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WWF worried over irreversible decline in rhino population

● Poaching syndicates decimate 1,500 rhinos since 2017

By Special Correspondent

THE African Rhino Specialist Group (AFRSG) has released updated information on rhino populations showing that threats to African rhinos from transnational crime networks remain high, despite a relative decline in poaching during the COVID-19 lock downs.

On a continental scale, the threat of killing African rhinos for trading its horn has declined to a 2.3 per cent poaching rate on the total population annually from the peak in 2015 (5.3 per cent poaching rate).

Encouragingly, between 2018 and 2021, overall numbers of the critically endangered black rhino increased at a rate of three per cent per annum to 6,200 members of that species.

Of ongoing concern, however, is that white rhino numbers have continued to decline at around 3.1 per cent per year and numbered just below 16,000 species members at the end of 2021. The declining white rhino populations are found in the large state-managed protected areas in South Africa, the agency noted.

The total estimate of rhinos in Africa was 22,137 rhinos at the end of 2021. These latest figures show an overall decline in rhino numbers on the continent, from 23,562 at the last report in 2017.

These findings describe the global status of rhinos, which has been submitted to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

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NBS had 7,768 households already counted by noon

By Guardian Reporters

A TOTAL of 7,768 households had been counted until 11am yesterday in the ongoing seven-day Population and Housing Census exercise, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said in an early briefing.

Dr Albina Chuwa, the chief statistician said the exercise was proceeding well despite a few challenges that had emerged.

Briefing reporters after inspecting the data centre at Ndejengwa in the capital, the top census coordinator said the public has responded positively to the exercise and no one will be left behind.

Initial data is collected by clerks in various areas, including among travelers and those who slept in guest houses, hotels and lodges, where the Arusha Region census coordinator Maneno Maziku said all was well except for a few incidents, with a delinquent robbing a census clerk of the tablet.

The incident which involved a lady clerk occurred as she was on her way to count members of special groups in the wee hours of the morning yesterday, with her husband being

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan gives personal details on both herself and her household to census clerk Phausta Ntigiti at Chamwino State House in Dodoma Region yesterday, the opening day of the national Population and Housing Census scheduled to cover the whole of Tanzania. Photo: State House



Census clerk Stella Kisenha records the personal details of residents of Dar es Salaam's Mbezi suburb in fulfilment of the requirements of the implementation of the national Population and Housing Census. The process began yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Guardian Reporters

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday led Tanzanians in being counted as enumeration kicked off for the six day Population and Housing Census, discounting fears as to census clerks asking probing or even embarrassing questions.

Underlining that clerks will be asking simple questions, the president advised the public to prepare responses for those to simplify the tasks given to census exercise enumerators.

President Samia was enumerated yesterday morning by Fausta Ntigiti, a census clerk, who spent a total of 30 minutes at her Chamwino State House residence in the capital, the State House communications directorate said in a statement.

Briefing staff on the questions, she said questions to be asked are many, but are easy to answer. "My appeal to the people is to prepare their details early, as our officials in the Statistics Department, the census commissar and her team had issued the questionnaire early," she stated.

Those who did not see the questions should look for the copies to be well prepared, she stated, implying that the copies will be available in local government offices, or are being distributed ahead of census visitations.

Details needed include health insurance, NIDA number or the Zanzibar ID card number, she elaborated, asking census clerks to observe diligence in ensuring that people provide all the needed responses.

Census commissar Anne Makinda amplified on the president's remarks that things like NIDA card, driving licence and suchlike should be ready before the clerks arrive to make work easy for them, noting that the exercise will take seven days to complete, which demands that people exercise patience.

"If the enumerators accomplish only 15 per cent of the task today it will be fine and we appeal to

The exercise is mandatory to every Tanzanian and it ought to be done diligently

the public to bear with us. If they cannot come today, they will come tomorrow.

"If we were a developed country the work would be easy as people enumerate themselves online. Hence please be patient as it is a seven-day exercise," she emphatically appealed.

"In case a needed detail is missing or the clerk needs more explanation, he/she can later phone you from the number you provided," she stated.

Dr Albina Chuwa, chief statistician to the government, said the questionnaire has 100 questions, the most detailed in history as this is the sixth since independence and is mostly being conducted digitally.

On Monday's night, Dodoma regional commissioner Rosemary Senyamule launched the census in Mpwapwa District, urging people to stand by to be enumerated.

The festive launching included fireworks as the enumerators held their tablets and reflector jackets ready for work, held at Nyerere Square in the early hours of the night, where upon its being wound up, enumerators started work in various areas of the city including hospitals and entertainment halls.

Visiting city suburbs in the morning yesterday, calm reigned and some shops remained closed so many people waited at their homes for enumerators to come. Many later left to earn their living, with spouses or other family members remaining in place just in case clerks turn up thereafter.

For his part, Vice President Dr Philip Mpango and his family were yesterday enumerated at Zogowali village, Chanika ward of Ilala District in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking later, the VP appealed to the public to

Census: Public enthusiasm encourages Z'bar officials

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi led the start of the census exercise in enumeration at his Mgombani State House residence in Unguja.

Like other leaders, he expressed satisfaction with the start of the weeklong exercise, underlining that the 2022 Population and Housing Census (PHC) has a great contribution in boosting various activities in the blue economy.

Through the census, the government

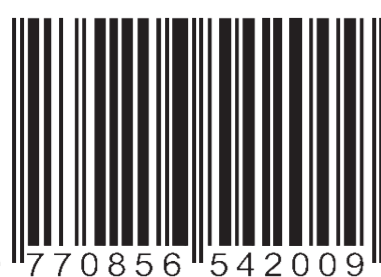
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will have precise population figures and activities they do in the blue economy sector in particular, the details of which will enable government plans for development strategies in the said sectors.

With spouse Mariam Mwinyi at his side, the president appealed to Zanzibaris to fully participate in the census exercise, noting that the results to be obtained therefrom will benefit them.

Data to be obtained from the census will help the government draw up and

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Census clerk Asia Hassan Mussa (L) records personal details of Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi and First Lady Mariam Mwinyi at their residence yesterday at the start of the national Population and Housing Census across Tanzania. Photo: State House

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implement development plans for the next ten years by projecting the needs for all sectors, including social services like water, education and health.

Leading his household for enumeration, Dr Mwinyi said the exercise is simple and does not take long. The questions target population numbers and their activities and there is nothing to fear from it, he emphasised.

Earlier, the Zanzibar census commissar Ambassador Mohamed Hamza said he has high hopes that the exercise will be accomplished successfully, as early reports indicated broad enthusiasm among the people.

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commissioner Idrissa Kitwana Mustafa explained that the exercise will be highly successful as it is taking place in a peaceful environment, praising census officials for appropriate preparations.

For his part, the Zanzibar government chief statistician Salum Kassim Ali said the exercise had already covered hotels, hospitals, ports and small islands, praising enumerators for the job done.

First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman said that this year's census exercise is modern in its methods, and the questionnaires cover basic things for furthering government plans.

The way the exercise is conducted, a lot of important information will be obtained and there are many things that have changed in the country, he said, citing health services "where the government now needs to know how many people there are in a certain area

in order to deliver those services."

The needs have changed compared to the 2012 census as technology has become a critical factor in census organization, he said.

Second Vice President Hemed, Suleiman Abdullah asked the public to show up to be counted as the exercise is essential for the benefit of the people. As co-chairperson of the census exercise, he was carefully monitoring how it is proceeding, he stated.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango furnishes census clerk Isack Mgosho (R) with personal details on both himself and his household at their Dar es Salaam residence yesterday as the national Population and Housing Census got going across the country. Right is the VP's wife, Mbonimpaye Mpango. Photo: VPO

Government issues 507m/- for facilitating completion of Chunya mega water project

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

The government has issued 507m/- to facilitate completion of a mega water project in Sangambi ward, Chunya District in Mbeya Region.

The completion of the project will further help strengthen water supply and provide relief to the residents who have suffered for many years due to constant shortage of the precious liquid.

Speaking with this paper yesterday,

Lupa MP in Chunya district, Masache Kasaka commended the government for dishing out the whole amount of money needed to complete the project.

He also said that in order to ensure that the residents in Chunya sustainably access water services, the government through the Ministry of Water has commenced plans to find a reliable source of water.

He said water availability in the district is at 30 per cent, saying that the government has shown commitment

to continue seeking various fund sources to implement more projects in the district.

"Chunya doesn't have enough water sources due to its geographical position, the government has tried its level best to ensure that it brings water services to people, more efforts are ongoing to find more water sources to improve supply of the essential liquid to people," he said.

The lawmaker further said completion of another water project

at Matwiga area will also help improve supply of fresh water to people in Makongorosi and Matundasi.

"This project is expected to commence operations in February next year. I am aware that water supply in some villages in the district was very poor but the government was working hard on robust strategies to ensure that it addressed the challenge," he asserted.

Raphael Abdallah, one of the residents thanked the government for showing commitment to address water shortages in the district and that a number of projects were ongoing in various areas to bring closer supply of clean and safe water to the residents.

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cooperate with census clerks to enable them to get the right data needed by the government for development

plans.

The exercise is mandatory to every Tanzanian and it ought to be done diligently, he added.

WWF warns of irreversible decline in rhino population

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(CITES) ahead of the 19th Conference of Parties (CoP19), which will take place in Panama in November 2022.

The Specialist Group highlighted that rhino populations, which are co-managed through partnerships between local people, the private sector and state agencies, are performing better than those managed solely by state agencies.

This recognition of the importance of the role of local communities in biodiversity conservation in Africa, echoes the Kigali Call to Action for People and Nature from the IUCN Africa Protected Areas Congress.

It is also notable that private ownership of rhinos increased to 53.2 percent of the South African national white rhino population, thanks to the sector's significant and sustained investment in their protection.

African range states recorded a total of 2,707 illegal killings of rhino from 2018 to 2021 as South Africa continues to face the greatest threat, reporting 90 per cent of these losses. Range states also reported 1,588 rhino-related arrests from 2018 to 2021, together with 751 prosecutions and 300 convictions.

Restrictions on movement and travel during 2020 as result of the COVID-19 pandemic hampered horn trafficking networks and all four of the major rhino range states - South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Kenya experienced lower poaching rates.

This respite has not lasted and, as COVID travel restrictions are lifted, there are inimitable signs that rhino poaching is returning to near pre-pandemic levels. In particular,

unconfirmed reports of increased poaching of rhinos in Botswana in 2021 elicit concern.

Dr Jo Shaw, Africa rhino lead activist at the WWF said the news about increased black rhino numbers is encouraging, as it underscores the value of creating new habitat and growing numbers of rhinos and the need to continue to commit to these efforts in future.

"We must support the partnerships required between state agencies, local communities and the private sector to secure future range for rhinos and work towards broader conservation benefits to wildlife and people.

"The Kigali Call for Action for People and Nature from the recent African Protected Areas Congress emphasized the importance of the role of local communities in the future of biodiversity conservation in Africa."

Dr Margaret Kinnaird, wildlife practice leader at WWF said that transnational organised crime networks and the corruption they create lay siege on the rhino populations.

These networks are a risk to the safety and security of wildlife, and the people living around them and those working to conserve them. We know these challenges are global in nature, demanding transnational collaboration and co-operation to overcome them, she explained.

"This has been proven through multi-agency wildlife crime units. We must continue targeted efforts to build resilience to corruption, and to address the problem at the source in the form of illegal demand for rhino horn," the team leader added.

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injured in the head.

After the incident the clerk was given another tablet and proceeded to fulfill her responsibilities, the coordinator elaborated, noting that her husband was rushed to hospital and he was responding well to treatment.

In Arusha, residents were participating in the exercise in the morning with businesses going slowly for the better part of the day. Clerks were visible in residential areas, obtaining the targeted information for finalizing the nationwide exercise.

Karatu District census coordinator Rose Mipango said all was proceeding well in the region, as officials started with counting visitors, those who slept in hotels, and special groups.

Residents of Baray ward in the Manyara region district were given wild meat as a cushion to get counted, to enable them to stay at home instead of going out to hunt as usual.

Iringa District census chairman Mohamed Omari said two clerks were removed from the job after one of them lost the tablet and another was found drunk in a beer club.

In a televised address on Monday night, President Samia Suluhu Hassan said that initial results of the census will be released within two months.

She said this year's census is important as it incorporates statistics of all buildings to know the actual situation of settlements.

Speaking shortly after being counted, Tanga regional commissioner Omari Mgunba said several African countries want to conduct the census but they have failed due to intense divisions.

The census is a proud event for Tanzania, he said, calling on clerks in the region to hasten recordings to ensure the exercise was completed on time, with Tanga DC Hashim Mgendilwa saying the census is the key to national development, to enhance government planning capacity.

Health minister Ummu Mwalimu urged residents to come up in big numbers for the exercise, as Tanga urban had 273,000 people in 2012. "Knowing the figures correctly will

help the region plan various social services such as health and water," the Tanga Urban MP intoned.

District census coordinator Tony Mwanjota said the exercise was going pretty well despite small challenges including theft of equipment.

Dr Dorah Ndovi, the doctor in charge at the Shinyanga Regional Referral Hospital, said that a 60-year-old man at Majengo ward, Kahama District died some hours after he was counted.

Another person who refused to be counted as he was sick said he wanted to see local leaders before participating in the exercise. He was later counted.

Kahama district commissioner Festo Kiswaga said some guest houses and lodges had people who wanted to boycott the census, but after being properly informed of what it entailed, they agreed.

Doa Limbu, the Nyankende ward councilor in Ushetu council of Kahama District, said he was the first to be counted and the people's response was good. The exercise is being conducted in a friendly manner, he stated.

Rehema Komba, the community leader at Mlalakuwa in Kinondoni municipality in Dar es Salaam said popular cooperation was visible and clerks started working at midnight in churches, lodges and special residences. Sophia Kawawa, a census clerk in the area, said the work is progressing well and they are getting enough cooperation from the people.

Shinyanga region census coordinator Eliudi Kamendu said the work went well yesterday, while Respicius Bwanashamba, a Miembeni ward resident in Kagera Region said the census is an event done once in 10 years so it shouldn't be missed.

Morogoro regional commissioner Fatma Mwaswa warned those who will try to disrupt the census, asking the public to cooperate with the clerks.

"Census clerks who will reveal secrets of the census will be arrested and anyone who dares to lie in wait to steal information collection keys of the census clerk will have put us at a loss. That person will be dealt with by available legal channels, she added.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured at his home village – Nandagala in Ruangwa District, Lindi Region – furnishing census clerk Amina Mwambe (L) with personal details on both himself and members of his household as the national Population and Housing Census got under way yesterday across Tanzania. Photo: PMO

PCCB in Mbeya Region arrests two census clerks allegedly in connection with fraud and bribery

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Mbeya Region has arrested two clerks working on the ongoing Population and Housing Census for allegedly being involved in bribery allegations during the exercise.

The two suspects allegedly received a 400,000/- bribe from two people on grounds that they provide them employment to participate in the exercise in the region.

PCCB Regional chief for Mbeya Maghela Ndimbo named the suspect as Hawa Kajua who is the Ward Executive Officer for Sinde and Head Teacher for Mlimani Primary School in Mbeya Baita Sanga.

“We have noticed that the process to get clerks was locked with corruption and bribery allegations especially at Ward levels where we found that nepotism and corruption was used to get the people instead of the criterion set aside,” he said.

He said after the suspicion by PCCB, a trap was set to nab the public servants together with an investigation which later led to their arrest.

He said earlier information shows the two received 200,000/- each from youth who were desperately looking for jobs, especially seeking to be part of clerks for the population and housing census.

“The two have since been removed from overseeing the exercise and all necessary investigation procedures have been taken into the matter,” he said.

He said those who were favored in the exercise were given the task while those with high marks were left but the bureau later reversed the situation.

He added that as part of the investigations, the bureau has collected mobile phones from the suspects to see the transactions which were conducted as part of investigations.

He called upon those who have been mandated to oversee the exercise to refrain from corrupt activities saying the bureau is awake and will not hesitate to take serious legal actions against anyone.

As for clerks, the official said it was their duty to take care of all the instruments given to them to conduct the exercise saying the government has spent billions in purchasing the same.



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Speaker Dr Tulia roots for hiring of X-ray expert for health centre

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Speaker of the National Assembly, Dr Tulia Ackson, has appealed to the government to hire an X-Ray expert as soon as possible and increase the number of health staff at Nzovwe health centre in Mbeya city in order to save lives of women and children visiting the centre for treatment.

Dr Tulia, who is also the Mbeya Urban

Member of Parliament made the appeal here yesterday when inaugurating the Nzovwe health centre building project that is expected to serve more than 20,000 residents.

The health centre was built by the government two years ago at a cost of 644m/- and the current plan is to hire an X-ray expert.

The decision to hire the expert at the health centre followed the appeal from

the center's doctor in charge, Dr Theobard Mutabiwa who said his services are urgently needed.

“We are pleased with medical services in our Nzovwe area as for now people do not incur expenses to get the services from other health facilities and since we expect to get an X-ray machine soon, then we also must get an expert to run it,” said Dr Mutabiwa.

He said the centre is also short of nurses as at the moment they only have 30 while

the requirement is 52 to serve 825 patients including 495 expectant women.

For her part, Dr Tulia said she will make sure the issue is worked upon as soon as possible in regard to an X-ray expert and more medical staff.

She said that aside, she would not be pleased to hear that the services offered at the health centre do not abide by the required standards as quality health services to the people is the main government aim.

Nzovwe ward Councillor, David Mwashilindi said the health centre project stems from his request to the government for a health facility in the ward.

He said after submitting the request before the Councillors Meeting, other Councillors endorsed it.

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT MWALIMU JULIUS K. NYERERE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND Deadline 16th September, 2022

The Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere Memorial Scholarship Fund announces ten (10) fully funded scholarships for the 2022/2023 academic year.

The Fund was established by the Bank of Tanzania on 12th October, 2009 in commemorating the great achievements of the Father of our Nation Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere. It is primarily dedicated for sponsoring top undergraduate female students to pursue Mathematics and Science studies in Tanzanian accredited universities with the aim of promoting academic excellence of the students in respective fields. The Fund also sponsors male and female Tanzanians to pursue undergraduate studies in the fields of Mathematics, Science, Economics, Information Technology, Accounting and Finance. In addition, the Fund sponsors both male and female best Tanzanians undergraduate students to undertake Master's Degree Programmes in the afore-mentioned fields of study.

The Scholarships are granted on academic merit and based on a rigorous selection process. Successful applicants are granted full scholarship which covers all university direct cost (tuition fees etc.) and student direct costs (meal, accommodation, book and stationery allowance, field practical training, special faculty requirement etc.) as specified in the respective institutions' costs structure including a laptop computer.

The scholarships are awarded as follows:

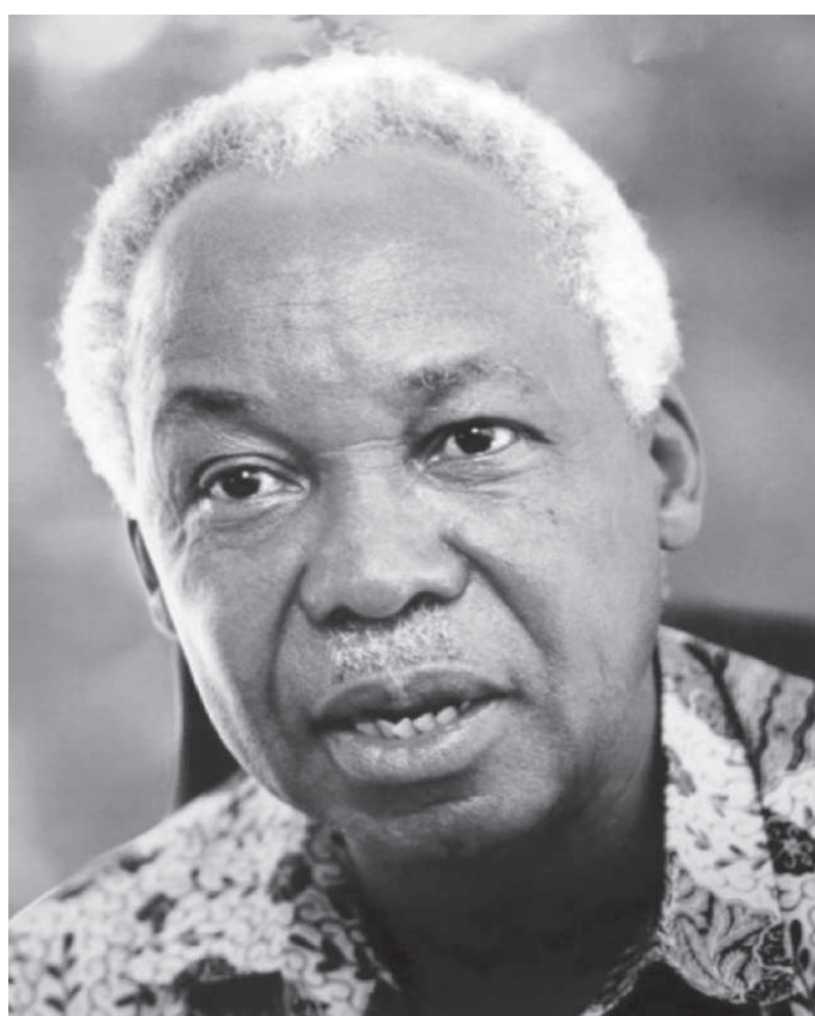
1. Undergraduate (Bachelor) Degree Programmes (Seven Scholarships)

The Undergraduate Scholarships are granted to top performers at the level of the Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations (ACSEE) to pursue Undergraduate degree programmes in two categories as follows:

Category A: Science and Mathematics Studies (Female Students only) Category

B: Science, Mathematics, Information Technology, Economics, Accounting and Finance Studies (Male and Female Students)

The Fund will obtain the list of the 2022 ACSEE top ten (10) students from the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) and the said Scholarship will be granted to qualified candidates.



2. Master's Degree Programmes (Three Scholarships)

The Master's Degree Scholarships are open to both female and male best students who are to enrol in Master's degree programmes in the fields of Mathematics, Science, Economics, Information Technology, Accounting and Finance.

Requirements:

- Applicant must be a Tanzanian citizen and must not be more than **thirty-five years (35) of age and**.
- Applicant must have obtained **First Class or Upper Second Class (honours) in the Bachelor degree** with a minimum Grade Point

Average (GPA) score of **4.0** from an accredited university within the United Republic of Tanzania.

