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## Global Fund key auditor engages PMO on HIV, TB, malaria aid expenditure

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, an international financing and partnership organization that aims to leverage resources to end the global epidemics, has issued assurances on assisting Tanzania in those areas.

Andrew Hammond, a senior audit and investigation official with the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) at the fund had a brief meeting with Dr. John Jingu, the permanent secretary for the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs and Coordination) yesterday.

An online chronicle says that the OIG is charged with safeguarding the assets, investments, reputation and sustainability of the fund, ensuring that every dollar counts and has zero tolerance for fraud, corruption and waste that prevent resources from

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reaching those who need them. The official reiterated Global Fund's intent to back government efforts to battle out the killer diseases of HIV/Aids, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria,

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# PM meets three envoys, hints at key assignments



NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna (2nd-L) presents medical equipment worth 50m/- in Dodoma city yesterday to National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (3rd-L) for use at Uhuru Hospital in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

**P**OLICY improvements in the wake of initiatives by President Samia Suluhu Hassan have greatly helped to spruce up the investment environment in the country. Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has declared.

He made the remarks yesterday when he met with heads of Tanzania's missions in various countries, at his office in Parliament buildings in Dodoma city.

Envoys present included Ambassador Caroline Chipeta (Netherlands), Simon Sirro (Zimbabwe) and Lt. Gen. Mathew Mkingule (Zambia).

He tasked the envoys to focus on economic diplomacy and mobilise efforts to access markets for the country's products and attract more investments.

Improvements in investment policy initiated by President Samia have significantly helped to strengthen the investment climate in the country, a vital contribution as Tanzania needs serious investors in various sectors like agriculture, mining and natural resources, he stated.

“We want investors who will boost our economy, as well as those who will produce goods here using our own raw materials.

“Our country is among nations whose location is strategic,” he specified, noting that markets in the region like the SADC and EAC zones spur investments. He pointed at the country's investment environment as friendly, with logistical support from new planes, improved ports, “and now we are making big improvements in the energy sector.”

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## MPs bless AU convention on combating of terrorism

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE National Assembly has adopted the Protocol to the African Union (AU) Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism of 2004 to combat the menace, with the government con-

firming the presence of domestic terrorism elements in some parts of the country.

Home Affairs minister Hamad Yusuf Masauni made this affirmation in the legislature yesterday when tabling the protocol, noting that the

country has of late faced elements of domestic terrorism in Arusha, Geita, Mwanza, Coast and Tanga regions.

Police arrested several suspects from neighboring countries who were escaping the wrath of the law in those countries, he said. Extrem-

ism and radicalization where people join terrorist groups was on the rise in some countries, thus capable of igniting terrorist incidents in the country, he asserted.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her Kenyan counterpart, William Ruto, pictured in London yesterday with their fellow heads of state and other dignitaries in the UK for Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral being driven to Westminster Abbey for the solemn ceremony. The climax of the event was expected to be a private burial at 9:30 p.m. (Tanzanian time) at the King George VI Memorial Chapel. Photo: Agencies

## Dr Mpango to address UN General Assembly session

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango yesterday arrived in New York to address the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday.

Standing in for President Samia Suluhu Hassan, he will lead the Tanzanian delegation in various meetings focusing on the economy, education, health,

democracy and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) where Tanzania has been invited by the country partners, international institutions and private organizations.

The UN General Assembly is the policy-making organ of the United Nations, providing an opportunity for the world to come together to address the most pressing

global challenges facing humanity at any particular moment, a UN chronicle asserts.

Among highlights of the 77th session is a prior affirmation by the United States that President Joe Biden intends to reemphasize commitment to multilateral action by engaging actively across

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Chapter 21 of the protocol seeks the establishment of the African Union Peace and Security Council (PSC), meant to harmonize AU efforts in the fight against terrorism, collaborating with member states for the welfare of the people and their properties, he said.

Vita Kawawa, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security said the protocol will facilitate exchange of suspects through special agreements with other nations. This will help the country use data from the Algiers terrorism centre and conflict resolution tactics, with the protocol to work setting a usable legal framework for exchange of prisoners in the cadre of combating terrorism, he said.

Exchange of intelligence information among member states, building capacity among security personnel by training and seminars on how to curb the threat of terrorism, he said.

Singida North MP Ramadhan Ighondo said the protocol enables regional and international security agencies to liaise in combating terror threats.

Sophia Mwakagenda (Special Seats-opposition) said implementing the protocol should take into account human rights obligations including protecting suspects while in custody.

The protocol is clear that terrorism should not be used as a whip to crack down on political critics who are vocal about some national issues, she emphasised.

The protocol comes at a time when Tanzania is marketing its tourism destinations through programmes like 'The Royal Tour' and the coming 'Hidden Tanzania,' a cabinet official intoned.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango pictured in New York yesterday making parting remarks to Tanzanian nationals living there shortly after having an audience with them. Right is Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Liberata Mulamula. Photo courtesy of VPO

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the full spectrum of its events and activities. The session opened early last week, with the high-level week of consultations

between delegations stretching from Monday to Friday this week. A State Department briefing said the United States believes that the United Nations provides a vital platform to address the most

pressing challenges, citing global food security and the global health crises. At this moment of heightened geopolitical tensions, countries have a role to play in helping shape a future United Nations that

can deliver on its mandate and remain a central and effective problem-solving institution, the briefing noted. With that in mind, the United States is focused on three key policy priorities for the

77th session, like combating food insecurity, advancing global health and global health security, along with upholding the UN Charter and shaping the future of the organisation, it added.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi bids farewell to a delegation of Israeli surgeons moments after talks at Zanzibar State House yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

## Dr Mwinyi lauds Israeli NGO

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said the coming of doctors from Save a Child's Heart - a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) from Israel has greatly helped the government from high treatment costs for heart diseases affecting children in Zanzibar.

President Mwinyi made the remarks at Zanzibar State House at the weekend when he met with and held discussions with a team of heart surgeons from Israel, led by the organization's Director, Tamar Shapira.

He said the decision for the doctors to come to the country every year to examine children with heart diseases and later sending them to Israel for surgery, has helped the

government greatly in regard to surgery costs.

He also used the occasion to thank the doctors for working together with the government in the big task to save the lives of Zanzibar children suffering from heart complications.

He further said the project for the construction of a treatment centre for children with heart complications will assist government efforts against the disease, as the envisaged centre will create opportunities for foreign heart specialists to come to Zanzibar to conduct minor heart operations on children.

He called on the NGO to assist in getting the expertise of local doctors, the step that should go in tandem with the creation of the proposed treatment centre.

For his part, the 'save a Child's

Heart' Director, Tamar Shapira pledged that the organisation will continue working together with the government in order to ensure it deals with heart complications.

He also lauded the great cooperation from the Zanzibar's Ministry of Health during the entire period they were in the country and promised to work on the proposals submitted to them.

Earlier, the minister for Health, Ahmed Nassor Mazrui said the organization's doctors have come to the country every year since 1999 and work together with the ministry in examining children with heart complications as well as conducting operations on them.

He added since 1999 a total of 780 children underwent surgery.

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He urged the envoys to organise symposia and business forums for interested parties in their mission countries, also involving the local private sector.

"Seek markets for our products, participate in trade exhibitions to advertise our products," he said, noting that the government wants our farmers to benefit from markets in the countries in which we have diplomatic missions.

The envoys also need to protect Tanzania's image outside, wooing tourists and assisting Tanzanian traders to do business abroad, he elaborated, similarly pointing at

the need to be briefed about new technologies to see their uses for Tanzania.

"This issue goes in tandem with the seeking of scholarships for our youth in the countries you are assigned to," he stated, similarly hinting at the need to advertise Kiswahili, applying their own abilities to see how they can set up Kiswahili classes in those countries.

Ambassador Simon Sirro, representing the group of envoys, said that with the trust displayed by President Samia, they will take up assignments in the countries they are posted to enable Tanzania to benefit from diplomatic representation there.

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extending diverse support in line with improving health sector performance generally.

A PMO statement said that Hammond appreciated the effectiveness of the government's partnership with the fund, "making sober use of support being injected by the fund to spearhead war against the killer diseases.

The agency expects to roll out more funds for the timely procurements of medicines and strengthening the dispensation of the relevant medical services.

Briefing the media, the permanent secretary said the conversation was chiefly based on the health sector, with focus on ensuring timely access to vital health services.

Appreciating the support from the Global Fund, he said the country looks forward to working with the agency in a professional and patriotic manner, as support from Global Fund was playing a vital role in realizing the vision by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The vision is one of constructing health centers in all locations, from village, ward to district level to ensure access to better health services within the vicinity of those locations, he said.

The Global Fund is a 21st-century partnership organization designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics. Founded in 2002, the Global Fund is a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and individuals, raising nearly \$4bn a year to support programs run by public and civic agencies for communities most in need. The Global Fund finances institutions but does not implement programs on the ground. From its head offices in the Swiss capital of Geneva, its staff is drawn from different professions, recruited from more than 100 countries.





Children pictured at the weekend taking part in a 'Draw a Map' campaign run by Sauti ya Jamii Kipunguni, a community-based organisation operating from Kipunguni in suburban Dar es Salaam. The idea is to identify and promote young talent which parents, guardians and teachers can later develop further. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 'Make mining, energy sectors open to public'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has been urged to make mining and energy sectors open to the public by tabling them in the House for discussion and solving challenges related to them.

The call was made by the Bahi MP, Kenneth Nollo (CCM) who had wanted to know if the government had such plans, noting that there are a lot of issues in the contracts that need to be openly discussed.

In his question, the lawmaker said, "There are a lot of issues in the contract that are not clear, when shall the government start tabling them in parliament before projects are initiated."

The legislator also argued that one of the areas of conflict in countries with oil and gas minerals is lacking of good governance following lack of transparency in the contracts.

In response, the deputy minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Geophrey Pinda said there is transparency on the energy and mining contracts in the country.

"Parliamentary committees working on behalf of all lawmakers always go through the contracts, identifying contentious issues and pointing out unclear sections" said the deputy minister.

The government can

now commence renegotiate of existing contracts with both mining and oil companies undertaking exploration and production in the country after the parliament passed two laws namely the Natural Wealth and Resources (Permanent Sovereignty) and the Natural Wealth and Resources Contracts (Review and Re-negotiation of Unconscionable Terms) in 2017.

"Parliament has passed two (laws) legislation - the Natural Wealth and Resources (Permanent Sovereignty) and the Natural Wealth and Resources Contracts (Review and Re-negotiation of Unconscionable Terms) bills," the state-run Tanzania Information Services said in a statement.

The government said the new legislation increases transparency in the sectors as well as result in more revenue for the government.



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## 135 'panya road' suspects detained, says Dar RC

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM Regional Commissioner (RC) Amos Makalla has said that the ongoing operation to arrest 'panya road' criminal gangs has been of a great success whereby a total of 135 suspects have been detained.

The operation executed by the Tanzania Police Force, was launched on September 15, this year. The operation has also arrested five people who are allegedly as major buyers of the stolen equipment.

RC Makalla said this yesterday during the working session of the Defense

and Security Committee that sat to evaluate the security situation in the region as well as receiving information on the progress of the operation to arrest criminals.

Makalla said the force has also recovered a number of stolen assets including TV, radio, mobile phones and

other items.

The regional chief unveiled plans to control crime including all police stations to work 24 hours a day, increase patrols in every ward, street to hold a special meeting to discuss the agenda of defense and security every first week of the month.

Other plans, according to RC Makalla include crackdown of traders who sell and buy stolen goods, strengthening joint security groups, monitoring the movements of prisoners who have finished serving their sentences and a search for stones, uncompleted buildings and video showrooms that

have become part of the meeting and make plans to commit crimes.

RC Makalla called on parents to invest in the education of their children as well as making sure that they closely make follow-up of their children daily activities and behavior of their children.



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
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### GOVERNMENT MINERALS AND JEWELRY TENDER AUCTION

Ministry of Finance and Planning of the United Republic of Tanzania has pleasure to invite potential buyers to participate in the Minerals (Rough and Polished Coloured Gemstones including Tanzanite) and Jewelry Tender Auction to be held at Bank of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022

#### Auction & Viewing Dates!

The Auction will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022 from 10.00 hrs. to 1600 hrs for gemstones and jewelry respectively.

Lot viewing for rough and polished coloured gemstones : 28th to 29th September, 2022

Lot viewing for jewelry: 01<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2022

**NOTE:** Viewing time for each category is from 1000hrs to 1600 hrs.

Tender is open to mineral licensed holders (for Tanzanian Participants) and international registered participants only.

#### For registration please contact:

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Register Now!

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## RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE



Zambia Cargo and Logistics Limited is inviting sealed tender bids for the purchase of Residential Property located at Masaki with registered plot No.316 Toure Drive, Oyster Bay, just opposite Golden Tulip Hotel, Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The property is sold "as is, where is" basis and inspection may be done by interested Bidders before submission of bids.

Bids indicating offer for the purchase of the above-mentioned property with a specific amount quoted in US Dollars and full address of the Bidders should be submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 10:00 HOURS at Zambia Cargo and Logistics Limited Head Office Plot 237, Kurasini Area Near Dock Yard, and P.O. Box 105638 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Alternatively, bids can be submitted through the office email address, [info@zamacargo.co.tz](mailto:info@zamacargo.co.tz) within the set deadline. No late bids will be accepted.

Bids will be opened at 10.30am at Zambia Cargo and Logistics Limited Boardroom before all the Bidders.

#### PROPERTY DETAILS

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| <p><b>1. MAIN HOUSE (Two story)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master Bedroom-1</li> <li>• Bedrooms-3</li> <li>• Toilets-2</li> <li>• Lounge-1</li> <li>• Sitting Room-1</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kitchen-1</li> <li>• Dining Room-1</li> <li>• Laundry Room-1</li> </ul> <p><b>2. SERVANTS QUARTER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedrooms-4</li> <li>• Toilet-1</li> </ul> | <p><b>3. GUEST HOUSE (One story)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedrooms-3,</li> <li>• Sitting Room-1</li> <li>• Toilets-2</li> </ul> <p><b>4. TOTAL LAND SIZE OF THE PROPERTY</b><br/>3,173 square metres as area size</p> |
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#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This property has a reserve price of USD 2,200,000 hence Zambia Cargo and Logistics Limited will not accept any bid price below the reserve price. Individuals and Companies are welcome to submit their offers for the above Sale of the Property including the documentation stated below:  
Individuals Documentation;  
• Tax Identification Number or Equivalent in respective of country  
• Copy of the National Identity Card or Number  
• Copy of Valid Passport

#### Company Documentation:

- Tax Identification Number (TIN) or Equivalent in respective of country
- Vat Registration Number (VRN)
- Tax Clearance
- Business License
- Certificate of Incorporation

**VISITING HOURS:** Weekdays -14:00-17:00 hours and Weekends 10:00 to 12:00 hours

#### VISITING DATES:

21/09/2022; 24/09/2022; 28/09/2022; 01/10/2022; 05/10/2022; 08/10/2022; 15/10/2022

Bidding will be conducted through competitive procedure and Zambia Cargo and Logistics Limited reserves the right to accept or decline any or all the bids.

The Company reserves the right to cancel the tender any time. The Company will provide feedback to only shortlisted bidders. The successful Bidder shall be bound to make a minimum of 50% advance payment of the bid price upon signing of the contract.

All the bids must be addressed to the undersigned  
The Procurement Controller,  
Zambia Cargo and Logistics Limited,  
Office Plot 237, Kurasini Area Near Dock Yard,  
P.O. Box 105638 Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA.  
Telephone- +255 022 2851471/4  
Email address: [info@zamacargo.co.tz](mailto:info@zamacargo.co.tz)

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# LGAs urged to recognise importance of information and communication units

By Correspondent Devota Mwachanga, Mwanza

LOCAL government authorities (LGAs) have been urged to recognize the importance of Information and Communication units and use them effectively to inform the public on various projects and development initiatives of their councils.

This was raised here during the weekend at a three-day "Shule Bora Programme" Communication skills workshop organised by Cambridge Education Tanzania for information

officials from Mara, Simiyu and Singida Regions.

The workshop which brought together 20 communication officials from the regions was aimed to strengthen their writing, reporting, editing, and presentation skills within their areas.

Raymond Kanyambo, the co-organizer of the workshop said: "Our aim is to equip the information officers with essential skills that will help them stimulate and improve community engagements besides writing and reporting techniques. These are perqui-

sites to development stimulation, if only when their roles are recognised and well utilised," said.

Kanyambo, who is the programmes communications manager said with funding from the United Kingdom (UK) government, the six-year government basic education programme is aimed at ensuring all children access quality inclusive education where effective learning, teaching, inclusivity, and systems strengthening are guaranteed.

Suzan Adamson, information officer in Ikungi District Council in

Singida Region said in most parts, information officers face challenges as they are not involved in planning and implementation of projects or given important information so as to share them to the public.

"Councils websites lack sufficient information because the officers neither get full reports nor go to the field since they are not involved in most cases. There are many issues to talk about, but we lack cooperation from the heads of other departments within the councils," she explained.

Information officer from Tarime

District Council in Mara Region, Richard Marwa said: "When the Heads of Departments have something to do, they leave the office and go to the field or to meetings without the presence of someone from the information department, this is a great challenge."

Mohagachi Mwita, Tarime Town Council information officer, said that if the communication unit is well recognized and equipped with required tools, it will help communities to be informed of various development initiatives that the government was implementing.

Fredy Kibano, communication officer at the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) said information officers are the main spokespersons of issues going on in the councils and that leaders should recognise their presence and value them.

"We have heard of the complaints about lack of cooperation in the council's departments and have given instructions to the heads of the departments and we believe they will work on this," he said.

## UDSM VC counsels stakeholders to support children with special needs

By correspondent Theresia Victor

VICE Chancellor of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) Prof William Anangisye has called upon stakeholders in the country to extend support to children with special needs in order to help them achieve their educational goals and improve quality of life.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend at a special visit to Sinza Maalum Primary School as part of the ongoing celebration of the university's 60th anniversary, Prof Anangisye said that the most important mission of special education is to provide students with special needs with development opportunities and a learning process that will improve

the quality of their life.

He further noted that a quality and well-designed learning disability education positively impacts the child's psychological development and regardless of their special needs with the right approach, the child will not be excluded and alienated, but will have a fulfilling social life.

