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By Henry Mwangonde

HEADS of State and government as well as various multilateral agencies have sent condolences messages to Tanzania, in the wake of the devastating Hanang flash floods and mudslides where 63 people died and hundreds were injured or left

homeless.

The messages had a uniform tone of solidarity, underlining that it was time for global action against climate change.

President Evariste Ndayishimiye of neighbouring Burundi said his country stood with Tanzania in its pangs, expressing sympathy

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa speaks yesterday with Katesh residents whose houses were demolished in a vast mudflow in Hanang District, Manyara Region, who are now in temporary shelter.

Emirates shipping make first direct transit from China

Containers top 100,000 monthly

By Guardian Reporter

GOVERNMENT investments at the port of Dar es Salaam have started yielding results, with an increased number of ships, handling 100,000 containers per month from 80,000 containers a while back.

David Kihenzile, The Transport deputy minister, made this affirmation on Monday

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The government also moved to strengthen the development of human resources in that field, especially for employees of the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA)

By Guardian Reporter

CLIMATE advisory services and early warning systems will be strengthened by applying new reporting frameworks, policies and technologies, the government has declared.

Dr Selemani Jafo, the Union and Envi-

ronment state minister in the Vice President's Office (VPO) said this yesterday at the high-level roundtable ministerial forum at the global conference on climate change, saying the measures will ease mitigation and adaptation to its devastating impact.

He told the roundtable exploring the

situation of implementation of early warning for all in its Africa Action Plan, as part of networking issues for COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Citing his remarks, VPO said in a statement the government is working to reduce the effects of disasters by improving the well-being of the people and stability of their economic activities.

This is part of the national development strategy as disasters affect development plans and goals envisaged, thus it is important to prepare through early warning systems that can significantly re-

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PWDs to get 330 new health, education jobs

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

UPWARDS of 330 new public service positions will be allocated to people with disabilities (PWDs), the government has stated.

Patrobas Katambi, the Youth, Employment and the Disabled state minister in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) made this affirmation at a workshop for Persons with Disabilities here yesterday, held under the auspices of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and coordinated by the Tanzania Federation of Disabled People's Organisations.

The 330 positions are part of the 11,000 new jobs to be set out soon by the government chiefly in education and health spheres, as part of efforts to empower those living with disabilities, he said.

Current government policy is to set aside three percent of new employment offers in the public service to PWDs, he said, noting that workshop was organised due to the need to create awareness about disabilities and promote inclusivity.

The federation worked with WHO organised the recent workshop for PWDs ahead of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities marked annually on December 2.

The workshop stood as testament to determination and resilience of individuals to rise above their challenges, a rallying point to raise awareness, cultivate understanding and work towards a society that embraces and empowers all its members, he stated.

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Careless Manchester City's bad habit has blown title race wide open



Prof Joyce Ndalichako (2nd R) the Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons With Disabilities state minister in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) presents a trophy to Emmanuel Akonaay (2nd L) the NMB Bank chief human resources officer of after the bank emerged second overall winner at the Employer of the Year 2023 awards in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. Left is Dismas Prosper, the bank's Dar es Salaam Zone Manager, and on the right is Pamela Deteba, senior HR specialist at the bank. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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with President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

African Union (AU) chairman Moussa Faki Mahamat expressed strong solidarity with President Samia, the government and the people of Tanzania as they face devastating floods in the Hanang area.

It has left scores of dead, hundreds homeless, with farmland and livelihoods destroyed, he said, affirming that global action is needed now.

Dr Peter Mathuki, the East African Community (EAC) secretary general, said the economic bloc stands in solidarity with President Samia and the people of Tanzania on the loss of lives due to heavy rains and landslides.

"May the departed souls rest in peace and our prayers go to the dears of the victims," he said.

The embassy of Turkey in Tanzania wrote of being saddened by the tragic loss of lives, injuries and destruction caused by floods and mudslides in Manyara Region.

"Our heartfelt condolences go to the government and the people of Tanzania," invoking divine mercy for those who lost their lives and wishing a swift recovery for the injured.

Ambassador Christene Grau of the European Union delegation said she was saddened by the incidents in Manyara, expressing sympathy with relatives of the victims.

Ambassador Chen Mingjian of China said she was saddened by the tragedy caused by devastating floods and landslides in Hanang, Manyara region.

"My deepest condolences go to those who lost their loved ones. China stands by Tanzania at this difficult time," she wrote.

President Katalin Novak of Hungary conveyed heartfelt condolences to President Samia and the people of Tanzania on the losses and bereavement caused by the landslides.

"I look back to my official visit to the country with fond memories,"

the president affirmed, expressing sadness on the tragedy as felt even more intensely.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of the victims."

Ambassador Michael Battle of the United States said he was deeply saddened by news of the devastating mudslides happening in Manyara.

"We grieve with Tanzanians across the country at this tragic loss of life and livelihoods. The thoughts and prayers of the entire U.S. mission to Tanzania are with all those impacted by this natural disaster. The United States stands by our long-time friend and partner Tanzania at this time," he wrote.

High Commissioner David Concar of the United Kingdom said he was saddened by the news of this terrible tragedy, saying the UK was with those who have lost their loved ones.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has meanwhile appealed for humanitarian support from individuals and institutions to quicken the provision of support to victims of the mudflow and heavy rainfall in Katesh town and nearby villages in Hanang District.

He made this appeal in a public meeting on Monday, explaining to residents in Katesh town and surrounding areas that his office will coordinate the provision of assistance.

He asked Manyara residents wishing to provide support to mudflow victims to hand their contributions to the office of the district commissioner and those from further afield, send assistance to the regional commissioner's office.

He cautioned against ad hoc groups of support from Good Samaritans, intimating that stern measures will be taken against anyone misusing the donated items.

A Good Samaritan from Mbeya Region has volunteered a caterpillar to help in removing the mud spread, he affirmed, asking for close coordination between agencies under PMO and the three regions, Arusha, Dodoma and Singida.



Kinondoni Regional Police Commander and Chief of Community Engagement, ACP Ally Wendo (L), Vodacom Tanzania health and safety specialist Adamson Many (2nd L) the firm's assistant human resources manager Maria Clarera together handing over road safety equipment to Mwangaza primary school teacher Marian Juma (R) during the launch of a campaign on community safety engagement targeting schools located along the roads in the country. The event was held in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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duce disaster impacts, he said.

This would save lives and property, in which case the government has prepared a national strategy to cope with climate change (2021-2026) with a national contribution in the United Nations national determined contribution, to stem emissions of noxious gases, he said.

He referred to the Tanzania Climate Authority Act No. 2 of 2019, reinforcing the work of the Tanzania Meteorological Authority to provide early warning services, elaborating that the government initiated the national weather service system.

It was launched in August 2018 in

conjunction with installing seven weather radars, amplifying the data from three weather radars, plus initiating a degree programme at the University of Dar es Salaam on weather and climate change, he stated.

The government also moved to strengthen the development of human resources in that field, especially for employees of the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA), he said.

TMA weather information helped the various decision making levers and the relevant stakeholders to prepare the national emergency plan for expected El Nino rains back in August, contributing to enhance readiness ahead of the rains.

TMA provides accurate weather forecasts by up to more than 86 percent, he said, affirming that 14.5 percent of TMA staff have exposed to alert programmes in local and foreign raining institutions.

He urged that the climate change adaptation fund (operating under the United Nations Development Programme -UNDP) complete the second accreditation for the National Environment Management Council (NEMC).

In discussions with fund director Mikko Ollikainen, he said that NEMC, which is in charge of the fund's finances in Tanzania, has worked on the certification process for two years, so the process need to be completed.

He similarly urged speed in reviewing the annual reports of ongoing projects, as their approval enables funds for the following year to be released, the statement noted, affirming that the minister's discussions were immensely beneficial.

The fund secretariat has promised to work on those issues, with some of them having started to be addressed shortly after the meeting, it said, with the minister remarking that institutions applying for registration in the fund will be regarded favourably as registration enables access to benefit from its resources.

Top NEMC officials attended the minister's discussions with the fund secretariat, the statement added.

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inclusivity and equal rights, he stated, urging that the society reconsider habits to create an environment where every person, irrespective of their abilities, can thrive and contribute to the progress of the nation.

The government was reviewing policy on those living with disabilities to improve services rendered to them and facilitate their development, an exercise that is participatory, engaging all stakeholders, he stated.

Participants said that the work-

shop brought together an inspiring group of individuals who have defied all odds to achieve greatness in various fields.

Ernest Kimaya, the federation chairman, said that the focus was on fostering collaboration, sharing experiences and providing valuable resources to empower those living with disabilities.

WHO had facilitated bringing together all groups of those living with disabilities to engage in dynamic discussions, interactive sessions and practical skill-building exercises, he added.



Regional Commissioner, Nurdin Babu (R), talks with the Director General of Workers Compensation Fund (WCF), Dr John Mduma at the RC's Offices where 100 doctors from Kilimanjaro, Tanga, Arusha and Manyara are on a training about impairment assessment of occupational accidents and diseases. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Carlos Banda

TANZANIAN researchers have been challenged to effectively communicate and disseminate research findings to policy makers and the public to help formulation of policies necessary for advancing innovative and sustainable solutions in health financing and service delivery.

Zanzibar Minister for Health, Nasser Mazrui threw the challenge yesterday in Dar es Salaam as he graced the official launch of the research dissemination symposium on how research can drive policy for innovations in health financing and delivery.

Mazrui highlighted that effective communication and dissemination of research findings is a crucial means to ensure the gaps between the academia and policy makers are bridged citing the symposium as an avenue to attempt the achievement of such objectives.

"It is imperative that we actively engage in the effective communication of research outcomes to policy

Tanzanian researchers challenged to communicate, disseminate findings

makers. One of the primary goals of research dissemination in health care financing is to bridge the gap between academia and policy formulation," he said.

Speaking on healthcare financing, Mazrui stated that that the matter is of utmost importance since it directly affects each and every individual's well-being and that of the society as a whole since quality health is a fundamental right that every citizen deserves.

He said: "Healthcare financing is a matter of utmost importance directly affecting every individual's well-being and prosperity of the society as a whole. Providing quality health is a fundamental right that every citizen deserves and achieving this goal requires a thoughtful and sustainable approach to financing. One of the challenges in health care financing is striking the balance be-

tween providing comprehensive and accessible healthcare while also managing costs effectively."

He added: "In an era of rapid medical advancement and increasing health figure demands, we must therefore explore innovative financing models that not only sustain the system but also foster efficiency and quality health care delivery. This is why the role of technology in health care financing cannot be overstated."

Dr Heri Marwa, country director for PharmAccess said that policy makers need to use research findings because research studies play a pivotal role in the leapfrog to development.

Universal health care is every Tanzanian's dream; however, to get there, we must learn and put into research on how we can pay healthcare service providers and how we can reach people in the informal sector," said Marwa.

Marwa insisted on effective connection between researchers and policy makers, noting the symposium provides a platform for them to engage, discuss and deliberate on how such research results can be put into use.

Gasto Frumence, Dean of the School of Social Health at the Muhimbili University of Health and Applied Sciences (MUHAS) said the main goal of the event was to exchange views and perspectives on how research conducted by local institutions can provide guidance on healthcare financing in Tanzania.

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evening at a reception for Emirates Shipping Lines (ESL), starting direct trips from China to Dar es Salaam port.

The government is committed to improving port infrastructures, he said, noting that arrival of the ships is an indication of positive results being witnessed after port infrastructure was improved, he said.

The new ship taking a direct trip from China would largely reduce the cost of transportation as containers, he said, asking the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to ensure quality services in ports across the country.

Mrisho Mrisho, the TPA director general, said that major improvements at Dar port involved construction of berths, to enhance handling of cargos at one time.

He assured the deputy minister

that TPA will put to use available equipment to ensure services are efficient, citing end of year port pressures.

Captain Nithin Nath, the ESL regional executive director, said the launch of the direct transit shipping services will reduce the cargo transportation time from 45 days to 22 days.

Reduced transportation cost would impact the prices of various commodities, he said, noting that ESL has plans to transport containers from China to the ports of Tanga, Mtwara and Zanzibar.

When ESL ships made journeys for the first time they were able to unload and load about 600 containers, all within 48 hours.

TPA needs to ensure that quality services are provided to all ships served at the port to attracting more shippers to use the port, he added.



Caterpillar tows a vehicle stuck in mud at Katesh small town in Hanang District, Manyara Region after mudflow on Sunday. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

US embassy new partnership with WiLDAF to eliminate FGM

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Embassy in Dar es Salaam has announced a new partnership with Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF) for implementation of interventions to eliminate Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

Through the Africa Regional Development Fund (ARDF), the embassy will support WiLDAF's 18-month project called 'Achieving Zero FGM in Mara-Jamii Imara' to be implemented in Mara Region.

The project seeks to contribute to accelerate elimination of FGM in Tanzania as outlined in the National Anti-FGM Strategy. Jamii Imara will be implemented in three Mara districts—Tarime, Butiama, and Serengeti.

A statement issued yesterday by the US Embassy said the Jamii Imara's goal is to accelerate social and gender norms transformation to eliminate FGM.

The project will work with groups of women and girls to empower them on their rights to safety and bodily autonomy.

For women and out-of-school

girls, the project includes an economic empowerment component to provide alternative sources of income, build financial resilience and reduce vulnerability to FGM and other forms of GBV.

Jamii Imara will also work with male youth, religious and traditional leaders to become champions of change and lead social transformation initiatives at the grassroots levels. At the institutional level, Jamii Imara seeks to support building of strong networks of civil society and government for mutual learning, sharing experiences, collaboration and strengthening collective actions to end FGM in all its forms, including cross-border practices.

During this year's commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, Jamii Imara project is a demonstrable commitment of the US government to continue investing and supporting civil societies and the government in programs aiming to eliminate violence against women and girls.

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Arusha

Human-wildlife coexistence issues top agenda as world gather in Arusha for scientific meet

AS Tanzania hosts the annual global scientific conference in Arusha Region, the issue of coexistence between human and wildlife will most likely be on top of the agenda throughout the three days of the event.

The Arusha-based Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute is organising the event and according to a statement from TAWIRI, 'Human-Wildlife Coexistence for biodiversity conservation and socio-economic development,' is the guiding theme for the 14th scientific conference.

Tanzania will be tackling the issue of wildlife corridors, many of which have been disappearing in the country as well as around Africa due to invasion of unplanned human activities and settlements.

The conference which has brought hundreds of scientists, researchers, environmentalists and conservators from around the globe kicks off at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 and will be taking place for three days until Friday, December 8.

Some of the main topics during the conference include Human and wildlife coexistence with biodiversity as the basis for a sustainable future being presented by Professor Veldhuis M. Paul.

Dr Paul is an Assistant Professor on fundamental principles in the organisation of ecosystems at the Institute of Environmental Sciences, Leiden Public University of Netherlands.

There will also be a topic on Innovation and Technology for Conservation and Sustainable

Tourism development by Prof. Wineaster Anderson, the deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Dodoma responsible for planning, finance and administration.

The chief development and coordination officer and the director of research at the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute, Dr Julius Keyuu will be addressing the issue of Wildlife corridors, their current Status, threats and implications for sustainable biodiversity conservation and community livelihood in Tanzania.

As it happens, Tanzania is currently working to restore the country's wildlife corridors and so far about 61 such natural connectivity passages have been reinstated.

The other sub-themes of the TAWIRI Scientific Conference 2023 Human-Wildlife Conflicts comprise emerging technologies for wildlife conservation; tourism development and diversifications for social-economic development; wildlife ecology and ecological interactions.

Scientists are also discussing monitoring of wildlife population and threatened species; ecosystem health and wildlife diseases; water resources and wetland conservation; climate change and - ecological resilience; bee ecology, beekeeping and Api-tourism development as well as vegetation ecology, invasive species and habitat conservation.

TAWIRI scientific conferences usually take place every year in Arusha during the months of December. This year, individual researchers, Non-Governmental organisations, civil society organisations, government institutions, local government authorities are also participating.



CAMBRIDGE A-LEVEL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AT HAVEN OF PEACE ACADEMY

HAVEN OF PEACE ACADEMY

Haven of Peace Academy (HOPAC) is a faith-based educational institution owned and operated by Haven of Peace Trust. HOPAC was founded in 1994 for children of missionaries and has evolved into a Christian international school with a diverse student population that includes children of missionaries and full-time Christian service workers, children of expats working in the non-profit and for-profit sectors, and children of Tanzanians working in the non-profit, for-profit, and public sectors. The school is located in Kunduchi at the junction of Salasala Road and Bagamoyo Road in Kinondoni Municipal in Dar es Salaam and is currently inviting applications for vacancies of competent, experienced, and qualified teachers and school personnel.

Haven of Peace Academy is offering the opportunity for a small number of Tanzanian citizens to gain a merit scholarship worth up to 100% of the tuition fees for the school's AS and A level programme. Successful candidates will have genuine and proven financial need, as well as being outstanding academically and demonstrating great potential.

Applicants must be:

- Tanzanian Citizens
- At least 16 years of age and no older than 18 years of age by August 2024
- Through Form 4 or its equivalent

Applicants need to demonstrate outstanding academic success in one of the following ways:

- By achieving Division One (less than 10 points) in the O level National exams
- By achieving high academic results in Form 4 or the equivalent
- By achieving or being predicted to achieve top grades in International Examinations such as IGCSE

All applications and their attachments must be received by Haven of Peace Academy by THURSDAY 29th Feb 2024 in order to be considered for an interview.

HOPAC is a Christian school but applicants may be from any religious background.

The HOPAC AS and A Level programme offers a choice of rigorous courses leading to well-recognised international qualifications.

Typically, students choose 4 subjects in Grade 11 and continue with 3 of them to full A Level in Grade 12. In addition, students take other non-examined courses in Bible, Service Learning and Life Skills. The school encourages Leadership, Service and Stewardship in all areas of life.

For further details of the Grade 11 Merit Scholarship and the application process, please contact: Haven of Peace Academy, P.O. Box 70027, Dar es Salaam. HOPAC Phone: 0786 845 135 email: admission@hopac.sc.tz

All communication will be through email. Please be sure to clearly write a valid email address for students and parents/guardians on the application.



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The following positions are open for the school year 2024/2025 starting August 2024: Secondary Teachers

- French
- History
- Geography
- English Literature and Language
- Science (Biology Focus)
- Mathematics

Primary / Whole School

- Primary Classroom Teacher
- Bible Teacher and Discipleship Coordinator
- University Counselor

School Administration

- Business Manager
- Finance Manager (Send your CV to personnel@hopac.sc.tz)

Please direct all your applications to nics.org except for Finance Manager as directed above

The ideal teacher or candidate has to be self-motivated, a team player, adaptable, and willing to learn with experience working in multicultural, international settings, and fluent in English.

HOPAC follows the Cambridge curriculum and is an ACS/MSA accredited school.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE Teaching staff

- Bachelor's degree in education/teaching or PGDE
- Three years teaching experience
- Experience with Cambridge International curriculum preferred
- Minimum of three years teaching experience, preferably in a multicultural setting
- Fluent in English, the medium of instruction
- Committed Christian

(BUSINESS MANAGER AND FINANCE MANAGER)

Non Teaching Staff

- Bachelor's degree in Business or finance, or preferably in relevant field
- CPA Certification
- Committed Christian, actively living for God and involved in a local church.
- Minimum five years experience in accounting & finance.
- Minimum three years related experience in the essential functions of the role of Business or Finance Manager.

