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## TPDC, gas explorer in refinery logistics talks

By Francis Kajubi

HOW to transport natural gas discovered at Ntorya fields in Ruvuma Region to the Madimba processing plant within the Mtwara Mikindani municipality for purification is being hammered out by the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and the prospecting firm, ARA Petroleum of Muscat.

Francis Lupokela, the TPDC public relations officer, said yesterday that recoverable volumes of natural gas have been discovered at the Ntorya field, covered by the Ruvuma Petroleum Sharing Agreement for which the company holds the Mtwara natural gas exploration license.

Though the volume of discovered natural gas is yet to be announced to the public, exploration started in 2006 after the agreement was reached in 2005, with some initial discoveries being reported, he said at the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair.

The firm expects to drill a well offshore and another onshore at the Ntorya development field, with the area being within the Mtwara gas block, a few kilometers from the Madimba gas plant. ARA Petroleum is conducting a three-dimensional seismic survey that will boost prospects of developing the Chikumbi-1 exploration well, he stated.

There are so far five natural gas processing plants countrywide, namely Pan African Energy (T) Ltd (PAET) Songo Songo plant processing 110m standard cubic feet per day, the Maurel & Prom plant at Mnazi Bay processing 10m cubic feet, while TPDC operates a Songo Songo plant processing 140m such units, TPDC Madimba plant processing 210m cubic feet, making a total of 470m units by late April.

TPDC's natural gas plants fuelling the Tanzania Electric Supply Co. Ltd (Tanesco) grid generate 102.32 megawatts of electricity, amounting to 62 percent of the power source at TPDC, with other clients being 48 manufacturing and processing industries, 1,500 households, six public organisations in Dar es Salaam and Mtwara, a city hotel and around 1,400 vehicles converted to gas use in the city, he added.

# Samia disturbed as fistula rife in young rape victims



Issa Rashid (R), a gynaecologist with Dar es Salaam's CCBRT (Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania) hospital, briefs President Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday on services available at the specialised medical facility. It was shortly after the president inaugurated a newly completed building housing the hospital's Maternal and Child Health Care wing. Second right is Health minister Umyy Mwalimu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has been saddened by reports that most patients who seek treatment for obstetric fistula at the Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) hospital facility in Dar es Salaam are girls as young as 11 who are victims of rape.

Launching the hospital's new maternal and newborn wing costing 101bn/-, she praised its contribution towards improving healthcare in the country, expressing her sadness over the fistula problem.

She recited a briefing from CCBRT officials with an observation that more efforts are needed to protect girl children and support them to achieve their dreams in life.

"I have been told that CCBRT receives a number of patients with obstetric fistula with a majority of the cases being adolescent girls. As a society, we need to see this problem and take measures on the challenge of rape, to which we are largely turning a blind eye," she said.

The president underlined the need to strengthen efforts to fight rape, early marriages and teenage pregnancies, while also addressing delays in accessing maternal health services.

Experts say obstetric fistula is one of the more serious and tragic injuries often occurring during childbirth. It is a hole, or abnormal opening in the birth canal that results in chronic leakage of urine and/or feces. Women with fistula are often shunned in their communities, activists say.

CCBRT Hospital was complementing government efforts in transforming the health sector and social welfare in general for the betterment of all Tanzanians, she said, acknowledging the problem of shortage of staff. She directed Health minister Umyy Mwalimu to work on the matter.

The hospital's chief executive officer, Brenda Msangi said the new wing will help provide answers to congestion of patients in health facilities in the city, as vulnerable expectant mothers often face stigma, neglect and seek to deliver in an

## Form VI results: Girls outshine boys in science, overall passing

By Guardian Reporter

GIRLS have beaten boys in science subjects as well as the general pass rate in this year's

high school exam results released yesterday. Athumani Amasi, the acting executive secretary of the National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA) announcing

these results at the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training in Zanzibar, noting that girls have taken seven out of

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## Loliondo: Police nab 72 foreigners, 30 arraigned

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

A ten-day operation by Immigration Department officers has found 72 foreigners living and working in the area without permits, the regional authorities say.

Hosea Kagimbo, the regional immigration officer, told reporters yesterday that 57 of those arrested are Kenyan citizens, seven French citizens and eight other migrants, found in Sale and Loliondo divisions.

Hamad Yussuf Masauni, the Home Affairs minister, visited the areas on June 15 after a spate of agitation, directing a thorough investigation into a flare-up as boundary beacons for the Loliondo Game Controlled Area were being installed.

The resulting inspection focused on activities of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the two divisions, the regional official noted, pointing out that among those arrested, 30 will be taken to court, 13 were released and investigations on 29 others continue.

Investigations faced some challenges as some local people fled their homesteads (bomas), but efforts to pursue them were continuing, he said, noting that inspections were conducted on 10 NGOs, where in-depth interrogations were conducted with their officials.

Earlier reports said that some pastoralists from the other side of the border were bringing in huge herds of livestock for grazing with the connivance of district officials, which is causing unease with conservation officials at the Loliondo Game Controlled Area.

The government has reduced the size of the Loliondo Game Controlled Area from 4,000 to 1,500 square kilometres, leaving to local people the use of the 2,500 square kilometres portion, but activists want the 1,500 sq. km area remaining for native use.

Their narrative skips the wildlife corridor

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NMB Bank Plc chief of shared services Nyenyuata Mejuoli (C), Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce board chairperson Mercy Silla (R) and deputy chairperson Rose Romanus (L) in celebratory mood alongside other members of the chamber at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair grounds yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent







Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (facing camera) holds talks at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday with a delegation led by United Nations Assistant Secretary General Ted Chaiban, who is Global Lead Coordinator for Covid-19 Country Readiness and Delivery. Photo: VPO

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the top 10 slots in science subjects.

He said that Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (ACSEE) results showed pass performance of the 93,136 candidates as having improved to 99.97 per cent compared to 99.06 per cent of a total of 87,043 candidates who sat ACSEE last year.

The number of girls who passed stands at 40,907 or about 99.51 per cent while for boys 52,229 passed, same as 98.57 per cent of the 94,456 male candidates, he said.

School candidates who passed the test stand at 84,404 or 99.87 per cent of those who passed, with private candidates sitting for the exams numbered 8,732 compared to 7,447 last year, he said.

The council cancelled results of 15 candidates involved in examination irregularities including cheating. It has also withheld results of 21 candidates who had health issues and will be allowed to write the exam next year.

This year's top 10 schools are Kemebos (Kagera), Kisimiri (Arusha), Tabora Boys' (Tabora), Tabora Girls' (Tabora), Ahmes (Coast), Dareda (Manyara), Nyaishozi (Kagera), Mzumbe (Morogoro), Mkindi (Tanga) and Ziba (Tabora).

The top 10 performers are Catherine Mwakasege of St. Mary's (Tanga), Lucy Magashi of St. Mary's (Tanga), Muhewa Kamando of Tabora Boys' (Tabora), Minael Mgonja of St. Mary's (Tanga), Norah Kidjout of St. Mary's (Tanga), Jennifer Chuwa of St. Mary's (Tanga), Pauline Mabamba of St. Mary's (Tanga), Rachel Moshy of St. Mary's (Tanga), Kulwa and Mbizo and Oscar Marabe both of Tabora Boys' (Tabora).

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Top 10 boys in science are Muhewa Kamando of Tabora Boys, Kulwa Elias (Tabora Boys), Oscar Marabe (Tabora Boys), Baraka Nyota (Tabora Boys), Don Mwakatoga (Tabora Boys), Pwali Njogela (Tabora Boys), Albert Tasu Mashauri (Mzumbe), Zafrullah Abdul-Rahman Mohammed (Tabora Boys), Phillipo Ngeleshi and Kennedy Mcharo (both of Wari, Machame in Kilimanjaro Region), he added.

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unfavourable environment.

The hospital has designed specialised programs for expectant mothers with disabilities, teenage pregnant girls and pregnant women with a past history of fistula, she said.

"We are very grateful for President Samia's passion and support to the health sector, especially in issues related to the improvement of maternal health. Inaugurating the new wing speaks a lot to that effort," the

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medical executive declared.

The hospital provides outpatient services to 300 patients, having 140 beds including eight delivery beds.

The new building includes outpatient consultation, emergency rooms, eight delivery suites to cater for people with disabilities, and six

state of the art operating theatres with updated technological facilities, as well as a postnatal services ward, she added.

## Uganda adopts Kiswahili as EAC's official language

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

Uganda has adopted the resolution by the East African Community (EAC) to make Kiswahili an official language for the bloc alongside English.

The Ugandan Cabinet on Monday nodded to the implementation of the directive made during the 21st EAC extraordinary summit in Dar es Salaam in February 2021.

During the summit, heads of states amended Article 137 of the bloc's treaty to introduce the lingua franca as an alternative language for transacting EAC's official business.

Consequently, the government of President Yoweri Museveni has recommended compulsory teaching of Kiswahili in primary and secondary schools in Uganda.

"It was further agreed that training programmes for Parliament, Cabinet and the media be initiated," Dr Chris Baryomunsi, Uganda's minister for ICT and National Guidance, said.

That move is likely to bring to an end the age-old joke that "Kiswahili was born in Zanzibar, grew up in mainland Tanzania, fell sick in Kenya, died in Uganda, and was buried in Democratic Republic of Congo".

And with Uganda government's commitment to institutionalize the language, public perception and buy-in remain the biggest hurdles in the country where English is the official language.

Since 1970s, Ugandans have associated Kiswahili with death and destruction following human rights abuses and other atrocities meted out during Idi Amin's dictatorship and civil wars.

Amin spoke and supported the language in his rebellion against colonialists whom he had vowed to "teach a lesson".

Some of his soldiers used the language as they unleashed terror on Ugandans, hence the dark memories among Kiswahili opponents.

Kiswahili, the language of Swahili people, is spoken by more than 200 million people around the world.

In February this year, the African Union adopted Kiswahili as one of its official working languages, three months after the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated July 7 as World Kiswahili Language Day.

It's already a national and official language in Kenya and Tanzania and one of four national languages in DRC, the latest EAC member state. It is also spoken by nearly 50 and 70 per cent of the general public in Rwanda and Burundi, respectively.

A product of the fusion of Bantu and Arabic dialects, Kiswahili is not only recognised as a unifying language spoken by East Africans but it is rich in dialect and expression. The language

is used for social interaction and trade in many urban centres in EAC member states.

Kampala's decision comes almost five years after the EAC Council of Ministers directed partner states to formulate national Kiswahili language policies and enhance the use of the language in official domains.

The council in April 2017 also asked member states to initiate institutionalization of Kiswahili by setting up national Kiswahili councils and national Kiswahili associations.

Article 119 of the EAC Treaty provides for the development and promotion of indigenous languages, especially Kiswahili, as lingua franca.

The adoption of Kiswahili as the second official language is set to not only boost the unity of the bloc but also deepen and widen integration.

Embracing the language at the regional level will also increase people's participation in the affairs of the community.

Beyond East Africa, Kiswahili has spread on the continent and is widely spoken in Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Madagascar and the Comoros Islands.

In June 2020, South Africa introduced Kiswahili as an optional subject in the hope that the language could become a tool to foster cohesion among Africans.

According to Global Voices—an international multi-lingual organisation of writers, translators, academics and digital rights activists—currently, there are more than 7,100 languages spoken around the world, 28 per cent of which are spoken on the African continent.

Despite the existence of some 2,140 local languages in Africa, English, French and Arabic reign supreme. English on the other hand dominates online spaces in the region.

But this has shrunk to between 51-55 per cent as opposed to 80 per cent on online dominance two decades ago. Projections indicate that Kiswahili, which is now online, will become an increasingly important instrument of trade.

Kiswahili is taught in universities around the world, including in China, while in the USA, an estimated 100 universities offer Kiswahili courses, including Harvard University.



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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has an audience at State House in Zanzibar yesterday with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair (L). Photo: Zanzibar State House

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aspect and prefers to focus on the hunting firm, Ortello Business Corporation, whereas its activities have no impact on migration and feeding areas, unlike the large herds of cattle wandering into the zone.

Social media outlets fed by the same activists focus on the government deciding to remove people from their ancestral land, skipping the dual-use legal structure, as well as the massive

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increase of inhabitants and cattle, which puts conservation activities in peril.

Meanwhile, more families are leaving the zone to a newly reserved

area in the Handeni district, where houses are being built, embedded with three acres of land and an auxiliary vast grazing area within the proximity of the housing development.

The protected area has since been renamed Pololeti Game Controlled Area after the demarcation, with Pololeti being a key river and water source in the reserve, officials noted.





Soyeon Kim (L), project manager with the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday briefing senior managers from public schools and the Education, Science and Technology ministry on the establishment of big data-based statistical systems for education information. This was at on-going two-week online capacity building training organised by the agency. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Government pays out 54 billion/- for Ruangwa-Nachingwea water project

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the government has provided 54bn/- to be spent on Chiuwe water project that will serve Lindi Region's Ruangwa and Nachingwea districts.

The PM made the remarks on Monday this week at different times when he addressed residents of Mchenganyumba, Mbecha and Chimbila 'B' villages during his official visit to the areas to inspect various

development projects in Ruangwa District.

Majaliwa said many areas of the district have salty water, hence after research, the government identified Chiuwe water source to have clean and safe water and was adequate to supply the villages including those in the neighbouring Nachingwea District.

He also used the occasion to thank President Samia Suluhu Hassan for sanctioning the funds to implement the water project, which after completion

will solve all water challenges faced by residents of the areas.

The PM further called to all Tanzanians to get ready for the population and housing census exercise on August 23 this year by providing adequate cooperation to census officials and government officials in the areas they live.

For his part, Rural and Urban Water and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) Manager for Ruangwa District, Eng Lawrence Mapunda said the project

is being implemented in two phases, the first one will cover 34 villages in Ruangwa district and the second will cover 21 villages of Nachingwea District.

Mapunda said the project construction expected to start in FY 2022/23 will be completed in FY 2025/26.

"As for now the work is in procurement stage and is expected to be completed in three years' time for all phases," he added.

He added that after completion the projects will solve 80 per cent of water woes facing the people in Ruangwa District, and added that the Chiuwe water source is expected to supply 15 million litres of water per day.

## Poaching, drought among culprits for declining number of elephants

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

POACHING, drought and other climate change related issues have been named as among the major factors that contributed to the decline of elephants from 300,000 in late 1950s to the current 60,000.

Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) principal research officer Dr Steven Nindi said this recently during a virtual biodiversity conservation breakfast debate organized by Journalists' Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET), through the USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Project.

He noted that reports show that Tanzania had the highest estimate of over 300,000 elephants in the late 1950s, but currently there are 60,000 elephants which is a drop of 250,000.

The USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity "Preserve Natural Resources" "is a five-year nationwide project that works to conserve Tanzania's critical biodiversity, enhance habitat connectivity and support community livelihoods.

Dr Nindi noted that some wildlife corridors have been encroached by people doing economic activities hence fuelling human-wildlife conflicts.

The wildlife corridors are safe areas and transition zones for wildlife animals to cross from one habitat to another but due to people interference with these corridors they have developed into a human-wildlife challenge.

But today conflicts have become more widespread between humans and wildlife, with declining wildlife due to a variety of factors including corridors that pass through human settlements.

"People are engaged in various activities, such as housing, agriculture, animal husbandry and so on, due to the interaction of people using these corridors for economic activities," he noted.

Dr Nindi said there are 52 wildlife corridors in Tanzania but 44 have been carefully reviewed and organized.

These wildlife corridors are terrestrial corridors but there are basically marine and Ariel corridors that are used by migratory birds to travel from one country to another.

There are times when these wildlife stay in the corridors for a long time due to various reasons. For example, in a national park or game reserve the animals can stay in the corridors for a long time.

In the corridors there are good habitats so these animals can live in the corridors for a long time," he added.

Dr Joseph Layson, director of research, compliance and information at the National Land Use Planning Commission (NLUPC) said that the commission's main function is to coordinate and manage all land use at various levels.

He said that one of the approaches to reducing existing challenges is the importance of land use planning to reduce land use conflicts.

Dr Layson said: "Basically those wildlife corridors run through all those administrative, and landscape areas. The Commission's main task is to ensure that it coordinates land use plans based on existing uses and the needs of existing land users."

## Minister decries continued cases of child violence in the country

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Dr Dorothy Gwajima, has decried continued cases of child violence in the country.

She said despite the government and other stakeholders' efforts to end child violence, awareness on the prevention and strategies are generally inadequate, especially at the local governance authorities.

According to the minister, violence against children has revealed a profound impact on core aspects of emotional, behavioral, and physical health as well as social development throughout life and mostly in education settings where child skills are developed.

Dr Gwajima termed the vice as a serious human rights, social and public health issue in Tanzania, as in many other parts of the world.

"Violence erodes the strong foundation that children need to lead healthy and productive lives," said the minister.

Speaking while officiating at the opening of a six-days training for community development officers, social workers and journalist from ten regions in the minister said Tanzanians ought to join hands in the fight against child violence.

The meeting organized in collaboration of between Children in Crossfire, Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) and the Union of Tanzanian Press Clubs (UTPC) brought together 79 participants.

Named 'Mtoto Kwanza' (Swahili for 'A Child First!'), this programme will build civic society's capacity to ensure that every child in the country can develop their full potential.

He noted that the training is very important in effort to help improve welfare of Tanzania children. "Children in Crossfire's vision of a compassionate world where every child can realise their full potential is one that resonates so deeply with our values and vision as a Foundation," he said, stressing the importance of the training.

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She noted that statistics around 6,376 incidents of violence against children were reported to the police by mid-2018 – up from 4,728 incidents by mid-2017.

The minister added that Tanzania will face a human rights crisis if nothing is done to address violence against children.

After many years of grassroots capacity-building and advocacy by the Derry organisation, the Tanzanian government launched a new programme in December that aims to see every child in the country benefit from early years' education.

Country Director, Tanzania at Children in Crossfire, Craig Ferla said Children in Crossfire will now lead a partnership with the Tanzanian Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) and the Union of Tanzanian Press Clubs (UTPC) to help achieve the government's goals.

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## Former British PM Blair pledges support for Z'bar

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi yesterday held talks with former British Prime Minister, Tony Blair during which the latter pledged to continue supporting Zanzibar in its development efforts.

During the discussions held at Zanzibar State House, President Mwinyi praised the former British premier who is in Zanzibar in a special one-day visit and pledged his readiness to continue cooperating with the Zanzibar government.

Dr Mwinyi explained that Blair's coming to Zanzibar again shows how committed he is in assisting Zanzibar.

Dr Mwinyi also told the former British leader huge plans made in establishing a monitoring and assessment unit.

Dr Mwinyi also praised Tony Blair Institute for Global Change for its continuing to cooperate with the Zanzibar government in making sure to strengthen its priorities in various

economic sector including the blue economy, tourism and infrastructure.

Dr Mwinyi also assured Blair that his government will continue working together with his institute in order to attain the intended goal in bringing development to Zanzibar.

For his part, former British leader tony Blair has assured President Mwinyi that his institute will continue working together with Zanzibar as it has recognized efforts taken by the Zanzibar President in building up Zanzibar.

He also told Dr Mwinyi that his institute will make sure that all programmes earmarked for implementation are implemented effectively.

Earlier, former British PM and his delegation held talks with the Chief Secretary Eng. Zena Ahmed Said in which Blair pledged cooperation in the preparation and establishment of monitoring and Verification Unit and explained on the stage reached.

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It is hereby declared, and due notice is hereby given to all persons, firms, companies, whichever the case may be, who are in possession and or in the management of any properties of the company, to hold, possess and manage the same in trust for and on behalf of the Liquidator until such time when they surrender the same to the Liquidator and or his appointed agents; that they should surrender all assets or properties of the company to the Liquidator within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice; and that failure to surrender may attract legal redress, and all at the cost of the illegal holder or trespasser.

Notice is further hereby given to all creditors of the company to register their claims with the Liquidator within thirty (30) days of this notice. It is hereby declared, and due Notice is given to all person, firms, companies, whichever case may be that are indebted to the company to pay to the Liquidator within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice.

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**The family of the late Dr. Omar Ali Juma invites you for prayers in memory of THE LATE DR. OMAR ALI JUMA which will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at Ngazija Mosque , at 4.00 p.m. Your presence will be highly appreciated. All relatives and friends are invited. May God rest his Soul in Eternal Peace. Amen**





Barrick Tanzania procurement officer Juma Ng'ozzi (L) gives explanation on the company's activities yesterday to people who visited the firm's pavilion at the ongoing 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Local employment in oil and gas sector now at 90 percent - PURA

By Guardian Reporter

THE Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA) has said the participation of locals in capitalizing on the opportunities available in upstream oil and gas has increased with the number of Tanzanians employed in natural gas companies increasing to 90 percent.

Head of Local Content and Stakeholders Unit at PURA Charles Nyangi told reporters at the ongoing 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair.

He also said that 60 percent of service providers, including suppliers of natural gas products and raw materials, are Tanzanians and that only 40 percent of the opportunities

available in the industry are conducted by foreign companies.

He said one of the major responsibilities of the unit is to ensure that Tanzanians are aware of available opportunities in the upstream operations and that the national and international oil companies comply with the local content regulations in the country.

Nyangi said in a bid to ensure that locals benefit well in the upstream oil and gas projects, PURA has been supervising to ensure that the investors also engage local experts in the projects.

He said that local content is an aspect of paramount importance for our country's economy and prosperity. "This is due to the fact that

employing locals and buying local goods and services create employment, technology transfer, skills/knowledge acquisition and value addition in the country. It also brings collaboration among investors and local communities; in particular, it makes the locals feel the ownership of their natural resources through their participation in providing goods and services, which they sell as well as labour they offer," he said.

Nyangi further said due to that response, PURA in collaboration with the Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has already prepared a database that will begin on July 15, this year in order to get local service providers to connect them to foreigners.

He said that the database includes suppliers and service providers' experts in the petroleum upstream sector to enable domestic and foreign investors to access qualified experts for business partnerships.

"We are working to strengthen efforts and systems, improve bidding so as to attract more multinational companies with an interest in the upstream oil and gas sector, we still have a good number of sedimentary basins that are yet to be fully explored," he added.

Over 50 percent of the country's total area (534,000km<sup>2</sup>) has been blessed with potential sedimentary basins which if well explored could transform the oil and gas sector in the country.

There is 114,000km<sup>2</sup> in the Inland Rift Basins, these are found in the rift valley block; In the Coastal and Continental Shelf Basins (Onshore and Offshore including the islands of Zanzibar and Mafia there is 280,000km<sup>2</sup> and in the Deep Sea Basins (140,000km<sup>2</sup> basins).

## WHO's emergency preparedness and response projects roll out in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is among the priority countries benefitting from the implementation of World Health Organization Emergency Preparedness and Response projects that aim to promote multisectoral convergence of resources and skills for rapid and efficient response to a disaster.

Called Emergency Preparedness and Response Flagship projects the initiative seeks to ensure Health Security in the African Region; builds upon existing infrastructure to put in place a well-organized partner support system that augments national capacity when needed, incorporating lessons learned from Covid-19, Ebola, and other health emergencies.

Initially implemented in select countries, the projects will be scaled up regionally over the next five years. To initiate the projects in Tanzania, WHO Tanzania has received eight vehicles that will be positioned within the Ministry of Health multisector coordination mechanism after the capacity-building activities with guidance from the Regional EPR Cluster.

Implementation of these projects embraces the fact that preparedness, and response to emergencies is a multisectoral undertaking, therefore preparedness efforts must also reflect that reality.

This is an opportunity for Tanzania to further strengthen the capacity in emergency preparedness, early detection and response.

The three flagship projects are named: Promoting Resilience of Systems for Emergencies (PROSE) Flagship Project, Transforming African Surveillance Systems (TASS) Flagship Project, and Strengthening and Utilizing Response Groups for Emergencies (SURGE).

The aim of these projects is

to develop in-country teams of highly skilled, resourced, and well-coordinated professionals capable of arriving at a location of disasters or disease outbreaks within the shortest time possible (within 72 hours) and coordinating a rapid response to minimize their effects.

The EPR cluster at WHO Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) works with national governments in the African region to strengthen their capacity to prevent, prepare for, detect, and respond to health emergencies. The flagships will integrate and strengthen existing human resources for emergency response. Most countries across the continent have existing Public Health Emergency Operating Centres (PHEOCs), Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) and Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) run by national governments.

