Thanduyise Mzimela as chairperson; advocate Linda Zama as vice-chairperson; Inkosi Mabudisa Israel Tembe; Dr Thandi Dlamini; Nomusa Zulu; Dandy Matamela; Inkosi Phallang Bokang Molefe; Inkosi Sibonelo Mkhize and land rights activist Lisa Del Grande.

King Misuzulu endorsed the new board, but Buthelezi rejected it, particularly the appointment of Mzimela as chairperson to replace Judge Jerome Ngwenya, who had held the position for many years and is said to be very close to Buthelezi.

Welcoming the appointment of the board, the Zulu king said, "I assure amakhosi and the Zulu nation as a whole that their land is not lost and the board will not sell it."

He said the board had been carefully chosen and was made up of individuals who would ensure that the land remained in the hands of the Zulu nation.

The king disputed reports that the relationship between him and Buthelezi had soured.

"I would like to unequivocally state that rumours that there is bad blood between myself in my capacity as monarch of the Zulu nation and our traditional prime minister, umntwana wakwPhindangene (Prince Buthelezi), are blatant attempts by opportunists who wish to drive a wedge between our Zulu nation and the royal family."

Urgent meeting

However, early this week, Buthelezi called an urgent meeting of Amakhosi and izinduna to be held in Empanjeni on Friday.

Buthelezi said he was calling the meeting in his capacity as the prime minister of the Zulu nation, saying discussions would include the new Ingonyama Trust board and the land under which it falls.

On Thursday, Buthelezi said some traditional leaders had complained that certain people in government and the traditional leadership were trying to stop them from attending the meeting.

Buthelezi accused the chairperson of the KwaZulu-Natal House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders, Inkosi Sifiso Shinga, of being responsible for intimidating traditional leaders into not attending his meeting.

He also accused the provincial department of cooperative governance and traditional affairs of sending text messages to traditional leaders with a similar objective.

However, the department has rejected Buthelezi's al-



From left: Zulu King Misuzulu kaZwelithini. (Photo: Gallo Images / Darren Stewart) | Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi. (Photo: Gallo Images / Darren Stewart)

legations, while Inkosi Shinga said he wasn't stopping any traditional leaders from attending the meeting.

'All above board'

Meanwhile, Minister Thoko Didiza's spokesperson, Reggie Ngcobo, said there were no political considerations during the selection and appointment of the board.

"The board consists of the Ingonyama [King Misuzulu] or his nominee, who is the chairperson of the board, and four members appointed by the minister after consultation with the Ingonyama, the premier and the chairperson of the House of Traditional Leaders in the province and the other four members appointed by the minister with due regard to regional interests, in consultation with the premier, who shall consult the Ingonyama and the chairperson of the House of Traditional Leadership in KwaZulu-Natal," Ngcobo said in a statement.

The Ingonyama Trust has come under fire from land and human rights activists who say too much power is given to the Zulu king and traditional leaders who are using the land for their personal benefit. Some also say the trust discriminates against women in that they are denied access to and ownership of land.

The traditional leadership is becoming a hot campaign issue in KwaZulu-Natal, especially as the 2024 general elections draw closer.

Political analysts say the role played by Buthelezi in the days and weeks after the death of King Zwelithini worked in favour of the IFP - of which Buthelezi is a founding leader - in the November 2021 local government elections, in which the IFP did very well and was able to win many municipalities, especially in northern KZN.

Prof Bheki Mngomezulu, a political analyst based at the University of the Western Cape, said the IFP and the ANC are jostling to charm the king and win the electoral support of his subjects.

"Since the dawn of democracy, there has been wrestling between the ANC and the IFP for the control of the Zulu monarch. This is underpinned by the belief that if the Zulu king warms to any of the two parties, his subjects would vote for that party," Mngomezulu said.

Mpumelelo Zikalala, a Durban-based legal expert, said the Ingonyama Trust board was here to stay and its selection and appointment could not be legally challenged with any hope of success.

"We must remember that it is the prerogative of the minister to appoint the board after consulting with all the stakeholders. In this case, she has appointed people with technical and legal skills... She has appointed amakhosi to deal with issues of traditional leadership and she has consulted with the king to appoint people to represent the king.

"So, in terms of the composition of the board, the minister has done her work and anyone who challenges her and goes to court to say the appointment was wrong, will have to prove their case in court, which is something that will not be easy," said Zikalala, adding that no one has expressed a desire to challenge the minister on the appointment of the board.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday this week, King Misuzulu complained that the various cases lodged against him and his coronation are preventing him from fully performing his duties as the Zulu monarch. DM

Timeline of a royal succession

1968
Zulu King Cyprian Bhekuzulu dies of natural causes and Prince Mlawanda is appointed as the Zulu regent. Drama in the royal house comes to the fore after the discovery of a plot to poison Prince Goodwill Zwelithini - to prevent him from ascending to the throne - and he is spirited away to live with his relatives in rural Mpumalanga (then Northern Transvaal).

September 1969
Zulu prince and main contender to the throne, Goodwill Zwelithini, marries Sibongile Winifred in community of property.

December 1970
Prince Zwelithini is crowned as the new king of the Zulus.

March 2021
King Zwelithini dies in a Durban hospital from Covid and diabetes complications.

April 2021
The official mourning for the Zulu king ends and his will is read at a meeting attended by members of the royal family. In the will, Zwelithini nominates his wife as regent of the Zulus.

29 April 2021
Queen Mantfombi Dlamini-Zulu is buried in a private ceremony in KwaZulu-Natal after dying unexpectedly.

May 2021:
Queen Mantfombi's will is read by royal family lawyers. In it, she names her son as the successor to the Zulu monarch. This is accepted by some members of the Zulu royal family, while others reject it out of hand.

2 May 2021
Queen Sibongile Dlamini applies for an urgent court interdict seeking to set aside the implementation of the late king's will.

June 2021
Two of the late king's daughters, princesses Ntombeziso and Ntantokayise, launch a separate court application challenging the validity

of their father's will and interdicting the process of installing the new king.

2 December 2021
Prince Mboniso Zulu, the late king's half-brother, launches an urgent court interdict to prevent the process leading to the coronation of Prince Misuzulu as the new Zulu king.

11/12 January 2022
The Pietermaritzburg High Court hears arguments and counter-arguments on various aspects of the Zulu royal family disputes. Judgment on the matters is reserved.

13 August 2022
Prince Smakade is crowned by a faction of the Zulu royal family at the Enyokeni Royal House. Legal and Zulu tradition experts dispute the legality of his "coronation".

20 August 2022
Prince Misuzulu is crowned the Zulu king at Khangelamankengana Royal House.

Who is King Misuzulu kaZwelithini?
He was born on 23 September 1974 in Kwahlabisa to King Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu and Queen Mantfombi Dlamini-Zulu, the daughter of the late Eswatini King Sobhuza II.

He was educated privately at St Charles College in Pietermaritzburg and studied at Jacksonville University in the US, where he lived for several years. He is married to two wives, with three sons. DM



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TanESCO seeks bidders for Malagarasi power project

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Electricity Supply Company Limited (TanESCO) is seeking eligible bidders for the procurement of plant design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 49.5Megawatt Malagarasi Hydropower Plant Lot 1.

According to the tender's announcement made recently, the deadline for submission of sealed bidding documents is July 10th this year.

The Project's overall cost is estimated at US\$ 144.14 million and will be covered by the African Development Bank Group (from the ADB sovereign window), Africa Growing Together Fund (AGTF) and the government, contributing US\$120 million (83 percent), US\$20.00 million (14

percent) and US\$4.14 million (3 percent, in local currency) respectively, according to the project document available on the AfDB Group website.

In addition to the run-of-the river hydropower plant facility, the project will comprise a 132 kV transmission line, 54km long, to evacuate power to the national grid. Distribution network expansion including rural electrification and last-mile connections.

There will also be compensation and resettlement of project affected persons and will create about 700 jobs during construction.

The ministry of energy and TanESCO will be the executing and implementing agencies respectively and it is expected that the project will be completed by



2027. According to Project information sheet (project No P-TZ-FOB-004) the construction work was planned for Q4, 2021, following the approval of the concept note in Q1, 2020.

The overall objective of Malagarasi Hydropower Project (HPP) is to improve power supply in western Tanzania in addition to increasing the power generation capacity in order to foster socio-economic transformation.

The proposed 49.5 MW grid-connected hydropower plant

(with an average annual energy production of 181 GWh) will mainly serve the local demand in Kigoma and surrounding Regions comprising households and social services amenities (namely education, health and water supply facilities) including small and medium-sized enterprises.

Needs assessment show Kigoma Region has numerous opportunities emanating from the vast agricultural, water and mineral resources as well as tourism, trade and transportation.

These opportunities are not fully exploited due to the lack of adequate basic physical infrastructure.

Specifically, the combination of inadequate power supply and low electricity access is a significant barrier to the socio-economic development of Kigoma Region presently supplied by off-grid diesel power plants characterized by energy supply deficits in addition to high operational and maintenance costs.

Coupled with the ongoing

transmission network expansion projects in western Tanzania, Malagarasi hydropower plant (whose levelized cost of energy is US\$0.04/kWh and much cheaper than the existing fossil fuel generation estimated at US\$0.33/kWh) will provide a clean, reliable and affordable source of supply.

Besides improving the reliability and quality of service, the project will increase the use of renewables in the electricity generation mix thereby contributing to abatement of greenhouse gas emissions

Malagarasi hydropower site is one of the many untapped indigenous renewable and affordable energy resources which can be exploited sustainably to meet the national grid electricity demand in Kigoma Region.

The project analyses show that the its financial internal rate of return (FIRR) is 7.31 percent while the financial net present value (FNPV), discounted at a weighted average cost of capital of 3.7 percent, is US\$ 110.17 million.

On the other hand, the Project will yield a high economic internal rate of return (EIRR) of 17.56 percent (real) and an economic net present value (ENPV), discounted at the opportunity cost of capital of 12 percent (real), estimated at US\$73.09 million.