He said that stakeholders are important in education because a team effort increases the chances of success in reaching educational goals and all stakeholders play important roles as part of a team working for the success of educational goals.

"As part of our celebration we have come here to Sinza Maalum Primary school to acknowledge the efforts that are being done by our teachers for the students with special needs. We have brought them some items including school supplies, sports equipment, entertainment equipment, and wheelchairs," he noted.



Oryx Energies CEO Moussa Diao (L) looks on as East Africa Oryx Energies downstream manager Sidy Bane (2nd-L) cuts the ribbon at the weekend's Dar es Salaam launch of the 58th Oryx station in the country. Third-left is Gerald Maganga, the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority's (Ewura) director of petroleum. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

## Govt appeals to Ruvuma residents to formalise land plots

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

THE Government has called on residents of Ruvuma Region to formalise their land plots as in doing so they enhance the value of their

plots as well as avert unnecessary conflicts among them.

The call was made by Ruvuma Region Assistant Commissioner for Lands, Idifonce Ndemela, as he spoke at the recent function

for the issuance of 57 title deeds to residents of Ruhuwiko Ward, Songea District in the region.

Ndemela said it is important for the people to understand the meaning of land plot formalisation, as it will help to avert conflicts and added that through the exercise, the Ruvuma regional land office has resolved to reduce the time spent by applicants in pursuing their title deeds.

"I thank all of you who have come here to receive your title deeds as well as for understanding the importance of having the documents, and would like such exercise to happen in other areas as well, as there are so many people who are yet to formalise their land plots," Ndemela said.

Further, Ruwiko Ward Councillor, Wilbert Mahindi stressed to his people to understand that the exercise is for their own benefit, as land formalisation reduces many challenges regarding boundaries.

Frank Mhagama, a Ruwiko Ward resident thanked the Ruvuma Region Land Office for their speed that enabled them get title deeds in the short time, adding that the documents will be of great benefit to them, including access to loans from financial institutions which will enable them expand their economic activities.



**I thank all of you who have come here to receive your title deeds as well as for understanding the importance of having the documents, and would like**

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**Mode of Application**

Candidates meeting the requisite qualifications should submit their applications describing how they qualify for the positions. They should also send detailed CV, copies of certificates, three referees, daytime telephone numbers and e-mail addresses before **30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 16hrs00**. Via the following address:

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EXTRACT OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF VAN HOUT COMPANY LIMITED HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022; THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE DULY PASSED:

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

At an extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Members of **VAN HOUT COMPANY LIMITED**, it was **RESOLVED** that:-

- That the Company be wound up voluntarily effective from the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.
- That **WILFRED SAWAYA MAWALLA** of **MAWALLA ADVOCATES** be appointed as the Liquidator for the purpose of winding up the affairs and distributing assets of the Company.

**We, the undersigned authorized representatives of the Members of the Company, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and Bonafide resolution passed by the Company on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.**

*(Signature)*  
Name: **ARNDOLDB JOSEPH VAN HOUT**  
Position: **Chairman/Director**

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**IN THE MATTER OF VOLUNTARY WINDING UP OF VAN HOUT COMPANY LIMITED (COMPANY)**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT NO. 12 OF 2022**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES (INSOLVENCY RULES) (Made under Rule 335(2) Companies (Insolvency) Rules)**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR**

This is to certify that the meeting of the members of the company held at the Registered offices of the company on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, **WILFRED SAWAYA MAWALLA** of Mawalla Advocates located at Mawalla Road, Mawalla Heritage Park, Mawalla law offices, plot No. 175/20, P.O.Box 6101, Arusha, Tanzania, provided a written statement, that he is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the company under the provisions of the companies Act No. 12 of 2002 and that he consented so to act and was appointed liquidator of Company, Dated at Arusha this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

*(Signature)*  
Name: **WILFRED MAWALLA**  
Position: **LIQUIDATOR**

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**VAN HOUT COMPANY LIMITED (UNDER VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF VAN HOUT COMPANY LIMITED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT VAN HOUT COMPANY LIMITED is undergoing voluntary liquidation under the appointed liquidator WILFRED SAWAYA MAWALLA (ADVOCATE)**

All debtors of the company and all persons holding in their possession any asset/properties of the company to pay their debts to the liquidator at the address below not later than 12:00 noon on 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022 and to surrender the assets and the said properties to the liquidator at the address below not later than 12:00 noon on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022. All creditors of the company are hereby given notice that they should submit their claims with supporting documents to the liquidator at the address below not later than 12:00 noon on 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022 without fail.

*(Signature)*  
**WILFRED MAWALLA (ADVOCATE)**  
THE LIQUIDATOR  
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Mawalla Law Offices Plot No. 175/20  
Arusha Tanzania P.O. Box 6101  
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Cellular: +255 767 950 026  
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**OFFER FOR SALE - INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY**  
**APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES - NYERERE (PUGU) ROAD**

On behalf of our Client, Knight Frank hereby informs the interested buyer that it is offering for sale a well-known Industrial property located along Nyerere Road

**NYERERE (PUGU) INDUSTRIAL AREA, DAR ES SALAAM**

The property comprises a substantial factory building, administration and other ancillary buildings on a prime position with high passing traffic and complementing amenities around the property. It is located in an industrial area approximately 5 Kilometers south-west of Dar es Salaam City Centre. Notable neighboring occupiers include Azam Tv, NBC Industrial branch, Furniture Centre, UBA Bank and 5 Star complex. The property enjoys access to the airport and the rest of Tanzania via Nyerere road.

Interested buyers are requested to send Expressions of Interest (EOIs) by email or letter, along with name and contact details of the person(s) wishing to attend an inspection of the property to our contacts shown below.

Further details are available upon request. Viewing dates will be arranged through Knight Frank  
Please call: **+255 2113300, +255 717145273**

**Only those bids which meet the following qualifications will be considered:**

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**OFFER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AT 14:00HRS**  
Offers, clearly marked "OFFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON PLOT 46/1, NYERERE ROAD, DAR ES SALAAM", and a bid has to be submitted to:

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MESSAGE

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15 September 2022

Re: GOODWILL MESSAGE FOR INDEE TANZANIA 2022 TO BE HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM FROM 22ND TO 24TH SEPTEMBER 2022

I am happy to learn EEPC India is organizing the Indian Engineering Exhibition, INDEE Tanzania 2022 from 22-24 September 2022 at Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

India and Tanzania have enjoyed traditionally close, friendly and cooperative relations. In recent years, India-Tanzania ties have evolved into a modern and pragmatic relationship with sound political understanding, diversified economic engagement, people to people contacts in the field of education & healthcare, and development partnership in capacity building training, concessional credit lines and grant projects.

Tanzania has a substantial share in India's engineering exports to East Africa which rose from 22% during 2020-2021 to 27% in 2021-2022. Industrial Machinery, Products of Iron and Steel, Electrical Machinery and equipment, Two and Three wheelers, Construction Machinery are few of the leading Indian Engineering Products exported to Tanzania.

I am happy to note that more than 80 companies will participate in EEPC India's flagship program INDEE which would allow the Indian exhibitors grow their export in the East African region. I wish all the best for the show.

*B. Pradhan*  
(Binaya Srikanta Pradhan)

As we embark on the final stages, it is my wish to send this goodwill message to you and the entire organizing team for the successful preparation of the upcoming INDEE Exhibition due to be held in Dar es Salaam, The Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) of India in association with Department of Commerce - Government of India; the Tanzania High Commission in New Delhi, India; the Indian High Commission in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; together with the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA), has managed to organize the 42nd edition of Indian Engineering Exhibition (INDEE) to be held in Dar es Salaam from 22nd to 24th September 2022. This event will not only attract people from Tanzania, but the entire East African Region.

Tanzania remains one of the key contributors to East Africa's growing prosperity ranked as one of the top ten fastest growing economies in 2020 globally by NASDAQ. Total trade between India and East Africa is robust at USD 9.69 billion for the period of April to February 2021-2022. In terms of engineering, India's exports to Tanzania stood at USD 550.10 million in 2021 - 2022. India is one of the largest trade, investment and development partners of Tanzania and East African region. Tanzania has a substantial share in India's engineering exports to East Africa due to its strategically geographical, location along the Indian Ocean which is easily accessible via maritime routes, with the biggest Port of Dar es salaam.

The Tanzania edition of INDEE will be held with three concurrent shows - the 22nd INDUSMACH Africa 2022; Tools and Hardware Africa; and East Africa International Trade Exhibition 2022, which will provide added advantage to participants from both sides. The event will open up new doors of collaboration and strengthen Tanzania and India bilateral relations in different areas of cooperation. I wish to encourage Tanzanian companies to utilize this opportunity to connect with EEPC India and forge long lasting business links.

*Anisha K. Mbega*

Anisha k. Mbega  
HIGH COMMISSIONER

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सचिव  
**BB SWAIN**  
SECRETARY



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MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

MESSAGE

I would like to congratulate 'INDEE' for organizing the Tanzania edition (42nd edition) from 22nd - 24th September in Tanzania with three concurrent shows - the 22nd INDUSMACH Africa 2022, Tools and Hardware Africa and East Africa International Trade Exhibition 2022.

I am happy to note that the Indian manufactures will get opportunity to explore the entire Eastern and Central Africa market.

I convey my best wishes for 'INDEE Tanzania 2022' and hope that the event will achieve its objectives and will give further boost to our economy.

*B B Swain*

B B Swain

EEPC India has successfully organised 41 editions of IN-DEE, one of the largest Indian engineering exhibitions overseas.

India is among the top five suppliers to Tanzania, with a significant share in their import basket. Hence, India already has a considerable presence in Tanzania's engineering import basket.

I wish good luck to all the participants of INDEE Tanzania 2022.

*Mahesh Desai*  
**Mahesh Desai**  
Chairman, EEPC India

TANZANIA is an important partner for India and has a substantial share in India's engineering exports to East Africa.

INDEE Tanzania 2022 will help Indian exhibitors in the East African region. I wish all the best to the participants and EEPC India Team for INDEE Tanzania.

*Rohinton R. Engineer*  
**Rohinton R. Engineer**  
Chairman of the Committee of Trade with Central, Eastern & Southern Africa, EEPC India

INDIA is the fastest growing G-20 economy in FY22, with 9% GDP growth. It is the second-highest producer of crude steel and consumer of finished steel; the third-highest most attractive investment destination for technology transactions and resident patent applications; eighth-highest in scientific publications and scientific and technical manpower.

Quoting the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, the world has started searching for solutions to its problems on the soil of India. This change in the world's thinking is the result of India's successes.

*Rakesh Shah*  
**Rakesh Shah**  
Past Chairman & Chairman of Publicity, Exhibition and Delegation Committee, EEPC India

INDIA'S largest overseas engineering exhibition INDEE, is all set for the 42nd edition from 22-24 September in Tanzania. Tanzania remains one of the key contributors to East Africa's growing prosperity, ranked as one of the top ten fastest growing economies in 2020 globally by NASDAQ.

This is the first time INDEE will be in Tanzania with an expected team of over 80 Indian exhibitors representing more than 28 engineering product panels of EEPC India.

*Suranjan Gupta*  
**Suranjan Gupta**  
Executive Director, EEPC India

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Members of the Zanzibar House of Representatives follow proceedings during yesterday's morning session in the legislative assembly. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

## Ministry to draw new land plan showing new features, National Assembly is told

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MINISTRY of Land, Housing and Human Settlements is planning to draw a new land plan of Tanzania mainland indicating new features, the parliament heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister, Ridhiwani Kikwete told the lawmakers that the government was aware that several changes have taken place in the country, causing distortion in several parts of the country's landscape.

He was responding to a question raised by the Special Seats MP, Angelina Malembeka (CCM) who had wanted to know if the government had such plans.

"What are the plans to redraw the national map since a lot of places have experienced land deformation, sand and soil moved to other parts and extending land areas?" ques-

tioned the lawmaker.

The deputy minister explained that the new maps will be prepared in the 2022/23-2025/26 land survey plan to be implemented by the government through support from the government of South Korea.

He maintained that the decision to redraw that national land plan has been made to indicate the exact landscape following the experienced changes.

However, the deputy minister clarified that the borders are very clear and movement of sand and soil does not interfere with them.

"National land plan is prepared to show the exact position of land including natural geographical features such as rivers, lakes, mountains, oceans and other non-natural features like roads, railway lines, dams and towns," he said.

In her supplementary question, Special Seats MP, Ritta Kabati (CCM), also argued that a lot of changes caused by effects of climate change have taken place in the country.

She argued that following such changes, natural boundaries between regions, districts, wards and villages have since changed greatly. "What is the government doing to maintain the old boundaries and when would the Korean supported programme start?" she asked.

Deputy Minister Kikwete in response explained that several natural rivers have dried up as a result of climate change, causing land conflicts in the country.

He added that the redrawing of the plan will help solve such conflicts, adding that the project will start soon.

WILLIAMSON DIAMONDS LIMITED



### Plant Metallurgist - 01 Positions Advertisement

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

**Position Title:** Plant Metallurgist

**Location:** Williamson Diamonds Limited, Mwadui, Shinyanga

**Grade:** D2

**Report:** Plant Superintendent

**Summary:** Williamson Diamond Limited (WDL) is Tanzania's only large-scale diamond producer. The mine is an open pit operation based upon the 146-hectare Mwadui kimberlite pipe, which is one of the world's largest economic kimberlites. For over 80 years, Williamson Diamond Limited has lived side by side and co-existed peacefully with the communities around Mwadui, while implementing a wide range of development programs for the last ten years, focusing on promoting the lives and livelihoods of the communities surrounding Mwadui Mine Site.

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

**Tasks and Responsibilities:**

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

**Minimum Requirements for all applicants:**

- Bachelor Degree in Mineral Processing Engineering or its equivalent.
- A minimum of 7 years' experience in Plant Metallurgist activities.
- Competent in Computer application.
- Excellent verbal and written communication in English and Swahili
- Possession of a valid driving license.

**Other required Skills and Competencies:**

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

**Mode of Application**

Candidates meeting the requisite qualifications should submit their applications describing how they qualify for the positions. They should also send detailed CV, copies of certificates, three referees, daytime telephone numbers and e-mail addresses before **15<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at 16hrs00**. Via the following address:

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

Or drop the same through the following email, [joseph.mokoro@petradiamonds.co.tz](mailto:joseph.mokoro@petradiamonds.co.tz)

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### Plant Superintendent - 01 Positions Advertisement

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

**Position Title:** Plant Superintendent

**Location:** Williamson Diamonds Limited, Mwadui, Shinyanga

**Grade:** D2

**Report:** Production Manager

**Summary:** Williamson Diamond Limited (WDL) is Tanzania's only large-scale diamond producer. The mine is an open pit operation based upon the 146-hectare Mwadui kimberlite pipe, which is one of the world's largest economic kimberlites. For over 80 years, Williamson Diamond Limited has lived side by side and co-existed peacefully with the communities around Mwadui, while implementing a wide range of development programs for the last ten years, focusing on promoting the lives and livelihoods of the communities surrounding Mwadui Mine Site.

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

**Tasks and Responsibilities:**

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

**Minimum Requirements for all applicants:**

- Bachelor Degree in Mineral Processing Engineering or its equivalent.
- A minimum of 7 years' experience in Plant Superintendent Activities.
- Competent in Computer application.
- Excellent verbal and written communication in English and Swahili
- Possession of a valid driving license.

**Other required Skills and Competencies:**

- Honesty, punctuality, ability to obey orders and dedicated to any legal task.
- Ability to work in a team environment.
- Ability to actively show willingness to work on normal days and public holidays when required
- Solve Plant process problems.
- Demonstrate decision-making and apply a systematic approach.
- Coordinate activities in area of responsibility.
- Demonstrate knowledge in Plant process and equipment.
- Analyze all available process data and identify improvement opportunities.
- Apply generic management principles and practices when coordinating production activities.

**Mode of Application**

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# Indian firms to take part in INDEE 2022 in Dar

By Getrude Mbago

EIGHTY Indian companies are set to take part in the Indian Engineering Exhibition (INDEE) 2022 which is set to take place from September 22 to 24, this week in Dar es Salaam.

Expo Group, Regional Director-East Africa Duncan Njage said in a statement that the event is aimed to provide Indian manufacturers unmatched exposure and opportunities in the entire Eastern and Central Africa.

He said the deputy minister for Investment, Industry and Trade, Exaud Kigaha is expected to inaugurate the mega business event on September 22. "The event is strongly supported by the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) where the authority's director general Charles Itembe will address the delegates on the association's role in promotion of Tanzania's industry and measures towards its growth.

Njage noted that as per an African Development Bank (AfDB) report, Tanzania is expected to experience strong economic growth in 2022 and 2023. The entire East African region is going to experience positive economic growth and transition with Ethiopia emerging as a manufacturing hub in East Africa. With Eastern Africa moving up

the value chain and thus India has a great opportunity to establish itself as a major export player especially in the industrial machinery sector.

"Realizing the immense potential which the country has to offer, the Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) of India has identified Tanzania as the location of its flagship engineering Show - Indian Engineering Exhibition (INDEE). The exhibition will coincide with 22nd INDUSMACH AFRICA 2022 to provide Indian manufacturers unmatched exposure to explore export opportunities in the entire Eastern and Central Africa. The exhibition is supported by the East African Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture. This is the first time INDEE is venturing into Tanzania."

He said the event is expected to showcase a wide range of products and equipment including machinery and tools for industries like packaging, automotive, food processing, oil and gas technologies, water industry, solar, construction and infrastructure, printing, plastics, metals, agriculture, automation technologies and many more.


"Major manufacturers are looking to build a solid foundation in the East African market. They include BEML Limited-heavy machinery and equipment supplier for mining, construc-

tion, aerospace, defence, rail and metro sectors, Nipha Exports - major agricultural machinery and equipment supplier, Yama Engineers And Testing Instruments Pvt. Ltd. - hand tools and power tools, Assomac Machines Limited - wire drawing, wire cutting machinery and wire making machinery, DGC Industries Pvt Ltd - automotive components supplier, Fertiplant Engineering - material handling equipment manufacturer, Unique Welding Products Pvt Ltd - wire and cables, food processing machinery and agrovision farm equipment. Others are agricultural machinery and equipment, Shree Sai Steels - Iron and Steel Products, Aira 4Matic global valve automation - pumps and valves and many more. The visitors are expected to include top industry professionals such as consultants, engineers, builders, traders, manufacturers, importers and distributors in the East Africa region as several leading international brands are looking to build a solid foundation in the East African market.