"This is an opportunity for Tanzania to further strengthen the capacity in emergency preparedness, early detection and response. The resources, including the vehicles that have arrived already, will be positioned with the government. The aim is to foster government leadership, with WHO support and collaboration with a wide range of partners," said, Dr Zabulon Yoti, Acting WHO Representative in Tanzania.

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Lead at WHO Tanzania, Dr Grace Saguti said the arrival of the 8 vehicles were an assurance that Tanzania will participate in the implementation of the Flagship Project.

"In the coming months we will be rolling out training building on available capacity in areas of coordination, surveillance, risk communication, but especially to this approach we are taking multisectoral outlook because disasters do not affect health exclusively," said Dr Yoti.

## Drought, heat, insects: Climate crisis threatens Tanzanian coffee farmers

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

COFFEE farmers in Kilimanjaro region are bearing the brunt of climate change, affecting their incomes and livelihoods.

Damian Mtega, a coffee improvement manager at the Tanzania Coffee Research Institute, said rising temperatures around Mount Kilimanjaro and insect outbreaks have reduced coffee production by up to 75 percent.

"The rising temperatures have brought drought, increased diseases and killed insects that pollinate coffee plants," he said.

According to government statistics, Tanzania is the third-largest coffee producer in Africa, producing on an average 40,000 metric tonnes of coffee annually, generating revenue of \$162 million a year.

According to Mtega, Arabica - the most lucrative variety of coffee that accounts for up to 70 percent of Tanzania's production - is vulnerable to temperature fluctuations.

"The Arabica variety requires mild rainfall and at least four months of dry weather to grow well," he said.

Areas at lower elevations are no longer suitable for coffee farming, Mtega also said, adding that some farmers in Kilimanjaro have been forced to move to higher ground, where temperatures remain sufficiently cool.

Vicky Massawe, who is growing coffee on her 1-acre (0.4-hectare) farm in the rolling hills of Machame in north Kilimanjaro, said bad weather has disrupted the growing cycle.

"We are suffering a lot from drought. Even rains have become unpredictable," she said.

Massawe, also the head of a local group that represents hundreds of small coffee farmers, said the region's climate was once ideal for growing coffee, with stable temperatures and adequate rainfall.

But in recent decades, the climate

has become increasingly hostile, she said. Temperatures are rising and there is a delay in rains that adversely affect coffee growers.

Extreme weather conditions such as heavy rainfall and frequent drought spells are threatening the livelihoods of many farmers like Massawe in the region.

The farmers blamed drought for damaged, twisted, or undersized beans while also complaining that too much rain during the critical flowering stage has also damaged flowers even before the beans could take shape.

"I have lost hope with this crop. I have focused all my attention on bananas and vegetables to earn an extra income because coffee is no longer profitable," said Verdiana Temu, a coffee farmer in Kilema.

The Kilimanjaro Native Cooperative Union (KNCU) is now equipping farmers with skills to adapt to changing conditions, providing resilient seeds, monitoring production, and suggesting new agriculture techniques.

Philemon Ndossi, the KNCU's chairperson, said the organization has teamed up with researchers to revive the industry by growing and developing resilient coffee seedlings.

"We have obtained more than 60,000 quality coffee seedlings which we distribute to farmers," he said.

Arabica coffee is grown on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, under the shades of banana trees.



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Ridhiwani Kikwete (C), Deputy Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, holds talks with Iringa Region lands officers in Iringa municipality at the weekend. The thrust of the meeting was on ways to enhance performance. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Dr Chana presents 300 beehives to groups, institutions in Ludewa

By Guardian Correspondent, Ludewa

NATURAL Resources and Tourism minister Dr Pindi Chana has handed out 300 beehives to various groups and institutions, including Ludewa Prison in Ludewa District, Njombe Region.

The handing over event took place on Monday this week to representatives of 10 groups from 22 wards out of 26 of Ludewa District and to Ludewa Prison Chief Warden, Johannes Baitange.

Speaking at the event after receiving 10 beehives, Baitange said the beehives handed out will help them improve the prison's incomes so as to realize the aim to pay prisoners so that when they finish their jail terms they will have business experience and capital to start their own businesses.

"I am thankful to receive 10 beehives today, we will sample them and increase their numbers, and will be used for training inmates in every stage of beekeeping," said Baitange.

Earlier, when handing out the beehives, Dr Chana said her ministry in collaboration with Ludewa District Council has decided to distribute the beehives after recognizing that they will help various groups in their economic activities.

She also pledged to make follow-up on all those given the beehives to see how they fare in beekeeping activities and called upon all those involved to make sure they take care of the hives.

She also directed beekeeping

experts from Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) to provide free education on beekeeping to the groups who received the beehives.

Ludewa District Commissioner, Andrea Tsere, on behalf of entrepreneurs in his District thanked the Natural Resources and Tourism Ministry saying the beehives will enable the people to have an alternative activity instead of solely depending on forest resources.

Msemakweli Haule, district beekeeping officer, said the beehives made by TFS from Sao Hill Forest farm will not be sent to Manda, Luhuu, Masasi, Lupingu, Kilondo and Lumbila homesteads due to the fact that these areas are not friendly to beekeeping activities.





Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda (R) has an audience with visiting South Africa Primary Education minister Matsie Angelina Motshekga at a meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Military foundation boosting HIV/AIDS care and treatment in southern highlands regions

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE ongoing interventions undertaken by the Henry Jackson Foundation Military Research International (HJFMRI), have helped strengthen HIV/AIDS care and treatment as well as reducing new infections in southern highlands regions.

Speaking during the meeting with the Parliamentary Committee on HIV/AIDS recently, HJFMRI executive director Sali Chalamila said reports have shown that efforts of the foundation, government and other stakeholders to fight HIV/AIDS were showing positive results but still more concerted efforts are needed so as to prevent new infections and thus reduce the incidence rate.

She said that on biomedical interventions, the organisation has been educating and promoting HIV testing, risk reduction counseling and latex condoms; on behavioral interventions, the foundation works

on encouraging and supporting risk groups to change especially women engaged in sex work (WESW), men as well as those using drugs.

Chalamila noted that the global goal including Tanzania is to reach HIV epidemic control by 2030, with 95 percent of people living with the disease to be aware of their HIV status, 95 percent of those testing positive placed on continuous HIV treatment, and 95 percent of those on treatment reaching viral suppression.

"In the region, we implement programmes that include behavioural, structural and biomedical interventions, educating the public and encouraging them to test for HIV," she said.

She said in order to win the war against the spread of the disease, it is critical that all people living with HIV get tested, learn their status, and begin lifesaving services.

The director said the foundation is implementing various programmes to support the fight against HIV/AIDS in

the regions of Mbeya, Rukwa, Katavi and Songwe.

"We also support both the military through the Tanzania People's Defence Force and civilian populations through local communities and partners to fight HIV/AIDS. The program's integrated approach to prevention, care and treatment allows us to offer a range of services to address transmission, co-infections and overall health and nutrition," she said.

The military programme is executed in tandem with the TPDF, which oversees operations in military health facilities throughout the country, including eight zonal hospitals.

She also said the foundation was also executing The DREAMS initiative with support from the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) with an aim to helping young women become determined, resilient, empowered, AIDS-free, mentored and safe through education, vocational training and other evidence-based interventions.

Since launching in 2016, the DREAMS programme has reached 22,103 AGYW and has 241 DREAMS ambassadors. The programme offers various methods of family planning and teaches girls various entrepreneurial skills. Focus areas include electronic technician training, tailoring, hair dressing, soap making, tie-dyeing and more. Beyond learning entrepreneurial skills, the AGYWs participate in money saving and economic strengthening groups.

HJFMRI Chief Executive Officer, Southern Highlands, David Maganga said the organisation in partnership with the government are working to combat HIV and Covid-19 adding that they also provide screening services in Mbeya, Songwe, Katavi and Rukwa.

"In this period in which the country has directed efforts towards combating Covid-19 we are working closely with the government in four regions as we execute our responsibility to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS. We are also working to educate the public about the Covid-19 vaccine."

# UN official hails Tanzania's effort in increasing uptake of Covid vaccines

By Guardian Reporter

The United Nations (UN) assistant secretary-general and The Global Lead coordinator for Covid-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership, Ted Chaiban has hailed Tanzania's effort in increasing the uptake of vaccines to fight the pandemic.

Chaiban is in the country for an official visit to meet government officials and key partners so as to support the acceleration of Covid-19 fight, although Tanzania has not yet reached the international goal of providing the Covid-19 vaccine with 70 percent of the population was able to increase vaccination rates from 6.3 percent by the end of 2021 to the current 12.4 percent.

The leader yesterday met the Vice President Dr Philip Mpango in Dar es Salaam and visited Makangarawe Dispensary in Temeke district.

He also met the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Ambassador Liberata Mulamula.

"Tanzania was late in launching the vaccination but we commend it for being able to take steps to increase the number of people vaccinating through campaigns in health facilities," Chaiban said.

ramping up Covid-19 vaccination at the highest level with the government, the diplomatic corps and partners, secure commitment for the 'one team, one plan, one budget approach' and in collaboration with government and stakeholders examine specific vaccination bottlenecks/proposed solutions and how to roll out the solutions.

Recognizing the urgency of turning vaccine doses into vaccinated, protected communities, WHO, UNICEF and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance launched the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership (CoVDP).


The CoVDP builds on existing resources to support the AMC 92 and focuses foremost on the 34 countries that were at or below 10 percent coverage in January 2022. Working closely with countries to understand bottlenecks to vaccination, the CoVDP offers access to urgent operational funding, technical assistance and political engagement to rapidly scale up vaccination and monitor progress towards targets.

The CoVDP builds on the substantial body of work realized by the Country Readiness and Delivery (CRD) work stream that was part of COVAX since early 2020, and which made available global guidance and coordinated technical support for the implementation of COVID-19 vaccines.

The aim of this programme is to work closely with the various nations to collectively understand the environment and impediments to the proliferation of immunisation and to access financial resources and expertise to shape the rapid development of immunisation.

Dr Irene Haule, Temeke district chief medical officer said that due to vaccination strategies in the district it surpasses the daily vaccination targets by almost one hundred percent.

"By using immunization strategies in various cases, door-to-door and in health facilities we are now reaching up to vaccinating 7000 people per day unlike before where we were lagging behind by vaccinating 500 per day," she said.



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### MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF CHARGES AND FEES (GHARAMA ZA HUDUMA ZETU)

No. ITEM/TRANSACTION		CHARGE/FEE	
		USD	TSHS
1.0	<b>Current Accounts</b>		
a)	Required minimum opening balance	500	500,000
b)	Monthly service fee (breakdown per customer)		
	Folio Charge	4	6,000
c)	Cheque withdrawal over the counter		
	Up to Tshs 25,000,000 a day	-	free
	Over Tshs 25,000,000 a day	-	0.15% of withdrawn amount
	Up to 5000 USD a day	free	-
	Over 5000 USD withdrawal	0.6% of withdrawal amount	-
d)	Fees per ATM withdrawal	-	-
e)	ATM mini statement	-	-
f)	Interim/additional statement per page	150	1500
g)	Periodic scheduled statement	free	free
h)	Cheque book (50 leaves)	27	42,000
i)	Dishonoured Cheque	55	70,000
j)	Special clearance		
	Within walking distance 1km	45	70,000
	More than 1km	65	95,000
k)	Counter cheque	-	-
l)	Inward/Outward cheque collection-USD	0.60% Min contrim. 18 postages USD 90	-
m)	Cancellation of bankers cheque/DD	15	20,000
n)	Stop payment	28	35,000
o)	Standing order	-	-
p)	Balance enquiry	free	Free
q)	Issue of Balance certificate	7	9,000
r)	New ATM card issuance	-	-
s)	ATM card renewal or replacement	-	-
t)	Overdrawn account interest charge		
	Overdrawn in current account	2% over the TOD rate	2% over the TOD rate
	Overdrawn in loan account	2% over regular rate	2% over regular rate
	Unarranged overdraft	2% over the TOD rate	2% over the TOD rate
v)	Interbank transfer	-	-
w)	Bill payments through ATM	-	-
x)	Deposit fee	-	-
	<b>Savings Accounts</b>		
	(Up to USD 5000)	Free	-
	(Over USD 5000)	0.6% of deposited amount	-

No. ITEM/TRANSACTION		CHARGE/FEE	
		USD	TSHS
2.0	<b>Savings Accounts</b>		
a)	Saving bank customer ID Card-one time	7	10,000
b)	Cash withdrawal per day-Free of charge up to amount	2,000	25,000,000
c)	Cash withdrawal charges over USD 2,000 to 5,000 per day	0.25% of withdrawal amount	-
d)	Cash withdrawal charges over USD 5,000 per day	0.60% of withdrawal amount	-
e)	Cash withdrawal charges over TZS 25,000,000 per day	0.10% of withdrawal amount	-
f)	Required minimum opening balance Without Cheque book	50	50,000
g)	Monthly service fee With Cheque book	200	200,000
h)	Interim statement	1.5 per page	1500 per page
i)	Cheque book charges 25 leaves	15	20,000
j)	Account closure	25	35,000
k)	<b>Maintenance of minimum account balance</b>		
	Without cheque book	50	50,000
	With cheque book	200	200,000
l)	<b>Minimum balance charges (in case of non maintenance of minimum balance)</b>		
	Without cheque book	4 p.m	900 p.m
	With cheque book	15 p.m	3,600 p.m
3.0	<b>Current Accounts</b>		
	Ledger folio charges per folio (40lines per folio)	4 per folio	6,000 per folio
	Cash withdrawal per day-Free of charge up to amount	5,000	25,000,000
	Cash withdrawal charges over USD 5,000 per day	0.6% of withdrawal amount	-
	Cash withdrawal charges over TZS 25,000 Mn per day	0.15% of withdrawal amount	-
	Cheque book charges 50 leaves	27	42,000
	Account closure charges	70	85,000
	<b>Maintenance of minimum account balance</b>	500	500,000
	Minimum balance charges	15 p.m	20,000 p.m
4.0	<b>Electronic Banking</b>		
a)	Internet banking monthly fee	-	-
b)	Internet transfers	-	-
c)	SMS banking	-	-
d)	SMS Alert facility -		
	Minimum SMS Alert Charge ( to be recovered quarterly upfront)	free	free
	Number of Free SMS on paying SMS Alert charge	free	free
	SMS Alert charge per SMS beyond the free SMS (To be recovered in monthly basis)	Free	Free
e)	Others	-	-
5.0	<b>Foreign Exchange Transaction.</b>		
a)	Purchase/sale of FCs transactions over the counter	-	-
b)	Purchase of foreign Cheque.	-	-
c)	Salvage/purchase of cash passport.	-	-
	Telegraphic transfer.	10	10,000
	Remittances Outward (TSS)	-	-
	Other Outward remittances.	-	-
	Up to USD 5,000	A/C holder 15	Non A/C holder 40

USD 6001-10,000		30	-
Above USD 10,000		0.35%max USD 210	-
e)	Telex/SWIFT.	30	-
f)	Transfer from foreign currency denominated account to local current account (within bank and to other bank).	-	-
6.0	<b>Other Charges</b>		
a)	Activation of Dormant Accounts - Per Activation		
	- Individual	3	5,000
	- Corporate	6	12,000
7.0	<b>Personal Loans, Charges</b>		
a)	Processing/Arrangement/Appraisal fee	-	-
i)	Personal loans	1.50%	1.50%
ii)	Overdrafts	1.50%	1.50%
iii)	Mortgage finance	1.50%	1.50%
iv)	Asset finance	1.50%	1.50%
v)	Unpaid loan instalment	5.00% Over the applicable rate	-
c)	Early repayment	2.5% of prepaid loan amount	-
d)	Valuation fees	As per actual charges by valuer	-
e)	Others	-	-
i)	Documentation charges	Actuals as per advocate bill	-
ii)	Document Handling Charges	0.30% of loan amount	-
iii)	Inspection charges	Tshs 30,000 per visit	-
iv)	Modification charges	0.25% on the sanctioned limit	-
8.0	<b>Guarantee (Performance/Financial)</b>		
	Guarantee Commission	1.35% per quarter or part there of minimum for one quarter	-
	Guarantee against 100% cash margin	50% concession on the above rate	-
9.0	<b>Imports</b>		
	LC opening charges	1.35% per quarter +SWIFT charges USD 30	-
	LC against 100% cash margin	50% concession on the above rate	-
	LC amendment charges	Per amendment 0.40% of LC mount (minimum USD 60 and maximum USD 325) +SWIFT charges USD 30 (same for LC against 100% cash margin)	-
	Acceptance of bills under LC	0.60% of Bill amount minimum USD 30 maximum USD 180	-
	Retirement of Bills under LC	0.60% of Bill amount minimum USD 30 maximum USD 360	-
	Inward Bills for collection	0.30% of Bill amount minimum USD 150	-
10.0	<b>Exports</b>		
	Negotiation of Bills under LC	0.60% of Bill amount minimum USD 30 maximum USD 360	-
	Confirmation of Export LC	0.90% per quarter +SWIFT charges USD 30	-
	LC advising charges	USD 150	-
	Export Bills for collection	0.80% of Bill amount minimum USD 30 maximum USD 360	-

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We, the undersigned have examined the above information and hereby declare that the information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and information.

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## UN Women hands over 200 tablets to NBS to ease data collection in August census

By Beatrice Philemon

UN Women Tanzania has handed over 200 tablets to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) to facilitate easy data collection and processing in the coming 2022 Population and Housing Census.

Speaking during the handing over ceremony in Dar es Salaam recently, UN Women Tanzania Representative, Hodan Addou said that they have extended the support to ensure that the population census is achieved where everyone is counted.

The obtained data will help Tanzania and UN Women to shape gender-responsive policies, laws, plans, programmes and budgets to uplift women and girls across the country.

"We will look more closely at data that will inform and support our new four-year programme implemented in six regions mainly Arusha, Coast, Dar es Salaam, Lindi, Mtwara and Singida and 18 districts," she said.

She said it was vital that concerted efforts are made for women and girls at the local level to take part in the census to determine where to focus on development efforts and UN Women has seized every available opportunity during the past few months to promote this important exercise.

"Ensuring that they are counted also means addressing existing gender biases in data collection. This also requires having an adequate number of women enumerators to obtain correct responses from women, and I am happy to note that this is something Tanzania has made sure of for the census," she added.

Addou asserted that the ICT tools, funded by the Embassy of Finland, are in line with the long and productive partnership between UN Women and the National Bureau of Statistics.

Since 2018, UN Women has been collaborating with NBS to implement the Make Every Woman and Girl Count Programme, with the goal to produce quality gender data to inform national policies and programmes.

As the largest statistical exercise conducted in the country, providing invaluable data on individuals and households, the census ties in well with UN Women programming.

Following the census, UN Women will also support NBS to develop a gender monograph from the data to understand the key demographic issues of women at national and more specifically at the local level - not only in terms of burdens and responsibilities, but also in sharing resources and benefits.

This analysis will provide insights into the different types of predominant gender gaps, and help identify how much they affect progress towards sustainable development, and in turn inform actions required for gender equality and women's empowerment and equality.

UN Women has been able to provide these tablets thanks to the support of the Government of Finland as part of the United Nations System and

international community's support to the census.

"We are particularly grateful to the government of Finland who is one of the largest donors for UN Women globally, as well as here in Tanzania, for the sustained partnership and continued commitment to advance gender equality," he said.

Also the handover is in line with a long and productive partnership between UN Women, NBS and OCGS where since 2018, UN Women has been collaborating with NBS to implement the Make Every Woman and Girl Count programme.

The programme aims to create a radical shift in how gender statistics are used, created, shared and accessed.

She said Tanzania has made many positive gains for women and girls in recent decades. However there are still a number of women who still experience numerous challenges. Those with disabilities are especially vulnerable, face even more forms of discrimination and are further left behind.

As they comprise a relatively small number in the population, conventional household surveys cannot always adequately identify and represent their needs. That is why the population Census is absolutely crucial to identify where marginalized populations are as well as the challenges they face."

"I also commend NBS and the entire government of Tanzania for the steps it has taken to ensure that everyone - including women, people with disabilities and other marginalized groups are counted and this is yet another demonstration of the government's commitment to gender equality and inclusivity," she said.

Chief Government Statistician for Zanzibar, Salum Ali said the 200 tablets was an important donation this time when the preparations of the census are in final stages.

"We appreciate the support that we receive from various areas, this will help us complete the exercise well," he said.

Timo Voipio, head of cooperation at the embassy of Finland said: "It is every citizen's right to be counted and thus we encourage everyone to participate in this important exercise."

"Finland is very happy to participate and to partner with UN Women in this initiative. We have been cooperating with UN Women for a number of years in promoting women in leadership and this year we launched a programme to promote leadership at the local levels focusing on six regions in the mainland," he explained.

**“We appreciate the support that we receive from various areas, this will help us complete the exercise well”**

## Census clerks warned against divulging info on households

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

POPULATION and Housing Census clerks have been called upon to adopt ethical behaviour and to maintain secrecy on every household and whoever will violate their oaths will be severely dealt with according to the laws including facing jail terms.

The remarks were made here yesterday by the Census Commissar, Anne Makinda when addressing religious leaders, government officials, local council directors, ward executives and stakeholder from non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Makinda said in the census exercise topsecret will be maintained whereby census clerks and enumerators will take oath to maintain secrecy on households they will visit during the exercise and if they disclose the secrets they will be liable to imprisonment.

"I appeal to all Tanzanians to display patriotism in this exercise and should offer your cooperation by submitting correct information because these will be kept secret, and any enumerator who will divulge the secrets will be

jailed," she said.

She added that during the census exercise every Tanzanian will be enumerated only once saying the data gathered are important for their own development.

She cited the census' benefits as including the government's getting the country's correct population to help better development planning and provision of appropriate social services according to their population.

Meanwhile, Makinda called on the stakeholders to continue mobilising the people for the census with only 49 days to go.

Pastory Ulimali, senior statistician from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said all procedure for the event have been completed, adding that it will be conducted digitally and there will be no household that will be left out because once that happens the system will indicate.

Some participants at the meeting pledged to offer cooperation in mobilising the people to participate in the census exercise slated for August 23 this year.



Hanang' legislator Samwel Hhayuma (R) in tête-à-tête with Endasak ward resident Susan Ombay yesterday while on a routine tour in the constituency, mainly to have a feel of people's grievances with regard to various issues. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

## You will continue to access public services, NIDA assures holders of expiring ID cards

By Francis Kujubi

THE National Identification Authority (NIDA) has assured people whose national ID cards expires at the end of this year that they will not be restricted from accessing public services which they currently enjoy.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam at the ongoing 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair, NIDA spokesperson Geoffrey Tengezeza said that holders of the IDs that expires on December will continue enjoying

the public services as they undergo procedures of securing new IDs.

According to him, in this context, people whose IDs are about to expire are those who hold IDs issued during the first batch in 2012. "People will not start afresh in securing new IDs rather they will just be required to take new pictures. They will also be required to update some information regarding their personal status such as marriage and residing addresses.

During observation of all these procedures they will be enjoying

services offered at public offices as usual by using their national ID numbers. I would like to call upon those whose IDs are about to expire to start renewing procedures immediately," said Tengezeza.

He however, called upon people who have not yet collected their national IDs at the registration centers to do so as many bunches of the items are still uncollected by the holders.

Speaking on this year's international trade fair, Tengezeza said that NIDA is set at registering people for the

national IDs in line with educating the public on renewal of the expiring cards.

"Since the trade fair started we have served not less than 1,000 people who have visited our pavilion in need of registration for the national IDs and those who seek information about the collection of their cards," he asserted.

According to him, the authority at the trade fair exhibitions have been receiving people from outside Dar es Salaam who seeks to know different information about the authority.



Edwin Mgoa (R), Tigo's device and data sales specialist, briefs journalists at the on-going 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday when introducing smartphones of the Xiaomi and Red mi note 11 models. He is with Xiaomi Tanzania sales manager Alex Katagira. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TAMWA-Z'bar calls upon police to hold recent murder suspects

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Media Women Association in Zanzibar (TAMWA-Zanzibar) has appealed to the defence and security organs to arrest and take to court suspects of incidents of murders that have recently taken place in the Isles.