Local firm to benefit from carbon credit

By Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

IMPLEMENTERS of Tabora Carbon Credit are expected to harvest 1.5 billion cubic tonnes of greenhouse gas emission in the next 30 years, while ensuring that forest reserves remain sustainable, to create economic benefits to Tanzanians.

This was said by Livingway

(URT) Limited managing director Dr Ernest Irungu during the planting of 1,000 trees at Bugiri Secondary School in Chamwino district.

Dr Irungu said the project is being implemented in partnership with the government, through the Tanzania Forest Services (TFS), to ensuring that the forest are preserved and man-

aged professionally.

He said the objective they have to reach the targets, is by ensuring that there is a sustainable management of forests and environmental conservations.

"We will have sustainable administration which will closely supervise forests management, in partnership with the government through TFS, in order to

ensure that the community benefits through improvement of their livelihoods," he said.

He said apart from conservation, the communities will also get involved with beekeeping and its value chain, which will benefit various cooperative groups, individuals and the company by installing beehives in preserved forests to harvest honey.

"Through the benefits from carbon credit, the communities will also see the importance of forests, and this will automatically reduce tree cutting practices, as they will have alternative source of livelihoods," he said.

Dr Irungu said, there will also be sustainable agriculture projects, which will benefits communities through sustainable crops

and fruits growing, as well as processing projects, before reaching the market.

Deputy Minister in office of the Vice President, Union and Environment Hamza Khamisi has called for stakeholders to increase awareness on the benefits of carbon credits and related opportunities. He said the global is currently facing the challenge

of environmental degradation, which has resulted into an emergence of various diseases caused by the climate change.

"I congratulate this institution to continue supporting the government efforts in environmental conservation and this should not be done in Dodoma but in other areas of Tanzania in both mainland and Isles," he said.

Black Rock seals graphite fines offtake for its Mahenge project

Guardian Correspondent & Agencies

BLACK Rock Mining has signed a binding off take agreement with strategic alliance partner POSCO covering all of the planned life-of-mine graphite fines for Module 1 of the Mahenge project, in Tanzania.

The agreement includes a \$10-million pre-payment commitment which is linked to an industry pricing benchmark, with the funding to be used as part of the construction financing for the Mahenge project.

"This is a significant milestone outcome for all stakeholders as we confirm a major component of our market entry strategy is now in place. The binding agreements with POSCO provide critical customer validation that we have a commercial and high value graphite

product that will be sold as a qualified production to consumer markets under a long term contracted offtake," said Black Rock CEO John de Vries on Monday.

"Mahenge is the only large-scale ex China graphite project to achieve this outcome," he added.

"Secondly, this cornerstone's Mahenge's robust forecast economics, providing a runway to finalising the debt finance process. The company continues to progress its project debt financing process through advisors ICA Partners with credit-approved term sheets anticipated in the second quarter of 2023."

Black Rock recently signed a memorandum of understanding with POSCO over the natural large flake graphite concentrate expected from the Module 1 operation at Mahenge.

A recent independent review of

the front-end engineering design and an updated definitive feasibility study (eDFS) for the Mahenge graphite project have increased the project's costs from the \$116-million considered in the 2019 definitive feasibility study to \$182-million.

The eDFS has increased the estimated Phase 1 production from 83 000 t/y of graphite to 89 000 t/y, with the mine life remaining unchanged at 26 years.

Steady-state production has increased from an expected 340 000 t/y of graphite to 347 000 t/y, with the all-in sustaining cost now estimated at \$518/t, up from the \$494/t estimated in 2019, with throughput rates increasing from 1-million tonnes a year to 1.15-million tonnes year.

The Mahenge Project is spread across 324 square kilometres of ex-



ploration tenements in Tanzania's Ulanga district, approximately 250 km north of the border with Mozambique.

The company has also MOU signed with Tanzania Zambia Railway Au-

thority (TAZARA) for the transportation of graphite from the Mahenge Graphite Project.

According to the company quarterly activities report for March, 2023, the agreement establishes a

framework for a binding agreement to transport graphite produced by Black Rock at Mahenge to the Port of Dar es Salaam, via an existing railway siding and rail lines owned by TAZARA.

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) started the week in a low note, after recording the turnover of 36m/- following the transaction of 56,516 shares traded in 54 deals, compared with a turnover of 4.7bn/- recorded during the closing day of last week.

However, the market was supplied with nearly three million shares on offer, with CRDB Bank Plc and Vodacom Tanzania counters leading with nearly 2.3 million outstanding offers.

Vodacom counter had 1.14 million outstanding offers while CRDB Bank Plc, the most active counter has 1.1 million outstanding offers, according to the Monday's daily market report.

The activities were dominated by local investors who accounted for 100 percent of the value of shares bought, with foreign investors participation involved a sellout of shares valued 260,000/-.

The report shows cross listed East African Breweries

Limited (EABL) and Nation Media Group (NMG) were the top gainers, after their shares appreciated by 0.82 percent and 9.94 percent respectively.

Top movers were CRDB Bank Plc which recorded a turnover of 21.9mn/- following the transaction of 45,768 shares traded at a price of 480/- per share in 31 deals, followed by NICO which transacted 4,602 shares valued 1.89mn/-, traded at a price ranging from 410/ and 415/- per share in two deals.

Self-listed DSE was third top mover after transacting 4,415 shares valued 8.3mn/- traded at a price of 1,900/- per shares in four deals.

Other active counters were Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL), which recorded a turnover of 1.7mn/- following the transaction of 1,000 shares traded at a price of 1,720/- per share in one deal and NMB Bank Plc, which transacted 300 shares valued 1.08mn/- traded at a price of 3,600/- traded in one deal.

The dominant counter Tanzania Tea Packaging Company (TTP) was also active fol-

DSE opens the week on a low note



lowing the transaction of 100 shares valued 12,000/- traded

at a price of 120/- per share in one deal while Vodacom Tan-

zania recorded a turnover of 81,000/- following the trans-

action of 110 shares traded at a price of 740/- per share in

four deals.

Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC) counter recorded a turnover of 779,200/- following the transaction of 191 shares traded at a price ranging between 4,000/- and 4,080/- per share in two deals, while DCB Commercial Bank counter recorded a turnover of 16,650/- following the transaction of 90 shares traded at a price of 185/- per share in four deals.



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AU activists want national parks' entry fees reduced

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

PANAFRICANISM activists who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro with the African Union (AU) flag to commemorate its 60th anniversary, have advised the Tanzanian government to lower park fees for African citizens to attract more tourists from the AU member states.

Speaking with The Guardian recently in Moshi during their descending from the mountain, Munyaradzi Muzenda from Zimbabwe appealed to Tanzania government to lower park fees for African nationals.

"I know that the government of Tanzania has lowered park fees for East African citizens to attract more tourists from neighbouring countries; but myself I have always been charged as a European or Americans though I mostly climb Mount Kilimanjaro for the cause," Munyaradzi

Muzenda who is also the Director for the African Great Art Banner (GAAB) lamented. He further explained that, they have planned to attract more Africans from all AU member states countries to come in Tanzania and climb Mount Kilimanjaro-The Roof of Africa to promote the 2063 African Agenda of the 'Africa We Want'.

From 20 to 26 May, 2023, a group of 8-people from some East African Community member states with African Union (AU) flag as well as different of flags of some African countries had a special 7-day Mount Kilimanjaro Expedition through Machame route, as a part of their activities.

The group was leading by a professional Mountain guide, Emmanuel Motta who is also the Director of the tourism company called ORIGIN Trails.

"We used Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa and one of the most



The director of Zimbabwe-based African Great Art Banner, Munyaradzi Muzenda (L), presents the AU flag to the director of ORIGIN Trails, Emmanuel Motta, soon after ascending on top of Mount Kilimanjaro in commemorating the AU's 60th anniversary. Photo by James Lanka

tourist attractions in the country as a special platform to unite young Africans with different dreams and visions through the art of painting," Motta explained.

"This program that we will use will help promote Mount Kilimanjaro as a mass tourism destination because I think there are not many Africans who climb Mount Kilimanjaro, they are few, and

those who climb are from other continents," explained Motta. "We will announce this mountain to all African countries to young people and all those who have a vision about Africa. We want a platform that includes everyone. A person can contribute to explain the Africa he wants. If he is a painter, he will draw a picture about the Africa he wants. A singer will

sing a song about the Africa he wants. A writer can write the Africa you want, but all these will be sent to painters to paint our ideas that we cannot paint like them."

He has said that after the pictures are drawn and placed on cloths, they will take them directly to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, the goal being to promote Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa.

For her part, Faith Agumya, a Ugandan national who launched her book on the highest peak of Mount Kilimanjaro-UHURU Peak (5,895m ASL) explained that, she thought that climbing mount Kilimanjaro was easy challenge, but later on she experienced that it was tough challenge, asked the young Africans to use such opportunity to show the

various talents they have as part of employment.

"This event is a good opportunity for painters because they can create many permanent jobs when we are heading towards this important day for Africans, this is a great job opportunity but people don't see that, most people have been just waiting to be told."

Fred Barungi also from Uganda who didn't reach the highest top of the mountain explained that he always like to challenge himself, so next time he will come back to Tanzania to climb Mount Kilimanjaro to make sure that he is reaching its highest peak.

"I experienced Mount Kilimanjaro as a good teacher as I really learnt many things including weather changing, rain forests, deserts and various friendly wild animals and birds, among many others, but it really needs determination to reach the top!" he explained adding that, "I will very old to forget the mountain challenges."

A senior television journalist and Film maker from Kenya Yassin Juma explained that, they are going to produce a special documentary during 7-days Mount Kilimanjaro which will be used to unite all African particularly on some 'burning' issues like free visas, and borderless Africa.