The expo brings together the leaders of the East African industry by becoming the primary source for new products, services and technology from around the world forming a vital part of a growing infrastructure and manufacturing industry in East Africa.



Mbarali district commissioner Reuben Mfune pictured at the weekend using a microscope brought in by US-based ophthalmologists who have set up camp in the district at which they are performing cataract surgeries. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa



## WILLIAMSON DIAMONDS LIMITED

### Records Management Officer- 01 Positions Advertisement

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

**Position Title: Records Management Officer**  
**Location: Williamson Diamonds Limited, Mwadui, Shinyanga**  
**Grade: C4**  
**Report: Assistant Human Resources Manager**

**Summary:** Williamson Diamond Limited (WDL) is Tanzania's only large-scale diamond producer. The mine is an open pit operation based upon the 146-hectare Mwadui kimberlite pipe, which is one of the world's largest economic kimberlites. For over 80 years, Williamson Diamond Limited has lived side by side and co-existed peacefully with the communities around Mwadui, while implementing a wide range of development programs for the last ten years, focusing on promoting the lives and livelihoods of the communities surrounding Mwadui Mine Site.

**Role Description:** Responsible for the creation and storage of HR recorded information, maintaining employees confidential files, retrieving and disposing off employees data.

**Tasks and Responsibilities:**

- Oversee the management of electronic and/or paper-based employees information
- Identify the most appropriate records management resources
- Design and develop HR filing systems
- Set up and review documenting records systems
- Establish retention and disposal schedules
- Advise on HR records management procedures, providing a framework to guide the management of records and use of the employer's records system
- Standardize information sources throughout an organization.
- Respond to information enquiries, giving appropriate access to information
- Ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulations
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

**Minimum Requirements for all applicants:**

- Bachelor of Arts in Information and Record Management OR Bachelor of Arts in Records and Archives Management or its equivalent.
- A minimum of 3 years of related experience.
- Strong technical skills of HR Information systems.
- Experience in working closely with teams to achieve progress or tasks.
- Proven computer literacy in MS Office/excel and programming.
- Excellent verbal and written communication in English/Swahili

**Other required Skills and Competencies:**

- Planning, coordinating and prioritizing
- Attentive to details
- Trustworthy
- Customer relations
- Energetic
- Team Player

**Mode of Application**  
 Candidates meeting the requisite qualifications should submit their applications describing how they qualify for the positions. They should also send detailed CV, copies of certificates, three referees, daytime telephone numbers and e-mail addresses before **30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 at 16hrs00**. Via the following address:


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## WILLIAMSON DIAMONDS LIMITED



### Assistant Mine Chief Security Manager- 01 Positions Advertisement

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**Position Title: Assistant Mine Chief Security Manager**  
**Location: Williamson Diamonds Limited, Mwadui, Shinyanga**  
**Grade: D2**  
**Report: Mine Chief Security Manager**

**Summary:** Williamson Diamond Limited (WDL) is Tanzania's only large-scale diamond producer. The mine is an open pit operation based upon the 146-hectare Mwadui kimberlite pipe, which is one of the world's largest economic kimberlites. For over 80 years, Williamson Diamond Limited has lived side by side and co-existed peacefully with the communities around Mwadui, while implementing a wide range of development programs for the last ten years, focusing on promoting the lives and livelihoods of the communities surrounding Mwadui Mine Site.

**Role Description:** Manage daily Security operational duties by coordinating all Security Stakeholders in the Mine, Managing the Compliance on VPSHR, Preparations of all Reports required by Mine Chief Security Manager. Follow up of relevant report writing and logging on CiIMS. Advice the Security Manager and the company on matters relating to security.

**Tasks and Responsibilities:**

- Responsible to oversee all security operations duties in a daily basis and reports to the Mine Chief Security Manager
- Responsible to coordinate all Security Stakeholders in the mine.
- Responsible to attend all the meeting in absence of Mine Chief Security Manager.
- Responsible to maintain strict confidentiality.
- Responsible to provide guidance to disciplinary actions to employees within the department.
- Responsible to interpret and apply company policies, procedure or rules.
- Establish and maintain good working relationships and an effective / sound communication system with WDL and in operations of security functions.
- Responsible for liaison and attending meeting prepared / arranged by Social Development Department
- Responsible for liaison as required with TPF regarding cases and Investigation issues.
- Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation Audit: Ensure that all reports are accurate and compiled
- Responsible to compile detailed investigation reports, file and maintain records.
- Responsible to undergo continuous training and development as required.
- Responsible to register, update and maintain the Investigations Module on CiIMS.
- Responsible to compile detailed Criminal Cases Status reports, file and maintain records.
- Other Duties in relation to Security Supervision level.

**Minimum Requirements for all applicants:**

- Bachelor of Arts in Administration Management OR Bachelor of Laws or its equivalent.
- A minimum of 5 years in security and crime investigations experience in the mining, corporate or business industry.
- Experience in Militia National Service or ex government Security personnel from reliable Institutions experience will be an added advantage.
- Strong technical skills of security functioning systems.
- Proven computer literacy in MS Office/excel and programming.
- Excellent verbal and written communication in English/Swahili

**Other required Skills and Competencies:**

- Planning, coordinating and prioritizing
- Attentive to details
- Trustworthy
- Customer relations
- Energetic
- Team Player

**Mode of Application**  
 Candidates meeting the requisite qualifications should submit their applications describing how they qualify for the positions. They should also send detailed CV, copies of certificates, three referees, daytime telephone numbers and e-mail addresses before **15<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at 16hrs00**. Via the following address:

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

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## Need to fathom causes of rampant juvenile delinquent terror groups

NOTICE has been given by the police that city law enforcers have killed six people believed to be members of the 'panya road' criminal gangs amid growing fear amongst city residents. An opinion survey by this newspaper indicated that large numbers of people in various neighbourhoods now return home early and stay indoors. The police said those who died were among a group whose other nine members were arrested, with police having to use arms as youths armed with traditional weapons were ready to have a go at the police. They got fatal injuries.

This report comes in the wake of a clear warning by the regional administration that nothing will be held back in the fight to stop the wave of criminality. There is of course a need to figure out why numerous youths are collected anonymously and appear to be quite responsive to invitations to crime by their peers. Some people believe a section of parents and guardians are to blame for receiving looted goods or money, not knowing that there is a price to pay. Later, they receive their bodies.

For one thing, the more numerous incidents seem to have sprung in outlying areas with less noticeable police presence, though such incidents have taken place in city centre zones with teeming youthful groups in cramped residences like Tandale, Mwananyamala or Buguruni areas earlier. Now they appear to have decamped to more outlying areas like Tabata, Goba and their near reaches of Makongo, and a bit surprisingly, Kawe. It is here that a second year University of Dar es Salaam student was fatal-

ly hacked by the juveniles reportedly for recognizing one of them.

While the regional authorities have declared that there will be no holds barred in clearing out this menace, there is still a big question of how we have arrived at this point. It appears as if youths are ready to start a rampage once they know the police are too far to reach them while they are robbing a neighbourhood. Decamping to city outlying suburbs appears to be designed to escape patrols and ready vehicles loaded with armed police officers once a call is made. Can we put an end to this?

For one thing, the groups arise from what seems to be broken households without a sense of authority or religion, as either of the two would be enough to deter a youth from such actions, for fear of losing his standing or image with the family. When one hears of adult criminals, at least we know they have left the household and have wrong ideas of getting money quickly. But when adolescents form groups, and there seems to be an endless ability for groups to form in suburbs, why is this?

One suggestion is that there is extensive pauperization in most neighbourhoods such that fathers have lost authority, or are stuck in drunkenness and have never had a session with their sons on what they are doing. At times the home starts to lose the capacity to ensure a regular meal, pushing the more adult of the children to foraging in the streets in whatever way they know works. When thousands of teens appear to have no parental reference they wish to win their approval, we are in hell.

## Seek the first reform kingdom; democracy will be added unto thee

THERE is nothing as difficult as telling a large group of well-meaning and convinced people that their path has difficulties, as they first have to meet such difficulties to admit that they are there. That is one impression arising from the view raised by political stakeholders during International Day of Democracy events that the country's democracy is on a positive trajectory. There is a broad consensus for a new constitution, where freedom is widened, rules relaxed.

That consensus is indeed there and is being worked upon by the taskforce whose members were picked by the Registrar of Political Parties from within the Tanzania Centre for Democracy (TCD) stakeholders.

Yet this is what occurred in 2014, where a commission drew up what it considered a model constitution, based largely on the view of stakeholders. Ordinarily the climate for adopting such a constitution in case this is what stakeholders are pursuing - takes time as the balance of forces on constitutionality, the union, or the role of the ruling party can't change overnight. It is vital to see how much has changed since that point.

Raising the issue, it often emerges that it is examples in nearby countries which are mostly cited to show what we need to put in place, for instance successive comings and goings of oppositions and ruling parties, exchanging office. These examples are gaily cited while other examples are left out, where countries struggle for continuity and have problems shaking off their liberation or post-liberation regimes. Most of this isn't taken up by activist groups as it checks some illusions.

The past few weeks have been a

testing ground for ideas of activists, as President Samia Suluhu Hassan, going her utmost to take up ideas for reforming the criminal justice system (technically known as the Criminal Procedure Code, or Act). One such intention was to stop police officers from arresting a suspect until they have completed investigations. Once this idea settled down in the conversation groups of delinquents, a wide ranging crime wave was noticed, seemingly on expectations of velvet glove treatment is apprehended, or at best suspected of being involved.

From the reactions which followed this outbreak of spontaneous criminality in a number of city suburbs, it dawned that a velvet glove approach was likely to be a disaster, as people wanted security restored, and fast. In other words this civic approach will be there in relation to commercial cases like economic sabotage (where plea bargaining had already been instituted) or accumulated tax obligations. Robbery and kindred sort of criminality are likely to be kept out of this approach.

It isn't far to seek to project this criminality into its potential political use if a disgruntled group can pay hordes of youths to cause chaos. If such events happen whatever blueprint existing will be put aside in order to be restored, in which case activists should first figure out how to build a stable and fairly prosperous socioeconomic environment, which is then crowded with liberty. Let's not put the cart before the horse; reality may come back with a bang, whittling all 'progress.' This a little truism that underlines the sociology of democracy that many wish to leave aside, nursing only the cherished hope of removing obstacles to rallies, etc.

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## Africa's mining industry requires right legal framework to flourish

By Laurence Sithole

THE continent is endowed with just about every mineral imaginable. The mineral resources in the modern-day Democratic Republic of the Congo alone are mind-numbing both in terms of metals and other natural resources.

It has been said that if waters from the Congo River were harnessed to provide hydroelectricity, that energy could power the whole continent. This is a legend.

•The mining industry is central to the economic development of Africa

•Countries like South Africa, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Angola, Zambia, and Botswana owe their existence to the sector

•Despite its great promise, the sector generally fails to reach its potential to provide economic transformation to countries that are host to large deposits of natural resources. This is a phenomenon known as the resource curse or the paradox of plenty

It has not yet been tested for its veracity; however, when one considers the vast mineral deposits in that country, it is not difficult to imagine it as a fact. The African continent is also host to several countries that owe their existence to their mining activities.

Where would South Africa be today without the diamond fields of Kimberly? And what would that country be today if not for the hive of mining activity that took place in that country without the rich gold deposits of the Witwatersrand?

The same can be said of Botswana, a country built on a deposit of diamonds that were first discovered in that country in the 1960s. Zimbabwe has been called a gold mine. The entire country has deposits of gold littered all over its geographic expanse.

Diamonds in the early 2000s were discovered in the country's eastern highlands in an area in Marange called Chiadzwa. The deposit is a fabulously rich one. There is something unique about the Chiadzwa diamond field in Zimbabwe. It is one of the few in the world where diamonds are alluvial.

Alluvial deposit refers to an unconsolidated deposit of ores, minerals or mineral resources located at or near the surface formed where the concentration of ore minerals was caused by the physical or mechanical separation of heavier from lighter weight minerals during the surficial flow of running water in stream channels.

Simply put, this means that the diamond deposit in Zimbabwe consists of gems that occur very close to the surface to the extent that miners, residents, and fortune hunters could pick up diamonds right off the ground without digging a single hole in the ground. Alluvial diamond deposits around the world are also found on the Atlantic coast of South Africa and Namibia, as well as in some riverbeds in Angola, Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Ghana, Liberia, Tanzania, Togo, Brazil, Venezuela, Guyana, and South Africa.

This is according to the geoscience news and information website geology.com.

Zimbabwe also has other resources like coal and methane gas. Recently Australian firm Invic-

tus has been prospecting an area in the country in search of oil. This is a matter unfolding, and it remains to be seen if, from its exploration activities, the company will discover an oil field that is commercially viable to exploit. Nigeria is rich in oil and gas and is even a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

According to recent news reports, the country is set to begin exporting liquefied natural gas to European countries. This is after many of them placed embargoes on coal and gas from Russia. Russia has also turned off the gas taps to the rest of Europe in retaliation to the economic sanctions and measures set against it by the world's leading countries.

Despite the immense natural resources that African countries are endowed with, these countries, for the most part, have high levels of poverty. A cruel irony of sorts. This is attributed to a concept called the "resource curse". The Natural Resource Governance Institute defines this concept which is also known as the paradox of plenty, as the failure of many resource-rich countries to benefit fully from their natural resource wealth and for governments in these countries to respond effectively to public welfare needs.

While one might expect to see better development outcomes after countries discover natural resources, resource-rich countries tend to have higher rates of conflict and authoritarianism and lower rates of economic stability and economic growth compared to their non-resource-rich neighbours.

The effects of the natural resource curse are easily identifiable in Africa. The DRC, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, and others have notably high levels of poverty despite their endowment of natural resources. Nigeria has historically been a contentious hotbed of political upheaval due to the country's oil wealth. From its independence in the 1960s, the country has experienced numerous and successive coups up to 1999. In Sierra Leone, the diamond deposits in that country financed a protracted and brutal civil war.

In Zimbabwe, the diamond fields of Chiadzwa are militarized, with reports of human rights abuses rife. What is the cure? How do countries in Africa rid and cure themselves of the natural resource curse?

The answer is in the law and the governance models that these countries approach. The way in which the governments of those countries approach the mining industry is im-

perative.

In South Africa, the natural resource curse is more pronounced in the sense that while the mining sector has made a few individuals fabulously wealthy, inequality in that country has meant that while the richest of the rich get richer, the poor get poorer.

How can governments approach the mining sector to ensure its development leads to broad-based and shared prosperity for all? The answer is the same. The answer is in the respective governments and the legal frameworks for the mining industries of those countries. Recently The Exchange published an article on how and why Australia is a top mining investment destination. The article found several reasons why the country attracts the highest amount of exploration expenditure of any country in the world.

The country has made good use of strategic comparative advantages like its proximity to China to supply the Asian giant with a near ceaseless supply of commodities. The country has focused its mining industry on minerals and resources, which it is a leading exporter. Australia is a world leader in terms of exports of iron ore, coal, gold, and cobalt. These are some of the reasons why the country is home to one of the most robust mining sectors in the world. Most importantly, Australia does not suffer from the natural resource curse that characterizes many of the named African countries.

•The legal, regulatory, and governance framework a mining country adopts is the most sustainable cure there is for the natural resource curse. Australia offers an excellent case study to countries in Africa on how to mitigate the resource curse by applying the right kind or most conducive legal framework

•Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, and South Africa are countries where the resource curse is very prevalent or pronounced. Nigeria suffered successive brutal military coups since its independence due to the discovery of oil in that country. Sierra Leone suffered a protracted and brutal civil war financed largely by the diamonds in that country. Zimbabwe's discovery of diamonds in the eastern highlands of that country has done little to change the plight of the people in that country

• The mining industry will only reach its full potential to deliver economic transformation in Africa if it is supported by a robust legal, regulatory, and govern-

ance framework

At best, Australia suffers from what is called Dutch Disease. This is a concept that describes an economic phenomenon where the rapid development of one sector of the economy (particularly natural resources) precipitates a decline in other sectors. It is also often characterized by a substantial appreciation of the domestic currency. Dutch disease is a paradoxical situation where good news for one sector of the economy, such as the discovery of natural resources, negatively impacts the country's overall economy.

One of the reasons best to explain the success of Australia's mining sector is the legal framework and context in which it exists. Its governance system is another reason. Australia is a vibrant democracy that has respect for property rights, the rule of law, and human rights. Its legal framework, combined with its governance system, inspires confidence among investors when it comes to the safety and certainty of their investments. The Law Review of the United Kingdom states that Australia is a federal constitutional monarchy under a parliamentary democracy, formed in 1901 because of an agreement among six self-governing British colonies, which became the six states (and which later included three self-governing territories).

The head of state is Queen Elizabeth II, who the Governor-General represents. The Queen appoints the Governor-General on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia but has no active role in the day-to-day operations of government. Australia's Constitution establishes a centralized federal government (known as the Commonwealth government) and various state and territory governments. The Constitution also reserves exclusive responsibility for certain matters (i.e., trade, commerce and defence) to the Commonwealth government. It allocates law-making responsibilities among the Commonwealth and the states and territories.

According to Thomson Reuters, the regulatory and legal framework governing the mining industry and mineral extraction process is divided throughout the three levels of government. Federal government involvement in the mineral extraction process is not extensive. The federal government is indirectly involved through policy concerning tax, foreign investment law, competition policy, trade and customs, corporation law, and international trade agreements, among others.



By Richard Mngazija

# Fare Thee well, Queen Elizabeth II

**P**RESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday joined over 500 other world leaders and other foreign dignitaries at the burial ceremony of Queen Elizabeth II which was held at Westminster Abbey Church in London. The United Kingdom, commonly referred to as the British monarchy passed on September 8, 2022.

## Tanzania declared five days of mourning.

Interestingly, it is said that the Queen's funeral is the first state funeral in the United Kingdom since 1965 when that of former Prime Minister Winston Churchill was held. During that time the country went through 15 Prime Ministers, starting with Sir Winston Churchill, and ending with Liz Truss, who was only appointed by the Queen on Wednesday.