- Applicant should have completed Bachelor's degree in studies related to **Mathematics, Science, Economics, Information Technology, Accounting or Finance**.
- Applicant must have applied/be admitted to a full time Master's degree programme in an accredited university within the United Republic of Tanzania. The programme should commence in 2022/2023 academic year in any of the following fields: **Mathematics, Science, Economics, Information Technology, Accounting or Finance**.

Applications are invited from qualified candidates.

Mode of Application:

Applicants are required to complete Scholarship Application Forms which can be accessed on the BOT website: www.bot.go.tz.

Printed forms can be obtained from the Fund Administrator, Bank of Tanzania Sub Head Office, 2 Mirambo Street, 11884, DAR ES SALAAM. The forms can also be obtained at the Bank of Tanzania Head Office, Dodoma and Branch Offices (Arusha, Zanzibar, Mwanza, Mbeya and Mtwara).

All application forms should be completed, scanned and submitted online to the Chairperson, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Memorial Scholarship Fund, Bank of Tanzania Head Office, 2 Mirambo Street, 11884, DAR ES SALAAM by **16th September, 2022 (16:00hrs)** through the following email addresses:

- info@bot.go.tz
- DG-EFP-OFFICE@bot.go.tz

Note: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview

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600 residents of Hanang protest, supporting Samia

By Guardian Correspondent, Manyara

MORE than 600 residents of Hanang District in Manyara Region have peacefully marched in praise of President Samia Suluhu Hassan for providing funds for various development projects and improving social services.

This was revealed at the weekend by Hanang District Commissioner, Janeth Mayanja in the presence of regional Commissioner Makongoro Nyerere at the event attended by religious leaders, village executives, councillors and traditional leaders for mobilising people for enumeration in the Population and Housing Census.

Mayanja said during the march they presented four cows and a bag of wheat to President Samia in recognition of her contribution to the nation.

Receiving the present on behalf of President Samia, DC Mayanja said:

"There are many development projects that directly touch the people currently being implemented, including water, education, health, road infrastructures and the new bus stand."

She added that the marchers incorporated pastoralists, farmers, motorcycle drivers and traders.

Meanwhile, the chairman of Hanang District Council, Rose Kamili said the Phase VI government has provided 7bn/- for development projects.

Kamili also used the occasion to thank President Samia for providing the development funds that would improve provision of social services.

She also thanked stakeholders, public institutions and other community groups in the district for their contribution towards the refurbishing of the decrepit infrastructures of Tumaini Hospital (district hospital).

Winfrida Faustin, a Katesh resident in the district said as for now, she can discern government driven development projects in regard to water, education, health, road infrastructures and the new bus stand.



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Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Liberata Mulumula (R) welcomes the Sultanate of Oman's Ambassador to Tanzania, Hilal bin Saud al Shidhani, for talks in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Deputy minister gives 50 beehives to Misungwi's CCM women's wing

By Guardian Reporter, Misungwi

DEPUTY Natural Resources and Tourism minister, Mary Masanja has handed over 50 beehives to CCM Women Organisation (UWT) in Misungwi District in support of the district's beekeeping project

Speaking here on Monday, the deputy minister said the beehives cost 500m/-,

adding:

"I pledge to provide more if they will continue to benefit the organisation, but I believe the beekeeping project will enhance their income from honey and beeswax that are in high demand in both local and foreign markets."

She showered praise on UWT leaders for the good supervision of their projects which

has enabled them to produce 40 litres of honey worth 400,000/- from the initial five beehives.

Masanja also pledged to provide UWT more motorcycles to strengthen the motorcycle (bodaboda) project.

Meanwhile, Misungwi district CCM Chairman Cholage Mohamed Cholage called on UWT leaders in Misungwi

District to display truthfulness in the supervision of their projects for the intended goals.

He also thanked the deputy minister for her good heartedness in providing 50 beehives to the organisation in Misungwi District.

Masanja continued with her working visit in the Lake Zone.



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Date: 24th Aug 2022

Reference: PAET/EOI-SS1_DRILLING_01/2022 - INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR DRILLING PROJECT MANAGEMENT.

- PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd. a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songo Songo gas field located in Kilwa District, Lindi Region in Tanzania hereby invites potential suppliers to supply Drilling Project Management services.
- This call for Expression of Interest (EOI) signifies the start of an open, transparent and objective tender process.
- The Contract for these works shall be for the duration of the Drilling/workover program which includes Drilling rig sourcing, well design and execution (October 2022 to December 2024).
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 - Preparation of a customized project organogram and assistance in recruitment of the project team.
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 - Managing the project team.
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 - Participation in contract negotiations with various service companies.
 - General project supervision.
 - Project cost control and projections.
 - Project budgeting.
 - Project closure.
- Potential suppliers must indicate clearly whether they can supply all services listed, any relevant additional services offered by supplier, and that they are willing, capable, experienced and competent to offer and manage the above-mentioned services. Failure to clearly so indicate, may result in disqualification from the bid list. Potential Suppliers must submit pertinent information to demonstrate their technical competency and relevant experience as a minimum. This must include the following: -
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 - Proven HSE expertise and good record (attach relevant HSE policy, updated emergency response plan, quality assurance documents, accident/incident records, OSHA registration certificate and annual compliance certificate, Fire, etc.)
 - Specific payment terms in Tanzania Shillings. Payment should indicate clearly costs in each area of the scope of work. Costs are to be VAT exclusive. Quotations will be subject to the terms of the agreed Service Agreement.
 - Proof of registration with the relevant authorities if applicable. This shall include but not be limited to a certificate of registration with BRELA, TRA (TIN & VAT), Valid Business Licence, etc.
 - Proof of financial capability. (Provide latest approved audited financial statements for the past 3 years).
 - Provide current annual returns.
 - Relevant insurance.

Note: Potential suppliers may be requested to submit further information prior to being included in any final Bid List.

- All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be in writing and communicated by e-mail, facsimile, hand-delivery, or delivered by courier, otherwise the potential supplier may be disqualified from tendering at the sole discretion of PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.
- Interested eligible suppliers may obtain further information by writing to the address below or e-mail to Peter Sololo (e-mail address: peter.sololo@panafricanenergy.com) with a copy to Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe (e-mail: bntuyabaliwe@panafricanenergy.com).

All physical responses to be delivered before 2pm Friday, 30th September 2022 to Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe, Deputy Managing Director, PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited, Oyster Plaza, 5th Floor, Haile Selassie Road, P.O. Box 80139, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. All electronic copies of the RFO to be sent to the email (bntuyabaliwe@panafricanenergy.com) and a copy to (peter.sololo@panafricanenergy.com on the last day of submission).

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

TENDER TITLE: SUPPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TRADE FACILITATION MEASURES IN DJIBOUTI - WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT AND THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20211108

The government of Djibouti through the Ministry of Trade and Tourism with support from TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) has received a financing from Agence Française de Développement (AFD) is seeking Expressions of Interest for Consultancy Services for the Support on implementation of trade facilitation measures in Djibouti - WTO trade facilitation agreement and the African Continental Free Trade Area.

The Terms of Reference for this consultancy and the Expressions of Interest (EOI) document can be obtained at <https://www.trademarkea.com/procurement/>

All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarkea.com.

You are further advised that only applications from **individual consultants** shall be accepted. Interested and qualified candidates should submit applications/CVs in line with the bidding instructions in the tender document.

The closing date for submissions is **Friday, 16 September 2022 at 10.00 AM (EAT)**.

TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender 5 days or less prior to the submission deadline.



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Singida regional commissioner Peter Serukamba (C) cuts the ribbon on Monday to receive, and oversee the distribution of, motorcycles to community-based water supply agencies as well as rural water and sanitation authorities. Photo: Correspondent Tobias Mwanakatwe

Ministry warns lands officers against illegal plot possession

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

RIDHIWANI Kikwete, the Deputy Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, has said the government will take stern measures including dismissal from work against all land officials who will be found to grab land plots illegally as well as those who fuel land conflicts in their areas.

Kikwete made the remarks here on Monday at a meeting attended by officials in the lands sector including those from Morogoro District Council, Morogoro Municipal Council, the commissioner for Lands and the Ardh Institute.

He said there are also some land officials whose performance has put the ministry in bad light to members of the public and other stakeholders.

The deputy minister further pledged his ministry commitment to ensure the tendency cease forthwith and steps taken against perpetrators.

"Among complaints repeatedly aired to the government by the people include land officials being the subjects of the complaints - either at number one, two or three and that is why we continue to remind each other, even though you are here you might not want to be involved in the complaints.

He also used the occasion to warn them not to be part

of land conflicts by failing to manage land conflicts and dispensing justice, or issue appropriate advice in regard to land plot boundaries, as the main task of the ministry is to plan and formalise land ownership.

He appealed to land officials to stand by their profession and adopt ethical behaviour in land planning as well as the protection of urban planning that is dependent upon the development of the people.

Meanwhile, Assistant Morogoro region Lands Commissioner, Frank Mizikuntwe requested the ministry to look into challenges facing them including shortage of staff especially in Mlimba and Malinyi districts.

He said as for now Malinyi District has only three land officers including assistant lands officer and buildings architect.

Earlier, the Morogoro Ardh Institute Principal, Huruma Lugala said among the challenges facing the institute is debt collection from land planning activities and called for the ministry to intervene so that the 4.4bn/- debt is paid to help solve the challenges.

He added that apart from the shortage of teaching tools and decrepit infrastructures, the debt collection challenges and lack of an advisory board since December last year has affected the institutes in announcing examination results to students.

ADDIS ABABA

THE Ministry of Health (MoH) of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) reported a confirmed case of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in the Beni district of North Kivu province. This case was confirmed six weeks after the most recent EVD outbreak in Equateur province was declared over on 4 July 2022.

It is the third EVD outbreak declared in the North Kivu province since 2018. Results from genome sequencing revealed that the current outbreak is linked to the 2018 - 2020 EVD outbreaks that occurred in the North Kivu province of DRC and may not represent any new spillover event.

The patient was a 46-year-old female who presented with a persistent cough, headache, polyarthralgia and intense fatigue to the Beni General Reference Hospital on 23 July 2022. She was admitted to the hospital the same day, and following a 23-day hospitalisation, the patient died on 15 August 2022 due to multiple organ failure.

New Ebola case confirmed in eastern Congo, linked to a previous outbreak

A post-mortem oropharyngeal sample collected from the patient on the same day tested positive for EVD at the Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale (INRB) Beni mobile laboratory using the Cepheid Xpert Ebola assay. On 16 August 2022, second-level confirmation of the sample was done at the Rodolphe Mérieux INRB-Goma laboratory using the polymerase chain reaction.

On August 17, 2022, the MoH listed 131 contacts, including 60 front-line healthcare workers and 71 co-patients. Of 60 exposed health care workers, 59 are vaccinated against EVD. The vaccination status of the index case and 71 co-patients is not yet known.

Africa CDC continues to monitor the situation of EVD in the DRC while supporting the strengthening of surveillance systems in DRC and bordering countries. EVD remains a public health emergency in DRC and

a high-risk pathogen for neighbouring countries.

Africa CDC recommends that African Union Member State should remain vigilant. In doing this, they are advised to enhance cross-border surveillance efforts by mapping population movements to identify all potential crossing points where there is risk of disease spread, setting up screening posts and conducting health screenings for all travelers to detect signs and symptoms of EVD (fever, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, and haemorrhage), and sharing health information for EVD at borders.

It is also recommended to integrate EVD surveillance into the existing surveillance strategies at community and health facility levels, perform contact tracing and follow up of all probable and confirmed EVD cases and enhance IPC measures in health care settings and affected communities.

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Job Opportunity – Health Information Systems (HIS) Analyst

Location : Dar es Salaam
Application deadline : August 31, 2022
Start date : October 1, 2022

Background:

The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) is engaged in a five-year Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Tanzania (CDC-Tanzania) to provide strategic information and health information systems (HIS) technical assistance to the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC) as well as the United States' President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and their implementing partners (IPs). We are recruiting an individual through our affiliated international NGO 'Global Programs' to serve as a Health Information Systems Analyst.

This is a full-time 12-month position with the possibility of extension subject to continued funding. The position is expected to start on October 1, 2022.

Main duties and responsibilities:

Under the supervision of the HIS Director, the HIS Analyst will collaborate with key stakeholders to improve the ability of health information systems (HIS) to respond to programmatic needs as well as interoperability across health information systems. S/he will work with software developers to support maintenance, troubleshoot challenges, and improve HIV-related health information systems and dashboards in Tanzania, including CTC2, CTC3, CTC Analytics, the PEPFAR Monthly Portal, IQSMS applications, the Lab Visual application, and others. S/he will support clinical Implementing Partners (IPs) to troubleshoot issues with health information systems for continuity of services and will collect user feedback and communicate them to the system development team.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Collaborating with users and clients to understand and anticipate their needs and translate them into product specifications
- Defining the vision for the team's product and creating a product road map based on this vision (release planning)
- Managing the product backlog and prioritizing tasks based on changing requirements
- Overseeing all stages of product creation including design and development
- Developing user stories
- Monitoring and evaluating product progress at each stage of the process
- Participating in Scrum meetings and product sprints
- Supporting maintenance of the CTC3 dashboard in line with NACP and PEPFAR needs as well as adoption of user requirements to improve analytic and visualization capacity
- Communicating complex database issues to system developers and following up on resolutions and user feedback
- Conducting continuous quality improvement monitoring and assessments of existing HIS data capture/management and analysis systems to maintain high quality, accessible electronic data
- Gathering input from users of HIS applications, supporting development of requirements and functional specifications, developing user scenarios for new features, enhancements, and modifications to ensure data systems meet the changing needs of the HIV epidemic and HIV program implementation strategies
- Performing other related duties as directed

Experience, skills, and minimum required qualifications:

- A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualifications in computer or information science/engineering, information systems/ technology, or related field required. Additional training in public health, health informatics, or health-related field is strongly preferred.
- Minimum of five years related experience, particularly in HIV/AIDS data management
- In-depth knowledge of Scrum and Agile Software Development Methodology
- Working knowledge of product development architecture
- Proficiency in the use of analytic tools
- Ability to prioritize effectively
- Excellent skills in critical thinking and analysis
- Excellent knowledge of user-centered design principles
- Excellent oral and written communication
- Ability to work with multiple projects
- Understanding of SQL and SQL server tools
- Demonstrated knowledge of and experience with CTC2, CTC3, CTC Analytics, the PEPFAR Monthly Portal, Lab PTCQI, IQSMS, Lab Visual, and other HIS applications in Tanzania
- Demonstrated understanding of routine PEPFAR and NACP HIV-related indicators and experience with national HIV data collection and reporting tools
- Understanding of relational and dimensional data modeling
- Fluent in written and spoken English and Swahili
- Excellent organizational and oral/written communication skills
- Ability to travel in country, pending the uplifting of COVID-19 related restrictions

Other desired skills/qualities:

- Experience managing and analyzing HIV-related health data
- Strong interpersonal skills and excellent attention to detail
- Ability to work independently and manage various tasks under tight deadlines

To Apply:

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed in the minimum requirements above with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

All applications must include the following:

- A current CV with names and telephone numbers for at least 2 referees with at least one referee from your current employer
- Copies of academic and professional certificates

Applications and supporting documents should be sent via e-mail to info.tanzania@ucglobalprograms.org and must be received by **August 31, 2022**.

NOTE: Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) Tanzania is pleased to announce a Call for Proposals from organizations with a track record in human rights, women's rights and gender equality to implement creative and innovative strategies, approaches, and interventions to transform gender norms, discriminatory behaviour and practices to promote women and girls' voices, meaningful participation, leadership, and economic rights at the local level (ward, village, streets, vitongoji, e.t.c) in the selected district councils of Dar es Salaam, Coast, Lindi, Mtwara, Arusha and Singida.

The organizations should have a base and previous experience in implementing projects in the respective regions. If it's a national organization that does not have experience in the respective regions, but plans to expand its projects to the WLER Project regions building on learnings from the implantation of similar projects, it should indicate previous collaboration with other human and women's rights organizations and networks including those promoting the rights of young women and women with disabilities; and duty bearers, including local government actors and community facilitators in the respective regions to deliver on the project objectives. The organizations should also demonstrate experience working with opinion makers such as community and traditional leaders, religious leaders, male gender equality and women's empowerment champions, decision-makers, and the media.

The full Call for Proposal (CFP) may be downloaded from:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/about-us/programme-implementation/2022/08/call-for-proposals-unw-esa-tza-2022-001-transforming-gender-norms>

The Call for Proposals will be open until **31st August 2022 at 23.59 hrs (EAT) (Tanzanian Time)**.

All proposal MUST be submitted through email cfp.tanzania@unwomen.org with subject line REF: CFP No. UNW-ESA-TZA-2022- 001 on Transforming Gender norms and discriminatory behaviours and practices at local levels to promote women and girls' voices, meaningful participation, and leadership.

Only those short listed will be contacted for further screening and consideration.

Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered.

For more information, please email:
agness.hanti@unwomen.org
by **31st August 2022 at 23.59 hrs (EAT)**.

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Embrace honesty, minister reminds officers managing aid programme on fertiliser

By Correspondent Prosper Kwigize, Kigoma

OFFICERS responsible for managing a fertiliser subsidy programme have been tasked to embrace honesty for effectiveness and benefit to those targeted.

Prof Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability) was speaking when she opened training of agents responsible for fertiliser inputs distribution in Kigoma where she called upon the agents to work with commitment in support of government desire to see farmers being relieved from high prices of fertilisers.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan launched a 150bn/- subsidy programme recently which will see Tanzanian farmers enjoy massive subsidy over fertiliser during the 2022/23 season.

Prof Ndalichako said the training was aimed at equipping agents with knowledge on how to conduct their work to cushion farmers from high prices of fertilisers which they experienced in the last season.

"The president has carried a huge burden of the price of fertilisers for farmers, this gives every farmer a chance to increase the production," she said.

The minister emphasized that it was important for farmers to yield more saying failing to do so will lead to lack of revenues for municipal and district councils hence affecting the economy.

Prof Ndalichako also called upon youth in the country to get involved in agriculture to tap into opportunities brought about by the government including subsidies and trainings to build capacity on modern agriculture technologies.

The manager of the Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA)

in the central zone Joshua Ng'ondya said the training was aimed at equipping agents and farmers on how to better access the inputs.

He stressed that for farmers to access the inputs, they need to get registered in a digital system that will identify every farmer who purchased fertiliser.

The official added that the government has put in place systems to control smuggling in collaboration with government agencies saying anyone caught doing so will face the wrath of the law.

Later minister Ndalichako launched two large input shops owned by YALLA and ETG companies in Kasulu which have already started selling subsidized fertilisers to registered farmers in the digital system.

The training involved approximately 90 agents as well as councilors from Kasulu Town Council. In addition, the regulatory authority has registered 40 fertiliser sellers in Kigoma region who will work on the distribution of fertiliser in all councils of the region.

About 90 percent of the residents of Kigoma region are farmers and their most popular commercial and food crops are corn, beans, cassava, sunflowers, and date palms.



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TARI pushes for cultivation of table grapes to mitigate shortage of fruits

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) Makutupora Center in Dodoma Region is implementing a strategy to sensitize, educate and assist farmers adopt cultivation of table grapes varieties to curb shortage of fruits.

The state-run institution is running the initiative due to a poor trend in the cultivation and availability of grape fruits in the capital in particular and the country in general.

Table grapes are grapes intended for consumption while fresh, as opposed to grapes grown for wine production, juice production, or for drying into raisins.

As part of the ongoing initiative, the Director for TARI Makutupora, Dr Cornel Massawe said here at the weekend that the institution has so far researched and introduced two grapevine lines for table grapes, namely Black Rose and Makutupora White.

He noted, though yet to be certified by the Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) a good number of the farmers have already obtained the grapevine lines.

"Most of the farmers have started to grow table grapes and we're expecting that in the near future the fruits grapes will be available in abundance in the local market," he expressed.

Dr Massawe stated that his center was continuing to impart the farmers with the most needed agronomic practices for cultivating the table grapes more professionally.

"There's a slim difference between cultivating wine and table grape varieties and thus, we are now running several training sessions to ensure the farmers adopting cultivation of table grapes are performing impressively," he informed.

Together with the efforts, Dr Massawe said TARI Makutupora is continuing to work round the clock to research and invent seed varieties for table grapes in order to stimulate large cultivation.

Dr Andekelile Mwamahonje, a

research assistant at TARI Makutupora said demand for fruits grapes was currently very high in Tanzania, thus TARI was working tooth and nail in cooperation with TOSCI to ensure for enough seeds varieties for table grapes to enable more farmers cultivating the variety.

According to him, TOSCI has already conducted characterization for at least three grapevines for table grapes that are in the process to be released as new varieties in Tanzania.

He disclosed the grapevine lines in question as Black Rose, Alphonse Lavallee and Queen of Vineyards.

"Table (fruits) grapes require more water different to wine grapes thus we're continuing sensitizing the farmers to join in special production groups in order to access possible loans from financial institutions to help them install modern irrigation schemes at their farming locations," he asserted.

Matengia Swai, Acting Director of Research Promotion at TOSCI said the institute was working to inspect and certify the seedlings for table grapes for the betterment of the sector.

She added that TOSCI has already conducted the vital exercise for the test for distinctiveness, uniformity and stability of the said three grapevine lines for table grapes.



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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango's wife, Mbonimpaye Mpango (C), cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam yesterday to open a workshop for women entrepreneurs organised by The Citizens Foundation. Looking on: Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups minister Dorothy Gwajima (2nd-R), Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma's wife, Marina Juma (R), and the foundation's director, Lilian Wasira (2nd-L). Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

DAWASA to put up 30 sanitation centres to improve environment

THE Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) has embarked on construction of 30 centers for public service in a move to improve the environment and cope with increasing population in the city.

The centers with water points and sanitation equipment are to be constructed in markets, bus terminals and other highly populated areas in the municipalities of Kinondoni, Temeke, Ilala, Kigamboni and Ubungo.

Speaking about the implementation of the project at the weekend, the head of Environment Unit in DAWASA, engineer Charles Makoye, said the construction of the centers is among the authority's priorities to improve the environment in its areas of services.

Eng Makoye said the first phase of the project will involve the constructions of 30 centers in all Dar es Salaam municipalities especially in highly populated areas as a move to

fight pandemic diseases and improve the environment in the areas.