Dr Mpango lauds NBC Bank for supporting local governments

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has commended the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) for its continued support to Local Government Authorities in the country, which has greatly spurred development, especially at the grassroots level.

Dr Mpango also expressed satisfaction with the bank's growth rate, which enabled it to pay a government dividend worth 6bn/- following its significant business success in 2022. He urged the bank's management to keep pace so that its contribution to the people's economy becomes even more effective and helps to further boost the country's economy.

Speaking to the NBC management during his visit to the bank's booth at the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) in Arusha early this week, Dr Mpango said the bank's significant cooperation with local government authorities in the provision of financial services and support for various development projects has been a significant propellant of development at the grassroots level.

NBC was among the sponsors of the meeting, which was officially opened by the Vice President.

"I applaud NBC's excellent work in reaching the level of providing comprehensive services, but I still emphasize the need for the bank to continue with its strategic plan to provide affordable financial services so that many Tanzanians can benefit. This call goes out to all financial institutions in the country so they can help Tanzanians as much as possible, with the goal of empowering them to increase their capital and help shape an inclusive economy," he emphasized.

Elibariki Masuke, NBC Bank Director for Retail Banking who represented NBC Bank's Managing Director, expressed satisfaction with the good relationship between the bank and ALAT while promising to continue working with the body in its efforts to promote good governance and development in the country.

"We are happy to receive such praise and a call from Vice President Dr. Philip Mpango. We also recognize the good work of local government authorities in leading the economic development of our country. Their good work has continued to benefit



Vice President Dr. Philip Mpango (second from left) gets explanations from NBC Bank Director for Retail Banking, Elibariki Masuke (R), during his visit to the bank's booth at the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Local Government Authorities Tanzania (ALAT) held in Arusha early this week. NBC Bank was one of the sponsors of the meeting. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

many Tanzanians. As a bank that serves our nation well, NBC Bank promises to provide banking solutions that meet the needs of the people." He added.

Masuke said the bank is also among the largest taxpayers who contributed over 66.5bn/- to the national treasury in 2022.

During the same period, the bank paid a government dividend worth 6bn/- "We are pleased to be an important partner and contributor to the national development agenda, and we are committed to continuing to help. Our doors remain open

to serve not only the government and public servants but all Tanzanians."

NBC Bank offers various electronic services to District and Municipal Councils in revenue collection and payment solutions that reduce financial costs.

This capability is further strengthened by its government payment system, NBC Wakala's extensive network, POS machines, and secure payment and collection management that is more convenient.

The bank recently launched its digital banking

service known as "NBC Connect," which aims to facilitate online payments, among other things. The bank also offers various loan services to meet the needs of institutions, companies, and individuals.

"Moreover, we continue to be involved in important government projects to lead economic development, including the SGR railway construction project. We have also been supporting special groups such as SMEs, the agriculture value chain, AMCOS, Machingas, Motorcycle drivers, and other groups," said Masuke.

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIAN youth have been urged to establish businesses rather than sit around and wait for employment so that they can become financially independent and free to shape their own economies.

Experts in financial management believe that doing this will enable young people to make contributions to the growth and development of the nation.

"Youths must develop the desire to be part of social and economic sources by initiating their own sources of finance, using the advantage of technological development," said Peter Asare Nyarko, the Executive Director of the Centre for Financial Literacy Education Africa and Lead, during The African Youth and Money Conference that was held in Dar es Salaam.

"While they are still in colleges, universities, or other educational institutions, they should have critical minds to choose who they want to be, how to handle challenges in life, and how to effect positive social change."

However, he urged, "They should have financial discipline to save what they gain and invest in different areas."

One of the leading proponents of financial literacy and the financial movement in Africa, Nyarko, said,

Youths urged to establish businesses



Participants and influencers for the African Youth and Money Conference held in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

"They should create innovative solutions to the challenges they face and this would have a transformational impact in the country."

Gloria Anderson, the executive director of Tanzania Enlightenment Development Innovations (TED), advised the youths to invest in ideas for job

creation and to be eager to explore for chances. "The future is in their control," she said, "Therefore they should recognise their strength and work together with inspiring individuals to make improvements in their lives."

As the government cannot employ every young

person, according to Lawrence Mlaki, Chief Executive Officer of Lase Securities Limited, young people must engage with many motivational platforms in order to contribute to the ongoing country reform and progress.

"They should maintain their focus and develop

pertinent skills in the area of their interest.

He counseled young people to continue building their skills so they can benefit from the opportunities the nation offers.

In order to create lasting prosperity, he stated, "Youths must engage in sustainable development from the areas of economy, environment, and society."

The goal of the first conference, according to the conference coordinator Reinafrida Rwezaura from Muka Tanzania Limited, was to educate people on financial management and discipline for a healthier retirement. The majority of the attendees came from colleges and universities and they were lectured on finance management by a number of motivational speakers who came from different countries including South Africa.

The conference was supported by among others, Centre for Financial Literacy Education Africa, Ev Mark, UTT AMIS, Lase Solution, Gyges Investment Limited, Songea Mississippi, Myles Leadership University and African Youth and Money Conference.

WORLD

S. Africa grants Putin, other Russian officials diplomatic immunity for BRICS summit

CAPE TOWN

SOUTH African government has granted diplomatic immunity to all international participants, including Russia President Vladimir Putin and other Russian officials, at BRICS-related events to be held in the country, local media reported.

The immunities and privileges in terms of the United Nations Convention grant immunity from personal arrest or detention. A gazetted notice was issued by the International Relations and Cooperation Minister Naledi Pandor for the Diplomatic Immunity and Privileges Act to be granted to all international officials at BRICS-related events in the country, according to the Daily Maverick, a South African-based publication.

The notice, signed on May 19 and gazetted on Monday, states that Putin and his international counterparts will be granted immunities and privileges provided in terms of Section 6(1)(a) of the act.

A spokesperson for Pandor said the notice was "routine", and such notices were issued every time there was a similar international meeting in South Africa.

The act states that this immunity is granted to officials and experts of the United Nations, any specialised agency or organisation, and representatives of any state participating in an international conference or meeting convened in South Africa.

Section 6(1)(a) of the act sets out that immunities "are specifically provided for in the Convention on the Privileges and

Immunities of the United Nations, 1946, or the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the specialised agencies, 1947, as the case may be, in respect of the participation in conferences and meetings".

"Immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage, and, in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in their capacity as representatives, immunity from legal process of every kind," the document reads.

A warrant for Putin's arrest was issued by the International Criminal Court in The Hague in March, and since South Africa is a member of the formation, it is obliged to arrest Putin when he is in the country.

Despite this, South Africa, as the current chair of the BRICS alliance, has officially invited Putin to the summit in August.

The International Relations Department is also seeking a legal opinion on how to deal with the ICC's arrest warrant. Putin's possible attendance at BRICS has been a bone of contention since the warrant was issued.

It has now been confirmed that Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will take part in the BRICS foreign ministers meeting in Cape Town on Thursday and Friday.

Meanwhile, Opposition leader John Steenhuisen filed an application seeking an urgent order to the government to arrest Putin if the ICC requests South Africa to arrest him if he sets foot in the country, the Daily Maverick reported.



Russia President Vladimir Putin

Steenhuisen, has requested a three-part order, which seeks to confirm that the other respondents to his application are obliged to ensure that Putin is arrested if he enters South Africa.

Steenhuisen seeks an order confirming that the director-general of justice, on receipt of a request from the ICC to arrest and surrender Putin, must forward the arrest warrant to a magistrate.

The other respondents are the President, the minister and the director-general of Justice and Constitutional Development, the minister and director-general of International Relations and Cooperation, the minister and the national commissioner of police and the Deputy President.

The South African government had indicated that it is seeking a legal loophole that would allow it to host Putin without violating the ICC Rome Statute. This loophole would be found in Article 98 of the Rome Statute.

While Article 27 of the Rome Statute stipulates that even sitting heads of state are not immune from prosecution by the ICC, Article 98 appears to provide an exception to this general rule.

Article 98(1) states, "The Court may not proceed with a request for surrender or assistance

which would require the requested State [in this case South Africa] to act inconsistently with its obligations under international law with respect to the State or diplomatic immunity of a person ... of a third State, [in this case Putin and Russia] unless the Court can first obtain the cooperation of that third State for the waiver of the immunity."

On the face of it, this article appears to suggest that the ICC could not ask Pretoria to arrest and hand over Putin unless Russia agreed to waive Putin's immunity from prosecution - which Moscow would obviously not give.

South Africa tried to invoke Article 98 when the ICC asked it to arrest and surrender then-Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir. But the ICC ruled then that because the UN Security Council had referred the Sudan situation to the ICC, Article 98 did not apply.

However, the Ukraine situation under which the ICC issued a warrant of arrest for Putin, was not referred to the ICC by the UN Security Council. It was taken up by the ICC prosecutor.

South Africa might face an even greater obstacle in its own ICC Implementation Act which is also explicit that sitting heads of state do not enjoy immunity from prosecution - but without any qualification like Article 98, the Daily Maverick reported.

ANI

Sudan army, rival force agree to 5-day extension of ceasefire

RIYADH/KHARTOUM

THE Sudanese Army and the Rapid Support Forces on Monday agreed to a five-day extension of a ceasefire agreement they signed on May 20 after negotiations in the Saudi Arabian city of Jeddah, Al Arabiya News reported.

The two sides stressed commitment to allowing safe passage of all civilians from conflict areas and protecting civilian supplies.

The Agreement on a Short-Term Ceasefire and Humanitarian Arrangements was reached through negotiations that started on May 6 under a Saudi-US initiative with the aim of ending the conflict in Sudan and facilitating the access of humanitarian aid to civilians.

The seven-day truce, which entered into force on May 22, was scheduled to expire at 9:45 pm local time (1945 GMT) on Monday.

Clashes erupt before ceasefire deal expires

Violent clashes broke out in Sudan's capital Khartoum between the Sudanese Army and the RSF on Monday, just a few hours before the ceasefire deal between the two sides would expire.