Who is the woman called Queen Elizabeth II whom almost the whole world wants to be part of the history connected to even her death?

For Tanzanians, if nothing at all, there should be one reason to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II. Queen Elizabeth visited Tanzania on 19-22 July 1979 and during her tour, she attended a Sunday sermon at St Alban's Anglican Cathedral Dar es Salaam.

## President Kwame Nkrumah at a farewell ball in Accra.

According to The New York Times, Queen Elizabeth's dance with a Black man outraged many racists both in her own kingdom and the larger Commonwealth, but the queen was resolute in her support of equality for all men.

She is said to use that dance as a springboard to work behind the scenes to get the Commonwealth to condemn South Africa's apartheid system.

Her effort was, however, stymied by her own prime minister, Margaret Thatcher.

Even before ascending the throne in 1952 and reign for 70 years to become the longest-reigning monarch in British history that the world knows today, Princess Elizabeth had expressed love for her country.

No wonder in spite of her parents' protest for her not to have anything to do with World War II, Princess Elizabeth forced to be allowed in 1945 to join the Women's Auxiliary Territory Service (ATS), and trained as an auto mechanic.

As Queen, she was the head of state, yet she is not recorded anywhere as having opposed political decisions, not even those challenging her authority such as the one by Prime Minister Thatcher.

She was such a politically neutral leader in spite of the influence she wielded.

She is credited with bringing stability to the monarchy and to her country.



The coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, draped in the Royal Standard, is carried inside Westminster Abbey in London yesterday, ahead of the State Funeral Service. Photo: AFP

chry and to her country.

As the Britain was rebounding from the war, she, barely 26 years old, had to take the crown and with her steady, calm approach to her new role, she gave the nation exactly what was needed as it emerged from a particularly chaotic period.

The British Empire held 57 but at the time of her crowning, the Commonwealth had eight member states; today there are 54.

Among other achievements, she reformed the monarchy's finances in order to deal with criticism that it was expensive.

She ensured the traditional tax waiver was lifted in the 1990s, and in 1992, the Queen volunteered to pay income tax and capital gains tax, and since 1993 her personal income has been taxable as for any other taxpayer.

Queen Elizabeth supported more than 600 charities in Britain and nearly 3,000 charities around the world and she was careful to pass her patronage on to other family members to ensure that these charities would always have the backing of the monarchy.

As the Queen goes home today, the world must trace her leadership history and take lessons to improve humanity.

**Fare thee well, Queen Elizabeth II!**

# 9 years on, Belt and Road cooperation builds up connectivity for global prosperity

BEIJING

**N**INE years ago, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road successively in Kazakhstan and Indonesia.

This is how the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), aimed at building a trade, investment, and infrastructure network that connects different regions along the ancient trade routes, took shape.

Nine years on, the BRI has achieved more than connectivity. The Belt and Road cooperation, following the guiding principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, has grown into a global platform where countries along the routes work together to promote people's wellbeing and give a further boost to global development amid daunting challenges.

## GREATER CONNECTIVITY

After years of Belt and Road cooperation, a general connectivity framework consisting of six corridors, six connectivity routes and multiple countries and ports has been put in place. Landmark accomplishments include the Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway in Africa, the China-Laos Railway in Asia, the new Haifa port in Israel, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, among others.

Besides infrastructure projects, a new logistics channel between Asia and Europe has been established through China-Europe freight train services. With 82 routes, the trains now reach 200 cities in 24 European countries, forming a transport network covering the whole of Europe.

Connectivity means fewer barriers, whether in terms of policy coordination, road travels, trade, financial flows or people-to-people exchanges. It also entails more resilience to uncertainties. The China-Europe freight train service has acted as "a passage of life" when sea and air transportation was hit hard during the pandemic.

With such connectivity, the Belt and Road cooperation has scored growth despite global economic recessions. From 2013 to 2021, the total volume of trade of goods between China and countries along the BRI routes amounted to nearly 11 trillion U.S. dollars, while two-way investment



Children play beside a China-aided well in a village of Senegal, Sept. 11, 2018. (Xinhua)

exceeded 230 billion dollars, according to the Chinese Ministry of Commerce.

In Central Asia, with the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan highway and the China-Tajikistan expressway, road transport has been largely improved. And the Central Asian countries are expected to unlock greater transit potential through the upcoming China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway project.

The BRI gives the Central Asian region an opportunity to fulfill the strategic task of direct access to seaports and turn the region into a transportation hub of transcontinental highways from east to west, and from north to south, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov has commented.

## POVERTY REDUCTION

In the eyes of Lewis M. Ndirchu, a researcher at Nairobi-based think tank Africa Policy Institute, one of the BRI's contributions to the African continent is on poverty alleviation and agricultural development.

China has set up poverty reduction projects, sent agricultural experts to Africa and facilitated modern agrotechnology exchanges between the two sides, which is significant to regional development, he pointed out.

Burkina Faso is among the countries that have witnessed the changes brought by the BRI. Chinese experts have helped increase its rice production, which in the past could barely meet the population's needs.

With their assistance, rice production in the demonstration area, Nariou village, has doubled or even tripled the output in previous years, and the rice quality has also been significantly improved.

This is just a miniature of how the Belt and Road cooperation improves people's wellbeing around the globe. By the end of 2021, China has built 79 zones for economic and trade cooperation in 24 countries along the BRI routes, investing 43 billion dollars and creating 346,000 local jobs, according to China's Ministry of Commerce.

More projects focus on basic needs of people in de-

veloping countries are prioritized under the BRI framework. In Senegal, a rural well-drilling project, consisting of 251 wells and 1,800 km water pipelines that China had pledged to fund, has brought clean water to one-seventh of Senegal's population. While in Argentina, the photovoltaic plant in the country's northern province of Jujuy powers some 160,000 homes.

A World Bank report has predicted that BRI transport projects could, by 2030, help lift 7.6 million people out of extreme poverty and 32 million people out of moderate poverty globally.

## CLOSING DEVELOPMENT DIVIDE

The world today is undergoing a sea change amid a lingering COVID-19 pandemic, sluggish global growth, a changing climate and escalating tensions. Great strides have been made towards global prosperity, but the gap between the richest and the poorest countries continues to widen. Reducing destitution is not enough.

To improve equity and social justice, countries need to

be equally entitled to development opportunities.

Upholding that spirit, the BRI offers an open platform and a win-win mechanism. By the end of July 2022, China had signed more than 200 BRI cooperation agreements with 149 countries and 32 international organizations, according to China's National Development and Reform Commission.

"Through the Belt and Road Initiative, it has therefore brought new thinking about development - from being mere loan recipients to actual projects on the ground that bring development through trade and enterprises," said James M. Njihia, dean of Faculty of Business and Management Sciences, University of Nairobi.

"This will have great multiplier effects in future by increasing local, regional and international integration," he said.

Echoing that view, Khairy Tourk, professor of economics with the Stuart School of Business at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, has said the China-proposed BRI puts developing nations on the right track to achieving their long-term development goals.

Infrastructure has not been the main focus of post-1945 multilateral institutions. "The BRI has drawn world attention to the importance of infrastructure as an essential pillar of economic development," Tourk said.

For decades, these countries couldn't modernize their antiquated infrastructure, he said. "Now China is providing them funds, the construction expertise to build modern infrastructure, and this is the basis for sustained development, and bodes well for the economic future of developing nations."

Xinhua



# Humanitarian efforts undermined as hunger, terrorism stalk Lake Chad Basin

By Lebo Diseko and Catherine Byaruhanga

**D**ESPITE years of humanitarian assistance, hunger and malnutrition in the Lake Chad Basin have reached alarming levels this year. Underpinning the crisis is insecurity linked to Boko Haram and the effects of climate change, Covid-19 and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

On 1 June, Chad's government officially declared a "food and nutrition emergency." The Humanitarian Response Plan of March 2022 predicted that more than 5.3 million people, 50% of whom were women, would be threatened by food insecurity in Chad this year.

According to the plan, more than a third of the population in 17 of the country's 23 provinces are affected, with a "prevalence rate of 10.9% of global acute malnutrition and 2% of severe acute malnutrition." Although the whole country feels the impact, the situation is worst in the Sahel provinces, including Lac, where 20% to 25% of the population is threatened.

The food situation in Cameroon is also dire. According to the framework presented by the agriculture and rural development minister on 18 May, more than 2.8 million people, or 11% of the country's population, are in an acute food crisis. Food insecurity is particularly prevalent in the country's poorest Far North region, affecting around 5% of the population.

Niger's authorities announced in February that about 4.4 million people – about 20% of the population – were in a state of severe food insecurity. This situation is more alarming in the conflict zones, including the Diffa Region.

Although Nigeria hasn't issued any official appeals for aid or declared an emergency this year, the United Nations estimates that over four million people are affected by the food crisis



Humanitarian efforts undermined as hunger, terrorism stalk Lake Chad Basin

in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states.

Terrorism is the main cause of food insecurity in the Lake Chad Basin, with repeated attacks by Boko Haram splinter groups Jama'atu Ahlis-Sunnah Lidda'Awati Wal-Jihad and the Islamic State West Africa Province. In some assaults, food is stolen and farmers are prevented from accessing their land. Because the insurgency has gone on for so long, hunger seems to have become banal, especially in areas that have endured atrocities for over a decade.

There are also recurrent inter-communal clashes resulting from the exploitation of natural resources. These conflicts force people to flee, disrupting trade and agro-pastoral activities. As a result, production levels have fallen drastically, and foodstuff circulation is hampered, leading to price hikes. As the situation worsens, communities face a precarious situation that hinders the region's search for stability and development.

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Research shows that high temperatures and disrupted rainfall cycles due to climate change also limit food production in Lake Chad Basin. Not only are rainy seasons and days shortened, but droughts have become more regular, and floods remain recurrent.

Communities that can still produce food – because they live

in safe areas – find themselves in a continuous state of uncertainty regarding rainfall. The succession of droughts and floods has a cumulative impact on production levels. In some areas, like Cameroon's Far North, crop pests such as granivorous birds, grasshoppers and armyworms add to these difficulties. The situation this year is already catastrophic due to heavy rainfall causing floods in numerous regions.

In 2020 and 2021, Covid-19 also contributed to an economic slowdown, resulting in lower daily incomes and limited employment opportunities. The effects were exacerbated by the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war between some of the world's biggest suppliers of basic foodstuffs and fertilisers, particularly to Africa. Supply disruptions are causing food and fertiliser prices to soar, damaging future agricultural yields.

A Famine Early Warning Systems Network report on food security published in May notes that in most Far North rural markets in Cameroon, 50 kg of NPK mineral fertilisers were sold for 10-15% more than in 2020 and 2021.

Communities' living standards are eroding as people struggle to maintain a minimum level of production to withstand the food security crisis. Dependence on humanitarian assistance continues to grow while fundraising becomes increasingly difficult.

According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination

of Humanitarian Affairs, for the current year, only 21% of the \$2.57-billion needed for humanitarian aid in the Lake Chad Basin has been secured. The Lake Chad Basin Regional Stabilization Strategy says the humanitarian situation must improve urgently to enable communities to bounce back and development to begin.

Providing emergency food aid could save lives in the short term but isn't enough for those already in a food crisis. Innovative long-term responses are needed that improve the adaptability of production methods. These could include better irrigation systems, developing more polders and introducing adapted technology and crop varieties.

To increase the local availability of food items, Lake Chad Basin countries should facilitate the circulation of locally produced or imported foodstuffs. They should also secure the main food trade routes in the region. Existing roads, many of which are deteriorating, need to be rehabilitated, as is the case for the Garoua-Maroua-Kousséri-N'Djamena axis.

Sustainable solutions to the hunger crisis should be part of the global Lake Chad Basin-African Union stabilisation agenda. They should also be priority items for the upcoming Lake Chad Basin Governors' Forum in N'Djamena. The high-level event brings together local, national, regional and international actors involved in implementing the regional stabilisation strategy. **DM**



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### 1.1 Background

TAHA is an apex member based that is working to promote horticultural industry in Tanzania. TAHA works with small, medium and large scale horticultural farmers to increase productivity, access local, regional and international markets and promote food safety. In doing so, TAHA is implementing a project funded by the KOICA through UN Women in Singida and Shinyanga regions in transforming the communities in Ikungi and Msalala Districts in the two Regions through horticulture farming, while attaining gender equality for women and youth. One approach is through establishment of demonstration plots as learning and training points. Therefore, under this project, TAHA intends to contract eligible vendor for survey and drilling of 02 deep boreholes and hereby request for quotations from vendors to conduct geophysical, hydrological survey, drilling and development of 02 deep boreholes 7 inches – 100MTS each in Ikungi (Singida) and Msalala (Shinyanga).

It is on this ground that, TAHA seeks for competitive and detailed quotations that will cover geophysical and hydrological survey, drilling and development of 02 deep boreholes 7 inches – 100MTS each in Ikungi (Singida) and Msalala (Shinyanga).

Interested parties may submit their intent for Expression of interest and request for a detailed Request for Quotation (RFQ) containing all necessary instructions to;

Chief Executive Officer, TAHA, Head Office, Kanisa Road, House No: 3, Arusha, Tanzania.

Due date for submission of the proposal for Expression of Interest is by 05:00 PM EAT on 28/09/2022.

The letter for expression of interest/intent for this tender should be emailed to [procurement@taha.or.tz](mailto:procurement@taha.or.tz), clearly identifying company name, email address of the person who will serve as key contact for all correspondences.

**Issued by:**  
**Chief Executive Officer, TAHA**  
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- Perform GIS database development, qualitative/quantitative analysis, and mapping.
- Produce detailed, high-quality cartographic products (digital and hardcopy) and accompanying reports in accordance with technical guidelines and project requirements.
- Communicate with project team members and other stakeholders to define data needs, project requirements, and desired outputs.
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- Minimum 5 years of ESRI ArcGIS experience AS/BS in Engineering or related field.
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- Able to travel for extended periods of time, for up to three weeks at project locations.
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## SAGCOT rallies local councils to allocate areas for seed farms

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) has brought together Executive Directors from 18 district councils from various regions countrywide to a meeting that focused on discussing the importance of allocating areas for seeds production to make the country self-sufficient in quality seeds.

The participating districts councils included those of Butiama, Musoma, Sumbawanga, Kalambo, Nkasi, Mlele, Nsimbo, Mpanda, Simanjiro, Serengeti, Kiteto, Namtumbo, Madaba, Songea, Mbozi, Momba, Mpimbwe and Uvinza, which, according to research done, have geographical conditions to produce seeds.

Speaking at the meeting, SAGCOT Policy Manager, Khalid Mgalamo said the meeting aimed to educate the executive directors on quality seeds production in the country and the importance to set aside areas for the production of crops' seeds for the said districts and the nation in general.

"Researches show that we import crops seeds in large quantities straining the nation's foreign exchange reserves, hence if they are to be produced in the country, dependence on seeds imports will be reduced as well as creating employment for the youth," he said.

He explained that if great effort is directed to the preparations of seed farms, investors will be attracted into the sector, creating job opportunities with local councils' revenues assured.



Tanzania Seed Trade Association (TASTA) executive director Bob Shuma(R) exchanges greetings with the assistant director of the President's Office for Regional Administrations and Local Governments (PO-RALG) Eng. Enock Nyanda (L) before starting the working session which brought together the directors of 18 councils in Dodoma at the weekend to discuss on preparing investment areas for the production of crop seeds. Looking on is the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) policy manager Khalid Mgalamo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

He said SAGCOT will continue to monitor to make sure the named district councils will prepare land areas for investment in the seeds sector.

For his part, the Executive Director of Tanzania Seed Trade Association (TASTA), Baldwin Shuma mentioned land area requirements for long time investors of 35,000 hectares and 17,610 hectares for short time investors to enable them produce quality seeds and make the country self-sufficient in seeds.

For her part, Butiama District Executive Director, Patricia Kabaka thanked SAGCOT for organising the meeting saying it has enabled them to have more knowledge particularly in regard to the importance of allocating land areas for seeds farming.

"I knew that SAGCOT was operating in the Southern Highland Regions only, but through this meeting, the institution is working to ensure the transformation of the agricultural sector is attained countrywide," she added.

The meeting was coordinated by SAGCOT under the sponsorship of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).

## Don't use abusive language to teachers, DC tells parents

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

SHINYANGA District Commissioner, Jacinta Mboneko has vehemently opposed the habit by some parents to humiliate teachers by using abusive language, with others beating them up in front of students, and added that whoever will be found to be doing so will face stern legal measures.

The DC issued the caution at the weekend when launching three strategic books aimed at boosting education in Shinyanga Municipality, and called on parents to respect teachers in order to bring about close cooperation in the children's upbringing both at home and schools.

She said in regard to improv-

ing education, there had to be cooperation from both sides of teacher and parent, but added "you often find a parent being summoned by a teacher to tell him about his child's problems, but upon arrival he starts abusing the teacher, worse still in front of other students."

She added: "One day I visited one school here in the Municipal-

ity and found a parent mouthing abuses to a female teacher, I told her not to disclose my identity, but the abuses were unbearable.

"I dealt with that parent severely and later asked for forgiveness and I don't think he will repeat that, and this should be a lesson to other parents not to humiliate teachers, they should respect them, because they are the

ones who produce our leaders and various other professionals."

In regard to strategic books to increase education standards, she called on teachers to read them and understand them, they should not end up on their bookshelves.

Meanwhile, DC Mboneko praised President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her efforts towards

the improvement of education infrastructures in the country, including dishing out 4.3bn/- for the construction of a boarding secondary school for girls in Shinyanga Municipality.

For his part, Shinyanga municipal Mayor Elias Masumbuko called on teachers to continue working hard while the government was solving their various

problems, including their financial benefits.

Shinyanga Municipal secondary education Officer, Lucas Mzungu, reading his statement at the event, said the books have come to solve all challenges facing the education sector, and that they will enhance students' examination passes for students as they.

## 'Lack of solid foundations hampering push by women headed for gender equality'

By Guardian Correspondent, Pemba

LACK of robust systems that create solid foundations of leadership in women at various levels is the main obstacle that hinders them to attain gender equality in the decision making positions in the country.