"The implementation of the project is going on in Tundwi Songani, Buyuni soko la samaki, Kigamboni, Kibada bust stand, Gezaulole stand, Gezaulole market in Kigamboni Municipal, Mbande market, Tandika, Mbagala rangi 3 market, Kampochea and Twangoma market in Temeke Municipality.

"In Ilala Municipality the project is also going on at old Posta bus stand, Tabata Kimanga stand and in the market of Kipunguni, Kigogo fresh, Chanika zingiziwa, Chanika Videte bust stand, Coco beach, Magomeni garden, Mwananyamala msolomi, Mwanamboka, Bunju market, Bunju bus stand and Mbweni Mpiji in Kinondoni Municipality," he said.

He said they are also constructing centers at Manzese market, Shekilango, Mawasiliano, Mloganzila stand, Mbezi Luis stand and Mabibo EPZA in Ubungo Municipality.

According to engineer Makoye, they are satisfied with the speed of the projects adding that they expect the project to be completed by November 2022.

"The construction is going on in all identified areas and we expect that the service to the people will start by November this year after the completion of the project," he said.

Michael Mativila, who is the chairperson of Shekilango market, said the speed of the construction of the center in their market is encouraging and the business community at the market appreciates because for a very

long time they have been working without such centers.

"This center has been our concern for a very long time so now we are very happy to see how DAWASA is doing the best to ensure we get the center, we thank the authority for this timely decision which will help the business fraternity here," he said.

He said the construction of the service centers is part of the project to improve the environment which is implemented by the government of Tanzania in collaboration with World Bank (WB).

The project involves construction of centers for public service, installation of modern machines to process waste water and constructions of simple systems to transport waste water from residential areas.



Serengeti Breweries Ltd managing director Mark Ocitti (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday with Hillary Gilbert (L) and Winnie Mollé, both beneficiaries of the firm's agri-industry scholarship programme known as Kilimo Viwanda, as he 'opens the windows' to applicants for funding in respect of the 2022/2023 edition of the fellowships. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

IN their bid to create agriculture resilience, Serengeti Breweries Ltd (SBL) has opened a new scholarship window to assist children from low-income families with their college education.

The agro-industry scholarship programme is commonly referred to as the "Kilimo-Viwanda Scholarship Programme." It offers scholarships each year to students studying agriculture-related courses at local colleges, covering the entire tuition fee for the duration of the student's studies.

Through the new window, SBL has reiterated its commitment to provide employment opportunities to successful young farmers after they graduate. The SBL Managing Director,

SBL opens new scholarship window for children from low-income families

Mark Ocitti, accounts, "For years, Kilimo Viwanda has been amongst our pinnacles in creating resilience in the agricultural sector by helping young experts in technical education of crops such as barley, sorghum, and maize, which are used for beer making".

Ocitti continued, "We are proud to announce that the programme has been successful in helping over 200 students." Some of them have joined us as interns in our brewery in Dar es Salaam and some will be joining us elsewhere in later days. We want to ensure our programme has a long-

lasting impact on these young farmers through the employment opportunities we offer.

Hillary Gilbert and Winnie Mollé, who joined as interns at the Dar brewery attested her experience. "It is a dream come true to join SBL internship programme, I have come a long way to get here, thanks to Kilimo Viwanda scholarship. I will do my best every day to make this great company bigger".

According to SBL, the scholarship supports young farmers through training by developing their agricultural

practice on and off the field. SBL selects beneficiaries of the programme based on their underprivileged backgrounds and those originating from their local raw materials societies.

Four colleges benefiting from this program are: Kaole Wazazi College of Agriculture in Bagamoyo; Kilacha Agriculture Institute in Moshi; Igabiro Institute of Agriculture in Bukoba; and St. Maria Goretti Agriculture Training Institute in Iringa. SBL has encouraged applicants to visit the colleges to learn more about eligibility criteria and apply for the new scholarships.



Efforts well under way to put out a fire at a Dodoma city furniture factory yesterday - but, evidently, it was way too late to salvage anything of value. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

Researchers launch digital app on disease surveillance

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

RESEARCHERS at Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) have come up with a special digital disease surveillance app dubbed "AfyaData" which enables people in communities to report signs of infectious diseases such as cholera, Rift Valley Fever and others for instant support.

Developed through Southern African Centre for Infectious Disease Surveillance (SACIDS), the system has shown huge ability to reduce the effects of the epidemic diseases.

SACIDS assistant coordinator, Dr Robert Maduka said the digital system comes as part of the varsity's contribution to the country's preparedness to combat life threatening epidemics such as Rift Valley Fever, Ebola and other diseases that can spread from animals to humans.

Addressing journalists here the system is currently being piloted by the community health reporters, human and animals' health officials in the districts of Kilosa, Malinyi, Mvomero, Gairo, Ulanga in Morogoro Region and Ngorongoro District of Arusha Region.

"This app can be downloaded for free via Google play store. People in communities, named as health reporters, use the app by collecting data on signs and symptoms via their mobile phones and send the info over the internet to a server where they are stored, synthesized, analyzed and intelligently translated by medical experts into a diagnosis. This

information can be used to provide feedback to the authorities who can now take action in combating potential threats," he explained.

He elaborated: "Majority of people fail to report whenever they notice signs of abnormal diseases, due to lack of digital or quick systems to do so, so this is a huge step towards helping communities to get instant help during outbreaks," he said.

Dr Maduka said they have already provided training to health service providers at the community level on how to use the system and process the information.

Meanwhile the varsity's Directorate of Information and Communication Technology through the YEESI Lab project has created a special system to help farmers detect various challenges in farms without even waiting for an extension officer.

Dr Kadege Fue, head of the project said they are currently training youth to be able to address the most pressing problems in agriculture by using the system.

He said the system works on diagnosing diseases, weeds, pests as well as estimation of seedlings grown in the field and harvest forecast.

"All these are done using pictures from a normal camera or a smartphone," he said. He said the project is focused mostly on increasing awareness among the youth of Morogoro Region and other neighboring areas to be able to identify and address problems in their farms using smart phones or pictures from ordinary cameras.

East Africa's mega hydropower project approaching completion

By Guardian Reporter

CONSTRUCTION of the regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project has reached an implementation status of 95 percent before operational, Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Programme Coordination Unit (NELSAP-CU) said in a statement.

NELSAP-CU is managing the power project on behalf of the governments of Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania, the owners of the project.

The 80 MW regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project located at the Rusumo border between Rwanda and Tanzania is expected to benefit over a million people in East Africa when completed.

The Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project upon completion will boost economic activities, private sector development, and investments in

infrastructure through improved access to electricity in the region, said Ernest Nsabimana, Rwandan minister of infrastructure who led the project's council of ministers on Saturday at the site to take stock of the power plant construction progress.

The event was also attended by Ibrahim Uwizweye, Burundian minister for hydraulic, energy, and mines, and January Yusuf Makamba, Tanzanian minister of energy among others.

The delegation assessed the progress of the power intake construction site, the powerhouse, and the switchyard, said the statement.

The civil and hydro-mechanical works are at 97 percent to completion and now working on-site restoration and cleaning, according to the statement. The progress of the electromechanical work is at about 93 percent while the powerhouse

downstream walls have been completed.

The superstructure erection is ongoing and is planned to be fully enclosed by the end of the year, it added.

The council of ministers noted that the project's environmental social health safety is a good practice to be shared with other future hydroelectric projects and the quality of all work remains very high and world-class.

Resettlement action plan continues to be finalized, said the statement.

Each of the three countries will receive 26 MW directly connected to their respective national grid through the transmission lines, which are expected to benefit over one million people in the three countries.

The construction of the hydroelectric power plant is funded by the World Bank for \$340 million.

KIGALI

CLIMATE change activists and conservationists are calling for more funds to be allocated to youth-led initiatives geared toward environmental protection.

They also suggest for 'big funders' to adopt a policy of allocating a specific quarter of funds to youth.

The call was made as they reacted to the upcoming 35th Meeting of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board scheduled for March 2023 and will be held in Rwanda.

The Green Climate Fund is the world's largest climate fund, mandated to support developing countries to raise and realise their climate action plans towards low-emission, climate-resilient development.

The decision for Rwanda to host the high-profile meeting was announced at the recent GCF Board Meeting in South Korea.

Speaking about her expectations from the meeting, Honorine Isingizwe, an environmentalist who is also the Executive Director at Young Volunteers for the Environment (YVE), GCF

Activists urge for more climate funding ahead of GCF meeting

board meeting will present a unique opportunity for Rwanda but also called for the involvement of the youth in all aspects of climate planning.

"Such gatherings present a unique opportunity for the country but also for the youth. However, we wish for more youth involvement in designing and reviewing several environmental projects since they are the forefront partners in climate change. We wish to share our ideas since we are part of the future, plans made from such high profile meetings are for the future generations to implement and benefit from," she said.

Isingizwe also pointed out that GCF has funds that can be very beneficial in mitigating climate change if the criteria of accessing the money accommodates and funds youth innovative ideas.

"We are committed and want to learn from the older generations. For that to happen, we should be brought on board as co-creators and co-partners,"

she said. More than 300 people from civil society, private sector, Nationally Designated Authorities, and Accredited Entities to the GCF as well as board members are expected to attend the meeting.

"Considering that GCF finances are allocated mainly to projects in developing countries, of which, there are many in Africa, it's an opportunity for Africa for the board to seat in Kigali. Young people need not only to be invited but to sit at the high table where decisions are made," said Philip Anderson Samura, a Climate Change enthusiast, who is also the Secretary-General of Fellows of Conservation Club at the African Leadership University (ALU).

He added that 70 per cent of Africa's population are young people and they are the custodians of innovative projects that mitigate climate change.



Anna Athanas Paul, Zanzibar's Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children deputy minister, speaks at a stakeholders meeting organised by the Zanzibar chapter of the Tanzania Media Women's Association (Tamwa) yesterday. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

By Laura Husband

THE cotton conference has urged donors to create partnerships and make investments that will move Africa's cotton sector forward.

The conference was organised by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Representatives of the European Union, the United States, Brazil, the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group, the

UN, global organisations call for more investors to help Africa's cotton sector

Enhanced Integrated Framework, the UN Industrial Development Organization and Better Cotton all welcomed proposals presented at the conference.

The executive director of the International Trade Centre (ITC) Pamela Coke-Hamilton explained during the conference that new

partnerships will help the Cotton-4 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali).

At the call for action signing ceremony, which took place during the conference, she welcomed Afreximbank pledge and said: "Cotton is more than a commodity. It's more than just transforming

fibre into apparel or home textiles. Cotton is a way of life and a road to sustainable development."

She added: "It is a way to address broader development concerns to promote decent jobs and environmentally friendly, sustainable, and fairly priced products."

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Youth involvement vital for biodiversity conservation

YOUTHS nowadays have grown up amid serious environmental issues relatively known to the previous generations. Some of the problems include the increasing damage to the environment from mining and cutting down of trees, shortage of clean drinking water, damage to the ozone layer, growing number of endangered animals and plants, and not enough energy.

The Amani Nature Reserve is a protected area located within the Muheza and Korogwe districts in the Tanga Region, in tropical East Africa. The nature reserve was established in 1997 in order to preserve the unique flora and fauna of the East Usambara Mountains. The East and West Usambara Mountains are a biodiversity hotspot. The Amani Nature Reserve includes tropical cloud forest habitats.

The Amani Nature Reserve was established in 1997 in a forested area in the East Usambara Mountains. Traditionally, people living in villages adjacent to the reserve have used the forest as a source of timber, firewood and medicinal plants, a place to gather plants, bush meat, honey and fruit for consumption and a source of live birds, amphibians, reptiles and invertebrates for international trade.

The forests in the reserve have been described as intermediate evergreen forests or submontane evergreen forest, a type of vegetative cover that tends to grow on the seaward side of both the West and East Usambaras.

The government has been urged to improve the 35-km road from Muheza town to the Amani Nature Forest Reserve to attract more tourists in the area, which offers a wide-range of thrilling tourist attractions. The reserve is the largest forested block within the East Usambara Mountains and occupies the southern extremity of these mountains.

Reserve's Acting Conservator, Bob Matunda made the appeal recently

while briefing journalists on how they work together with the Nature Tanzania organisation and Tanzania Forest Conservation (TFCG) to conserve the endangered Long-billed birds and other threatened flora and species found at Amani Nature Forest Reserve. The road getting to the Reserve is in a devastating state the government should address the challenge to improve tourism.

Engaging people to conserve biodiversity of Amani Nature Reserve, we believe will see the increase in endangered Long-billed birds and other species so as to attract more tourists."

Construction of this road will help more than 40 villages located at the East Usambara Mountains to transport their produce more easily, attract more tourists to visit at Amani.

He expressed the Reserve's gratitude to the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) for granting funds to Nature Tanzania organisation that it can work together with TFCG to improve the conservation status of natural resources and sustainable development through enhancing conservation of birds, forest and supporting sustainable use of biodiversity in Tanzania." He noted

Matunda said that despite challenges, the number of tourists has been slightly increasing yearly whereby in the year 2015/2019, a total of 1,079 tourists from different countries visited the Nature Forest Reserve.

In the same vein, Nature Tanzania and TGCF have introduced a new project at Shebomeza village to restore the long-billed tailor bird's habitat as well as educate people on the benefits of biodiversity to human and the effect of the invasive trees (*Maesopsis eminii*) that harm biodiversity and habitat of the tailorbird at Amani Nature Reserve.

Currently majority of communities at Shebomeza villages have begun to plant indigenous trees in their farms to remove *Maesopsis eminii* tree species.

Community leaders help in upbringing but families need incomes for stability

SAVING the younger generation from the vicissitudes of time is a critical issue that senior national leaders make an effort to address from time to time, but no one has a formula on what can actually be done. Vice President Dr Philip Mpango has lately appealed to traditional and religious leaders to cooperate with parents in the correct upbringing of children to ensure the nation has a good generation of patriotic youth. It is an enviable proposal but making it work is another matter.

Gracing the opening ceremony of the 13th Africa regional conference hosted by the Tanzania Girl Guides Association (TGGA), scheduled to take four days, the VP asserted that it is important for parents, leaders and the society in general to be close to young people. He referred to the gnawing worry among ethics teachers on the impact of globalization, saying children are likely to adopt some different cultures that may contribute to their being morally damaged. Still how far do our initiation rites, when they are converted into pop music, morally defend the youth?

The theme for the gathering was itself somewhat complicated, seeking to foster unified development via knowledge, skills and women talents. Already there are elements that destabilize traditions, for instance girls study until they are in their mid-20s where it is not easy to orient them into a traditional family life. That can be pointed out by traditional leaders, but it definitely can't be taken up as policy.

The VP regretted that some parents do not talk to their children, such that they aren't capable of learning the challenges they face and helping

them in finding solutions. That is true, but often the preliminary challenge is poverty at home, which push children at a certain age to seek shortcuts, and that is where the trouble starts. Then there is marriage disharmony which undoes all the good culture offers.

That way, society is left with at least one thing, the importance of educating girls so that they have equal chances in life, irrespective of the moral outlook they will adopt in future. The more a person is educated or skilled, the wider the choice such a person will have, and when a family is well cared for and the parents are at ease with one another, the children learn what is good, while poverty and neglect fosters rebellion and even cruelty on society. We can leave aside issues of inherited traits as they are greatly influenced by family environment and immediate surroundings.

That is why appealing to traditional leaders and religious people to help with upbringing is helpful in the sense of parents listening to the two categories of leaders. These community leaders will not be turning up in families to help solve problems, since families are kept together by mutual interest and affection for one another, and children naturally living in the orbit of their parents.

If any of this setting is altered in a systematic way, it is a moment of transition for members of that family, by easing into whatever opportunities are offered in the immediate environment in a gender conditioned way for all or any family members therein. That is where 'globalisation' starts being noticed but it is actually a caveat, offering solace to one coming from broken family, enjoying music, easy company.



By Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Rebeca

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WE are in the toughest period the world economy has faced since the creation of the multilateral system more than three-quarters of a century ago. A quadruple shock of COVID, climate change, conflict and cost-of-living has undone years of hard-fought development gains.

As financial conditions tighten, even countries that had seemed on track to prosperity and stability now stare into the abyss of debt distress, fragility and uncertainty about the future.

Coordinated, multilateral action is necessary to tackle the crises we face. Both aid and trade have key roles to play in reversing the impacts of this quadruple shock and putting the world back on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

We head the three international agencies that comprise the Geneva trade hub - the World Trade Organization (WTO), UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Trade Centre (ITC).

The WTO makes and monitors the rules for global trade. UNCTAD delivers research and consensus-building to

In race against climate change: There's still hope for Africa

By Daisy Mukarakate

THE current drought in Eastern Africa is causing extreme levels of food insecurity affecting over 50 million people this year. Billed by FAO as "a climatic event not seen in at least 40 years," it is just one of the examples of the unprecedented scale of the looming climate crisis in Africa.

To avoid future disasters, more climate ambition is needed globally. In Africa, one of the regions hardest hit by climate change impacts, this need is more acute than anywhere else.

Working with 44 countries across the African continent, I am privileged to witness up close how the region is advancing climate ambition. Despite the negative headlines, there is indeed hope when we look at the daily steps being taken by local actors.

Here are five signals of hope we're seeing on the ground:

Africa's climate pledges are more robust than the global average

Countries not only use their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to set their targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to climate impacts, but also to define how to reach these targets. As such, NDCs are meant to help countries begin a transformative shift to greener development pathways, and their quality is therefore critical.

Using its NDC Quality Assurance Checklist, UNDP assessed the quality

A world in crisis needs both trade and aid

guide governments. ITC helps small business go global, especially firms led by women and young entrepreneurs. We work together so that trade works better for development.

All three of us share a deep commitment to trade-led prosperity. All three of us understand that a world in crisis means no more business as usual. And all three of us want our organizations to "walk the talk" on making aid and trade deliver for real people.

To guide aid and trade towards a better world, policymakers need to pivot in three fundamental ways.

First, make trade greener. Global trade can play an important role in a transition to a low-carbon economy. Preliminary research at the WTO suggests that removing tariffs and regulatory trade barriers for a set of energy-related environmental goods would reduce global CO2 emissions by 0.6% in 2030 just from improved energy efficiency, with additional potential gains from innovation spillovers and as lower prices accelerate the shift towards renewable energy and less carbon-intensive products.

Second, make trade more inclusive. Promoting greater trade by small businesses and greater participation

by women and youth make companies and countries more competitive, drives economic transformation and reduces poverty.

Yet ITC business surveys found that one only out of every five exporting companies is women-led. WTO data show that micro, small and medium-sized firms represent around 95 percent of all companies globally but only one-third of total exports.

Third, make trade more connected. In our networked world, the future of trade is through digital channels and platforms, especially for small businesses. During the pandemic, we saw how doing business online went from being useful to critical for survival. UNCTAD data shows that digitally delivered services reached almost two-thirds the level of global services exports.

These themes were discussed at the Global Review of Aid-for-Trade, which took place 27-29th July in Geneva. The event took place one month after the WTO's successful Twelfth Ministerial Conference, which put trade multilateralism back on track and delivered a landmark agreement on fisheries subsidies, and two months before the COP27 meeting in Egypt (November 6-18) that could determine

the world's chances to keep the 1.5C target alive.

The data shows promising signs that aid-for-trade is tilting towards greater sustainability, inclusivity and connectivity. OECD and WTO data reveal a record high of nearly US\$50 billion in aid for trade disbursements in 2020, of which half were either climate or gender related, and one-third supported the digital economy.

Despite growing budgetary pressures at home, it is critically important to continue and increase these aid-for-trade flows.

Apart from a stronger thematic focus on sustainability, inclusivity and connectivity, maximizing the contribution of aid for trade to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals requires a resolute focus on the "where" and "how" of delivering development results.

This means a focus on those countries whose trade and development needs are highest - particularly Least Developed Countries and fragile/conflict-affected countries - and regional initiatives like African Continental Free Trade Area, to ensure they become stepping-stones to wider and more inclusive regional value chains and trade-led growth.

of the NDCs submitted by countries supported by the Climate Promise against the following three dimensions: robustness, feasibility, and country ownership and inclusivity.

The Africa region scored higher than the global average on all the three quality dimensions. A significant majority (89 per cent) of submitted NDCs from Africa are robust and demonstrate ownership and inclusivity (87 per cent). While the NDCs were weakest on implementation feasibility (42 percent), they still scored higher than the global average (33 percent).

Countries are committed to climate resilience like never before

Keenly aware that the risks posed by climate change could undo years of development gains, a significant majority of countries in Africa have increased the existing sectoral scope or added sectors for adaptation action in their NDCs. 92 percent also defined clearer adaptation objectives and/or targets compared to previous NDC submissions.

Agriculture and land use are prioritized by many countries for adaptation action, as the dependency of livelihoods on agro-ecosystems remains high in the region.

Indeed, around 70 percent of the population in Africa are smallholder farmers with limited capacity to cope with climate shocks. 95 percent of countries are committed to strengthening the alignment of their

NDC with National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) or other adaptation planning processes and instruments. NAP development is an important process that allows governments to analyze current and future climate risks and prioritize medium- and long-term adaptation options.

Transparency efforts are on the rise

Most countries in Africa have initiated important work to improve the availability and quality of their climate-related data. Climate emissions data can change over time which makes having up-to-date data important to tracking emissions reductions. Yet, several African countries are still basing their NDC projections on outdated greenhouse gases inventories and default emission factors and data. Improvements in data quality and availability will strengthen transparency systems and bring benefits such as, support to decision-making and attracting new funding sources as countries will be better able to track progress made towards reaching their climate commitments.

15 countries are currently building and updating Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems, 10 of which are strengthening the inclusion of gender dimensions in the monitoring of their climate-related strategies, such as integrating gender-responsive indicators.

New trends are emerging, including green jobs and just transition Ensuring an inclusive and

equitable shift towards low-carbon economies is paramount in Africa, where multidimensional poverty and inequalities are ever present and compromising the sustainable development agenda. Taking advantage of green growth to also create a just transition through decent job opportunities is key for the future of Africa's youth, who make up 70 percent of the continent's population. In the past few years, interesting developments have occurred on this front. Nigeria and Zimbabwe have paved the way for just transition mainstreaming by undertaking green jobs-related activities to inform their revised NDCs.

To support this work, UNDP partnered with the International Labor Organization (ILO) to facilitate both countries to strengthen quantitative data around just transition scenarios through green jobs assessment modelling. These efforts are gaining attention and are backed by strong political will, as Heads of State from Senegal, Rwanda, Nigeria, and South Africa are clearly expressing the need for Africa to be an active stakeholder in the debate around defining what a "just transition" is. Leading to COP27 in Egypt, the idea of the continent agreeing on a common position is making headway as evidenced by several pre-COP27 dialogues on just transition.