If you are confident that you match the above criteria, please send your **Application letter and CV only** through nics.org to arrive on/or before 15th Dec 2023. NOTE: Applications sent to personnel@hopac.sc.tz will not be considered. For Finance Manager send your Application letter and CV only to personnel@hopac.sc.tz or physically addressed to **Personnel Department, Haven of Peace Academy, P. O. Box 70027, Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA.**



Members of the Fire and Rescue Force struggle to put out a raging fire destroying shops at Mwenge area in Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam at midnight on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel



A resident of Bahi District in Dodoma Region Mustapha Ally (L) receives a dummy cheque for 500,000/- for Godlisen Moshi, from Serengeti Breweries Ltd (SBL) sales manager Mwanahamisi Musa after emerging the winner of the firm's sixth promotion draw in the district, over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent



Bishop Rose Mgetta of the Pentecostal Mikocheni B Assemblies of God Church speaks about the Shilo prayer festival launched on Sunday. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole



Grader removes mud scattered at Katesh bus stand following the mudflow caused by heavy rains occurring on Sunday. Photo: PMO



The Mwenge small traders community in Kinondoni District look at shops, 32 altogether, gutted by fire which broke out after midnight on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel



Jamal Kassim Ali, the Finance and Planning state minister in the President's Office for Zanzibar (L) hands over a trophy to Kigoma Region chief accountant Johnson Gamba (R) during an awards ceremony for best accountants, given by the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala



Albert Chalamila, the Dar es Salaam regional commissioner, inspects kiosks destroyed by fire at Mwenge area in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel



Newly appointed Tanzania Commercial Bank Plc chief executive officer Adam Mihayo (R) speaks after being introduced by TCB board chairman Dr Edmund Mndolwa (L) in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



CPS Africa CEO Sebastian Dietzold (R) and Hilton Group development director for Middle East and Africa, Sam Diab (L) exchanging documents in Zanzibar over the weekend shortly after signing the contract to establish the Canopy by Hilton. The Burj Zanzibar hotel project is expected to open in 2027 in Fumba town. The Burj Zanzibar will combine residential apartments, hospitality, commercial and recreational facilities in the heart of Fumba Town. Looking on (C) is Zanzibar Minister for Tourism and Heritage, Simai Mohammed Said. Photo: Correspondent

Masasi education officer found dead in Tanzania Union Office

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

In an unsettling incident that has shaken the Masasi District in Mtwara Region, a 46-year-old education officer, Angelus Mwinyuku, has been found dead in the offices of the Teachers' Union (CWT). Mwinyuku allegedly took his life by hanging on December 5, 2023, as confirmed by Mtwara Regional Police Commander, ACP Nicodemus Katembo.

Mwinyuku, who served as the education coordinator for Matawale Ward, was discovered in the office bathroom, with a manila rope tied around his neck connected to the window. The preliminary police investigation identified asphyxiation due to hanging as the cause of death. However, the reasons behind Mwinyuku's drastic action remain elusive.

In light of this tragic event, the police have urged the public to maintain vigilance and encouraged individuals grappling with personal struggles to seek help. The incident serves as a stark reminder of the importance of mental health assistance and support in times of crisis.

As news of Mwinyuku's death spread, shock and sorrow reverberated among his colleagues. Remembered as a cooperative and friendly individual, Mwinyuku was

known to have been suffering from ill-health recently, reportedly consuming medication for malaria. He also held the position of treasurer for the CWT in Masasi and was seen attending church on the day of the incident.

In the face of this disconcerting event, it is critical to remember Mwinyuku for his contributions to education and the community, even as authorities continue to probe into the circumstances surrounding his untimely death.

Confirming the incident, Mtwara Regional Police Commander, Nikodemus Katembo said that it occurred yesterday in Masasi District at around 12 noon. He said that his fellow workers found his body hanging in one of the toilets at the TTU office in Wapiwapi Street.

Katembo said: "We are yet to establish why he decided to hang himself; we are investigating the matter and will issue a statement after our investigation officers complete their work."

Doctor in-charge at Mkomaindo hospital in Masasi District, Salumu Gembe said he received the deceased's body early yesterday.

TTU chairman in Masasi District, Thabiti Thabiti said they are mourners the late Mwinyuku, adding that the office is collaborating with his family for funeral arrangements.

By Guardian Reporter

THE Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA) has provided education to over 150 drug addicts in Arusha Region, calling upon them to stop using drugs to enjoy a healthier life.

The training is part of DCEA education programmes currently conducted at different places countrywide. In Arusha, the training was held at the Arusha Technical College (ATC).

DCEA senior official in northern zone, Shaban Miraji said the trainings are provided as part of efforts to control drug usage among youth. He urged drug addicts to change their behaviours, insisting continued use of the drugs exposes them to a number of health risks.

"We have started with regions in the northern zone—Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Tanga and Manyara because there are many youth using drugs especially khat and cannabis," he said.

Miraji noted that between September and November, 2023, the authority has seized more than 237 sacks of dried cannabis as well as 210

DCEA provides education to over 150 drug addicts in Arusha Region, official

kilos of its seeds. He said the drugs were seized in special operation conducted in northern zone regions.

"The authority has succeeded to provide education to various community groups including university and college students. We have also reached primary and secondary schools aiming to ensure no more youth engages with drug abuse," he added.

He said DCEA has also discovered that there are some drug addicts who have yet started Methadone medication, adding the government is taking measures to ensure treatment services are selected centers in each of the regions. He said so far the treatment centres are in Arusha and Tanga regions.

Miraji added: "There are 16 medication centers for drug addicts in the country and more than 53 sober houses. Northern regions have 24 sober houses."

He said the authority plans to continue providing education through different platforms including

the use of arts so as to reach to a good number of people.

"Drug users may end up damaging their teeth and liver, I call upon youth to avoid engaging in drugs to leave a healthy life and achieve their desired dreams," he said.

One of the drug addicts, Naomi Massawe commended DCEA for providing with the training on adverse effects of drugs. Massawe said she started using drugs five years ago when working at one of the mines in Mirerani town.

Masawe has stopped using drugs and is continuing with medication.

Narrating her ordeal, she said: "I stopped using drugs two years back; I am now a good person as I can engage in economic activities. I stopped using them to please my daughter was not happy with the way I was behaving."

Head of the health department from Mount Meru Referral Hospital in Arusha, Dr Said Salum said that methadone treatment to drug addicts were offered for free at all the selected treatment centres.

By Correspondent Allan

Ntana, Tabora

THE 'Vijana Kilimo Biashara' project which is implemented by the Small Enterprises Institutional Development (SEIDA) in collaboration with World Food Programme (WFP) will benefit 25,000 women and youth in Tabora and Shinyanga regions.

Speaking with officials from Nzega, Uyui, Sikonge and Igunga districts in Tabora Region yesterday, the project manager, Frank Lyimo said it will be executed in the two regions for three years from October 2023 to September 2026.

He said the project targets to reach 25,000 smallholder farmers aged between 18 and 35 years where 70 per cent of beneficiaries will be women and youth engage in the sorghum, sunflower and horticulture value chain.

Lyimo added that the project aims to increase production of sorghum and sunflower crops and sustainably increase income, enhance food security and job creation.

He noted that it is a strategic project set to improve the livelihoods of women and youth in the eight districts namely, Igunga, Nzega, Uyui, Sikonge, Tabora, Kishapu, Msalala, Ushetu and Shinyanga Rural.

He said the project will engage a total of 15,000 participants from Tabora Region and 10,000 from Shinyanga Region.

"Our objective is to support economic

SEIDA, WFP project to benefit 25,000 women, youth in Tabora and Shinyanga

development of the youth in two regions through sorghum and sunflower value chain development. We will focus on increasing productivity, post-harvest management, and employment creation," he added, noting that they are also going to consider people with disabilities.

Speaking on behalf of the regional government, Tabora Regional Agricultural

Officer, Modest Kaijage applauded SEIDA and WFP for introducing the project, saying it is going to improve the welfare of both women and youth. He said the region has many smallholder farmer groups formed by women and youth in all the districts. He said Tabora has fertile land suitable for cultivation of various crops including those outlined in the project.

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Corruption and embezzlement thwart govt efforts to provide social services, Chana

By Correspondent Valentine Ofori,

Dodoma

MINISTER for Constitution and Legal Affairs Pindi Chana has said that corruption and embezzlement of public funds thwart government efforts to effectively provide social services.

Chana made the remarks recently in Dodoma when speaking at the launch of celebrations to mark this year's Human Rights and Ethics Day.

She observed that corruption has seen some development projects implemented below standards as allocated funds meant for the projects swindled by unscrupulous people.

She said the government, through the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB), is working to monitor implementation of various development projects to control embezzlement as well as corruption.

"The government has been making efforts to control corruption; President Samia Suluhu Hassan has always been directing PCCB to monitor various development projects and ensure value for money," she said.

Chana said the war against corruption is not an easy task, calling for collective efforts from government officials, politicians, religious leaders and other stakeholders including journalists to educate the public about the

impacts of corruption in service provision.

This year's anniversary of Human Rights and Ethics Day was celebrated together with the 75th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights (Universal Declaration of Human Rights).

Since its announcement, on December 10, 1948, the declaration of Human Rights has laid the foundation for many other human rights treaties that have followed. It is a declaration that has defined civil, political, cultural and economic rights.

The minister expressed that Tanzania is among countries that have included the declaration in its constitutions.

"Article 9 of the Constitution explains that the country's authorities and all its agencies are responsible for directing all its policies and activities in order to ensure that human dignity is protected and maintained in compliance with the principles of the World Declaration on Human Rights," Dr Chana detailed.

She said the government will continue to implement various strategies and programs to help negate and erode all forms of embezzlement and corruption in public and private sectors.

She challenged the public servants to execute their daily responsibilities while embracing the spirit of patriotism and do away with all forms of corruption.

SADC observes malaria day with commitment to unite to eliminate the disease in the region

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTERS of health and ministers responsible for HIV/AIDS commemorated the SADC Malaria Day under the theme 'Resilient Health Systems and communities key to malaria elimination' in Luanda, Angola.

Dr Silvia Lutucuta, Minister of Health in Angola, and chairperson of the SADC ministerial committee on health, applauded SADC member states for their unwavering commitment to eliminate malaria in the region as witnessed by the reduction in mortality rate over the last decade.

She called upon all stakeholders such as the private sector, civil societies, youth, international cooperating partners, amongst others, to support governments to fight and eliminate malaria through an integrated approach.

Lutucuta said that despite the reduction of mortality rate in the region over the last decade, there still exist threats such as trans-border transmission, access to health services and climate change that hinder elimination of malaria. She encouraged member states to continue to mobilise resources and actions to fight and eliminate malaria in the region.

Angele Makombo N'tumba, SADC deputy executive secretary for regional integration, emphasised on the need to invest in health systems that are resilient, country-owned, and community led, in order to sustain and win the battle against malaria in the region.

She said the distribution of nets, training and capacity building, mass campaigns and advocacy remain important, but more needs to be done including doubling efforts to reach malaria elimination targets in the region.

"The gains made before the COVID -19 pandemic have been

significantly reversed and Member States need to accelerate efforts especially in those countries who are closest to elimination which are Botswana, Eswatini, Namibia and South Africa," she said.

The Deputy Executive Secretary said that the SADC Windhoek Declaration of 2018 which was signed by Heads of State and Government in 2018 in Namibia, the SADC Protocol on Health, and SADC Malaria Elimination Strategy 2022-2030 together with other global and regional strategic instruments all provide clear strategic direction for the region.

She outlined that the strategies will not yield desired results if they are not backed by resources.

She urged member states to mobilise resources and to request the International Cooperating Partners to fill funding gaps to successfully eliminate malaria.

N'tumba underscored the need to address climate change which has in recent years contributed to the high level of disease. She indicated that there is a need to find ways to navigate the climate crisis and find solutions to mitigate it as this is a challenge that will continue to negatively affect the region for the foreseeable future.

International cooperating partners such as World Health Organisation (WHO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Roll Back Malaria Partnership, The African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) delivered supportive statements and reiterated their commitment to support SADC's strategies, programmes and initiatives in its endeavour to eliminate the malaria in the region.

The SADC Malaria Day is commemorated annually and hosted by the chairperson of SADC as part of the ministers meeting.



Exim Bank Tanzania's chief internal auditor Colman Riwa (R), receives an award on behalf of the Bank from Zanzibar Minister of State, President's Office, Jamal Kassim, after the Bank emerged among the top three banks in the Best Presented Financial Statements for the Year 2022 Awards (large banks) presented by the National Board of Accountants and Auditors of Tanzania (NBAA). Looking on is the chairperson of NBAA, CPA Prof. Sylvia Shayo (L). The awards were presented in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Police, Vodacom Tanzania launch a road safety campaign for schools

By Guardian Correspondent

POLICE in Kinondoni District in collaboration with Vodacom Tanzania have launched a road safety campaign for schools located on road sides in Dar es Salaam.

The campaign was launched yesterday at Mwangaza primary school in Kijitonyama, Dar es Salaam Region with the aim of providing training to road safety ambassadors who will teach others and guide them to cross the roads. The campaign is also expected to

reduce road accidents involving school children.

The campaign will also be held at Salasala primary school, Bunju A and Tandale primary school.

"This is a good programme that is going to help to reduce accidents for students at the specific schools," said Makame Mpate, a teacher at Mwangaza primary school.

Road traffic officer in Kinondoni, Solomon Mwangamilo said they have partnered with Vodacom to provide training to students who through them will teach others

and help colleagues in crossing the road safely.

He said many schools that are on the outskirts are at risk of students being hit by vehicles when crossing roads.

He added: "We have come up with this campaign to reduce danger to our children and ensure their dreams come true, we are doing it at different schools in Kinondoni."

Head of community policing in Kinondoni District, Ally Wendo, who was the guest of honour,

hailed Vodacom for the job well done saying the training will help young people who are the future of the nation.

Vodacom occupational health and safety manager, Adamson Manyo who represented the CEO, Philip Besimire said they have handed over the sign boards to allow and stop vehicles as they reach the school areas, reflector vests and notebooks with safety drawings on board which will be used by the students in the campaign.

He said that as a company they have been focusing on workplace safety, so they have decided to expand the scope and focus on children who are the nation of tomorrow.



Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Labour Youth Employment and Persons with Disabilities Prof Joyce Ndalichako presents overall winner trophy to Barrick North Mara senior resources officer, Eric Wambura (C) and Bulyanhulu resources manager, Lumbu Kumbulu (L) during the Awards ceremony for the recognition of the Best Employer of the Year 2023 held in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Barrick dominates this year's Employer of the Year Awards

By Guardian Reporter

BARRICK Gold Corporation's North Mara Gold Mine which is jointly owned with the Tanzanian government through Twiga Minerals Corporation has been crowned the Employer of the Year at the prestigious 2023 Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) awards ceremony.

Prof Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State (Prime Minister's Office) - Labour, Youth, Employment, and Persons with Disabilities handed over certificates for the winners, whereby Eric Wambura, Barrick Tanzania Human Resource officer represented the mine to receive the awards.

Barrick Gold Corporation not only secured the top honour as

the Employer of the Year but also emerged victorious in five other distinguished categories. The accolades include: Overall Private Sector Employer (North Mara Gold Mine), Best Corporate Social Responsibility (North Mara Gold Mine), Excellence in Crisis Management (Bulyanhulu Gold Mine), 2nd runner-up for Local Content (North Mara Gold Mine),

and the coveted title of Best Large Organization Employer of the Year (North Mara Gold Mine).

The remarkable recognition underscores Barrick North Mara's Gold Mine commitment to fostering a positive work environment, contributing to the local community through exemplary corporate social responsibility, demonstrating resilience in crisis management, and actively engaging in promoting local content.

The multiple wins solidify Barrick's position as a leader in the mining industry, setting the standard for excellence in employment practices and corporate citizenship.



Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Labour, Youth Employment and Persons with Disabilities, Prof Joyce Ndalichako (R) receives a briefing from the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme country coordinator Christian Mwamanga during her visit at the programme's pavilion at the commemoration of the UN Volunteers Day in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Government took into considerations all human rights principles to shifting people'

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

DEPUTY Minister for Land, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Geoffrey Pinda has said the government took into considerations all the human rights principles in shifting the people of Ngorongoro from the conserved area to Msomera village in Handeni District, Tanga Region. Pinda made the statement on December 4, 2023 in Morogoro Region when opening a two-day conference organised by the Tanzania Land Alliance (TALA) to discuss land issues. He said despite the existence of

institutions with good intentions that support the government, there are some private organisations that have been spreading negative information concerning the relocation exercise. Pinda asked TALA and stakeholders to visit the Msomera village in Tanga Region and come up with recommendations to the government. He said the government is concerned with human rights issues and ensuring all the Ngorongoro residents get their deserved rights. He made it clear that President Samia Suluhu Hassan is making efforts to ensure

that it builds the capacity and empower all those who have been shifted to Msomera village. "Villagers in Msomera can access bank loans using their title deeds. They have been allocated large areas for grazing and agriculture, the government is also constructing dams for feeding cattle during drought and make sure their properties are safe throughout the year," said Pinda. He said that it was not easy for the government to provide such services to the people in the Ngorongoro area because the law prohibits such development

and other human activities from being conducted in the conserved area. He said such prohibitions are meant to ensure the ecology of the Ngorongoro crater is not destroyed. The deputy minister urged participants of the conference to make sure they don't mislead people on the issue of Ngorongoro, calling upon them to educate the residents on the good intentions of the government. The two-day conference discussed various issues related to the land sector, including women's rights, climate change and food security.

IFAD unveils financing mechanism to support smallholder food producers

By Guardian Correspondent

THE United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and partners have unveiled a new financing mechanism to beef up support to small-scale food producers in rural communities in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda to adapt to a changing climate. This follows the recently released data indicating that there is a sharp global decline in climate finance dedicated to adaptation efforts. The Africa Rural Climate Adaptation Finance Mechanism (ARCAFIM) is a large-scale model of tailored finance for poor small-scale food producers and rural microenterprises. Small and medium-sized rural agribusinesses will also access concessional loans through this new scheme. The mechanism is scalable and can be replicated in other countries and regions.

"We need to invest at speed and scale to ensure rural populations, including rural small scale food producers, are able to adapt to climate impacts now," said Alvaro Lario, President of IFAD, at ARCAFIM'S launch event at the climate change conference (COP 28).

Lario emphasized IFAD'S commitment to making a positive impact on people's lives through innovative financial solutions such as ARCAFIM, bringing together funding from like-minded partners, and leveraging collaboration with the private sector.

Access to financial resources is crucial for maintaining and enhancing the agricultural livelihoods upon which vulnerable rural communities depend. The urgency to bolster their resilience to climate change is evident. By supporting small and medium-sized enterprises in rural areas, we can simultaneously boost employment, income, and essential services for these communities.

ARCAFIM is dedicated to alleviating poverty and hunger in Eastern Africa. Its goal is to promote sustainable and profitable agricultural practices while building the capacity of rural communities to withstand various climate and economic challenges.

The mechanism will tap into potential connections within IFAD'S

current project portfolio in the region.

ARCAFIM incorporates blended finance and encourages private sector involvement through a risk-sharing mechanism.

Equity Bank Kenya and its subsidiaries in Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda (affiliated with Equity Group Holdings) are set to contribute US\$90 million.

IFAD will supplement this with an additional US\$90 million, sourced from Finland, the Green Climate Fund (GCF), and the Nordic Development Fund (NDF).

The combined US\$180 million will be allocated for climate change adaptation loans. Additionally, partners, including Denmark and GCF, will mobilize US\$20 million to provide technical assistance aimed at enhancing the market's capacity to deliver climate adaptation finance.

"We are pleased to have the Equity Group as our implementing partner. Equity is a well-established private bank in East Africa with a strong capacity for rural lending. And they are committed to expanding climate adaptation finance, which is what ARCAFIM aims to do to trigger a systemic change in climate change adaptation financing to reduce poverty and hunger in Eastern Africa," said Lario.

He also expressed gratitude for the collaboration with the Nordic countries, highlighting their global reputation for climate finance innovations.