According to eyewitnesses, the clashes took place in Omdurman and Bahri (Khartoum North) cities, where the Sudanese Army launched airstrikes on RSF sites in the two cities, while the RSF responded with anti-aircraft missiles.

Sudan has been witnessing deadly armed clashes between the Sudanese Army and the RSF in Khartoum and other areas since April 15.

In its latest update on the situation in Sudan on Wednesday, the International Organization for Migration said the conflict in Sudan has forced more than 1.36 million people to flee their homes, including nearly 320,000 who escaped to neighboring countries.

According to a report of the Sudanese Doctors Syndicate on Sunday, the casualty toll of civilians since the beginning of the clashes has climbed to 866 deaths and 3,721 injuries.

UAE participates in G20 Trade and Investment Working Group Meeting in India

BENGALURU

JUMA Al Kait, Assistant Undersecretary for Foreign Trade Affairs at the Ministry of Economy, has led a delegation from the UAE Ministry of Economy to the second G20 Trade and Investment Working Group Meeting (TIWG) in May in Bengaluru, India.

The three-day forum, held under India's G20 Presidency, brought together more than 100 delegates from G20 member countries, invitee countries, regional groupings, and international organisations to discuss critical global trade and investment issues.

The G20's ongoing work on trade and investment builds on the key outcomes of the 12th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation (MC12) in Geneva, which included significant breakthroughs on fishing subsidies and dispute resolution. It now seeks to accelerate WTO reform to guarantee an open, inclusive, and transparent global trading system, which is vital for ensuring growth and opportunity for all member nations.

During the TIWG meeting, Al Kait reiterated the UAE's commitment to driving the WTO reform agenda, which is a key priority as the nation prepares to host MC13 in Abu Dhabi in February 2024.

He also stressed the importance of cross-border cooperation in building resilience across global value chains, underlining the need to enhance the participation of small and medium-sized businesses and design policies that encourage diversification of import sources.

Al Kait also welcomed the discussions around the digitalisation of trade, especially as it relates to enabling businesses to bring new products and services to a greater number of digitally connected customers across the globe, which he said is a critical driver to increasing the scale, scope, and speed of international trade.

He stated that accelerating investment in digital supply chain solutions remains high on the UAE's economic agenda, affirming that the UAE is committed to establishing virtual trade corridors to facilitate seamless, paperless trade using digital exchange systems.

Al Kait added, "The UAE's participation in the G20 trade and investment track reflects our growing role in driving cooperation and consensus on critical issues impacting international trade.

These discussions will contribute greatly to shaping WTO reform and ensuring the multilateral trading system meets the needs of the 21st century."

Progress achieved through the G20's various working groups will be taken forward to the upcoming G20 Leaders' Summit, which is set to take place on September 9-10 in New Delhi, India.

ANI

What is known about drone attack on Moscow, Moscow Region

MOSCOW

MOSCOW and the Moscow Region were attacked by drones early yesterday morning. Several buildings sustained minor damage, Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyenin said. According to the authorities, there were no casualties and emergency services are continuing to work at the scene.

TASS has gathered the main facts about the incident.

Initial reports

Early yesterday morning, Russia's Emergencies Ministry told TASS that ministry staff were investigating an incident in the Moscow suburbs, in which windows in a high-rise apartment building had been blown out. Fire and rescue units

arrived at the scene. There were no signs of fire. According to eyewitnesses, the sound of an explosion was heard at the time of the incident.

- Emergency services told TASS that drone-like fragments were found around the house. The windows of apartments on three floors were shattered.

- It later became known that law enforcement personnel were verifying information about explosions in two other multi-story apartment buildings in the west and southwest of Moscow. There were also broken windows in some apartments.

Reaction of authorities

- Sobyenin confirmed the drone attack yesterday morning. As a result, according to him, several



buildings sustained minor damage.

- According to the mayor, there are no casualties in the capital and all of the city's emergency services are working at the scene.

- Emergency services evacuated the residents of two apartment buildings

damaged by the drones. Once all necessary work is completed, the residents will be able to return to their homes.

- Several drones were shot down as they approached the capital, Moscow Region Governor Andrey Vorobyov said.

Situation now

- Traffic is blocked in the western and southwestern parts of Moscow, according to the city's transport department.

- Domodedovo, Vnukovo and Zhukovsky airports are operating as usual, representatives of two of the airports told TASS. **Agencies**

US urged to destroy chemical weapons stockpile as promised

BEIJING

A CHINESE defense spokesperson on Monday urged the United States to fulfill its commitments and adhere to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) by taking concrete actions.

Tan Kefei, spokesperson for China's Ministry of National Defense, made the remarks during a press conference while addressing the US claim of destroying its chemical weapons stockpile by autumn this year.

Tan said that since the CWC

came into effect 26 years ago, over 99 percent of the world's chemical weapons stockpiles have been eliminated. Seven out of the eight countries that declared chemical weapons stockpiles have completed the destruction of their chemical weapons.

As stipulated by the Convention, the destruction of stockpiled chemical weapons should be completed within 10 years of its enactment in 1997.

Tan also said the destruction process of Japan's abandoned chemical weapons in China is severely lag-

ging behind, and the destruction plan has been overdue many times.

China urges Japan to enhance its sense of urgency and step up actions to ensure these abandoned chemical weapons' early destruction in a clean and thorough manner, Tan said. **Xinhua**

African youth call for food systems overhaul to realise sustainability agenda

NAIROBI

THE shift from chemical-intensive to eco-friendly food production systems in Africa is urgent to help the continent tackle rural poverty, hunger, and climate emergencies, youthful green campaigners said on Monday.

The youth from 24 African countries urged large-scale adoption of nature-based farming systems, adding they were key to food security and climate resilience. Convened by Alliance

for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), a coalition of green lobbies, the three-day summit that ended in the eastern Kenyan county of Machakos resolved to place the youth at the heart of the continent's quest for transition to agricultural systems that are in harmony with ecosystems' health.

Million Belay, the general coordinator of AFSA, emphasized that Africa's ability to realize a green, resilient, and hunger-free future hinged on empowering small-holder farmers to pro-

duce food in a nature-sensitive manner. "We are advocating for production of food in a way that does not hurt the environment but promotes climate resilience," Belay said, adding that organically grown food will boost health outcomes of Africa's grassroots communities.

Kenya hosted the first youth summit on food systems under the theme of "Nurturing the Future: Youth leading the way in agroecology farming for healthy diets in Africa."

"The summit adopted an

ambitious roadmap that called for a systemic shift to food systems that are in harmony with nature in order to tackle the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. "By adopting agroecology, we nurture a regenerative and inclusive food system that respects our cultural heritage, preserves our social values, and safeguards our African identity," the youth said in a communique. The youth also said that guaranteeing them land rights, access to capital, in-

novations, and markets will be key to promoting their participation in nature-friendly farming practices.

Realizing food systems transformation in Africa, with the youth at the center, demands policy reforms, training, and access to green farm inputs like fertilizer and seeds alongside innovations that promote value addition, said Joyce Brown, the coordinator of AFSA Youth Platform.

Brown said that African youth are keen to be at the frontline of

restoring food production systems to make them more resilient to extreme weather events, pests, and diseases, subject to the creation of an enabling policy and regulatory environment.

She added that African youth have leveraged best practices elsewhere alongside indigenous knowledge and innovations to practice farming systems that promote green transition and sustainable livelihoods.

Elujulo Opeyemi, the founder and executive director of Nigeria's Youth in Agroecology and

Restoration Network, said that improving the technical competence of African youth, providing them with capital, and linking them to markets is key to accelerating the uptake of green farming.



The summit adopted an ambitious roadmap that called for a systemic shift to food systems that are in harmony

Shenzhou XVI spaceship docks with space station combination

BEIJING/JIUQUAN

CHINA'S Shenzhou XVI crewed spaceship successfully docked with the space station combination yesterday, according to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA).

The spaceship, launched on Tuesday morning, conducted a fast automated rendezvous and docking with the space station, and docked with the radial port of its core module Tianhe at 4:29 pm yesterday (Beijing Time), said the CMSA.

The whole process took approximately 6.5 hours, the CMSA said.

The astronaut trio aboard Shenzhou XVI will then enter the Tianhe module and the three astronauts of the Shenzhou XV mission have got ready for their arrival, it said.

The spaceship, atop a Long March-2F carrier rocket, blasted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China at 9:31 am Tuesday (Beijing Time), sending three astronauts to the space for a five-month mission.

About 10 minutes after the launch, Shenzhou XVI separated from the rocket and entered its designated orbit. The crew members, consisting of Jing Haipeng, Zhu Yangzhu and Gui Haichao, are in good shape and the launch is a complete success, the CMSA said.

It is the first crewed mission for the application and development stage of China's space station, and the 29th flight mission since the country's manned space program was approved and initiated.

Intensive tasks

During their mission, the Shenzhou XVI astronauts will conduct large-scale in-orbit tests and experiments in various fields.

"The crew will conduct more than 50 in-orbit tests and experiments on space science and application payloads, the highest so far by any Chi-

nese team who has been to space," said Huang Weifen, chief designer of the China manned space program's astronaut system.

They are expected to make high-level scientific achievements in the study of novel quantum phenomena, hi

Like its predecessors, the crew will give space class to students on Earth and conduct other public welfare activities, Huang said.

They will also carry out in-orbit health monitoring and physical exercises, training and rehearsals, extravehicular activities as well as equipment installation, debugging, maintenance and repair, and material management.

In order to improve the quality of work and life of the astronauts in the space station, the diet of the astronauts has been optimized.

"We have developed 11 types of new food, and the Shenzhou XVI crew will enjoy more than 150 kinds of food and drinks," Huang said.

She also revealed that the astronauts have carried a plant cultivation device to the space station, which will not only provide a small number of fresh vegetables and fruit in orbit but also help regulate their emotional and psychological well-being through planting.