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Single parenthood: A global trend needing resilience to cope with

MARRIAGE is an institution so fundamental to the human experience that there is no known society that functions without it. Once it flourishes, societies and nations thrive. Once it collapses, stories of loneliness and suffering become commonplace.

People marry for many reasons including love, companionship, the desire to build a family, financial stability, social status, and religious fulfillment. In nearly every case, the marriage is considered a watershed event in one's life.

Although couples vow to live together and love one another until death do them apart, it does not end that way, always. That is the sad reality all over the world. Make no mistake; separations and divorce are even more prevalent in rich countries.

Divorce rates around the world are estimated to be at 4.08 per 1,000 married persons as of May 2022. According to the United States' National Center for Health Statistics, approximately 4 to 5 million people get married every year in the U.S. and approximately 42 to 53 per cent of those marriages eventually end in divorce.

Divorce has many possible causes including infidelity, financial problems, loss of intimacy, substance abuse, domestic abuse, lack of commitment, moral or religious differences, and simply growing apart. Whatever the reason, divorce is not a uniquely American scenario.

Apart from divorce, other global pressing issues that affect women and children are break ups, abandonment, death of male parent or just neglect. Yes, there are those fathers who simply don't care.

Children are affected by divorce in many ways, varying by the circumstances and age of the child. Young children are generally the most affected by parental separation, and often feel the brunt of absence of male parent.

Experts say that children aged between seven and 12 are much better at expressing emotions and accepting parentage breakage but often distrust their parents and may manifest social and academic problems.

On the other hand, adolescents are the worst in coping with divorce, and may choose to run away from their family entirely if they have anywhere to go and deal with their situation on their own.



Out of wedlock births are hardly acceptable in many societies and they often result in single parenting. A partner may also leave as he or she may want to shrink responsibility of bringing up the child. This also may harm the child living where they are not acceptable.

Mothers with unintended pregnancies and their children are subject to numerous adverse health effects, including increased risk of violence and death. Experts note that children in such circumstances are less likely to succeed in school.

Some individuals choose to become

pregnant and parent on their own, yet others choose to adopt children. Women who choose this path are typically referred to in the west as single mothers by choice or choice moms.

Many people also get into single parenthood by choice after not finding the right person to raise children with. And for women, it often comes out of a desire to have biological children before it is too late to do so.

Single parent adoptions have existed since the mid-19th century. Not much has changed with the adoption processes since the 1960. However, today

many countries only allow women to adopt as single parent.

But single parent adoptions are controversial in some countries because there are many challenges for a single mother to qualify for adaptation. Travelling is much more complex for a single mother as the child to be left in someone else's care or taken along.

The occurrence of moderate to severe mental disability is more pronounced among single mothers at 28.7 per cent compared to partnered mothers at 15.7 per cent, according to several studies.

Financial hardships also affect the mental health of single mothers. Statistically, never married, separated or divorced mothers have the highest regularities of drug abuse and personality disorder.

The family structure can become a trigger for mental health issues in single mothers. They are especially at risk for having higher level of depressive symptoms. In a more current study it was proven that financial strain was directly correlated with skyrocketing levels of depression in single mothers.

Single parent families are more common than ever. Child rearing can be difficult under any circumstance. Without one partner, the stakes are higher. As a single parent, one has sole responsibility for all aspects of day to day child care.

Being a single parent can result in added pressure, stress and fatigue. If a single mother is too tired or distracted to be emotionally supportive or consistently discipline a child, behavioral problems might arise. Childcare can be financially difficult and socially isolating.

To reduce stress in single parent family, one needs to raise one's child. Give him or her unconditional love and support. Create a routine such as regularly scheduled meals and bedtimes, read or simply sit with one's child at their parent's approval.

It's important to explain house rules and expectations to your child such as speaking respectfully. A single mother should not always blame herself or spoil her child to make up for being a single parent. It's okay to be honest with your child if you're having a difficult time, but remind him or her that things will get better.

Be aware that some research has shown that teens in single mother households have a higher risk of depression and lower self-esteem. Signs and symptoms of depression may include social isolation, feeling sad, alone or unloved, disliking one's book, irritability and a sense of hopelessness. If you see signs like this in your teen child, take them to a doctor.

If your single motherhood is the result of divorce or separation, you can talk to your child about the changes you're facing and listen to your child's feelings, and try to answer his or her questions honestly.

Avoiding unnecessary details or negativity about the other parent is important for good parenting. Remind your child that he or she did nothing to cause the divorce or separation and that you'll always love him or her.

Always look for opportunities to be positive in your life. Avoid making broad and negative statements about opposite gender. Seek out positive relationships with responsible members of the opposite gender who might serve as role models for your child.

Being a single parent can be challenging but rewarding experience if well managed. By showing your child love, respect, talking honestly and staying positive, you can lessen your stress and help your child thrive. Single motherhood is hard, but it is not shameful or weak to reach out for help. The strength and resilience of single mothers is incredibly admirable.



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Division and shifts in current world order leave Africa vulnerable to further exploitation

By Jakkie Cilliers

THE world has entered uncharted waters as changes forecast over the next decade could have more impact than the collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Just think of the past 15 years. Covid-19 struck as the world was recovering from the 2008/9 financial crisis. When the pandemic started easing, Russia invaded Ukraine and upended energy security in Europe and food security in Africa. Africa now faces a hunger and fertiliser emergency on top of a debt crisis.

The result is widespread instability and a general decline in democracy, including a rash of coups in West and Central Africa. Africa isn't worse off than other regions, though. Western Europe and the United States (US) are engaged in a proxy war with Russia, their former Cold War adversary. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) recently added China to its perceived threat environment, and China and the US are at odds over Taiwan.

But Africa is rapidly emerging as a battlefield between China, the US and the European Union (EU) that could make the bipolar era of competition between East and West look tame by comparison. All of this is happening while the impact of climate change accelerates year on year.

To explore the impact of the different worlds that could emerge from these upheavals, the African Futures and Innovation programme at the Institute for Security Studies is undertaking a wide-ranging assessment of alternative futures. Two dimensions frame the possible futures: the extent of international cooperation/fracturing and the pursuit of more or less sustainability.

The results are four broad scenarios: a Sustainable World, a Divided World, a World at War and a Growth World. The impact is modelled using the International Futures forecasting platform from the University of Denver, and is currently being presented for discussion and validation in a series of public events.

Divided World scenario

On the current trajectory, the Divided World scenario appears most likely. This would see a more fragmented global order and the retreat from a rules-based system over time. Powerful countries including the US and China, alternate between efforts to frame a favourable global agenda and isolationism. The likelihood of this scenario will accelerate if Donald Trump is re-elected as US



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president in 2024, to the detriment of the West and ultimately, itself.

In a world where the US and EU don't act as one, China could overtake the EU in power potential in 2027 and the US in 2031. On this trajectory, the steady loss in legitimacy, influence and salience of the United Nations proceeds apace, and Africa suffers. Peacekeeping and support for peacemaking in Africa decline.

World at War scenario

Hard power competition dominates in the World at War scenario. Three triggers could realise this scenario. The first is the escalation of Russia's war on Ukraine into a broader military confrontation with Nato. Or China could invade Taiwan with

military intervention from the US and others.

A third trigger – less likely given the large disparities in their material power capabilities – could be border conflict and eventually a war between India and China. Although India will continue to have significantly fewer power capabilities than China, the two are increasingly regional and global power competitors that share a long border. The rivalry between Chinese-supported, nuclear-armed Pakistan and India over Kashmir could be a trigger, particularly if the two look to balance their relations with Washington and Beijing.

In the World at War scenario, Russia and China enter into a formal military al-

liance in direct opposition to Nato. Others eventually join the China-Russia treaty, including Iran, which has a long-standing grievance with the West.

Africa becomes a key area of competition for control of its strategic mineral resources in the World at War scenario. China has been a first mover in securing a supply of the minerals required for the transition to a renewables-based future, including lithium, nickel, cobalt, manganese and palladium. Now the West aggressively plays catch-up.

Growth World scenario

Neoliberal, trickle-down economics characterise the Growth World, with little care for the environment. This high-

growth, unequal world would see slow reductions in extreme poverty. Efforts to introduce minimum tax rates for corporates don't get off the ground. Large digital companies, particularly from the US, continue to increase their profits without a physical presence in the countries where they operate.

The practice of tax avoidance through profit shifting to low-tax jurisdictions effectively leads to a race to the bottom as countries compete to attract foreign direct investment. Developing countries suffer, and the licit and illicit financial outflows from Africa's 46 low- and lower-middle-income countries accelerate.

Sustainable World scenario

The Sustainable World scenario is the most difficult to achieve. Unlike the other three paths, it requires deliberate choices and bold leadership to achieve a better world against inevitable domestic resistance. In this scenario, the international community balances growth and distribution by reducing overall consumption and constraining greenhouse gas emissions. Collaboration and norm development extends across multiple sectors.

The Sustainable World is the only forecast in which Africa achieves its Agenda 2063 ambitions for an integrated, prosperous and peaceful continent.

Three developments could unlock this sustainable future. The first is democratisation in China and Russia, as unlikely as that may seem. The second is a global push to reverse the corrosion of the rules-based system through a determined process of democratisation and structural evolution. Third, a reluctant world community is forced into a collective response due to the rapid acceleration of the impact of climate change and global pandemics.

These scenarios are being tested and refined with global experts. The workshops and their outcomes can be viewed on the African Futures and Innovation website which was launched earlier this year and forecasts Africa's future two decades into the future.

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Experts go questioning reliance on monkeypox vaccine in short supply

A RELIANCE on vaccines in short supply and questions over their best use are hampering efforts to curb the global spread of monkeypox which has hit dozens of countries for the first time, health officials say.

There are just 1.5 million vials of Bavarian Nordic's monkeypox vaccine either administered or currently available in the ten worst-affected countries, which account for nearly 90 percent of all cases. The vast majority of doses are in the United States. The figures are based on a Reuters tally of government statements, and highlight the extent of the global supply gap for the first time.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates 10 million doses will be needed to protect the people at highest risk, with a current focus on certain men who have sex with men and contacts of people infected.

Other experts say an equitable global response would also prioritize an underdetermined number of high-risk people in the 11 countries in Africa where monkeypox has been a public health problem for years.

Several countries, including the United States, Britain and Spain, are stretching out the available doses, with unknown outcomes.

Indeed, the Bavarian Nordic shot has not undergone clinical trials to evaluate the vaccine's ability to prevent monkeypox in humans, though initial studies suggest it will provide some protection.

"The whole vaccination strategy for monkeypox is associated with a lot of uncertainties," said Dr Dimie Ogoina, a professor of medicine at Niger Delta University in Nigeria and member of the WHO's monkeypox emergency committee.

Ogoina's research in 2017 highlighted possible sexual transmission of monkeypox in Nigeria - where no vaccines are, or have been, available.

"Unfortunately, I am not sure health authorities are communicating these uncertainties to the public," he added.

More than 40,000 people have already been infected by monkeypox this year, a virus which spreads through very close contact.

Around 10 percent have been hospitalized with severe pain and 12 people have died. The WHO has declared the outbreak a global health emergency, its highest level of alert.

Disease experts are wary of the heavy



A patient is inoculated with the monkeypox vaccine during a vaccination clinic at the OASIS Wellness Centre on Aug 19, 2022, in New York.

emphasis wealthy countries have placed on vaccination as the first line of defense given these questions, as well as signs that behavioral change, testing and contact tracing are also important.

New monkeypox infections appear to be plateauing in Britain, Spain and Germany, a trend attributed by experts to behavioral change in at-risk groups.

"The first control strategy is behaviour change: asking people at high risk to reduce activities that are high risk, such as anonymous hook-ups and/or sex parties, and to adopt behaviours that may reduce risk, such as use of condoms, screening of your body for rash and for your sex partners' bodies for rash before sex," said

Jay Varma, director of the Cornell Center for Pandemic Prevention and Response in the US.

"The problem with this approach is that it's not durable." Countries are setting up trials to assess the impact of the vaccine, including the US, Britain, Germany and Spain, although it is unclear when results may come out.

Stretching supplies

Bavarian Nordic's vaccine - called Jynneos, Imvanex and Imvamune, depending on the country - is the sole shot authorized by regulators in the US, Europe and elsewhere to prevent monkeypox.

Last week, the Danish company said it had signed on a US-based manufacturer to help accelerate delivery of doses.

The company was initially producing one batch - between 200,000 and 300,000 doses - per week, but since the start of this outbreak in May output has doubled, a spokesperson told Reuters.

Bavarian Nordic expects in-house capacity to treble by the end of 2022 from what it was in May - and is also in conversations with multiple other companies to expand manufacturing capacity, the spokesperson added.

Meanwhile, countries are trying to stretch out sup-

plies.

Britain, Canada, and Germany are administering one dose per person instead of two, which allows them to inoculate more people even if they each may receive less or less durable protection.

In the United States and Europe, there is a push to get up to five doses out of a single dose, by injecting the vaccine differently.

"You know the saying - if you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there? Some days, that's happening," said Michael Osterholm, epidemiologist at the University of Minnesota.

The vaccine was originally developed to protect against smallpox, in case that disease ever returns. But scientists are confident that it will provide at least some degree of protection against the similar monkeypox virus.

Jynneos's regulatory authorisations are largely based on animal experiments with monkeypox, as well as data showing that it is safe and prompts an immune response in humans.

In total, only 40 percent of countries experiencing monkeypox outbreaks currently have access to the vaccine, according to a WHO spokesperson.

Brazil and Peru, for example, among the worst-hit countries globally, have no vaccines yet, although negotiations are under way and deliveries are due later this year. The WHO is trying to set up an equitable distribution mechanism, but has no access to vaccines.

"You can't allocate doses you don't have," said Nicole Lurie, director of preparedness at the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), who has been involved in the discussions.

Until more supply and data on efficacy are available, governments should prioritize the vaccine for the most vulnerable, such as immunocompromised men who have sex with multiple male partners, some disease experts said.

Scientists at Yale University estimate that fewer than half high-risk men need to be vaccinated to bring the outbreak under control, depending on the infectiousness of monkeypox, the effectiveness of contact tracing and the efficacy of the vaccine - all unknowns.

"We are really in a race against the virus," said Melanie Chitwood, co-author of the study at the Yale School of Public Health.

DENVER

NASA pics show extreme drought worsening in US west

THE record drought in America's Southwest can be seen from 35,000 kilometers above Earth.

Recently released surveillance from the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA) showed areas where the historic "mega-drought" has left gigantic "bathtub rings" on the country's largest reservoirs and vast, parched areas, which now can be seen from outer space.

Federal officials announced new water cuts to states that rely on the Colorado River in a suite of emergency moves to reinforce reservoirs that have hit record-low levels due to climate change and decades of drought.

"In order to avoid a catastrophic collapse of the Colorado River System and a future of uncertainty and conflict, water use in the Basin must be reduced," said Tanya Trujillo, assistant secretary for water and science at the Department of the Interior, in a statement last Tuesday.

According to the latest plan, Arizona and Nevada would lose 21 percent and 8 percent respectively of their annual allotment of Colorado River water.

Mexico, which also receives water from the river, will see its annual allotment reduced by 7 percent. Earlier this summer, the federal government gave the states two months to figure out how to stop using 2 to 4 million acre-feet of Colorado River water to help prop up the reservoirs -- or face the prospect that the federal government would step in and make the cuts itself.

However, water managers in Arizona, California and Nevada last week failed to agree on a plan to cut water in the lower basin after weeks of heated negotiations.

The graphic images underscore the dire threat to some 40 million Americans in seven western states that an anticipated water shortage will create, and were released last week by NASA.com from its satellites that circumnavigate the globe

from 35,000 kilometers high. "NASA satellites have been monitoring waterways in the West for years and documenting how the region is drying up," Vox.com reported Friday. "It's part of a trend lasting almost two decades, making it the worst drought in 1,200 years. Part of the severity of this 'mega-drought' has been worsened by climate change," the report added.

Pictures taken from far above the planet show drastic water level drops in Lake Mead and Lake Powell and the tell-tale "bathtub rings" on canyon walls, which illustrate that water levels were dozens feet higher in just the past few years. The Colorado River system is down to 34 percent ca-

capacity, another drop from its 40 percent capacity last year. Lake Mead, a reservoir held by the Hoover Dam and located between Nevada and Arizona, is the largest U.S. reservoir in water capacity and can hold 9.3 trillion gallons of water, a level not seen since 1999.

Two months ago, Lake Mead's water elevation fell to about 1,042 feet, a record low, and put the lake below 27 percent of its capacity.

On Monday, the number is 1,043.43 feet. If water levels in Lake Mead dip below 1,000 feet, the massive generators that produce more than 2,000 megawatts at their peak can no longer operate as normal.

And if the drought continues, Lake Mead could reach dead pool

status, where the water level is too low to flow downstream.

The situation is also bleak upstream along the Colorado River between Utah and Arizona where Lake Powell, formed by the Glen Canyon Dam, is also at record low water levels.

As of Monday, its water level is 3,533.37 feet, 166.63 feet below full pool. Lake Powell can hold about 8.2 trillion gallons of water at its peak, but its current water levels fell below 25 percent of its full capacity.

Similar drops in mid-sized reservoirs have also gained NASA's eye and the concern of government officials who see them as critical examples of the need for drastic and dramatic reductions in water use.

In California, Shasta Lake, which holds 1.46 million gallons when full, is only 38 percent full, and Lake Oroville, with a peak capacity of 1.15 trillion gallons, also saw a big drop in water levels between 2019 and 2021.

In South Dakota, the Bureau of Reclamation and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, placed unprecedented restriction on Belle Fourche Reservoir. "Restrictions are necessary due to the continued drought conditions and fire restrictions enacted ..." the agency said in a press release on Friday.

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Africa's major forum opens to tackle major health challenges

By Special Correspondent, Lomé

AFRICAN governments have been challenged to invest more heavily in health system to achieve development target.

African Union Commissioner for Humanitarian and Social Development Affairs, Minata Samate Cessouma threw the challenge over the weekend when speaking at the Seventy-second session of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee for Africa with African health ministers and government representatives in attendance.

Opened by Togo President Faure Gnassingbe, the region's foremost public health gathering held annually will discuss and agree on measures to lower the burden of diseases, seek ways to curb the drivers of ill health and endorse strategies to promote access to health services and people's well-being.

"Investing in the health system in Africa is essential to achieve our development targets. This investment must be substantial and strategic for health and global economic security," said Cessouma.

During the meeting, WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus handed Togo President Gnassingbé a certificate for having eliminated the four neglected tropical diseases.

"I thank you for the appreciation shown for my country for the achievement in eliminating the neglected tropical diseases," said President Gnassingbé.

"In Africa, like everywhere else in the world, we must confront the ongoing (health) challenges, but more so act, act to guarantee access to quality health care for all, everywhere and at all times. Act to provide social protection and universal health coverage to all citizens, and act to put an end to counterfeit and poor-quality medicines. Clearly, we have much to do."

Since its onset, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on health service provision across the African region, devastated economies, lives and livelihoods. However, the aftershocks of COVID-19 are also inspiring new efforts to rethink and rebuild health systems to not only better withstand the impact of health emergencies, but to markedly step up the quality and accessibility of health services.

In addition to COVID-19, the African region is also battling other health challenges triggered by outbreaks of communicable diseases, humanitarian crises, climatic shocks as well as the rising burden of chronic disease such as cancer and diabetes. Every year, the region faces more than 100 health emergencies, more than any other region in the world.

"We are calling on all Member States to make an urgent paradigm shift towards promoting health and well-being and prevent-



ing disease by addressing its root causes and creating the conditions for health to thrive," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.

Ministers of health and delegates at the Regional Committee will discuss and endorse key strategies and launch campaigns on disease prevention. They will endorse measures to strengthen emergency response and promote the use of technological solutions to tackle health challenges, building on lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic response.

"Equity is a key factor in health outcomes in Africa,

and globally. Nothing has better demonstrated the urgency of addressing it comprehensively and effectively than this pandemic," said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa.

"Inequity is a key driver of vulnerability to disease and illness. I'd like to urge that we collectively address it at the centre of our health action."

Around 700 participants including representatives from United Nations agencies, nongovernmental organizations, civil society, academia and development partners are attending either in person or virtually the

five-day meeting in Lomé.

The 22 - 26 August meeting—the first to be held in-person since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic—is taking place in Lomé, the capital of Togo, a leader in the region on innovative ways to respond to health problems. Togo is the first country in the world to be recognized by WHO for eliminating four neglected tropical diseases: lymphatic filariasis (commonly known as elephantiasis), human African trypanosomiasis, or sleeping sickness, trachoma - an eye infection that can cause irreversible blindness - and Guinea worm.

Measles outbreak in Zimbabwe kills 157 children

HARARE

A Measles outbreak in Zimbabwe has killed 157 children, most of whom were unvaccinated due to their family's religious beliefs, officials said.

The measles outbreak was first reported in the eastern Manicaland province in early April and has since spread to

all parts of the country.

At least 2,056 cases have been reported and virtually all of the deaths have been children who were not vaccinated, Information Minister Monica Mutsvangwa said.

Zimbabwe's Cabinet has invoked a law used to respond to disasters to deal with the outbreak, she said.

The government says it is embarking on a mass vaccination campaign targeting children aged between 6 months and 15 years old and is engaging traditional and faith leaders to support the drive.

Zimbabwe continued vaccinating children against measles even during the height of the coronavirus pandemic, but

the drive has been hampered by religious groups that preach against vaccines.

The Christian sects are against modern medicine and tell their members to rely on self-proclaimed prophets for healing.

Church gatherings that have resumed following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions have

"led to the spread of measles to previously unaffected areas," said the health ministry in a statement last week.

Measles is among the most infectious diseases in the world and mostly spreads in the air by coughing, sneezing or close contact. Symptoms include coughing, fever and a skin rash, while the risk of

severe measles or dying from complications is high among unvaccinated children.

Outbreaks in unvaccinated and malnourished populations have been known to kill thousands. Scientists estimate that more than 90% of the population needs to be immunized to prevent measles outbreaks.

The World Health Organi-

zation in April warned of an increase in measles in vulnerable countries as a result of a disruption of services due to COVID-19. In July, UNICEF said about 25 million children worldwide have missed out on routine immunizations against common childhood diseases, calling it a "red alert" for child health.