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Zanzibar Health minister Nassor Mazrui, (L) delivers his keynote speech at the official launch of a research symposium on how to drive policy for innovation in health financing and delivery in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Right is Prof Gasto Frumence, dean of the school of public health and social sciences at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) and Prof Bruno Sunguya (R), the director of research and publications at MUHAS. Photo: Carlos Banda

'New investment law will turn the Isles into the world centre for investments'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR minister for Labour, Economy and Investments, Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga said the new investment law will turn the Isles into the world centre for investments.

Soraga made the remarks yesterday when tabling proposals for amendment of the Zanzibar Investment Act in the House of Representatives.

He said the new law would reduce bureaucracy thus allowing potential investors to complete the required procedures within a short period. He said the government decided to amend the law to increase efficiency in dealing with investment issues as well as attracting more investors from within and outside the country.

The Minister gave an example of the Zanzibar Investment Promotion and Protection Act, saying it has not mentioned oil and gas as well as the blue economy among the sectors that requires investors.

He said the previous law also did not mention the small islands within Pemba and Unguja which the government is now calling for investors to develop them.

"The new investment law has come with many things that are in line with our investment policy and strategies outlined by Zanzibar President, Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi. It will reduce bureaucracy thus allowing completion of all the procedures on time," he added.

Deputy Minister of State-President's Office (Finance and Planning) Ali Suleiman Ameir, said

the new investment law is in line with the existing investment laws in other countries such as Ghana and Ethiopia.

Contributing to the bill, some members of the House of Representatives praised the government for coming up with the amendments which will simplify investment procedures.

A Representative of Dimani Constituency, Mwanasha Khamis Juma, wanted the new investment law to bring major reforms as well as provide employment opportunities to locals.

Zanzibar Minister for Tourism and Antiquities, Simai Mohamed Said, said that the changes will enable people to rent the small islands in Unguja and Pemba for investment activities that will generate jobs.



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80 pc of youth who underwent SDF training have secured jobs, says TEA

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) has said that more than 80 per cent of youth who underwent training through the Skills Development Fund (SDF) have secured jobs.

Since its establishment in 2017, a total of 49,000 youth have benefited.

Speaking recently, Masozi Nyirenda, the Authority's Acting Director for Resource Search and Project Management said the programme was concluded in

June this year. He was speaking at the climax of the 50th anniversary of the National Examination Council (NECTA).

"After the training we continue monitoring them and assisting them in finding jobs in areas they want. We have made our assessments whereas 80 per cent of them have secured jobs while others have employed themselves," said Nyirenda.

TEA acting Director of Institutional Services, Mwanahamisi Omar commended stakeholders for their contribution to the education sector asking them to continue providing

support for such programmes to benefit many Tanzanians.

She said that people who contribute to the education fund get a tax relief and their names are stored in TEA'S database. She said contributions can be in terms of equipment or money.

She said the government has been at the forefront in implementing a number of strategies towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which among other things insists on access to quality and equitable education.

She said efforts are also done to improve learning and teaching

infrastructures.

She said TEA will continue to encourage the contribution in the education sector, adding that according to the Education Fund Law, Number 8 of 2001, a contributor is anyone who donates money, goods, or services through the National Education Fund.

"There are other benefits when you contribute to the education fund; contributors are also provided with certificates of appreciation that can be used to apply for tax relief from the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)," she said.

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Uplift building modern residential houses to formal estate businesses

AGREEMENT has been struck between the Zanzibar Housing Corporation (ZHC) and CRDB Bank Ltd, a leading commercial bank, to enable clients of the housing enterprise to obtain loans to purchase houses or housing space in projects that ZHC is operating in Zanzibar. A tripartite arrangement involving a state construction body, clients and a commercial bank offers greater security than if the bank had to deal with one client at a time, and at times court battles for possession of collateral. It is thus a model that will be copied, depending on how inspiring it turns out to be.

A senior ZHC official said past loan arrangements did not work, implying a situation where the corporation hands houses to clients and expects that they remit rental or other repayment sums on time, and predictably it can be tiresome to follow up on such schedules. In addition, as a state body in an environment where building modern houses is culturally an aspect of government duties, repayment might not be high on the agenda for beneficiaries of such houses. Bringing in a middleman, a bank to act as the deliverer of the loan arrangement, is different.

The bank on its part is seeking usable opportunities for private loan arrangements of up to one billion shillings per client if the business is bankable, and usually real estate is an assured channel as land is always rising in value. Real estate may temporarily lose capital to higher yield investments depending on the business cycle, but finally the value of land, and even of real estate, stands the pressures of time. Populations rise rather than decline, and people

look for better environments to live, so making a loss on real estate is a temporary experience by and large.

Yet to limit this arrangement to a welfare aspect might not cover the breadth of institutional significance of a modern housing sector in Zanzibar especially, now that it is setting up its stock exchange. A stock market needs to add land values for it to work optimally, not just industrial or commercial values. Because when there is a depression of sorts in industrial or service values, money shifts to land values, and then drifts back to industry or services when things are much better. This is the case even when land isn't on the stock market, for instance the depression in services for half a decade in the Mainland led to fast modernization of frame space.

There is now more business space being put up in Dar es Salaam and presumably elsewhere, as lower circulation of easy money uplifts investment strategies. So far the consumption levels of the earlier years have not returned, to business space investments are dominant. Earlier it was hotel and accommodation preferences.

Adding real estate business into stock market activity needs broader policy changes where those who occupy the land are facilitated to actually own it, in which case they can sell to rich people, especially from the Mainland and northward Diaspora. The key is to change old references focusing on ethnic groups to one directed at business opportunity, in which case the state corporation and any other major land dealer register on the new exchange, and land firms engage in land purchases, which gives capital for land occupants to do business; renting, building elsewhere.

Kudos for telecoms in sympathy networking for mudflow victims

TELECOMMUNICATIONS companies in the city of Dar es Salaam have joined up to collect upwards of 240m/- to assist in current efforts to find shelter and some other assistance for victims of the torrential rains touching off massive mudflows in Hanang District, Manyara Region.

The donation was delivered to the cabinet minister overseeing the sector, and as the government has directed, all public relief contributions will be directed to the regional secretariat so that it is used more equitably among the demanding communities. Not much was said by the donating firms in that regard, as it has been the mode in disaster contributions for a while.

Much of the emergency and rescue operations unit in the Prime Minister's Office were already at the area, with advance rescue units from the important military facility at Monduli in the nearby Arusha Region.

Some of the rescue work related to finding persons or bodies that were still hidden in the mud, which also had to do with taking stock of who was in what house and if they can all be found. With dozens of houses swept away in nearly ten villages apart from Katesh town, the roll call on family members could take a while, to start allocating aid to families.

Already others were working to restart the wheels of daily living, cleaning houses of dark mud on the vicinity, often after barely escaping being swept in the devastating mud flow. As it is always the case, resilience is what defines the spirit of life, so in the worst of circumstances people do with what they have and go out to look for opportunities.

The chaos there is also a chance for paid labour to clear the streets of vast scatter of rocks, plant remains or household objects that were swept into the mud and left on the wayside as the flow thinned out in its pressure.

The donations now being made are likely to be directed at obtaining tents for those rendered homeless, and then rebuilding their places by obtaining iron sheets roofing and working with others to make clay bricks more or less quickly. With community solidarity and a spate of donations for instance to get meals for those turning out to help those affected, promptly paying those clearing the streets, as well as those needed in rapidly repairing bridges or culverts, things should go back to normal quickly. It has been a shock to the public as we don't have disasters every few months, but we need to get used to shocks due to new climate patterns.

Indeed this incident, coming amidst strong gushes of rainfall and sporadic impact on neighbourhoods, is a reminder that outside global frameworks of reducing the use of crude fossil fuels, the path to adaptation is acute for each country.

It is clear that Katesh was an exposed community living on the slopes of an unpredictable mountain, not so much to spew out volcano but largely denuded of trees or any dense vegetation. This is the first lesson on where not to inhabit, as it isn't just the valleys that are at risk; unprotected hillsides can similarly be dangerously exposed. Those in similar surroundings ought to think of their habitation, and government agencies assist them to relocate, not await greater disasters before getting the point.



Nelson Mandela legacy battered by South Africa's troubles

JOHANNESBURG

SOWETO'S Vilakazi Street is packed each day with tourists and hawkers outside the home of Nelson Mandela (pictured) that has been meticulously kept even as the democracy pioneer's legacy has become rundown in the decade since his death.

Ntsiki Madela, who lives nearby and sells jewellery and hats on a table near the Matchbox House Museum at number 8115, is among many South Africans who feel let down.

While thankful that Mandela's 16-year presence in the township now draws tourists, the 47-year-old said: "I haven't seen any change from Mandela's democracy and I don't even see the need to vote."

Polls suggest the scandal-tainted ANC's vote share could fall below 50 percent for the first time as Africa's biggest economy slumbers and corruption taints its image.

Unemployment is among the world's highest at 32 percent of adults and wages for those in work are low.

Despite the end of apartheid, South Africa has the world's lowest equality ranking, according to the World Bank.

The government and state firms are carrying more than \$300 billion of debt and the figure worsens every day.

Street crime and murders have also grown over the past decade and some days Madela and her



neighbours go without electricity for almost 12 hours a day.

"We only have enough income to feed our kids, there is constant load-shedding and the cost of living is unbearable," said Madela, referring to the chronic power cuts.

Mandela is seen around the world as a moral compass for the way he wore down white minority rule and his vision of a multi-racial South Africa.

Critics say the ANC leaders who took over quickly dropped Mandela's torch. Mandela's legacy has been "undermined" by his own party officials who are "corrupt" and have "deviated" from his "moral consciousness", independent political analyst Prince Mashele told AFP.

Nic Borain, a political analyst working in financial markets, said there was a "kind of mythology" around the Mandela years that

meant anyone following would struggle.

The government and the ANC have as big a fight on their hands to tackle apathy as they do debt.

Former president Jacob Zuma, who was forced out of office over corruption allegations, only avoided prison because of his poor health and a remission approved this year by his successor, President Cyril Ramaphosa.

In June the graft watchdog cleared Ramaphosa of allegations that he breached ethics by not reporting the theft of more than \$500,000 in cash hidden in a sofa at his farm.

Down the road from Mandela's house, 27-year-old teacher Sive Jizana sat with friends at a popular pub. Mandela's legacy was "dying", she said.

She noted the lack of running water and proper roads outside main cities. "And now we don't have

electricity," she said.

Zandile Cubeni, a 24-year-old unemployed sociology graduate, said she would not join the voters' list. Cubeni said, adding that Mandela's legacy "has been made out to seem like something without any flaws, that's not true."

Some say Mandela's name was over-hyped.

"We don't really see what Mandela and all the others did for us... we are still poor," a 43-year-old cashier, Thobile Cele, told AFP.

"We simply don't even have a democracy anymore as long as... ANC is in power," said Leigh-Ann Mathys, a member of parliament for the leftist Economic Freedom Fighters party.

She said courts had been "captured" to operate in the ANC's favour and there are doubts about institutions like the electoral commission during the 2024 vote.

Some Mandela loyalists are trying to make the public look beyond the apartheid battler's name to map out a future direction. But Mandela's family is publicly keeping the faith.

His grandson, Mandla Mandela, an ANC lawmaker, said the party had achieved many successes and some "spectacular failures" but overall South Africa's democracy was still "healthy".

"The key evil of colonialism was that it robbed our people of their land, and this remains the litmus test for how we measure transformation," the 49-year-old said.

AGENCIES

By Special Correspondent

IN AN AGE marked by political turbulence and military coups across West Africa, Liberia emerges as a shining example of democratic resilience. The country, still healing from the wounds of a brutal 14-year civil war, is on the verge of achieving its second peaceful transfer of power in over 75 years. As the oldest Republic in Africa, Liberia stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of democracy, defying regional trends.

This remarkable trajectory was initiated by former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, who gracefully concluded her two-term, 12-year governance in 2018, seamlessly passing the torch to President George Weah. However, it is President Weah's recent electoral defeat and subsequent concession that truly underscores Liberia's commitment to democratic

Liberia's democratic legacy: A beacon of hope in West Africa

principles.

In a political landscape often marred by contestations and power struggles, President Weah's concession is nothing short of a shockwave, not only reverberating through his loyal supporters but also resonating across the entire nation and the region. Losing the election by less than 2 percent of the total votes, Weah's decision to gracefully accept defeat sends a powerful message - Liberia's democracy is evolving into a model that many on the continent could emulate.

The significance of President Weah's concession lies not just in its rarity but in its symbolic importance. It showcases a leader

who places the greater good of the nation above personal ambitions, understanding that a peaceful transition of power is the bedrock of a thriving democracy. This act of statesmanship reflects a maturity in Liberia's political culture, emphasizing the importance of unity and stability over individual victories.

Liberia, with its complex history of conflict and recovery, is becoming a beacon of hope for West Africa. The country's commitment to democratic ideals and its leaders' willingness to uphold the principles of a fair electoral process set it apart in a region grappling with political uncertainty. As Liberia gears up

for its next chapter, with a new leader set to take the reins through a democratic process, the world watches, hopeful that this small West African nation will continue to inspire positive change in the years to come.

As Liberia prepares to embark on its next chapter, the world should take note. The country's commitment to democracy, epitomized by President Weah's graceful concession, is a testament to the power of political maturity. In an era where the headlines are often dominated by tales of political unrest, Liberia stands tall as a beacon of hope, proving that even in the face of adversity, democracy can flourish.

Climate change likely suspect in the bizarre Hanang tragedy

By Mark Mapambano

President Samia Suluhu Hassan on Monday cut short her participation at the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP23) in Dubai to attend to an unforeseen pressing issue here at home—the unprecedented mudslide in the wake of flash floods in Hanang District, Manyara Region, whose death toll was over 60 and thousands affected in one way or another.

The never-seen-before mudslide from Hanang hill caught residents unaware in the wee hours of Sunday, leaving many in shock as lifeless human bodies, livestock and parts of destroyed properties were being swept away in a steady slow motion.

A statement released by the Directorate of Presidential Communications on Monday said the Head of State instructed Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in whose office the Department of Disaster Management is domiciled to coordinate rescue and humanitarian efforts.

“The government will cover the treatment expenses for all injured individuals, provide permanent shelter for those who have lost their homes, and ensure that all government divisions and institutions involved in disaster management maintain their presence in the affected area and work around the clock to restore normalcy,” she was quoted in the advisory.

Similarly, President Samia directed that an in-depth evaluation be conducted on the causes of the landslide to stem similar happenings in the area or similar geological areas. Public agencies need to work day and night to make sure the situation returns to normal, the statement underlined.

The initial reports indicated that 1,150 households and 5,600 people were affected and countless number of livestock swept away and a total of 750 acres of farmland destroyed. The disaster severely affected Katesh town which is the headquarters of Hanang District and the surrounding villages of Jorodom, Ganana, Dumbeta, Gendabi, Sarijandu, Arukushay and Sebas.

The press statement released on Monday said President Samia was “shocked”



Gendabi villagers near Katesh town in Manyara Region searching for missing people on Monday at one of the houses swept away by mudslide following heavy rain on Sunday. File photo

after receiving the news to the point that she could not continue with her scheduled engagements at the COP23.

The death toll, the destruction of property and the displacement really shocks. But the question is what may have caused such unusual tragedy? Floods and mudslides like the ones that devastated Hanang are closely associated with climate change.

PM Majaliwa who rushed to the area on Monday told mourners at an identification ceremony of the dead that the government was bearing the costs of burial of those who lost their lives in the unforeseen disaster.

After the tragedy, the little-known Katesh town and the affected surrounding villages were thrown into the limelight as the disaster caught the attention

of Tanzanian, regional and international media due to its peculiarity.

“Many people think climate change mainly means warmer temperatures. But temperature rise is only the beginning of the story. Because the earth is a system, where everything is connected, changes in one area can influence changes in all others, writes the United Nations.

“The consequences of climate change now include, among others, intense droughts, water scarcity, severe fires, rising sea levels, flooding, melting polar ice, catastrophic storms and declining biodiversity.”

The UN notes that climate action requires significant financial investments by governments and businesses, adding that climate inaction is vastly more expensive.

“One critical step is for industrialized countries to fulfill their commitment to provide \$100 billion a year to developing countries so they can adapt and move towards greener economies.”

According to charity Oxfam, climate hazards are natural events in weather cycles and the world has always seen hurricanes, droughts and wildfires, flooding and high winds.

“However, we are currently witnessing a scale of destruction and devastation that is new and terrifying.”

“The last year alone has seen a series of devastating climate disasters in various parts of the world such as Cyclone Idai, deadly heatwaves in India, Pakistan, and Europe, and flooding in south-east Asia. From Mozambique to Bangladesh millions of people have already lost their homes, livelihoods, and loved ones as a result of more dangerous and more frequent extreme weather events.”

The charity adds that changes in the global climate exacerbate climate hazards and amplify the risk of extreme weather disasters. Increases of air and water temperatures lead to rising sea levels, supercharged storms and higher wind speeds, more intense and prolonged droughts and wildfire seasons, heavier precipitation and flooding and that the evidence is overwhelming and the results devastating.

“The number of climate-related disasters has tripled in the last 30 years. Between 2006 and 2016, the rate of global sea-level rise was 2.5 times faster than it was for almost all of the 20th century,” it states.

“More than 20 million people a year are forced from their homes by climate change. The United Nations Environment Programme estimates that adapting to climate change and coping with damages will cost developing countries \$140-300 billion per year by 2030.”

Hope for African women as Samia launches clean cooking drive at COP28



President Samia Suluhu Hassan presides over the launch of African Women Clean Cooking Support Programme (AWCCSP) on Saturday at COP28 in Dubai. File photo

By Guardian Reporter

MORE women in Africa now hope to shift to clean energy sources in the next few years after leaders from around the world declared their commitment to provide clean cooking energy by 2032 to nearly a billion people on the continent who still cook using firewood and other forms of biomass.

The leaders rallied around the African Women Clean Cooking Support Programme (AWCCSP) launched by the President Samia Suluhu Hassan on Saturday which was a sideline event at COP28 in Dubai.

The launch was attended by South Africa’s President Cyril Ramaphosa, the President of the African Development Bank Group Dr Akinwumi Adesina, 26 government representatives and international organisations including various UN agencies and philanthropists.

President Suluhu said it is unacceptable that 80 per cent of households in sub-Saharan Africa still rely on wooden biomass for cooking.

“Women and girls are disproportionately affected when there is no access to clean cooking solutions. Exposure to toxic fumes affects their health and wellbeing,” she said.

The Head of State expressed hope that the programme will ensure the long hours women and girls spend fetching firewood, are spent on productive economic activities.

President Samia said cooking with wooden biomass accelerates deforestation. “This has led to the loss of 3.9 million hectares of forest between 2010 and 2020 in Africa,” she said and pointed out that while access to clean cooking had increased across the world, in Africa it is the use of wooden biomass that is growing.

President Samia said the wooden biomass energy has been also lead-

ing to women and girls’ health problems after a prolonged inhalation of thick fumes from firewood, saying it is from this ground the AWCCSP is designed to solve the problems pertaining to loss of biodiversity.

“We decided to launch this programme to show our own commitment to mitigations, we want to show that even though our emission levels are relatively low, we will also act and deliver,” she said.

“Clean cooking energy is about mitigation, women empowerment and welfare. Women and girls bear the brunt of lack of sustainable energy cooking solutions.”

She said for decades women in Africa have been using a lot of their time in gathering firewood which comes with lack of time engaging in economic production, adding that the AWCCSP will bridge the economic disparity while making Africa green.

Dr Adesina said: “300,000 women and 300,000 children die every

year due to respiratory diseases because of simply trying to cook a meal—what is taken for granted in developed economies.”

He added that the global economic cost of women’s hours spent fetching firewood is estimated at \$800 billion annually and the health cost for that is estimated at \$1.4 trillion annually. “The risk of women dying from a lack of clean cooking solutions is three times higher than the risk of dying from malaria.”

Dr Adesina said Africa requires \$4 billion a year in investment to provide clean cooking equipment to 250 million women by 2030 and outlined how sub-Saharan Africa could achieve 100 percent access to clean cooking solutions.