Future missions

The Shenzhou XVI crew will witness the dockings of the Tianzhou-5 cargo craft and the Shenzhou XVII crewed spaceship, as well as the departures of the Shenzhou XV manned spaceship and Tianzhou-5, the CMSA deputy director Lin Xiqiang told a press conference on Monday.

As China's space station has entered the stage of application and development, the handover of works of different groups of astronauts and cargo supply missions will be implemented regularly in the following flight missions after Shenzhou XVI.

Large-scale space science and technology experiments will be carried



Jing Haipeng (C), Zhu Yangzhu (right), and Gui Haichao meet the media at a send-off ceremony early on the morning of yesterday in front of their residential building at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwestern China's Gobi Desert. CHINA DAILY

out in the following missions, including almost 1,000 scientific research and application projects in four fields, namely space life science and human body research, microgravity physics science, space astronomy and Earth science, and new space technology and application, Lin said.

China will launch an extension module at an appropriate time and expand the basic configuration of the space station from the current T shape to a cross shape to further support the in-orbit scientific experiments and create better working and living conditions for astronauts.

Common cause of humanity

With the ability to carry out crewed missions on a regular basis with a frequency of twice a year, China is looking forward to and welcomes the participation of foreign astronauts in the country's space station flight missions.

Lin said China is steadily pushing forward the planned cooperation projects with the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, the European

Space Agency and other organizations.



This combo photo taken yesterday shows the Shenzhou XVI manned spaceship, atop a Long March-2F carrier rocket, being launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China. XINHUA

Meanwhile, China has actively expanded exchanges with emerging space nations, focusing on in-orbit scientific experiments and applications, and joint flights for astronauts to the space station, he added.

The Shenzhou XVI mission has brought "special gifts" in the form of paintings by children from 10 African countries that convey good wishes for China's space station.

Exploring the vast universe is the common cause of all humanity and a shared dream of the whole society, regardless of race and age, said Jing Haipeng, commander of the Shenzhou XVI crew.

"This time, we are honored to bring our children's best youth, friendship, and dreams into space. We should sow the seeds of science, friendship, and dreams on China's space station and let them take root and blossom," the commander added.

Xinhua

Vitamin D affects growing neurons in brain's dopamine circuit - study

BRISBANE

USING cutting-edge technologies, neuroscientists at The University of Queensland have discovered how vitamin D deficiency impacts growing neurons in schizophrenia.

Professor Darryl Eyles has built on past research out of his laboratory at the Queensland Brain Institute linking maternal vitamin D deficiency and brain development disorders, such as schizophrenia, to understand the functional changes taking place in the brain.

Schizophrenia is associated with many developmental risk factors, both genetic and environmental.

While the precise neurological causes of the disorder are unknown, what is known is that schizophrenia is associated with a pronounced change in the way the brain uses dopamine, the neurotransmitter often referred to as the brain's 'reward molecule'.

Professor Eyles has followed the mechanisms that might relate to abnormal dopamine release and discovered that maternal vitamin D deficiency affects the early development and later differentiation of dopaminergic neurons.

The team at the Queensland Brain Institute developed dopamine-like cells to replicate the process of differentiation into early dopaminergic neurons that usually takes place during embryonic development.

They cultured the neurons both in the presence and absence of the active vitamin D hormone. In three different model systems they showed dopamine neurite outgrowth was markedly increased. They then showed alterations in the distribution of presynaptic proteins responsible for dopamine release within these neurites.

"What we found was the altered differentiation process in the presence of vitamin D not only makes the cells grow differently, but recruits machinery to release dopamine differently," Professor Eyles said.

Using a new visualisation tool known as false fluorescent neurotransmitters, the team could then analyse the functional changes in presynaptic dopamine uptake and release in the presence and absence of vitamin D.

They showed that dopamine release was enhanced in cells grown in the presence of the hormone compared to a control.

"This is conclusive evidence that vitamin D affects the structural differentiation of dopaminergic neurons."

Leveraging advances in targeting and visualising single molecules within presynaptic nerve terminals has enabled Professor Eyles and his team to further explore their long-standing belief that maternal vitamin D deficiency changes how early dopaminergic circuits are formed.

ANI

Asian leaders longing for stronger multilateral free trade

TOKYO

ASIAN leaders have voiced their wish for strengthening free economic and trade connections among regional countries, warning that protectionism will only bring a more fragmented global economy.

The leaders exchanged opinions here at the 28th Future of Asia Forum, where political, economic and academic leaders from the Asia-Pacific region offered their views on regional issues and the role of Asia in the world.

The two-day annual forum starting on Thursday was organized by the Nihon Keizai Shim-

bun.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance of Singapore Lawrence Wong said that a big risk facing the world is "rising protectionism that is undermining the multilateral trading system and the global economy," warning that the so-called de-risking measures would "prompt reactions and unintended consequences. Over time, we will end up with a more fragmented and decoupled global economy."

In order to emphasize the importance of multilateral relations among regional countries, "Sri Lanka will apply for membership with the RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Part-



Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam Tran Luu Quang delivers a speech at the Nikkei Forum "Future of Asia" in Tokyo on May 25, 2023. AFP

nership) with the aim of achieving a higher level of economic liberalization," Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe said. The two leaders proposed re-strengthening the World Trade Organization to address

the headwinds facing multilateral free trade negotiations at the global trade body.

For his part, Lao President Thongloun Sisoulith expressed his willingness to "increase land connectivity with neighboring countries to facilitate trade expansion".

There is "no risk of falling into a debt trap caused by the railroad," Thongloun said, referring to the China-Laos Railway that connects Vientiane in Laos with China's southwestern city of Kunming. He condemned the so-called "debt trap" narrative as nothing but groundless rumors.

Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Tran Luu Quang said

that Asia continues to see robust economic growth while the global economy is slowing down, and that Asia must fully demonstrate its potential, strength, and responsibility to increase its contribution to solving challenges facing humanity.

In order to sustainably promote multilateral cooperation, he said, it is important to build an international system based on rules with the UN Charter at its core, and greater unity is needed.

Wong said that the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries "do not want to be forced to choose sides" and "nobody wants to see a new Cold War."

Wickremesinghe warned that woes in US-China relations will set back intra-regional integration of trade in Asia, and the middle-income Asian countries will suffer losses.

Many regional countries and China are economically interdependent, he said, opposing the bifurcation of Asia.

Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai warned that if Asia continues to be divided geopolitically and strategically, it will not be able to play a due role in solving global issues and the concept of the "Asian Century" will be forgotten.

Xinhua

Son follows father's selfless footsteps to Africa

THIRTY years ago, 53-year-old Jia Cen was working as a pediatrician in Rwanda as part of a team sent by China on a two-year aid mission. Today, his son Jia Jianhong, 54, is working as a translator for the 23rd Chinese medical team dispatched to the African country.

Both father and son are from the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region People's Hospital.

"My father's experience made me yearn to get involved in foreign aid work," said Jia Jianhong, director of the hospital's international cooperation office, who arrived in Rwanda with 14 others last December on a one-year aid mission.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the dispatching of Chinese medical teams to foreign countries.

Over the years, Chinese doctors have treated patients, exchanged ideas with local doctors and shared their experience and technology across the vast African continent.

Back in 1991, Jia Cen was the hospital's deputy director of general pediatrics at a time when the autonomous region's health department was preparing to send the 6th na-



Jia Jianhong talks to patients in a hospital in Rwanda on May 4. File photo

tional medical team to Rwanda.

"As a Party member, I felt I should respond to the call and help the African people. So I applied to join without hesitation," he recalled.

He arrived in Rwanda in April 1992. Based in a hospital in Rwanda's Eastern province, which is about 160 kilometers from the capital, Kigali, they were faced with basic working conditions, scarce medical resources and a language barrier.

Although many of the details are now blurred in his memory, Jia Cen still remembers the first sentence he learned in the local language - asking patients if they had a cough.

For him, it is a source of pride to see his son follow in his footsteps and serve as a translator for the medical team, helping patients, local doctors and the medical team members communicate.

Since they arrived in Rwanda, Jia Jianhong and his colleagues have not only carried out routine diagnosis and treatment work, but have also spent time engaging with the people, including during Chinese Anesthesia Week, when they shared ideas and best practices for administering anesthesia and managing pain during surgical procedures with Rwandan doctors, and donated medical supplies.

He still remembers returning to China through Tanzania in April 1994.

"Team members paid to help some poor children go to school and bought them books and stationery," he said, adding that Rwanda has undergone remarkable changes since his father worked there.

"Many people can speak a few words of Chinese, and many wear T-shirts with Chinese characters." From time to time, father and son talk via video call and discuss the changes in Rwanda.

When Jia Cen worked in Rwanda, it would take several months to receive a letter from China because of the lack of transportation and poor communication between local postal workers and the Chinese team members.

He still remembers returning to China through Tanzania in April 1994.

"In one Tanzanian village, people boiled hot water for us with a kerosene stove when they learned that we were a medical team from China," he recalled.

"We deeply felt their friendship. I think it is precisely because of the selfless assistance of our motherland to Africa that we were treated so warmly."

He said he has always told his son to take advantage of his expertise and serve as a bridge of friendship between the Chinese and African peoples.

Artificial intelligence could lead to extinction, experts warn

ARTIFICIAL intelligence could lead to the extinction of humanity, experts - including the heads of OpenAI and Google Deepmind - have warned.

Dozens have supported a statement published on the webpage of the Centre for AI Safety.

"Mitigating the risk of extinction from AI should be a global priority alongside other societal-scale risks such as pandemics and nuclear war" it reads.

But others say the fears are overblown.

Sam Altman, chief executive of ChatGPT-maker OpenAI, Demis Hassabis, chief executive of Google DeepMind and Dario Amodei of Anthropic have all supported the statement.