African migratory birds threatened by hot, dry weather, UN agency says

By Special Correspondent, Mombasa

AFRICA'S migratory birds are threatened by changing weather patterns in the centre and east of the continent that have depleted natural water systems and caused a devastating drought.

Hotter and drier conditions due to climate change has made it difficult for traveling species who are losing their water sources and breeding grounds, with many now endangered or forced to alter their migration patterns entirely by settling in cooler northern areas.

Roughly 10 per cent of Africa's more than 2,000 bird species, including dozens of migratory birds, are threatened, with 28 species - such as the Madagascar fish eagle, the Taita falcon and hooded vultures - classed as "critically endangered." Over one-third of them are especially vulnerable to climate change and extreme weather, an analysis by the environmental group BirdLife International said.

"Birds are being affected by climate change just like any other species," BirdLife policy coordinator Ken Mwathe said. "Migratory birds are affected more than other groups of birds because they must keep on moving," which makes it more likely that a site they rely on during their journey has degraded in some way.

The African-Eurasian flyway, the flight corridor for birds that travel south through the Mediterranean Sea and Sahara Desert for the winter, harbors over 2,600 sites for migrating birds. An estimated 87 per cent of African sites are at risk from climate change, a greater proportion than in

Europe or Asia, a study by the United Nations environment agency and conservation group Wetlands International found.

Africa is more vulnerable to climate change because it is less able to adapt, said Evans Mukolwe, a retired meteorologist and science director at the World Meteorological Organisation.

"Poverty, biodiversity degradation, extreme weather events, lack of capital and access to new technologies" make it more difficult for the continent to protect habitats for wild species, Mukolwe said.

Hotter temperatures due to human-caused climate change and less rainfall shrink key wetland areas and water sources, which birds rely on during migratory journeys.

"Lake Chad is an example," Mwathe said. "Before birds cross the Sahara, they stop by Lake Chad, and then move to the Northern or Southern Hemisphere. But Lake Chad has been shrinking over the years," which compromises its ability to support birds, he said.

Parched birds mean tougher journeys, which have an impact on their ability to breed, said Paul Matiku, executive director of Nature Kenya.

Flamingoes, for example, which normally breed in Lake Natron in Tanzania are unlikely to be able to "if the migration journey is too rough," Matiku said.

He added that "not having water in those wetlands means breeding will not take place" since flamingoes need water to create mud nests that keep their eggs away from the intense heat of dry ground.



Non-migratory birds are also struggling with the changing climate. African fish eagles, found throughout sub-Saharan Africa, are now forced to travel farther in search of food. The number of South African Cape Rock jumpers and Protea canaries is severely declining.

Bird species living in the hottest and driest areas, like in the Kalahari Desert that spans Botswana, Namibia and South Africa, are approaching

their "physiological limits," the most recent assessment by the U.N.'s expert climate panel said. It added that birds are less able to find food and are losing body mass, causing large-scale deaths for those living in extreme heat.

"Forest habitats get hotter with climate change and ... dryland habitats get drier and savannah birds lack food because grass never seeds, flowers never fruit, and insects never emerge as they do when it rains," Matiku said.

Other threats, such as the illegal wildlife trade, agriculture, the growth of urban areas and pollution are also stunting bird populations like African fish eagles and vultures, he said.

Better land management projects that help restore degraded wetlands and forests and protect areas from infrastructure, poaching or logging will help preserve the most vulnerable species, the U.N. environmental agency said.

Birds and other species would benefit from concerted efforts to improve water access and food security, especially as sea levels rise and extreme weather events are set to continue, said Amos Makarau, the Africa regional director of the U.N. weather agency.

Scientists say that curbing emissions of planet-warming gases, especially in high-emitting nations, could also limit future weather-related ca-

SAN SALVADOR

GETTING sick is one of the worst fears facing Jorge, a Salvadoran living in the United States, because without access to health insurance or public health programs, he knows he will not be able to afford the high cost of hospital care.

"It scares me to think about what would happen if I got sick, the medical services here are very expensive," Jorge told IPS by video call. He preferred not to mention his last name for fear that, because he is undocumented, he could be traced and deported by U.S. immigration authorities.

Jorge, 56, left his native El Salvador, the smallest of the Central American countries, more than 10 years ago, where he worked as an English teacher. He went to the United States to forge a better future for himself.

"I came in search of the American dream, but that dream is now a kind of American nightmare," he said, sitting on the side of his bed in the small room where he lives in the town of Silver Spring, in the south-eastern U.S. state of Maryland.

Without the documents that would allow him to live legally in the U.S., Jorge is unable to find a better job, and must settle for working in a company that distributes vegetables, grains and other groceries to online buyers. He is paid 13 dollars an hour.

"I'm actually feeling a weird little pain here, in this part of my arm," he added, and showed the area that has

High cost of medical services puts immigrants' health at risk in the US



Immigrants demand respect for their rights, including health care, during a demonstration in front of the State Capitol in Sacramento, California.

started to hurt.

According to him, the pain is probably due to the long hours he has to spend in a cold room, at a temperature of 4°C, because he is in charge

of removing the products to be packaged and shipped.

Lacking health care in the world's richest country

Like Jorge, many of the estimated

11 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States face the harsh reality of putting their lives at risk by not seeking hospital services, primarily for two reasons.

But "this is not the case in other states, such as Texas, Alabama, Tennessee, the Carolinas, where access to health care for the undocumented community is nonexistent," he said.

An arm and a leg

Most of the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the United States come from four countries: Mexico and the Central American countries of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, which face acute problems of unemployment, insecurity, lack of education and housing.

In the United States, the richest and most powerful nation in the world, a healthcare system dominated by the profit motive, driven by one branch of the financial industry - the insurance industry - reigns supreme.

"This is unbridled capitalism, in all its glory," said Jorge, talking to IPS at 7:00 p.m. while at the same time preparing his food and other things, to get up the next day at 4:00 a.m., and start his up to 14-hour workday an hour later. If you do not have an employer that provides health insurance, or if you are not a beneficiary of programs such as Medicaid, which is designed with state or federal funds to cover people with little ability to pay, the cost of medical treatment must be borne by you alone, and it costs an arm and a leg.

"One night in a hospital, depending on the health problem, can generally cost 5,000 to 10,000 dollars," Amaya said.

An operation can run around 50,000 to 100,000 dollars, "and someone with cancer ends up half a million dollars in debt," he added.

Hospitals are required by law to provide medical services regardless of immigration status.

But with no private insurance policy and no medical coverage, and with a bill to pay of several thousand dollars, these hospitals give people the possibility of paying for the service in monthly installments.

According to the Cable News Network (CNN), which cited a report released in July 2021 by the Kaiser Family Foundation, 23 percent of immigrants in general and 46 percent of undocumented immigrants are uninsured, compared to just over nine percent of U.S. citizens.

Jorge told how a co-worker, an undocumented Guatemalan whose name he preferred not to give, suffered a hernia six months ago. He went to the hospital when he could no longer stand the pain, and the treatment cost him 12,000 dollars.

"Since then, he has had to pay a thing until now," Jorge said.

The Guatemalan's father-in-law, who he also did not identify, had an accident at work, falling from the roof of a house and suffering multiple fractures, said Jorge.

A metal plate to replace the broken bone, plus several therapy sessions, cost 400,000 dollars, he said.

Oscar, a Mexican immigrant who has obtained U.S. citizenship, told IPS that in 2004, having just arrived as a beneficiary of a legal temporary work program sponsored by a binational agreement, he sought help for stress. **IPS**

First, because they know that the costs of these medical services are exorbitantly high, even for citizens and legal residents, and even worse for undocumented immigrants, who do not have well-paying jobs and are generally ineligible to participate in state or federal health care programs.

And second, because they are afraid to go to hospitals because they believe, not without reason, that the immigration authorities will show up to detain and deport them.

"The fear is not unfounded, there have been documented cases of people who came for medical attention and the hospitals called the immigration office," Emilio Amaya, executive director of the San Bernardino Community Service Centre, told IPS. But Amaya added that "We cannot say that this is a generalized practice, there have been isolated cases, but it is common in towns on the border with Mexico."

His organization, located in the San Bernardino Riverside area of California, has been helping undocumented migrants since 2001, added Amaya, a Mexican who has lived in the United States for some 40 years.

Regarding the high cost of hospital services, Amaya added: "In general terms, regardless of immigration status, access to medical care is difficult and expensive."

And it gets more complicated, he said, in the case of undocumented immigrants, since they do not go to the hospital because they do not qualify for public medical assistance programs for low-income people, such as Medicaid, or because of the aforementioned fear of being detained by immigration authorities.

In doing so, they put their health at risk.

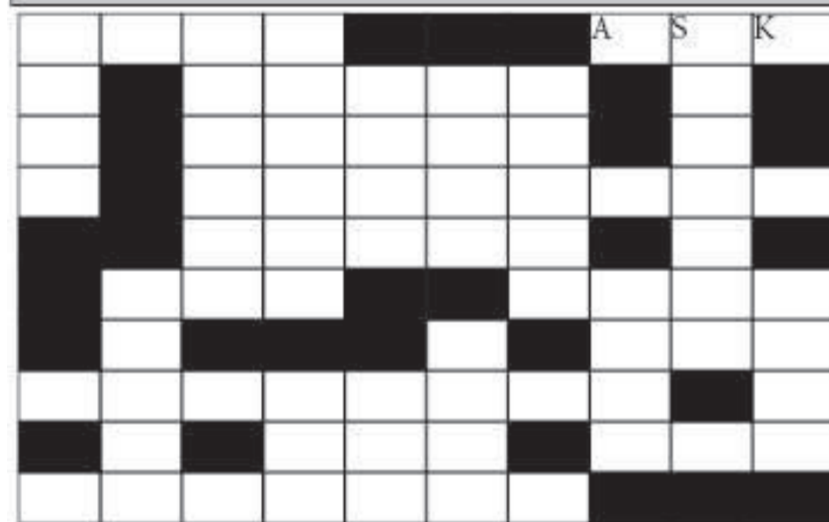
The possibility of receiving medical coverage, he said, as a result of state or federal programs, depends on the state or city where one lives, since there is no national standard that applies across-the-board throughout the country. And while undocumented individuals generally have difficulty becoming eligible for some form of public health care, such as the national Medicaid program, in some states, such as California, there have been positive steps toward greater inclusion.

"For years we have been working on a campaign called Health for All, which has been allowing anyone, regardless of their immigration status, to have access to public health services," Amaya said.

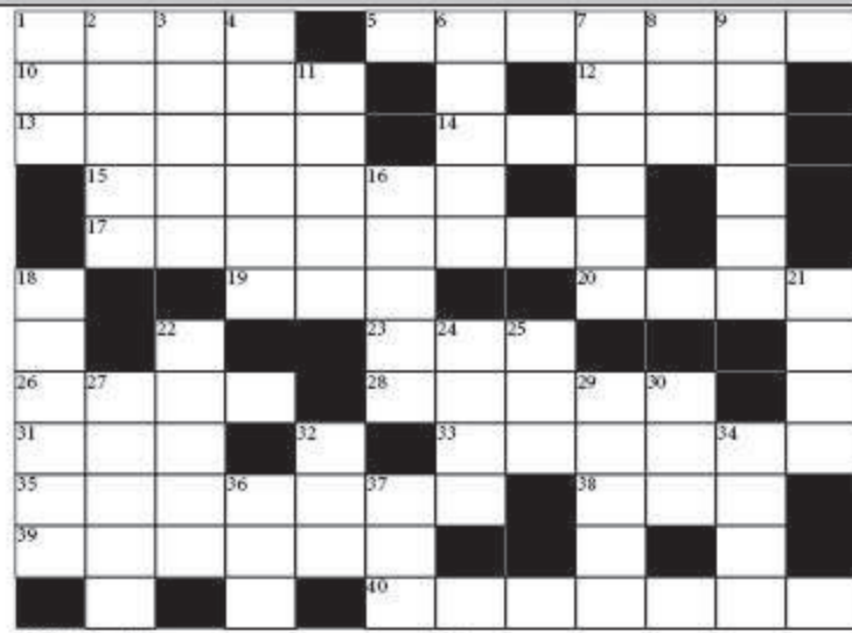
He said that a few years ago, young people up to the age of 26, regardless of their immigration status, qualified for Medicaid, and last year a law was passed that gives medical coverage to anyone over the age of 55, regardless of immigration status.

"Now we are trying to extend this to any person regardless of age," he said.

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- 5 letters LEPER, EASEL, DNASE, MBALE, USERS.
- 6 letters OEDEMA, DANUBE,
- 7 letters SARANGI, ASSEGAI
- 8 letters EUROPEAN, MELODICA



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 - fertile spots in deserts
 - prefix expressing negation
 - a large browsing mammal of the giraffe family
 - a child's word for a donkey
 - The pearl of Africa
 - a retail trader
 - a hot drink for breakfast
 - Garden of God
 - one's range of knowledge
 - thing used to tie things
 - a lizard
 - America
 - contaminated
 - contraction of he had
 - a mark (°) used over a vowel, especially in German, to indicate a different vowel quality.
 - Native of Africa
- Down:**
- sound of cattle
 - used in caulking wooden ship
 - a member of an American Indian people
 - dead
 - Yemen's Capital
 - an inwardly directed lobe on a limb segment of an arthropod
 - the creator of the universe
 - any person
 - for the reason that
 - largest city in Bangladesh
 - former dictator of Zaire
 - a silly person
 - a slow-moving mollusc
 - exclamation expressing anger
 - National
 - terrorist killed by US in Pakistan
 - spiritual and temporal leader who will rule before the end of World
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 - intensive therapy unit
 - thought
 - sleep
 - lightly
 - 7th letter of Greek alphabet

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DSE market indices open the week with low notes

By Guardian Reporter

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) market indices closed the first trading day of this week low, with four listed companies recorded the decrease of share prices, while only one recorded a gained share price.

The market report shows Tanzania Share Index (TSI) which measures the performance of locally listed firms closed 6.53 points low at 3,887.46 points on Monday from 3,893.99 points recorded during the closing day of last week.

The DSE All shares Index (DSEI) closed 1.02 points low at 1,923.95 points on Monday, lower than 1,924.97 on last week's close.

The report shows two locally listed companies and two cross listed companies recorded the decrease of share prices, while only East African Breweries Limited (EABL), the cross listed recorded the share price gains by 1.34 percent to 3,020/- on Monday close from 2,980/- on Friday last week close. Tanzania Portland Cement Com-

pany Limited (TPCC) share price closed 2.05 percent low Monday to 3,820/- from 3,900/- on Friday last week, while the share price of TOL Gases closed by 7.14 percent to 650/- from 700/- respectively.

According to the market report, NMG share price closed 6.58 percent low at 355/- on Monday close against 380/- recorded on Friday last week while Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) share price fell by 4.90 percent to 4,850/- from 5,100/- respectively.

The share prices for the remaining 23 listed companies remained unchanged during the reviewed trading days.

The market reports show total turnover on Monday amounted 74mn/- from 47,603 shares traded in 43 deals, a slight gain from 34.45mn/- from 39,968 shares traded in 22 deals recorded on Friday last week.

The report shows all shares traded during two reviewed were sold by local investors, but buyers were both local and foreign investors.

Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC) recorded largest share



Tanzania Portland Cement Company transacted shares valued 69mn/- during the two days reviewed, more than half of total market transaction. PHOTO/FILE

transaction during the reviewed days, followed by CRDB Bank, NMB Bank, TOL Gases and DSE Plc.

Total market capitalization closed slightly low at 16,03trn/- on Monday

against 16,04trn/- in Friday last week, while the domestic market capitalization also slowed to 10,27trn/- from 10,29trn/- due to slow down of share prices of some local firms.

The slowdown of the total market capitalization has resulted into the end of dominance of equity market enjoyed over the last two weeks against bonds market.

The report shows that bond market, which was valued 16.1trn/- on Monday this week has therefore surpassed the total value of equity market.

It was reported last week, Tanzanian and Rwanda stock markets ranked among the six top bourses in sub-Saharan Africa that have weathered economic storms to post positive returns to shareholders.

A quarterly market report by analysts at AfricanFinancials Group dubbed Sub-Sahara Africa Top 30 Companies (excluding South Africa), shows that Rwanda Stock Exchange (RSE) and Dar es Salaam stock Exchange (DSE) registered 7.2 per cent and 9.1 per cent returns respectively during the 12 months period to June this year.

Activities on the DSE increased by 9.8 per cent during the five months period to May this year as the new administration under President Samia Suluhu embarked on a massive policy shift aimed at attracting investment in the country.

Tanzanian stock market whose market value stands at around \$4.4 billion for domestic listed companies grew by 9.8 per cent between January and May, followed by RSE which grew by 6.1 per cent.

Despite the spillover effects of the war in Ukraine and lingering impact of COVID-19, Tanzania's economy grew by an impressive 5.4 percent in the first quarter of 2022.

I&M Group Plc records 16 pct increase in post-tax profit in H1

By Guardian Correspondent

I&M Group Plc has reported a sustained growth momentum into the first half of 2022, with 16 percent growth in profit after tax to KSh4.9 billion compared to KSh4.2 billion in the same period in 2021.

During the period under review, the Group's balance sheet and income improved while strong liquidity and a solid capital base were maintained.

The statement issued by the bank group shows total assets grew by 15 percent to KSh440 billion, up from KSh382 billion in June 2021.

Loan portfolio increased by 13 percent to KSh231 billion, while investments in government securities were up by 17 percent, with net non-performing loans stood at 2.3 percent, decreasing by 31 percent year on year on the back of increases in the loan book and recoveries.

Customer deposits closed at KSh313 billion, a 13 percent increase year on year.

Net interest income for the period under review recorded a growth of 19

percent, closing at KSh10.5 billion, an increase from KSh8.9 billion in June 2021, reflecting improved earnings on loans and advances as well as government securities.

The strong growth in non-interest income was driven by a 44 percent increase in fees and commissions and a jump in foreign exchange trading income from KSh770 million in HY' 2021 to KSh1.9 billion.

Loan loss provisions increased by 24 percent compared to the previous year as the Group remained prudent on credit risk provisioning, the statement noted.

Commenting on the results, chairman, I&M Group Plc Daniel Ndonge noted, "This performance reflects positive underlying trends across the entire business resulting from gains made in implementing our iMara 2.0 strategy."

"Our key focus going forward is to accelerate the digital transformation journey through rolling out more innovative solutions and embedding digital channels to ensure that we deliver the value-added financial solutions for our customers," Ndonge added.



I&M Group Plc Chairman Daniel Ndonge speaks at a past event. PHOTO/FILE

During the period under review, I&M Group says it significantly increased its digital services, with 85 percent of its customers now initiating transactions through digital channels.

The Group, including its Eastern Africa subsidiaries, rolled out new digital solutions aligned to its business growth strategy.

In Tanzania I&M recorded a marginal drop in profit after tax to 2.4bn/- (KSh117 Million) compared to 2.5bn/- (KSh116.9 million) in June 2021, reflecting an increase of 14 percent in operating expenses due to investment in technology and additional impairment provisions of 1.4bn/- (KSh 70 million).

The balance sheet for the Tanzania subsidiary, according to the statement grew by 9 percent to close at 613bn/- (KSh31 billion).

"In Tanzania, the partnership launch with Airtel of its mobile lending solution, Kamilisha, is showing good early uptake," the statement notes.

In Kenya, I&M Bank launched its unsecured automated lending solution targeting small businesses and Retail

clients through its state of the art mobile and internet banking platform - I&M On-The-Go (OTG).

This solution enables a customer to conveniently apply for a loan from an amount of KSh50,000 up to a maximum of KSh3 million for a period of 4 years.

Kenya recorded a profit after tax of KSh3.8 billion, compared to KSh3 billion in June 2021 reflecting a 27 percent year on year growth.

The Kenyan subsidiary has continued to invest in financial support programmes geared towards financing small businesses (MSMEs) through partnering with IFC and FMO to provide access to financing for working capital, expansion, and to weather the effects of Covid-19.

The move is part of the Group's strategy to diversify its revenue streams for business growth through deeper penetration in the MSME space.

Also, I&M Bank, Kenya launched an enhanced set of financial solutions tailor-made to support the Bank's strategy of growing its Retail and MSME segments.

Oil price gains as OPEC+ set to decrease outputs

RIYADH

OIL price rose to trade near \$91 a barrel after Saudi Arabia said OPEC+ may be forced to cut production to stabilize a volatile market.

"Extreme" volatility and a lack of liquidity means futures are increasingly disconnected from fundamentals, Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman told Bloomberg. That spurred a choppy session on Monday which saw West Texas Intermediate slump almost 5% before closing steady.

Oil has seen a tumultuous period of trading since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February upended trade flows.



Crude oil storage tanks are seen from above at the Cushing oil hub in Cushing

OPEC+ has reversed all of the output cuts made during the pandemic, but Prince Abdulaziz said the cartel may need to tighten production when it meets next month to discuss supply targets.

"Parts of OPEC+ face supply constraints, and despite saying that they have restored quotas, actual production is undershooting significantly," said Vishnu Varathan, head of economics and strategy of Asia at Mizuho Bank Ltd. "There's a broader convergence of views that oil prices are set to fall further."

Futures have lost about a quarter since early June as escalating fears of an economic slowdown threatened the demand outlook.

The potential revival of a nuclear deal

with Iran, which could lead to a surge in crude exports from the OPEC producer, has also added to the bearish sentiment recently.

Traders will be watching PMI data from the US and Europe later Tuesday to glean further clues on the state of the global economy, ahead of the Federal Reserve's Jackson Hole symposium at the end of the week.

Meanwhile, a rally in natural gas prices is likely to spur greater demand for oil as industry and power generators switch from the expensive fuel in a bid to bring costs down. Prices have surged as consumers rush to secure supplies ahead of winter, with concerns over Russian flows rippling across the world.

Govt to place 'free' Wi-Fi hotspots across Uganda

KAMPALA

THE free Wi-Fi hotspots installation programme will be rolled out in every location where government's national backbone infrastructure exists.

Government will install 2,000 Wi-Fi hotspots across Uganda in a move that will extend internet access in far-flung areas.

Speaking during the final review of the Regional Communications Infrastructure Programme that started in 2016, and ends this year in Uganda, Dr Hatwib Mugasa, the National Information Technology Authority executive director, said this is part of the Uganda Digital Acceleration Programme that is awaiting Cabinet approval.

The free Wi-Fi hotspots installation programme will be rolled out in every location where government's national backbone infrastructure exists.