TAMWA-Zanzibar Director, Dr Mzuri Issa said: "We are concerned with these killing incidents and violence

against women reported in the media allegedly out of love jealousy, as the incidents are unlawful."

She said according to media reports, recently a young man - Imani Abdallah Abdallah (38) (aka Kichele), resident of Jambiani Kikadini in Zanzibar South Region is alleged to have killed by machetes one woman, Sumaiya Mohammed Said (23), the incident that has been confirmed both by Zanzibar-South Assistant

Regional Police Commander, Suleiman Hassan Suleiman and the Shehia (ward executive), Hassan Haji Maringo.

Media reports further reported another murder incident at a house in Fuoni, Unguja West B district in which unknown people raided the house belonging to Makame Khatib Mgana, attacked Raya, his wife and eventually killed her child aged less than one year also using machetes.

"In the circumstances," Dr Mzuri said "TAMWA-Zanzibar as a stakeholder and defender against issues of gender based violence and child abuse calls for deliberate efforts to be taken by relevant organs to eradicate these incidents."

She added that TAMWA-Zanzibar believes defence and security organs are the ones solely responsible for the security of citizens and hence calls for the police to make sure they arrest and take to court all the suspects in these incidents.

"We believe that our country has professional police officials hence we ask them to deal with the situation as quickly as possible," said Dr Mzuri.





Ntangeki Nshala International Ltd CEO Nshala Ntangeki (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend symbolically presenting 100 books the firm has donated to the city's Makongo Juu Secondary School. He was on a visit to the school as part of a campaign dubbed 'Ongoza Afrika'. Centre is Form Four student Alexander Anthony, who represented the school, while left is headmistress Geraldine Mwanisenga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Stakeholders convene for six-day training on children care

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast

THE Aga Khan University-Institute for Human Development (AKU IHD) in collaboration with Children in Crossfire Tanzania have brought together 79 children stakeholders in a six-day course aimed to strengthen quality child care in the country.

Commenced on June 4, 2022 at St Gaspar in Dodoma, the training focused on Science of Early Child Development (SECD) to help development of children from the age of 0 to eight years.

Opening the course Minister for Community Development, Women and Special Groups Dr Dorothy Gwajima said Science of Early Child Development (SECD) commended Aga Khan and the stakeholders for supporting the training saying that

it will help promote proper child upbringing as well as protecting children from harm.

The participants are champion journalists, from all 28 Press Clubs of Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar, ten regional development officers, ten regional community development officers and ten non-governmental organisations who at various stances, are implementing the 'Mtoto Kwanza' (A child, our first priority) project under tripartite of Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN), Children in Crossfire Tanzania (CiC) and Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC).

The teams with other children stakeholders are complementing the plans under the five-year National Multi-sectoral Early Childhood Development Programme which

was launched in December 2021 and aimed at seeing every Tanzanian child grow well.

The ministers wanted the participants to utilise the skills attained to bring changes to Tanzanian children especially on their early development.

"We want to ensure that our children grow well, being healthy and patriotic to defend their country as well as contribute to the country's development once they grow up," Dr Gwajima said.

She said that wicked behaviours seen to some current youth is because they lacked good parenting in their early childhood development.

He tasked the project to fight violence against children, citing that in 2021 a total of 14,119 children were abused.

# US nationals embark on Mt Kili expedition to fundraise 46m/- for widows, children in Siha

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

A GROUP of twelve US nationals have started a six-day Mount Kilimanjaro expedition to fundraise \$20,000 (46m/-) for widows, children and families in need in Siha District, Kilimanjaro Region.

The climbers are from the US-based Uhora Foundation and are accompanied by the foundation's president David Burgess.

Speaking before commencing their expedition through Rongai route under ZARA tours, Uhora Foundation marketing director, Rena Olsen said they have partnered with SHEFO/PUNCHMI organisation of Kilimanjaro Region.

"Uhora's five impact programmes are designed to empower people in Tanzania and create sustainable change.

She said the group was also climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise awareness of their activities, celebrating ATLANTA, GA - UhoraTZ, a cross-continental partnership 20 years in the making.

"The story of Uhora is about real-life transformation made possible, involving two different communities in Atlanta, Georgia US and Karansi, Tanzania—who would unite in service to one another and in so doing, begin to change a country," she said.

The Karansi village, at the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro, is a place of majestic beauty. It's also one of devastating poverty with little government or social infrastructure in place to provide a hedge of protection for its people.

Olsen further explained that, the nonprofit Uhora (meaning excellence in Swahili) began out of Atlanta's

Perimeter Church in 2002 and its work in Africa.

"Karansi did however have a young, visionary pastor, Wariaeli Mafie." Pastor Wariaeli saw beyond poverty to the potential of his people. He had a great vision for his village—where children would receive a quality education at a private school, learn English (the language of business), grow in faith and stature, and eventually become the leaders of Tanzania. And that is exactly what is happening," Olsen recalled.

Coming alongside the Tanzanians to help find solutions, hundreds of people from Atlanta and now throughout the US, travel regularly to Karansi on mission trips or mentor and coach Tanzanians through video calls to carry out the work of Uhora's impact programmes in education, business and agriculture, health, community and child sponsorship.

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Peace Corps Tanzania

## Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Vehicles: RFQ Number: PC-621-2022-003

Peace Corps/Tanzania (PCTZ) has a need for up to 3 vehicles. Peace Corps is soliciting fixed-price quotations from the vendor community for the vehicles detailed below.

Quotations are due no later than **5:00PM EAT on 26 July 2022**. Late quotations will not be accepted.

If you are interested in submitting a quotation, please do so by sending a completed and signed Vendor Quotation Form to the contacts indicated below. No phone calls will be accepted.

**Please send an email to the contacts below to receive the full RFQ with the Vendor Quotation Form.**

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or

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Written questions about this Request for Quotation (RFQ) may be sent in the same fashion to the individual(s) noted above in advance of the RFQ due date. No phone calls please.

Peace Corps reserves the right to award to one vendor, or to split the requirement among vendors. Vendors may submit quotations only for those vehicles for which they can meet the below requirements.

### A. Description of Requirements

Item	Make, Model, and Body Style	Toyota Land Cruiser Prado TXL (Code: KD150-GKFEY-A1)
001	Engine Size	1KD-FTV - 2982CC
	Passenger Capacity	7
	Transmission Type	Manual
	Fuel Type	Diesel
	Steering Wheel Position	Right Side
	Additional	- Tool Box - Electric 12V winch - Heavy Duty Bull Bar - Minimum fuel capacity of 150L - Snorkel - Alloy Tire rims
		- Differential lock system - Roof rack - Fire Extinguisher - First Aid Kit - 12V air compressor - Spare Wheel cover
Item	Make, Model, and Body Style	Toyota Fortuner (Code: GUN156R-SNFSHN)
002	Engine Size	1GD-FTV - 2755cc
	Passenger Capacity	7
	Transmission Type	Automatic
	Fuel Type	Diesel
	Steering Wheel Position	Right Side
	Additional	- Tool Box - Minimum fuel capacity of 70L - Alloy Tire rims - Heavy Duty Bull Bar
		- Fire Extinguisher - First Aid Kit - 12V air compressor - Differential lock system
Item	Make, Model, and Body Style	Toyota Land Cruiser Hard Top 5 Door - (Code: HZJ76R-RKMRS-A3)
003	Engine Size	1HZ - 4164cc
	Passenger Capacity	10
	Transmission Type	Manual
	Fuel Type	Diesel
	Steering Wheel Position	Right Side
	Additional	- Tool Box - Minimum fuel capacity of 130L - Roof rack - Heavy duty bull bar - Alloy Tire rims - Snorkel
		- Fire Extinguisher - First Aid Kit - 12V air compressor - Differential lock system - Electric 12V winch

### All vehicles must contain the following standard options:

- \* Be unused with original, unused parts
- \* Seat belts (all locations, including front, rear, side, middle, and jump seat passengers)
- \* Air conditioning
- \* AM/FM radio and CD player
- \* Power assisted steering
- \* Intermittent wipers
- \* Mud guards
- \* Owner's manual in English
- \* Electronic anti-theft system
- \* Steering wheel lock
- \* The manufacturer's commercial warranty registered to the Peace Corps as the first registered owner

- \* All vehicles must meet local regulations and be able to be supported by the local authorized distributor. All vehicles must include general and tropical specifications.
- \* The vendor must provide individual invoices for each vehicle in order for the US Embassy to process the duty exemption.
- \* The vendor must provide all necessary paperwork/documentation to PCTZ to enable registration

of vehicles with the proper authorities in Tanzania, identifying the US Embassy of Tanzania as the legal owner of the vehicles in accordance with US Embassy requirements.

- \* If importing the vehicles into Tanzania, the vendor must transport the vehicle to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- \* If importing the vehicles into Tanzania, Peace Corps will accept quotations indicating that the Vendor will:
  - Complete the customs clearance process based on duty exemption approval documents provided to the vendor by the US Embassy in Tanzania; and
  - Complete the necessary importation registration paperwork,

Or that the Vendor will not be providing services a) and b) specified above. If the Vendor's quotation specifies that they will not be providing services a) and b) specified above, the Vendor's quotation will be evaluated as if the cost was 2,300 USDE per vehicle more than the quoted price. This adjustment is for evaluation purposes only.

### B. Place of Performance and Required Delivery Schedule

Delivery of vehicles should be to the Peace Corps office in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania or to the port in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (if importing). Vendors should indicate their anticipated delivery timeline, including registration and import, in their quotation. Failure to deliver the vehicle by the timeline anticipated in the final contract may result in the contract being withdrawn and awarded to another vendor.

### C. Contract Terms and Conditions

As an Agency of the United States Government, Peace Corps has an approved contract template that it intends to use for the award. Peace Corps reserves the right to deny making a contract award to a vendor should they refuse to sign the Peace Corps approved contract template.

### D. Minimum Criteria:

A quotation will not be considered further if it does not meet the following minimum criteria:

- \* Submitting a complete quotation by the specified deadline.
- \* Ability to provide the vehicle which meets all standard specifications and include all specific requirements noted in section A, Item 001 to the required delivery address within the specified timeframe agreed upon in the final contract.
- \* Ability to provide the vehicle which meets all standard specifications and include all specific requirements noted in section A, Item 002 to the required delivery address within the specified timeframe agreed upon in the final contract.
- \* Ability to provide the vehicle which meets all standard specifications and include all specific requirements noted in section A, Item 003 to the required delivery address within the specified timeframe agreed upon in the final contract.
- \* Vendor confirmed that they are able provide all necessary paperwork/documentation to the U.S. Embassy for the U.S. Embassy to register all vehicle(s) with the proper authorities in Tanzania, identifying the U.S. Embassy of Tanzania as the legal owner of the vehicle(s) in accordance with U.S. Embassy requirements.
- \* If importing the vehicles into Tanzania, vendor confirmed they are able to transport the vehicle to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

### E. Negotiations and Selection:

Award may be made with or without negotiations between the Peace Corps and the selected vendor. Award may be made to a vendor that provided the lowest priced technically acceptable quotation, or to a vendor other than the one that provided the lowest priced quotation, should that vendor be determined to have provided the best value quotation to the Peace Corps taking technical and cost factors into account.

**Note:** All vendors that submit quotations in response to this RFQ will be notified of the results. (End of RFQ)

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## Electronic tags for cattle may do some good but it isn't a panacea

EXPECTATIONS being aired by senior officials of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, relating to tagging electronic devices on ears for up to 10m domestic animals, especially cattle, by end of next month - or even by the end of the year - appear to be a hard climb to make. Well placed ministerial officials admit that so far just around three percent of the targeted animals already have ear tags to track them if the need arises, to know the movement of animals when a sample have those tags. If the big idea is to keep domesticated or reared animals under watch, just a sample would suffice on each heard, for a start.

As a matter of fact this is an exercise that the ministry have always found difficult to take up, as officials say that this exercise is being undertaken to comply with provisions of the Livestock Identification, Registration and Traceability Act of 2010. That makes close to 12 years for the exercise to be done, and definitely the reason wouldn't be the funding, for instance as the matter cuts across a significant breadth of interested parties and several could have made funds available to conduct it. The problem seems to relate to sustainability; animals fixed with the tags could be the first to be sold, making the data too fluid.

Loading precisions in that device as officials explain is problematic, as to how the material is regularly updated. Neither herders nor district

authorities will hire clerks to update the data on each animal, as such data recording may to some extent be relevant on ranch animals of a mature web of transactions, linked to the milk processing industry, beef exports, etc. Walking cows to a rural cattle market calls for no such data, so it is relevant for cattle movement and breaking regulations, but here it is to no avail, definitely.

There is plenty in the movement of herders and their livestock that is to say the least objectionable. So many communities are affected by the cattle rampage when they descend on their farms, so this device can be an 'early warning' method as to where the herd is heading. But technology without the rule of law isn't of much help as the herders know where they are, as well as the police but commerce is transacted.

The problem of herders' movements and the chaos it unfolds where they pass can't be resolved by tagging the animals to know where they are, nor is it likely that the devices will have usable data for any commercial purposes - aside from possible certification of who owns that animal. But as the herders are sufficiently knowledgeable of their animal numbers even if that appears tantalizing for onlookers, the devices don't help them; they need anonymity to move around freely. The device that could check random movements is elevating land occupancy to freehold titles, as that would now be an act of trespass.

## Public agencies can live with investors, not resorting to regulatory impediments

THERE is a feeling of frustration at high levels of government with the legal framework of public procurement and forging of partnerships, as the law involves taking up an elaborate jigsaw. In the final analysis the law puts in charge of procurement or partnerships those appointed to supervise the work, constituting a denial that public authorities have a say in what happens. It has been fertile ground for disputes for decades, and in arriving at initiating strategic projects, the government largely sidelined it.

Those who remember the reform legislation that was passed during the 1990s and some of a decade or two later realize at least one thing, that many were formulated and argued by multilateral organisations, especially the World Bank, arising from intuition that professionals should be left to work, not ordered around by politicians. It is a viewpoint that has many adherents but it is hard to say that it has worked over the years, for the simple reason that the public authorities are in charge of the funds to be disbursed for this or that project to take off. They have to be satisfied with its design and due diligence to pay up.

As each matter of public concern has its time, this issue was not brought up forcefully in the past, as parliamentary discussion in particular was accommodated within the legislation, while higher authorities skirted around its shortcomings. In deciding on the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project, the government publicly put aside supposed certification by

environment professionals who want forests to remain intact. Bidding for the Standard Gauge Railway had to be circumscribed to sourcing of funds so as to proceed.

While the two were special projects where the government could take a different approach while basically letting relevant legislation remain in place, there are now numerous instances where decisions ought to be made so that agreed investment projects can take off. One area which President Samia Suluhu Hassan raised at the signing of the fourth lot of works on SGR was that there was excessive consideration for matters unrelated to that investment, or which can be resolved in a different way, not by holding back certification until all regulatory bodies are satisfied. That is roughly what the Attorney General has been asked to study and draft necessary amendments to overhaul the tone and content of what the laws provide.

The crucial issue is that there is need for a changed approach, where the traditional tone of 'them' and 'us' which essentially presumes that investments are geared at exploitation and quite likely to harm the country's resources - and public interest - unless their conduct is constrained at every step is no longer relevant. It was useful in an economy which sought for the dominant place of the public sector, thus the regulatory authorities ensured that major public organisations had no query with what the investor wants to do. A modus vivendi of investments and the public sector is better, not chocking off investors.



## The African Union at 20: Some reason to cheer, but a lot of work remaining

By Special Correspondent

THE European Union (EU) has lived up to the primary reason it was created - ensuring that member states will not wage physical war against one another, but settle their differences amicably. It owes some of its successes to a combination of enforcement and management mechanisms to ensure member states conform to rules and policies.

Other regional bodies, like the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), are advancing towards their objectives of economic growth, social progress and cultural development. Asean draws on its distinctive informal and consensus-based principles and decision making.

### What about the African Union (AU), which was modelled on the EU?

There is some reason to cheer as the continental body celebrates its 20th anniversary on 9 July. Key among its achievements is the African Continental Free Trade Area, which commenced on 1 January 2021. It is expected to boost intra-African trade by about \$35 billion by end of 2022.

The larger market area will likely attract investment for continental infrastructure development. The increased trade will create jobs, enhance Africa's global competitiveness, improve social welfare and position Africa for greater industrialisation. The resultant economic growth should help contribute to peace and stability for the continent's more than one billion population.

### Permanent mission in Beijing

On the diplomatic front, the AU has established a permanent mission in Beijing, China, to strengthen economic, commercial and cultural ties with Africa's largest trading partner. This consolidates Africa's global profile and ability to speak with one voice on world affairs.

Still to be achieved is reform of the UN Security Council to give Africa at least two permanent seats. Over two-thirds of the council's agenda concerns Africa, yet the continent is excluded from permanent representation.

In my view, the AU still needs to address two main problems to steer Africa into a prosperous future. These are the use of unconstitutional means by leaders to hold on to power; and disregard for the rule of law.

### Unconstitutional hold on power

Africa has seen a troubling



African Union troops arrive in an armoured vehicle at the scene of an attack on the parliament in Mogadishu, Somalia. AU still needs to address two main problems to steer Africa into a prosperous future.

resurgence of military coups and leaders using unconstitutional means to cling to power. There have been at least 32 coups and coup attempts since 2013, when General Abdel Fattah El-Sisi toppled the government in Egypt.

The AU handed him its rotating chair-ship in 2019, tacitly endorsing power grabs.

Following the October 2021 coup in Sudan, United Nations secretary general Antonio Guterres expressed concern that some military leaders felt they could do whatever they wanted.

Five out of the seven coup attempts since 2020 succeeded. The coup leaders in the five countries - Burkina Faso, Chad, Guinea, Mali and Sudan - violently suppressed pro-democracy protesters.

The death toll from the suppression of anti-coup protesters in Sudan, for instance, is over 100. Over 18 million Sudanese are threatened by food insecurity.

### Sudan political paralysis

But the AU acts as if it's unaware of the political paralysis in Sudan.

Some coup plotters justify their actions by pointing to poor social, political and economic conditions in their countries. For example, Colonel Mamady Doumbouya of Guinea cited endemic corruption and lack of economic progress to justify deposing President Alpha Condé in September 2021.

Condé had manipulated the constitution to extend his term. This

led to political instability. But that does not justify the coup.

Turning a blind eye to unconstitutional leaders and their actions indicates a backsliding from peaceful handover of power and democracy. It threatens Africa's security.

Some African leaders have perfected the art of unconstitutionally holding on to power. They use violence to rig elections. Or they doctor the rules of participation to exclude rivals. That happened in Tanzania, where laws that clamped down on freedoms of expression and assembly were passed and enforced ahead of the 2020 election.

Others criminalise popular opposition leaders, as happened to leading opposition challenger Bobi Wine in Uganda. Some feign constitutional reform to change constitutions and prolong their stay.

### Disregard for rule of law

Africa is seeing a relapse into the autocratic rule of the Cold War era. An increasing number of democratically elected and legitimate governments are cracking down on civil society organisations. This is worrying, even if it is part of a global trend.

The governments are squeezing out institutions that should hold them accountable and are silencing the media. They arrest activists and enact laws that restrict civil society organisations and their activities.

This reversal in democratic norms

flies in the face of the normative framework mechanisms of the AU, which are about the rule of law, peace, security, democracy, good governance and human rights.

The AU should deal decisively with member states that undermine the rule of law within their territories. The rule of law is essential for sustained and inclusive economic growth, sustainable development, and the eradication of poverty and hunger. The rule of law enables people, business and commerce to flourish.

### Looking ahead

African leaders should address the problems which military leaders use as the pretext for coups in African states - mainly corruption, misuse and insecurity. Solving these problems would deny the military an excuse to interfere in civilian matters.

Instead of cracking down on citizens and civil society, states should use their natural resources to grow their economies and empower citizens. Collective economic strength will improve Africa's standing as a global actor.

### The response to coups and instability can't be limited to sanctions.

The AU must also be firm and consistent in dealing with constitutional violations. It's no use hoping that illegitimate officials will relinquish power. Recent examples show that perpetrators simply defy calls to restore constitutional order.



## It is self-destruction when humans choose violence instead of dialogue

**C**ELEBRATED English writer Herbert George Wells famously remarked "If we don't end war, war will end us." And Canadian poet and novelist Margaret Atwood gave us this impressive definition: "War is what happens when language fails."

Effect of the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine is being felt all over the world. It has seen prices of fuel and key foodstuff such as wheat skyrocket, leading to high cost of living that could have been avoided if dialogue prevailed.

Also, there are other never-ending wars and conflicts going on in places like Yemen and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Sudan is not at piece yet just as most of the Sahel region. This tells one ugly truth about us humans: we have refused to learn from our own mistakes.

The effects of war are widely spread and can be long term or short term. Soldiers experience war differently from civilians, although either suffers in times of war. Women and children suffer unspeakable atrocities in particular. Most wars have resulted in a significant loss of life.

One predominantly damaging effect of war is on education due to proliferation of attacks on schools with children teachers when school buildings become the target of violence. During times of war, teachers and students often suffer death or displacement. This prevents the opening of schools and increases teacher absenteeism.

War impacts women differently as they are more likely to die from indirect causes as opposed to direct ones. Women become victims of sexual violence and existing inequalities magnified. During a time of war, women are often separated from their husbands or lose them as a cost of war.

Because of this, there is a dramatic economic cost on women causing many to bear the entire economic responsibilities for their households. There are many effects of war on women that may manifest emotionally, psychologically and physically.

During war, cultural assets are threatened with destruction, confiscation, looting and robbery. Cultural heritage can be archaeological finds, excavation sites, archives, libraries, museums and monuments that are sometimes simply vandalized or stolen by warring parties in



A US soldier watches as a statue of Iraq's President Saddam Hussein falls in central Baghdad on April 9, 2003. File photo

order to finance the war.

In addition to the human suffering caused by war and armed conflict, around three quarters of all manmade cultural assets and thus the testimonies and evidence of human creativity are destroyed in this way. In contrast, only about a quarter of all cultural assets has been destroyed by natural disasters or has permanently disappeared due to normal deterioration.

War leads to forced migration, causing large displacements of population. Among forced migrants there are usually relatively large shares of artistic and other types of creative people, making war effects to be particularly harmful to warring countries' creative potential in the long run. War also has a negative effect on an individual artist's output.

Armed conflicts contribute to environmental degradation in two main ways. The first is direct effects such as killings of native biota and the second is indirect effects namely depriving species of resources needed to survive or even their entire habitat.

For humans, apart from soldiers and civilian deaths, the toxic chemicals cause severe life-threatening diseases. So, people suffer from life threatening diseases like cancer and all manner of birth defects due to wars.

Consequences of war include mental issues especially on women. Other vulnerable groups are children, the elderly and the disabled. Wars have had an important part in psychiatric history in a number of ways. A large number of books

and documents have addressed the effects of war on mental health. The effects of wars include long term physical and psychological harm to children and adults.

The real number of victims of a war can only be estimated. It depends, for instance, on whether 'victims' are only defined as those who died as a direct result of armed violence. This would mean disregarding those who,

during a war, died from exposure, epidemics or as a result of sexual violence and hunger. It also disregards those who have died years later from wounds or illnesses sustained in the war such as the radiation victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Another consequence of war is the transformation of national citizens into refugees. War always takes away their home and their livelihoods, often long term. Hunger, malnutrition and diseases directly threaten the refugees and their children.

War elevates the risk of malnutrition and diseases linked to malnutrition. Lack of access to clean water can also enhance the prevalence of cholera and other water-borne illness. If cholera is left untreated, it kills in a matter of hours.

People forced to live in conditions where illness like cholera can prevail, such as those living in areas actively involved in endless wars and conflicts have higher mortality rates than those living in peaceful countries or regions.

Children's and maternal health are important for development of any nation. War can have a significantly detrimental impact on women's health which can impact the health of their children, poorer health in later life and childhood development problems.

Therefore, direct or indirect effect or impact of war on people's lives are really beyond imagination. Civilians being injured by airstrikes and shelling and gunfire during war are left with permanent disabilities. Also, innocent children die from diseases that are easily preventable by vaccines.