The observations were made by leaders of political parties in Pemba at a meeting that discussed ways and steps needed to be taken by their parties to increase the participation of women in leadership positions organised by Pemba Environment, Gender and Advocacy Organisation (PEGAO) in collaboration with Tanzania Media Women Organisation - Zanzibar (TAMWA-Zanzibar), Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA) through Strengthen Women in Leadership (SWIL) project sponsored by the Norwegian embassy in Tanzania.

They said there still little knowledge among women to understand and utilise the rights and their responsibility to hold positions in various decision making organs.

Saleh Nassor Juma, ACT-Wazalendo Secretary General in Chakechake advised the government and education stakeholders to introduce gender subjects in the education curriculum to teach students on the importance of gender equality and rights thereof.

"There should be a special curriculum for the gender equality subject in schools starting at primary level, this will assist to prepare our children, especially girls to grow up while recognizing the leadership foundations starting at very low level," he explained.

Meanwhile, he advised in establishing a special fund to enable women to withstand economic challenges that hinder their participation when vying for leadership positions.

He said: "We now need the country's budget to have a stipulation for the Fund to enable them to go to constituencies to compete with men because women's economic strength is still a

challenge that hinders them to do so because many political parties lack subsidies from the government."

Riziki Mgeni Juma, from CHADEMA said despite the challenge, still political parties have failed to put in place official plans to prepare women to hold leadership positions, instead they use the shortfall to deny them of their rights.

In the circumstances, she advised women to change their mindsets in waiting for special positions in the decision making bodies and instead they should create a procedure of early preparations, including their participation in community activities to enhance their trust in the community.

Earlier, presenting a paper on the state of women's participation in decision-making bodies, Tamwa-Zanzibar in Pemba coordinator, Fathiya Mussa Said mentioned that among the challenges that have been found to hinder women's participation are educated women not to get involved in politics for fear of losing their positions.

She explained: "Many educated women are afraid to join political parties, especially opposition parties for fear of losing their jobs, and this is due to the existence of some laws that hinder the rights of women to participate in politics."

Fathiya said that political parties preparing women to be leaders is still a challenge for many parties in the country and has led to the number of women coming forward to run for these positions being small at various levels.

"In the 2020 election, a total of 216 women out of 939 men equal to 20 percent were approved by their parties as candidates for different positions including 61 to run for the positions of representatives, 74 councilors, 81 for the positions of parliament. Those who won this process are only 37," the organizer explained.

Safia Saleh Sultan, a lawyer from the Zanzibar Legal Services Center said the lack of strong systems includes the



TAMWA-Zanzibar's Pemba office coordinator, Fathiya Mussa Said, presents a paper at a meeting on Pemba Island with representatives of political parties at the weekend.

presence of sharia laws that hinder gender equality in decision-making bodies.

Safia said: "Election law no. 4 of 2018, where despite the fact that this law governs and provides good guidance on how to find candidates and leaders of the country, it is still silent in explaining the procedure for finding candidates in the initial stages through their parties, especially considering that each party has a procedure for his access to candidates."

"So it is good that this Law put in place an official procedure to force the availability of candidates of each party based on gender equality in every position," she added.

The meeting was aimed at discussing methods and measures taken by political parties to increase the participation of women in leadership positions as a continuation of the implementation of the four-year project dubbed 'Strengthen Women-In-Leadership (SWIL)'.

## Sea wildlife activists: Marine life off the African coast is in grave danger

By Safa Alharathy

RESEARCHERS have warned that the sea life along the African coast is in danger due to the illegal trade of endangered marine species.

The non-profit group TRAFFIC, concerned with the wildlife trade, said that fishermen are using banned equipment, giving no caution to the harm they cause to the environment.

In its recent report, the group indicated that the number of lobsters, sea turtles, tuna, octopus, prawns, sharks, and sea cucumbers, has declined dramatically off the African coast.

According to the director of research at the TRAFFIC Institute, illegal dynamite fishing is still being practiced in remote parts of the coast where law enforcement is limited.

"This practice is very destructive because it indiscriminately kills any type of marine organism, including corals," TRAFFIC's official said, stressing that the destruction of coral reefs is very concerning as it is so crucial to the coral reef ecosystems.



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George Reuben Sanga checks vegetables in his green house garden in Dar es Salaam. Photo by Xinhua

## Sanga inspires youth to cultivate interests in smart agriculture

DAR ES SALAAM

George Reuben Sanga feels a thrill of pleasure as he walks around his 120 square-meter green house at Makongo Juu in Tanzania's commercial capital, Dar es Salaam.

Sanga's farming area covering half a hectare is greenish throughout the year, come sun, come rain as he engages in demonstration for irrigation farming, fisheries and poultry.

"Agriculture is wealth. If one wants to make money one should invest in agriculture because every human being needs food. Unlike running a clothing shop where your customers are limited," 35-year-old Sanga told Xinhua this week.

Sanga said he was trained as a civil engineer at technician level and got employment in a construction company. But he quit and in 2015 started his farming project called Waloma Investment with a slogan: Agriculture and Livestock Keeping Towards an Industrialized Nation.

"I decided to practice farming after I had undergone training on irrigation farming and fish farming in Dodoma region when I realized that agriculture is indeed the right answer to unemployment facing most youth in the country," he said.

The young farmer, who also grows chili in his four-hectare demonstration farm and another four-hectare pawpaw farm in Mkuranga district in coast region with one of his trainee farmers, said he shares his farming knowledge with the youth who visit his farm from different parts of the country.

"I train them on how to plant various crops. I train them on the use of high quality seeds. I train them on good seasons for planting various crops, including tomatoes," said Sanga.

He added: "Apart from training the youth, people who have retired from employment in private and public companies and people who have interest in agriculture visit my place to learn the ABC of farming, fish farming and poultry."

He said among the beneficiaries of his project are students from the Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro region and students from a number of other agricultural colleges in the country.

"They come here with little knowledge about agriculture, but at the end of the day they go back home or to the colleges fully equipped with skills in farming activities," said Sanga, a father of two children.

Seven years of his project has seen him training over 20 young farmers who right now have their own farms.

"I have also employed 10 youth farmers in my project and I have been visited by over 2,000 guests, mostly those who are keen to learn about farming, fisheries and livestock keeping," he said.

The farmer said he sells his produce to his community and to some schools and supermarkets in the business capital.

# Global stocks subdued, borrowing costs to rise

SYDNEY

Share markets idled in Asia on Monday as investors braced for a week littered with 13 central bank meetings that are certain to see borrowing costs rise across the globe and some risk of a super-sized hike in the United States.

Markets are already fully priced for a rise of 75 basis points from the Federal Reserve, with futures showing an 18 percent chance of a full percentage point.

They also show a 50-50 chance rates could soar as high as 5.0-5.25% as the Fed is forced to tip the economy into recession to subdue inflation.

"How high will the funds rate ultimately need to go?" said Jan Hatzius, chief economist Goldman Sachs.

"Our answer is high enough to generate a tightening in financial conditions that imposes a drag on activity sufficient to maintain a solidly below-potential growth trajectory."

He expects the Fed to hike by 75 basis points on Wednesday, followed by two half-point moves in November and December.

Also important will be Fed members' "dot plot"



forecasts for rates, which are likely to be hawkish, putting the funds rate at 4-4.25 percent by the end of this year, and even higher next year.

That risk saw two-year Treasury yields surge 30 basis points last week alone to reach the highest since 2007 at 3.92 percent, so making stocks look more expensive

in comparison and dragging the S&P 500 down almost 5 percent for the week.

On Monday, holidays in Japan and the UK made for a slow start and S&P 500 futures were up 0.1 percent, while Nasdaq futures were flat.

EUROSTOXX 50 futures added 0.4 percent, while

FTSE futures were closed. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan eased 0.3 percent, after losing almost 3 percent last week.

Japan's Nikkei was shut, but futures implied an index of 27,400 compared to Friday's close of 27,567.

China's central bank went

its own way and cut a repo rate by 10 basis points to support its ailing economy, leaving blue chips up 0.3 percent.

BofA's latest fund manager survey suggests allocations to global stocks are at an all-time low.

"But with both US yields and the unemployment rate

headed to 4-5 percent, poor sentiment isn't enough to keep the S&P from making new lows for the year," warned BofA analysts in a note.

"Our suite of 38 proprietary growth indicators depict a grim outlook for global growth, yet we are staring at one of the most aggressive tightening episodes in history, with 85% of the global central banks in tightening mode."

Most of the banks meeting this week - from Switzerland to South Africa - are expected to hike, with markets split on whether the Bank of England will go by 50 or 75 basis points.

"The latest retail sales data in the UK supports our view that the economy is already in recession," said Jonathan Petersen, a senior market economist at Capital Economics.

"So, despite sterling hitting a fresh multi-decade low against the dollar this week, the relative strength of the US economy suggests to us the pound will remain under pressure."

Sterling was stuck at \$1.1436 having hit a 37-year trough of \$1.1351 last week.

One exception is the Bank of Japan, which has so far shown no sign of abandoning its uber-easy yield curve policy despite the drastic slide in the yen.

The dollar edged up to 143.08 yen on Monday, having backed away from the recent 24-year peak of 144.99 in the face of increasingly strident intervention warnings from Japanese policymakers.

## King Charles III inherits estate of over \$34bn in assets

LONDON

King Charles III faces a tax benefit most Britons and even many wealthy Americans could only dream of: The head of the British monarchy is exempt from the UK's inheritance tax.

Queen Elizabeth II's death involves a transfer of her personal wealth of roughly \$500 million to her first son, Charles. That means he doesn't have to send roughly \$200 million of Queen Elizabeth's \$500 million estate to the tax collector.

But it also involves a change in ownership of the Crown Estate: a portfolio of assets and real estate valued at \$34.3 billion. Its holdings include Buckingham Palace and land and properties across the London and the UK.

To be sure, the Crown Estate is held in trust. That means King Charles III can't sell any of its assets. But the royal family still collects about 15 percent of the prof-

its from the estate through the "Sovereign Grant." Last year, the Crown Estate earned \$311 million.

The tax exemption is among the list of luxuries separating most Britons from the Royal Family in the U.K., where constituents are required to pay a 40% tax on property valued above \$377,000.

In the U.S., where such levies are derided as a "death tax," the burden on estates is anything but a, well, dying breed. Even though most estates in America aren't large enough to trigger a federal estate tax - an estate must be worth more than \$12.06 million to do so - 17 states and the District of Columbia have laws that can tax one's inheritance or estate, or both.

A \$200 million pittance? Avoiding a 40 percent tax on \$500 million isn't trivial. But since wealth is often a relative term, the inheritance levy on Charles wouldn't represent much of



The Crown Estate - estimated at over \$34bn in assets - now belongs to King Charles III.

a grab in the royal bag.

Queen Elizabeth II was the U.K.'s longest serving monarch, reigning over 14 Commonwealth realms as well as Britain, for seven decades.

In that time, the Crown Estate's fortune of assets and real estate valued together swelled to a massive

amount - but nowhere near the fortunes of the world's wealthiest people.

The Crown's assets are overshadowed, for example, by the fortunes held by Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos and Bill Gates.

Queen Elizabeth inherited about \$81 million after her mother died in 2002 -

passing down assets ranging from prized horses and jewelry to valued paintings and Fabergé eggs.

Over the years, those assets plus a healthy real estate collection - including Sandringham House in England and Balmoral Castle in Scotland - raised her total net worth to roughly half a billion dollars.

Elizabeth received income through the Sovereign Grant, a taxpayer-funded pool that amounted to nearly \$100 million in 2021 and 2022 and is designed to cover official travel and the operating costs of various properties, including Buckingham Palace, the queen's official residence.

That grant stems from a centuries-old agreement in which King George III surrendered his income from Parliament in order to receive a fixed annual payment for himself and future generations of the royal family. Charles is now set to receive income from the an-

nual grant.

**Death and taxes**

Though Charles may cheat the "death tax" - taxes appear to be certain. Even for royalty.

The official Royal website reported that the queen volunteered to pay income and capital gains taxes in 1993 - despite not being legally obligated to do so - and has paid local taxes voluntarily.

And according to a "Memorandum of Understanding on Royal Taxation" written in 2013, Charles indicated he would pay taxes voluntarily upon inheriting the throne.

Queen Elizabeth II, who died on Sept. 8, was the head of state of 14 Commonwealth realms, including Canada.

Passing at the age of 96, Elizabeth left a long legacy after becoming the U.K.'s longest-serving monarch - reigning for 70 years.

Not only was she the Queen of England, she was a wealthy woman in her own right.

# Fuel investors urged to move into rural areas

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

FUEL investors in the country have been urged to use more effectively opportunities in rural areas due to the increasing demand and the presence of solid infrastructures stimulating the business.

Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) Director of Pe-

troleum Gerald Maganga gave the call over the weekend in Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam during the launching of new Oryx Energies station.

Maganga said most of the rural areas are now favored with friendly infrastructures that support the business; hence there shouldn't be a hesitation of how they will attain profit, basing on former experiences when infrastruc-

ture was the major challenge.

"I hereby urge fuel investors to have an investment eye over rural areas as available infrastructures are favouring the growth of businesses and other economic activities," he said.

"It's time the scramble for investment margins among investors in these locating where there is minimal competition."

He also stressed that fuel investors should construct good fuel infrastructure that complies with law and regulatory standards which will accelerate better services to consumers.

Oryx Energies Managing Director Kalpesh Mehta said launching of the first Oryx station in Kibada was strategically part of the company's expansion plan to meet the growing customer de-

mands.

"It is with great honor and excitement to launch our newest station in the fastest growing district in Tanzania. We appreciate our regulator for permitting us to open this station today on this profound day. We at Oryx Energies believe this station will contribute positively to other opportunities around the community and the local govern-

ment," he said.

Mehta added that the aim is to bring satisfaction to new customers by being able to access their daily requirements with ease and convenience.

Over 23 years of Oryx base in Tanzania, Kigamboni Oryx Kibada becomes the 58 station in the country offering services in selling fuel and liquefied petroleum gas LPG.





BancABC Tanzania Senior Manager – Retail and Commercial Banking Lillian Mwakitalima (left) speaks at the launch of the campaign. Right is Chief Operation Officer Joyce Malai. PHOTO/GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

## BancABC launches deposit campaign to promote savings

By Guardian Reporter

**B**ancABC Tanzania, which is part of Atlas Mara, has launched a customer drive deposit campaign whereby the banks customers will get up to 11 percent interest upfront for one year, on structured fixed deposit accounts.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, the BancABC Chief Operation Officer Joyce Malai said they are introducing an annual interest rate of up to 11 percent for customers who will open fixed deposit accounts from Monday to mid-December this year and will be paid upfront interest instantly while their principal amounts remain secure until maturity.

"This is the best value

proposition in the market so far and we want to encourage our customers and even those who do not have accounts with us to take advantage of this offer while it still lasts." You reap before you sow' she said.

The Chief Operation Officer said BancABC was keen in meeting its customers' needs and ensuring that they grow together with the bank.

"We are giving an upfront interest to enable our customers protect their principle while running their businesses and daily activities without having to wait till the end of the tenure to earn it," she said.

"We are also flexible to accommodate those that would prefer a quarterly, semiannual, or annual interest payment besides

the upfront. To us a customer is king and that's why we have created this flexibility to accommodate all our customer needs," she added.

Speaking at the same event, BancABC Tanzania Senior Manager - Retail and Commercial Banking Lillian Mwakitalima said that BancABC Tanzania is keen in meeting its customers' needs and ensuring that they grow together with the bank. "We value the support that our esteemed customers give to us and as a bank we have decided to reward them by launching this campaign," Mwakitalima said.

All what a customer's needs to do is to just visit any of BancABC Tanzania branches and open a fixed account and they will get

their interest paid upfront which they can use to shop, travel, buy friends and family gifts this festive season," she added.

"Should a customer wish to borrow against his or her deposit, we can accommodate them. We welcome all to customers to enjoy this flexibility with us," said Mwakitalima adding that one just needs to call us on 0779111000 or visit any of our branches in Dar, Dodoma, Mwanza and Arusha. Open a fixed account and they will get their interest instantly" she said.

She added that the offer will apply to all customers who open a fixed account with BancABC Tanzania for six months to one year before the 15th December 2022.

## Banks' borrowing from abroad at 2.3trn/- in July

By Francis Kajubi

COMMERCIAL banks' borrowing from abroad amounted 2.34trillion/- during the year ending July this year compared to 2.31trillion/- recorded at the end of June this year.

Bank of Tanzania's Depository Corporations Survey released yesterday shows that total banks' borrowing from abroad valued at 1.80trn/- in March this year, 1.89trn/- in April and 2.14trn/- in May.

The survey also shows that as foreign borrowing grows, commercial banks' foreign assets decreased by nearly 15 percent during the period

between June and July this year.

The banks foreign assets dropped to 2.51trn/- at the end of July this year from 2.93trn/- at the end of June.

The survey shows that the trends for foreign assets by banks have been going up and down since March this year.

In March, foreign assets valued 2.52trn/- while in April they dropped to 2.13trn/-, before increasing to 2.63trn/- in May this year.

The survey also shows that foreign liabilities have been increasing too. Banks' foreign liabilities totaled 3.03trn/- at the end of July compared to 2.28trn/- at the end of March this

year. The survey shows that domestic credit in the economy amounted to 33.61trn/- at the end of July this year down from 31.4trn/- recorded at the end of April.

On the other hand, the Bank of Tanzania's (BoT) gross reserve assets have been growing on a monthly basis.

Reserve assets of the central bank grew to 12.39trn/- at the end of July this year from 11.78trn/- in the preceding month of June.

The central bank's gross reserve assets was 12.83trn/- in March this year. The assets value was 12.56trn/- in April and 11.98trn/- in May.

## Digital Marketing; GWI Digital Snapshot Report 2022-Part 3

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It's the balance between that increasing desire for authenticity and that it is coming right from the source so social media really enables and facilitates that but the other side of that is that we have the algorithms and what are they optimizing for or providing us, in short there is a lot to unpack for brands, publishers or users. This will continue to evolve and this is very visible in this report.