"We would like to provide free internet to selected areas at selected times. The internet that we are providing will be utilised by government during working hours, and by citizens after working hours, and weekends," he said, added that the internet will also be used during emergencies for people applying for government services such as national identification registration.

"Right now, we have free internet hotspots in Kampala, Entebbe and Jinja. But we now want to spread it across many other districts," he noted.

Government has so far installed 600 Wi-Fi hotspots with 300



of these situated in regional cities and another 300 in Kampala.

Whereas Dr Mugasa did not comment on the reliability of Wi-Fi hotspots, it remains an issue that will need to be resolved.

Monitor's independent examination of the free Wi-Fi hotspots provided within and in places around the city such as at Kyambogo University indicates the network is sometimes unstable.

The \$75m the Regional Communications Infrastructure Programme, funded by the World Bank has registered significant gains with government's plan to extend Wi-Fi across the country based on extension of the geographic reach of broadband connectivity across the country.

The project has contributed to the extension of 764 kilometres of Optical Fibre Cable added on to the Government National Backbone Infrastructure.

Lindi graphite miner seeks funds for site construction

By Guardian Reporter & Agencies

JUNIOR Walkabout Resources is hoping to raise A\$33.17-million in a rights issue to complete construction of its Lindi Jumbo graphite mine, located in southern Tanzania.

The company on Monday announced that the capital raise had been necessitated by a delay in debt drawdown from CRDB Bank, in Tanzania, and while the company was actively seeking to finalise the debt drawdown, it was necessary to raise equity capital to be used as either further loan collateral or to directly fund the mine, Mining weekly reported on Monday.

Under the capital raise, Walkabout would undertake a pro-rata renounceable entitlement issue of two fully paid ordinary shares for every three shares held, at an issue price of 11c a share, with a minimum raising of A\$16.5-million.

The issue price represented a 48.8

percent discount to Walkabout's last closing price on May 30, and a 36.5 percent discount to its theoretical ex-rights price.

The rights issue is expected to close on September 20, unless extended.

The funds raised would enable Walkabout to fully fund the construction and commissioning of the Lindi Jumbo project in the first quarter of 2023, ahead of a ramp-up of graphite production.

The company is also undertaking several active parallel funding initiatives, including the continuation of the negotiations towards drawdown of the \$20-million CRDB debt facility. Lindi Jumbo received a commitment from CRDB to allow for a 1-for-1 drawdown on the posting of cash as collateral.

The other funding options currently being negotiated include prepayment on product offtake, alternative secured debt, and a structured loan facility. Depending on the success of these al-



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ternative initiatives, Walkabout may not require the full amount to be raised through the rights issue.

Walkabout noted on Monday that 77 percent of the cost of the engineering, procurement and construction contract had already been incurred at Lindi Jumbo.

Lindi Jumbo has the highest Ore Reserve grade of any reported undeveloped large-flake graphite project in Africa at 17.9 percent Total Graphitic Carbon with a deposit of 41.8 million tonnes.

Walkabout's fully-owned Lindi Jumbo Graphite Mine is

funded to production and will contribute 40,000 tonnes of premium natural flake graphite to international markets at a time of unprecedented demand driven predominantly by the energy storage and the electrical vehicle sectors.

The exceptional high-grade orebody (lower capex & opex costs), the highly amenable metallurgical characteristics, and its sought-after distribution of large flakes within final concentrate (higher basket price) provides significant competitive advantage in capital and operating costs and is forecasted to be the second-highest margin natural flake graphite project globally, according to Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, 2019.

Situated in south-eastern Tanzania, some 200km from the Port of Mtwara and 460km from Dar es Salaam Tanzania's Capital, the mining licence is set within the highly prospective Mozambique belt, known for its world-class, coarse flake graphite deposits.

Walkabout Resources commenced construction of the Lindi Jumbo graphite mine in September of 2021 and first production was anticipated by Q3, 2022.



Azimo presidential candidate Raïla Odinga candidate leaves Milimani Law Courts after filing petitions challenging the win of his Kenya Kwanza rival candidate William Ruto. PHOTO | NMG

Eurobonds, NSE fall on Presidential poll results challenge

NAIROBI

MARKETS fell on Monday after Kenyan opposition leader Raïla Odinga formally challenged the results of this month's presidential election at the country's Supreme Court.

The Nairobi Stock Exchange (NSE) shed Sh43 billion to close trading at Sh2.23 trillion – the lowest level since Kenyans went to the polls on August 9.

It could be weeks before a new President is sworn in, escalating a political contest that has thrown investors into uncertainty.

The shilling also dipped to a new low against the dollar to trade at Sh119.75, having depreciated from Sh113.13 at the start of the year and Sh104.44 at the end of March 2020.

The country's dollar-denominated gov-

ernment bonds were down as much as 2.0 cents on the dollar at 6.18 p.m., with the 2048 maturity trading at 68.5 cents, according to Tradeweb data captured by Reuters agency.

Last week, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) declared Deputy President William Ruto had won the election by a slim margin, but four out of the seven election commissioners dissented, saying the tallying of results had not been transparent.

The IEBC chairman Wafula Chebukati declared Dr Ruto the winner with 50.49 percent of the vote against Odinga's 48.5 percent.

In the 72-page petition, Mr Odinga is asking the court to nullify the vote's outcome on several grounds, including a mismatch between the turnout figures and the result, and alleges the electoral

commission failed to tally ballots from 27 constituencies, rendering the result unverifiable and unaccountable.

"We take some comfort that nobody in Kenya is calling for violence or storming the parliament in Nairobi, but it is really a country that needs to put the election behind it," Carl Ross, a partner at investment firm GMO, told Reuters on Monday.

He said investors had hoped there would be a more obvious winner in the presidential vote.

"It (Kenya) is a strong, vibrant democracy and that is a good thing. But when countries are apparently split right down the middle it makes governing them difficult."

Odinga has urged the Supreme Court to declare him the President-elect, claiming he won the August 9 General Election.

He reckons that he was robbed of victo-

ry after the IEBC failed to factor in votes from 27 constituencies that were not declared and verified before Dr Ruto was declared the victor on August 15. He further claims that the IEBC did not factor in voters who were identified and voted manually in the final tally.

"The 2nd respondent (Chebukati) proceeded to unilaterally declare the final result of the presidential election without tallying and verification by the 1st respondent of the result from 27 constituencies and whose outcome or count had an effect on the final result and outcome of the presidential election," the petition states.

He says he will prove that the result declared by Chebukati is fraudulent and void because his main rival, Dr Ruto did not attain the constitutional threshold of 50 percent plus one of all votes cast.

Shanta eyeing Sh60 million West Kenya gold mining licences

NAIROBI

LONDON-LISTED exploration firm Shanta Gold is eyeing three additional prospecting licences from Canadian miner Barrick Gold in the West Kenya project, once the seller receives operating approvals from the government.

Shanta took over Barrick's Kenyan assets in 2020 at a cost of Sh1.4 billion which included rights to mine gold over a 1,161 square kilometre area straddling Kakamega, Kisumu, Siaya, and Vihiga counties.

The West Kenya project consisted of seven prospecting licences, four of which were fully owned by Barrick, covering 1,121 square kilometres.

Barrick co-owned the other three licences covering 40 square kilometres with Advance Gold Corp, on behalf of Gold Rim Exploration Kenya Limited, with stakes of 87.16 percent and 12.84 percent respectively.

In its annual report for 2021, Shanta said the purchase deal called for it to pay Barrick an additional \$50 million (Sh59.7 million) for these three partially-owned licences once they received approvals but added that this had not materialised by the end of last year.

"Under the terms of the Share Purchase Agreement for the West Kenya Project acquisition, \$500,000 (Sh59.7 million) of cash consideration is conditional on satisfaction of certain conditions relating to the company obtaining required approvals in respect of the Gold Rim Project Licences," said Shanta in the annual report.

"These conditions had not been met as at December 31, 2021, and no amount has been recognised."

Shanta bought the seven licences from Barrick via a cash-and-stock transaction and also agreed to pay Barrick Gold a royalty rate of two percent, based on actual gold production in the future.

The West Kenya project did not have revenues in the past two years when Shanta Gold has been spending heavily on feasibility studies to determine the full scale of gold deposits and whether to proceed to production.

The area is estimated to have resources of 1.6 million ounces of gold.

Shanta reported a net loss of \$7.3 million (Sh874.7 million) in the project last year, reflecting the heavy capital expenditure it is making in the undertaking.

This was nearly eight times the \$947,000 (Sh113.1 million) loss recorded the year before, according to the company's latest annual report.



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SINGAPORE

THE euro dropped to a fresh two-decade trough on Tuesday as Europe was buffeted by concerns about energy supply and economic growth, while the dollar held firm against major peers, supported by safe-haven flows.

The euro hit \$0.9909, its lowest since late 2002, and was last down 0.29% at \$0.9914.

Russia will halt natural gas supplies to Europe via the Nord Stream 1 pipeline for three days at the end of the month, the latest reminder of the precarious state of the continent's energy supply.

Heatwaves in the continent have already put a strain on energy supply and worries are growing that any dis-

Euro falls to fresh two-decade low

ruption during the winter months could be devastating for business activity.

"Given the current mood, there's obviously concerns as to whether that's going to be three days or whether it's going to be three years," said Ray Attrill, head of FX strategy at National Australia Bank (NAB).

"Is it really just going to be a three-day maintenance or is this just another example of weaponisation of gas supply into Europe?"

The pound was similarly dragged to a new two-and-a-half-year low of \$1.1729, while the Japanese yen steadied at 137.270 per dollar after



touching a one-month low of 137.705 earlier in the day.

Chief on investors' minds for Tuesday will be flash manufacturing PMI readings out in the euro zone and Britain later in the day, which will provide further clarity on the growth trajectory for the respective economies.

Investors are also waiting on minutes of the European Central Bank's (ECB) last policy meeting on Thursday that are likely to sound hawkish even as the continent faces a downturn in growth.

The risk-sensitive Aussie fell to a one-month low and last traded 0.29% lower at \$0.6859. The kiwi slid 0.15% to

\$0.6163. [AUD/]

Elsewhere in Asia, China's yuan fell to an almost two-year low of 6.8552 per dollar.

Against a basket of currencies, in which the euro is the most heavily weighted, the U.S. dollar index stood firm at 109.12, attempting to breach a two-decade high of 109.29 hit in July.

Another reason investors have sought shelter in dollars is the growing risk of a hawkish message from the Federal Reserve's Jackson Hole symposium, flagged by several officials last week.

"Bonds sold off, led by the front-end," said analysts at ANZ. "That's possibly in anticipation that Chair (Jerome) Powell's speech on Friday is likely to reiterate hawkish messaging."

China to forgive 17 African countries 23 loans

BEIJING

CHINA, the largest government creditor to emerging economies, said it will forgive 23 interest-free loans to 17 African countries and redirect \$10 billion of its International Monetary Fund reserves to nations on the continent.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi (pictured) announced the cancellations in a meeting last week of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, according to a post on the ministry's website.

It didn't provide details on the value of the loans which it said matured at the end of 2021, nor did it state which nations owed the money.

Since 2000, Beijing has announced multiple rounds of debt forgiveness of interest-free loans to African countries, canceling at least \$3.4 billion of debt through 2019, according to a study published by Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

The canceled debt was limited to mature, interest-free foreign aid loans, with Zambia receiving the most cancellations over that period.

However, the vast majority of China's recent lending in Africa such as concessional loans and commercial loans have never been considered for cancellation, the report added, though some of it has been restructured.

Surging inflation has triggered a wave of interest-rate increases by central banks worldwide, including the US Federal Reserve, which drives up the costs of sovereign loan repayments.

Meanwhile, developing nations have amassed a quarter-trillion dollar pile of distressed debt that threatens to create a historic cascade of defaults by economies that were struggling even before the Covid-19 pandemic.

Beijing, which has come under criticism for its lending practices to poorer nations, accounts for almost 40% of the bilateral and private-creditor debt that the world's poorest countries need to service this year, according to the World Bank.

It has helped forge recent debt-relief agreements,



Beijing has delivered \$3 billion of \$10 billion of credit facilities pledged to African financial institutions

participating in the Group of 20 suspension of repayments during the pandemic.

The announcement last week highlights China's efforts to build ties with developing nations, particularly through its

Belt and Road Initiative.

The US and China are competing for influence around the world, and Beijing's announcement comes at a low point in ties between the two superpowers, with

tensions rising following a visit to Taiwan by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi earlier this month and Beijing's support of Russia amid its invasion of Ukraine.

"What Africa wishes for is a favorable

and amicable cooperation environment, not the zero-sum Cold War mentality," Wang said, according to the post.

The IMF's record \$650 billion resource injection last year was intended to help

its members weather the effects of the outbreak, but fund chief Kristalina Georgieva has urged richer nations to do more by lending their reserves to poorer ones.

China received the equivalent of about \$38.2 billion through the IMF's recent injection of special drawing rights, which work like an overdraft and come with no conditions.

Wang said that China is willing to channel \$10 billion worth of China's SDRs through two of the fund's trusts set up to help poor and middle-income nations.

Since the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation took place in Senegal in November 2021, Beijing has delivered \$3 billion of \$10 billion of credit facilities pledged to African financial institutions, Wang said in the speech.

In addition, this year China has agreed to tariff-free entry to 98% of exports from 12 African countries and has provided emergency food assistance to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia and Eritrea, he said.

India e-commerce firms ramp up hiring workers

BENGALURU

INDIA'S e-commerce companies are adding delivery personnel at a rapid pace, fearing a labour shortage might cause them to lose out in one of the biggest annual shopping seasons that begins in earnest next month.

The moves come amid a tightening job market - India's unemployment rate fell below 7% in July for the first time since January - and persistently high inflation, complicating the outlook for the industry which has long battled chronically high employee turnover.

"Overall demand for the gig workforce has seen a sharp increase and that is not completely supported by the increase in pool size of delivery people... It is not a free flowing pool," TK Balakumar, chief operating officer at online grocery seller BigBasket, told Reuters.

The company, backed by the Tata group conglomerate, has ramped up the number of delivery partners in its instant delivery segment BB Now to 2,200 in the quarter ended June, from just 500 in the March quarter. It aims to further raise the number to about 6,000 by March 2023.

BigBasket and other e-commerce firms such as Dunzo have their own personnel for delivery, while others such as cosmetics-to-fashion retailer Nykaa rely on third parties for providing the service.

Gig work employment, of which delivery workers and salespersons form a large chunk, is expected to reach 9.9 million in India in 2022-23, up about 45% from 2019-20, according to a report in June by think tank NITI Aayog.

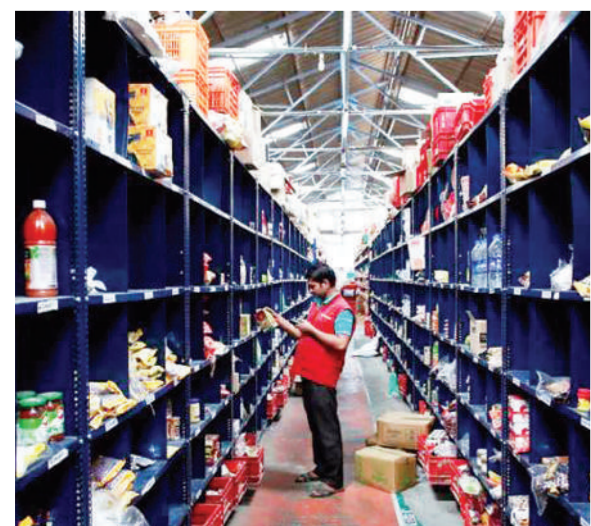
"People... look at a delivery job as a job in transit, they move off to something else, you'll always have shortages and then in cases where there is a specific event or festival, there's definitely a challenge that the delivery requirement goes up," said Sekhar Garisa, strategy chief at business services provider Quess Corp.

Companies like Quess and TeamLease act as middlemen between e-commerce firms and job seekers in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities in the country.

Some firms were optimistic the labour crunch situation will get better.

"There's a constant churn and movement that has existed for 4-5 years. It can cause a temporary crunch but we don't think it is a long term thing because supply and demand will match," Kabeer Biswas, chief executive officer at Dunzo, told Reuters.

Backed by Indian billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance, Dunzo currently has 75,000 delivery partners.



An employee scans a package for an order at a BigBasket warehouse on the outskirts of Mumbai



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UN chief forms fact-finding team for Donetsk prison attack

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday appointed members of a fact-finding mission to look into the July 29 attack on a Donetsk prison in Ukraine that reportedly killed dozens of prisoners of war, said his spokesman.

Guterres (pictured) announced his decision to launch the fact-finding mission on Aug. 3, following requests from the governments of Ukraine and Russia, which accused each other of carrying out the fatal attack on the prison in Olenivka.

In Lviv, Ukraine, on Thursday, the secretary-general announced his intention to appoint retired Gen Carlos dos Santos Cruz of Brazil to lead the mission. The appointment has now been done, said Stephane Dujarric, the spokesman.

Guterres has also appointed the other members of the team: Ingibjorg Solrun Gisladottir of

Iceland and Issoufou Yacouba of Niger, said the spokesman.

The terms of reference of the mission as well as the make-up of the team were shared with Ukraine and Russia. The United Nations will now continue to work to obtain the necessary assurances to guarantee secure access to the site and any other relevant locations, said Dujarric.

"As the secretary-general said very clearly in Lviv, to put it simply, a fact-finding mission must be free to find the facts. The team must be able to gather and analyze necessary information. Above all, that means safe, secure and unfettered access to people, places and evidence without any interference from any party," he said.

UNICEF

Meanwhile, UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) Executive Director Catherine Russell on Monday



voiced concern over child casualties in the Ukraine conflict.

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Xinhua

African nations don't want to choose sides

WASHINGTON

WHILE it's too early to tell if US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's recent visit to Africa will expand US influence there, African countries also want to develop effective relations with China and don't want to be pressured into choosing sides, experts in the United States said.

"We most certainly shouldn't get into an 'us or them' posture with Africans. That creates a no-win situation for everyone concerned," Charles Ray, who is chair of the Africa Program at the US-based Foreign Policy Research Institute, and who served as US ambassador to Cambodia and Zimbabwe, told China Daily.

Blinken visited three sub-Saharan African countries South Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda from Aug 7 to 12. The visit was built on Blinken's previous trip to Africa, but the global environment has become more complex since then.

"This context includes both intense competitions between advanced and emerging powers and the strengthened ability of countries in Africa to contribute to solving global challenges," Landry Signe, a senior fellow in the Global Economy and Development Program and the Africa Growth Initiative at the Brookings Institution, wrote in a blog.

Ray said, "My recent conversa-

tions with African intellectuals tell me that they want effective relations with both countries, and the US-China competition notwithstanding, it is to their benefit.

"I honestly believe that if both sides approach their relationships in Africa in a mature, rational manner, there is no reason the countries there can't have relations with both," he said.

During his visit, Blinken said that the US sees Africa's 54 nations as "equal partners" in dealing with global problems.

Ray said that Blinken's comment on the equal partnership with the nations of Africa is "exactly the right thing to strive for", though he added that it's too early to tell if the trip would expand US influence in Africa.

Alex Vines, director of the Africa Program at Chatham House, a policy institute based in London, said, "I think we will see more African countries not wanting to get pigeonholed and so become nonaligned."

There have been intensive, high-level visits to Africa and other diplomatic activities by a number of countries recently.

Last month, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov visited Egypt, Ethiopia, Uganda and the Republic of Congo.

Almost simultaneously, French President Emmanuel Macron visited Cameroon, Benin and Guinea-Bissau.



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken

Samantha Power, administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and US Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield also visited African countries recently.

Furthermore, according to the White House, the US will host a US-Africa leaders summit in December.

Michelle Gavin, a senior fellow for Africa policy studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, a US think tank, said in a blog that

"high-level visits should signal commitment, not just competition" and warned of "two pitfalls".

"First, to make meaningful progress in advancing shared interests with African states, it's important that US officials are sincere when they deny that US attention to African partners is primarily about boxing out Russia or China," Gavin said. "The other danger is to imagine that high-level visits and emergency aid packages, in and of themselves, are enough to overcome long-festering neglect."

In recent decades, China has been investing in African countries and playing a significant role in the region. China appointed a special envoy to the

Horn of Africa in January to deal with security affairs and reiterated that it would play an even bigger role for peace and stability in the region.

Ray, of the Foreign Policy Research Institute, said, "Not only do I think that the US and China can work together on some issues like climate change and its impact on Africa, but it is imperative that we do work together."

"It is not unusual for countries to disagree on certain issues, but they should not allow those differences to escalate into hostilities. We need to work on our mutual interests and manage our disagreements without becoming disagreeable. As the world's two largest economies and the two largest carbon emitters, we have a moral obligation to our people and the rest of the world to act responsibly."

Ray added that "Africa's young, fast-growing population will impact the world in coming decades, and this must be recognized by other nations like the US and China. As sovereign nations, it is (African countries') right to decide with whom they have relations."

Vines, of Chatham House, said, "I do think that (in) China-West relations, there is a prospect of working together on global issues that impact humanity."

Agencies

'Trump stored over 300 secret documents in Mar-a-Lago estate'

NEW YORK

FORMER US President Donald Trump kept at least 300 classified documents in his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, the New York Times reported Monday.

According to the report, Trump (pictured) handed over about 150 classified documents to the National Archives and Records Administration in January, while the rest were handed over by Trump's representatives to the US Department of Justice in June or were seized during a search in the Mar-a-Lago estate in early August.

Currently, the US Administration holds 26 boxes with materials from Trump, including 11 sets of secret materials, one of them classified as "top secret." The secret materials include documents from the CIA, the National Security Agency (NSA) and the FBI.

On August 8, the FBI carried out a search in the Mar-a-Lago estate. The agents focused on the ex-President's office and the rooms where Trump lives when he stays in Florida.

According to the search warrant that became public on August 12, the search took place within the investigation on illegal use of defense information, theft and destruction of documents.

The attached list of seized items includes, in particular, "various top secret documents," "secret documents," and "confidential documents."

Agencies



Russia calls for viable solution in Kosovo, says Lavrov

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S position on Kosovo is unchanged. Moscow calls for a viable and mutually acceptable solution between Belgrade and Kosovo, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Monday at talks with visiting Serbian Interior Minister Aleksandar Vulin.

"As for Kosovo, Russia's position is unchanged. It has been repeatedly reiterated by President Vladimir Putin. We call for a viable, mutually acceptable solution between Belgrade and Pristina based on United Nations Security Council resolution 1244.