In conflict zones, public health infrastructure collapse, water and sanitation infrastructure also break down and more and more people struggle to find food while fewer and fewer people get jobs.

War destroys the very base of humanity and yet countries go to war. They fight over invisible borders, materialistic resources and even mere egos. If you look at it humanely, sometimes countries fight over things that should not matter. They kill one another over earth that they don't love as their own. They fight for power and money that they finally die and leave behind.

War has never been a necessity; it is always a choice, and it is always a bad choice. It is a choice that always leads to more wars. Some powerful groups benefit from war and violence. The vast majority of humans, however, will gain a lot from a world without war. Without peace, the world would be a place where only the strongest survive to tell the story.

The obvious truth is that the world cannot progress without peace. I wish one day we will all live in a world free of wars; only peace, peace and peace everywhere. When and if that day comes, every region, country, continent and human being will have won their war against war.



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## Small abacus supports Nigerian young woman's dream in education startup

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**O**NE afternoon in mid-June, Shirley Ben stood by the stage in the auditorium of an elementary school in the southern Nigerian city of Port Harcourt, where she dictated a series of numbers to several children on stage.

The children's pen-holding hands made a few strokes in the air, quickly wrote numbers on the sketchpad held in the other hands, and raised them to show the audience, causing a burst of applause.

This is the final of an abacus and mental math competition held by a local abacus and mental arithmetic training school. On that day, 300 pupils experienced a preliminary contest, while eventually, 15 winners stood out to participate in the final.

"We have trained these children over a period of time and they are using the abacus right now to show the skills that they have gained from using it. So with this competition, parents and everybody are able to see how fast their children can calculate using the abacus as a tool," said Ben, 35, the principal of this abacus and mental arithmetic training school, while addressing the media at the scene of the competition.

According to Ben, her training school offers three levels of training courses, with each level requiring a study period of four months.

And the 300 contestants were chosen from about 3,000 pupils currently in abacus and mental arithmetic training in Port Harcourt after an evaluation test held in May. Four years ago, at the recommendation of a relative study-

ing in China, Ben went to east China's Shandong Province to better understand the "magic" brain-stimulating skills for children. Abacus and mental math originated from the Chinese Zhusuan, a time-honored traditional method of performing mathematical calculations with an abacus.

Zhusuan was listed as an intangible cultural heritage by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2013. "I saw how the Chinese children were using the abacus to do the calculation. I was very interested in this, and decided to bring this knowledge here in Nigeria," the former stock manager told Xinhua.

After six months of training in the abacus in China in 2018, Ben returned to Port Harcourt to set up a training school and led her team to promote the abacus-based mental math courses in local primary schools.

Because the mental training skill works well to improve children's counting ability, the courses they offer were quickly accepted by teachers, students and parents.

Today, Ben's training school has two direct teaching centers in Port Harcourt, with 10 professional teachers, and more than 40 partner schools.

In an interview with reporters at the scene of the competition, Kike David, a mother whose two children attended the abacus and mental arithmetic training class and the competition, said her children have developed self-confidence and love for mathematics since they started studying the abacus. "We want to encourage the government to buy into this



program and take it to our public schools," David said.

Roberta Ide, a private primary school principal who watched the competition, told Xinhua she was really impressed by the children's outstanding performance and expects more schools to sign up abacus in the Nigerian curriculum system. "I used to think the abacus

was only used for counting but with what I have witnessed here today, (I now understand) the abacus skill is a brain-stimulating process and it is highly beneficial for learning especially in young kids," she said. In a video interview with Xinhua, Li Mianjun, the founder of China Shenmo Education, believed to be the pioneer and

leader of abacus and mental arithmetic training, said abacus and mental math is a technique that originates from the abacus. This technique, he explained, encourages the learner to depict the abacus's plate, beads and grade in the mind, and complete the counting process without using the physical abacus.

This technique has been effective in improving children's cognitive function and attention, Li said. And now, with the growing global influence of Chinese culture, the abacus has spread to more countries. According to him, since 2018, Shenmo Education has funded the establishment of abacus and mental math training schools in

more than ten countries including Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia. The Chinese-inspired Ben now has an even bigger wish to expand the abacus training business to other cities in Nigeria in the coming years and promote the establishment of abacus training and certification standards in Nigeria. **Xinhua**



NAIROBI

# Kenya's presidential campaign enters home-stretch

**K**ENYA'S campaign for the presidency has entered a decisive moment ahead of the country's general elections slated for August 9, with each of the four candidates outlining bold, ambitious albeit controversial blueprints to win the hearts and minds of 22.1 million registered voters.

For the first time in the country's history of multiparty politics dating back three decades ago, the presidential candidates have focused primarily on the economic plight of citizens, saddled by inflationary pressure and unemployment.

So far, three out of the four presidential candidates have launched their manifesto, outlining their key priorities including economic renewal, anti-graft war, youth and women empowerment if elected to the highest office in the land.

Raila Odinga, the 77-year-old veteran opposition leader who is vying for presidency under the Azimio La Umoja (Resolution for Unity) One Kenya Coalition of 26 political parties, was the first to launch his manifesto on June 6, with a firm pledge to unite the country, hasten economic growth, improve governance and revamp provision of basic services like education, health, water, and shelter.

With backing from Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta and a large section of the country's economic and



Kenyan presidential candidates William Ruto (L) and Raila Odinga.

political elite, Odinga who is making his fifth stab at the presidency has a clear advantage in the race. Odinga's manifesto

outlined his ten-point agenda for the country set the tone for the presidential campaigns, amid pledges for drastic reforms

in the country's economic and governance structures, to realign inclusive growth.

Some of the ambitious pledg-

es Odinga made in his manifesto was that his administration would ensure that poor households received a monthly stipend of 6,000 shillings (about 50.90 U.S. dollars) besides rolling out universal health insurance and free schooling up to the tertiary level. Determined to maintain an edge in the presidential race, Odinga's three rivals have also been traversing the country, making a strong pitch for economic empowerment in a bid to win more voters.

Local pollsters have placed Odinga neck to neck with his closest rival William Ruto, the 56-year-old sitting deputy president who is eyeing the presidency under the Kenya Kwanza (Kenya First) alliance of more than ten political parties.

When he launched his manifesto last Thursday night, Ruto stressed that his grassroots-centered economic model would channel more resources to small and medium-sized enterprises, agro-processing, and indigenous manufacturing, to spur growth and tackle youth unemployment.

Pundits noted that while Ruto and Odinga were fierce competitors in the race for the presidency, their point of convergence was the urgency to address the soaring cost of living and unemployment, which threatened Kenya's stability.

The two candidates have divergent views on how to reinvigorate economic growth, fight graft, and govern the country effectively, but are united in their call for people-centered growth, gender equity, and universal access to basic services.

Both Ruto and Odinga represent mainstream political formations and have avoided taking controversial positions unlike their nearest competitor, George Wajackoyah, a legal scholar who has caused a sensation on the campaign trail, for pledging to legalize marijuana cultivation. When he launched his manifesto last Thursday night, the 63-year-old Wajackoyah who is vying for presidency under the Roots Party vowed to make marijuana a cash crop besides encouraging farmers to rear snakes, to boost Kenya's export earnings.

According to Wajackoyah, large-scale cultivation and export of medical marijuana could fetch 78.03 billion dollars to the Kenyan economy annually, while each local farmer would make 6,300 dollars from the sale of a vial of cobra snake's venom.

His controversial proposals like relocating the capital Nairobi to Isiolo, a semi-arid county in northern Kenya, suspending sections of the constitution, and allowing Kenyans to work for only four days a week, veered to the extreme.

Analysts opine that Wajackoyah could deny Ruto and Odinga a sizable chunk of youthful voters who are animated by his comical and sometimes controversial policy prescriptions, even as he unsettles the status quo.

David Mwaure Waihiga, a veteran political activist who is eyeing the presidency under the Agano party and is yet to launch his manifesto, has been promising ethical leadership while eschewing controversial positions.

# A decade of transformation turns China's financial market into larger global presence

BEIJING

**C**HINA'S financial market, young and fast-growing, is at a new outset to open up further to the global markets, building on the transformative steps it has taken in the past decade.

The country's equity market and bond market expanded 238.9 percent and 444.3 percent respectively over the past 10 years, now both the second largest worldwide, official data showed.

It has also attracted more foreign investors and institutional investors, diversified investment options, and given rise to a bevy of world-class industry bellwethers.

"Looking ahead, China's financial sector will remain committed to unremitting reform and opening up to ensure long-term stability," said Chen Yulu, vice governor of the People's Bank of China, at a recent press conference.

## BETTER PLAYING FIELD

Over the past decade, China's financial market has sharpened its appeal to investors worldwide through reforms to render a more market-oriented and rules-based environment.

"A major milestone is the introduction of a registration-based initial public offering (IPO) system, which signifies that China's capital market is taking the market-oriented turn," said Wu Xiaoli, former vice president of the Renmin University of China and president of its China Capital Market Research Institute.

The country vowed to carry out the system in a decision adopted at the Third Plenary Session of the 18th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China in 2013. It was first piloted at the sci-tech innovation board at the Shanghai Stock Exchange in 2019.

It helped improve the transparency of China's capital market and spur innovation and growth potential of listed companies, making the equity market more investment-worthy and paving the way for further opening of the capital market, said Wu.

To tilt financing more in favor of smaller companies and innovation-powered ones, China launched the sci-tech innovation board in 2019

and the Beijing Stock Exchange in 2021 in supplement to the blue chip-dominant main boards of the Shanghai and Shenzhen bourses.

Official data showed that 46 of the around 2,200 Chinese listed firms in emerging industries are each valued at over 100 billion yuan (about 14.9 billion U.S. dollars), up from zero 10 years ago.

The market is given an increasingly prominent role in China's financial sector to discern the quality firms and sift out the underperformers. In the A-shares, funds now distinctively favor firms with robust earnings, said Li Chao, vice chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC), adding that companies delisted between 2019 and 2021 more than tripled that of the previous decade combined thanks to an upgraded regulatory mechanism.

The rule of law is also being strengthened in the capital market. The new securities law effective since March 1, 2020, and a series of regulatory documents raised penalties for financial crimes, while the "zero-tolerance" policy of law enforcement enhanced deterrence.

In a nod to the evolution of China's capital market, major global benchmarks like MSCI, FTSE Russell, and the S&P Dow Jones have included the A-shares and strengthened their weightings. China's government bonds also made their way into three major global bond market indices.

## HAPPIER PARTICIPANTS

A welcoming playing field has benefited financial institutions and investors from home and abroad.

"The expansion of China's capital market in the past decade spawned and nurtured financial services providers, including brokerages, mutual funds and banks," said Zhai Chenxi, vice president of TF Securities.

The total asset of China's futures and securities brokers increased 5.5 times over the period, while public offering funds now manage 26 trillion yuan of assets, nine times that of 10 years ago.

To attract foreign investors, China scrapped foreign ownership caps for securities, fund management, futures, and life insurance firms; and launched the Shanghai-Hong Kong, and Shenzhen-Hong Kong stock connect schemes. It also allowed eligible overseas institutional investors to invest directly or through connectivity in the exchange bond market from June 30.

As a result, overseas entities' holdings of domestic renminbi (RMB) financial assets have increased by 2.4 times compared with 10 years ago, while the weighting of the RMB in the International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Rights basket has risen from 10.92 percent in 2016 to 12.28 percent.

"China has made substantial progress in opening its financial



Photo taken on Oct. 19, 2020 shows an exterior view of the People's Bank of China in Beijing. File photo

market and integrating its markets into the global markets over the past few years, and we definitely expect that momentum will remain strong," said Samuel Fischer, Deutsche Bank's head of China onshore Debt Capital Markets and deputy Beijing Branch manager of Deutsche Bank (China) Co., Ltd.

"Deutsche Bank is a big promoter and beneficiary of China's financial market opening," Fischer said. China's opening of its bond market and simplified market access rules for foreign bond issuers through Panda bonds served as a big tailwind for the bank to develop its businesses, he said.

Many other foreign-funded institutions also saw their businesses grow, buoyed by China's financial opening. Last year, UBS Securities and Credit Suisse Securities (China) Limited reported net profit hikes of 130 percent and 283 percent respectively.

The rise of institutional investors

and foreign capital benefits all market participants, including individual investors, because they provide long-term funds that reward best-performing firms and can help absorb excessive market volatility, said Zhai.

Institutional investors and foreign funds held 22.8 percent of the total value of tradable shares by the end of May, up by 6.9 percentage points from 2016, official data showed.

## TOWARD THE CENTER STAGE

On top of the accomplishments over the past decade, analysts and officials say there is still a huge potential to be tapped before China gains a presence deserving of its size in the global financial market.

At present, RMB accounts for only 2.79 percent of global forex reserves. Foreign investors' holdings in China's stock and bond markets stand at a relatively low level of 3 percent to 5 percent compared with economies

such as Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Brazil.

"China will eventually be home to a top financial center of the world," said Wu. To achieve this goal would require better transparency, rule of law, the long-term credit of the RMB, and stronger listed companies, he said.

Industry insiders also called for further facilitating foreign access to the Chinese financial market.

Authorities are on the move. The registration-based IPO system, now extended to the Beijing Stock Exchange and the tech-heavy ChiNext market on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, will be implemented across the board to further improve the quality of China's listed firms.

The country will expand the scope of Shanghai-Hong Kong and Shenzhen-Hong Kong stock connect schemes and offer overseas investors more cross-border investment and risk management products, said Wang Jianjun, vice chairman of the CSRC.

It will also build up supervision capacities and enhance cooperation with other countries, he added.

Overseas investors have acknowledged the appeal of RMB assets, with more than 60 percent of overseas financial institutions surveyed by the Bank of China saying they will increase their holdings of RMB-denominated assets.

Many global financial institutions expanded their footprints in China, a token of their faith in the country's continued financial opening. UBS and Credit Suisse Group increased stakes in their respective brokerages on the Chinese mainland, while JP Morgan, Goldman Sachs, and Citigroup are actively staffing up.

Xinhua

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## It's time for parents to sensitise children on friendly reproductive health services

By Correspondent Daniel Sembeya

YOUTH in the contemporary world represents a tremendous potential development of human capital which a nation cannot afford to neglect. However, they face myriad issues that need concerted efforts from all stakeholders to address them.

The issues surrounding youth are as old as humanity. However, the issues facing youth in the 21st Century are far much different from issues of youth in the yester centuries.

There is no doubt that certain efforts have been made by the government and other key players towards addressing the plight of youth. However, developing economies like Tanzania are still grappling with numerous youth issues of varied magnitude.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with this paper over the weekend in Dar es Salaam, Director of Binti Makeni Foundation [BMF] Janeth Kiko said that in partnership with Binti Salha Foundation under the sponsorship of the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights [WGNERRAFRICA] are implementing a three months project called "You Can Project," mainly targeting youth on how they can address all issues related to stigmatisation so that they can access reproductive and gender services.

Kiko said that they empower the youth with proper knowledge on

sexual/reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, on how to get rid of stigma, discrimination and self denial.

She said that having detected the existing gap between parents/guardians and their children they organised a half day seminar that brought together over 100 parents and some youth from Temeke District to discuss on how to address issues facing their children.

Kiko said "We intend to know if these parents really educate their children/youth on comprehensive safe reproductive health."

She urged parents to openly tell/caution their children on how they can behave as grownups and at the end become good and responsible citizens.

Kiko has urged parents to seriously teach their children to behave cautiously so as to avoid acquiring HIV/AIDS epidemic, which has been affecting many youth today who are the national manpower.

For her part, Director of Salha Foundation Salha Aziz said that they have been implementing this project to ensure the girls have proper knowledge so as to get rid with reproductive health and gender issues.

She noted "There are many challenges facing the youth that have made them fail to get friendly reproductive health services and proper information on reproductive health



Tememe Municipal Council social services committee chairperson Kabalika Mwansasu addresses parents and youths during a seminar on friendly reproductive health services organised by Binti Salha Foundation in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo courtesy of Binti Salha Foundation

and gender issues.

They also educate them on proper ways of reproductive health planning, when they are ready to give birth and compressive sexual-ity education which is not taught in school.

Aziz said that many girls have been dying when or after committing abortion over lack of post abortion care services knowledge. So, their intention is to educate them on how they can access that service because it is available in health centres and other hospitals.

So, she has urged girls who have self denial, stigmatisation

and hence hesitate to seek medical treatments when they commit abortion to stop it, and instead go for post abortion care services in hospitals. She said that as per the mission of Binti Salha Foundation, they enable the accessibility of girls' rights by raising awareness on educational and health issues to girls and society at large.

Importantly, they want to see a society that respects the girl child's dignity.

According to Aziz, You Can Project is a project that is being implemented in three East African countries namely: Kenya, Uganda

and Tanzania. It is a three months project that started in April this year and will end in July this year.

Meanwhile, the guest of honour during that seminar, Councillor of Sandali Ward who also doubles as the Chairperson of the Committee of social services at the Tememe Municipal Council, Kabalika Mwansasu commended Binti Salha Foundation for organising that capacity building seminar to parents and youths.

He said "Our girls and youth in general are getting lost because parents have failed to fulfil our responsibilities."

Mwansasu has therefore urged parents to discipline their children to stop doing bad things. Adding that, parents are one of the main contributing factors that have destroyed the behaviour of their children for failing to perform their responsibilities.

"Let us prepare our children in a way that will make them be future good, responsible citizens of this country," he urged.

One of the participants to the seminar, Evodia Mwombesi from Keko Magulumbasi, Evomeke district commended that foundation for that seminar. Saying it has been an eye opener to her because she has learnt reproductive health issues which she previously did not know.

Rehema Jama also from Keko Magulumbasi said that the seminar was very educational on not only reproductive health, but also on how to talk to her children and lead them in the right way to become good citizens.

Literature review reveals that there are myriad issues that continue to face youth in developing economies like Tanzania. These include but not limited to unemployment, fragile livelihoods, HIV/AIDS and sexuality, abuse and exploitation, crime and violence.

This would therefore imply that interventions should be directed towards the areas of policies, creation of livelihood opportunities, crime, political domain and recreation and entertainment.

Youth is the period of human development which occurs between childhood and adulthood. The typical age bracket for youth is 18 to 30 years, although various countries and institutions may adjust the age brackets higher or lower to suit their particular concerns.

Identifying and prioritizing the key issues facing youth could therefore provide the road map towards youth sustainability not only in Tanzania, but also in other developing economies

## Tanzania's special training centre provides a second chance for out-of-school youths

By Guardian Correspondent

HADIA Baruti Wimbi was only six years old when she left her parents' home, eventually leading to her spending much of her childhood without any schooling. "An elderly member of my family came to see my parents, asking if she could take me away. She promised my parents that she would enrol me in school. When she became my guardian, she enrolled her own children, but not me," Wimbi explained.

For a long time, it seemed the youngster would go the same way as so many of her peers in Zanzibar,

Tanzania, where many lack skills sought by the job market. Thankfully, Wimbi was thrown a lifeline by her uncle and a project supported by the African Development Fund.

"I was 13; he came to get me and entrusted me to a teacher," she said. But it was far from easy.

"It took me a year to persuade her to go to school. She didn't want to go, because she felt too old," said Fatima Rashid Ali, the teacher who took her in. "I told her that a traditional school would not suit her, but I knew of a center that offered an alternative way of learning."

As fate would have it, Wimbi be-

came one of the beneficiaries of the Alternative Learning and Skills Development Project, which received a \$32.7 million grant from the African Development Fund to build two vocational training centers. One such center is the Raha Leo Alternative Learning Center, where Wimbi gained the opportunity to believe in a brighter future.

But she was way behind in her learning and far older than the other students in her class.

"If I hadn't come to this center, I would have spent my life doing domestic work. Now, I can read and write. I'm sure that once I've fin-

ished my studies, I'll be able to set up my own business. I'm so glad to have studied here," she said.

Wimbi is one of hundreds who have benefited from the Alternative Learning and Skills Development Project, which is helping the government of Tanzania make strides in addressing the skills challenge.

Starting with around a dozen boarders at first, the centers have grown and now have more than 2,000 students gaining a basic education.

"We had just 32 students in the Raha Leo Alternative Learning Center when we opened in 2006. Every one of them had dropped out of school.

Nearly 95percent of them had become separated from their families. Today, we try to get close to them, to show them our affection and teach them things," said Kazija Salmin Ufuzo, a teacher of Swahili and mathematics at the center.

She said the aim was to teach students to read, write and master basic numeracy. But students need other skills too: "We have launched programs such as homecraft, computer maintenance, agriculture, carpentry, electrical installation, cookery and sewing," Ufuzo said.

According to Madina Mjaka Mwyni, principal assistant at the

Ministry of Education and Vocational Training in Zanzibar, 85 percent of the young people who have been trained in the different vocational centers have set up a business.

Today, Tanzania boasts around a dozen learning and training centers, making a difference in the lives of young people who may have otherwise missed out on education altogether.

The African Development Fund's support has provided more than 6,000 interest-free micro-loans to students in Tanzania, over 70percent of them women, to start businesses.

## Rufiji villagers advise govt to conduct elections of leaders

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

TAWI villagers in Rufiji district, Coast Region, are up in arms against the locality leaders for failing to execute their duties and responsibilities properly.

It is now more than one year, the villagers through the village meeting have removed the chairman and also fired a total of three village executive officers in three years period, the village is currently led by hamlet leaders of Mkukiki, Kikobo, Gege and Mkwili on a rotational basis.

Speaking to The Guardian, former chairman of the village natural resource committee Habibu Said Mniwa said the leaders were taking advantage of the distant village location especially long distance between the village and the district's headquarters which is more than 50kms to fail the village for personal gain.

They thought they could do anything they wanted because they couldn't be reached and monitored easily by the district leaders.

"We thank you The Guardian paper very much for coming here to listen to us. We have so many grievances. We have no one to defend us and present our grievances to the district because of distant location of the village," said another villager Salum Ally Kitango.

Mniwa explained that the village set aside the village land forest reserve which has 2,887hectares in 2016, then they started harvesting in 2018

and the village started getting big profits from community based forest conservation but audit from forest stakeholders' revealed huge embezzlement of public funds.

"There were audit cases which the village leaders were supposed to answer at the village meeting but they have never answered and no one villager could be courageous enough to make follow up due to the village complex infrastructures and its distance from the district headquarters.

He said for the ousted village leaders could stay in power for more than six months without convening any village meeting to read income and expenditure of the revenues accrued from community based forest management (CBFM) efforts.

"When you criticize them openly they would fire you from your position in the natural resource committee. They only want polite people who would follow their wishes and supports their ill-gain," he said.

He said violation of good governance and the rule of law was the order of the day and no one would be able to make follow up because the village is located far away from Rufiji district headquarters.

He said the villagers wanted leaders who would be able to manage and supervise the village natural resources and the money accrued from the community based forest management (CBFM).

The villagers therefore call on the government to arrest them and conduct fresh elections of



Tawi villagers in Rufiji district show the village office rehabilitated by the revenue accrued from CBFM. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

the village leaders to get proper leaders with the right skill-set.

Ally Salum Kitango commonly known as Lipumba said the local elections held in 2019 were violated in many ways, a situation which gave loophole for bad leadership to come in.

Kitango said "political dirty game" during the elections undermined disciplined, committed and capable people paving the way for incompetent leaders.

"I can tell you they were all standard seven, their lead-

ership capability was also very low," he said.

Kitango who is also Mbwar ward CCM party publicity secretary said that as a result, they failed to execute their duties and responsibilities properly.

"Everything was in shambles, they didn't know management well of public resources, there was no good governance on public funds accrued from community based forest management (CBFM).

Kitango who is also Mbwar ward CCM party publicity secretary also called on fresh elections.

These forest stakeholders have played their part, they provided education on good governance and book keeping, but those who received that education could not practice what they have learnt.

They didn't even consult the former leaders who were trained to tap on their knowledge and experience; as a result they end up misleading the villagers.

The district commissioner major Edward Gowele reinstated the village council and promised to make close follow up on the villagers claim.



By Shewit Woldemichael

# Africa's security depends on strategic action – not just verbal commitment

THE African Union's (AU) 16th extraordinary summit on 28 May sought solutions to the threats of terrorism and unconstitutional changes of government (UCGs) in Africa. These were "hindering Africa from achieving its goals of becoming a peaceful and prosperous continent," said AU Commission chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat.

The summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, which came at a time of increasing terrorist attacks and UCGs in Africa, resulted in a draft declaration and draft decision. African heads of state endorsed previous recommendations by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) and other organs that could enhance AU responses to these threats. The outcomes are a continental commitment to addressing these problems, without signalling a significant policy shift in AU responses to them.

Whether and how these decisions are implemented remains to be seen. Especially considering the significant financial and human resource restrictions the AU faces, particularly the AU Commission, which is expected to be central to implementing these decisions.

The summit declaration adopted the theme "robust response, deepening democracy and collective security." It's mostly a political statement that reiterates AU member states' commitment to previous AU decisions, frameworks and mechanisms on terrorism and UCGs.

It acknowledges how severely the two issues threaten African peace and

security, and calls on member states to ratify and implement AU decisions and instruments on both. It also reaffirms AU decisions, including establishing a counter-terrorism unit under the African Standby Force (ASF) and implementing a fund to fight terrorism and violent extremism.

The declaration endorses the AU Specialised Technical Committee on Defence, Safety and Security's May 2022 recommendation for an AU and regional economic communities (RECs) agreement on the ASF. It further recommends establishing a counter-terrorism coordination task force at ministerial level to enhance synergy and harmonise counter-terrorism responses at different levels.

The more succinct draft decision includes seven major action-oriented resolutions that provide more guidance on AU responses to UCGs beyond the declaration. The draft decision seeks immediate reactivation of the sanctions sub-committee and establishment of a PSC sub-committee on UCGs to monitor other potential UCGs, including national constitution amendments. The AU Commission has been tasked with developing guidelines for such amendments by the February 2023 summit.



AU Commission (AUC) chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat has acknowledged the lack of consistent implementation of the AU's legal and policy provisions. (Photo: ISS Today)

responsibilities or if they'll work together in a structure yet to be established.

Implementing the summit decisions will have serious cost implications. The declaration promises a budget for national and regional response to terrorism and violent extremism. However, given the AU's track record of allocating funding to initiatives, member states will have difficulty deciding on a budget and meeting their commitments.

It's also unclear whether this finance will come from the AU's regular budget, the Peace Fund Crisis Reserve Facility or the newly established special counter-terrorism fund. While establishing the counter-terror unit under the ASF was endorsed by the summit, its realisation will face similar financial challenges.

The decision to develop guidelines for the amendment of national constitutions is also not new. Since 2010, member states have asked the AU Commission to develop such a guideline that will be universally applicable to its members. The Commission, however, can't do with its constrained human and financial resources.

The sub-committees on counter-terrorism and sanctions have never operated due to inadequate human resources in delegations of member states and the AU Commission. The AU lacks the human resources and financial capacity to monitor and enforce sanction regimes.

Moreover, while various AU agencies working on terrorism and violent extremism might actively support that sub-committee, there are no active units focusing on governance issues to support the UCGs sub-committee.

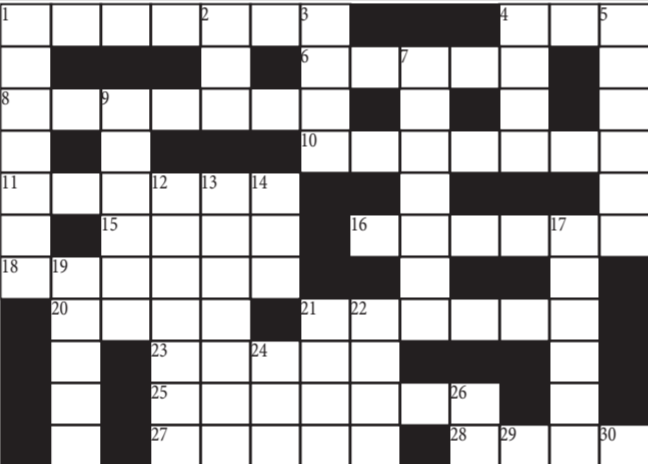
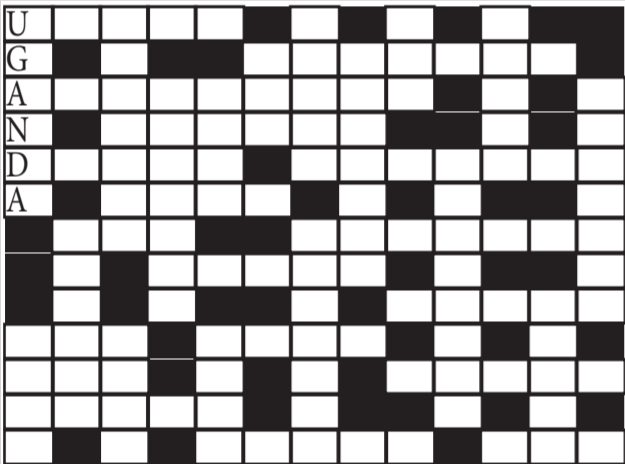
The AGA is a coordination platform rather than a governance advisory body, while the APRM operates by the invitation of member states. The PSC is the only member of the AGA platform with a mandate to scrutinise the governance performance of member states. However, it has always shied away from this responsibility.

While the summit may have made significant strides in responding to terrorism and UCGs, its success can be measured only to the extent that these decisions are implemented.



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- 7 letters EMPEROR, BUGANDA, PREBOOK, UKRAINE, ENAMOUR, TURKANA, ILLEGAL, BELGIUM, EVACUATE,
- 8 letters AFRIKAANS

- CLUES: Down**
- town border between Tanzania and Kenya
  - organ for hearing
  - a young hawk in the nest
  - town in Spain
  - a hut at a beach in US
  - largest Port in Kenya
  - Zambia's Capital
  - false and malicious spoken statement
  - region of Central Italy
  - The Royal Automobile Association (abbrv)
  - monetary unit of Angola
  - municipality of South Africa
  - a scent, odour
  - the mother of Samuel in Bible
  - the first sign of ZODIAC
  - Jesus turned water to wine
  - not high
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- Across:**
- Tanzania's statesman
  - a member of an imaginary race of ugly, war like creatures
  - second-largest Arab sovereign state
  - 90% of it's cases occur in Africa
  - home country of the pirates in the Horn of Africa
  - second President of Egypt
  - Alberta (abbrev)
  - Buganda's Prince
  - Turkey's Capital
  - Party ruled Kenya for long time
  - Islamic canonical law
  - A play for the stage
  - aimed at peace
  - Opposition figure in Kenya
  - exclamation expressing grief
  - the little boy in Spanish
  - longest river in Africa
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12. KUNITA  
13. PORT ELIZABETH  
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15. SAHARA  
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18. ARIES  
19. JESUS  
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The draft calls for prompt activation of the PSC sub-committee on counter-terrorism established in 2010, which has never been functional. It also tasks the AU Commission with consolidating a comprehensive continental strategic plan of action for countering terrorism and violent extremism. This should synthesise the AU's policy frameworks on countering terrorism, mercenarism, small arms and light weapons, transnational organised crime and criminalisation of ransom payments.

At their July executive council meeting, foreign ministers are expected to determine how much funding to allocate to the AU's rapid response capability for emerging conflicts, including terrorism. The funds will come from the Peace Fund's Crisis Reserve Facility. The other two decisions focus on implementing the African Governance Architecture and the African Peace and Security Architecture, and for the next African Peer Review Mechanism governance report to focus on UCGs.

Establishing a sub-committee on UCGs, independent of the sanctions sub-committee, and renewed commitment to developing guidelines for national constitution amendments, signal AU readiness to go beyond sanctions to manage UCGs. The sub-committee would focus increasingly on preventing and responding early to UCGs, including monitoring incumbents' attempts to amend constitutions to expand their powers or extend terms.

This is a move in the right direction. Contestations over constitutional amendments have contributed to political instability and triggered public protests leading to military interventions in some African countries. Consolidating a continental strategic action plan to counter-terrorism and violent extremism also shows the realisation that a more holistic and coordinated response is needed.

However while the summit's outcomes widened the AU's response to UCGs and terrorism, governance deficits that drive both were again off the table. Addressing governance continentally is challenging due to the sovereignty issue. The AU can only encourage states to make changes. But it can ensure continental policy frameworks provide a holistic response to the threats.

The summit outcomes also seem to have overlooked complementarity between new provisions and previous summit decisions. For example, the February 2022 summit stipulated that a high-level hybrid committee of sitting and former heads of state and government would be established. It would engage incumbents who try to amend national constitutions "without national consensus."

The last summit had also decided that a monitoring and oversight committee be established including the AU Commission, RECs, the APRM and member states. It's unclear whether the sub-committee on UCGs will now take over its

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## BUSINESS

## Trials for grapevine lines from SA show big promise

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

TANZANIAN's grape and wine sub-sector is heading towards a bright future as ongoing trials of the 13 grapevine lines for best wine grape seeds varieties from South Africa are proving impressive successes, it has been said.

The grapevine lines that were planted in special isolated areas at the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Makutupora) and Hombolo centers have shown good development in adopting the local (Dodoma) weather.

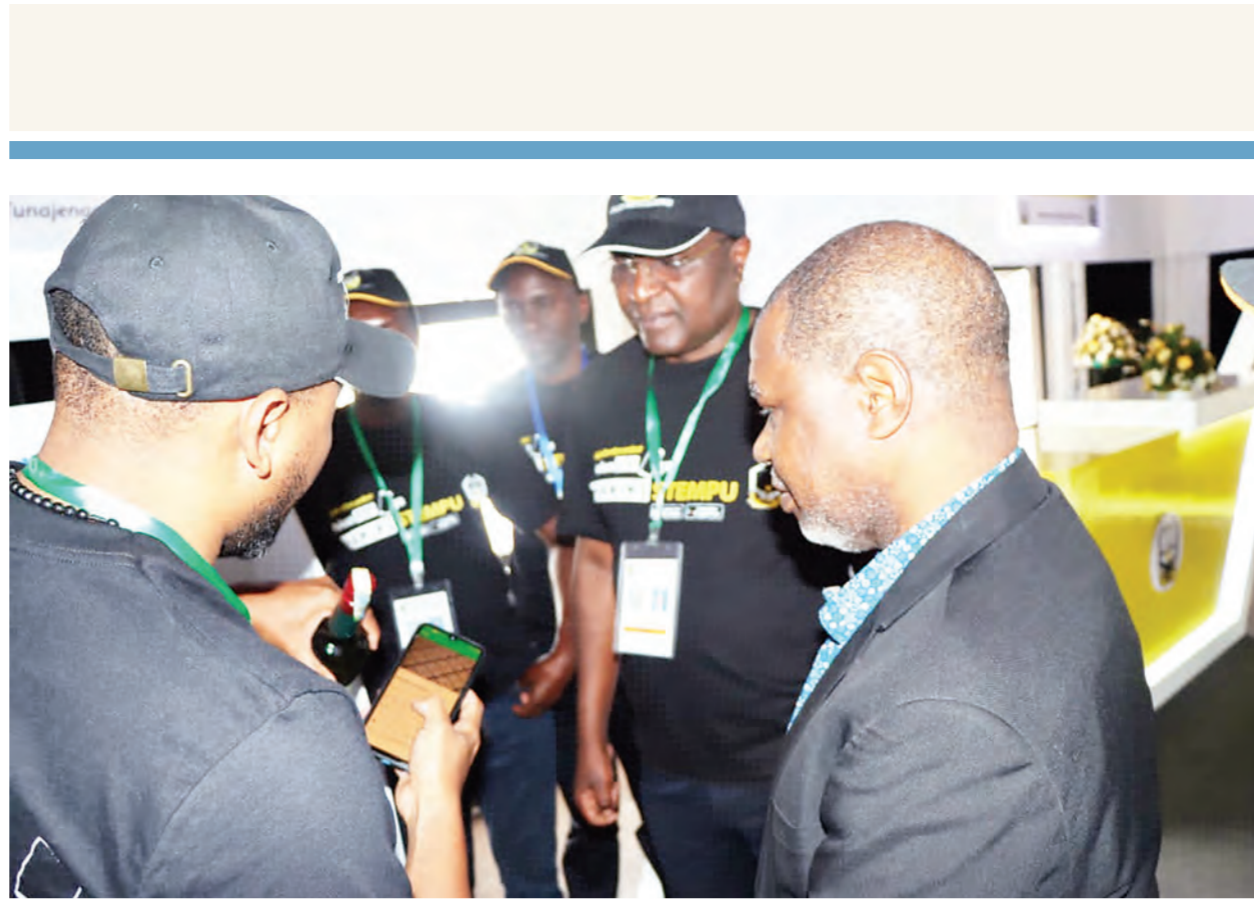
TARI Makutupora director general Dr Cornel Masawe told The Guardian in an interview that the wine grapevine lines have appeared to be resistant to local

grapes-related common diseases, which is a good sign for the development of the sub-sector.

As per the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticide Authority (TPHPA) all plants from outside the country must be planted in isolated areas, a distance from relevant local plant species, for special screening and limitation of contamination of possible diseases.

He informed that the wine grapevines lines were imported into the country through collaboration between giant local wine stakeholders, TARI and the ministry of agriculture with an eye to help improve performance of wine and grape sectors.

Though placed second after South Africa for brewing best wines within the



TRA deputy commissioner Mcha Hassan Mcha other staff with the authority check the quality of liquor during the on-going 'Stamp Verification' at the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) grounds on Monday. Looking on is the authority's Director for Tax Payer Services and Education, Richard Kayombo (2nd R). Photo courtesy of TRA

continent, there are only two wine grape varieties grown in Tanzania, Makutupora Red and Chenin White, a situation which limits the country's ability to produce wider varieties of wines and thus, the stakeholders realized over the need for the introduction of more grape wine

varieties.

"As per the professional procedures, the grapevine lines will later on be planted into different multilocation trials in Chamwino and Bahi districts as well as in Dodoma municipality. The multilocation trials will allow the grapevine lines

to be evaluated further by the Tanzania Official Seeds Certification Institute (TOSCI), especially in terms of their distinctiveness, uniformity as well as stability (DUS)," Dr. Masawe stated.

He named the 13 grapevine lines in question which are a mixture of red and

white grafted scions as pinotage, cabernet sauvignon, syrah, merlot, during and carignan, chardonnay, chenin black, semillon, ramsey, R99, R10, and S04.

Dr Masawe expressed optimism that the envisaged varieties is expected to play a major role in helping improve performance and status of wine processing industry within the country and thus, curving a fresh successive niche.

"The imported varieties are the most global famous for bottling international wines and thus, we are remaining optimistic that upon their official release they will enable local processors to manufacture quality wines for local use and export," he observed.

Last year, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa held a round table meeting with grape farmers and wine processors to deliberate among others, viable ways to heighten performance of the wine sector; the gathering in which the processors raised concern over shortage of grape wine varieties in the country.

To that end, the processors opted to import the best wine grape seed varieties from South Africa under the supervision support from TARI-Makutupora.

However, in concerted efforts to improve the side, TOSCI has recently conducted characterization for another grapevine line at TARI-Makutupora which is also online to be released as new wine varieties.

## African infrastructure firm lands \$150m to launch crypto water token

By Brian Newar

SOUTH Africa-based H2O Securities has reportedly raised \$150 million from the GEM Digital investment firm through the sale of the H2ON token.

By investing such a tremendous amount, GEM Digital will hold H2ON to-

kens, which will be used to guide funding in water delivery infrastructure in areas that lack sufficient access to fresh water.

GEM Digital is a \$3.4 billion Bahamas-based investment firm specializing in alternative investments such as digital assets and resource extraction devices. H2O Securities aims to bring more signifi-

cant development in water infrastructure worldwide and hopes that its solution will increase water availability to the world's population.

In a joint announcement on Monday, CEO of H2O Securities Julius Steyn said, "The focus with the H2ON token is mainly on the financing of water projects inter-

nationally and not so much on the technical engineering and construction of such projects." GEM Digital is no stranger to investing in technologies designed to improve environmental effects and living conditions for humanity. Its portfolio includes investments in Changing World Technologies, a food waste processing

firm, and Neos Ocular, a firm that produces lasers to improve vision.

GEM previously invested in the digital asset management service QBNK Holding AB. H2ON will be used to settle bills between H2ON network participants, including water plant operators and their clients. By raising funds to finance water

projects, it claims to reduce the time it takes for water suppliers to deliver to new clients compared with traditional means.

Coinciding with the announcement, H2ON was also listed on the Bitmart centralized exchange (CEX) launchpad initial decentralized offer (IDO) platform on July 4.

## T-MARC provides reproductive health services at refugee camps

By Guardian Reporter

FEMALE refugees being hosted at Nduta and Nyarugusu camps in Kigoma Region have benefited from a sensitization campaign on reproductive health, thanks to the initiative by T-MARC Tanzania.

According to T-MARC Tanzania, the aim of conducting the sensitization programme was to support the Ministry of Home Affairs through Public Private Partnership (PPP) in providing the refugees and the underprivileged with education and health products.

Quality reproductive health services are essential to the wellbeing of refugees and other persons of concern, the Non-Governmental Organization insisted. The campaign which kicked off on June 20th and ran up to June 24th, 2022 involved provision of education to the female refugees and distribution of reproductive health commodities-Flexi P for every female of reproductive age in both camps.

Flexi P Oral Contraceptive Pills offer women a convenient, reliable and affordable short-term modern family planning method said Tumaini Kimasa, T-MARC Tanzania's Managing Director.

They are widely available across Tanzania and can be used by women to choose to prevent pregnancy-whether they want to delay the onset of childbirth or for child spacing.

T-MARC Tanzania's goal in marketing Flexi P is to contribute to attaining 42 percent contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) among women of reproductive age in Tanzania by 2023.

"In line with one of our objectives of increasing access to priority health products, we visited the refugee camps in Kigoma to conduct reproductive health education, including distributing reproductive health commodities," Kimasa said.



Nyarugusu refugee camp reproductive health manager Onesmo Kapizo (L) sensitises a man on reproductive health and different ways of family planning during training on the matter organised by T-MARC Tanzania in refugee camps.

"The United Nation High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) calls for support from stakeholders in ensuring that everyone, no matter when and where, has the opportunity to maintain good sexual and reproductive health. This is one of the reasons that prompted T-MARC Tanzania to chip in by providing education to the female refugees in reproductive age, including distributing reproductive health commodities," Kimasa added.

The Sustainable Development Goal 3 reflects concrete ambitions to improving sexual and reproductive health worldwide, including in humanitarian and refugee settings.

According to T-MARC Tanzania, access to quality sexual and reproductive health services plays a vital role in the well-being of a human being and is particularly relevant for people living in a situation of forced displacement.

Recently, T-MARC Tanzania delivered 76,000 cycles of oral contraceptives to the Ministry of Health in Zanzibar.

Apart from distributing contraceptives, T-MARC Tanzania addresses pertinent health issues in reproductive health, family planning, maternal health, child survival, water and sanitation, nutrition and communicable/non-communicable infections like malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, Covid-19 and cervical cancer.

## Invest more in Africa, Dr Adesina calls upon Irish business community

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SINCE joining the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) as its 81st shareholder in 2020, Ireland has shown steadily increasing interest in strengthening its economic ties with Africa.

That mission received a strong boost last week at the 7th Africa Ireland Economic Forum in Dublin, as African Development Bank Group President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina enjoined the Irish business community to invest more in Africa.

"If you are not investing in Africa, you're not in business," Adesina told his audience.

"Foreign direct investment of Ireland in Africa was \$572 million at the end of 2020 and represented only 0.05% of Ireland's total net foreign direct," Adesina said.

"This is too low. Ireland should invest a lot more in Africa. Let's set a target of 15% of Irish invest-

ments in Africa."

The exhortation from Africa's premier development finance institution's chief was matched by the Irish authorities' publicly expressed enthusiasm about Ireland-Africa cooperation. Speaking at the forum on Thursday, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Defence Simon Coveney talked about Ireland's deepening economic and cultural links with Africa. He noted the prospects for closer trading links with the continent, pointing out that trade between Ireland and Africa would likely reach €5 billion by 2025.

Receiving the Bank Group chief on Friday, Irish President Michael D. Higgins congratulated Adesina for his work on the recent establishment of the African Pharmaceutical Technology Foundation. "Nothing is more important than that," said President Higgins. He spoke about his long-time interest in Africa

and his optimism for its economic advancement. Discussing the looming global food crisis prompted by Russia's war in Ukraine, President Higgins welcomed the pre-emptive steps the Bank had taken to ensure food security for the continent.

Describing their meeting, Adesina said: "President Higgins saw warmly received me. He has a heart and passion for Africa. He told me: 'You are doing such an incredible job for Africa with your leadership in running the African Development Bank. I am inspired by your vision.'"

Similar support for continued strong cooperation came from senior Irish officials with whom Adesina met during his visit, notably: Colm Brophy, Minister of State for Overseas Development Aid and Diaspora; John Hogan, Secretary General of the Department of Finance and Alternate Governor for Ireland at the African Development Bank

Group; and Paul Ryan, Director of the department's International Finance and Climate Division, which is responsible for managing Ireland's shareholding in international financial institutions.

Adesina thanked the Irish government for joining the African Development Bank and the African Development Fund, the Bank Group's concessional lending arm, and he expressed appreciation for Ireland's contribution-announced by Foreign Affairs and Defence Minister Coveney on Thursday-of €2 million to the African Development Bank for climate adaptation.

In an address to the forum on Thursday, the African Development Bank head held a packed conference hall captive as he spoke about the current African economic environment, the continent's challenges, its many opportunities, and about the African Development Bank Group's role as a "solutions bank," a

valued partner to its regional member countries, its international development partners, and to the international business community, whose investment he said was desirable. "You can count on the African Development Bank as a partner," he stressed.

The Bank president was also interviewed at the Institute of International European Affairs (IIEA) by Ambassador David Donoghue, Ireland's former Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Welcoming Adesina, he said: "Dr Adesina is often described as Africa's Optimist-in-Chief and is widely praised for his visionary leadership and passion for the transformation of Africa. Since he took over as President of the African Development Bank in 2015, the Bank has achieved the highest capital increase since its establishment in 1964."

In his opening remarks, Paul

Ryan said: "As well as being Africa's Optimist-in-Chief, I'd like to say to Dr. Adesina that he is also Ireland's closest friend in the African Development Bank and in the continent of Africa as well. He has been a fabulous partner for Ireland for the last couple of years, particularly since we joined the Bank in February of 2020. [...] The response by the Bank-under the leadership of the President-to Covid and now to the Ukrainian war, has been absolutely exemplary. A lot of future-proofing kicking has been done in relation to food security, renewable energy, economic development, and it's exactly in line with our development objectives. We are very happy to join the bank, very pleased with the level of engagement and really pleased with the work that the Bank has been doing in the continent."

Ryan added that Adesina-first elected President of the Bank in

2015 and unanimously re-elected for another five-year term in August of 2020-is a bold reformer who completely transformed the agriculture sector in Nigeria as agriculture minister over four years, and that he has replicated that same success at the African Development Bank. "We are very happy with the President. Our fellow colleagues in the constituency are very happy. And more importantly, the wider membership in the continent of Africa are very happy."

Adesina spoke about the work of the Bank-in particular the High 5 Strategic Priorities that he is credited with developing for the institution-and how he saw these priorities as the fulcrum for both transforming Africa and helping to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Adesina invited officials and private sector operatives to the next edition of the Bank's Africa Investment Forum, taking place



## ADF approves \$27.19m for skills development infrastructure to promote post-Covid-19 recovery

By Special Correspondent

THE Board of Directors of the African Development Fund (ADF) has approved a \$27.19 million grant to Ghana for infrastructure for skills development and job creation for youth and women in its post-Covid-19 recovery efforts. The grant will enhance higher-level skills delivery in the health system in the West African nation and create jobs for youth and women.

ADF is the concessional financing window of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) that provides low income Regional Member Countries (RMCs) with concessional loans and grants, guarantees as well as technical assistance.

The Post-Covid-19 Skills Development and Productivity Enhancement Project, comprising two interrelated technical components and a project management component, will be implemented by Ghana's Ministry of Finance over five years – from 2022 to 2027. Targeted primary beneficiaries include youth and women operating small businesses and cooperatives, including people with disabilities. Overall, the project will benefit at least 24,800 people directly and 50,000 indi-

rectly.