The Centre for AI Safety website suggests a number of possible disaster scenarios:

Als could be weaponised - for example, drug-discovery tools could be used to build chemical weapons

AI-generated misinformation could destabilise society and "undermine collective decision-making"

The power of AI could become increasingly concentrated in fewer and fewer hands, enabling "regimes to enforce narrow values through pervasive surveillance and oppressive censorship"

Enfeeblement, where humans become dependent on AI "similar to the scenario portrayed in the film Wall-E"

Dr Geoffrey Hinton, who issued an earlier warning about risks from super-intelligent AI, has also supported

the Centre for AI Safety's call.

Yoshua Bengio, professor of computer science at the university of Montreal, also signed.

Dr Hinton, Prof Bengio and NYU Professor Yann LeCun are often described as the "godfathers of AI" for their groundbreaking work in the field - for which they jointly won the 2018 Turing Award, which recognises outstanding contributions in computer science.

But Prof LeCun, who also works at Meta, has said these apocalyptic warnings are overblown tweeting that "the most common reaction by AI researchers to these prophecies of doom is face palming".

'Fracturing reality'

Many other experts similarly believe that fears of AI wiping out humanity are unrealistic, and a distraction from issues such as bias in systems that are already a problem.

Arvind Narayanan, a computer scientist at Princeton University, has previously told the BBC that sci-fi-like disaster scenarios are unrealistic: "Current AI is nowhere near capable enough for these risks to materialise. As a result, it's distracted attention away from the near-term harms of AI".

Oxford's Institute for Ethics in AI senior research associate Elizabeth Renieris told BBC News she worried more about risks closer to the present.

"Advancements in AI will magnify the scale of automated decision-making that is biased, discriminatory, exclusionary or otherwise unfair while also being inscrutable and incontestable," she said. They would "drive an exponential increase in the volume and spread of misinformation, thereby fracturing reality and eroding the public trust, and drive further inequality, particularly for those who remain on the wrong side of the digital divide".

Many AI tools essentially "free ride" on the "whole of human experience to date", Ms Renieris said. Many are trained on human-created content, text, art and music they can then imitate - and their creators "have effectively transferred tremendous wealth and power from the public sphere to a small handful of private entities". Agencies

SPORT



Hassan Dilunga

Dilunga set to return to Simba SC on one-year deal

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC is on the verge of signing the outfit's former midfielder, Hassan Dilunga, to a one-year contract with an option for further extension.

An official statement from the club is pending due to the conclusion of the league now remaining with two games for each of the top-flight outfits.

Initially, Dilunga was mentioned to join JKT Tanzania due to his closeness with the top leaders of the team.

Simba SC however was not ready to let him go due to the good performance he showed for the outfit earlier as well as his willingness to stay at the outfit's training camp for his rehab and showed massive improvement.

Dilunga, efficiently playing in either attacking midfield or flanks, suffered a knee injury while playing for Simba SC last season.

The player was consequently out of action for one year and a half whilst the team did not extend his contract when it expired, although the outfit continued to pay him while he was recovering from his injury.

The midfielder was once seen training at the Azam FC facilities when the footballer was a free agent but was later often seen with

JKT Tanzania when Simba SC prepared for 2022/23 CAF Champions League quarterfinal fixtures.

To satisfy themselves with the players' improvement, Simba SC gave him the chance to practice with the first team so that he can be assessed by the coaches, a move which earned him the opportunity to be signed for the next season.

Simba SC's Information and Communication Manager, Ahmed Ally, noted that Dilunga has returned to the outfit to be assessed by the coach, and if the latter is happy with the player's work rate, he will be signed.

Ally revealed: "Yes, this is his second time, but it is a continuation for him because there are times when he stops training with us when we are preparing for a match, as was the case with either continental or domestic tournaments fixtures."

"Now he is back because we are training for a long time with games scheduled until next month, that is the part where the coach is assessing his development more and more," Ally said.

Dilunga stayed with Simba SC for four consecutive seasons, winning the Premier League title four times and the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) twice.

TPLB reformats Community Shield, set to involve four teams

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Premier League Board (TPLB) has introduced a four-team Community Shield mini-tournament set to begin in the 2023/24 season.

The new format is expected to be introduced next season whereby three top teams on the NBC Premier League table earn direct qualification for the tournament while the fourth team will be the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) champion.

The four-team event is, according to the TPLB, aimed to help increase funds for charitable activities in communities.

Almasi Kasongo, TPLB Chief Executive Officer (CEO), said they have made the changes to raise enough funds to be channelled for charity.

"The proceeds of Community Shield are aimed to solve a particular problem in the community hence by having a four-team contest, we will be able to get enough revenue to achieve the intended purpose," he said.

Kasongo revealed the mini-tournament brings the Premier League champions, runners-up, and the third-placed side whereas the fourth team will be holders of the ASFC.

"If the Premier League champions have also clinched the ASFC title, then the contest will involve the top four teams of the Premier League," Kasongo said.

Initially, only one match was played to identify the Community Shield winner which involved the Premier League winner against the ASFC victors.

Had it happened that the league winners had also claimed the ASFC silverware, the final was set to involve the top two teams on the league table.

In this case, the upcoming mini-tournament will involve Young Africans SC (Yanga), Simba SC, Azam FC, and Singida Big Stars, the league's top-four finishers.

Yanga and Azam FC have also reached this season's ASFC finals- meaning that one of them will get a direct qualification to play in the inaugural Community Shield mini-tournament.

SPORTS

SBL pledges to continue supporting Women's Premier League



Players making JKT Queens and their officials celebrate with silverware after lifting this season's Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League top honour, cruising to a 7-2 drubbing of Mkwawa Queens in one of the league's last-round fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

By Guardian Correspondent

THIS season's Mainland Tanzania's Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League concluded with JKT Queens emerging as champion, defeating Mkwawa Queens in one of the league's final round fixtures at CCM Samora Stadium in Iringa on May 17.

Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), the main and sole sponsor of the domestic women's top flight, now has pledged to continue investing in the league to empower women in sports and spur the inclusivity of women in football.

SBL has been sponsoring the women's league through its Serengeti Lite beer brand since 2018 after entering a sponsorship deal with the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), making SBL the first company to ever support the women's football league.

Ever since the sponsorship started the league has gained prominence among football fans and the nation at large.

The SBL embarked on sponsoring the Women's Premier League in 2018 as part of its inclusion and diversity agenda, aiming to empower women in sports and give them an avenue to make a living through the sport.

The sponsorship is benefiting a total of 14 teams playing in the top flight, including the show-down's current champions JKT Queens.

Mkwawa Queens, Simba Queens, Yanga Princesses, Mapinduzi Queens, The Tigers Queens, and Mlandizi Queens, to mention but a few, were as well taking part in the league.

Earlier, TFF Information Officer Clifford Ndimbo was quoted as saying that before SBL's sponsorship, the women's league was struggling due to a lack of financial support.

The financial constraints hindered football development for women compared to men's football, which, to a great extent, enjoys countless sponsorship opportunities.

Speaking of the sponsorship, SBL Communications and Sustainability Manager, Rispa Hatibu, said the firm has been investing in football for a while starting with the sponsorship of the national football team, Taifa Stars, before adding Women's Premier League to its docket, all in efforts to contribute to the development of football in the country.

The official revealed: "SBL is a champion of inclusivity and diversity, we apply this in all business operations as well as our community relations investments."

"This is why our financial support towards football didn't stop at sponsoring the national team, we extended it to the women's league as well, seeking to ensure that as we invest toward the development of football in the country, the women can also benefit from our investment in sports," Rispa said.

She added that the sponsorship is also a way for SBL to empower women in sports financially.

Rispa pointed out: "We have injected a total of 1.15bn/- in Women's Premier League and we are adamant that through this sponsorship deal with TFF, the teams playing in the league can make a decent living."

"In a nutshell, we have not only invested

in the development of the sport but also empowered women financially," she disclosed.

Rispa said SBL will continue to support women in sports through sponsorship in the Women's Premier League to spur the development of the sport and empower women in football.

She was adamant the brewer will continue to seek out partnerships that can help contribute towards empowering women in sports.

One of the noticeable aspects of improvement in the Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League was an exciting quest for the top flight's golden boot prize.

The battle for the top goal scorer's prize had witnessed Simba Queens' Kenyan striker Jentrix Shikangwa and JKT Queens' forward Donisia Minja leading the chase for a long spell.

There were also Alliance Girls' Winfrida Charles, Fountain Gate Princess' Cynthia Musungu, and JKT Queens' Stumai Abdallah in the race for the Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League's top goal scorer's prize.

Simba Queens' Jentrix in the end won the Women's Premier League golden boot after notching 17 goals this season.

She was followed by second-placed Donisia of JKT Queens with 15 goals, and Winfrida held third place after recording 13 goals.

The 21-year-old Jentrix ended the season with 17 goals to become the first Kenyan player to take home the Women's Premier League golden boot gong.

Jentrix joined Simba Queens in September last year from Turkish top-flight side Fatih Karagumruk after her long-term contract with the team ended prematurely.

After missing out on this season's Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League title, Simba Queens' head coach Charles Lukula said: "The league has been very difficult, unlike last season, because this season the situation where you score a lot of goals is often not there."

The Ugandan tactician noted: "Simba Queens has scored seven goals only twice, the presence of many (competent) players has as well made the league lively and tough."

"This season was a disaster because the competition is very strong, almost all teams showed good football and it was difficult to win easily," Lukula conceded.

On a dramatic final day in the league, Simba Queens kicked off their match against Ceasiaa Queens, needing maximum points, and hoping that other results would go their way for them to lift the title.

It was a game of few chances, with neither side creating clear-cut opportunities on goal throughout the first stanza and both sides appearing to settle for a share of the spoils.

However, Jentrix managed to break the deadlock in the 66th minute when she latched onto a loose ball and fired a right-foot shot into the left corner, and Simba Queens walked away 1-0 winners at the end of the match.