“This requires that governments direct at least 5% of the current \$70 billion energy investments annually, into provision of clean cooking solutions. That would provide the close to the required \$4 billion, an-

nually. This is not too much to ask.”

“Second, accessibility and affordability to clean cooking solutions should be assured through the development of liquefied petroleum gas upstream capacity, especially for production, storage and distribution infrastructure.”

“Third, multilateral finance institutions should set aside a significant share of their annual energy financing specifically for providing clean cooking solutions at scale. This should include concessional blended financing, as well as guarantees to de-risk lending by commercial banks and other financial institutions,” said Adesina.

President Ramaphosa described his country’s experience in transitioning rural communities from firewood and cow dung to coal-generated electricity and now to renewable energy “on an equitable basis”.

He said even though access to electricity had increased to 93% from about 50% over the past nearly 30 years, the electricity was generated from coal, a fossil fuel. “We are beginning the transit route to cleaner energy. It is a necessary journey that addresses gender equality and poverty.”

Norwegian Minister for International Development Anne Beathe Tvinerheim who pledged support for the programme and said: “It takes women to truly drive these gender-related issues.”

Zimbabwe’s Minister for Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development, Monica Mutsvangwa, said investing in clean cooking for women is “possible and affordable”.

Dr Jean d’Arc Mujawamariya, Rwandan Minister for the Environment, representing the President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, said: “Let us support this noble cause of supporting African women.”

The UN Capital Development Fund Director and Head of Local Transformative Finance, David Jackson praised the AWCCSP saying, “This initiative will free up space in the lives of women and girls for them to be able to progress.”

COP28: Taking charge against plastic pollution in India



across India, who play a crucial role in the process. Agarwal speaks passionately about their involvement.

"We collect from ragpickers, and we train them on what is PET and what is non-PET."

The initiative empowers individuals on the ground, creating awareness about different types of plastics and their impact on the environment.

Once the collected bottles reach Go Rewise, they undergo a meticulous process of segregation, washing, and drying before being put to use again.

Agarwal explains, "We wash the bottles, and the chemical properties of the polymer are regulated." This commitment to quality ensures that the recycled bottles can go through the process multiple times, contributing to a sustainable and circular economy.

Agarwal, now serving as the Assistant Vice President overseeing marketing for Go Rewise, is a driving force behind the initiative. She attends COP28 not only to showcase the innovative solutions they are implementing but also to inspire others to think critically about their contributions to environmental sustainability.

"I am here at COP28 to inspire and get inspired," she told the Inter Press Service.

Reflecting on her journey, Agarwal emphasizes the importance of assessing solutions carefully "Activism doesn't mean discarding the solution without assessment. We want people to assess the solutions they are creating. There is a need for thoughtful and sustainable approaches that cater to the demands of billions of people on Earth."

As a computer science engineer who once excelled in the corporate world, Agarwal's story is a testament to the power of individuals to make a difference. Her decision to step away from the conventional path and delve into real-world problems echoes a broader call for a paradigm shift in how we approach environmental challenges.

Agarwal's journey with Go Rewise is a story of transformation—from a tech-driven career to a passionate advocate for environmental sustainability. Her words serve as a rallying cry for a circular economy, challenging the prevailing linear approach, which, according to her, is make-take and waste.

As she stands at COP28, Agarwal seeks not only to inspire but also to ignite a collective movement towards a future where products re-enter the value chain, contributing to a healthier planet for generations to come.

IPS UN Bureau Report

By Umar Manzoor Shah

A woman sits among the plastic waste, which will be recycled several times. Credit: Go Rewise

ADITI Agarwal, a brilliant computer science engineer and Gold Medalist, once thrived in the tech world, contributing to innovations at Microsoft. However, she felt a calling to address real-world challenges, particularly those related to carbon emissions and plastic pollution. In pursuit of a nobler cause, she joined a company called Go Rewise, a youth-led initiative in India dedicated to recycling PET bottles through a circular economy approach.

Agarwal's passion for environmental sustainability is palpable as she explains, "There is no better and nobler cause than reducing carbon emissions in the world today because that is the only way we are going to create a balance and survive." Her decision to "switch gears" from the corporate world to environmental activism reflects a deep commitment to making a tangible difference.

Go Rewise focuses on the staggering issue of plastic waste in India, specifically targeting the 10 million PET bottles discarded annually.

Agarwal elucidates the essence of their initiative, stating, "It means 'go recycle wisely'. We believe in circularity—any resource extracted from the earth should be in balance, in circulation as long as possible." The team's groundbreaking efforts involve technical recycling, a meticulous



Aditi Agarwal moved from the world of tech to a youth-led initiative in India dedicated to recycling PET bottles through a circular economy approach. Credit: Umar Manzoor Shah/IPS

process involving more than 20 steps of decontamination to ensure the recycled raw material is safe for human contact.

Agarwal's passion shines through as she describes the impact of the work: "For the first time in India, we are creating a bottle out of a bottle."

The significance lies not only in recycling but also in preventing hazardous waste from accumulating in landfills. Agarwal emphasizes the urgency of their mission.

"Imagine 10 million bottles every year going into landfills; how much space it will take, and this plastic wouldn't biodegrade in just six months or a year."

The initiative is not just about recycling; it's a holistic approach that involves collaboration with beverage companies and obtaining licenses from food regulators. "We have a license from food regulators for doing so. We are working with many beverage companies."

The strategic partnerships enable Go Rewise to intervene at various stages of the plastic lifecycle, preventing pollution and promoting sustainability.

The story goes beyond recycling; it involves millions of ragpickers

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AfDB's US \$1 billion insurance facility to protect millions of farmers in Africa

DUBAI

THE African Development Bank Group has presented its planned \$1 billion facility to provide insurance to more than 40 million farmers across the continent against severe impacts of climate change.

The facility was widely praised by the World Food Programme (WFP), development agencies, insurance companies and the private sector during a side event at COP28 in Dubai.

AfDB President, Akinwumi Adesina said the Africa Climate Risk Insurance Facility for Adaptation (ACRIFA) aims to mobilise \$1 billion of concessionary financing, high-risk capital and grants to support the African insurance industry.

The Facility is designed to protect farmers and countries against catastrophic weather-related events and to stimulate private sector investment in agriculture by mitigating risks.

"We have to support farmers, not abandon them, in the face of rising frequency and intensity of extreme weather events like drought, floods and pest infestation... We need to ensure that farmers and actors along the agricultural value chain are covered by insurance at scale," the Bank President said.

Adesina said over 97 percent of farmers in Africa do not have ag-

ricultural insurance. "Their only insurance is to pray... when they plant that it will rain. Pray when they harvest that there will not be rains or pest devastation and pray when they market their crops that prices will not collapse."

"The eyes of more than 40 million smallholder farmers in Africa are on us. Let us make ACRIFA the answer to their prayers," the Bank President said.

Adesina said ACRIFA "will systematically support the African insurance industry to unlock financing for investments in climate-smart and green technologies."

"It will strengthen local insurers and foster integration with national and international reinsurers," he added.

Unveiled at the Africa Climate Summit held in Nairobi in September, ACRIFA brings together governments, development agencies, the insurance sector and the private sector.

The successful roll out of the facility will depend largely on partnerships such as the World Food Programme to deliver services to clients.

"The climate crisis is affecting agricultural communities across Africa. This programme will play an important role in protecting smallholder farmers, pastoralists and small businesses from climate shocks," said Cindy McCain, Executive Director of the World Food Programme.

"We are excited about our grow-



ing partnership with the African Development Bank, which is allowing us to offer more support to governments, as they respond to the climate crisis," she added.

During the presentation, the United Nations Assistant Secretary General and Director General of the African Risk Capacity Group, Ibrahim Diang and Bogolo Kenewendo, the Special Advisor to the United Nations Climate Change High-Level Champion, said ACRIFA will boost investment and resilience in the continent's agri-food systems.

The presentation was followed by a panel discussion on how large-scale deployment and use of quality, climate risk-related insurance solutions can boost Africa's food security, and open business opportuni-

ties for the global insurance sector. It was moderated by Dr Victor Oladokun the Senior Communication and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor to the Bank President.

The Head of Government Relations at the One Acre Fund Michelle Kigari said, "Insurance is absolutely critical in building resilience, meaningful resilience, for Africa's farmers," and added, "Farmers are not able to bounce back from some shocks if they don't have a safety net, and insurance helps build that safety net."

The Founder of Takaful Insurance Group of Africa and ACRIFA Senior Advisor Hassan Bashir urged insurance companies to consider taking on large-scale group clusters of farmers for insurance cover. "Africa

is fed and employed by the agriculture sector, yet we define it as a risky business. Agriculture is not risky-life depends on it," said Bashir.

"Once you have data, you have transparency, and transparency creates trust. If you are able to bring that transparency across the entire value chain, then you will be able to bring trust and better investors, better support for the farmers," said Kate Kallot, CEO of Amni AI, an artificial intelligence startup focusing on Africa's environmental data scarcity.

Quality, accurate and reliable data remains a big challenge to many investors across sectors in Africa, an issue that Hope Murera, Managing Director and CEO of Insurer Training Centre Zep-Re Academy and Board member of Acre Fund raised: "We

are doing our bit as the Zep-Re Academy, but it is not enough. We talked about data. How do we get data so that we price correctly?"

"We are better together," said Bridget Gainer, Global Head of Public Affairs and Policy for Aon, one of the world's largest risk management companies.

"The market for insurance in Africa is massive. This Facility will bring the key players together to make it easier for scale to be achieved, to make connections between players, and for insurance to reach more of the continent's most vulnerable," said Dr Beth Dunford, Bank Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development.

16-Days of Activism against Gender - based violence :Zanzibar grapples to address GBV

By Guardian Reporter

AS the international community celebrates the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence (GBV), the Zanzibar government has made a number of strides to address the barbaric behaviour, which deprives women and children rights.

Among the initiatives made by the Zanzibar government include the establishment of special sexual offenses court so that the GBV victims get justice on time.

The government also enacted various laws to combat such acts, including the penal law number 6 of 2018, which increased the punishment for moral offenses such as rape, prostitution, indecent assault.

It has also enacted the criminal conduct law number 7 of 2018 where section 151(1) does not allow the granting of bail to any person charged with GBV cases and increasing the sentences that the courts may pass.

Despite all these initiatives and others that were taken and continue to be taken, still such actions exist and children and women are the most affected.

Statistics from the Office of the Chief Government Statistician Zanzibar (OCGS), show that every month the incidents have been increasing, and for the October, this year, a total of 199 incidents of sexual violence have been reported, with a number of 199 victims of those incidents, where most of the victims are children at 78.9 percent, women 16.1 percent and men 5.0 percent.

The number of 199 incidents in the month of October is an increase of 26.8 percent from the 157 incidents reported in September 2023 and the incidents of rape in the month of September were 59, while in the October they have reached 89, which is an increase of 30 offenses.

Of the 199 incidents that occurred, 30.2 percent were committed by people close to the family, including neighbours who are relied upon to increase protection for chil-



der in order to live safely without being subjected to GBV.

Khamis Ramadhan Abdalla, Zanzibar's Chief Justice says the High Court has put in place various strategies to ensure that the problem of humiliation is greatly reduced or completely eliminated from the country.

He says that one of the strategies is to create a special court for each Region as well as to appoint special judges to hear these matters.

He also says the aim is to ensure that these matters are heard and decisions are made quickly and to ask the community to be ready to give evidence when needed in court.

"In fact, we've been successful in that and currently, the hearings of humiliation if the witnesses are found on time take an average of six months to finish in court from the first day of its opening," the CJ says.

However, he says in line with that due

to the court's self-imposed strategies, it has succeeded in ensuring that in the GBV courts when the accused are found guilty, they have been given severe punishment according to the law.

"Now let me just say that although this problem is not completely over, but now many members of the community have a great fear of committing such crimes due to the severe punishments given by the Court," he says.

He also says that as a result of these strategies, some areas where the problems of humiliation have been significantly reduced and the daily court statistics show that the Courts of Pemba have been receiving few GBV cases, and efforts are being taken to ensure that it reduces the speed of these crimes in these areas.

Zaina Abdallah, lawyer at the Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA- Zanzibar) says according to the child law num-

ber 6 of 2011, explains that the child should be taken care of, protected by the government, family and society.

She says that the law is growing with the challenge of conflicting with the law in recognizing the age of the child as 18 years, where other laws set it at 14 years, along with recommending the existence of schools to correct the behaviour of children as recognized by the government.

The legal practitioner asks the Zanzibar government to put a special provision in the law, on conducting an inspection of the child's residence in order to satisfy him and avoid putting him in a difficult environment.

"My suggestions to the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training in Zanzibar to develop a special guide for additional training to create a good environment for the protection of children when they are in full-time studies," she says.

Abeda Rashid Abdalla, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Community Development, Elders, Gender and Children, says efforts are still needed in managing children and protecting them from acts of humiliation.

She says that a child who is subjected to humiliation and cruelty needs to be given psychological education because such actions also affect them mentally and cause stress.

Riziki Pembe Juma, the Minister for Community Development, Elders, Gender and Children says that the increase in the statistics of reported acts of humiliation indicates two things, including the community's motivation to report these incidents because in previous years these incidents were not reported.

She also says that in previous years there was no courage to report a parent who has committed acts of humiliation to his child, so now society is motivated and understands the concept of humiliation.

"In the past years, when these actions

took place in our homes, but who dares to report it, no one dared to say that my husband is humiliating my child, there was no such behaviour. This was due to the fact that women are afraid of divorce and shame in society, but now there are women who stand up and say that my husband, who is the father of the child I gave birth to, did the act of procreating my daughter or my boy," she says.

Minister Riziki says: "This is one of the achievements that the community is motivated to report these incidents and have an understanding of the concept of humiliation because some people think that child molestation is rape and rape when there are children they face worse incidents that lead to loss of life."

She however says celebrating 16 Days of Activism helps to motivate the community to talk and take action in reporting incidents of humiliation and the government continues to administer the law.

He also says that if you compare with 10 years ago and now the statistics are on those events but the actions are still going on in the society so everyone should take responsibility to fight against those actions because those actions are done by close people.

She urged the community to cooperate together in fighting such acts with all their strength and various stakeholders cooperate with government in punishing such actions.

The minister says that these incidents of humiliation are not only for women and children; even adult men are also humiliated in society, so men do not feel ashamed in reporting such actions so that justice can be done.

The 16 Days of Activism against GBV is a key international moment to call for an end to violence against women and girls. It runs from 25th November until 10th December, Human Rights Day.

Green Climate Fund: 10 African countries to get USD 100 million

By Isaiiah Esipisu

THE Green Climate Fund (GCF) has announced the release of USD 100 million at the ongoing United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 28th Conference of Parties (COP 28) in Dubai, UAE, to support 10 African countries in adapting food loss reduction solutions.

The funds, which will be disbursed through AGRA, will be used to enhance African smallholders' access to technologies, make food loss reduction solutions more accessible and affordable, and support the creation of enabling environments for food system transformation on the continent.

The GCF was created under the Paris Agreement and is currently the world's largest climate fund, mandated to support developing countries in raising and realizing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) ambitions towards low-emissions, climate-resilient pathways.

Isaiiah Esipisu interviewed Dr Agnes Kalibata, the President of AGRA and a member of the COP 28 Presidency Advisory Committee.

IPS: Give a brief overview of the \$100 million GCF investment in Africa's food systems.

Kalibata: At the start of COP 28, the Green Climate Fund (GCF), AGRA, and a number of other partners announced an investment of USD 100 million in what we are calling Reducing Post-Harvest Losses in Agriculture. One of the challenges farmers in Africa have is that they produce a lot of food, but 40 percent of it goes to waste. This initiative will begin by investing in seven countries that AGRA works in to ensure that we can support farmers to reduce post-harvest losses.



Dr Agnes Kalibata, the President of AGRA, and a member of COP 28 Presidency Advisory Committee. Credit: Isaiiah Esipisu/IPS

As announced earlier this week, the GCF will inject USD 70 million into the initiative, and other partners such as the Rockefeller Foundation and USAID, among others, will contribute the remaining

USD 30 million. Through this partnership, seven countries—Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia—have already expressed interest in being part of the project. The target is 10 African countries.

This is just the beginning. We do recognize that post-harvest losses are a very critical part of growing markets in these countries; it plays a critical role in improving food

security for farmers, but it is also a critical part of reducing climate change because if we can save more, we do not need more land to produce more.

IPS: How exactly are the funds going to help smallholder farmers in the mentioned countries at the grassroots level?

Kalibata: The money will help farmers get access to technologies that will help them reduce losses during and after harvesting their produce. For example, when you are harvesting rice and putting it in the paddy water, you are compromising the quality because the grains will crack. So one of the things we will do is ensure that farmers are trained on how to harvest their produce, when to harvest, and the handling process.

For example, we will equip them with the right shelving and storage techniques. This will ensure that after harvest, commodities are dried and kept well in order to avoid things like aflatoxin contamination.

IPS: What factors were considered when selecting the countries to benefit from the USD 100 billion?

Kalibata: With GCF, countries have to express interest in participating in any particular initiative. In our case, the funds are for the purpose of unlocking post-harvest losses.

Our drive is therefore to support countries in implementing these programs as the primary partners in the initiative. Other partners include co-funders such as the Rockefeller Foundation, USAID, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), among others.

IPS: What do food loss and waste mean in terms of greenhouse gas emissions?

Kalibata: It is clear from the science that Africa emits the least of the greenhouse gases. But in terms of food systems, food loss and waste emit 8 percent of greenhouse gases globally.

However, our emissions in Africa are very minimal, and therefore our main focus is on food systems. Just think about what will happen if we save 40 per-

cent of the food we lose to waste! Every time we go to the farm, we are always looking towards increasing our yields. But then we end up losing more than our production increment.

It is also important to note that most of the food wasted ends up producing methane from organic matter, which is a dangerous greenhouse gas. Reducing losses will therefore mean reducing such emissions.

IPS: When are farmers likely going to start benefiting from the \$100 million from the GCF?

Kalibata: Working with GCF takes some time. We need time to prepare the investments, and we also need time to make the programs and projects ready. So far, GCF has released what they call the preparatory facility for investment, which is usually the initial process.

However, it is not the only investment we work with as AGRA. There are others. But this particular investment is targeted at supporting the building of systems, strengthening the systems for better post-harvest management, and ensuring that farmers have access to the appropriate technologies.

IPS: When disbursing these funds, will AGRA work directly with governments, or will it be through community- and farmer-based organisations?

Kalibata: AGRA works in a number of ways. Where governments have the ability to work with us, we engage them. Where we have different partners to work with, we engage them. We also work with businesses to enable the private sector's ecosystems.

We also work with governments to strengthen their capacity so that they can improve the way they engage the private sector. At some point, we work with NGOs whenever we find that it is the only system that we can work with to get the results we need.

IPS: In your role as the advisor to the COP Presidency, do you see the money committed at COP 28 for the Loss and Damage Fund coming in to salvage pastoralists and smallholders in ASALs who have always

lost their livelihoods either to droughts or floods?

Kalibata: Let's begin by celebrating the fact that the Loss and Damage Fund is now active at the World Bank, and it is going to be available for countries. One of the things we are trying to push for is for this money to become accessible to those who need it. It shouldn't come in the form of expensive loans that are difficult to access. This is because we are dealing with losses and damages that have already happened.

What will be good in terms of managing the use of the Loss and Damage Fund to support the agricultural sector and food systems would be to strengthen the resilience of farmers. They need access to good-quality seeds; they need access to disease-, pest-, and drought-tolerant seeds, keeping in mind that flood-tolerant varieties are already on the market.

This is also an opportunity for us to strengthen the business ecosystem that supports agriculture.