"This grant aligns with what the Skills for Employability and Productivity in Africa (SEPA) Action Plan 2022-2025 seeks to achieve.

It is a giant step in the right direction. Under SEPA, the Bank will support African countries to invest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as well as technical and vocational training to improve productivity and drive innovation across the continent. It is our blueprint for equipping Africans with the skills the labour market requires," said Martha Phiri, the Bank's Director for Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development.

The grant will support the University of Ghana to build three facilities for microbiological research and training, biotechnological research and nursing, and midwifery research and training.

The capacity-building aspect of the project will involve the skilling of lecturers, researchers and health workers in higher institutions of education and health-related fields at the University of Ghana. This support will help increase human resource capacity to manage cur-



Lab worker at the Dept of Medical Biology Clinical Virology Lab, University of Ghana. This is one of the research areas set to benefit from support under the grant.

rent and future diseases in Ghana.

The project will also enhance women's access to credit, financial literacy and information sharing, with a focus on women-led Micro, Small and Medium-Scale Enterprise (MSMEs).

In addition, the project will provide a credit facility to support women and youth significantly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic at affordable interest rates

– 12% per annum.

The intermediary and rural and community banks will provide the credit facility to avoid high-default rates associated with government-sponsored credit schemes. Rural banks will participate by ensuring loan repayments and improving the efficiency and timeliness of small-loan processing.

The Bank's Director-General of the

West Africa Region, Marie Laure Akin-Olugbade, said: "The restoration of livelihoods through strengthening the capacities of MSMEs, as well as the building of infrastructure at the higher education level for health-related skills development, will be a major morale booster for women affected by Covid-19 and will set the stage for fighting diseases and future pandemics in the country."

Eyerusalem Fasika, the Bank's Ghana Country Manager, welcomed the project, saying it will address youth unemployment and recovery for vulnerable women whose sources of livelihood were adversely affected by the pandemic. She said the project is in line with the Bank's High 5s, or top priorities, one of which is "Improve the quality of life for the people of Africa."

## Produce quality, competitive products, Kigaha tells private sector

By Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

DEPUTY Minister for Industries and Trade Exaud Kigaha has called on trade authorities and the private sector to enable local products to directly access foreign markets.

Kigaha made the call in Dar es Salaam on Monday when

launching the Tanzania-Pakistan Business Council (TPBC).

He said there were some traders from neighboring countries who have been coming into the country to buy goods and then go back to add more value, package and label them as they were not produced in Tanzania.

"We can work together for the benefit of both sides-Tanzania

and Pakistan, let us utilize the opportunities, produce quality products so as to reach big market in the overseas," he said adding: "I believe Tanzanian traders can penetrate in these markets including Pakistan who are ready to cooperate with us," Kigaha said.

He added that local traders should also see how to get goods

from Pakistan including hospital and agricultural equipment that are taken cheaply by other countries and sell to Tanzania at a higher price, while urging Tanzanians to take advantage of the opportunity.

He noted that President Samia Suluhu Hassan wants to enable the private sector to be vibrant and contribute immensely in

building the Tanzanian economy which includes achieving the industrialization agenda.

He also said they want to have an inclusive economy, and that those who achieve these goals are not the government but the private sector, stressing that in collaboration with trade councils and various countries including Pakistan they can

achieve a competitive economy by sharing existing opportunities and acquiring equipment and machinery for producing quality products.

"In order to be competitive we must ensure that we work with people who are genuinely interested in making sure we share or get the opportunities, I promise that the government

will continue to work with the Pakistan's government in various areas," Kigaha added.

Pakistan's ambassador to Tanzania Muhammad Saleem promised to continue strengthening the bilateral relations with Tanzania in various fields including education, economy and trade and bring sustainable development for mutual benefits.

## Wingcopter to deploy fleet of 12,000 cargo drones across Africa

DARMSTADT, Germany

A tech company has signed a deal to roll out 12,000 of its long-range, triple-drop delivery drones across Africa, in what promises to be the largest commercial drone deployment ever attempted.

German firm Wingcopter said the move will address insufficient infrastructure in many African regions; one of the biggest barriers to universal health coverage and economic development.

The partnership with Continental Drones covers all 49 sub-Saharan countries, with the roll-out goal scheduled for over the next five years. Wingcopter also announced this month it has raised \$42 million from investors, tripling the company's total equity raised to more than \$60 million to date.

The company explained: "Setting up large-scale drone delivery networks across African airspace will propel logistics in these countries to a new level and help build an entirely new transport framework - much faster, cheaper, more sustainable, and more efficient than the development of conventional ground-based infrastructure with all its unhealthy and climate-damaging emissions."

Wingcopter said its technology will be deployed to improve the delivery of items including on-demand medicines, vaccines, laboratory samples, as well as essential goods for daily use. The fully electric Wingcopter 198 drone is also expected to contribute to a more sustainable African logistics sector and help move economies towards net-zero emissions.

Tom Plümmer, Co-Founder and CEO of Wingcopter, added: "Wingcopter is well-positioned to execute against the tremendous opportunity of drone delivery in the next decade. We are convinced that our cooperation with Alex and his Continental Drones team will unlock the African drone delivery market on a large scale, allowing us to jointly improve and save millions of lives."



Wingcopter

## China's Anhui ensures daily supplies amid latest COVID-19 resurgence

HEFEI

EAST China's Anhui Province, which is combating the latest COVID-19 resurgence, has taken a range of measures to guarantee the supply of daily necessities.

From June 26 to July 4, a total of 186 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 895 asymptomatic carriers had been logged in the latest epidemic resurgence in Anhui, with the majority of cases being reported in Sixian County, the provincial health commission said Tuesday.

More than 60 supermarkets have been arranged to supply daily necessities to residents in the virus-hit Sixian, where 52

confirmed cases and 164 asymptomatic carriers were reported on Monday alone.

To reduce people-to-people contact, residents can place orders online. Nearly 30,000 orders of individual and collective buying are delivered per day on average in Sixian, according to Lu Qiang, head of the county's bureau of commerce.

"I bought two packages of chicken wings, four apples, eight steamed buns and some vegetables. It cost me less than 80 yuan (around 12 U.S. dollars), which is about the same price at normal times," said a resident surnamed Yao, who did the grocery shopping online.

Local authorities are also



A staff member packs goods at Jiamei Supermarket in Sixian County, Suzhou City, east China's Anhui Province, on Monday. Xinhua

monitoring prices and cracking down on illegal behaviors such as hoarding, fabricating information and price gouging. At present, daily necessities such as flour, rice, meat, cooking oil and more are in stable supply in Sixian.

"We deliver about 3,000 orders of groceries per day on average," said Meng Tao, general manager of Jiamei supermarket in the county.

Meng and 94 other supermarket employees have been living in the supermarket or designated hotels since the latest COVID-19 emergence.

"We try to arrange one delivery vehicle for each residential community after we gather all

the orders. The groceries will be picked up by volunteers waiting at community gates and then sent to each household after disinfection," said Meng.

A management system of "three heads" has been implemented in the county to ensure the smooth delivery of supplies and the needs of residents are met in a timely and orderly manner.

Xu Ke, 27, a local government official, is appointed as the head of the Taoliwenyuan community in Sixian. Together with 14 building heads and 68 unit heads, Xu is responsible for collecting the needs of and delivering supplies to the

households in the community.

Each unit head is in charge of the daily supplies of 13 households. For the vulnerable group such as the aged and the disabled, the unit heads will call them or go to their homes to provide services. "The management system breaks down our work to each individual, which enables us to respond to people's needs more precisely," Xu said.

"Some residents have also donated rice, vegetables and instant noodles to those in need in the community. We are all like a big family in this special situation, trying to weather through the difficult time together," she added.



BOOK REVIEW

# Envoy: India-Africa ties crucial for socio-economic development

By Beatrice Philemon

The Harambee Factor is a book written by Gurjit Singh a former Indian Ambassador to Ethiopia, the African Union, Indonesia, ASEAN and Germany.

In the book Singh discusses the India-Africa Economic and Development Partnership and is based on secondary sources and his own experiences in dealing with several issues in a decision making capacity.

The book assesses India's economic and development partnership with Africa and this started early and was enhanced with the launch of the India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS) in 2008.

The title of the book is 'The Harambee Factor' meant pulling together in a cooperation spirit that relates to team work and community bonding to achieve common aims.

The book touches different ways on how India relates with African countries in terms of economic and development partnership. In the book, Singh had shown an abiding knowledge about India's Africa engagement and, how it developed and blossomed.

The book promotes greater business linkages in Africa with India and trilateral partners.

He is a frequent commentator on Africa issues and India's engagement with Africa. He shares his experience with young people including as honorary professor of International Studies at the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), Indore.

This book explains Africa continental Free Trade Area and Opportunities for India, it shows that Since May 2019, the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) has come into force with 24 countries filling ratification papers with the Africa Union Commission (AUC).

By July 2021, 37 countries had deposited their instruments of ratification. Fifty-four of Africa's 55 countries and Africa Union (AU) members signed the Agreement.

Once all do so the AfCFTA will cover 1.2 billion people, a cumulative GDP of USD trillion.

It is, along with the RCEP, among the largest trade areas since the founding of the WTO in 1995. It is most promising for Africa, but the real challenge will come from clarity between the lines of the Agreement and minute negotiations which are underway.

The objective of the AfCFTA as set out within the Agenda 2063 in the vision that Africa has for enhancing its economic development and do more in cooperation with each other.

The aim is to have a single market for goods and services across the whole continent, allow free movement of business people, let a continental customs union emerge and hence promote more trade and intra-African investment as well as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

It was put into operation at the AU Summit in Niamey, Niger on 7th July 2019, and its secretariat is located in Accra, Ghana.

This was based on the adoption of five key instruments that includes The Rules of Origin, The Tariff Concessions, and The Online Mechanism for Monitoring, the Pan-African Payment and Settlement System and the African Trade Observatory.

One of the positive aspects in Africa's growth story is to improve trade facilitation, remove barriers, unify markets and create regional markets which will attract higher Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and enable smoother trade.

The Successes of the East Africa Community (EAC) covering Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan shows that they increased their intra-regional trade over the last decade by about 15% annually.

A similar success was noted by the 15 members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). Other Regional Economic Communities (RECs) have been slower to organize themselves, but the EAC and SADC members are the main stay of the consequent success of the 25 member Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

Also the book looks at the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) with the regards to the Tanzanian trade and other African countries.

It indicates that the SACU experience must hold India in good stead as the South African approach to India is not what the rest of the continent wants with India.

Several SACU countries often told India that they could not avail of the Lines of Credit (LoC) or other preferences with India due to South Africa views.

A study mentioned in a review of literature indicates that South Africa has ambivalent feelings about India in Africa.

It welcomes India for ICT and human resources development but not much else.

India's focus for trade expansion needs to be with its largest export destinations in Africa, and these are besides South Africa, Tanzania, Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt, Mauritius and Mozambique.

Of these, the last two are Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and getting non-reciprocal Duty Free Tariff Preference (DFTP) advantage leaving the four countries as the effective trade focus for our Free Trade Agreement (FTA) consideration.

With the progress with SACU floundering and no discussion taking place since 2012, India opened a new effort by engaging the COMESA.

A joint study Group Report to examine the feasibility of a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)/Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and COMESA was established, and its first meeting was held on 30th July 2011 in Lusaka.

The books also elaborates on inadequate information on the markets on both sides (India and Africa) contributes to poor partnerships and low number of joint ventures.

Business trust as in the India-Africa Business Coun-



cil (IABC) has not been built up enough to promote greater trade and economic expansion between India and Africa.

The business visa issues also encumber better communication and trade meetings, especially for exporting services to African firms and these, in turn, also become impediments for trade.

These ideas were echoed by a group of nearly 400 business people from the Indian diaspora in IICountries in Africa in a video interaction with Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Minister for Commerce and Industry (MOCI) in May 2019.

Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Zambia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Mozambique, Ghana, South Africa, Botswana and Madagascar were countries covered.

Their major suggestions were improving the LoC (see chapter 8), support from more Indian banks through their presence in Africa, introduction of more direct flights between India and Africa, to seek rupee trading terms in view of foreign currency shortages in Africa for trade, a robust dispute settlement mechanism and more offices of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and

the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in Africa.

Action was promised on these issues, but as discussion in this chapter and the next will show these problems seem to have become endemic and defy solutions. Is there inadequate interest shown towards these issues about Africa?

Also the book elaborates on India's major investment partners in Africa, in this survey of African interlocutors carried out for this book, a question that was posed was: "Which part of partnership with India is most valuable for Africa?" in response to this question, the result showed that a huge favour for India Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

Foreign direct investment was seen by 61.6 percent of respondents as a valuable part of the partnership and 60 percent saw the training programmes. The book also stated those scholarships, the human resource and capacity building as extremely valuable.

"This is far higher than the LoCs which were supported by 28.3 percent, closely followed by the support to venture capital and start-ups from 26.6 percent," Singh said in the book.

Interestingly 40 percent of respondents see cooperation in agriculture and food security as a valuable asset of the partnership with India.

Also among other elements a few mentions were made of the health sector, PPP projects and social impact.

In his book, Singh stated that Tanzania has a vibrant Indian community and this perhaps assists in higher trade and FDI figure.

According to the Tanzania Investment

Centre, between 1990 and 2018, India invested USD 210 million in 433 projects securing 55,000 jobs. Table 10.1 shows FDI of USD 8.33 million over 33 projects.

Apart from that South Africa is the largest investment partner for India in terms of its 91 projects.

The FDI of USD 5226 million is also substantial, a joint study by CII and Price-waterhouseCoopers (PwC), published in May 2018, indicated that about 140 Indian companies had invested USD 4 billion in South Africa thereby creating direct employment for over 18,000 people.

Also the book elaborates on results of the survey of Indian companies doing business with Africa.

In his book, Singh stated that the interest of Indian companies to do business in Africa is undiminished, they want more support, opportunities and better access to those opportunities to do more in Africa.

East Africa emerged as the most popular destination among the respondents for doing business and increasing their investments in Africa.

59 percent of the respondents chose this region with country-wise preferences showing Kenya to be the leader with 24 percent voting for it, followed by Tanzania at 13.5 percent and Ethiopia at eight percent.

West Africa drew the interest of 35 percent of the respondents with Ghana being preferred by 10.8 percent of the respondents, followed by Nigeria and Senegal with eight percent each.

The book also touches several areas that Tanzania benefits from the India relationship as technical vocational education and Training, technology sharing, health, telecommunication, tele-

education, trade and investments and telemedicine.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Born in Amritsar, he schooled at the Mayo College, Ajmer. He obtained a bachelor's degree in political Science from Six Xavier's College, Kolkata and masters in International Relations from the School of International Studies of JNU.

Known as the developmental diplomat for his initiatives in expanding development cooperation with Africa, Ambassador Singh has a passion for Africa. Having studied it at JNU, he was posted in Kenya (1995-2000) and in Ethiopia (2005-2009).

During this time the first India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS) was held when Ambassador Singh was the representative to the African Union.

He was the head of the undivided Africa division as Joint Secretary in 2001-2002 and later was Additional Secretary and Sherpa for the second India-Africa Summit in 2009-2012.

He has an abiding knowledge about India's Africa engagement, how it developed and blossomed.

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## UZALO

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## DR Congo declares 14th Ebola outbreak over

KINSHASA

THE health ministry of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on Monday declared an end of the latest Ebola outbreak that erupted less than three months ago in Mbandaka, the capital of the northwestern Equateur province.

It was the third outbreak in the province since 2018 and the country's 14th overall.

With greater experience in Ebola control, DRC national emergency teams, with the support from World Health Organization (WHO) and partners, mounted a swift response soon after the outbreak was declared on April 23, rolling out key countermeasures including testing, contact tracing, infection prevention and control, treatment and community engagement.

Vaccination, a crucial protective measure, was launched just four days after the outbreak was declared.

There were four confirmed cases and one probable case, all of whom died, in the latest outbreak.

In the previous outbreak, in Equateur province in June-November 2020, there were 130 confirmed cases and 55 deaths.

"Thanks to the robust response by the national authorities, this outbreak has been brought to an end swiftly with limited transmission of the virus," said Matshidiso Moeti, WHO regional director for Africa. "Crucial lessons have been learned from past outbreaks and they have been applied to devise and deploy an ever more effective Ebola response."

The just-ended outbreak saw a total of 2,104 people vaccinated, including 302 contacts and 1,307 frontline workers.

To facilitate the vaccination rollout, an ultra-cold chain freezer was installed in Mbandaka, allowing for vaccine doses to be safely stored locally and delivered effectively.



Health workers dressed in protective gear begin their shift at an Ebola treatment center in Beni, Congo DRC. File photo

The DRC has now recorded 14 Ebola outbreaks since 1976, six of which have occurred since 2018.

"Africa is seeing an increase in Ebola and other infectious diseases that jump from animals to humans impacting large urban areas," said Moeti.

"We need to be ever more vigilant to ensure we catch cases quickly. This outbreak response shows that by bolstering preparedness, disease surveillance, and swift detection, we can stay a step ahead," she said.

Although the outbreak in Mbandaka has been declared over, health authorities will maintain

surveillance and stand ready to respond quickly to any flare-ups. It is not unusual for sporadic cases to occur following an outbreak, according to a statement by the WHO regional office for Africa.

The disease, which affects humans and other primates, is severe and often fatal. Case fatality rates have varied from 25 percent to 90 percent in past outbreaks.

However, with the currently available effective treatment, patients have a significantly higher chance of survival if they are treated early and given supportive care. **Agencies**

## Copenhagen shooting suspect sectioned, terrorism ruled out

COPENHAGEN

THE man accused of killing three people in a shooting in a Danish shopping mall was ordered on Monday to be held in a closed psychiatric ward, and authorities said they did not suspect the crime to be an act of terrorism.

The 22-year-old Danish male, accused of opening fire on Sunday afternoon on shoppers in the Field's mall a few kilometers south of downtown Copenhagen, was arrested and charged with manslaughter and intent to kill.

He was remanded into custody for 24 days and will undergo a psychiatric evaluation, authorities said. The court has barred publication of his name, which is common in criminal cases in Denmark.

The incident shocked Denmark at the end of an otherwise festive



Police investigator Dan Rise talks to the media in Copenhagen, Denmark on Monday. AP

week in which it hosted the first three stages of the Tour de France cycle race and hundreds of thousands of cheering Danes took to the streets across the country.

The shooter killed two 17-year-olds and a 47-year-old. Seven other people were wounded with gunshots, four with serious injuries, including a 16-year-old girl. Twen-

ty people received other injuries fleeing the scene.

The incident could not be viewed as an "act of terror" based on current evidence, Chief Police Inspector Soren Thomassen told reporters, adding there was no indication the suspect had acted together with others.

"There has been some sort of deliberation and preparation (by the suspect) up to this terrible event," Thomassen told a news conference without providing details on the perpetrator's possible motives. "Our current assessment is that these are random victims."

The attack took place when many young people were visiting the mall ahead of a concert due to be held nearby by British singer Harry Styles. The concert was canceled.

"I'm heartbroken along with the

people of Copenhagen. I adore this city. The people are so warm and full of love. I'm devastated for the victims, their families, and everyone hurting," Styles wrote on Twitter. "I'm sorry we couldn't be together. Please look after each other." The suspect, who police said was known to psychiatrists in Denmark, was in possession of a rifle, ammunition and a knife when he was arrested.

Danish gun laws are strict and all firearms, with the exception of some hunting rifles, require a license issued by the police. The shooter did not have such a license. Denmark's largest cinema operator Nordisk Film, which has a venue at the Field's shopping center, said it had decided to close its theaters across the country on Monday due to the shooting. **Agencies**

## Australia floods worsen as more Sydney residents evacuated

SYDNEY

TORRENTIAL rains kept battering Australia's east coast yesterday, intensifying the flood crisis in Sydney as thousands more residents were ordered to leave their homes after rivers swiftly rose past danger levels.

About 50,000 residents in New South Wales, most in Sydney's western suburbs, have been told to either evacuate or warned they might receive evacuation orders, up from Monday's 30,000, authorities said.

"This event is far from over, please don't be complacent," New

South Wales Premier Dominic Perrottet told reporters. "Wherever you are, please be careful when you're driving on our roads. There are still substantial risks for flash flooding."

The latest wild storm cell - which brought heavy rains with several places receiving more than Australia's annual average rainfall in three days - is likely to ease in Sydney from Tuesday as the coastal trough moves north, the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) said.

But the risk of flooding could remain through the week with most river catchments already

near capacity even before the latest deluge.

About 90mm (3.5 inches) of rain could fall over six hours in the state's mid-north coast from Tuesday, reaching up to 125mm in some places, BoM said.

Winds up to 90km per hour (56 miles per hour) are also forecast in several flood-hit places, raising the risk of falling trees and power lines.

"We're asking people across Sydney today to please stay at home unless you really need to leave the house," state Emergency Management Minister Steph Cooke said.

The federal government late on Monday declared the floods a natural disaster, helping flood-hit residents receive emergency funding support.

Emergency crews will continue their rescue operation on Tuesday to tow a bulk carrier ship that lost power off the coast of Sydney after tow lines broke in severe weather, officials said.

Major flooding is occurring at Windsor in Sydney's west, which is going through its third flood this year, with current water levels higher than seen in the deluge early this year, the weather bureau said.

Footage on social media showed submerged roads and bridges, while emergency crews rescued stranded people from partially submerged vehicles that became stuck in rising waters.

Nigel Myron, a Windsor resident, said he has kept an inflatable boat ready if he had to evacuate though he is looking to move back to his place once waters recede.

"At the end of the day, what can you do? It is what it is and we dust ourselves off from the ashes and rebuild after the floods have come and gone," Myron told ABC television. **Agencies**

## Lam: US sanctions are for Trump's self-serving interests

ULAANBAATAR

RUSSIA and Mongolia intend to boost friendly ties, progress is observed in many spheres related to the implementation of joint projects, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at a meeting with Mongolian President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh yesterday.



"I would like to convey greetings and best regards from President Putin. He confirms our adherence to the implementation of all the agreements we reached last December. All these agreements are based on our shared aspiration to strengthen our friendship and preserve the historical memory," the Russian top diplomat noted.

He emphasized that Russia and Mongolia are united by a "shared history, a combat camaraderie forged and hardened in the fight against Nazism and militarism" and noted the goal of preserving the historical memory "in the hearts of Russian and Mongolian citizens."

"Today, we [with Mongolian Foreign Minister Batmunkh Battsetseg] discussed many directions of our strategic partnership, including trade, investments, ethics, transport, the protection of the environment, humanitarian and educational ties and future cooperation in the sphere of peaceful space exploration," the Russian foreign minister explained.

"There is progress in many directions concerning the implementation of joint projects. Trade is recovering well," he added.

In his turn, the Mongolian leader stressed that Russia and Mongolia "have no disagreements" in the political sphere.

"Nowadays, we should increase our interaction, <...> boost trade and economic cooperation," the head of state noted. "I think that the historical truth should always remain. All these initiatives and achievements that have been previously attained should continue," he added.

In Ulaanbaatar, Lavrov also met with Mongolian Prime Minister Luvsannamsrain Oyun-Erdene to whom he conveyed best regards from the Russian government and his Russian counterpart Mikhail Mishustin.

"Progress is seen along the entire range of directions after many years when the advancement was very insignificant. And today we emphasized the important role of an intergovernmental commission on trade and economic cooperation in translating this progress to the language of practical results," the Russian minister said. **Agencies**

## Palestine rejects results of US investigation on killing of Al Jazeera journalist

RAMALLAH

PALESTINE on Monday rejected the results of the ballistic investigation attended by U.S. experts into the gunshot that killed veteran Palestinian-American journalist in northern West Bank in May.

Earlier in the day, the Israeli army announced that the investigation could not determine the party responsible for the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh, the reporter of the Qatari Al-Jazeera news channel in the Palestinian territories.

Palestinian presidential spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh said in a statement that the Palestinian side "holds Israel fully responsible for the killing of Abu Akleh" and called on the United States "to maintain its credibility."

On Saturday, the bullet that killed Abu Akleh was received by Michael Wenzel, the U.S. security coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority, for a professional and independent ballistic examination.