Coming into the match, Simba Queens was one point behind new champions, JKT Queens, and the former could have been declared the league winner if the latter had lost to Mkwawa Queens.

However, JKT claimed a comprehensive 7-2 win over Mkwawa Queens in an encounter played at CCM Samora Stadium in Iringa.

Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League also had a big gun in Yanga Princess, which did not manage to make its presence felt, settling for fourth place in the standings after collecting 34 points from 18 ties.

The outfit roped in several prominent female foreign

players including Nigerians Precious Christopher, Blessing Nkor, Chioma Wogu, and Mary Saiki, as well as Mozambican Cidália 'Ninica' Cuta, seeking to mount a successful quest for the top honour.

The side could not withstand the pressure it experienced from other contenders and ultimately ended fourth.

Caretaker coach, Freddy Mbuna, who took over Yanga Princess' technical bench after the club had fired head coach Sebastian Nkoma, noted during the closing stages he was happy his players were showcasing improvement.

Mbuna, the former Yanga versatile footballer, disclosed he was keen on seeing to it that Yanga Princess garners good results in the remaining matches and secure a better position in the standings, insisting he was not focusing on battling for the silverware.

Goal-getter Chioma emerged as a player for the big occasion at Yanga Princess, notching goals in the club's encounters with cross-town rivals, Simba Queens, which ended in draws.

The Nigerian forward notched the opener for Yanga Princess in the first game against Simba Queens that took place on December 22 last year, heading home a corner kick in the first half. Kenyan midfielder Vivian Aquino then equalized for Simba Queens in the second period to see the squads locked to a 1-1 draw.

Chioma later netted an equalizer for Yanga Princess in the league's second phase tie against Simba Queens that took place on March 22 this year, which also ended in a 1-1 draw. Blessing, was in the end, the top goal scorer for Yanga Princess this season, having scored six goals.

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Mauricio Pochettino at Chelsea is a dagger to the heart for Spurs fans

By Jason Burt

IN a season of collapsed ambition and crushing disappointment for Tottenham Hotspur, Mauricio Pochettino taking the Chelsea job is a final dagger to the heart for their fans.

It is also another serious addition to the charge sheet at Tottenham, who appear a club riven with not just uncertainty but unjustified vanity.

The bare fact that Spurs did not even apparently pick up the phone and talk to Pochettino (pictured) about returning, in the knowledge that he was open to the prospect, is stunning. As stunning and - yes - vain as letting it be known they would not be pursuing interest in Julian Nagelsmann.

The former Bayern Munich head coach may well, as was feared, be too expensive for Spurs, which is fair enough. But he also had misgivings about the club and who would be its next sporting director - not that chairman Daniel Levy will probably use that title for whoever succeeds Fabio Paratici.

The Italian, banned from sport for 30 months for false accounting while he was with Juventus, had the role of 'managing director of football'. Whatever that means. But then so much of what Spurs do is mired not just in confusion but in a lack of identity.

The brutal truth is no one knows what Spurs stand for. It is almost an existential question - and is certainly a philosophical one - but what does Spurs mean? There have been so many apparently knee-jerk, confused decisions that their identity has been lost. There are no cultural signposts as to what Spurs are anymore so it can be, no surprise that it is hard to work out what their planned direction is.

Kane was right in saying Spurs have lost their values

There are a few very good players and some extremely competent staff at Spurs - from the boardroom in Rebecca Caplehorn, the director of football administration and governance, to the football department in performance director Gretar Steinsson, and not least acting head coach Ryan Mason - but where is the route map?

Harry Kane - with one year left on his contract and his own future uncertain - hit the nail on the head in recent interviews when he accused Spurs of having lost values and lacking a culture in recent years. Mason agreed and everyone knew what they meant.

The fact is that since Pochettino was sacked, Spurs have simply lost their way. They were heading in the wrong direction in his final months, but that appeared largely due to a lack of investment in the squad that was catching up on them.

After Pochettino's sacking Levy has been guilty of poor judgment and bad appointments as he hired a succession of short-term managers in the forlorn pursuit of immediate success: Jose Mourinho, Nuno Espirito Santo and Antonio Conte.

Player recruitment has been just as disappointing and Spurs, with their superb stadium and excellent training ground, look like they are rattling around in accommodation way above their station.

And now their best manager for

many years, the one who helped them almost shed that 'Spursy' reputation, has joined their bitter rivals. How will it look to Kane, who almost single-handedly guided Spurs to eighth in the Premier League, if Pochettino lifts a trophy in this country before he does?

Spurs could have had him back. Instead it appears Levy could not swallow his pride and do so. Instead it looked like he could not stomach bringing back a manager he has unsuccessfully replaced and having had to shell out tens of millions of pounds for those who followed him into the dug-out and were also sacked.

That, too, unfortunately smacks of vanity from Levy, who appears to have made serious mistakes and not least after being so unnerved by Spurs involvement in the European Super League.

Arsenal also stupidly signed up to that, but - and this may hurt Spurs even more than Pochettino going to Chelsea - they have now left their north London neighbours behind because they have organised themselves properly.

Just look at Arsenal compared to Spurs. The clubs have similar-sized stadiums. They have similar budgets and are similar in scale. But that is where the comparison ends.

Arsenal have bought into Arteta like Spurs did with Pochettino

Arsenal have bought into Mikel Arteta the way Spurs used to buy into Pochettino and have created an environment and support structure around him to succeed. The pathway is there. No one is talking about the owner, 'silent' Stan Kroenke anymore. Everyone is talking about Arteta, the players and using this season's unexpected title as a bridgehead rather than the endgame.

In 2015/16 Spurs came close but did not kick on. They finished second the following year but were already over-reaching. The Champions League final felt like the completion of something rather than, as with Liverpool who won that game, the continuation of it. That is the difference.

What Spurs have done with the training ground, stadium and the general running of the club is impressive. The organic growth is highly commended.

Levy has moved them up, made them competitive in an environment when they were up against clubs with superior resources. But they plateaued and that plateau is in danger of turning into a downward slope because of the short-termism that has infected the club and which the chairman has to take responsibility for.

Pochettino could have helped with the cultural reset, the re-finding of values, which Spurs must perform and maybe Levy will delegate his new, de facto No 2, Scott Munn, the incoming chief football officer, to execute that. It would make sense for Levy.

For Spurs it is about much more than making the right managerial appointment. Whoever comes in has to have the right conditions; to work under the right identity. Otherwise he, as with all of Pochettino's successors, is doomed to fail.

Meanwhile, Pochettino is back in football and at Chelsea. It will be a twist of the knife for Spurs fans.

Mourinho targets 6th European title as Sevilla seek to stay perfect

LONDON

ROMA manager Jose Mourinho has never lost a European final while Sevilla are six from six in Europa League finals. Something has to give in Budapest today.

Portugal's Mourinho has five major continental titles to his name - two Champions League wins, two Europa League trophies and last year's triumph in the inaugural Europa Conference League with the Italian side.

The 60-year-old announced himself on the big stage in 2003 when he led Porto to the UEFA Cup, the Europa League's precursor, and the following year he won the Champions League.

Inter Milan became champions of Europe on his watch for the first time in 45 years in 2010 and he celebrated his fourth continental trophy during his spell at Manchester United in 2017, winning the Europa League. Twenty years on he is defying the naysayers who said his career was on the wane after a disappointing spell at Tottenham.

If Roma lift the trophy in Hungary, Mourinho will pull clear of Giovanni Trapattoni, who also won five major European trophies in his coaching career.

The much-travelled Mourinho is in no doubt he is improving with age and experience. "Better coach, better person, same DNA," said the Portuguese. "The DNA is motivation, is happiness. Desire for these big moments, and these are the feelings that I try to pass to the boys."

"I think you can be better and better with your experiences. I think your brain becomes sharper and the accumulation of knowledge is better with the years."



Roma boss Jose Mourinho is targeting a sixth major European title. (Agencies)

"I think you stop when you lose motivation. My motivation grows up every day. I think I am better now."

Roma, who edged past Bayer Leverkusen in the semi-finals, finished sixth in Serie A but victory against their Spanish opponents this week would be a passport into the Champions League. Mourinho's future beyond this season is uncertain but he says for now his only focus is on Wednesday's match at the Puskas Arena.

Europa League kings -

In order to achieve his target, Mourinho must get past Sevilla, who are kings of Europe's second-tier competition - their tally of six wins is double that of Inter Milan, Liver-

pool, Juventus and Atletico Madrid.

They are 11th in La Liga but have turned on the style in Europe, coming from 2-0 down at one stage in the first leg against Manchester United to see off the English giants before beating Juventus in the semis.

It is a remarkable end to the season for the club, who flirted with relegation for much of the campaign, sacking Julen Lopetegui and then Jorge Sampaoli, before Jose Luis Mendilibar steadied the ship.

Veteran wing-back Jesus Navas is aiming to win the Europa League for the fourth time, just two months after Mendilibar took charge.

"We transform (on Europa League nights) and it's incredible how we

come out in every match," said the former Manchester City player.

"It's a competition that has given us a lot, and the joy it provides us every time we take part in it drives us to go as far as possible."

"What Jose Luis has done with us has been fundamental. He has brought the best out of us, and when you look at the teams we have eliminated, it's something to be very proud of. He deserves to stay with us for a long time."

"He's a coach who always pushes us, and who has that work ethic to train hard and get the best out of us. His arrival has coincided with an incredible turnaround in our season."

AFP

Pep Guardiola is Manchester City's Alex Ferguson - how they cope with his exit will define the next decade

BY JAMES DUCKER

IT was only a couple hours after Manchester United had officially announced that Sir Alex Ferguson would retire at the end of the season that this observer was summoned to Old Trafford for an audience with David Gill.

The sun was shining, in a few days' time United would be parading the 13th Premier League trophy of Ferguson's extraordinary reign, and the club's then chief executive, after months guarding a secret now out in the open, was keen to offer his reflections on the great man.