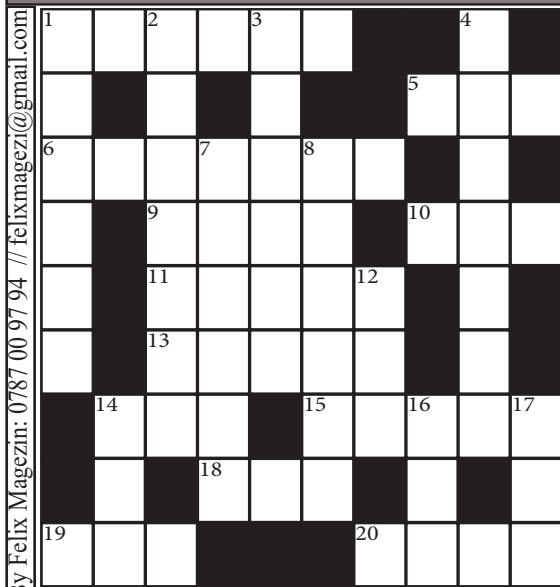
The third point is that there is so much loss happening in the system. When people lose everything, then the impact is so great. If we can only start by managing that kind of impact, then people will have enough food to eat and enough ability to recover because, with climate change, farmers even lose the seeds for the next season. Yet the most important thing for many farmers is to save seed for the next season.

IPS: Why is the African continent not food secure despite its abundance of arable land?

Kalibata: It is because the issue with Africa's food security is not about land. It is about being able to produce enough per unit area. Farmers who do not have access to good seeds cannot produce enough. Farmers with no access to appropriate fertilizers cannot produce enough. We are actually making efforts in those areas, but it is not enough.

But most importantly, there is a need for good leadership to ensure that all these things reach the smallholder farmers in good time. You have to create systems that reach out to them, and that is what AGRA is investing in.

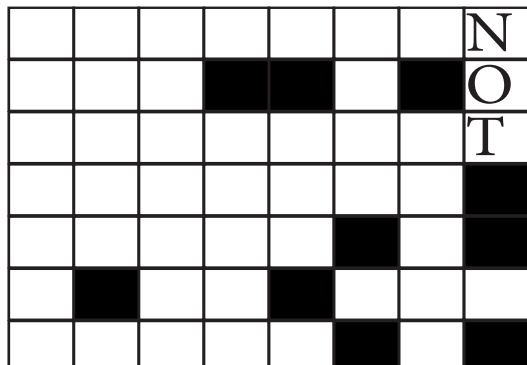
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- 13. the Azerbaijani language
- 14. the organ of sight in human
- 15. nightclubs with dance music
- 18. traditional Japanese masked drama with dance and song, evolved from Shinto rites
- 19. tiny drops of water
- 20. a list of dishes available in a restaurant

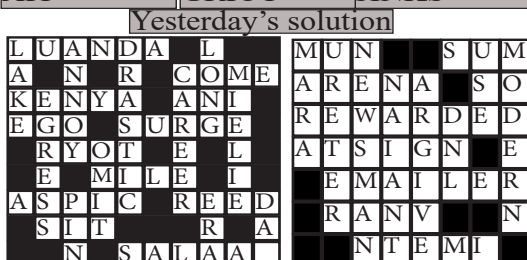
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- 1. a very brief period of moment
- 2. at sometime in the future
- 3. citrus fruit
- 4. interfere with the normal arrangement
- 7. bold and shameless
- 8. try to find something by looking around
- 12. trouble or afflict in mind
- 14. the first woman to be created
- 16. take, hold, or deploy as a means of achieving something



In this Puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start.

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- ACROSS:**
- 1. Russia's Capital
 - 5. a large hole in a ground
 - 6. largest port in Kenya
 - 9. the sea eagle
 - 10. a pigsty
 - 11. seafood in Kiswahili

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S. African auto industry to produce first EVs in 2026



JOHANNESBURG

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (dtic) on December 4 released the Electric Vehicles (EV) White Paper, as well as the Green Hydrogen Commercialisation Strategy final report.

Speaking at a media briefing on the release of the documents, Trade, Industry and Competition Minister Ebrahim Patel (pictured) said the EV White Paper was the final iteration, following its approval and adoption by Cabinet last month.

The White Paper outlines a course to transition the country's automotive industry from primarily producing internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles to a dual platform that includes EVs in the production and consumption mix, alongside ICE vehicles in South Africa by 2035.

The White Paper was drawn up following considerable international and domestic research and consultations, spanning from 2019 to this year.

Patel averred that, following the release of the paper, South Africa's production of EVs could begin as early as 2026, as indicated by the dtic's engagements with various original-equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in finalising the paper. There is, however, one outlying OEM, which would begin production at a later stage, he said.

Patel pointed out that the White Paper was developed with the country's energy crisis in mind and was aimed at facilitating the addition of more renewable energy sources to the energy grid.

The paper sets out the policy goals and actions that will be taken to support the transition towards broader new energy vehicle (NEV) production and consumption in South Africa, with an immediate focus on EVs.

A set of six core principles underpin the policy goals and actions to be taken. Firstly, the transition to EVs and NEVs is necessary, and the pace at which key decisions are required is urgent given the speed at which markets are developing, and the long lead times for investment decisions.

Secondly, attracting investment requires a technology-agnostic approach, including embracing a range of clean energy sources to ensure an appropriate transition.

Thirdly, investment support is required to boost productive capacity, while, fourth, policy actions have to reflect cost-effective and fiscally sustainable solutions.

Fifth, deepening localisation of the automotive supply chain, including

through beneficiation of critical minerals through the development of regional value chains is essential and, lastly, policy actions must reflect the need for a just transition in the automotive industry.

Patel emphasised that key to the approach was the importance of domestic production of EVs.

He highlighted a technology-agnostic stance, with the paper encompassing a variety of different technologies, ranging from battery electric vehicle (BEV) to fuel-cell technologies and sustainable fuels (also called synthetic fuels), and aiming to position the country as a production destination for vehicles and components in emerging technologies.

He also emphasised the commitment to public measures including fiscal support.

The use of Just Energy Transition Investment Plan (JET-IP) funding will complement yearly budget appropriations and announcements in the National Budget next year.

Following publication of the White Paper, the government will make the first announcements of resource allocations in the February 2024 Budget.

The White Paper highlights the considerable industrialisation opportunity for South Africa and the region to develop regional 'critical minerals to batteries' value chains.

It outlines that capitalising on this would require a regional approach to critical mineral beneficiation.

It therefore aims to establish a framework under which African countries can work with partner countries to develop the industrial capacity necessary to make the continent a key industrial player, rather than just a source of critical minerals, in the transition to EVs.

The White Paper outlines a two-pronged strategy approach, with the first focus area being considerable investments in component production and vehicle assembly for EVs, particularly for markets affected by regulatory changes that will require net-zero emission vehicles.

It also includes investment in local production and standardisation of charging infrastructure.

The second focus area is characterised by a balanced market development approach, including increasing grid capacity to support domestic EV uptake, public procurement of domestically produced EVs, exploring appropriate incentives for EV uptake by consumers of domestically produced vehicles, promoting benefits of EVs to consumers and using the African Continental Free Trade Area to expand demand for EVs

BoT to mop up 6bn/- from the markets through T-bills auction

By Guardian Reporter

The Bank of Tanzania (BoT) is seeking to wipe 6bn/- from the financial markets through Treasury bills, which are expected to be auctioned today.

The T-bills auction tender announcement shows that the central bank, on behalf of the government, is expected to raise 78.89bn/-, of which 72.89bn/- will be allocated for government financing purposes.

The move is part of the implementation of less accommodative monetary policy aimed at maintaining the liquidity, curb inflation as well as attaining the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) program targets.

Last month, the central bank also planned to mop up 180bn/- from the market through two Treasury Bills auctions, conducted on 8th and 22nd November.



Bank of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam office

During the first auction conducted on 8th November, the central bank targeted to raise 142.17bn/- for both liquidity and financing purposes, but only 225.3bn/- were tendered, which translated into under subscription 152.37bn/-.

During the second auction held on 22nd November, the central bank also targeted to raise 152.37bn/- for both purposes, but at the end of the auction, only 90.4bn/- were tendered.

The monetary targets

for the first half of 2023/24 include maintaining the growth of reserve money of 10.1 percent, growth of extended broad money of 10.1 percent, and private sector credit growth of 16.4 percent.

In its statement at the end of October, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the central bank noted that the implementation of the less accommodative monetary policy successfully maintained liquidity in the economy at appropriate levels in August, September, and Octo-

ber 2023.

This, combined with supportive fiscal and structural policies, contained inflationary pressures, facilitated economic activities, and preserved the stability of the financial sector amidst challenges in the global economic environment, the statement said.

According to the MPS, Money supply (M3) grew at around 17.7 percent in the first quarter of 2023/24 above the target of 10.1 percent for end-December 2023, driven by strong private sector credit growth.

Credit to private sector grew at around 22 percent in July and August, before moderating to 19.5 percent in September 2023, which was above the projection of 16.4 percent for end-December 2023.

The robust growth of credit is attributable to the improving business environment, reinforced by the less accommodative monetary policy.

Credit was largely registered in agricultural activities relative to others.

Inflation trended downward since June 2023, reaching 3.2 percent in October 2023, higher than targeted 5 percent, from 3.6 percent in June 2023, associated with declining food prices.

The price pattern indicates continued improvement of food supplies in the market as harvests in the 2022/23 crop season, which are higher relative to the preceding season, penetrate the market.

In September, the stock of cereals held by the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) surged, reaching 244,169 tonnes, depicting an improvement from the stock held in the preceding month by 34,149 tonnes.

The central bank is optimistic that inflation is projected to remain lower than the targets, despite the recent increase in oil prices.

Drinking water producer calls for tax relief

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

PRODUCER of drinking water in Dodoma region has asked the government to reduce taxes in order to help attract more investors.

The producer raised the concern during a special forum convened here over the weekend, attended by entrepreneurs and businessmen to brainstorm ways to improve business environment in the region.

The one-day forum was organised by the Dodoma Regional Commissioner Rosemary Senyamule,

who was the chairperson.

Director of Royal African Pride Limited, Hellen Lyimo said unfriendly taxes thwarts the producers of drinking water in the region to run their production successfully.

"On November 30, 2019, the government adopted changes to the Product Tax Law which directs that every liter of water that is produced and packaged in the country to be charged 58.00/- per liter," Lyimo said.

Lyimo observed that, water producers in Dodoma region rely on raw materials such as bottles,

handles and covers from Dar es Salaam, because as there's no factory in the region manufacturing packaging materials, and thus imposing them with high taxes is like 'adding salt' in the wound.

"A 13-liter bottle of water that is ready to be sent to the market, as per the factory price is sold at 3,500/- . If you subtract the cost of purchase, shipping and labels, you will be left with only 1,300/-," she unveiled.

She mentioned other costs such as stamp duty, which currently for every one liter stands at 58/-, therefore total tax for 13

liters is 754/-.

"For the manner to which we're running our business, in every 13-liter bottle of water there is 546/- which is required to run the company by paying various fees, payment of business tax, salaries of employees and other costs of running the office and business," she detailed.

With such high costs and expenses in operating their business, she said it would be prudent if the government will consider how to cut down the taxes in order to allow them to provide the crucial service while realising the needed

profits. "As the price of water goes down with the increase in liters of water, so should this tax go down? For example, if one liter of water whose price in the market is 1,000/-, the tax is 58/-, we're asking for 13 liters of water whose price is 4,500 and the tax should be 14.5/- per liter, as a percentage discount of 75 of 58 charged per liter, since the volume of water increases and the value of water decreases," he expressed.

Dodoma region has four factories that produce safe drinking water starting from 6, 13, 18 and 20 liters.



Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability) Prof Joyce Ndalichako (2nd L), awards a certificate of appreciation to Charles Masubi, the Senior Manager of Human Resources at GGML for sponsoring Employer of the Year Award (EYA) 2023. Others are ATE Board Chairperson Oscar Mgaya (L) ATE's CEO, Suzanne Ndomba-Doran (2nd R) and right is Stephen Mhando, PR & Communications Manager at GGML. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

GGM to establish new mining exploration company

By Guardian Reporter

GEITA Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has established Geita Greenfields Mineral Exploration Limited, a subsidiary dedicated to mineral prospecting and exploration, due in large part to the favourable investment climate.

Simon Shayo, the Vice President for Sustainability and Corporate Affairs (Africa) at AngloGold Ashanti unveiled this on Monday when speaking at the Employer of the Year

2023 Award ceremony in Dar es Salaam, which was organised by the Association of Tanzania Employers.

Geita Greenfields Mineral Exploration Limited will commence mineral exploration in the central regions of Dodoma, Singida, Tabora and Shinyanga, with their proposed headquarters situated in Dodoma.

"We aim to identify a mining site of comparable scale to GGML," conveyed Shayo, emphasising the entity's commitment to hiring Tanzanian staff at every level, including

board members.

Shayo confirmed that GGML currently employs almost 6,500 individuals, with the majority being Tanzanian nationals. Out of this number, 2,300 work directly for GGML, while the remainder are employed by contractors affiliated with the company.

Shayo added that 80 percent of GGML's management are Tanzanians, and they are pleased that the mine is one of the country's top employers.

"We are delighted to receive recog-

niton as significant tax contributors from a company that makes substantial purchases within the country. This is particularly significant considering our annual expenditure exceeds 400 million US dollars, with over 75 percent of those funds being spent in Tanzania," stated the spokesperson.

On awards, Shayo affirmed that GGML did not participate as a competitor this year, but instead acted as one of the sponsors to aid in the process and event of determining

winners. Prof Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), stated that the awards, which have been in place since 2005, have enhanced employee performance and incentives for employers.

She said that the government values the contribution of the private sector in the country as it strives to improve employment opportunities.

ATE's CEO, Suzanne Ndomba-Doran, explained that the purpose

of these awards is to acknowledge ATE member employers who excel at establishing optimal strategies that promote effective management of their human resources and business operations.

She believes that the awards have incentivized companies to manage human resources in compliance with the law, establish policies and regulations, and foster a more positive working environment in order to increase productivity and competitiveness

Local bank bags four “Employer of the Year” awards

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank PLC has won four “Employer of the Year” 2023 awards, including the first runner-up in the overall winner category, in a ceremony held recently at the Mlimani city hall in Dar es Salaam.

Apart from category accolades in which the lender was also first runner-up in the Private Sector Award section, the

bank also excelled in two criteria awards.

The bank bagged the Quality, Productivity and Innovation award, and it was prized for Gender Equality and Equity.

Speaking at the event, the bank’s Chief Human Resources Officer, Emmanuel Akonaay, said the ATE awards add to the other many international and local laurels the bank has bagged this year for performance, management and services excellence.

Akonaay noted that the awards, together with the superb financial performances, notably profitability, have made 2023 a very successful year for the lender.

“These awards are also a very good sign of the faith not only our customers have in our bank, but also the employees whose efforts have enabled achievement of this milestone,” he noted.

“Our employees love our bank and that explains why

they continue working hard to ensure we win these awards,” he explained, noting that about a fortnight ago, the bank was recognized as the top national taxpayer.

Akonaay said that the ATE awards have greatly benefited the bank in terms of mostly motivating it to invest more in its human resource capital and putting in place a friendly working environment in line with the aspiration of the government.

According to him, NMB does not only have a huge workforce, but also prioritizes issues of gender parity at the workplace.

“It is for that reason it has been the first entity in sub-Saharan Africa and the only financial institution in Africa to have been awarded the EDGE Certificate,” he explained.

At NMB, women comprise 48 per cent of all workers and men 52 per cent.

This is the second consecu-

tive time the bank is excelling at the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) awards after winning the best employer of the year prize and two accolades in 2022.

ATE has since 2005 used the EYA accolades to promote and sensitize organisations which put people at the core of their operations.

The best employers are also recognised for policies that create and sustain enterprise competitiveness, productivity

improvement alongside industrial peace and harmony.

“That confirms how NMB Bank works closely with the government and its institutions,” Akonaay told the gathering, which included the Minister of State in the Prime Minister’s Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), Prof Joyce Ndalichako who graced the event on behalf of Premier Kassim Majaliwa.



Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on budget, Daniel Siro, (2nd R) who doubles as the MP for Babati Rural is being briefed over the implementation of the project for the installation of modern irrigation scheme at the Ngarantoni seed farm, owned by the Tanzania Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) during a special tour of the project. PHOTO: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

Parliamentarians satisfied with irrigation scheme projects

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo

THE members of the Parliamentary standing committee on budget have said they are satisfied with the proper management of funds in the installation of irrigation schemes at the Ngarantoni and Mbogamboga seed estates in Arusha region.

The projects, being implemented at the two Arusha-based seed farms, owned by the Tanzania Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) is part of a series of efforts by the government to improve availability

of key seed varieties in the country, for quenching a thirst of home demand, as well as for exportation.

It is projected that, upon completion of the 4.4bn/- worth project will play key role to heighten the availability of the best agricultural seeds and thus, reducing the imports.

Speaking during a special tour of the ongoing project, the Chairman of the committee, Daniel Siro, (MP- Babati Rural) has said that the members of the committee have been impressed with the pace and standards in the execution of the

project, saying it reflects value for the involved money.

“The government has injected a lot of money to facilitate implementation of this project for the purposes to elevate performance of the country’s seeds sector, and we’re happy to see the project is being handled professionally and patriotically,” he expressed during the tour.

He added that, the committee was holding high hopes that completing of the installation of the modern irrigation facilities at the two major seed estates, mapped

in the country’s northern part, will spur a major development in the agriculture sector.

For her part, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Agricultural Seeds Agency ASA Dr. Sophia Kashenge said that the Agency was grateful for the visit; especially for the vital diverse they have received from the committee’s legislators.

She detailed that the focus behind the project was to increase the production of seeds in the country, the development which will allow the local farmers to produce

with needed productivity.

Dr. Sophia thanked the Parliament in general for seeing the importance of increasing the budget of the Ministry of Agriculture, as well as seeing the importance of providing funds for the implementation of irrigation projects, especially in the seed sector.

“In order for the country to be equipped with the needed volume of seeds, all public seeds production farms operated by ASA must be equipped with irrigation infrastructure in order to remain productive in all seasons of the year.

Sino-Tan industrial park attracts attention of Dr Kijaji

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Minister of Industry and Trade, Dr. Ashatu Kijaji said she is satisfied with the speed of the construction of SINO TAN industrial Park located in Kwala, in Coastal Region.

She made the remarks yesterday when she visited the area to inspect the progress whereby construction of two factories have been completed out of planned more than 250 factories, which will deal with processing raw materials and manufacturing products including textiles.

“I have visited two factories out of 250 and one of them is for textile and I have been told that the manufactured products are used in Tanzania and are exported in Dubai and Zambia, enabling our country to earn foreign exchange from these investments,” she said.

“Today I also met with investors from Hunan. They are also looking to invest here and



I commend the President for opening the doors for investors,” said Dr. Kijaji.

In addition, she said the government expects that more jobs will be created in SINO-TAN Kibaha.

The completion of the industrial park will cost US\$320 million and is expected to create 100,000 direct jobs.

The industrial park which will have 200 factories will create 500,000 indirect jobs

for natives who will work in factories.

The chairman of SINO TAN, Janson Huang, said that the construction started in May last year after the area was handed over by the government and they expect to complete the construction within the next five years.

“One year ago this area was a big forest and there was no road from Morogoro main road to reach here, but in just one year we have been able to build a tarmac road to come here with big buildings. We expect that in the next five years, this will be an interesting area,” he said.

He said they have been promoting the area in China and neighboring countries and many investors have shown interest in coming to invest, noting that four investors are interested to invest factories in the area.

He said next year they expect to receive between 15 and 20 factories and SINO TAN intention is to build a chain of factories that will have the capacity to produce \$6 billion per year.

Mwl. Nyerere Foundation receives \$3m grant from US corporate

By Carlos Banda

The Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation (MNF) has signed a US\$3 million endowment fund establishment agreement with Greyhorse Clearinghouse limited, a fully owned subsidiary of Greyhorse Financial Corporation of USA.