**Live Streaming, Podcast and Storytelling.**

The authenticity of it and the opportunity to connect with people as a brand you can never underestimate the value of it, because when people tell you what they want you to give them and how it can add value to their lives, go with that. You need to deliver polished stuff, you can do polished or you can do live or you can do all sorts of things. For us marketers we find the value incredible in terms of access and reach. This report covers the number of people that tune into vlogs and even live streaming, there is also a parallel insight on the number of people that use video as a source of learning and that includes live streams.

I do recommend that you do dive into this report if you want to understand a bit more of the business case for this but also from a learning perspective if you're not data driven too just jump or have a go at it, seeing how it works for your business and your audience. In Tanzania there are many small businesses that take advantage of Facebook and Instagram to promote their businesses but if most of them had the knowledge of this data, their business acumen on which platform appeals to their clients or reaches the right client can help them a lot.

Think about your favourite movie! For me I would say The Matrix (it's a classic architecture of a movie), and if you watch all its trilogies which have a run time of almost 10 hours put together. I can tell you the rough plot but if you ask me to recite them all, I'm not going to do it. Have I watched it 100 times already? Yes I have, at any given opportunity. If your content is compelling and adds value people will always come back to it. If it is boring or a promotional piece of non-sense it will be viewed partially then clicked away and never again because there are many choices of content to view so therein lies the trick. Don't ask yourself should I repeat this but ask yourself is it worth watching more than once? If not then leave it but if the next question that comes to mind is, how can I evolve it just slightly? Like the Matrix movie, it's a game, it's a novel, there's merchandise all sorts of different stuff and you can package that story up for different audiences at different times. Think about your marketing like say the fantasy movie called Harry Potter which most of you must have seen, the genuine advice there is try not to repeat repeat and repeat in way that does not allow evolution in your storytelling because that isn't taking advantage of the opportunity, you can do it

but their better ways of using your budget to deliver better outcomes.

**Social Media Platform Growth**

Realistically there are different values in all of these different experiences and people are going to keep coming back to them in the same way that they keep coming back to Snap Chat, Twitter and so forth. Users always have strong views and they will always voice them but behind all of that are very genuine statements that we need to listen to. People value the experience they get on these platforms and they want multiple experiences so as marketers let us not try and make the same or boring content for those viewers.

We've seen Tik-Tok continue to grow through the data, its ads now reach a billion adults a month that's about 23% of adults outside of China which is very huge, what is also interesting is the amount of time users spend on Tik-Tok which is like a day a month which is 24 hours a month, essentially that is a lot of time on a platform when you think about it. So in contrast to that the other set of people spend about 118 hours a month on Instagram exactly. So when you put the numbers together and contrast between each platform that is when you see that people actually spend more time on Tik-Tok, so a lot of money and time goes to Tik-Tok.

**Usage vs Affinity vs Behavior**

What we also see in the report is that Instagram is preferred - it is favored more. If you ask someone which is their favorite platform, often times it is 42% of women under 34 years of age that say it's Instagram versus 18% that only say Tik-Tok. So what does this really mean for brands across all of these platforms and how to balance the idea of usage versus reach versus affinity?

The easiest advice is first try them all out for your audience and see the outcomes that is the only way as a marketer you're going to decide on which one of these platforms is best for your brand. Even from one campaign to another the same team is going to have different outcomes on different platforms so don't think that there is a magic answer and that you have identified that Tik-Tok or Instagram is performing good and now your mind is settled forever, that is definitely not the way it's going to be. So try things out for your audience and see what delivers the best outcome.

So let's briefly unpack data from AI they used to be called Apani they're mobile expects in tracking mobile app trends. Like I said earlier almost a day a month spent on Tik-Tok but also a day a month spent on YouTube, also 19 or 20 hours spent on Facebook and you got 11.5 hours spent on Instagram. So if you ask people how much time they spend on social media each day on average, GWI survey finds that it is 2.5 hours per user per day and that is spread across all platforms.

What do you think? Are you that active of a user.

To be continued...

CURRENT NEWS

## How engineer bagged telcoms bulk SMS business

NAIROBI

When Robert Lang'at (pictured) started his technology business with Sh50,000, in a shared office space, he knew it will grow one day, but not to the levels that it has now.

However, as the number of mobile phone user increases and big companies seek small entrepreneurs to manage their electronic messaging services, helping them to close the communication gap with customers, so has his bulk SMS company.

"With the little resources I had at the time, personal savings and contributions from friends, I started Mo-

bitech Technologies from home. Then I moved to a shared office after getting a few clients. Later, I secured the required business permits and moved to our own office," says Mr Lang'at.

**Hurdles**  
Gaining the trust of his customers was his first hurdle.

"But once we got our first clients, we got referrals and it became easier to expand the business after one year," he says at the company's offices in Nairobi's Westlands.

"We established Mobitech Technologies in 2012. It is a licensed content service provider with the Communications Authority of Kenya. We provide a range



of value-added services to telcos including Safaricom and Airtel," he says.

**Market target**

Mr Lang'at, a telecommunications engineer by profession, says his business mainly majors in bulk SMS services and premium short codes.

"I was in the IT and telecommunications field creating mobile applications. Then I saw the gap in the market to offer bulk SMS

solutions and other IT-related services to businesses and institutions," he says.

His company partners with telco companies that provide mobile network services like Safaricom, Airtel, and Telkom Kenya. So, how did he bag the big clients like Safaricom and Airtel?

"We started by creating a great product and building good customer relations. We have a web-based portal that we create accounts for their customers that they have full control over.

They simply log in, upload their customer contacts and send them SMS," he says, adding that their bulk SMS "run on a robust, efficient and secure system that connects to various telcos."

Learning institutions, saccos, casinos and supermarkets make up a bulk of their big clients.

"We also have churches, internet service providers, government institutions, real estate companies, welfare groups, hospitals,

and sports betting firms among many others," says Mr Lang'at.

From a solo tech-preneur, Mr Lang'at now has five employees and serves more than 1,000 clients.

"Our products are easy to use, and since our services are consumed digitally, customers do use necessarily have to come to our offices," says Mr Lang'at.

**Competition**

The bulk SMS industry has attracted many entrepreneurs, creating jobs in a thriving ICT industry.

Over the years, many entrants in the bulk SMS service providers market have encountered stiff competi-

tion from the likes of Mr Lang'at.

"There is stiff competition from other service providers. The regulatory fee that should be paid to the Communications Authority of Kenya is also a challenge. The pandemic also led to a drop in business as schools, for instance, cut back on spending," he says.

Kenya's tech space has been growing, gaining a huge global appeal, meaning that opportunities abound.

He advises those who would like to venture into such a business to believe in themselves, not to give up and give their customers a good service.

**Expansion plans**

"We charge a flat rate of 35 cents per SMS across all networks in Kenya. We don't charge any monthly maintenance fees or set up fees. There is no expiry period on the SMS purchased. For a sender name, we charge a one-time fee of Sh6,800 per telco," adds Mr Lang'at.

The tech-preneur is looking to expand to Uganda and Tanzania and possibly the whole of Africa.

"We also intend to expand our network outside Nairobi to other parts of the country where people don't know us and our products and services yet," he says.



# High energy prices attract investors back to UK fossil fuel

LONDON

High energy prices have boosted UK small cap fossil fuel companies, lifting their share prices and allowing some to register rare profits.

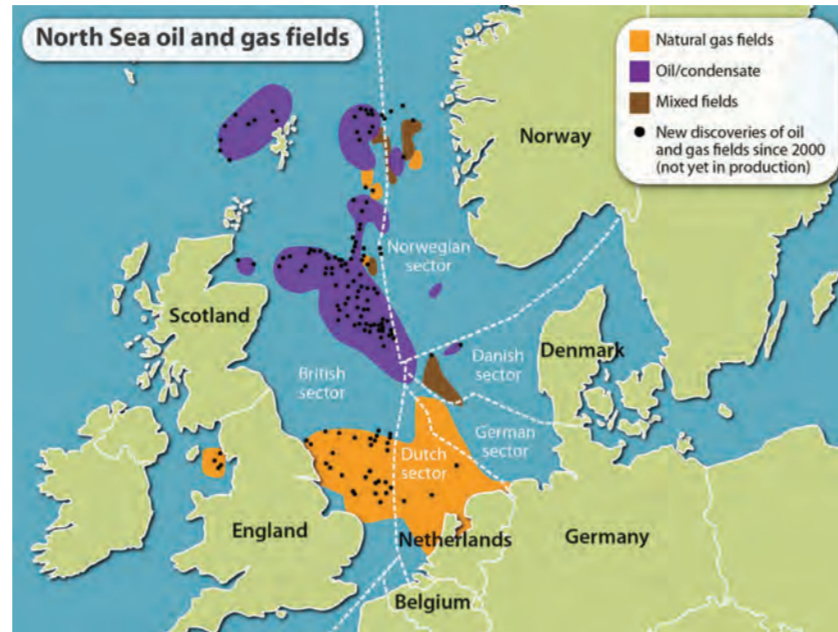
Seven of the 10 best performing stocks on London's junior Aim market are fossil fuel companies, with four focusing on UK oil and gas production, as the market rides the surge in prices since Russia invaded Ukraine.

While they collectively account for only a small portion of UK oil and gas supply, the prospect of a

prolonged period of higher gas prices and the renewed focus on energy security have encouraged investors in a sector that had been struggling in the face of the global acceleration towards renewable energy.

"A heightened interest from investors in oil and gas companies naturally follows times of increased oil prices," said Sophie Lund-Yates, equity analyst at investment platform Hargreaves Lansdown. "The situation in Ukraine and subsequent energy shortages have also brought oil and gas into the public's mind in a way never seen before," she said.

Companies like IGas En-



UK Gas fields map

ergy, Egdon Resources, Union Jack Oil and Angus Energy have been among the best performing stocks on Aim in the year to date, with share prices at least doubling – albeit from a low base.

"The energy crisis has led investors to see there is a future for energy in the UK," said Chris Hopkinson, interim executive chair of IGas.

Mark Abbott, managing director at Egdon Resources, said that a year ago, leading up to the COP26 climate change conference, "there was a narrative that we can switch to renewables tomorrow." But, he added: "The uncomfortable reality is we are going to be using oil and gas out to 2050 and beyond."

The UK generates about 40

per cent of its electricity from burning natural gas, leaving it exposed to surging gas prices. The UK wholesale gas price is about 2.5 times higher than a year ago. Meanwhile Brent crude, the international benchmark for oil, is nearly 30 per cent up on the year.

While high energy prices have driven soaring inflation and forced the government into a £150bn support package for consumers, they have allowed the small cap oil and gas companies to make rare profits and their large international partners to report record breaking recent results.

In the six months to the end of June, Union Jack Oil recorded its first profit of £2mn, while IGas reported a net profit of £19.4mn, compared with a

£12.2mn loss in the same period last year.

"The point for us is not the staggering gas prices you have seen in the past months, but that long term gas prices are not going back to the 10 year average," said George Lucan, chief executive of Angus Energy. UK oil and gas companies are "an attractive long term proposition for investors, particularly private investors" he added.

But while the sector might be experiencing a moment in the sun, Lund-Yates said there are reasons to be cautious. There are "plenty" of smaller companies that are "pumping money into unproven oil and gasfields, with no guarantee of success".

# Apple's five most profitable business regions

LOS ANGELES

Apple, Inc designs, manufactures and markets mobile communication and media devices, personal computers (PCs), and portable digital music players. The company's products and services include the iPhone, iPad, iPod, and Apple Watch.

All of Apple's segments produced higher sales and operating income in 2018. The company manages its business by geographic area. Below, we'll take a look at its five reportable segments, with each contributing different rates of profitability.

Apple's Americas region is composed of North and South America. In fiscal 2018, which ended September 26, 2018, the segment produced an operating profit of \$31.2 billion. This represented 37.2% of the company's total segment operating profit, which excludes corporate-level expenses such as research and development (R&D) and share-based compensation.

The unit was the highest generator of sales, which were \$93.9 billion in 2018. This produced one of the lowest operating margins among the segments at 33.2%. In 2018, the Americas had an operating profit of \$26.2 billion, contributing 42% to Apple's total profit. The margin was lower, at 32.7%, based on sales of \$80.1 billion.

### Greater China is growing

The Greater China segment includes China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. It is the second-largest contributor to Apple's profits, but it is growing rapidly and becoming increasingly important. In 2018, the business had an operating profit of \$23 billion, which was 27.4% of the company's total operating profit. Its 39.2% operating margin makes it one of the highest among Apple's segments. Its net sales were \$58.8 billion, the second-largest total.

Results improved sharply over 2017, with sales and operating profit growing 84.3 and 108.4%, respectively. In the year-ago period, the Greater China



segment had sales of \$31.9 billion and operating profits of \$11 billion. This was 17.7% of 2017's total operating profit. The margin was 34.7%.

### Japan trails behind

The Japanese segment is the fourth-largest generator of Apple's profits. The business produced an operating profit of \$7.6 billion, or 9.1% of 2018's total. It is the highest margin business, which was 48.5%. In 2017, Japan's sales were \$15.3 billion and its operating profit was \$6.9 billion, which was 11.1% of that year's total. The region's margin was 45.1%.

### Rest of Asia Pacific

This business includes Australia and other Asian countries not included in the company's other operating segments. The unit's sales were \$15.1 billion, producing an operating profit of \$5.5 billion. The geographical area was responsible for 6.6% of Apple's 2018 operating profit. Its margin was 36.6%. In the year-earlier period, operating

profit was \$3.7 billion, or 5.9% of Apple's total. In 2017, its margin was much lower, at 32.7%, on sales of \$11.2 billion.

### Other factors

Apple does not break down its profits by individual business unit or product line, though it does disclose sales in this manner. During the fourth quarter of 2018, global iPhone sales hit 64.5 million units, earning Apple 15.8% market share during the period. That was down from 73.2 million unit sales and 17.9% market share during the fourth quarter of 2017.

Analysts' consensus estimates are calling for revenue of \$61.48 billion, up 16.9% year-over-year and near the high end of Apple's forecast; earnings per share are being pegged at \$2.78, rising 34.3% compared to the prior-year quarter.

# ICT, finance drive corporate deals around E. Africa

NAIROBI

The number of corporate deals in East Africa rose by 40 percent in the first eight months of the year compared to the corresponding period in 2021, driven by venture capital investments in ICT and financial services sectors.

In recent years, the deals landscape has been dominated by private equity investments into larger established businesses, mergers and acquisitions. The strong showing by venture capital funds this year, however, indicates that investors are seeking new opportunities in startups which have high potential for growth.

Early-stage investors, while taking on more risk in case the businesses fail, stand to make outsized returns if the start-up becomes a success, and its value rises in due course.

It is also a pointer to a return of optimism by external investors in the continued post-Covid recovery of the economy, especially in Kenya where the elections season came and passed without disruptions.

Deals analysis done by advisory firm I&M Burbidge Capital shows that in the eight months to August, the region recorded 91 deals, out of which 39 were venture capital investments, which eclipsed the 31 private equity and Development Finance Institution (DFI) investments and 15 merger and acquisition deals in the period.

In terms of sectors, ICT and telecommunications have dominated with a total of 33 deals this year, followed by financial services at 18. Logistics, healthcare and energy have six deals each, while there are five apiece for manufacturing and agribusiness.

Kenya, leveraging on Nairobi's status as the regional financial hub, has accounted for three-quarters of the total deals this year at 68, ahead of Uganda's 15 deals, Tanzania's five and Rwanda's three.

"These transactions underline the continued emergence of the IT sector, backed by the wave of venture capital investments, in East Africa," said I&M Burbidge Capital in their East Africa financial review report for August.

"We are optimistic of continued robust transactions and an improved economic environment, following the completion of the General Elections in Kenya."

Last year, the deal-making was suppressed by the Covid-19 pandemic, which caused economic uncertainty and caution in capital deployment.

Travel restrictions were also a factor, with many businesses pausing meetings and waiting to see how regional economies would recover before making investments.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

# Chinese banks likely to push lending rate cuts

BEIJING

Chinese banks are expected to keep benchmark lending rates unchanged this week as the central bank pauses monetary easing and defends the yuan, though a reduction is anticipated in coming months.

Sixteen of the 17 economists surveyed by Bloomberg forecast the one-year loan prime rate will be maintained at 3.65% on Tuesday, with only one estimating a 10 basis-point drop in the rate.

Eleven of the 12 economists who gave an estimate for the five-year LPR, a reference for mortgage rates, expect it to be held steady. Only one forecast a 15 basis-point reduction.

The LPRs are based on the interest rates that 18 banks offer their best customers and is published by the People's Bank of China monthly. They are quoted as a spread over the central bank's rate on its one-year policy loans, known as the medium-term lending facility, which was kept unchanged last

week.

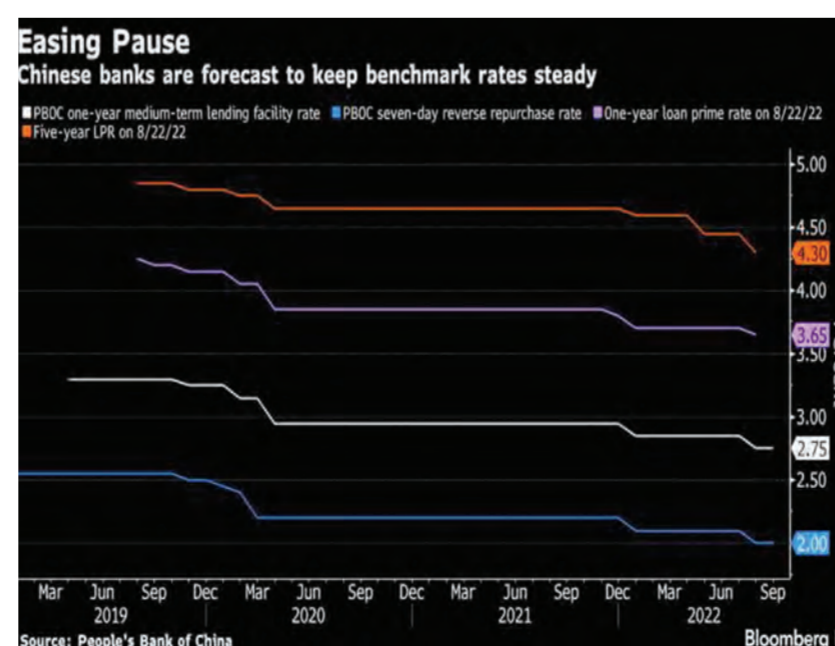
Many economists expect banks to lower the LPRs later this year after major lenders cut their deposit rates across the board for the first time since 2015.