Gill had watched Ferguson up close and personal for 10 years but rated his ability to manage downwards - and not just upwards - as one of his biggest strengths. That, plus his tenacity, compassion, ruthlessness, serial winning mindset and sense of humour.

Yes, must not forget Ferguson's sense of humour as Gill recalled the time the Scot had him ring Valter Di Salvo, an Italian fitness coach at the club, and pretend a staff meeting had been called on the day of the 2006 World Cup final between Italy and France. "So you had Walter going spare in his Italian way before Alex eventually revealed his hand," Gill recalled, smiling.

There were no portents that beautiful May day in 2013 for the storm clouds that would soon engulf Old Trafford. But, a decade on, with United still struggling to emerge out of Ferguson's shadow and his heir apparent now threatening to ape his greatest achievement on the other side of the Manchester divide, the only obvious challenge to Manchester City's continued dominance in the coming years appears another botched succession.

Of course, United could halt City's quest for the treble by beating their rivals in the FA Cup final at Wembley on Saturday - and preserve their status as the only English club to hold that accolade, for another season at least - but it is going to take a lot more



Pep Guardiola

than that to adequately derail Pep Guardiola's juggernaut.

Indeed, maybe it is only the Fergie-sized problem with which City will one day have to wrestle that will see them overthrown because Guardiola - like Ferguson before him - is setting standards with which the rest cannot keep pace.

If Guardiola sees out his remaining contract, which runs until June 2025, he will have done nine years at City, not Ferguson's 27 at Old Trafford but long enough to have built an empire shaped in his vision, to have established an aura of invincibility, to have cemented a winning culture, to have elevated players to ever greater heights.

There is understandable excitement whenever Guardiola signs a

contract extension with City - there have been three to date - but also relief because the club are acutely aware of how big a void he would leave, and what they would be losing.

"I don't know, it's the great unknown, but change always increases the element of risk," Gill said that day when asked if replacing Ferguson was "the impossible job".

"Lots of jobs are deemed to be impossible. I don't think it's an impossible job, you're coming in with a very impressive support structure on and off the pitch in terms of the players, the facilities."

If Ferguson's exit has done anything, besides playing into their rival's hands, it has given City a template of how not to manage a succession. There are no guarantees they will

emerge smoothly from Guardiola's departure when that day does come but it is hard to believe they will make some of the same mistakes that served only to deepen the problems at Old Trafford.

With a clear blueprint of the football they want to play, City are unlikely to yo-yo between managers of greatly contrasting styles, as United did, and there can be little doubt Guardiola's successor would be working out of the best facilities available. As for the squad, it would be a surprise if he was not bequeathed an impressive pool of players although the biggest challenges may revolve around the age profiles of those talents. David Moyes, Ferguson's successor, inherited lots of serial winners but too many at the end of their careers and, with it, a significant rebuilding job that was badly handled.

Having effectively rebuilt a club from 2008, Abu Dhabi know what investment and careful planning look like. The Glazer led United seemed to be more obsessed about keeping Ferguson's exit under wraps than plotting the future in 2013 but City have had to give thought to what a post-Guardiola world might look like on more than one occasion before now. That was certainly true a few years ago when Guardiola entered the final 12 months of his deal and there were genuine fears he could leave before he eventually signed a two-year extension in November 2020.

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Simba SC's goalie, Aishi Manula. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Aishi Manula set to undergo surgery on thigh injury

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC goalkeeper Aishi Manula is facing surgery on a thigh injury this week.

Manula left Dar es Salaam on Sunday for South Africa where is set to be operated after an injury that has sidelined him since April.

He suffered a muscle two tear in the last CAF Champions League Group Stage game against Morocco's Raja Club Athletic played in April and has been on the sidelines since then.

The Tanzanian international has been the first-choice goalkeeper since he joined Simba SC from Azam FC in 2017 but has occasionally ceded time to Beno Kakolanya.

However, Kakolanya is reportedly on his way out of Simba SC with heavy links to Singida Big Stars.

This could leave Simba SC with the 23-year-old Ally Salim as the only first-team goalkeeper.

Salim has been the third-choice goalkeeper for the last four seasons but was forced into action when Manula got injured and Kakolanya's future was questioned.

It also means Manula, also the first-choice goalkeeper for the national soccer team, Taifa Stars, will miss out on the mouthwatering 2023 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers' clash against Niger next month.

Tanzania and Niger are both on four points chasing to clinch the remaining Group F AFCON finals ticket.

Simba SC Information and Communication Manager Ahmed Ally confirmed Manula's injury updates.

The official noted: "On Sunday, Aishi Manula left the country for South Africa for treatment and arrived in Johannesburg. In the week, he will undergo thigh surgery and after that, the doctors treating him will give an official statement on how long he will be sidelined."

Despite a relatively good performance in the 'derby' against Young Africans SC where he kept a clean sheet, Salim's lack of experience was exposed in crucial games for Simba SC in the CAF Champions League, Azam Sports Federation Cup, and NBC Premier League.

In the CAF Champions League tie against Wydad AC, Salim's inexperience led to the only goal for the Moroccans.

As the ball landed in the penalty area, Senegalese striker Bouly Sambou nodded a weak bouncing header that caught Salim off guard with a weak punch that spilled into the net.

There was also another high-profile error committed by the shot-stopper that led to Simba SC drawing against Namungo FC.

He followed it with two errors that led to Simba SC's capitulation in the Azam Sports Federation Cup semi-final against Azam FC.

With uncertainty hanging over the future of backup options Kakolanya and Salim, Simba SC could be forced to sign two goalkeepers in the coming transfer window.

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SOT impressed with Special Olympics' preps

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

The Special Olympics Tanzania (SOT) has described the ongoing national Special Olympics team's residential camp in Arusha as very successful and progressing.

Charles Rays, SOT Director, revealed he is happy with the camping which is taking place at Sibusiso Foundation.

The body disclosed that Tanzania will be represented by 20 athletes in the Special Olympics Summer Games in Germany.

"To be honest the camp at Sibusiso Foundation is going very well and we hope our athletes will do well in the Games in Germany," he said.

The Special Olympics Summer Games are slated for June 12-26 and athletes making Tanzania's team will compete in mixed unified volleyball and athletics.

Rays who will also double as the country's leader of delegation in Germany thanked the Sibusiso Foundation for the gesture of hosting the team at the center.

The 20 athletes who will represent the country in the Games are Sheha Hassan, Abdulrahman Salim, Neverson Minja, Herith Suleiman, Mathias Makan-yange, Duncan Lucian, Luquman Salum, Ali Juma, Oswald Kipoto and Ibrahim Mabeche.

Fatuma Omari, Shakira Miduma, Johari Ng'ombe, Rebecca Sumwendeti, Elizabeth Kisaka, Aziza Mtamila, Dorcas Msapu, Recho Siwambe, Maimuna Ali, and Sarah Bwege also make the squad.

Rays said the athletes will be accompanied by four coaches namely head coach Deogratius Mde-mu, volleyball coaches Stephen Oloo and Augustino Mohamed, while Saada Ali is the athletics coach also doubling as the team's matron.

Tanzania's squad is made up of 27 delegates, the others are the assistant leader of the delegation Abdulkarim Nurdin and the team doctor Juma Mwankemwa.

The team's trip to Germany is partly sponsored by the government and the athletes were selected from SOT subprograms/regions participating in the National Special Olympics Games which were held in Mwanza last year.

This will be the first time that Germany is hosting the World Special Olympics and more than 700 athletes with intellectual disabilities from 170 countries will compete.

Robertinho demands two quality players for each position at Simba SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

WITH just two fixtures to go until the season comes to an end, Simba SC's full attention will soon turn towards the transfer window, which is expected to be a very busy window for the 22-time Mainland Tanzania Premier League champions.

Several incomings will be targeted, with head coach Robert Oliveira 'Robertinho' saying his ambition is to have two top-class players in every position.

Simba SC's elimination from the 2022/23 CAF Champions League by Morocco's Wydad AC and Azam Sports Federation Cup semi-final exit following defeat to Azam FC confirmed Robertinho's suspicion that his squad is not strong enough to compete for the biggest trophies.

In an interview with the club's online TV channel, the Brazilian coach stated his priority is to build a strong, balanced team that can compete and win titles next season.

The tactician noted: "Simba SC is a big club but we need to prepare a strong team with good balance. If for example, Saido can't play, Yassin can't play, I should have other players of the same level to start the game."

Robertinho said: "Why do I talk about Clatous Chama, Saido Ntibazonkiza, Sadio Kanoute, Henock Inonga, Shomari Kapombe and Mohamed Hussein Tshabalala? It is because as of now these players are the best for me. But sometimes, Saido or Chama can not play, I need to use another of the same level in that position, possibly young for the future because we need to respect our balance."

"For example, we have Peter Banda, he has a nice future, I give him specific priority with specific training for such guys," the coach insisted.

"My assistant and I prepare special training for some players, for example, Pape Sakho, Jean Baleke, Banda, and Dennis Kibu because they are young,"



Simba SC head coach Roberto Oliveira. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

the coach pointed out.

"Ahead of next season, I hope to receive good signings to have two quality players for every position. If I have five weeks for the pre-season, we will have a friendly game every weekend for trying players."

The Brazilian noted: "I change players every 45 minutes. My priority is to build a strong team with a good mentality and

also recovery."

Robertinho joined Simba SC in January but once again the club failed to go past the 2022/23 CAF Champions League quarterfinal and Azam Sports Federation Cup semi-final.

In the NBC Premier League, they are set to finish second behind winners Young Africans SC to mark a second consecutive trophyless season.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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14:00 Movie
15:00 Funguka
15:30 Mpera Mpera
15:55 Dondoo Za Michezo
16:00 Hot Spot
16:30 Zote Kuntu
17:00 SSELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 Kali Za Wana
18:30 #HASHTAG
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21:00 UJENZI
21:30 Mid Week Movie
23:00 KURASA
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