Naturally, it must, first of all, be in line with international law and be approved by the UN Security Council," he said. "We will accept such a solution that will be acceptable for the Serbs. We will extend all-round support to our Serbian friends to achieve this result."

He also noted that the EU-mediated talks between Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic and Kosovo's Prime Minister Albin Kurti, which were held in Brussels, have yielded no progress.

"We know about the results of the latest round of talks between [Serbian] President Aleksandar Vucic and [Kosovo's] Prime Minister Albin Kurti, which was held in Brussels with the European Union's mediation. No results were reached.

On the contrary, we see a backsliding on the existing agreements, with tension in the north of Kosovo being still in place," he said.

According to Lavrov, this is the result of the West's policy, "which is geared to undermine all the principles of European security agreed within the OSCE." These principles envisage indivisible and equal security and Russia and Serbia are committed to them, he explained.

"We will insist on these approaches. The West's policy toward breaking down its liabilities is continued, including on the Balkans and in the West-provoked situation in Ukraine," he added.

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Chinese time-honoured restaurants glitter with new vitality

TIME-HONORED restaurants in China are closely following the trend of consumption upgrading, pursuing innovative development while maintaining their rich cultural heritage.

Many of them have renewed business models, upgraded products and services and enhanced digitalization for stronger vitality of development. By fully inheriting their cultural advantages and brand value, they have contributed to the further release of the consumption potential.

The time-honored brand is a title granted by China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) to Chinese enterprises that have distinct Chinese cultural characteristics and are widely recognized. The brands boast unique products, exquisite skills and service philosophies passed down for generations. In January this year, the MOFCOM, to-

gether with seven other departments, issued a guideline that required these well-established entities to seek healthy and high-quality development, as part of efforts to boost consumption and fulfill people's need for a better life.

The Xianheng Hotel, established in 1894, is a prestigious restaurant in Shaoxing, a city known for its rice wine making in east China's Zhejiang province. It became a big name in cultural tourism after being mentioned by the famous Chinese writer Lu Xun in his novel.

Today, the century-old restaurant has promoted fresh and innovative activities, becoming a must-visit for tourists going to Shaoxing. It has developed themed feasts and cultural activities

about Lu Xun's works, and launched a special service that invites customers to learn to cook seasonal dishes themed on the 24 solar terms on the Chinese lunar calendar with its chefs.

Time-honored brands must inherit their unique traditions to sustain enduring development, said Lin Qiong, general manager of the Xianheng Hotel.

Besides, time-honored restaurants are also enriching business scenarios and improving digitalization for better development.

Some of the brands launched mini-programs on the mobile platform WeChat and opened online shops, and some introduced intelligent food safety systems to make smart updates. Some connected themselves to online food

delivery platforms to diversify the delivery manners, creating more convenient and efficient consumption scenarios.

The MOFCOM will keep encouraging time-honored restaurants to accelerate innovative development and improve competitiveness through digitalization, said an official with the ministry.

E Mei Restaurant is a time-honored brand serving classic Sichuan cuisine in Beijing. Established in 1950, the restaurant has digitalized its business in recent years and has seen surging revenue after launching online delivery services.

To meet the personalized and diversified demands of the consumers, a branch of the restaurant is providing small-size working meals for 9-5ers,

family packs for nearby residents, and to-go barbecue packs for customers planning to go picnic.

In addition, the restaurant has started an intelligent program in cooperation with the Chinese online food delivery platform Meituan. Now, the management of the restaurant is completely digital, from food ordering to revenue analysis, and from membership marketing to stock control.

The Quanjudu Beijing Roast Duck Restaurant established in the 19th century in Beijing has been drawing energy for development from its constant innovation in recent years.

For instance, one of its branches on Beijing's Qianmen Street has employed holographic projection tech-

nology since April this year to attract more young customers by showcasing the charm of the traditional Chinese culture in a trendy and immersive manner. Last year, the brand launched its official cartoon mascot, a cute duck, in an effort to build a young brand symbol.

Besides, it also launches innovative products for the new generation via livestreaming, and introduces the profound Chinese food culture to the public through animated short videos.

Chinese time-honored restaurants should make more efforts to renew products and services to meet the demands of young consumers, said a MOFCOM official. The Ministry will keep guiding the brands to launch more goods and services that highlight the traditional Chinese culture, the official noted.

People's Daily

China prioritises concept of common security

A Chinese ambassador to the United Nations on Monday called for the establishment of a security concept that meets the needs of the times, respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries, and creates a stable strategic security environment.

"If countries want to achieve their own security, they cannot ignore the legitimate security concerns of other countries; they cannot build their own security on the basis of insecurity in other countries," Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the UN said at the UN Security Council briefing on maintenance of international peace and security.

China in August assumed the rotating presidency of the UN Security Council with one of the priorities being to facilitate dialogue and cooperation for common security. Monday's briefing was one of the signature events for China during its August presidency.

He said countries will always have different views on security issues, resulting in conflicts of interest. But countries should find common ground through dialogue and cooperation, and disputes should be resolved peacefully, he said.

"Holding on to the Cold War mentality and engaging in unilateralism, zero-sum games, group confrontation, and power politics will not only make it difficult to ensure long-term security but will also lead to escalating crises and the opposite of common security," said Zhang.

The Global Security Initiative, put forward by President Xi Jinping, focuses on international security questions of our times, gives directions to realize common security and provides China's plan for current international security issues, said Zhang.

China put forward the GSI at the Boao Forum for Asia in April to safeguard world peace and tranquility.

"This initiative is open, and China is willing to work with the international community to implement the content of the initiative with practical actions through sincere and pragmatic dialogue and cooperation, and jointly build a balanced, effective and sustainable international security architecture," said Zhang.

Zhang said that the development path and social system chosen by the people of each country, and the efforts of each country to maintain national unity should be respected.

"China always respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other countries, upholds international fairness and justice, and supports the efforts of the international community to achieve common security. At the same time, China will take all measures to firmly safeguard its own sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Zhang pointed out that driven by the so-called "strategic competition of great powers", the global strategic security environment is deteriorating, and the international non-prolifera-



tion system represented by the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) is facing the most severe challenge since the end of the Cold War.

The country with the largest nuclear arsenal should fulfill its special and priority responsibility for nuclear disarmament and further substantially reduce its nuclear arsenals in a verifiable, irreversible and legally binding manner, so as to create the conditions for nuclear disarmament, said Zhang.

"China has actively advocated the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons since the first day it possessed nuclear weapons," said Zhang. "China has made a clear commitment not to be the first to use nuclear weapons at any time and under any circumstance, and not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapon states and nuclear weapon-free zones."

"China is the only one of the five nuclear-weapon states that has made such a commitment. China urges other nuclear-weapon states to adopt the same policy to jointly maintain global strategic stability and effectively reduce the risk of nuclear war," he said.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres and President for the 10th Review Conference for the NPT Gustavo Zlauvinen also attended Monday's briefing.

"Many of the systems established decades ago are now facing challenges that were unimaginable to our predecessors – cyberwarfare, terrorism, and lethal autonomous weapons. And the nuclear risk has climbed to its highest point in decades," said Guterres.

"The tools that have kept us from catastrophic world war are more important than ever. But they must be fit for today's rapidly deteriorating international peace and security environment. We need to reforge a global consensus around the co-operation required to ensure collective security – including the work of the United Nations."

Disarmament agreements must be "front and center" for countries signed up to the NPT, said Zlauvinen, adding that preventing any nuclear weapons use remains the top priority to reverse dangerous trends and eliminate the prospect of unintended launch.

Xinhua

Russian envoy blasts US attempts to undermine regional security

UNITED NATIONS

THE United States and its allies have significantly intensified their destructive actions in the Asia-Pacific region, Russia's permanent representative to the UN said here on Monday.

"The United States and its allies are acting in the same reckless and provocative manner in Asia and Africa (as in the Euro-Atlantic region)," Vassily Nebenzia told a Security Council briefing on promoting common security through dialogue and cooperation.

The United States and its allies are trying to impose "bloc thinking" on the states in the Asia-Pacific region, form aggressive military-political alliances such as AUKUS (Australia-United Kingdom-United States), drive a wedge between countries that have effective mechanisms for resolving contentious issues and problems, and force them to abandon the concept of "Asian neutrality," which helped them to protect their own interests during the Cold War, he said.

In the same vein, the United States is advancing its risky campaign in China's Taiwan region. This carefully planned provocation is a clear sign of disrespect for the sovereignty of other countries, he said, referring apparently to US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Taiwan

visit.

"In general, we have to admit that the Asia-Pacific region is being used as a part of a purposeful, conscious US strategy to destabilize the situation in those regions of the world where states are pursuing an independent and self-sustained political course," said the Russian ambassador.

He also blamed the "collective West" for ignoring Russia's legitimate security concerns for 30 years.

In the late 1980s, the international community had reason to hope that the Cold War, with its arms race and the threat of a major confrontation between the superpowers, was over.

"Back then we were assured that NATO would not use the new situation in Europe in its own interests or create new dividing lines in Europe. We were promised an equal partnership based on trust, transparency and mutual consideration of security concerns, which included a promise not to expand NATO to the east," said Nebenzia.

From the recorded conversations and memoirs of Western politicians, it became clear that the Soviet Union, and subsequently Russia, was trivially and shamelessly deceived, and that neither the United States nor its allies had any intention of fulfilling any of the promises, he said.

Wildfires, droughts devastate natural habitats across Europe

LONDON

ELUSIVE bitterns, colorful kingfishers, majestic grey herons, harvest mice, and willow tits, one of Britain's most threatened resident birds... visitors can spot an array of wildlife in the undergrowth of Fairburn Ings, a nature reserve in the Yorkshire region of England.

Once a coal mine, Fairburn Ings has transitioned from a dumping ground to a haven for wildlife during the past 60 years. It is now a wetland with a mixture of habitats and an important site for breeding and wintering wildfowl.

Owing to its areas of open water, reedbeds, grasslands and wet woodlands, the nature reserve is classified as a low-risk site for fires. However, the extreme high temperatures this summer have dried out the undergrowth and turned the site into a dangerous area. Dry leaves and twigs make perfect kindling.

A wildfire back in July wiped out 16 hectares of the reserve, the equivalent of about 20 football fields of rich ecology. Many vulnerable species fell prey to the relentless flames, smoke and ash.

The fire destroyed countless animals along with their habitats. Those that survived will find it difficult to reproduce and forage there, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), a charity with an international reputation, said.

The wildfire will set ecological reconstruction backwards by about 30 years in some areas, commented site manager Tom Harman. To make matters worse, he added, ecologically critical soils have been damaged beyond repair, and the consequences are devastating.

The wildfire was a "clear sign that the climate is changing," Harman said. "It was a real and clear indication that we have a climate crisis on our hands." In fact, Fairburn Ings is just one of many nature reserves that have been consumed by wildfires in Britain.

After the driest July since 1935, drought thresholds have been triggered in several parts of the country, where wildfires have caused four times as much damage as the seasonal average.

Hundreds of homes were engulfed in flames, and the impact on wildlife



Photo taken on Aug. 14, 2022 shows the view of a dried riverbed near the source of the River Thames, southwest of the town of Cirencester, Britain. (Photo: Xinhua)

has been massive, according to charities. Kathryn Brown, director of climate action at the Wildlife Trusts, said that "The ongoing heatwave and drought have had a devastating impact on wildlife in the United Kingdom."

Heat waves have also been wreaking havoc across mainland Europe this summer, with many regions enduring record-high temperatures. Dr. Radhika Khosla from the University of Oxford's Smith School told Xinhua that "Science makes clear that as anthropogenic global warming increases, extreme heat events will increase in frequency and magnitude."

"We will therefore be witnessing many more extreme hot weather days." Simultaneously, the best part of Europe has also had to suffer the worst droughts on record. The lack of water killed dozens of deer in the Sierra de Baza Natural Park in southern Spain and hundreds of frogs around Lac Petrus in France.

With river water levels dropping, badgers have also felt the impact as they were unable to find edible earthworms. Insects could not find moist moss, and dragonflies have lost ponds, their natural habitats. Fish have had nowhere to lay their eggs.

"We are seeing the tip of the iceberg only," Jean-Noel Rieffel, director of the French Office for Biodiversity in the Centre-Val de Loire region, told French newspaper Le Monde.

"2022 looks like a landmark year in excess mortality of aquatic and terrestrial species," he said. "We're facing a triple crisis (climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss). The three crises are all connected because the planet is one single, interconnected ecosystem."

Any pressure on any Earth system will have an impact on the rest," Marco Lambertini, director general of WWF International, told Xinhua in an exclusive interview.

"We have lost so much nature over the last few decades.

We're continuing to lose nature today. We need to halt, we need to reverse, and we need to be nature positive by 2030. ... By protecting nature, we effectively protect ourselves and our future," he said.

"It's in everybody's interest – developed economies, developing economies – to come together under a common plan that addresses climate change and nature loss.

Hopefully, government leaders will understand that the only way to tackle these issues is to agree together to a common plan."

Documentaries popular among young Chinese

A plain-Jane documentary jointly produced by CCTV.com and Shanghai Media Group (SMG) this summer surprisingly gained over 600 million online views, and topics related to the film made it into the lists of top trendy hashtags on social networking platforms nearly 100 times.

Besides, the documentary, aired on SMG's Dragon TV, was also the most watched program among all TV shows broadcasted during the same hours on all provincial-level satellite TV stations.

It made a huge buzz because of its high quality and also the strong preference for documentaries among today's young people.

The documentary, titled "Second Life", is about conquering setbacks and embracing a new life. It presents ordinary people's confusion and reflection when they face major life transitions, as well as their resilience and courage to start over.

The directors of the documentary once worked in journalism. They are acute observers of social issues. The documentary probes into social problems and has a high sense of social responsibility. It reveals the width and depth of our times, and shows humanistic care.

The production team of the documentary spent an average of 1.5 years filming each of the figures, and the 8-hour work was cut and edited from more than 10,000 hours of video materials.

The documentary tells the viewers that all the figures in it are striving to live the life they want, just like every one of us. Such sympathy is precious, especially in today's world. It is soothing and inspires people to be kind to each other.

Documentaries have entered



A smart autonomous sanitation truck works on a road in Suzhou HSR New Town in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, March 21, 2021. File photo

their prime in China over recent years. Lately, a five-episode documentary about the making of porcelains was launched on Bilibili, a Chinese video sharing website. It depicts the charm of handmade porcelain wares by introducing the history of porcelain ornaments. The documentary was played 24.35 million times on the website and scored 9.8 out of 10.

There was even a chemical enthusiast posting a long review of the documentary in the comment section, explaining the film from a pure chemical perspective. The page where the film is played has become a hot zone in which porcelain lovers, history fans

and chemical enthusiasts gather.

Genuineness is what makes documentaries successful, and that's well indicated by the frequently quoted line that there's more to life than books.

What kind of genuineness is recorded in a documentary, and whether it shows respect to the world and people that are filmed, mirrors the thoughts of its producers. That's the most important part of a documentary.

People tend to be sympathetic toward things they are familiar with and be interested in things that are strange to them. That's an area of expertise for documentaries. For instance, social and cultural documenta-

ries present people's daily lives, while those aiming at science popularization introduce novel fields. The better ones can even combine the familiar and the strange in a well-coordinated manner.

Today's young people have a broad horizon, rich experiences, and a higher level of aesthetic appreciation. Documentaries on great topics will definitely be welcomed by them.

People's Daily

SPORT

Mtwara youngsters to battle it out in 2022 FEASSA Games

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadono

MTWARA's regional women's volleyball team which clinched the 2022 Inter-Secondary Schools (Umisseta) Games' title says it is ready for the coming Federation of East African Secondary Schools Sports Association (FEASSA) Games which have been slated for next month in Arusha.

The squad's head coach Gabriel Kaserwa said in an exclusive interview the team is well prepared for the tournament to be played from August 15-25.

The showdown will bring together players from Burundi, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan, and hosts Tanzania.

This is the second year Mtwara's regional squad battling it out in the East Africa Games, the squad earlier competed in 2019 but did not go beyond the group stage.

Kaserwa said this time around they are confident of doing well in the showdown as the players are now mature. He was adamant in 2019 most players were very young.

The coach noted: "After emerging winners of the just ended Umisseta Games which took place in Tabora, our focus now is on FEASSA Games which will take place next month in Arusha."

Kaserwa pointed out: "The side is ready for the tournament, I'm sure we will do well, it won't be easy but we are well prepared."

"I have said so because my team played well in the just ended Umisseta Games and emerged champions," he said.

Mtwara's women's volleyball team is made up of players from Mkalapa Secondary School.

Kaserwa who also serves as District Land and Natural Resources Officer (DLNRO) in

Masasi District said he uses his resources to help the team as he aims to see many girls in the district are involved in sporting activities especially volleyball which is not popular in rural areas of the country.

The gaffer revealed: "I started coaching volleyball at Masasi town in 2009 and transferred the team to Mkalapa Primary School in July 2015, and in 2018, we started training the secondary school."

"I'm supported by teachers Mtawa and Nassoro, I'm happy that Mkalapa Primary School fielded volleyballers who helped Mtwara emerge champions of this year's Inter-Primary Schools Games (Umitashumta)," he said.

He said due to the school's exploits in Umisseta Games and Umitashumta Games, Mtwara Regional Commissioner's office has helped them with assorted sports items.

Mkalapa Primary School and Mkalapa Secondary School are located 35km from Masasi town and Kaserwa revealed he uses more than 5m/- from his pocket annually for the two volleyball teams.

The coach stated: "I'm now happy that the Regional Commissioner's office is supporting and I'm sure if they continue with this gesture, the sport will grow in this region... it will help to keep our girls in schools as well as keeping them healthy."

"The other aspect which made me happy is that almost half of national women's volleyball team players were trained by me," he said.

Mkalapa Primary School's team's players helped Mtwara emerge champion of this year's edition of the Umitashumta Games which were also held in Tabora.

Chilambo delighted by Taifa Stars call-up

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AZAM FC defender Nathaniel Chilambo has noted that he is relieved to be part of Tanzania's senior national team 'Taifa Stars' that will come up against Uganda's Cranes in the African Nations Championship (CHAN) qualifiers.

The team that was announced by head coach Kim Poulsen at the end of last week entered the camp in Dar es Salaam last Monday to prepare for the first-round clashes against Cranes, with the first leg slated to take place at the weekend.

Chilambo (pictured), signed by Azam FC two months ago from Coast Region's Ruvu Shooting noted that his call-up for Taifa Stars was part of his dreams.

He noted his biggest mission after getting the call-up is to fight to get into the first squad that will have the daunting task to hoist the country's flag high and secure progression to the CHAN finals.

The promising fullback noted: "It's a dream

come true, since I was young I grew up wanting to be part of Taifa Stars' team."

"Today I feel happy to be part of the players who reported to the camp and started training for the international matches against Uganda."

The footballer pointed out: "I believe every Tanzanian player desires an opportunity to be called to Taifa Stars, the biggest task I have now is to fight to enter the first team, to be part of the people who will write the history of guiding the squad to CHAN finals."

"I'm ready to fight for my nation, I believe that in collaboration with my colleagues, we will achieve the goal of winning against Uganda," Chilambo noted.

Taifa Stars knocked Somalia out of the preliminary stage of the qualifiers with a 3-1 aggregate victory with both clashes taking place in Dar es Salaam.

The Tanzania side notched a 1-0 victory over Somalia in the first leg and then grabbed a 2-1 victory over the latter in the second leg.



Azam FC winger set to return in Premier League tie against Yanga

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AZAM FC winger Iddi Selemani may get back to the squad when it confronts Yanga in the 2022/23 Mainland Tanzania's NBC Premier League's third-round tie to be played at the Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam next month.

Selemani has been out of the action since November 30 in 2021 following the leg injury he sustained in his team's Premier League tie against Mtibwa Sugar, which ended with Azam FC losing 1-0.

Azam FC's head coach Abdihamid Moallin had confirmed the readiness of the winger.

The gaffer disclosed: "I can tell you that he has recovered and entered directly into our programs since the team arrived in El Gouna camp in Egypt."

"Nado is fit, you know, he stayed outside for a long time so he needed enough time to train and get back to his best," the tactician disclosed.

"We didn't want to rush him, but now he can play and we will see because we will be giving him time gradually so that he regains his confidence and competes," the tactician, the USA national of Somali origin, stated.

Selemani disclosed that he is currently doing well and has been training with his teammates.

According to the footballer, he hopes the coach gives him a chance in the next game against Yanga which will be played on September 6, and once he is called upon he will be ready to fight.

The performer pointed out: "I have been out for a long time but now I am ready, I just promise fans of Azam FC that I will continue where I left off."

He revealed: "If the coach gives me a chance in the next game I will fight hard so that we can return to winning ways."

Before picking an injury that required an Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) surgery, Selemani scored 10 goals and provided nine assists for the side in the 2020/21 season.

SPORTS

Countdown to Taifa Stars' showdown against Uganda Cranes begins

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokeo

AFTER a displeasing start to their Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers, Tanzania's Taifa Stars now have a golden opportunity to put an extra spring in their step when they go up against the Uganda Cranes in Dar es Salaam this Sunday in an all-important African Nations Championship (CHAN) finals' qualifier first leg encounter.

Indeed, the two-legged affair has all the makings of a battle royal in prospect as the victor on aggregate will book a ticket to the CHAN finals next year.

Because our appearances at greatly esteemed continental football tournaments have been few and far between over the last three to four decades, the showdown against Uganda this Sunday represents a priceless opportunity when we can go toe-to-toe with a noted regional rival and emerge victorious.

Interestingly, as the build-up to the much-anticipated face-off gathers steam, it is vital to note that we as a country have only qualified for the CHAN finals on two previous occasions, in 2009 and 2021.

Ergo, as we await the blockbuster clash with bated breath let us keep our fingers crossed that Taifa Stars will show what they are made of by easily getting the better of the Uganda Cranes.

Let us switch focus now to the no-quarters asked none given realm of international women's tennis where the fourth grand slam of the year, the US Open, is set to begin in a little less than a week.

The championship that takes place at Flushing Meadows in New York City every year coincides with the recent bombshell dropped by the inimitable tennis great Serena Williams that she



Taifa Stars' players take part in the squad's training session in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for African Nations Championship qualifiers' tie against Uganda's Cranes that will take place in the city on Sunday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

will quit the sport after the US Open.

However, apart from Serena Williams' swansong at a grand slam, another tennis star who will be a magnet of attention at the competition is the ascendant Tunisian icon Ons Jabeur, who has taken the tennis world by storm this year.