Lower deposit rates will improve banks' profitability, giving them further scope to transmit the PBOC's easing policy and reduce lending rates.

"The possibility of a LPR cut in the fourth quarter is higher than in this month," said Bruce Pang, chief economist and head of research for Greater China at Jones Lang LaSalle Inc. "It's too soon to cut it again after the rates were just lowered in August."

The economy showed some signs of recovery in August, helped by government stimulus, although the growth outlook remains uncertain given an ongoing property market slump and Covid outbreaks.

Bloomberg Economics says: "We expect banks to keep their one-year and five-year LPR quotes steady after trimming them by 5 bps and 15 bps,



respectively, in August. But China's bumpy recovery still needs policy support. We see rates heading lower in 4Q."

The central bank is maintaining its easing stance and adopting more structural tools to help the economy.

At the same time, it needs to strike a

delicate balance with the timing of its stimulus given aggressive US interest rate hikes and the yuan's depreciation past the 7 per dollar level to its weakest since July 2020.

The central bank has taken steps to defend the currency in recent weeks including by setting stronger-than-expected daily fixings.

The PBOC is forecast by analysts to cut the reserve requirement ratio for banks, or the amount of cash banks must hold in reserve, as soon as this month to replace maturing policy loans. Such a move would unleash liquidity to the interbank system and reduce banks' funding costs, which could drive the LPRs lower.

Many economists including Pang and Liu Peiqian at NatWest Group Plc also see greater scope for a reduction in the five-year LPR going forward to stimulate housing and mortgage demand, which has fallen off a cliff this year. The reduction in three and

five-year deposit rates among major banks, at about 15 basis points, was also greater than that for shorter-term deposits, mostly under 10 basis points.

Deposit rates Many also think the LPRs could trend lower in the absence of the PBOC's policy interest rate cut because a reform in deposit rates earlier this year may lead to more flexibility of the rate, which would enable banks to adjust lending rates.

The central bank said it guided banks to set up a new mechanism for the formation of deposit rates in April, under which they take references from the 10-year government bond yield and the one-year LPR, instead of the benchmark deposit rate in the past.

This can help banks better follow changes in market rates, the PBOC said in a report in May. Banks last cut the LPRs in August following the PBOC's surprise rate reduction in the same month to bolster the economy's recovery.



## WORLD

## Long COVID-19 a problem for US workforce

WASHINGTON

CHARLES Gill, 41, a teacher in Pennsylvania, had COVID-19 a few months back. While many of his friends only had symptoms for a few days, his has lingered a few months.

"I recovered but I'm still tired a lot," he told Xinhua, adding that he hopes the situation will resolve.

Indeed, long COVID-19, with symptoms lasting three or more months, is an issue faced by millions of Americans, and it's creating problems for both businesses and employees.

According to the US Census Bureau, around 16 million working-age Americans have long COVID-19. Of those, 2.4 million are out of work due to long COVID-19, noted Katie Bach, a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Lost wages amount to around US\$170 billion a year, and "these impacts stand to worsen over time if the United States does not take the necessary policy actions," Bach wrote in an analysis.

A study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis found that 24 percent of people who have contracted

COVID-19 experienced symptoms for three months or more.

Ashish Jha, the White House COVID-19 response coordinator, said in a recent briefing that according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, around 70 percent of Americans have contracted COVID-19.

If 24 percent of those have long COVID-19, that means 34 million working-age Americans have had long COVID-19 at some point, Bach argued.

The Fed study found that 50 percent of respondents had recovered from long COVID-19, which Bach said means 17 million people may currently have long COVID-19.

**What does that mean for the workforce?**

The Fed study also found that nearly 26 percent of those with long COVID-19 have had an impact on their work - either rendering them unemployed or reducing their hours.

Britain's Trades Union Congress, meanwhile, found that 20 percent of people with long COVID-19 were not working, and an additional 16 percent were working reduced hours, Bach noted.



A man closes his eyes as he receives the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in Miami Beach, Florida, on Aug 4, 2021. AP

A study from the medical journal The Lancet also found that 22 percent of people with long COVID-19 were not able to work, and 45 percent had to cut their working hours.

Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Darrell West told Xinhua that long COVID-19 will have an impact on the labor force "because it will push some people into long-term care issues and keep them out of the workforce."

"Employers will have to figure out how to handle those cases and ways to pay for their long-term medical needs. The pandemic isn't over, but will continue to resonate for months to come," West said.

David Cutler, an economics professor at Harvard University, recently estimated that the total cost of long COVID-19 is 3.7 trillion dollars. Nearly 60 percent of the cost, or 2.2 trillion dollars are lost quality of life; the remainder is reduced earnings (one trillion dollars) and greater medical spending (528 billion dollars).

The post-pandemic labor force participation rate, the rate at which people are in the workforce, remains low, and long COVID-19 may be a contributing factor, Barry Bosworth, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution,

told Xinhua.

The August employment report showed that the labor force participation rate increased 0.3 percentage point over the month to 62.4 percent, still 1.0 percentage point below its pre-pandemic level.

Bach argued what is needed is more accessible prevention and treatment options, among other things. But even with more options, individuals will continue to get infected, and some will acquire long COVID-19.

She also listed several other critical government interventions that can reduce the economic burden of long COVID-19: expanded paid sick leave, improved workplace accommodations, wider access to disability insurance, and enhanced data collection on long COVID-19's economic effects.

Recently, the White House released its National Research Action Plan on Long COVID-19, while Congress appropriated US\$1.15 billion for funding to the National Institutes of Health, for the organization to study long COVID-19.

The plan builds on ongoing research supported or conducted by the US government and aims to accelerate and expand it, in addition to calling for enhanced action by the private sector, according to covid.gov, a US government website.

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## Putin urges Bishkek and Dushanbe to settle conflict diplomatically - Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin held telephone calls on Sunday with the Kyrgyz and Tajik presidents, Sadyr Japarov and Emomali Rahmon, calling on the parties to prevent further escalation on the border.

According to the Kremlin press service, the presidents "discussed the situation on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border". "Putin urged the sides to prevent further escalation and to take measures to resolve the situation solely through peaceful, political and diplomatic means as soon as possible," the Kremlin noted.

"[Vladimir Putin] confirmed Russia's readiness to provide the necessary assistance with an aim to ensure stability in the Kyrgyz-Tajik border region," it said following the telephone conversations on the situation on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border.

The parties "agreed to continue contacts," the press service said.

Tensions on the border between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan escalated on September 14. Clashes between the border guards of both countries with the use of heavy weapons resumed along the perimeter of the shared border on Friday morning.

On Friday, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov and his Tajik counterpart Emomali Rahmon held talks on the sidelines of a SCO summit in Samarkand and agreed to a ceasefire.

However, fighting resumed in the evening of the same day and continued on September 17 at certain sections of the common border.

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## Kenya leverages golf clubs to boost domestic tourism

NAIROBI

KENYAS tourism marketing body said Sunday that it is leveraging regional golf clubs across the country to promote domestic tourism.

Betty Radier, the chief executive officer of the state-owned Kenya Tourism Board (KTB), said the body has lined up golf tour tournaments in ten golf clubs distributed across key tourist attractions in the country in order to popularize the six-month-long domestic tourism campaign launched in July.

"We will be hosting golf tour tournaments in key tourism regions of the rift valley, central, Nairobi, coast, western and eastern regions as we seek to spread this campaign far and wider," Radier said in a statement released in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital.

She observed that through the Magical Kenya Golf Tour, partners and operators will have an opportunity to interact and sell travel packages with golf players and the wider public through the mall and corporate visit activities.

Radier noted that domestic tourism cushioned the tourism sector during the COVID-19 pandemic period when international travelers were at an all-time low. "More than before, the domestic market has proved its resilience during hard times as seen during the COVID-19 period and this is the reason we are exploring opportunities to tap into its potential," Radier added.

Gladys Kosgei, the head of Marketing at the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), said that national parks are set to benefit from increased visitation as a result of the domestic tourism campaign that targets to open up all the national parks across the country.

Kosgei said that the campaign also aims at encouraging Kenyans to visit all parks including the marine parks in coastal Kenya. "We are all into promoting domestic tourism and since the COVID-19 pandemic, our strategy has been to harness the potential of domestic tourism to support the sector during hard times and to sustainably conserve and protect Kenya's wildlife heritage," Kosgei noted.

Xinhua

## Death toll of Lassa fever rises to 171 in Nigeria

ABUJA

THE death toll of Lassa fever in Nigeria this year has risen to 171, despite measures by the government to reduce infections across the country, the Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) said on Sunday.

In its latest Lassa fever situation report, the NCDC said there have been a total of 917 confirmed cases, with 6,660 suspected cases recorded since the beginning of the year.

In the week from Sept. 5 to 11 alone, eight new confirmed cases and one death were recorded. So far, 25 states have recorded at least one confirmed case across 102 out of the 774 local government areas in the most populous African country, the public health agency said.

With the death toll rising to 171, the NCDC said the case fatality rate was 18.6 percent, lower than that for the same period last year, which was 23.3 percent. The disease control center said the predominant age group affected is 21-30 years, with the male-to-female ratio for confirmed cases being 1:0.8.

Agencies

## Minister: Hungary will keep promises to access EU funds

BUDAPEST

THE Hungarian government is committed to fulfilling its promises made to the European Commission (EC) in order to gain access to billions of euros of European Union (EU) funds, Tibor Navracsics, Minister of Regional Development and Utilization of EU Funds, told a press conference on Sunday.

"The government has no intention of failing to fulfill the commitments it has made," Navracsics said, following the EC's earlier decision on Sunday.

Earlier Sunday, the EC proposed suspending 7.5 billion euros in financing for Hungary, until the implementation of anti-corruption reforms from the government of Prime Minister Viktor Orban. The Hungarian government is expected to

inform the committee by November 19 about the implementation of the promised changes.

At the press conference, Navracsics explained that the negotiations phase of the conditionality procedure with the EC have been concluded, and the organization has accepted the anti-corruption commitments of the Hungarian government.

"This means that new aspects and new expectations cannot arise from the EC, now we have to execute what we have vowed to do," he told journalists.

"The commission has doubts about whether the Hungarian cabinet will implement its commitments, but it is absolutely certain that we will implement them, so I will not focus on the possible financial sanctions," he said.



Navracsics added that the EC would monitor closely the implementation of the Hungarian government's undertakings, in order to avoid a situation like the one that arose between Poland and the EC regarding the withdrawal of funds.

"So we will continue to consult with the com-

mission in the future, I will fly out to Brussels on Wednesday for instance," he underlined.

The Hungarian government promised the setting up of an independent anti-corruption institution to monitor the use of EU funds as well as steps to make the legislative process more transparent.

"The government made a total of 17 promises, and some bills have already been submitted to the parliament, while others will follow next Monday and Friday," Navracsics said.

Earlier Sunday, Justice Minister Judit Varga reacted to the commission's proposal by saying that "we still have work to do" to end the dispute, while insisting that "we are moving in the right direction." "We are working to ensure that the Hungarian people receive the resources they are entitled to!" Varga posted on her Facebook page.

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## Taliban release American engineer Frerichs in prisoner swap

KABUL

AFGHANISTAN'S Taliban freed yesterday American engineer Mark Frerichs in exchange for an Afghan tribal leader linked to the Taliban who the United States had held on drugs charges since 2005, the group's acting foreign minister said.

Frerichs was exchanged at the airport in the capital, Kabul, with Bashir Noorzai, acting foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi told a news conference in the city.

Noorzai was detained by the United States on suspicion of smuggling more than \$50 million worth of heroin into the United States and Europe.

"The Islamic Emirate of Afghan-



This undated photo released by the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) shows Afghan alleged drug lord Bashir Noorzai. AFP

istan is ready to solve problems by United States," Muttaqi said, referring to the Taliban.

Frerichs is an engineer and US Navy veteran from Lombard, Illinois, who worked in Afghanistan for a decade on development projects. He was abducted in February 2020.

The United States has no official representation in Afghanistan and US government officials elsewhere were not immediately available for comment.

The United States has been pushing for the release of Frerichs, including after the Taliban took over Afghanistan in August 2021, as US-led foreign forces were withdrawing.

US officials have said his case would influence their view on the legitimacy of a Taliban-led government. No foreign govern-

ment has formally recognized the Taliban, in part due to the group's restriction of most girls from education.

Noorzai briefly addressed the news conference at a Kabul hotel, alongside Muttaqi and the Taliban's acting deputy prime ministers.

"I am proud to be in the capital of my country among my brothers," he said.

The tribal leader had longstanding ties to the Taliban.

Noorzai's lawyer had denied his client was a drug dealer and argued the charges should be dismissed because US government officials duped him into believing he would not be arrested.

Agencies

HONG KONG'S fiscal deficit this year is expected to exceed HK\$100 billion (\$12.74 billion), almost double the HK\$56.3 billion estimated in the budget, Financial Secretary Paul Chan Mo-po said in his blog on Sunday.

The deficit would mark the second-highest ever, behind only the HK\$232.5 billion record in 2020, Chan said, adding that the number will be even worse if it excludes the HK\$35 billion raised through the issuing of Green Bonds this year.

The government's financial reserves may also fall further, to about HK\$800 billion, the finance chief warned.

The government's financial re-

## Finance chief: HK may report second-highest deficit ever

serves may also fall further to about HK\$800 billion, the finance chief warned.

"Both the external economic momentum and conditions of local markets have encountered a strike by the pandemic and the tightened monetary policies of central banks," he said.

Revenue from the profits and salaries taxes is going to fall short of expectations because of faltering exports, private consumption and investment, while stamp-duty and land-sale incomes are also weak, Chan said.

On Friday, the government announced it will further extend the rental or fee concessions applicable to government properties and short-term tenancies and waivers to alleviate enterprises' financial pressures.

Chan said one of the government's priorities is improving people's livelihoods in the short and medium term, while maintaining healthy and sustainable public finances at the same time.

Hong Kong's economic outlook remains challenging, Chan said, adding that the key to recovery is better containment of the pandemic and the

restoration of cross-border travel.

According to recent research by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council released on Monday, COVID-19-related issues have remained among the top concerns for Hong Kong exporters over the next three months.

Five hundred Hong Kong traders from six major industry sectors, including clothing, electronics, jewelry, machinery, timepieces, and toys, were interviewed for the survey.

COVID-19 persistence and the border closure, cited by 40.2 percent and 22.6 percent of respondents respectively, are the major impediments to

export performance. Exporters' confidence improved slightly with regard to the short-term prospects, as evidenced by the HKTDC Export Index, which gained 1.9 points over the third quarter to 32.8. Yet an index reading below 50 still indicates pessimism.

In another telling finding, exporters are facing downward pressure on prices, as indicated by a fall in the Trade Value Index of 11.5 points to 40.2. The decline from above 50 to less reflects a shift from optimism to pessimism.

Irina Fan, HKTDC's director of research, said a majority of the respondents in the latest exporters' survey

view the shortening of the mainland's COVID-19 quarantine requirement, to seven days of isolation plus three days of home confinement, as positive for business.

Fan added that enabling more-flexible business travel arrangements, the gradual resumption of cross-border commerce and trade, and a smoother production flow were cited as the top benefits.

On the bright side, the city's jobless rate has improved this year from a high of 5.4 percent in the February-through-April period to 4.3 percent from May through July, and 4.1 percent in the June-through-August period.

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# SCO injects more positivity into regional stability, development as Xi's proposals win hearts of international community

CHINESE President Xi Jinping just concluded his two-nation trip on late Friday after wrapping up attendance to the 22nd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and state visits to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

In a packed three-day schedule, Xi intensively attended nearly 30 events, featuring multilateral and bilateral agendas, and covering security and development issues. There are many highlights and fruitful results, which have strongly pushed the SCO expansion a new step forward and brought China's relations with relevant countries to a new level.

Global experts, scholars and officials have spoken highly of Xi's appeal for a closer SCO community with a shared future, as well as China's initiatives and its role in the SCO community and beyond, expecting the organization to boost stability and development across the Eurasian continent.

## OPEN NEW STAGE OF SCO DEVELOPMENT UNDER SHANGHAI SPIRIT

Since its founding in 2001, the SCO, now with eight full members, four observer countries and multiple dialogue partners, has become not only a strong pillar of global peace and development, but also a major force for international equity and justice.

In his speech at the SCO summit on Friday, Xi summarized the successful experience of the organization, namely, adhering to political trust, win-win cooperation, equality between nations, openness and inclusiveness as well as equity and justice.

These five points fully embody the Shanghai Spirit -- mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, consultation, respect for diversity of civilizations and pursuit of common development, he said.

"We owe SCO's remarkable success to the Shanghai Spirit. And we will continue to follow its guidance as we forge ahead," Xi said.

Gulru Gezer, a Turkish foreign policy advisor and former diplomat, views the Shanghai Spirit as "an example for a newer way of cooperation," which is especially important when "the world needs new patterns of relationships" in a multilateral era.

As the globe is undergoing accelerating changes unseen in a century, and a new phase of uncertainty and trans-

formation, the Shanghai Spirit could be "instrumental in building bridges between the nations and continents, fostering economic integration of the regions, and mitigating many regional and global challenges," said B. R. Deepak, chairperson of the Center for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies at the New Delhi-based Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Under the joint efforts of Xi and the other leaders, the summit adopted more than 40 documents covering such areas as economy, finance, science and technology, culture and people-to-people exchanges, institution building and external interactions. It also released a number of statements and documents on safeguarding global food security, international energy security, addressing climate change, and maintaining a secure, stable and diversified supply chain.

Of special note is that an increasing number of countries have applied to join the SCO family. At the summit, Iran officially became a full SCO member. China and other SCO members also started the procedure for Belarus' accession, granted Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Qatar the status of SCO dialogue partners, and reached agreement on admitting Bahrain, the Maldives, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Myanmar as new dialogue partners.

Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan, director of the Islamabad-based Centre of South Asia and International Studies, believes that the SCO's principle of non-alliance, non-confrontation and not targeting any third party has won the hearts of many countries; and that its modern visions on politics, security, economy, and human society are pretty attractive to countries in the region and beyond.