The purpose of this agreement is to operationalize an initially signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) providing a framework of cooperation and collaboration between Greyhorse Financial Corporation and MNF in the implementation of a long term programme of promoting and consolidating institutional and individual self-reliance in Tanzania (Africa) in particular and in the world in general.

The initial focus of the fund agreement will cover the establishment of a Non-Profit Institution Endowment Fund.

The fund agreement, therefore initiate both institutional and individual endowment funds as part of endowment fund strategy for the promotion and consolidation of institutional and individual self-reliance.

At the level of promotion and consolidation of institutional self-reliance, an endowment fund of US\$3 million will be established.

At the level of individual promotion and self-reliance, the focus will be the allocation of endowment funds in the community groups including Children education fund, Teachers fund and Mwalimu Nyerere Pan African Young Leaders fellowship virtual programme.

The major initial funding for the programme will be from Greyhorse Clearinghouse limited which will contribute an aggregate of US\$3 million over the ten (10) years term with annual contribution of \$300,000.

Up to \$150,000 earmarked for general administrative functions of the the Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation and \$150,000 will be allocated for the MNF’s Mwalimu Nyerere Endowment Fund.

Individual children, adolescents, young men and women from the age of 0 to 20 years will be covered by an endowment scheme which will guarantee their capability to meet their costs of education, possibility to start and grow their business

Individual teachers will be covered by an endowment scheme which will incentivize and motivate them and ensure terminal benefits to enable them to enhance their self-reliance capacity in provision of housing or any few economic undertaking.

African young men and women will be virtually trained in leadership for the promotion of peace, African unity, and people centered self-reliance development including training for capacity building and stringent standards of integrity and ethical behavior for the betterment of society across Africa.

Actual contribution and trusteeship are the direct responsibility of Greyhorse acting through its collaborative proprietary worldwide financial networks under the leadership of its founder and executive chairman, Rahim Thawer, and its boards and associated firms and institutional funds in New York and London.

WORLD

China's role highlighted at COP28 in global climate action

DUBAI

AS the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) unfolds in Dubai, China stands out as a proactive force in global climate governance, contributing both resolve and wisdom to addressing the pressing challenges posed by climate change.

It has to be understood that many achievements have been made in China, said Fatih Birol, chief of the International Energy Agency (IEA).

With excellent progress in developing solar and wind power, electric vehicles and power batteries, China is a champion of the world in clean energy, said the IEA executive director at a side event held at the China Pavilion of the ongoing COP28 climate change conference.

Strong commitment

China will promote the establishment of a fair, reasonable, cooperative and win-win global climate governance system, said Chinese Vice-Premier Ding Xuexiang in Dubai during a meeting

with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

In recent years, China has actively yet prudently promoted the targets for carbon peak and carbon neutrality, said Ding.

China has committed to a "dual carbon" goal of reaching the peak of carbon emissions by 2030 and attaining carbon neutrality by 2060. The country has formulated a "1+N" policy framework to facilitate its implementation.

In addition to its commitment to domestic carbon reduction initiatives, China extends its support to developing countries, aiding them in their endeavors to effectively reduce emissions by sharing expertise, technology, and resources.

In his speech on Friday, Ding said that China has always kept its promise and made important contributions to global climate governance and vigorously promoted international cooperation on green development, energy revolution and climate change, and supported developing countries in enhancing their capacity to cope with



Chinese Vice-Premier Ding Xuexiang addresses the World Climate Action Summit in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on Dec 1, 2023. XINHUA

climate change.

China has signed 43 South-South cooperation documents on climate response with 38 developing countries, trained about 2,000 officials and professional personnel specializing in climate response for more than 120 countries, and made notable contributions to building a fair and rational global climate governance system for win-win results.

Significant progress

China has made significant strides in promoting environmental sustainability. In 2022, the country's emission intensity of carbon dioxide decreased by more than 51 percent from 2005, while the installed capacity of non-fossil energy surged to 50.9 percent.

In response to climate change, there has been a substantial reduction in coal consumption per unit of GDP and China's forest coverage and stock have both risen over the past 30 years.

China also stands as a global leader in the new energy vehicles (NEV) industry. Its production and sales of NEVs rank first in the world, accounting for more than half of the world's total with more than 18 million NEVs in use.

Major economies are the main emitters of greenhouse gases and any action they take toward transitioning to renewable energy could have significant impacts, said Jordi Sole, a Spanish climate change expert and professor at the University of Barcelona.

China's transition towards clean energy has achieved significant progress: The aggregate reduction in CO2 emissions from China's electric vehicle shift could be at least 1 billion tons during 2023-40, equivalent to Japan's 2020 emissions, according to Bloomberg.

China's achievement in developing renewable energy resources has been phenomenal and people outside of China perhaps don't realize the scale of the shift that is taking place, said Dominic Waughray, executive vice-president of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.

Guterres said on Friday that the United Nations positively evaluates China's efforts and important contributions to promoting peak carbon dioxide emissions and carbon neutrality.

Developed countries that have caused the major part of global warming should take on their due responsibilities for climate

change, Erik Solheim, former UN under-secretary-general and former executive director of the UN Environment Programme, told Xinhua.

Pragmatic cooperation

As a major responsible developing country, China stands ready to work with all parties to build a clean and beautiful world.

In November 2023, China and the United States issued "The Sunnylands Statement on Enhancing Cooperation to Address the Climate Crisis," emphasizing their commitment to work together and with other countries in addressing the climate crisis.

In 2022, the BRICS High-level Meeting on Climate Change was hosted by China via video link, resulting in the adoption of the Joint Statement of BRICS High-level Meeting on Climate Change and a shared commitment to jointly driving policy research on low-carbon green growth, technology cooperation, and collaborative pilot projects.

In 2021, China launched the Belt and Road Green Development Partnership Initiative with 28 countries and held nearly 20 thematic activities in the field of environment and climate.

China also put forward the Qingdao Initiative for Belt and Road Green Energy Cooperation, set up regional energy cooperation platforms, and held the Second Belt and Road Energy Ministerial Conference, consolidating the global consensus on green development and transition.

China's proactive approach to climate change stems not only from its eagerness to achieve sustainable development but also from a profound sense of responsibility in fostering a community of a shared future for mankind.

Through engaging in open dialogue and fostering pragmatic cooperation, China has demonstrated to the world that it is at the forefront of tackling climate challenges.

Xinhua

PM Modi holds talks with Kenyan President Ruto

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said India and Kenya will continue to explore new opportunities to realise the full potential of economic cooperation between two nations. He stressed that India has remained a trusted and committed development partner for Kenya.

Addressing a joint press meet with Kenyan President William Ruto, Prime Minister Modi announced that India has decided to provide a line of credit of USD 250 million to Kenya for modernizing its agricultural sector.

He said, "As two agrarian economies, we agreed to share our experiences. To modernize agricultural sector of Kenya, we have also decided to provide a line of credit of USD 250 million."

"Laying the foundation of a progressive future, today, we thought of strengthening our cooperation in all sectors and identified many new initiatives," PM Modi said.

"We also note that mutual trade and investment between India and



Kenyan President William Ruto greets Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his ceremonial welcome ceremony, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi yesterday. ANI

Kenya is making steady progress and we will continue to explore new opportunities to realize the full potential of our economic cooperation. India has been a trusted and committed development partner for Kenya. Through ITEC and ICCR scholarships, India has made a significant contribution in the skill development and capacity building of the people of Kenya," the Prime Minister said.

PM Modi made the remarks after

his meeting with Kenyan President at Hyderabad House here.

Five Memorandums of Understanding were exchanged following the discussions in a number of areas, including sports, Information Technology and education.

PM Modi expressed happiness over Kenyan President's visit to India after the inclusion of African Union in the G20. He said that Ruto's visit will give a new boost to India's relations with Kenya and the

African Union.

"I am delighted that he (Kenyan President) is undertaking visit after the inclusion of African Union into the G20. Africa has always been given a high priority in India's foreign policy. In about one decade in the past, we have increased our cooperation with Africa in mission mode. I believe that with this visit, our bilateral relations and the relations with the African continent would receive a new boost," PM Modi said.

Highlighting ties between India and Kenya, PM Modi said that the two nations are celebrating 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2023. He stressed that India and Kenya have a common past and common future.

PM Modi said, "This year, we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Kenya. But, our relations have a history dating back thousands of years. The vast Indian Ocean, connecting Mumbai and Mombasa, has been a witness to our ancient relations. On this strong foundation, we have been moving forward together for centuries. In the last century,

we together opposed colonialism. India and Kenya are countries that have a common past as well as a common future."

He noted that India and Kenya has agreed to increase its cooperation in technology and innovations. He said that India is ready to share India's achievements in digital infrastructure with Kenya. He called clean energy main priority for both nations.

"According to the needs of modern times, we are increasing our cooperation in technology and innovations. We are fully ready to share India's achievements in digital public infrastructure with Kenya. The agreement being reached today on this important subject will strengthen our efforts. Clean energy is the main priority of both the countries," PM Modi said.

He hailed Kenya for its African Climate Summit initiative and called it a "commendable step."

He expressed happiness that Kenya has decided to join the Global Biofuels Alliance and the International Solar Alliance.

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Germany suffers most from 'frozen' relations with Russia, says Putin

MOSCOW



THE "frozen" state of relations between Russia and Germany benefits neither country, but it is Germany who suffers most here, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at a ceremony ushering in new ambassadors of foreign states.

"The current 'frozen' state of relations with Russia, and not on our initiative, I want to stress this, is not beneficial, it is not beneficial either to us or to you. But first of all, in my opinion, to Germany," the Russian President said.

Putin recalled that Russia and Germany had been developing "pragmatic, business-like cooperation" for more than half a century.

"This has benefited both states, and, perhaps, not only us, but the entire European continent. Notably, energy has always been an attractive area of bilateral cooperation.

For decades, our country had been supplying Germany with environmentally friendly gas fuel, oil, and other energy products, other raw energy materials reliably, without interruption, at affordable, reasonable prices. And this cooperation was literally undermined, including by sabotage on the Nord Streams," the President said.

On September 27, 2022, Nord Stream AG, the operator of the pipelines, reported "unprecedented destruction" that occurred "on three strings of the Nord Stream and Nord Stream 2 offshore gas pipelines." On September 26, Swedish seismologists registered two explosions on offshore routes of the pipelines.

After that, Russia's Prosecutor General's Office launched a probe into the act of international terrorism. Germany, Denmark and Sweden announced their own national investigations, but refused to involve Russia in them.

The Russian leader also said that, in addition to political and economic ties, relations between Russia and Germany that had previously developed so successfully in the scientific, educational, cultural and humanitarian areas, as well as ties between the people of the countries themselves, have been interrupted.

"Russia, I want to stress this, has always advocated building Russian-German relations on the principles of equality, mutual benefit, respect for each other's interests. I repeat: such relations are important not only for the two countries, but for the whole of Europe," Putin concluded.

On June 21, 2023, the Russian Foreign Ministry announced that Russia had signed off on the appointment of Alexander Lambsdorff as the German Ambassador to Moscow. Geza Andreas von Geyr, the previous ambassador, served in the post for four years before leaving Moscow at the end of July.

Lambsdorff is considered a leading foreign policy expert in the Free Democratic Party (FDP) of Germany. He is known for his harsh criticism of Russia. In particular, the FDP representative spoke about the importance of maintaining the "unity of the West" in matters of supporting Ukraine. In his opinion, representatives of Western countries should prevent "Russia from increasing pressure on its neighbors."

India projected to become the third-largest economy by 2030

NEW DELHI

AS the world navigates through dynamic economic landscapes, the S&P Global Credit Outlook for 2024 places a spotlight on India's pivotal role in shaping the global economy.

According to S&P Global, India standing at the forefront of this economic transformation, is poised to become the third-largest economy by 2030, showcasing robust and rapid growth unparalleled among major economies.

According to the S&P Global Credit Outlook India's GDP growth is forecast to hit 6.4 percent by 2024, 6.9 percent by 2025 and 7.0 percent by 2026.

Despite nuanced shifts in growth forecasts across the globe, India emerges as a beacon of economic potential and growth. India's growth trajectory remains optimistic, fuelled by strategic initiatives.

With a strategic emphasis on manufacturing, India aims to become a global manufacturing hub, presenting a significant opportunity for economic advancement. To support this transition, building a robust logistics framework and upskilling the workforce, along with fostering increased female participation, becomes imperative. India's demographic dividend, a considerable asset, hinges on unlocking the labour market's full potential. Furthermore, the nation's burgeoning digital market is poised to amplify the growth of its start-up ecosystem, particularly in financial and consumer technology.

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To understand China, key lies in understanding Chinese modernisation

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Dec. 2 sent a congratulatory letter to the 2023 Understanding China Conference (Guangzhou) held in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong province.

"To understand China, the key lies in understanding Chinese modernization. China is advancing the noble cause of building a great country and national rejuvenation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization, and promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind," Xi said. "China's future is closely linked with the future of the entire humanity."

Xi's letter scientifically analyzed the general trend of the world today. It noted that to understand China, the key lies in understanding Chinese modernization, conveying the message that China looks forward to working hand in hand with the rest of the world to realize global modernization that features peaceful development, mutually beneficial cooperation, and prosperity for all.

The Understanding China Conference celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Over the past 10 years, Xi has sent congratulatory letters, delivered video speeches, or met with foreign representatives at the conference, expounding on China's path and propositions to help the international community better understand China.

Facing accelerating changes unseen in a century and intertwined risks and challenges, China has acted as a responsible major country, making significant contributions to solving common problems and enhancing the well-being of mankind. The importance of understanding China and working together with China to create a better future is becoming increasingly prominent.

To understand China, the key lies in understanding the significance of Chinese modernization to the world. Thanks to a century of exploration and

struggle, China has found the development path that suits it. It is now advancing the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts by pursuing Chinese modernization.

Chinese modernization is the modernization of a huge population, of common prosperity for all, of material and cultural-ethical advancement, of harmony between humanity and nature, and of peaceful development.

Chinese modernization is deeply rooted in its fine traditional culture and reflective of the advanced nature of scientific socialism. It emulates and absorbs all outstanding achievements of human civilizations, represents the future direction of human progress, and displays a new prospect distinct from the Western model of modernization, thus creating a new form of human advancement.

Chinese modernization expands the

channels for developing countries to achieve modernization, and provides a Chinese solution to aid the exploration of a better social system for humanity.

To understand Chinese modernization, we need to see the opportunities brought to the world by Chinese modernization. As the largest developing country, China has always placed its own development within the larger context of human development and created new opportunities for the development of the world through its own development.

Xi said that China is committed to broadening the convergence of interests with other countries, and will continue to provide the world with new growth momentum and opportunities through its own development.

As the new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation unfold, China firmly adheres to the win-win strategy of opening

up, accelerates the creation of a new development pattern, and promotes high-quality development. This will provide the world with more and better products made and created in China, and with a Chinese market of a larger scale and stronger demand.

Former Chancellor of Austria Wolfgang Schussel said that China has been building a market-oriented business environment, governed by the rule of law and internationalized, demonstrating its determination to adhere to a high-level opening up. Both China and the world stand to benefit from these efforts.

To understand Chinese modernization, we need to see that the modernization China is pursuing is not for the country alone. China looks forward not only to pursuing modernization for all developing countries through joint efforts, but also to realizing global modernization that features peaceful development, mu-

tually beneficial cooperation, and prosperity for all.

Eying on the historical development of mankind with a broad vision of the world, Xi has proposed to build a community with a shared future for mankind, the Belt and Road Initiative, the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative. These have contributed Chinese wisdom and solutions to promoting the progress of human civilization and building a better world, and assisted other developing countries in exploring a path to modernization that suits their respective national conditions.

Former Egyptian Prime Minister Es-sam Sharaaf believes that the important initiatives proposed by Xi have provided significant public goods for the world. When these initiatives are accepted by people who pursue peace and development, a road to common prosperity is built.

People's Daily

May they be happy with their arrogance, lies, pessimism, ignorance, says PM Modi

NEW DELHI

BUOYED by his party's recent wins in the state assembly elections in the Hindi heartland states, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a swipe at the opposition asking them to be at peace with their "arrogance, lies, pessimism and ignorance" while asking people to be aware of their "divisive agenda".

"May they be happy with their arrogance, lies, pessimism and ignorance. But.. Beware of their divisive agenda. An old habit of 70 years can't go away so easily," Modi said in a post on 'X' on Tuesday while commenting on a video snippet from a television news analysis.

The Prime Minister also snapped at the opposition saying that they need to be prepared for several such "meltdowns" in the future as well.

"Also, such is the wisdom of the people that they have to be prepared for many more meltdowns ahead," he said.

The video posted by Modi listed the excuses supposedly chalked out by Congress supporters to blame for their defeat in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. These excuses were often problematic and even went on to blame the voters for their choices. Reacting to this post, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) IT cell Amit Malviya said that the Prime Minister's post is "not out of character" but "aggressive" and he is taking the opposition ecosystem head on.

"It has been the case with BJP's content on social media in general too for the last few months now. Its campaign and reels have seen aggressive tone and traction," Malviya added.

ANI

NZ Maori lawmakers protest King Charles at parliament's opening

WELLINGTON

INDIGENOUS Maori politicians broke with protocol at the opening of New Zealand's parliament on Tuesday, pledging allegiance first to their descendants and the country's founding document before swearing an oath to Britain's King Charles III.

New Zealand's parliament was sitting for the first time since the Oct 14 election. Parliamentarians must all swear an oath to King Charles III, who is the country's head of state.

The six lawmakers who belong to the Te Pati Maori, which is the smallest party in parliament and represents the Maori people, each made a pledge to their mokopuna, or descendants, to tikanga, or Maori practices, and the Maori version of the Treaty of Waitangi.

The Treaty of Waitangi signed in 1840, laid down a set of principles under which the British and Maori agreed to govern New Zealand, but the English and Maori versions differ and there is debate over whether Maori ceded sovereignty.

Several of the Te Pati Maori members wore feathered headdresses and cloaks honouring their traditional rooks and sang or performed an Indigenous challenge.

The party members later swore allegiance to the king but at least two chose to change the word Kingi Tiare

for Kingi Harehare. Te Pati Maori co-leader Rawiri Waititi told local media Harehare was just another name for Charles. However, it can also translate to something objectionable or offensive.

Other parliamentarians who speak Maori were unconcerned by the change.

Te Pati Maori, which would like to remove the king as head of state, said in a statement on Friday the oath was symbolic of the colonial power that Parliament places above the standing of Indigenous people.

The move comes as race relations issues in New Zealand heat up. Te Pati Maori led protests across the country earlier in the day.

While New Zealand's republican movement is not huge there has been debate for some time on whether the Pacific nation should become a republic, with a citizen as the head of state. In some Indigenous communities this feeling is stronger, both in New Zealand and elsewhere, as the king is a symbol of colonialization.

In 2022, Indigenous Australian parliamentarian Lidia Thorpe had to retake her parliamentary oath after she changed it to label Britain's queen a colonizer.

A number of New Zealand politicians have previously tried to avoid the oath but relented to participate in government.



Brazil to invite Putin to G20 summit in September 2024, says president

RIO DE JANEIRO

THE Brazilian authorities will invite Russian President Vladimir Putin to the G20 summit to be held in the country in September 2024, even though Brasilia recognizes the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC), which has issued an arrest warrant for the Russian leader for alleged involvement in war crimes, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (pictured) said.



"Whether Putin comes or not is up to him, [but] he'll be invited. There is a case against him [at the International Criminal Court], he must assess the consequences," the Correio Brasiliense newspaper quoted the president as saying. "Since Brazil is a signatory [to the Rome Statute], Brazil is responsible," he pointed out.

According to electoral law, Russia's presidential election is scheduled for mid-March 2024. On November 13, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Putin had not yet made any decisions about running for president in 2024.