The ballistic test was conducted in an Israeli forensic laboratory with experienced representatives from the United States attending all the stages of the test to determine the weapon from which it was fired, the Israeli military said in a statement.

"Despite the efforts made, it has been found that in light of the condition of the bullet and the quality of the markings on it, it is not possible to determine whether the bullet was fired from the weapon tested or not," the statement added.

By summarizing both Israeli and Palestinian investigations, the U.S. security coordinator said in a statement that gunfire from Israeli positions was "likely responsible" for the death of Abu Akleh but no reason was found "to believe that this was intentional."

Abu Rudeineh said that the Palestinian side "won't accept, under any circumstances, the tampering with the outcome of the Palestinian investigation." "We will pursue the case of her (Abu Akleh) assassination in international courts, especially before the Criminal Court," he added. **Xinhua**

By Zhou Zhou

## 'Building bridge of friendship between Chinese, Moroccans'

MOHAMED Khalil is a renowned traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) doctor in Morocco who runs a clinic in downtown Casablanca, Morocco. His clinic is ornamented with a number of Chinese cultural elements, such as Chinese hand fans, Beijing Opera masks, as well as bamboo and rattan chairs.

Khalil (pictured) has another title which is more known to the locals, the president of Morocco-China Friendship Exchange Association. "Everybody calls me a Moroccan doctor from China," he told People's Daily.

Khalil was among the 10 friendly personages receiving the Award for Outstanding Contribution to China-Arab Friendship, which was presented by Chinese President Xi Jinping during his visit to Egypt in January. Khalil said being received by President Xi in Cairo

was an honor of his life.

This experience was from six years ago, but Khalil still recalls it vividly. "President Xi was very amiable and easygoing. I told him it was my greatest honor and thanked him for giving me this unforgettable award in Chinese. He was glad and encouraged me to keep serving as an envoy for Morocco-China friendship," Khalil remembered.

Khalil's bond with China was established at the end of 1970s, after China started sending medical teams to Morocco in 1975.

"Back then, TCM and acupuncture brought relief to many Moroccans suffering from chronic diseases, which made me very interested in TCM," Khalil told People's Daily.

In 1978, he went to China for study.

He learned Chinese at Beijing Language Institute, or what's known today as Beijing Language and Culture University, and learned TCM at Beijing Medical College, which is currently known as Peking University Health Science Center. In Beijing, he graduated with a degree of doctor of medicine.

"When I first arrived in China, the country has just started its reform and opening up drive, and there was vitality everywhere. In the following 10 years, drastic changes happened throughout the country. I saw the energy of an ancient civilization in its transition," Khalil noted.

After returning to his motherland, Khalil became a TCM doctor. He always introduced China to his fellow countrymen to promote Moroccan's under-

standing of China and the Chinese people. He told People's Daily that he has been receiving more patients after getting the Award for Outstanding Contribution to China-Arab Friendship, which makes him busier, but happier, too.

"I always remember what President Xi told me. I'm acting as an envoy for Morocco-China friendship and building a bridge between the two peoples by spreading traditional Chinese culture, including TCM," he said.

"The Moroccans are interested in the outstanding traditional Chinese culture, and also impressed by the modern de-



velopment miracle of China," Khalil said.

Prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, the Moroccan would make a couple of annual visits to China. "Since China started reform and opening up, I have witnessed the largest and fastest urbanization in the world. Skyscrapers are soaring and people's standard of living continuously rising. The achievements are remarkable. China's path to national rejuvenation is extraordinary," he noted.

These years, Khalil has been spending a lot of time reading the book Xi Jinping: The Governance of China, through which he has gained a more profound understanding of why China could make such huge changes and become more confident about China's de-

velopment prospects.

"It's unquestionable that President Xi has brilliant political wisdom. Under his leadership, the Chinese people's aspiration for a better life is gradually turning into reality," he said.

Khalil believes that by drawing wisdom from its long history, China has achieved peaceful development, which not only makes China a strong and prospering country, but also contributes to the stability and development of the world.

"The major initiatives and concepts proposed by President Xi, such as the Belt and Road Initiative and building a community with a shared future for mankind, have played an important role in encouraging countries to tide over difficulties, share opportunities, and strive for common prosperity. President Xi is really thoughtfulful," Khalil noted. **People's Daily**



# ETF trading under mainland-Hong Kong stock connect kicks off

BEIJING

TRADING of exchange-traded funds (ETFs) under the mainland-Hong Kong stock connect programs began on Monday, marking a significant step to deepening the cooperation of capital markets in both the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong.

The inclusion of ETFs in stock connect programs will facilitate investment for both domestic and overseas investors, and help asset managers and brokers of the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong further improve their management and service, said Cai Jianchun, general manager of the Shanghai Stock Exchange, at Monday's online launch ceremony.

The move will be conducive to the integration of capital markets in the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong, and is of far-reaching significance for promoting the two-way opening-up of the financial sector, according to Bosera Funds.

Among the first batch of ETFs included in the stock connect programs, 83 ETFs are from the domestic A-share market and four are from the Hong

Kong stock market.

As an investment product widely recognized by domestic and overseas investors, ETF has the advantages of diversified investment, openness, low transaction cost and high efficiency, Sha Yan, general manager of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, noted.

The inclusion of ETFs will enrich cross-border investment products, provide more investment convenience and opportunities for domestic and overseas investors, and promote the sustained, stable and healthy development of both the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong market, she added.

Lawrence Lau, leader of EY Greater China Financial Accounting Advisory, who saw the launch of ETF as a "win-win" move for the capital markets, said that in the first half of the year, Chinese A-share and Hong Kong took a lead in the initial public offerings among global bourses.

With more sci-tech innovation enterprises listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen bourses, the A-share market holds great appeal for overseas investors, while investors from the Chinese mainland also have the demand to purchase Hong Kong stocks, Lau said.



Photo taken on June 22, 2022 shows the view at the Victoria Harbor in Hong Kong, south China. Xinhua

Christina Ma, head of Greater China Equities of Goldman Sachs Securities, said the inclusion marked the first step in opening up China's ETF market to international investors.

The market had long looked forward

to the inclusion of ETFs, Ma said. She noted the positive market feedback on the first day of trading and expected more foreign funds to flow into the A-share market through the mechanism in the future.

A total of 437 ETFs are currently traded on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, with a market capitalization of 1.2 trillion yuan (178.9 billion U.S. dollars) and a turnover of 6.6 trillion yuan, data showed. Xinhua

## Russia welcomes Uzbekistan's measures to normalize situation – foreign ministry

MOSCOW

RUSSIA welcomes measures taken in Uzbekistan to normalize the situation in the country, the Russian foreign ministry said on Monday, following the situation in Karakalpakstan.

"We welcome measures taken by Uzbekistan's authorities and are convinced that they will help normalize the situation in this part of the country," it said.

According to the ministry, Moscow is keeping a close eye on the developments in Uzbekistan amid a discussion of constitutional amendments.

"We are keeping a close eye on developments in Uzbekistan, our friendly nation, where a nationwide discussion of changes and additions to the country's constitution is underway based on the authorities' policy aimed at improving the legal foundations of the state," it said.

The ministry noted that riots in Nukus were provoked by lawbreakers and led to acts of violence and vandalism.

"There are casualties, including among Uzbek law enforcers. According to the Russian embassy, Russian nationals were not hurt in Karakalpakstan," the ministry added.

"We insist that any problems should be resolved within the legal frame rather than by means of riots," the ministry stressed.

Mass riots occurred in Karakalpakstan on July 1-2 in protest against plans to change the region's status in Uzbekistan's amended constitution.

The authorities said that people had been misled in a bid to seize local government agencies. Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev declared a state of emergency in the region and dropped plans to introduce constitutional amendments that would deprive Karakalpakstan of the status of a sovereign republic within Uzbekistan and the right to secede from the country through a referendum.

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## Brutal police shooting of African American man tears open scar of US racism

WASHINGTON

THE brutal police shooting of African American Jayland Walker by multiple officers with dozens of shots in Akron, Ohio, a week ago has torn open the nation's scar of racism.

Protesters continued to take to the streets in Akron on Monday to demand justice for Walker while decrying police violence and racism. A day earlier, the Akron Police Department released body-camera footage of the deadly encounter, which took place after midnight on June 27 during an attempted traffic stop.

Officers attempted to pull over Walker on unspecified traffic violations and they chased his vehicle on the expressway for several minutes, according to the police. Walker then allegedly jumped out of his car while the footage showed officers pursuing him on foot before opening fire.

The police department said officers "reported a firearm being dis-

charged from the suspect vehicle" during the encounter. Walker, 25, suffered more than 60 gunshot wounds and was unarmed at the time, Akron Police Chief Steve Mylett told reporters on Sunday.

Eight officers who were directly involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave as part of the protocol in a police shooting.

The city had contacted the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation and requested an independent investigation into the incident. The process is underway.

"A traffic violation ended in 60 gunshot wounds before they handcuffed his dead body," Brian Normoyle, an American political and social commentator and writer tweeted. "There can be no excuse." "Remember it. Don't forget it. And add it to the interminable list of atrocities against Black Americans perpetrated by systemic racism." Normoyle wrote.

Akron-native and Lakers star



LeBron James also sent a message on Sunday to his hometown in the wake of Walker's death, tweeting "prayers for my city today." Walker's family has questioned the use of deadly force against him by the officers.

An attorney for the family, Bobby DiCello, said that he has not seen any evidence yet regarding allegations that Walker had shot at officers and that the man was unarmed and fleeing when being shot.

Akron declared a state of emer-

gency on Monday, imposing a curfew for the city's downtown for the night and canceling the Independence Day fireworks performance. "Early yesterday, we had several peaceful protests in the downtown footprint related to the officer-involved shooting of Jayland Walker," Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan said in a statement on Monday.

"These protests did not escalate to violence and destruction." "However, as night fell and others began to join, the protests became

no longer peaceful. There was significant property damage done to downtown Akron," Horrigan continued. "We cannot and will not tolerate violence or the destruction of property."

The police killing of Walker came a month after the second anniversary of African American man George Floyd's murder by white police officer Derek Chauvin who pressed his knee on his neck for nine minutes and 29 seconds during a street arrest in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Floyd's death set off nationwide demonstrations against police brutality and racism in the United States in the summer of 2020. "Racism is real in America. It has always been."

Xenophobia is real in America. It has always been," U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris said from the White House in May.

According to a Washington Post-Ipsos poll that month, three-quarters of African Americans are worried that they or someone

they love will be attacked because of their race.

The survey also found that more than half of African Americans believe the problem of racism will get worse in their lifetimes. Derrick Johnson, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, also weighed in on Walker's suffering, saying that his death "was murder."

Point blank. "This doesn't happen to white people in America," Johnson said. "We are just trying to live our lives, and we are tired of being hunted like prey. We know that pulling over for the police is often a death sentence."

Police in the United States shoot and kill over 1,000 people each year, and African Americans are victims at a disproportionate rate, according to data from Mapping Police Violence. African Americans are nearly three times more likely to be shot and killed by law enforcement than their white counterparts, the data showed.

## China ramps up efforts in intellectual property protection for better innovation

AS the global center of innovation is shifting to Asia, China has established itself as a leader in global innovation, said Liu Hua, Director of the World Intellectual Property Organization Office in China.

According to statistics, China's R&D spending grew from 1.03 trillion yuan (\$153.76 billion) in 2012 to 2.79 trillion yuan in 2021, ranking second in the world. The R&D intensity increased from 1.91 percent to 2.44 percent during the same period.

The country is the only middle-income economy in the world that has made it into the top 15 on the Global Innovation Index ranking, moving its position from 34th place in 2012 to 12th in 2021.

At present, China is the world's second-largest digital economy, and it's also a forerunner in solar photovoltaic, wind power, new display, semiconductor lighting and advanced energy storage industries. The power of innovation is driving every sector of the country.

The achievement of Chinese tech giant Huawei is a miniature of China making major breakthroughs in technological development and innovation in recent years.

At the latest Broadening the Innovation Landscape 2022 forum, the company released a batch of its latest self-developed technologies in areas such as autopilot, industrial Internet, communication network and smartphone. These technologies feature higher performance and lower energy consumption. Some of them have been commercialized, and others will be introduced to the market soon.

Huawei has also achieved stellar performance as an innovative



Technicians are testing equipment in an automated welding workshop at a network-linked vehicle production base in a high-tech industrial park in Shapingba district, southwest China's Chongqing municipality, Feb. 14, 2022. File photo

global player. Last year, it had more granted patents than any other Chinese company, filed the most patent applications with the European Patent Office, and ranked fifth in terms of new patents granted in the U.S.

In 2021, Huawei published 6,952 PCT applications, up nearly 1,500 from a year ago, which made it the top filer globally for five consecutive years. As of the end of 2021, the company held more than 110,000 active patents across over 45,000 patent families, over 90 percent of which were invention patents.

The strong innovation vitality couldn't have been achieved without the firm steps taken by China in intellectual property rights (IPR) protection.

In 2021, China cracked down upon 50,100 cases of patent and trademark infringement, handled 49,800 cases of administrative adjudications on patent infringement and disputes, and launched mediation for 64,800 IPR disputes. In addition, the country

also investigated 2,957 counterfeiting crimes and deleted nearly 1.2 million copyright-infringing links.

According to an investigation report, the public's satisfaction with IPR protection in China grew to 80.61 points.

Last year, the number of invention patents granted on applicants from foreign countries reached 110,000, up 23 percent from the previous year, and over 194,000 trademarks were registered by foreign applicants, up 5.2 percent year on year.

The number of patents granted to applicants from the U.S. rose by 32.1 percent, and the number of trademarks registered by U.S. applicants went up by 17.3 percent.

According to the Business Confidence Survey 2021 released by the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China, over half of the respondents considered Chinese IPR law enforcement "good enough" and "very good," which was unprecedented in previous surveys.

China needs to advance interna-

tional cooperation on intellectual property to better serve the development of an open economy, said a plan on the protection and utilization of IPR during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025) issued by the State Council. In this period, China will be more active in the global intellectual property governance, and work with the rest of the world to improve the quality of international cooperation on intellectual property.

Intellectual property is a bridge linking innovation and the market, as well as a bond that connects technology and the economy. Thanks to the improved IPR protection and business environment, China has witnessed 100 million new market entities in the recent 10 years.

The country will keep promoting innovation and IPR protection to drive technological progress, industrial upgrading and sustainable development, despite the rising uncertainties in the global economic recovery.

People's Daily

## Reality bites in Asia over NATO push

WHEN NATO leaders met last week in Madrid, they were joined for the first time by leaders from Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. The invitations extended to the Asia-Pacific countries show that the trans-Atlantic alliance's ambitions far exceed the boundaries of its traditional geographical scope.

Although the participation of the four countries did help put on a show of unity for the alliance, especially after they agreed to cooperate with NATO to condemn Russia while hyping up the so-called China threat, their resolve remains to be tested by growing economic pressures at home.

On Monday, the chief of Japan's Mitsui OSK Lines, one of world's largest shipping companies, said Japan will have to continue importing Russian liquefied natural gas regardless of Russia's national policy.

Takeshi Hashimoto, president and chief executive of the shipping giant, said: "Nowadays, the spot market for both LNG and coal is quite expensive. That is one of the reasons why Japan is so reluctant to stop LNG imports from Russia."

Hashimoto's comments reveal how influential figures in Japan, which followed the United States' lead in imposing sanctions on Russia, are having second thoughts about that approach.

They also suggest that, beyond the hugs and handshakes, the leaders at the gathering in the Spanish capital may start diverging from the common line on banning Russia's energy imports.

Since the Ukraine crisis started, Japan has not hesitated



in taking provocative actions against Russia. However, as Japan's power system comes under pressure from a scorching heat wave, Tokyo has avoided any direct action on Russian LNG, which makes up 9 percent of Japan's imports.

### Growing tensions

"The US and NATO members keep bragging that they are so-called like-minded countries but the talks could not disguise the growing tensions between them as the economic burden becomes more apparent and more pressing," said Wang Qi, a researcher of East Asian studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing. "In this context, people in Asia should stay on high alert over NATO because historically the alliance has constantly sought to make advances into new areas and domains and waged wars in various countries in the world to divert problems at home."

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# SPORT



Azam FC's newly signed midfielder, Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu' (C), is pictured with the outfit's leaders, club's owner Yusuf Bakhresa (L), and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Abdulkarim Amin, during the signing of a contract between the midfielder and the outfit in Dar es Salaam on Monday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

## A look at Azam FC's squad rebuilding process

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AFTER a disappointing season, it was expected Azam FC head coach Abdihamid Moallin would be given full support and backing by the club owners as they look to bridge the gap with Young Africans 'Yanga' and Simba SC next season.

They finished third in the 2021/22 campaign, 25 points off of champions Yanga and 12 points behind Msimbazi Reds.

Azam FC seems to have clear ideas on the transfer window. Depending on who you talk to, agents have been told that Azam FC is looking for a striker, attacking midfielders, goalkeeper, and a center-back.

It is music to Moallin's ears with the Azam FC head coach desperate to rebuild the squad this transfer window with several departures and arrivals expected.

One of the positions that need to be strengthened is the number 10 or playmaker role, the one who sits behind the striker.

Last season, Ibrahim Ajib, Kenneth Muguna, and Never Tigere were used but none of them managed to particularly impress, so the club needs to give the coach another option.

It is no wonder they began by signing Ivorian attacking midfielder Kipre Junior from Sol FC, then added Tape Edinho from the same country.

In a bid to strengthen the midfield, Nigerian Issah Ndala has been recruited from Plateau United.

Cleophace Mkandala was the first local signing for Azam FC. He comes from Dodoma Jiji FC as a direct replacement for the released Frank Domayo.

On fullback Nicholas Wadada, Azam FC will release him, if they have not already done so.

He did not play much last season because of injuries, but he is still a quality and class player who can add value to any team. The club was forced to deploy Lusajo Mwaikenda on the right full-back.

Mwaikenda has strengths to his game, particularly in defensive situations, but he loses value to Azam FC when you consider how modern teams wish to use their full-backs on both sides of the ball.

Azam FC would certainly need a more attack-minded right full-back.

But the problem could be solved with rumours flying around that Azam FC has already signed Ruvu Shooting's youngster Nathaniel Chilambo.

They have also been heavily linked with Geita Gold FC's David Kameta 'Duchu'.

While Chilambo proved to be a prospect at Ruvu Shooting last season, he is just that - a prospect.

If he were to be the go-to man on the right

flank he could break because of Azam FC's stature.

He would need another big experienced right full-back who can take the pressure and shield him.

Azam FC has done well to start their signings and release the players they no longer needed before going on the break at the end of the just-concluded season.

This means the technical bench led by head coach Moallin can start planning properly knowing which players he would have in his squad.

It is said that a coach must sometimes adjust his style, system, and philosophy based on the players he has. And for Moallin it helps that he knows his team before going on the short break.

But there are still other issues that the club has not solved, chiefly the defense.

Out of the top four teams, they conceded the highest number of goals, a fact that highlights their defensive issues. Mathias Kigonya and Ahmed Salula were not convincing between the goalposts.

Youngster Wilbol Maseke had to be called in to steady the ship but a need for an experienced quality goalkeeper is clear to all.

While they did well in releasing Kigonya who was surplus to the requirement under Moallin from the onset, they have not been able to find his replacements as yet.

A centre-back is also a pressing issue. It is believed the club is thinking about whether or not to sign new attackers in this transfer window.

The Ice Cream makers' current options up front have struggled at times throughout the season, the squad scoring a total of just 41 league goals.

Despite Rodgers Kola and Idris Mbombo finishing with nine goals apiece, it felt like Azam FC had no recognized first-choice striker in the whole season.

Prince Dube's injury woes continued in a difficult campaign that ended with just one league goal to his name.

Mid-season arrival, Shaban Chilunda is yet to regain his form. It would not be a surprise the club may look to sign new players in the forward positions to compete on various fronts once again next season.

They cannot afford to once again struggle with efficiency, goal-scoring records, consistency, determination, and precision in the box against teams.

Azam FC's struggles last season could also be attributed to missing key players through long-term injuries and that one solution to this is to add quality options to the squad as Yanga and Simba have been doing.

## SPORTS

# Stiffer competition needed in local football

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

JUST in case you were uncomfortably stuck underneath a humungous boulder, Yanga is the name on everyone's lips on our local football landscape.

Indeed, after excellently sewing up the Mainland Premier League title, the Jangwani Street side firmly kept their bandwagon of success rolling by lifting the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) last weekend.

In what was a truly gripping and riveting ASFC final between Yanga and Coastal Union, both teams were level pegging after 120 minutes of edge-of-the-seat football action.

This stalemate necessitated a penalty shootout to take place and what followed next was the stuff of high drama.

Indeed, the burdensome nature of the shootout seemed to get the better of Coastal Union's players as they missed two penalties thereby digging themselves into a hole from which it was pretty daunting to get out.

In stark contrast, Yanga displayed nerves of steel and were calmness personified as they netted four penalties and missed merely one to gloriously emerge as this season's ASFC champions.

Significantly, Yanga's moment of triumph last weekend effectively means that they have done the double that is winning both the league and ASFC, which has understandably sent their fans into raptures.

In the big picture, though, Yanga's sterling dominance this season reveals that stiffer competition is needed in the local football arena.

It should be recalled at this point that Simba SC had won the top-flight title four consecutive times heading into the kick-off of the just-concluded season.

And, now of course their fierce rivals Yanga have unseated them from the apex of local football, with other top-



Namungo FC goal-getter, Reliants Lusajo (L), negotiates his way past Mtibwa Sugar's defender Oscar Masai when the clubs met at a 2021/22 NBC Premier League match held in Morogoro last week. Namungo FC cruised to a 4-2 victory. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NAMUNGO FC

flight clubs reduced to being mere bystanders as the supremacy of the country's two football titans remains unchallenged.

Then, it appears that the competition in the Mainland Premier League needs to be intensified as stiffer competition would bolster the quality of our senior national team, Taifa Stars.

In light of this, one would like to issue a stirring call to all top-flight clubs (excluding Yanga and Simba) to take a stab at coming up with an unbeatable blueprint for success in local football.

Staying with football, local fans of the people's game were recently on cloud nine over the news that the Tanzanian midfielder Novatus Dismas has just joined the Belgian Jupiler League outfit SV Zulte Waregem. Indeed, the move means that Dismas will now join two other Tanzanian stars plying their trade in Belgium and these are Kelvin John and Mbwana Samatta who turn out for Genk and Royal Antwerp FC respectively.

Admittedly, although we as a country do not have large cadres of local talents playing abroad, it is still nevertheless a giant stride forward whenever one of our brightest stars gets the golden opportunity to

play professional football overseas.

It is also hoped that Dismas will grab this opportunity with both hands and give a great account of himself on Belgian football's grandest stage.

We should as well cross our fingers that Dismas' transfer to Belgium will pave the way for other talented Tanzanian players to move overseas to play professional football in the sport's toughest leagues.

## NBC Bank takes Dodoma Marathon to new heights

By Guardian Correspondent

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has officially unveiled the prizes for winners of the upcoming race, dubbed 'NBC Dodoma International Marathon', accounting for 65m/-, a record high in the country's marathons line up.

The marathon will take place in Dodoma at the end of this month, targeting to involve 20,000 athletes to support efforts in fighting cervical cancer in the country. The marathon will include 42km, 21 kilometers, and 10 kilometers.

Announcing the prizes, The NBC Acting Head of Marketing David Raymond confirmed that all necessary preparations for the marathon have been finalized, adding that the thrilling prizes are set to motivate athletes, especially the locals.

The overall winner for the 42km race for both male and female runners will scoop 8m/- apiece while the second winner raking in 4m/-. About 2m/-, 1.5m/-, and 1m/- will be presented to the third, fourth, and fifth-placed respectively.

"There is a saying that 'charity begins at home', Tanzanians who will emerge as the overall winners



The NBC Bank Head of Corporate Affairs Godwin Semuny (L) and the institution's Acting Head of Marketing, David Raymond (2nd L), in a jovial mood during the official unveiling of prizes for winners of the coming NBC Dodoma International Marathon scheduled for July 31, 2022, in Dodoma. Others are (L-R) EFM radio station's Director of Operations, Denis Busulwa, and Gerald Hando, the host of the 'Joto la Asubuhi' program at the radio station. NBC has announced a total of 65m/- to be handed over to the winners, a record high in the country's marathon lineup. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

will get 8m/- plus 2m/- bonus making a total of 10m/-," he said.