Indeed, lest we forget, it was only a couple of weeks ago when Ons Jabeur went on a sensationally captivating fairy-tale run through Wimbledon only to lose in the final to Elena Rybakina.

Nevertheless, despite her upsetting loss at the final hurdle, Jabeur had succeeded in making a seismic impact on not just Wimbledon but the wider tennis landscape to boot.

It is hoped then that Jabeur can continue moving apace on her upwards trajectory in global women's tennis once the US Open gets underway in earnest.

Returning to football, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) recently held an extraordinary conference in Arusha where the governing body for African football launched the African Super League, which will commence next year.

One of the chief aims of the highly touted league is to generate increased revenue for African football

clubs in the hope that this will incentivize glittering African football gems to remain on the continent and not head off en masse to the well-heeled European league championships.

Nonetheless, while the new venture is all well and good, it should be remembered that other pressing concerns urgently need CAF's attention as well.

One such conundrum is the standard of football coaching on the continent, which is still far from satisfactory.

Indeed, while African players are courted by clubs situated in Europe and far-flung corners of the world, our coaches hardly get a look-in when coaching appointments are made at the globe's biggest clubs.

So, here's hoping that the weighty matter of football coaching on the continent can be rapidly re-assessed by CAF's bigwigs even as we eagerly wait for continental football's newest and most prestigious tournament to kick off next year.



Azam FC's winger, Iddi Selemani.

Accuser's mom: R Kelly's threats made her fear for her life

CHICAGO

A MOTHER whose daughter prosecutors say R. Kelly sexually abused starting when she was 14 told jurors Monday at the singer's federal trial that she lied to a state grand jury 20 years ago, in part because she and her husband felt threatened by Kelly and feared for their lives if they told the truth.

The mom, who used the pseudonym, "Susan," in court at the trial in Chicago, described how she, her husband and Kelly were crying when the parents confronted the Grammy-winner at a hotel in the early 2000s about whether he was abusing their daughter. She testified they were startled when Kelly told them, "You are with us or against us."

She said she took those words to mean "that they were going to harm us if we didn't do what they wanted us to do." Among the directives from Kelly and an associate was that they had to lie that their daughter was not in a child pornography video and that they had to leave the country immediately for several weeks, she testified.

"We were very, very frightened," she told jurors.

She added later that she lied to the grand jury "because we feared for our lives and we were intimidated." She said she also feared for the well-being of her daughter, who warned her parents at the time that she might commit suicide if they refused to do what Kelly asked them to do.

Kelly, 55, is on trial in his hometown on charges that include production of child pornography, enticing minor girls for sex and obstruction justice by successfully rigging his 2008 child pornography trial in state court, at which he was acquitted.

Kelly is already starting at a 30-year prison sentence imposed by a federal judge in New York in June for his 2021 convictions on racketeering and sex trafficking charges.

Susan's daughter, who went by the pseudonym "Jane," was among the prosecution's first witnesses as the trial began last week. Jane told jurors that she also lied to

the same grand jury prior to 2008 trial when she said she was not the 14-year-old girl in a video with Kelly. Jane, now 37, told jurors last week that, in fact, she had been sexually abused hundreds of times by Kelly before she had turned 18.

On Monday, in an often contentious cross-examination, Kelly attorney Jennifer Bonjean repeatedly questioned Susan about whether she truly felt her life was in any danger from Kelly or his associates.

"No one actually threatened you, did they?" Bonjean asked.

"Yes, they did," Susan answered.

Bonjean also asked why, if Susan felt so threatened by Kelly, she and her family continued to mix with Kelly socially for the next 20 years. She answered that Kelly was their sole income for a period, paying her musician husband to work on Kelly recordings. She also said she worried about Jane's welfare if they cut ties with Kelly.

The husband, Jane's father, died last year, she told jurors.

During her cross, Bonjean highlighted Susan's testimony that she lied to the Illinois grand jury, asking if she was "telling the truth now." Susan said she was.

Prosecutors from the Cook County state's attorney's office chose in the mid-2000s to push ahead with charges and to take the case to trial in 2008 despite what they knew was a major hurdle: their inability to call the girl in the video to testify.

After acquitting Kelly in the 2008 trial, some jurors told reporters that that they had no choice but to find Kelly not guilty because the girl – who by then was in her 20s – did not take the witness stand to confirm it was, in fact, her in the video.

Federal prosecutors at the current trial played excerpts of that and other videos they say show Kelly when he was around 30 sexually abusing a 14-year-old Jane.

Kelly has been trailed for decades by allegations about his sexual behavior. The scrutiny intensified during the #MeToo era and following the 2019 release of the Lifetime television docuseries "Surviving R. Kelly."

AP

Tearful Casemiro: Man United move not about money

MADRID

CASEMIRO has denied that his move from Real Madrid to Manchester United is motivated by money, saying he's joining "the biggest club in England" and is looking forward to linking up again with Cristiano Ronaldo.

The two clubs announced on Friday that a deal had been agreed in principle, and Casemiro was unveiled at Old Trafford on Monday ahead of United's Premier League match against Liverpool.

Sources told ESPN that United would pay Madrid an initial £60 million fee with £10m in potential add-ons for Casemiro.

In a ceremony on Monday attended by Casemiro's family, club executives, coaching staff and teammates, Madrid paid tribute to a player who has won five Champions League trophies in nine years at the club.

"It's always difficult when you take such an important decision," Casemiro said in a news conference. "After the Champions League final [against Liverpool on May 28] I spoke to my agent, I said I felt like my time here was ending. ... My agent told me to go away on holiday. After a month, we came back and I still felt like that."

Madrid club president Florentino Perez said: "I never thought this day could come. You have been exemplary every day, and in the moment of your farewell too. That's why you've earned the right to decide your future, and we must respect that."

United turned to Casemiro, 30, as they look to turn around a disastrous start to the Premier League season -- losing to Brighton and Brentford -- after they were unable to conclude deals for Frenkie de Jong and Adrien Rabiot.

"What I'm looking for is new challenges, new targets, trying a new league and a new country," Casemiro said. "What I've won at Real Madrid is history. Now I have to help Manchester United, where I haven't won anything."

"The Premier League is a competition I love, that I wanted to play in. The few people who think that [the move is about money] don't know me. If it was for money, I'd have gone four or five years ago. ... The last thing I've thought about is that."

The Brazil international joined Madrid from Sao Paulo in 2013 and became an indispensable member of the side, anchoring the midfield alongside Toni Kroos and Luka Modric.

He played a key role in a golden era at Madrid, winning three Champions Leagues in a row in 2016, 2017 and 2018, as well as a LaLiga and Champions League double this year.

"Toni [Kroos] wrote to me at 4am asking if it was true that I was going!" Casemiro said. "He's been ill [with flu], so he wasn't sleeping. He wrote to me and I replied saying: 'Hey, let me sleep a bit!' [Kroos and Modric] are my friends. It's easy to play with those two."

Casemiro will join more two former teammates -- Ronaldo and Raphael Varane -- at Old Trafford.

"I'm going to the biggest club in England," he said. "It's true we won't play in the Champions League this year, but Manchester United can compete with the greatness of Real Madrid, albeit not right now. I haven't spoken to Cristiano [Ronaldo], but I'm looking forward to playing with him. He knows what I think of him, he's one of the greatest players of all time."

(Agencies)

Slow start gives Liverpool and Klopp cause for concern

MANCHESTER

THREE months ago Liverpool stood on the brink of an unprecedented quadruple of trophies. Three games into the new season, they are yet to win a game.

A 2-1 defeat at Old Trafford on Monday saw Jurgen Klopp's men leapfrogged in the fledgling English Premier League table by a Manchester United side that had spent the past week being ridiculed for losing 4-0 at Brentford.

Liverpool's worst start for a decade leaves the Reds already trailing defending champions Manchester City by five points and early leaders Arsenal by seven.

"It's not the nicest thing to look at, that's clear," said Klopp on his side slipping to 16th after three games.

Of even more concern for the German is that there does not appear a quick fix for the issues that have caused such a slow start.

An early season injury crisis meant Thiago Alcantara, Naby Keita, Ibrahima Konate, Joel Matip and Diogo Jota were among those unavailable for the trip to Old Trafford.

Darwin Nunez was also missing after Liverpool's new 75 million euro (£64 million, \$77 million) striker served the first of his three-game ban for the red card he received for headbutting Crystal Palace defender Joachim Andersen last week.

Nunez's arrival from Benfica accounts for most of Liverpool's spend in the transfer window and the decision not to refresh Klopp's midfield options is a growing source of frustration among the Reds' support.

Without Thiago and Keita, the 36-year-old James Milner and Harvey Elliott, 19, lined up either side of captain Jordan Henderson in midfield on Monday. Klopp admitted before the game that it would be "cool" to have another midfield option.

- Alexander-Arnold targeted -
That is not the only area of concern for Klopp. Trent Alexander-Arnold's defensive positioning is being increasingly targeted by the opposition.



Manchester United's Jadon Sancho scores his side's first goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and Liverpool at Old Trafford stadium, in Manchester, England, Monday, Aug 22, 2022. (AP Photo)

Following on from Real Madrid's winner in last season's Champions League final and Fulham's joy on the opening weekend of the season, an attack down Liverpool's right was the source for United's first goal.

Virgil van Dijk has also looked far from the world's best centre-back in recent weeks and was on the receiving end of a telling off from Milner for his role in giving Jadon Sancho the space to slot home the opening goal.

Up front, the loss of Sadio Mane to Bayern Munich is hitting hard with Roberto Firmino looking a spent force as he deputised for Nunez.

Slow starts are also a common theme in Liverpool's recent struggles. They have now conceded first in their last seven Premier League games stretching back to the end of last season.

"We're giving every team a goal start, we can't keep giving ourselves an uphill battle," said Andy Robertson.

"In the warm-up it was the quietest I have heard this stadium and they wanted something to lift them

and we gave them it.

"Two points from nine is not the start we wanted. We need to pick up our performances individually and collectively. "It is easy to talk about it in the changing room but we have to go out and do it. We can't keep conceding goals. They started better than us today. It needs to change."

A first defeat in 31 games in domestic football stretching back to December is no time for panic.

But City and Liverpool have raised the bar in jousting for the title over the past five years with in excess of 90 points now normally needed to be crowned champions.

To reach those heights again, Klopp's men have no time to waste in awakening from their early-season slumber.

Meanwhile, Erik ten Hag said Cristiano Ronaldo still has a future under him at Manchester United despite dropping the striker for the victory over Liverpool at Old Trafford on Monday.

Ronaldo was left on the bench as United stunned Jurgen Klopp's side with a 2-1 win thanks to goals

from Jadon Sancho and Marcus Rashford. Sancho and Rashford were part of a free-flowing front three along with Anthony Elanga, but Ten Hag believes Ronaldo can be incorporated into his system.

"I think he can," said the United manager, who brought Ronaldo on as a substitute in the 86th minute. "The whole of his career under several managers he did, several styles and systems. He always performed, so why can't he do this?"

"His age is not an issue. If you are good enough and you're old and you still deliver performances, you are also good enough."

Ronaldo was one of four changes made by Ten Hag following a humiliating 4-0 defeat at Brentford, with captain Harry Maguire, Luke Shaw and Fred also dropped to the bench.

"We have a squad and a way of play, of style, but also a game plan," Ten Hag said when asked about the reasons behind his team selection. "You look at what's the best approach for the game. We need a squad because we have many games to cover so we make a team out of the squad, we stick together as a squad and we achieve a lot. I'm confident about that." (Agencies)

Angry Man United fans in ownership protest before EPL game

MANCHESTER, England

THOUSANDS of Manchester United fans angry at the direction of the club under its American owners took part in a protest ahead of the Premier League game against Liverpool on Monday.

The supporters chanted against the Glazer family -- "We want Glazers out" -- and held banners calling for the Americans to sell United as they walked from a nearby pub to the club's storied Old Trafford stadium during the hour before kickoff of one of the biggest matches in English soccer, which United won 2-1 for its first points of the season.

Many supporters around the ground were wearing green-and-gold scarves -- the colors of the club's 1878 formation -- and some also set off flares. There appeared to be a robust police presence on Sir Matt Busby Way at the entrance to the stadium forecourt.

The players from both teams, including United's Cristiano Ronaldo, arrived at the ground before the protest started.

Discontent has soared following United's poor start to the season, which has seen the team lose both of its games -- 2-1 at home to Brighton and a 4-0 humiliation at Brentford.

The target of the majority of the anger is the Glazer family, which bought United in 2005 with a leveraged takeover that loaded debt onto a club which previously didn't have any. Critics say the Glazers, who also own the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, have failed to invest enough of their own cash in the squad or facilities and have presided over years of failure by England's biggest team.

Payments on interest, debt and dividends to the Glazers are estimated to have cost United more than 1 billion pounds.

"They are ruining the history, traditions and culture of our great club and (we) will not stand by and watch our club rot away any longer," said The



Fans gather to protest against the Manchester United owners outside the Old Trafford ground, Manchester, England, Monday Aug. 22, 2022, before the English Premier League match between Manchester United and Liverpool. (AP)

1958, a fans' group that arranged Monday's protest.

Dissent toward the ownership, which has simmered since the 2005 takeover, erupted in May last year when a home league game against Liverpool had to be called off after the stadium -- empty because of pandemic restrictions -- was stormed before the game and thousands more supporters blocked access into Old Trafford. Two police officers were injured in clashes with fans.

That protest was sparked by the club's involvement in the failed Euro-

pean Super League breakaway that collapsed amid a groundswell of condemnation from fans and the British government.

The Glazers pledged to rebuild trust with United fans in the wake of that protest but there has been little evidence of that. Joel Glazer, a co-chairman, met in person with United fans in June 2021 and outlined his intentions to invest heavily in all aspects of the club and strengthen fan representation in the decision-making process.

Last week, Jim Ratcliffe, the majority

shareholder of chemical group Ineos and one of Britain's richest people, expressed an interest in buying United, soon after Elon Musk tweeted -- jokingly, as it turned out -- that he wanted to do the same.

The latest protest appeared to pass off without any major incident, though some items were thrown toward Liverpool's team bus as it arrived at Old Trafford.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

**Slow start gives Liverpool
and Klopp cause for concern**

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Twiga Stars will defend COSAFA Women's Championship title- Shime

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S senior national women's football side 'Twiga Stars' head coach, Bakari Shime, believes the squad will defend the Council of Southern African Football Associations (COSAFA) Women's Championship top honour.

This season's COSAFA Women's Championship is set to kick off on August 31 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, with participating teams having been placed in three groups.

Shime said Twiga Stars which has been drawn in Group C with Malawi, Botswana, and Comoros, will do well due to the preparations the squad has embarked on.

"We have made good preparations and we will start by taking on Comoros on September 2, and I'm confident that we will defend the trophy because we are the defending champions," Shime revealed.

He said they will make sure they win all fixtures in the group stage because the first winner in each group will qualify for the semi-finals and the fourth team will end as the best loser.

After taking part in the game against Comoros, Twiga Stars will face Botswana on September 5 and will finish the group stage on September 7 by playing against Malawi, an opponent the former came up against in the past season's showdown final.

Group A constitutes Mozambique, Angola, Mauritius, and the hosts South Africa, Group B is made up of Lesotho, Zambia, Eswatini, and Namibia.

According to the schedule, the semi-finals will have Group B's winners confronting Group C's winners, whereas Group A's winners will play against the best losers. The showpiece final will be played on September 11.

Tanzania participates in the tournament as an invitee and has always done well in the showpiece.

Meanwhile, Zambia's women's national team has achieved much in the last year with a sterling showing at the Tokyo Olympics, a first bronze medal at the 2022 African Women's Cup of Nations, and prized qualification for the 2023 FIFA World Cup that will put them back on the global stage.

But the one thing that has remained elusive for the side is the Hollywoodbets COSAFA Women's Championship and it is a trophy they will be desperate to win when the latest installment of the competition is played in Nelson Mandela Bay from August 31-September 11.

The Copper Queens took silver in 2019 and bronze last year, the closest they have come to the coveted regional prize.

But they may feel they have never had a better chance than in 2022 as the team rides the crest of a wave that has seen them become one of the leading sides on the continent.

Right-back Margaret Belemu is one of those who are optimistic they can achieve their aims with a squad that contains several players who competed in the recent Wafcon finals in Morocco.

"The preparations are going OK, everyone is pushing in camp and the competition [for places] is high," she said.

The footballer revealed: "The new players want to find their way into the first team, so the competition is very high."

Margaret said: "I think looking at how we performed in the WAFCON, everyone is expecting a lot from us and I'm very confident we can win the COSAFA Women's Championship. We have never won it before, I believe this is our time to win it."

She noted the tournament will also be good preparation for next year's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

That competition is to be played between July 20-August 20, meaning this may be the last tournament Zambia compete in before then to give them that experience of 'finals football'.



Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani Club's cricketers in a group picture before participating in one of the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's opening day clashes that took place recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani overcomes All Season Lions in 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

JIUZHOU Annadil Burhani Club has kept on pushing for an impressive outing in the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament, having cruised to a 13-run victory over All Season Lions in Group A duel that took place last weekend.

It was second victory for the club's eventual winners, placing them third in Group A which is led by DTB Gymkhana Club followed by second-placed I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC.

In the last weekend tie, experienced cricketers led by Abbas Adamji made their presence count and ultimately won the match for Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani Club.

Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani Club secured a chance to take the crease first and scored 149/3 in 20 overs, as Adamji and fellow senior cricketers showcased meaningful displays with the bat.

Mufaddal Seifuddin that opened the innings was the batsman with the most runs, ending with 48 runs which included three fours and two sixes.

Despite fellow opening batsman Quresh Karimjee experiencing a brief stay and making his way back with mere six runs, there was little All Season Lions' bowling unit could do to prevent Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani Club from wrapping the innings with the triple-digit total.

Adnan Karimjee had a good game once he took the crease given the performer scored a 31-ball 34 which consisted of four fours.

There was also a significant contribution from Adamji and skipper Mustafa Lukmanji that brought the innings to an end, making their way back with the bat in hand.

Adamji's spell witnessed the cricketer score 35 runs not out including three fours and a six, whereas Lukmanji ended with 21 runs not out, blasting two boundaries and a six.

Abubakar Selemani, Rijali Fentu, and skipper Atif Salim took one wicket each for All Season Lions.

Needing 150 runs to come out victorious, All Season Lions fought gallantly, they however lost steam after managing to amass 136/7 in 20 overs.

Youthful player Selemani, opener Mohamed Salim, and John David were the members of All Season Lions' batting unit to have ended with two-digit figures.

Selemani had the best innings for the losing outfit, given the youngster notched 50 runs, Salim posted 32 runs, and David notched 20 runs.

Firoz Hatim Dahodwala was impressive when Jiuzhou Annadil Burhani Club fielded, as the player had a four-wicket haul whilst claiming crucial wickets of All Season Lions' opener, Gulraiz Haideri, and Fentu.

Dahodwala ultimately received the Colorflex Player of the Match prize for his exploits.

The defeat has left All Season Lions placed fifth in Group A, having recorded one victory and three losses in the four matches the side has taken part in.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of the tournament, while co-sponsors of the showdown include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, and Pepsi.

Other sponsors are Aruti, Pigabet, Black and Decker, Harab Motors, All Season Hotels, Novum Energy, Diamond Trust Bank, I&M Bank, Aurobindo Pharma, Azania Bank, and Horizon Teleports.

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The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament, which has participating outfits locking horns in 20-over formatted duels, brings together the country's best cricket teams.

Simba SC confirms to participate in friendly matches in Sudan



Simba SC Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Gonzalez.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC has confirmed that it will play two international friendlies in Sudan following an invitation from Al Hilal.

The Msimbazi Street side will face Sudanese champions Al Hilal and Ghana's Asante Kotoko in a three-team mini-tournament in Khartoum.

Barbara Gonzalez, club Chief Executive officer, confirmed their invitation and participation in the mini-tournament which will be used by Simba SC to sharpen its arsenals for the 2022/23 NBC Premier League and the forthcoming CAF Champions League preliminary round games.

Barbara revealed: "Being invited by Al Hilal for this mini-tournament is one of the success stories of our partnerships with various clubs in Africa."

The CEO noted: "These are the outcome of the fruitful relationships which were built as a result of the 'Simba Super Cup' in 2021."

In 2021, Simba SC organized a mini-tournament known as

the 'Simba Super Cup' as part of their build-up for the CAF Champions League group stage.

They invited Al Hilal and DR Congo's TP Mazembe for the tournament played at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

On August 28, Simba SC will test their might against Ghana Premier League champions Asante Kotoko at Al Hilal Stadium.

The Ghanaian champions are already in Sudan while Simba SC is set to depart today.

On August 31, Simba SC will have a good test against Al Hilal which reached the group stage of the 2021/22 CAF Champions League.

Al Hilal is regarded as the most successful Sudanese team to have competed in the CAF Champions League.

They made it to the final in 1987 and 1992 and five times reached the semi-finals in 1966, 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2015.

In Sudan, Simba SC will be without nine players who are part of Tanzania's Taifa Stars squad now preparing for the 2022 African Nations Championship Qualifiers' duel against Uganda.

Aishi Manula, Beno Kakolanya, Shomari Kapombe, Mohamed Hussein,

Kennedy Juma, Jonas Mkude, Mzamiru Yassin, Kibu Denis, and Habibu Kyo-mbo are all training with Taifa Stars for Sunday's first leg game against Uganda Cranes.

After taking on Al Hilal, Simba SC will make a quick return to Dar es Salaam where they have arranged another international friendly against Djibouti's AS Arta Solar 7 to be played on September 3.

AS Arta Solar AS Arta Solar 7 completed a double at the end of the 2021/22 season, having clinched the Djiboutian Premier League and Djiboutian Cup titles.

In preparation for the CAF Champions League, AS Arta Solar 7 have set their training camp in Dar es Salaam.

They have an ambitious project to be a big club in Africa. They have signed prominent names in African football which include Cameroonians Idriss Kameni (37 years old, ex-Espanyol, Malaga, Fenerbahçe), Alexandre Song (34 years old, ex-Arsenal, FC Barcelona), and Dany Nounkeu (35 years old, ex-Toulouse, Galatasaray).

The club moreover boasts of Senegalese Diafra Sakho (31 years, ex-Metz, West Ham United, Rennes) and Ivorian Salomon Kalou (ex-Chelsea, 36 years old).

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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