The G20 summit is expected to be held next fall in Brazil, which assumed the chairmanship over the group on December 1.

On March 17, the ICC issued an arrest warrant for Putin and Russian Presidential Commissioner for Children's Rights Maria Lvova-Belova on charges of "illegal deportation" of Ukrainian children.

Under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons of December 14, 1973, heads of state enjoy absolute immunity from the jurisdiction of foreign states. **Agencies**

Art transforms Namibian informal settlements, inspires hope

WINDHOEK

PORTIFAR Clemes, 16, wields a paintbrush, delicately crafting a sunflower onto the corrugated iron structure at Okahandja Park, one of the oldest and most populated informal settlements on the periphery of Namibia's capital, Windhoek.

Despite being new to using a paintbrush, Clemes aspires to transform the desolate shanty town into a picturesque haven with his artwork.

"It feels good to see a different scenery of the place I call home," he said. Clemes is one of the community members in Okahandja Park, harnessing the power of art to breathe new life amid many hardships that plague the area.

Over 40 percent of Namibia's population resides in informal settlements, particularly in urban areas, according to official statistics.

Renowned artist Ndako Nghipandulwa initiated the art project after observing discouraging inscriptions on a shack two years ago during a photography assignment in the area.

With a grant from the National Art Council of Namibia, Nghipandulwa aims to ignite a spark of optimism within the community by painting each structure.

The project employs a community approach that includes training and empowering residents to take ownership.

Each household gives consent, and dwellers participate in painting their homes. Since its roll-out in November this year, they have



Community members paint a corrugated iron house at Okahandja Park, one of the oldest and most populated informal settlements on the periphery of Windhoek on Monday. Xinhua

jointly painted 20 homes.

The painting includes shapes, patterns, and engravings of plants and wild animals to raise environmental protection awareness. "It is like breathing life into a forgotten space," he said on Monday.

The impact of the art project extends beyond the scenery, said Thinyemba Hidipo, a resident of the area for nine years. "What were once symbols of destitution now stand as reminders of the potential for change and progress.

It highlights the urgent need for improved living conditions and social support," he said. According to Hidipo, being a commu-

nity supervisor in the project also allowed him to showcase leadership abilities, fulfilling a long-held aspiration.

For Chrisantia Thitopogho, another community member, the art project provided a platform to express hopes and aspirations. "This has given voice to the voiceless, offering us a glimmer of hope amidst the daily harsh realities. Perhaps art will help me escape unemployment," she said.

Namibia currently grapples with a significant unemployment rate of 34 percent, with a rate of 48 percent among the youth population, according to official labor statistics.

Meanwhile, for youngsters like Clemes, getting involved in art means avoiding exposure to the bustling streets and the potential negative influences they bring.

"So, I also invite my friends to learn and enjoy art. Art also inspired me to study better at school," he said. In the meantime, the artist aspires to secure additional funding to further their mission.

"With each brush stroke, we hope to cover more homes, even 10,000 of them, regardless of how long it takes us," Nghipandulwa said.

Shanghai makes great strides in intelligent robot industry

IN the exhibition hall of Chinese tech firm Fourier Intelligent in the Zhangjiang AI Robot Valley, Pudong New Area, Shanghai, a humanoid robot GR-1 was showcasing its abilities. The 1.65-meter-tall and 55-kilogram-weight robot could walk at a speed of 5 kilometers per hour and carry a load of up to 50 kilograms.

"The GR-1 has a highly biomimetic body structure and human-like motion control, enabling it to perform functions such as fast walking, agile obstacle avoidance, stable uphill and downhill movement, and resistance to impacts. It is an ideal carrier for general artificial intelligence (AI)," said Gu Jie, chairman of Fourier Intelligent.

The company focuses on the development of high-performance rehabilitation robots. It has only eight years of history, but has already launched over 30 product series that are now used in more than 2,000 medical institutions.

"We have shifted our focus from 'specialized robots' to 'general-purpose robots,' aiming at the future mainstream of the industry. Humanoid robots have a certain degree of versatility and they have enormous potential in various application scenarios such as industry, rehabilitation, home services, and scientific research. Through independent innovation, we have been able to produce key components such as joints domestically," Gu said.

Shanghai has made early and rapid progress in the development of the AI industry. Currently, there are over 350 AI enterprises above designated size in Shanghai, with a total output value of over 380 billion yuan (\$53.6 billion), which is approximately three times of that five years ago.

Intelligent robots, involving advanced technologies such as AI, high-end manufacturing, and new materials, have become a new engine driving economic growth and a new frontier for technological competition.

Shanghai is proactively cultivating intelligent robots in order to build new engines of growth and competitive strengths for the future.

In October this year, Shanghai released an action plan on promoting high-quality innovative development of the intelligent robot industry in the 2023-2025 period. The plan aims at building Shanghai into a globally influential innovation hub for the industry by 2025.

According to the plan, Shanghai will create 10 leading robot brands, establish 100 exemplary robot application scenarios, and expand the total value of robot-related industries to 100 billion yuan.

Furthermore, the plan includes the establishment of three public service platforms: an intelligent robotics testing and pilot verification innovation center, a humanoid robot manufacturing innovation center, and a general-purpose robotics research institute.

It also aims to achieve a density of 500 industrial robots per 10,000 workers in key manufacturing sectors, and will significantly enhance the depth and breadth of robot applications in industries.

Under the guidance of the plan, all districts in Shanghai are making concerted efforts to create a sound environment for the development of the intelligent robot industry.

At the Lingang Summit of the Shanghai Intelligent



Photo shows humanoid robot GR-1 developed by Chinese tech firm Fourier Intelligent.

Robot Industry Conference held in Shanghai's Lingang Special Area on Nov. 14, the General Robot Industrial Research Institute and a Lingang robot industry base were officially unveiled.

Besides, an intelligent robot industry alliance was established in the area, and a group of high-level intelligent robot projects settled in. As a result, an intelligent robot industry ecosystem was initially formed in the area.

"Lingang Special Area is home to more than 150 core AI companies with over 5,000 research and development personnel. Around 40 industrial chain-related enterprises have gathered here, focusing on four major areas: general-purpose robots, industrial robots, service and special robots, and AI technology," said Wu Xiaohua, an official in Lingang Special Area.

According to Wu, efforts will continue to be made in ten key fields such as whole robot manufacturing and AI chips, further strengthening the foundation for the development of the intelligent robot industry and building a

demonstration area for intelligent robot applications.

Industrial data has a wide range of application needs in the field of intelligent industries, and it helps solidify the foundation of the intelligent robot industry.

To address the challenges of scattered and complex industrial data resources and long transaction chains, the Shanghai Data Exchange and Intsig, a leading tech company specializing in business data, artificial intelligence, and mobile applications, jointly established an industrial data innovation center on Nov. 25.

Through three innovative initiatives, namely, creating a new one-stop industrial data service link, building a new paradigm of on- and off-trading integration, and exploring cross-domain data integration projects, the center is committed to establishing a compliant, fair, and trustworthy data trading order and data commercialization ecosystem, turning industrial data from "resources" to "value."

People's Daily



Athletics Tanzania (AT) Special Constitutional Amendment Committee's secretary-general, Wilhelm Gidabuday.

AT begins preps for constitutional amendment

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ATHLETICS Tanzania (AT) Special Constitutional Amendment Committee says it will use 30 days to collect views from its affiliates and stakeholders to amend the association's constitution.

Wilhelm Gidabuday, the committee's secretary-general, said yesterday the body believes that the views it will collect from various AT stakeholders will help the sports achieve progress in the country.

Gidabuday- the former AT Secretary-General- appealed to all affiliates of the association to use the 30 days to avail themselves to express their views on the amendments to the constitution.

The Special Committee, which was formed by AT early last year, is headed by lawyer Farida Jawela, has Gidabuday as its secretary-general while members are Kurwajia Malina, Rogath John, Boniface Tamba, Marian Said, Angelious Likwenda, and Alphonse Simbu.

"From today (Monday), the AT Special Constitutional Amendment Committee will start collecting views and contributions of our stakeholders, this exercise will take 30 days," the official noted.

The former athlete stated: "We will reach all regions of the country and others will use our social media platform to express their views."

"I'm asking stakeholders to take part in this exercise, we are relying on stakeholders and affiliates

because they have the mandate to amend the constitution," he said.

Gidabuday also said it is the view of the AT Special Constitutional Amendment Committee that other relevant authorities will give the committee guidance.

Some athletics stakeholders in the country have been asking for a constitutional amendment at AT.

They noted the changes will improve working conditions that will, in turn, improve athletics in the country and ensure the sport matches international standards.

The AT constitution, which was first adopted in 2020, highlighted topics such as who should be members of the association, the roles of technical officials, and vacancies available at the association.

However, after its adaptation, many AT affiliates and stakeholders have been expressing their displeasure with the requirement of a university degree as the minimum qualification for one to hold the position of the association's president and the body employing a full-time secretary-general.

They argued that anyone with a proven record in managing the running of the sport and has passion for athletics, with a minimum of secondary education and experience can be elected as AT president.

The secretary-general of the association, they appealed, should be elected, not employed, given AT has no reliable finances to hire full-time personnel for the role.

Yanga and Simba SC emerge with a point apiece from all-important football duels

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AFTER disastrously losing their opening Group D clash of the CAF Champions League Group Stage 3-0 to Algerian side CR Belouizdad a little over a week ago, Yanga knew that they had to gain a favourable result by hook or by crook in their second Group D face-off against record African champions, Al Ahly, in Dar es Salaam last Saturday.

Indeed, the task of gaining a favorable result against Egyptian top dogs Al Ahly was of paramount importance especially if Yanga wanted to keep their hopes of progressing to the quarterfinals alive.

And, with the high-stakes run-in taking place at the stateley Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, many avid Yanga fans must have been hoping that the full-throated support of the home fans would provide the backing for the Jangwani Street outfit to claim a famous win.

Unfortunately, Yanga's lofty ambitions of taking Al Ahly's scalp failed to be realized as the absorbing match ended in a 1-1 stalemate.

The match only really came alive in the dying minutes when Al Ahly's deadly attacker Percy Tau notched up a goal in the 86th minute.

Staring defeat in the face, Yanga rallied and secured the leveler right at the death via Pacome Zouzoua to ensure that the clash finished in a 1-all draw.



Yanga's right-back, Kouassi Attohoulou Yao (2nd R), races past Egypt's Al Ahly players (L-R) Mohamed Magdy, Amr El Solia, and Ali Maâloul when the clubs met in a 2023/24 CAF Champions League Group D match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, Dar es Salaam on Saturday. The tie ended in a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Granted, although the result was not an outright victory, it is still hoped that Yanga will draw encouragement from their exceptional comeback against Al Ahly, which ought to stand them in good stead as the top-tier competition continues to unfold.

Meanwhile, Yanga's age-old adversaries, Simba SC, were looking to garner a victory on the road against surprise Group B table-toppers Jwaneng Galaxy of Botswana last Saturday.

Much to everyone's astonishment, Jwaneng Galaxy slew giants Wydad AC of Morocco in their opening Group B match of the CAF Champions League Group Stage a little over a week ago.

In contrast, Simba SC could only manage to gain a draw in

their opening Group B tussle against Ivorian side ASEC Mimosas, whose aura of invincibility has greatly faded.

So, with all to play for, Simba SC took on their hosts Jwaneng Galaxy in Gaborone, Botswana last Saturday with both clubs laser-focused on claiming the maximum three points.

However, despite the titanic efforts of both clubs, the match ultimately ended in a 0-0 sharing of the spoils in what was an evenly-balanced affair.

Consequently, the result means that Simba SC has not yet gained a victory thus far in the CAF Champions League Group Stage and the longer this continues, the more it will provide cause for worry among die-hard Simba SC supporters.

Speaking of ardent football

enthusiasts, Malian football devotees were sent into raptures following the superb heroics of the West African country's national U-17 men's football team at the recently ended FIFA Under-17 Men's World Cup in Indonesia.

Indeed, in the third-place match last Saturday that pitted Malian youngsters against their Argentinean counterparts, the West Africans were in unstoppable, red-hot form as they went on to claim a resounding 3-0 victory.

Thus, although football heavyweights Germany won the whole shebang, we, Africans can take solace in the pleasing fact that at least Mali secured third place at the greatly esteemed youth football spectacle.

Mc Enroe brothers wind up Tanzania adventure

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

FORMER world tennis champion, John McEnroe, was on Monday set to face his brother Patrick in Serengeti National Park in the climax of the duo's eight-day adventure in Tanzania.

Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) president Francis Thomas said before the main event, which involved the two brothers, other tennis events were slated to be accomplished.

He said the McEnroe brothers arrived in the country last Friday and their tour has been organized by TTA, the Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources, and Gosheni Africa Safaris.

John, the American tennis legend- boasting 155 ATP top honours among his numerous titles- is in the country with 160 tourists and they moreover conducted other social events.

"A total of 160 United States of America (USA) people are with us for this special cultural exchange program," Thomas revealed.

"The TTA, in conjunction with the Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources, and Gosheni African Safaris, are the organizers of this event to promote and develop tennis not only in Africa but also in Tanzania," the TTA leader noted.

"It is an exciting moment as we have the opportunity to welcome the legendary brothers to Serengeti for the first time," he said.

He disclosed that yesterday there was a match between Dar es Salaam junior tennis players and their Arusha counterparts.

McEnroe, who won seven grand slam singles titles, including three at Wimbledon, where he is now commentating, is reported to have said his project in Tanzania will bring the sport to disadvantaged youths in Africa and hopes new players will be made by watching a game in the bush.

He said khaki, not white, was scheduled to be the dress code for the first tennis showdown played

in the Serengeti.

"A patch of Tanzania's famous vast plains, where wildebeest and zebra migrate in their millions, has been carved into a tennis court for one of the sport's biggest beasts, (this) will be followed by lessons in a Maasai village," the tennis legend noted.

"Increasing interest in tennis in Africa has long been a goal, to me, it's always been a worldwide game. The win for me would be to make the game more accessible and affordable," he pointed out.

In a previous interview, Thomas said while in the country McEnroe and his brother Patrick were also set to support growth and awareness with other charitable initiatives.

"The arrival of John McEnroe and his brother, Patrick, is a great opportunity to promote and growth of the game in the country," the TTA president revealed.

"We thank InsideExpeditions who are behind of his

coming and the government of Tanzania for the coming of the two and company, their arrival is part of the royal tour," he noted.

The tour of the legendary tennis player into the country was necessitated by InsiderExpeditions which said the new partnership with John and Patrick McEnroe to bring the tennis legends to Tanzania this December is part of a new goodwill, awareness, and sport initiative.

It further said in cooperation and support of the Tanzanian government, the McEnroe brothers will be accompanied by as many as 120 tennis aficionados during a special eight-day trip which will include the dedication of a tennis court in the Serengeti.

The firm noted: "We are excited to welcome John and Patrick McEnroe and their guests to Tanzania for this special event in December, this is in response to Tanzania's President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, who always says the country

continues to grow through efforts like this, which expose the visitors and our people to new experiences from visitors around the world."

"A special element like tennis to this mix will also help us with another one of our key initiatives, which is to create more health and lifestyle opportunities for our young people," it disclosed.

"While many know of John, their interests sometimes lie with sports like soccer, so using a great individual sport like tennis to teach life skills from legends first-hand will make for an experience people will never have imagined," the firm added.

"While in the country, the duo will also have the chance to introduce tennis to the Maasai youth, probably for the first time," InsiderExpeditions said.

John was further quoted as saying that he thanked InsiderExpeditions for creating this opportunity for all of them to learn about Tanzania, stressing it is a beautiful country.

Simba SC's transfer ban resolved

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

The International Football Federation (FIFA) has lifted the ban imposed on Simba SC, which had been banned from registering players following its failure to pay Senegalese club, Teungueth FC, for the transfer of winger Pape Ousmane Sakho.

The Tanzania football giants were banned from executing the international transfer of players by the world's football governing body, FIFA.

The decision to impose the ban on Simba SC was made after Teungueth FC won its case against the former over the transfer of the Senegalese side's former player, Sakho.

The lifting of the transfer ban was revealed through a statement released by the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF).

The Senegalese club filed a case with FIFA against Simba SC, claiming part of the payment due and Sakho sales.

Simba SC lost the case and had to pay the Senegalese club within 45 days after the decision was issued.

The directive, though, was not implemented and Simba SC therefore incurred the consequences. After completing the payment, TFF has also opened the door for Simba SC to make internal transfers of players.

Sakho, the 26-year-old left winger, joined Simba SC in August 2021 from Teungueth FC in his hometown, Senegal.

He left the Msimbazi Street side after two good seasons to Union Sportive Quevillaise-Rouen Métropole, better known as US Quevilly-Rouen, or US Quevilly, or QRM is a team that competes in France Ligue 2.



Mwangaza Primary School's pupils are pictured playing football at the school's venue at Kijitonyama in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

David De Gea open to Newcastle move after Nick Pope injury

By James Ducker

DAVID De Gea is open to a move to Newcastle United should Eddie Howe decide to target another goalkeeper in the wake of the loss of Nick Pope.

Pope is facing around four to five months out after suffering a serious shoulder injury in Newcastle's impressive 1-0 win over Manchester United at St James' Park on Saturday.

Howe is thought to be willing to give Martin Dubravka, Pope's understudy who spent part of last season on loan at Old Trafford, a chance to prove his worth over the coming weeks.

Newcastle have seven matches scheduled for this month and Howe wants to see how Dubravka copes during a frenetic period rather than rushing to sign a goalkeeper now.

Nonetheless, it is believed Newcastle could reassess the situation if Dubravka struggles or defensive problems develop between now and the New Year and force the club into the market for a goalkeeper in the January window. Howe also has the former Liverpool goalkeeper Loris Karius as another option.

De Gea, 33, is a free agent after being released by Manchester United at the end of last season after 12 years at Old Trafford, during which time he made 545 appearances for the club.

Although De Gea was initially reluctant to return to the Premier League, the Spaniard is believed to be open to joining Newcastle should such an opportunity develop and the Tyneside club are understood to be aware of that.

It is six months now since De Gea left United and was replaced by Andre Onana, who has endured a torrid start at Old Trafford, and he has been happy to bide his time and wait for the right opportunity to come along.

De Gea has been linked with a number of clubs across Europe as well as Saudi Arabia. It is thought his wife Edurne, with whom he has a baby daughter Yanay, is keen to remain in Spain.

The manner of De Gea's departure at Old Trafford did not go down well with some of his former United team-mates.

United had opted against triggering an option to extend his £375,000 a week contract by another year and were instead hoping to tie him to a new deal on significantly reduced terms.

But Ten Hag eventually decided in April that he wanted a new goalkeeper after a number of errors by De Gea and concerns about his distribution. De Gea, nonetheless, won the Premier League Golden Glove last season for the most clean sheets (17).

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English Premier League announces record \$8.45 bn domestic TV deal

LONDON

THE Premier League announced on Monday it had agreed a record £6.7 billion (\$8.45 billion) domestic television rights deal for a four-year period starting from the 2025/26 season.

The current deal is reported to be worth around £5 billion over a three-year cycle and covers 200 matches per season.

The English top flight hailed the agreements shared between different broadcasters as the "largest sports media rights deals ever concluded in the UK".

Sky Sports and TNT Sports have retained their rights to show live matches, with Amazon, currently showing 20 matches per season, not part of the next cycle.

Sky will screen a minimum of 215 live matches per season while TNT will broadcast 52. BBC Sport will continue to broadcast highlights via its Match of the Day programme.

A Saturday afternoon blackout, designed to protect attendances in the lower leagues, will remain but for the first time all matches outside of those scheduled for 3:00 pm on Saturday will be screened live.

The Premier League boasted of a four percent increase in live rights value compared with the previous process but the broadcasters will be paying significantly less per game because they will be showing more matches each season.

"The outcome of this process underlines the strength of the Premier League," said the Premier League's chief executive, Richard Masters.