In the 21 Kilometers, the champion will get 4m/-, while a Tanzanian who will hold the position will take a 1m/- bonus.

The runner-up will walk away with 2m/-, third-placed will get 1.5m/-, 1m/- and 700,000/- have been set aside for the fourth and fifth-placed respectively.

The 10km event's winners will rake in 1.5m/-, the runner-up is to receive 1m/-, 700,000/-, 500,000/- and 300,000/- will go to third, fourth, and fifth respectively.

The NBC Head of Corporate Affairs Godwin Semuny said this year's marathon is dedicated to increasing awareness about cervical cancer in collaboration with Ocean Road Cancer Institute

whereby people will get screening tests for free.

"The key focus of this exercise is to create willingness for people to check their health status frequently. We believe this marathon will give us a good platform to reach many people and give them access to screening services for free and give counseling," he said.

Beyond that, the marathon will help to stimulate business in different sectors including grape farming, with investors getting a chance to see its production process and get guidance on how they can partner with the government on the same.

The officials noted that to spread awareness and prioritize health and community empowerment, NBC Bank invites many Tanzanians to participate in the marathon.

According to them, the prizes will boost the winners in businesses and cover life expenditures.

To register for the marathon, people wishing to take part in it have to visit its website events.nbc.co.tz and pay 30,000/- for the entrance ticket and running kit for whichever race an individual will choose.

## Simba SC legend Makelele laid to rest in Kilimanjaro

By Correspondent Adam Fungamwango

FORMER Simba SC striker John Makelele that is remembered for notching a goal that saved the side from relegation in 1988 was laid to rest at Moshi TPC in Kilimanjaro on Monday.

The chairman of the Tanzania Football Veterans' Union, Faza Lusizi, said Makelele, popularly known as 'Zigzag', died at Muhimbili National Hospital in Dar es Salaam on Saturday after suffering from throat cancer.

Lusizi said that the deceased had apart from turning out for Simba also played for Pamba, and Biashara Mwanza clubs.

The former forward that was laid to rest in Kilimanjaro is survived by a wife and several children.

Lusizi noted: "He died on Saturday and the tragedy was at his sister's house at Bunju A, we hope to bury our colleague tomorrow (Monday)."

The official revealed: "To be honest Tanzanian

football has been hit by the departure of a great player who also played for the senior national team, Taifa Stars."

Makelele was nicknamed 'Zigzag' by domestic football fans due to his dribbling style, as well as speed.

He could excellently serve as either central striker or right-winger.

In 1988 he saved Simba from succumbing to relegation to Second Division when he scored the second goal which saw the club garner a 2-1 win over age-old rival Yanga.

The clash was played at the National Stadium (now Uhuru Stadium) on July 23, 1988.

Simba was, on the one hand, required to win to avoid suffering relegation to Second Division. Yanga, on other hand, needed just a draw to win the First Division's championship.

Makelele scored the second goal in the 58th minute to consequently saved the Msimbazi Street side from relegation, with Yanga missing the title which went to Coastal Union.

The goal-getter netted the crucial winner after fellow attacker Edward Chumila scored for Simba in the 21st minute and midfielder Issa Athumani equalized for Yanga in the 36th minute.

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Azam FC seems to have clear ideas on the transfer window. Depending on who you talk to, agents have been told that Azam FC is looking for a striker, attacking midfielders, goalkeeper, and a center-back



# The evolution of Gabriel Jesus: How new Arsenal striker's game has changed

By Chris Wright, Toe Poke writer

AFTER 5½ years at Manchester City, Gabriel Jesus will begin a new chapter in his Premier League career after completing his £45 million transfer to Arsenal this summer.

Jesus signed for City from Palmeiras in the summer of 2016 for around £30m but didn't join up with his new team until January 2017, when the 19-year-old was finally freed up to make the switch to the Premier League.

He first arrived at the Etihad as an energetic, versatile, all-action forward who had scored 26 goals in 67 senior appearances for his boyhood club prior to joining City. He leaves having scored 95 goals in 236 games in all competitions (and also registering 46 assists) while playing his part in four Premier League title wins, one FA Cup, three EFL Cups and a run to the 2021 Champions League final.

However, the Brazil international was restricted to just 20 starts in the league last season, and while he still pitched in with eight goals and nine assists, the time is obviously right for Jesus to seek a fresh challenge elsewhere – especially with City bringing in Erling Haaland from Borussia Dortmund this summer.

During his early career at City, Jesus was mainly deployed as a specialist goal poacher in a central role. He was undoubtedly effective, and quickly made a habit of scoring from close range with one-touch finishes. In fact, only one of his first 14 Premier League goals was scored from more than 8 yards out, and that was a penalty against Leicester in May 2017. Since then his game has evolved and Jesus has adapted to become a much more rounded, Pep Guardiola-style forward, playing off either flank or down the middle when required. As such, he has added many more adept passes, touches in the penalty area, assists and even goals from outside the box to his repertoire.

With the 25-year-old on his

way to the Emirates, here are the stats for Jesus' goal contributions and all-round play and a season-by-season look at precisely how Jesus has changed his game.

A 19-year-old Jesus first started life at City operating mainly as a classic out-and-out No. 9, specialising in instinctive bursts of movement, close-range manoeuvring and one-touch finishes.

His very first goal for the club emphasises the point, with the striker opening his account by scoring City's third goal in a 4-0 victory over West Ham at the London Stadium on Feb. 1, 2017 – a tap-in from the edge of the 6-yard box to finish off an incisive passing move, i.e. the textbook Guardiola goal.

In his first half-season, Jesus continued in much the same vein and ended the 2016-17 campaign with seven goals in his first 11 games for City. While two of those goals came via his left foot, four via his right and one via his head, all seven of them were scored from inside the penalty area.

Jesus' first full season under Guardiola at City saw the forward make 42 appearances in all competitions, with 34 of them coming as a central striker.

Demonstrating an impressive efficiency in front of goal, Jesus scored 17 goals in all competitions from an xG rating of just 17.72. Once again, all 17 of his goals came from inside the box (eight from inside the 6-yard box). He also averaged just 4.2 touches of the ball inside the penalty area per 90 minutes – the lowest season tally of his City career.

As well as returning his lowest single-season pass completion rate (80.3%), the Brazilian also completed fewer dribbles per game (0.8) and registered fewer assists (three) in 2017-18 than during any other season he spent at the Etihad, thus demonstrating the heavy emphasis on goal scoring rather than goal creation.

Jesus' crowning moment of the 2017-18 season came in the 94th minute of the final league game of the season when he scored deep into stoppage time

to secure a narrow 1-0 victory over Southampton. City were already champions by that point, but the Brazilian's strike ensured that Guardiola's side became the first in history to reach 100 points in a top-flight campaign, leading to them being dubbed the "Centurians."

City powered to a domestic treble in 2018-19 by winning the Premier League, FA Cup and League Cup as Jesus improved on his output once again by scoring 21 goals and creating seven assists in 47 games across all competitions. While used as an auxiliary left winger on a smattering of occasions, the Brazilian was mostly deployed at the spearhead of City's attack and averaged a goal every 107.3 minutes he spent on the pitch as a result.

Jesus also significantly diversified his means of goal scoring by notching four goals with his left foot, 11 with his right and six with his head. His hat trick against Shakhtar Donetsk in the group stages of the Champions League is also notable for containing, along with two penalties, the one and only goal Jesus ever scored for City from outside the 18-yard box. When you look at his delicious 20-yard lob, scored in the 92nd minute, you wonder why he didn't score more.

The season after that treble proved to be the most prolific season of Jesus' City career, thanks at least in part to a succession of injury issues that regularly kept first-choice striker Sergio Aguero out of contention. Jesus capitalised and scored 23 goals in 53 games for City – his best return for the club – while also chipping in with 11 assists.

While City had to make do with the EFL Cup as their only silverware after finishing runners-up behind Liverpool in a COVID-mired Premier League campaign, their Brazilian striker achieved several career highs in statistical terms.

As well as his best goal and assist return, Jesus enjoyed more touches inside the area per game (5.7) and a better pass-completion rate (85.9%) than at any other



Mikel Arteta worked with Gabriel Jesus at Manchester City. (Agencies)

point during his City stint, and also saw his average completed dribbles rank rise to 1.3 per game – signifying the beginning of a subtle shift in his style of play.

Jesus also became only the second player in Champions League history to score for an English club in both legs of a knockout tie against Real Madrid after Ruud van Nistelrooy did likewise for Manchester United in 2003-04.

Minor injuries, a positive COVID-19 test and a suspension all combined to reduce the amount of time Jesus spent on the pitch throughout 2020-21, with his stats suffering accordingly. The striker made just 42 appearances for City in all competitions (down from 53 the previous season), scored 14 goals and laid on four assists – his lowest goal contribution return in any of his five full seasons at the Etihad.

Exactly half of Jesus' 14 goals were scored at close range inside the 6-yard box – five with his left foot, seven with his right and two with his head. Compounding his struggles, the striker's average for

touches inside the area fell almost 20% from 5.7 per game in 2019-20 to 4.7 per game in 2020-21.

On the upside, the Brazilian's total of 14 goals were scored from an xG rating of just 14.2, his pass-completion rate remained steady (84.6%) and he also successfully completed more dribbles on average (1.6 per 90 minutes) than during any other season at the Etihad. In short, he carried and moved the ball more effectively in the build-up of attacks, but at the cost of being in the right place at the right time to convert chances. The fact that midfielders Ilkay Gundogan (17 goals), Phil Foden (16) Raheem Sterling (14) and Riyad Mahrez (14) emerged as the club's top goal scorers in 2020-21 suggests a more holistic approach to sharing the goals around.

City once again shared the goals around in 2021-22, with Mahrez emerging top of the club's scoring charts in all competitions with 24 goals to his name, followed by Kevin De Bruyne (19) and Sterling (17). Jesus made the fewest appearances for City (41) in any of his five full seasons at the Etihad and also

amassed his lowest goal tally (13), though he was able to ramp up his assist count to a joint-high of 11.

Of the forward's 13 goals, just one came via his left foot and one other with his head, with all 13 being scored from inside the 18-yard box. However, only four were scored from inside the 6-yard box, which represents Jesus' lowest yield of close-range tap-ins since his first few months at City in 2016-17.

Jesus' reduced participation will have naturally had a negative effect on his productivity in terms of goal contributions, but it is perhaps worth noting that he enjoyed a spike in average touches inside the area (5.8 per game – a career high), pass completion (85.1%) and minutes per assist (233.7 – again, a career high).

## The future?

Last season saw Arsenal ship Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang out of the club on a free transfer to Barcelona in February, Aubameyang having been stripped of the club captaincy and frozen out of the squad two months earlier, while Alexandre Lacazette left as a free agent in a more dignified exit when his own contract expired at the end of the campaign.

Given that the Gunners' top scorer in all competition in 2021-22 was 19-year-old winger Bukayo Saka (12 goals), and that only three members of Mikel Arteta's squad successfully reached double figures in terms of goals, the Gunners will no doubt be hoping Jesus can revert back into the ruthless poacher of yesterday.

Whether the Brazilian is able to bring those qualities back to the fore and adapt to life as a penalty-box predator capable of scoring 20-plus goals a season remains to be seen. Perhaps a mix of both wouldn't be a bad thing either, especially as the Gunners aren't overly blessed with an abundance of seasoned, Premier League-proven goal scorers.

Young academy product Eddie Nketiah has been rewarded for his late-season form – when he scored five goals in the final seven games – with a new contract, but the 23-year-old is still far from the finished article. And, with Fabio Vieira joining the ranks of attacking midfielders and wide forwards at Arteta's disposal, actually having someone in the area to finish chances with reliable regularity will be key to Arsenal's hopes of finishing in the top four next season. No pressure, Gabriel.

# Ronaldo has left Man United high and dry with handling of desire to leave

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THE endgame of Cristiano Ronaldo's Manchester United career is now in play. Despite the club's public position stating that the Portugal forward will not be leaving Old Trafford this summer, it is increasingly likely that he has already made his final appearance in a United shirt.

A delayed return to the first day of pre-season training on Monday, due to family reasons, follows after sources told ESPN at the weekend that Ronaldo wants to leave United less than a year after returning to Old Trafford, 12 years after initially leaving the club for Real Madrid. It is also unclear as to whether Ronaldo will fly to Bangkok on Friday with the rest of the squad for the start of United's 2½-week tour of Thailand and Australia.

Erik ten Hag was always going to have a bumpy ride in his early months as United's new manager due to the mountain of problems he inherited from his predecessors, but a frenzy of speculation around the future of his most high-profile player is a distraction he could do without.

Sources have told ESPN, however, that United would be open to offloading Ronaldo, 37, if a club outside the Premier League is prepared to take on the final 12 months of his £500,000-a-week contract. As reported by ESPN on Saturday, there is tentative interest from Bayern Munich and Napoli, while sources said on Monday that Chelsea have been told the former Real Madrid and Juventus player could be willing to move to Stamford Bridge but are yet to decide whether to make a formal offer.

A move to Chelsea would, right now, be unpalatable to United due to the club's determination to qualify for the 2023-24 Champions League. With Chelsea being a direct competitor for a top-four finish in the Premier League, there is little prospect of Ronaldo being allowed to move to Stamford Bridge, but there would be less resistance within the United hierarchy to a deal being struck with Bayern, Napoli or any other European team that may yet emerge as a potential destination.



Cristiano Ronaldo

And while the consistent message from United throughout the summer has been that Ronaldo is part of new boss Ten Hag's plans and will be at the club next season, sources have said that there is an acceptance that allowing him to leave now will ultimately help accelerate the former Ajax coach's rebuilding programme. But perhaps for the first time in his two spells at United, Ronaldo has let the team down by waiting until now – just five weeks before the start of the new season – to signal his desire to leave Old Trafford in order to play in the Champions League next season.

On June 3, Ronaldo spoke to United's official website and, without directly saying that he would stay, gave a strong hint that he would remain at the club by speaking of wanting to "win trophies next year" and giving Ten Hag "time to make changes." Sources have told ESPN, though, that there has been a constant sense behind the scenes at United this summer that Ronaldo was waiting for the right moment to push for a move and that there would be few tears shed in the dressing room if he chose to leave, pointing to tensions within the squad centred around Ronaldo and his demanding personality.

But while many of his teammates may be happy to see Ronaldo go, by allowing news of his unhappiness at the club to emerge now, he has left United on the back foot in terms of finding a replacement. United are already toiling in the transfer market this summer with no new signings being

made before all the squad return to training. Sources have said that Feyenoord left-back Tyrell Malacia will complete a move within the next 48 hours, Christian Eriksen has agreed to join the club on a three-year deal and there is a hope that Ajax defender Lisandro Martinez will also arrive this week, but primary target Frenkie de Jong has still to be signed from Barcelona and there have been no additions to the attacking options. If Ronaldo goes, United will have to find a replacement for the player who was their 24-goal top scorer last season. Ajax winger Antony is high on the list of targets, but the 22-year-old would be a gamble rather than the proven goal scorer United would clearly need.

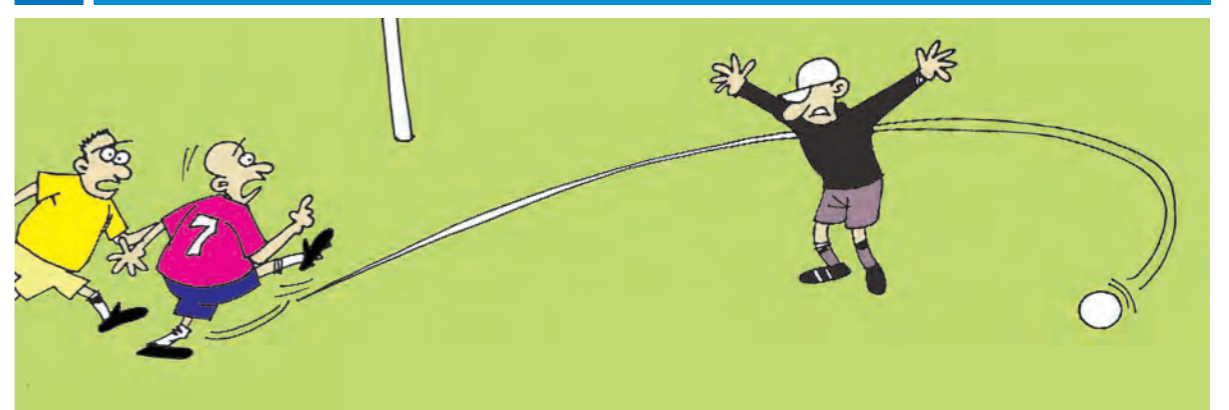
But by keeping United waiting until now to make his intentions clear, Ronaldo has prevented the club from competing for forwards who have already made big moves. Richarlison (Everton to Tottenham Hotspur) and Gabriel Jesus (Manchester City to Arsenal) would have offered proven options, while United could have made a more concerted effort to thwart Liverpool's move to sign Darwin Nunez from Benfica. As it stands now, they could attempt to beat Barcelona to Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski or even offer Paris Saint-Germain the chance to take Neymar off their hands, but those are the kinds of last-minute, high-profile deals that United are trying to consign to the past. But Ronaldo has ensured that everything must now be on the table.

Nobody comes out of this situation well. Ronaldo should have made his intentions clear at the end of last season, but United and Ten Hag have also had opportunities to force the issue and deal with it much sooner. The end result of the communications failure on both sides is a situation that leaves both parties in a race against time, which suits neither.

Ronaldo must find a club ready and willing to fund his signing, while United have to identify a replacement and sign him, at the same time as attempting to bolster Ten Hag's squad with the reinforcements they already desperately needed.

But one thing is certain: Ronaldo's time at United is up.

## Gwiji by David Chikoko





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## TTA lauds company for supporting tennis promotion

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) has hailed CPS Tanzania Limited for its commitment to the development of the sport in the country. Denis Makoi, TTA president, issued the comments on Saturday when the firm handed over travelling tickets to five male players who will represent the country at the ongoing Africa Zone of Group II playoffs of the Davis Cup which is taking place in Rwanda.

The team is headed by coach Salum Mwamvita and players making the side are Frank Menard, Dofu Saleh, Omari Sulle, Abubakar Risasi, and Rashid Swalehe.

"We are delighted with the support from the firm, they have made it possible for our team to travel and compete in Rwanda at Davis Cup, we thank them for the gesture," he said.

The national women's tennis team which was to travel to Montenegro to compete at the ongoing Billie Jean King Cup failed to depart due to visa hitches.

This year's Billie Jean King Cup is the 59th edition of the women's tennis tournament.

The players who were to represent the country are Naitoti Singo, Aurelia Mushi, Barbara Mollel, and Edna John while Rehema Athuman was to serve as leader of the delegation and head coach.

The Davis Cup showdown is the premier international team event in men's tennis. It is run by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and is contested annually between teams from competing countries in a knock-out format.

It is described by the organizers as the World Cup of Tennis, and the winners are referred to as the World Champion team.

The competition began in 1900 as a challenge between Great Britain and the United States. By 2016, 135 nations entered teams into the competition.

The most successful countries in the history of the tournament are the United States (winning 32 titles and finishing as runners-up 29 times) and Australia (winning 28 titles, including four with New Zealand as Australasia, and finishing as runners-up 19 times).



Bakari Mwamnyeto

## Yanga defender salutes Abdul Suleiman's performance

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

YANGA's center-back Bakari Mwamnyeto is full of praise for midfielder, Abdulhamis Suleiman, saying the latter showcased a good performance during this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) final match played at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha last Saturday.

Suleiman that had by the end of the 2021/22 Premier League season turning out for Tanga's Coastal Union has recently moved to Azam FC.

The midfielder's side confronted Yanga in the ASFC final.

Mwamnyeto, who also turns out for the senior national side, conceded that last weekend's final was tough.

The final match witnessed the Jangwani Street squad lift its second title in the ASFC, dethroning Simba SC.

In the ASFC final, Coastal Union and Yanga were level 3-3 after the extra time and it had to be settled by penalties, which saw Yanga cruise to the 4-1 victory.

Yannick Bangala, Dickson Job, Heritier Makambo, and Khalid Aucho converted the penalties for Yanga and catapulted the club to victory.

Simba SC had been crowned ASFC champions in the 2020/21 season after cruising to a narrow 1-0 victory over age-old rival Yanga in the showpiece's final played at Lake Tanganyika Stadium in Kigoma last year.

Mwamnyeto that joined Yanga from Coastal Union moreover disclosed Suleiman, popularly known as 'Sopu', was the best player in Coastal Union and showcased a good showing.

Sopu who made a unique record for scoring a hat-trick in the ASFC duel scored in the 10th, 78th, and 98th minutes of the final. The midfielder was a menace to Mwamnyeto, making it difficult for the center-back to efficiently implement his defensive duties and consequently look to have underperformed. The impressive work ethic showcased by the midfielder also put Yanga keeper Djigui Diara under pressure, forcing the latter to be alert.

The Yanga central defender noted: "We had difficulties but thanks for this victory, it is a gift for our fans, we gave them what they wanted."

"I would like to congratulate Coastal Union for their good performance and Sopu is a good player that showed good performance."

Coastal Union worked hard seeking to have an upper hand in midfield and attempting to unlock Yanga's defense through flanks.

The side's defense also put a solid showing, keeping Yanga's goal-getter Fiston Mayele at bay.

Yanga's right fullback Djuma Shabani as well had a difficult time facing Coastal Union wingers, as was the case with Mwamnyeto that seemed to have lost steam.

The defenders were worn physically and psychologically as they frequently faced threats posed by Coastal Union's 'Sopu' and fellow midfielder Vincent Abubakar.

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## Simba SC and Yanga to contest 2022 Community Shield



Yanga midfielder, Farid Mussa (C), negotiates his way past Simba SC center back, Pascal Wawa, when the outfits locked horns in the 2021/22 Community Shield match, which took place in Dar es Salaam on September 25. Yanga won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

EVERY year the curtain is raised on the Tanzanian domestic football season with two teams battling it out for the Community Shield.

The showpiece event, pitting the prior campaign's Azam Sports Federation Cup winners against the Premier League title holders, normally takes place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium unless otherwise.

Details around the 2022 Community Shield have now been confirmed, as NBC Premier League Champions Young Africans, alias Yanga, and runners-up Simba SC is set to battle it out for the first piece of silverware of the new season.

NBC Premier League champions Yanga will compete for the 2022 Community Shield against runners-up Simba SC on August 13.

The match traditionally involves the Premier League champions and either the Federation Cup winners or the Premier League runners-up, in the case a team wins the double as was the case last season.

The match comes three days before the 2022/23 NBC Premier League season gets un-

derway.

The traditional curtain-raiser gives new signings a chance to get their first taste of life in the clash dubbed 'Dar es Salaam Derby'.

Simba SC has already announced the signing of Zambian striker Moses Phiri and is also reported to have signed Habib Kyombo.

Yanga has confirmed deals for former Kaizer Chiefs' Zambian striker Lazarus Kambole and Ghanaian winger Bernard Morrison.

More incomings are expected in the transfer window as recently confirmed by both clubs.

Yanga is the defending champions in the Community Shield after a 1-0 victory against Simba SC in last season's edition saw the former win the trophy for the first time since 2015.

After winning their record 28th Premier League title, the Jangwani Street club has the chance of claiming it for the sixth time overall.

Fresh from a historic invincible season which included sweeping all the domestic trophies available in Tanzania football, Yanga head coach Nasredine Nabi and his charges will hope to repeat their heroics from the previous edition of the competition by vanquishing Simba SC once again.

In the 2021/22 campaign, the two great rivals played out four epic fixtures in the Community Shield, League, and the Federation Cup where Yanga managed to win two games while the other two ended in goalless stalemates.

As for Simba, they will be making their 11th appearance in the traditional season-opening fixture while chasing a record-extending 10th title.

It will also serve as the first competitive fixture for newly appointed head coach Zoran Maki who replaced Pablo Franco Martin.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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