"It is testament to our clubs, players and managers who continue to deliver the world's most competitive football in full stadiums, and to supporters, who create an unrivalled atmosphere every week."

He added: "As longstanding and valued partners, Sky Sports and TNT Sports are renowned for consistently delivering world-class coverage and programming."

AFP

Careless Man City's bad habit has blown title race wide open

By Richard Jolly

IT is not Pep Guardiola's most famous treble of 2023. It won't be his favourite one, either. First Cole Palmer, then Trent Alexander-Arnold and now Dejan Kulusevski have scored late equalisers against his team. Manchester City's serial winners have become habitual drawers, taking the lead six times in their last three league games and dropping six points.

Had City done as expected, closing games down with enviable ease, even against opponents of the calibre of Chelsea, Liverpool and Tottenham, then the Premier League table would take on a very different look: Guardiola's side would be three points ahead of Arsenal, seven clear of Liverpool, with nine straight wins in all competitions. Another title would seem theirs for the taking.

Instead, there has been a rare frailty, an uncharacteristic carelessness. City suffocated games with excellence at times in the past. Now they have enlivened them with entertainment; Guardiola was not supposed to be the new Kevin Keegan, offering anarchy, showing a self-destructive streak.

It may just be a phase. It is scarcely unknown for Guardiola to tinker in search of a compelling formula at the start of seasons before em-



Pep Guardiola

barking on extending winning runs. It may yet happen again; or the near perfection of past glories rendered it inevitable that, sooner or later, standards would slip.

For the first time in six-and-a-half years, City have gone three league games without a win. They have dropped 12 points already; they only mislaid 14 when they were centuries. The broader significance may lie in a different number, a lower one than in recent seasons. City have won titles with 100, 98, 86, 93 and 89 points. Most are unattainable for even the finest of other teams. At their current rate of progress, they are on course for 82. That renders them beatable. Even a tally in the high eighties may be reachable for Arsenal or Liv-

erpool. Guardiola has often countered his own argument, insisting the Premier League is the toughest in the world, listing a series of supposed contenders and then distancing them. Thus far, City's superiority has not been as apparent in meetings with their challengers. Chelsea, Liverpool and Spurs have all held them. Arsenal have beaten them. City did well to grind out a 1-0 win over Newcastle but their only emphatic victory against the nominal big seven was the 3-0 against Manchester United, which may say more about Erik ten Hag's ragged bunch. It gives them nine points from a possible 18 against those six sides; last season, they took 25 out of 36.

Oleksandr Zinchenko is the ultimate high-risk, high-reward player - but to Arsenal he is worth it

By Sam Dean

WHEN the final whistle blew on Arsenal's victory over Wolves on Saturday, Oleksandr Zinchenko did not celebrate with any of his team-mates. While the rest of the Arsenal players pumped their fists and exchanged congratulatory pats on the back, he instead walked alone towards the other side of the pitch.

With a grimace on his face, Zinchenko stared at the ground and shook his head in disappointment. Arsenal had won, extending their lead at the top of the Premier League, but Zinchenko was evidently still ruminating on the error he had made in the final moments of the game.

Zinchenko's doubters have held up his mistake as further evidence of the Ukrainian's vulnerability in Arsenal's defence. Understandably so: he lost possession in his own penalty area, allowing Matheus Cunha to score for Wolves, and was perhaps fortunate that a similar error had not been punished earlier in the game.

But if those mistakes were signs of the risk that Zinchenko brings to Mikel Arteta's side, then Saturday's win also demonstrated the enormous rewards of sticking with a player who is among the division's most impressive technicians.

Yes, Arsenal would not have conceded if Zinchenko had not lost the ball so cheaply. But they also would not have scored their second



Oleksandr Zinchenko has complete backing from Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta. Agencies

goal without his brilliance on the ball. His assist for Martin Odegaard, following a thrilling exchange of passes with Gabriel Jesus, was of the highest quality.

It was, in short, a weekend that summarised the best and worst of Zinchenko. It also encapsulated the conundrum facing Arteta every time he selects his team: do Zinchenko's strengths outweigh his weaknesses?

"Every player has got qualities that are so good in certain things and you lose in other things," said Arteta. "Like when you have a blanket and you are cold, if I pull it up then my feet are cold. And then I put it over my feet, and I am colder up here. It is [the same] with every player, with

every formation. You have to find the right balance."

What is clear is that, for all of Zinchenko's defensive flaws, Arsenal remain a significantly better side with him

City could argue they should have won each of the last three but Guardiola did not plead misfortune. "I learn from Johan Cruyff that bad luck in football doesn't exist," he said, citing his lodestar. City may instead rue their bad decisions, poor discipline, defensive difficulties and certain misses. They have amassed 49 shots in those three draws, for instance, with a profligate Erling Haaland a culprit against Spurs. But City have not been ruthless enough to take a two-goal lead in any of their draws. "City could have blown us away," said Ange Postecoglou, but they did not.

They have other ways of offering opponents encouragement. They lost to Wolves and Arsenal when Rodri was suspended for a senseless sending-off. They now travel to Aston Villa, their new neighbours in the table, without the banned Spaniard and Jack Grealish; each has collected five cautions and, damningly, the Englishman's have come in five substitute appearances.

Meanwhile, Guardiola's new defensive formula - seemingly and strangely borrowed from Tony Pulis - is looking less of a guarantee of frugality. Even though he has stuffed his squad full of centre-backs, City have conceded 10 goals in their last four games in all competitions.

A susceptibility to the counterattack is a familiar failing, and one that Tottenham have

exploited before. Conceding to headers - both Thiago Silva and the rather shorter Kulusevski have scored from them - is an unexpected development, given the height at the back.

"Every chance we concede, we concede a goal," Guardiola lamented. "We lost against Wolves with two shots on target. We have to learn, review, be more cold to analyse but we see the team."

And the dynamic of the team has changed. Guardiola's battalion of centre-backs don't have the protection his midfield used to provide in the form of perpetual possession. They miss Ilkay Gundogan's tactical intelligence and John Stones's intuitive feel for the game. A midfield has brought penetration with three players with a vertical brand of football, with Julian Alvarez, Jeremy Doku and Phil Foden forever looking forwards.

Guardiola may want to sacrifice one in the quest for safety - perhaps Mateo Kovacic, a stranger to the scoresheet, might be restored when fully fit, or Rico Lewis introduced. Certainly City's games have been unusually open, producing the first 4-4 scoreline of Guardiola's coaching career and a rare 3-3. But in the process they have made the title race more open than anticipated. Plenty of teams can draw comfort when City share the points, but they are not among them.

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than without him. Since Zinchenko joined the club from Manchester City last summer, Arteta's side have won 72 per cent of the 36 league matches he has started. Without him, they have won 63 per cent of 16 games.

"With Alex, the win rate that we have is incredibly high," said Arteta. "That is it. He is an exceptional player, he gives us so much. He makes us more dominant, the way he progresses the ball, the way he defends forward. He is really intuitive, he has so much courage to play. He wants the ball, he wants to play. I love that about him."

Zinchenko, Telegraph Sport understands, is well aware of his own strengths and weaknesses. He has been working relentlessly in recent months to improve certain aspects of his game, including his physical strength.

Before this weekend's meeting with Wolves,

most observers of Arsenal's recent performances would have acknowledged Zinchenko's defensive growth. On their treacherous trip to Brentford last weekend, the 26-year-old produced a performance of genuine steel. Without his sliding goal-line clearance that night, Arsenal would probably have lost.

Since the start of last season, Zinchenko has made four errors leading to shots in the Premier League. It might surprise some Arsenal fans to learn that William Saliba, rightly heralded as perhaps the league's dominant defender, has made five in that time.

*Arteta: Zinchenko connects with people in a special way

The discussion around Zinchenko's errors also does not take into account his importance off the pitch. He is the joker of the squad, but also a fierce competitor. Sources credit his mentality as a key reason for

Arsenal's development since last summer.

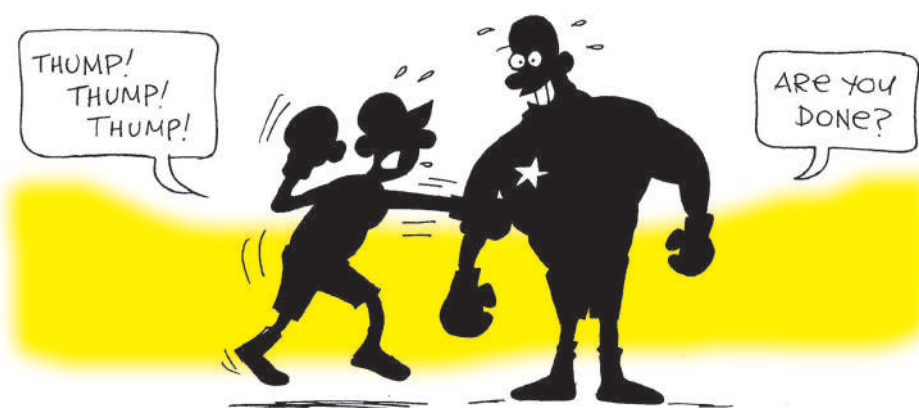
As Telegraph Sport reported earlier this year, Zinchenko arrived at the Emirates and immediately told his teammates to forget about challenging for the top four. He wanted them to believe that winning the title was possible. Over time, they did.

"He can change the energy in the room," said Arteta of Zinchenko. "He has a special sense of humour and he connects with people in a special way. You need people like this in the dressing room."

He is not perfect, evidently, but Zinchenko is still fundamental to Arteta's system. No player in the Arsenal squad can do what he does - part full-back, part central midfielder - and no player offers the same quality in that position. Yes, there is a risk. But, in Arteta's eyes, Zinchenko is worth it.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Cautious but confident Simba SC jets off to Morocco

By Guardian Correspondent

SIMBA SC left Tanzania for Morocco where the club will be looking to kick start the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Group Stage campaign following an unconvincing start.

The Tanzanian representatives in the showpiece are lined up to play against Wydad Athletic Club at the Stade de Marrakech in Marrakech on Saturday, with kick-off at 10 pm.

The team's delegation to Morocco included 23 players, the technical staff, and members of the club's executive committee aboard Qatar Airways.

Speaking just before their departure, Simba SC Information and Communication Manager, Ahmed Ally, said they are approaching the upcoming game with Wydad AC cautiously despite the Moroccan giant's difficult start to the CAF Champions League.

The official noted: "We are going to play against Wydad Casablanca. If you look at the Group B table, you can see that Wydad is the weakest side because they are rock bottom, they have won a single match, and they have not scored a single goal."

"From the first perspective, you say Wydad is weak. But with a keen football eye, you can't dare call Wydad whipping boys," the official revealed.

"It is true that Wydad has started badly in the CAF Champions League this season. They know the reason behind that but all in all we as Simba are going to play with the second-best team in Africa," he noted.

He added: "The team that finished second in the African Football League. The team that played in the final of the CAF Champions League last season, so it's not a weak team at all."

"Their players may have slipped a bit, but you cannot call them weak. You can't call them a bad team.

"Any time Wydad AC can wake up and resume their throne. I liken Wydad AC to a fierce animal that is sleeping."

"The first man passes and the animal is asleep. A second person passes the sleepy animal. Now you can't come and dare to twerk in front of the animal, you never know when and how angry it will be when it wakes up."

The team is expected to arrive in Marrakech this afternoon. The players will have time to rest before going out for a light training session.

They are expected to have their first full training session tomorrow ahead of Saturday's duel.

ASEC Mimosas is topping Group B, level on points with second-placed Jwaneng Galaxy, Simba SC is sitting third having collected two points in the side's two games.

Simba SC, Yanga with mountains to climb to qualify for 2023/24 CAF CL knockout



Simba SC players are pictured participating in training at Mo Simba Arena, Burju in Dar es Salaam recently in preparation for a 2023/24 CAF Champions League Group B match against Morocco's Wydad AC scheduled for Saturday in Marrakech. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AFTER their draw against Jwaneng Galaxy and Al Ahly on Saturday, Simba SC and Young Africans SC face an uphill battle to qualify for this season's CAF Champions League quarterfinals.

Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, settled for a 1-1 draw with defending champions, Al Ahly, in a Group D encounter in Dar es Salaam on Saturday afternoon. It was the matchday 2 of the Group Stage of the competition.

After suffering a crushing 3-0 defeat to Algeria's CR Belouizdad in the opening match day, Yanga came into the home clash with Al Ahly determined to get good results and this was evident in the first half where they dominated proceedings but were let down by poor finishing.

Al Ahly came out strong after the restart. South African winger Percy Tau found what seemed to be the winner for the defending champions in the 86th minute but a dramatic finish in the referee's added-on time by Ivorian midfielder Pacome Zouzou secured the leveler for Yanga.

Miguel Gamondi-coached Yanga is currently at the bottom of Group D. As anticipated, Al Ahly are top of the table.

Ghana's Medeama SC (second) and Algeria's CR Belouiz-

dad (third) are both level on five points.

Medeama SC's 2-1 win at home against CR Belouizdad moved them above the Algerian side. The reason is that the CAF Champions League deals with head-to-head records before goal difference.

However, despite Yanga securing only a point in their two games so far, there remains a good possibility for them to qualify for the knockout stage of the competition.

But there is now no room for error. They almost certainly need to win at least one game on the road in their remaining four Group D matches.

The defining moment in Yanga's CAF Champions League campaign looms large on December 8 and 20, given they face the daunting task of tackling Ghana's Medeama SC in back-to-back games.

Put simply, Yanga would not qualify for the last eight of the CAF Champions League, should they fail to beat Medeama SC in the two games. Their progress relies on collecting at least four points from Medeama SC.

Once the group was

drawn, Yanga understood the assignment. To qualify out of what is termed as the 'Group of Death', much more would be required in the collective performance than what may be sufficient in NBC Premier League games. So far, through two matches, Yanga has fallen short of expectations but victories against Medeama SC will turn around their fortunes.

As for Simba SC, desperate for a win in the club's second game following last weekend's 1-1 home stalemate against ASEC Mimosas, they were held to a 0-0 draw by the Botswana champions despite dominating proceedings.

On any other day, they would have won this game comfortably but this is a club far from their best.

Despite seeing positives from his team, Simba SC head coach Abdelhak Benchikha rued the lack of cutting-edge

The Algerian tactician noted: "It was a good match. Seriously, we dropped two points. We played well, compact but we were not quick in the final third."

"We squandered many goal-scoring opportunities. I don't know whether I am

happy or not because one point is nothing after the draw with ASEC Mimosas," Benchikha said.

"We dropped two points at home and now two more against Galaxy. I am not happy. It is difficult for us and others. The group is still open to all four teams," the gaffer revealed.

With ASEC Mimosas beating Wydad Athletic Club in the other Group B game, the Simba SC vs Wydad Athletic Club fixture promises to be a fiercely competitive battle to reach the knockout phase.

Simba SC is sitting third with two points while Wydad AC- which was widely tipped to top the group- is languishing at the bottom.

The back-to-back draws leave Simba SC with very little margin for error in a campaign that continues with a tough away assignment against Wydad AC on Saturday and then home to the Moroccan club on December 19.

Wydad Athletic Club has lost two opening games. To make matters worse, the club is on a four-game losing streak. The club's management is under fire, and the coach knows another loss is unacceptable.

The previous season's CAF Champions League finalists still have time to turn things around, starting with the coming clash with Simba SC.

The game against Simba SC is a must-win at all costs. The Moroccan side is already on uncharted waters here with back-to-back losses, thus, a third defeat will be catastrophic.

The Moroccans are expected to have a response and re-establish themselves as the class of the group. All these add to a bleak scenario for Simba SC on Saturday.

If an individual is a Simba SC supporter and observes through the lens of an optimist, the window is not completely shut on qualifying out of the group, even with just two points.

Every opponent has proven flawed in some capacity so far and susceptible to being bested on a given match day.

If the supporter is of either the pessimist or realist view and has watched Simba SC regularly this season, he/she immediately points to the club's questionable record in big matches as grounds to rule out a comeback in this group.

Simba SC has drawn all six international games played so far this season and also lost once and drawn one of the outfit's two big games in the domestic competitions.

They are yet to win a big game. There are questions about whether this club has the guile and pedigree to grab good results in high-leverage situations against top sides both in the league and in Africa.

All in all, the opening CAF Champions League results leave both Tanzanian representatives with mountains to climb, but getting out of their groups is not impossible.

Job backs Yanga to turn around CAF Champions League fortunes



Yanga's center-back, Dickson Job. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans' center-back Dickson Job has backed his side to succeed in the 2023/24 CAF Champions League despite an unimpressive start in the Group Stage.

After suffering a crushing 3-0 defeat to Algeria's CR Belouizdad in the opening match day, Young Africans, alias Yanga, came into the home clash with Al Ahly in Dar es Salaam last weekend determined to get a good result but were held to a 1-1 draw.

Miguel Gamondi-coached Yanga is currently at the bottom of Group D. As anticipated, Al Ahly is at the top of the table.

Medeama SC and CR Belouizdad are both level

on five points in second and third place respectively. Medeama SC's 2-1 win over CR Belouizdad at home moved them above the latter.

However, despite securing only one point in their two games so far, center-back Job believes there remains a huge possibility for them to qualify for the knockout stage of the competition.

Speaking during the team's departure to Ghana on Tuesday, Job offered words of encouragement to their fans and his uttermost belief in recording positive results in the upcoming matches in the CAF Champions League.

The defender noted: "We, as players, are ready to fight and fight for the Yanga's badge. We will give it our all and we are

confident of getting good results."

"If you look at our group, we still have a big chance to progress. Besides, the upcoming game is important for us to get a good result and we believe we will get it," Job added.

After their draw against defending champions Al Ahly on Saturday, Yanga faces an uphill battle to qualify for the CAF Champions League last eight. Miguel Gamondi's team is currently at the bottom of Group D.

Yanga still has fate in the outfit's hands with four games to play in the CAF Champions League Group Stage.

Three wins in two home games against Medeama SC and CR Belouizdad- as well as away against Al Ahly and Mede-

ama SC- would guarantee Yanga's progression to the CAF Champions League knockout stages for the first time in their history.

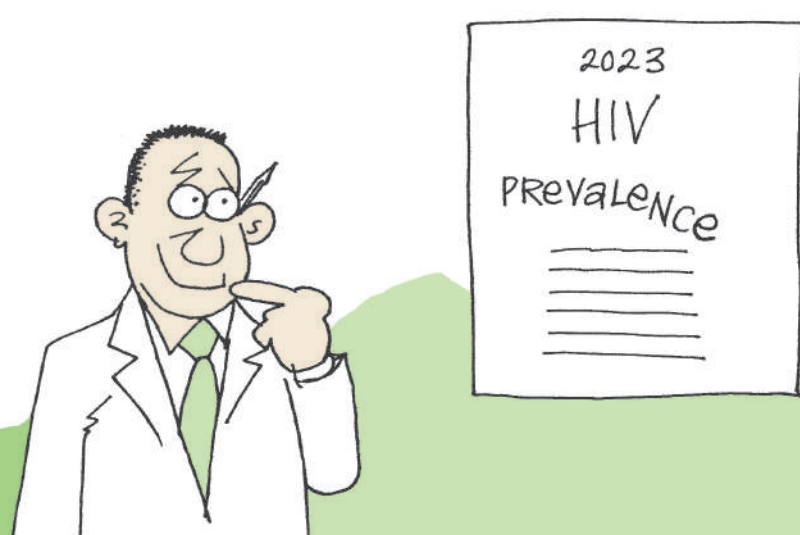
The defining moment in Yanga's CAF Champions League campaign looms large with back-to-back games against Medeama SC.

It will be the first time Yanga faces Medeama SC in the premier continental showpiece since 2016 when the two teams met in the CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage.

The reverse fixture in Dar es Salaam will follow next on matchday four, as Yanga hosts the Ghanaians.

The confirmed date for that encounter is November 20 (16:00 EAT) at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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