## WRITE NEW CHAPTER OF CHINA-KAZAKHSTAN, CHINA-UZBEKISTAN FRIENDSHIP

Back in 2013, during his Central Asia tour, Xi first put forward the Silk Road Economic Belt, a component of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), in Kazakhstan, and made a special visit to Uzbekistan's Samarkand. The Silk Road Economic Belt has since closely connected China with the two Central Asian countries.

This time, Xi paid visits to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan on his first over-



Chinese President Xi Jinping makes remarks while attending the 22nd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) at the International Conference Center in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on Saturday. XINHUA

seas trip since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which clearly reflects the high-level and uniqueness of China's relations with the two countries, as well as the close friendship and deep trust between the heads of state.

During formal talks with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Xi said that China is ready to work with Kazakhstan in firmly supporting each other's development and rejuvenation, and that the unbreakable friendship between China and Kazakhstan will contribute to the growth of positive and progressive forces in the world and to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

When talking with Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Xi pointed out that China and Uzbekistan have always respected each other, enjoyed good-neighborliness and worked in partnership for mutual benefits. China is ready to work with Uzbekistan to implement the vision of a China-Uzbekistan community with a shared future, and deepen all-round cooperation for mutual benefit, he said.

Xi received the Order of the Golden Eagle awarded by Tokayev, and the first Order of Friendship conferred by Mirziyoyev, and signed and issued joint statements respectively with the two colleagues, comprehensively summarizing the achievements and experience accumulated during the past 30 years of diplomatic relations and drawing a blueprint for future development.

Xi's visit demonstrates "the important role that Kazakhstan plays in China's foreign policy," said Gulnar Shaimerdenova, director of Kazakhstan's China Studies Center, who expects the "very significant diplomatic event"

to add strong impetus to the further deepening of bilateral relations.

"I believe that the visit of the leader of China will be productive for the further development of bilateral relations in all areas," said former SCO Secretary-General Bolat Nurgaliyev.

Azamat Seitov, a professor at the National University of Uzbekistan, observed that cooperation between Uzbekistan and China in investment and technology is booming, which will accelerate technological modernization and diversification of the Uzbek economy, and enhance the country's export potential.

Calling the SCO "a role model for other regional organizations," Colakoglu said: "as one of the founding members of the SCO, China has always acted as responsible, cooperative, and inclusive within the organization to facilitate further integration."

In a highly interconnected world where non-traditional threats are more challenging, countries can promote peace and preserve the gains of development only through common development and cooperation, said Pramod Jaiswal, research director of Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement.

Therefore, China's vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind is peculiarly worth appreciation, Jaiswal observed, adding that he believes China has been playing a crucial role and will encourage more participation in the cause.

Xinhua

# Bosnian leader slams West, says Russia was forced to protect people of Donbass

BELGRADE



THE West has been behaving brazenly in Ukraine for years, Russia was forced to react in order to save people in Donbass, Serb member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina Milorad Dodik said in an interview with TASS on the eve of his visit to Moscow.

"For many years the West did not react to the extermination of the Russian population in Ukraine, there were daily murders and bombings in Donbass. The West had prepared an offensive against Lugansk and Donetsk with Ukrainian forces, trained their units, and sent a significant number of its own mercenaries."

All this was clear, and Russia was forced to retaliate. But the way it does it is very different from the way the Americans have done it in many parts of the world, not counting civilian casualties.

Russia is conducting a special operation whose purpose is indeed to destroy the enemy, but it carries out its mission so that there are as few casualties as possible," Dodik specified.

The politician recalled Russian President Vladimir Putin's Munich speech, which was not taken seriously by the West. "We all remember President Putin's warning at the Munich Conference that Russia cannot look calmly at the approach to its borders and will never allow it."

All those long-standing warnings were not taken seriously. But it is here (in Europe - TASS) the West can behave impudently with us, the Serbs, cut off oil, impose sanctions, but Russia is a different story, this impudence will not go well with it. Russia had to retaliate," he insisted.

On February 24, Russian President Vladimir Putin launched a special military operation in Ukraine following a request for assistance from the leaders of the Donbass republics. After that, the US, the EU, the UK, as well as a number of other countries imposed sanctions against Russian individuals and legal entities. In addition, Western countries began to supply arms and military equipment to Kiev worth billions of dollars at this stage. Agencies

# Hurricane Fiona swamps Puerto Rico, knocks out power to island

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO/SANTO DOMINGO

DOMINICAN Republic - Hurricane Fiona left most of Puerto Rico without power on Sunday, causing catastrophic flooding and landslides on the island before barreling toward the Dominican Republic, a government agency said.

The storm, hitting Puerto Rico five years after Hurricane Maria devastated the island, ripped up asphalt from roads, swept away a major road bridge, closed airports, swamped cars and dumped rain in such quantities that some rivers were rising 6.1 meters in just hours, according to eyewitnesses.

"This has been catastrophic," Puerto Rico Governor Pedro Pierluisi said at a news conference in the capital San Juan.

Carmen Yulin Cruz, the former mayor of San Juan, said on Twitter that many believed the rainfall was worse than Hurricane Maria in 2017.

The center of the storm made landfall on the southwestern coast of Puerto Rico near Punta Tocon at 3:20 pm ET (1920 GMT) with maximum sustained winds of about 140 kilometers per hour, clearing the threshold for a Category 1 hurricane, the National Hurricane Center said.

Power had begun to be restored to some areas by Sunday night, officials said, but reconnecting the whole island would take days.

Electricity had been out completely across the island of 3.3 million people, said LUMA Energy, operator of the island's grid, and the Puerto Rico power authority.

Puerto Rico's grid remains fragile after Hurricane Maria



A pedestrian carries a tire on a street of Capesterre-Belle-Eau next to the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona, on the French island of Guadeloupe, on Saturday. AFP

In September 2017 caused the largest blackout in US history. In that Category 5 storm, which killed more than 3,000 people, 1.5 million customers lost electricity with 80 percent of power lines knocked out. Thousands of Puerto Ricans still live under makeshift tarpaulin roofs.

At a news conference in the capital San Juan on Sunday night, LUMA spokesperson Abner Gomez said the entire electrical system had been shut down to protect its infrastructure. Some power was being restored, with priority given to hospitals and other critical community services, he said.

Several landslides had been reported, officials said. Roads were closed and a highway bridge in Utuado, a town in the center of the island, had been washed away by a flooding river.

Puerto Rico's ports were closed and flights out of the main airport canceled.

Torrential rains and mudslides were also forecast for the Dominican Republic as the storm progresses northward, with the Turks and Caicos Islands likely facing tropical storm conditions on Tuesday, the NHC said.

By Sunday night, aid agencies in the Dominican Republic began evacuating residents from high-risk areas in the east of the country. President Luis Abinader, the Dominican leader, postponed a trip to New York to participate in the United Nations General Assembly, while the start of the Dominican school year was pushed back to Wednesday from Monday.

US President Joe Biden approved an emergency declaration for Puerto Rico on Sunday,

authorizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster relief and provide emergency protective measures.

US Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said agency officials deployed to Puerto Rico would assist with restoration efforts "as it becomes safe to do so."

Denise Rios, who lives in the southwestern town of Hormigueros, said she was left without power following strong gusts of wind and rain that began around noon on Sunday.

"Since then it hasn't stopped," she said. "It is raining heavily and the wind is blowing hard. I'm calm, but alert."

Agencies

# UN chief calls for action to make Africa succeed

NEW YORK

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Sunday called for action to make Africa a success.

The world must see Africa for what it is: a land of enormous potential and resources, he told the inaugural meeting of the Global African Business Initiative (GABI). "Guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union's Agenda 2063, we can and must shift the paradigm."

Working together, governments and the private sector can create the conditions for success. Bold investments and new finance models can put the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the heart of business models, he added.

Every sector of the African economy is growing, from manufacturing to agriculture, from services to finance. The continent's vibrant, young population represents a dynamic workforce and a massive consumer and business market. And the Africa Continental Free Trade Area Agreement will further accelerate investment and trade opportunities, he noted.

Unfortunately, Africa is facing tremendous headwinds and crises not of its own making, from COVID-19 and climate chaos to the Ukraine crisis; from growing inequalities, a cost-of-living crisis, and the reversal of the SDGs to a global financial system that is rigged against Africa and requires fundamental reform, said Guterres.

"But we are here together because we know the time has come for action based on a new narrative: highlighting the opportunities for new financing models and technologies,

recognizing the emergence of Africa's creative and cultural industries on the global stage, focusing on climate transition and transforming food systems, and ensuring the full participation of women, young people, and the African diaspora," he said.

For example, Africa has huge potential to move away from fossil fuels. The continent boasts significant solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal energy sources that could make it a renewable energy leader.

The transition to clean energy could create more than 6 million new jobs in Africa by 2050. And yet, it has received just 2 percent of global investment in renewables over the past decade, he said.

"Now is the time for innovation, for new public-private partnerships, for high-value jobs based on renewable technologies. There are opportunities in all sectors -- from education and health care to finance and services," said the UN chief.

"This inaugural Global Africa Business Initiative aims to transform these opportunities into ambitious business practices that benefit people."

The United Nations is your steadfast partner in creating conditions for business success in Africa and around the world. And Africa remains our first priority in all that we do," he added.

Guterres called for efforts to pool the potential of young people in all projects and initiatives and to ensure gender equality.

"Africa's success is unstoppable, by any measure. The only question is whether the world seizes the opportunity to reap the global benefits of African business."

Let's work together to make it happen," he said. The launch of GABI was organized by the UN Global Compact in partnership with the African Union and several other UN agencies in Africa. The two-day launch event is taking place in New York on the sidelines of the high-level week of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly.



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres



## Filbert Bayi Schools dismayed by athletes' exclusion from 2022 FEASSSA Games

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

COAST Region's Filbert Bayi Schools has expressed its dismay over the region's athletics authorities' decision to exclude the schools' athletes from the list of the region's athletes taking part in this year's Federation of East African Secondary Schools Sports Associations (FEASSSA) Games in Arusha.

The 2022 FEASSSA Games which got underway last weekend attracted students from Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, and host Tanzania.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa was expected to grace the official opening of the games on Sunday.

Tanzania's athletics legend Filbert Bayi, one of Filbert Bayi Schools' directors, said his school's nine athletes did not travel to Arusha for the games due to what he termed as ill timing by Coast Region's sports authorities.

He explained that in the last edition of the national inter-secondary schools' games (Umisseta) which took place in Tabora, 10 athletes from Filbert Bayi Schools were in Coast Region's team which had 16 athletes and emerged third in the games.

Tabora and Mara were the first and second overall winners respectively in the Umisseta showdown.

He said Coast Region's girls' athletics team ended



Coast Region's Filbert Bayi Schools Board of Directors Chairman, Filbert Bayi.

first after garnering seven medals while the region's boys' team secured fifth place with five medals.

Bayi said as expected, Coast Region was set to represent the country in the 2022 FEASSSA Games and his school's performers began preparations for the showpiece.

The Filbert Bayi Schools' nine athletes that were set to take part in the games are Kimane Kibasa, Emmanuel Amos, Emmanuel Nyamagani, William John, Salma Samwel, Sivema Julius, Lucia Pius, Sharifa Mawazo, and Elizabeth Keraryo.

Bayi noted on September 3, Coast Region's Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) wrote his schools,

inviting the nine athletes to join the regional team and depart for Arusha the following day.

The official revealed part of the invitation letter from the RAS advised the schools' athletes to join the regional team with their training and games attire.

He said he protested the directive considering the athletes will be representing the country in the games hence the government, through Coast Region, should take care of all of their necessities.

The official revealed that the invitation more-over came to his office on the weekend when many sports equipment's retail shops are closed.

Bayi explained that he

called George Mbijima, this year's FEASSSA Games organizer, to reason with him to allow Coast Region athletes to depart for Arusha last Tuesday or Wednesday so that Filbert Bayi Schools can purchase the training and games' attires for its athletes.

He revealed: "It is not that we blocked our athletes from representing the country in this year's edition of FEASSSA Games, it's the wish of our schools that athletes are competing in local and international events."

He pointed out: "After we received the invitation letter from Coast Region's RAS instructing that our athletes should join their fellows with their attires,

we tried to talk with this year's games organizer Mbijima requesting that we depart for Arusha last Tuesday or Wednesday."

Bayi stated: "He replied that they will look for other athletes, and Filbert Bayi Schools' athletes will take part in other future events."

"This was not the answer I expected from him, it disappointed me," Bayi stated.

Efforts to contact Coast Region's Sports Officer, Grace Bureta, to get her response to the matter proved futile as her phone was not reachable.

However, Mbijima refused to comment on Filbert Bayi Schools' athletes but said athletes representing Tanzania in the games come from different regions as athletics is an individual sport.

"I hardly know about individual runners, all I know is that our team of athletes is made up of athletes from different regions of the country, this is an individual sport... it's not a team sport which is supposed to be made up of athletes from one region," he said.

This year's edition of the games will witness athletics, football, handball, volleyball, basketball, badminton, lawn tennis, table tennis, swimming, and hockey competitions featuring both boys' and girls' teams.

Netball is solely bringing together girls whereas boys are the only competitors in rugby.



Tanzanian athlete, Magdalena Shauri.

## AT happy with athlete's heroics in 2022 Copenhagen Half Marathon

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ATHLETICS Tanzania (AT) says it has been delighted with the performance of the country's athlete Magdalena Shauri at the just-ended Copenhagen Half Marathon which was held in Denmark last Sunday.

The eighth edition of the Copenhagen Half Marathon, one of the world athletics elite label road races, attracted more than 25,000 runners from various parts of the world.

Magdalena took the fourth position in the women's category of the showdown, having clocked 1:06:52.

She was behind Ethiopians Tadu Teshome who ran 1:06:13, Tsigie Gereselama that clocked 1:05:35, and Tiruye Mesfin who clocked 1:06:45 to secure first, second and third positions respectively.

Jackson Ndaweka, AT's Acting Secretary-General, said the vintage performance by Magdalena is worth being appreciated.

Magdalena is a female national record holder, the best time that she set in 2020 is 1:6:37. She missed 20 seconds to break her record.

Ndaweka said Magdalena's performance is quite encouraging and AT will support her so that she can reach greater heights

in athletics.

"Magdalena is just coming from maternity leave but her performance in the Copenhagen Half Marathon was amazing, she is making great strides with proper training and guidance, she is destined for the best, and AT will support her," he said.

The Copenhagen Half Marathon was characterized by dark clouds, cool temperatures, and slight rain.

The race's organizers, Sparta Athletics and Danish Athletics Association thanked all competitors who took part in the race which was powered by Nordea-Foundation and sponsored by Zalando.

## Hurt in June shooting, Ludacris' manager faces murder charge

ATLANTA

The manager for the rapper Ludacris faces a murder charge in Atlanta in connection with a June shooting.

The Atlanta Police Department said Chaka Zulu, whose legal name is Ahmed Obafemi, turned himself in to face charges Tuesday. Atlanta news outlets report that he was released on bail the same day. Police said they also secured warrants charging him with aggravated assault, possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime and simple battery.

Gabe Banks, a lawyer for the longtime music executive, issued a statement expressing disappointment in the decision to bring charges. Banks said evidence clearly shows Zulu - who was injured in the incident - defended himself while being attacked by at least four other

people in the June incident.

Zulu was among three people shot in the June 26 gunfire at a parking lot in the Buckhead area. One person died.

Banks' statement said Zulu defended himself with a firearm he is licensed to carry.

"It is not lost on Mr. Zulu that someone lost his life, but had Mr. Zulu not lawfully defended himself, Mr. Zulu would have been killed that night," the statement said.

Killed in the June shooting was 23-year-old Artez Benton, whose family described him as ambitious, hard-working and dedicated to his family. "He did everything right," his father, Artis Benton, told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution after the shooting. "I never thought that this would be the end for him."

AP



Open Boxing Federation Of Tanzania (OBFT) secretary-general Lukelo Willilo (R), also serving as an Africa Boxing Confederation (AFBC) Executive Committee member, poses for a picture with Morocco's Ambassador to Mozambique (L), 2022 World Boxing Championship silver medalist Alicida Panguane (2nd L), and Mozambique's Minister of Sports Carlos Gilberto Mendes after the AFBC Africa Boxing Championships had officially ended in Mozambique last Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AFBC

## Africa Boxing Zones out to promote boxers

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

OPEN Boxing Federation Of Tanzania (OBFT) says the recently established Africa Boxing Zones will help in developing the sport in many developing countries on the continent.

Lukelo Willilo, the OBFT secretary-general that is also an executive member of the Africa Boxing Confederation (AFBC) said so upon his return from Mozambique where the federation held its meeting.

The meeting was held alongside this year's edition of the African Boxing Championships.

The AFBC meeting was attended by all of the confederation's executive members and its president

Bertrand Mendouga.

The meeting also elected Nigerian, Azania Agege, and Ferdinand Luyoyo of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) as the confederation's first and second vice-presidents.

Willilo mentioned the zones which were officially formed as the Northern Zone, West Zone, East and Central Zone, which has Tanzania as one of its members, and the Southern zone.

The AFBC meeting had among other issues amended the body's constitution to allow the formation of boxing zones and formulate a calendar of activities that will run up to the year 2024.

The OBFT leader pointed out that the zones were formed ac-

ording to the geographic location of the countries.

The official added under the amended rules, each zone will be responsible for organizing championships and best performing boxers will compete in African Championships.

He revealed: "We had the AFBC meeting in Mozambique where our constitution was amended to allow the formation of boxing zones, the presence of the zones will help to improve the sport in our continent."

The official said: "Many African countries are developing, they even fail to send a team to a foreign country but, with zones, they will regularly organize youths and senior bouts for men and women."

"This will be made possible as the world boxing governing body announced that it will fully support the continent's visibility and influence of the sport," he said.

This year's African Boxing Championships were the first AFBC lucrative boxing event that had prize money.

Tanzania's boxers failed to compete in the championships as OBFT failed to raise 70m/- for seven boxers, two coaches, a leader of the delegation, and a team doctor.

Male boxers who were earmarked for the championships are Yusuf Changelalwe, Kassim Mbundwike, Alex Isendi, Kelvin Kipingee, and Elias Mkoma while female boxers are Rahma Andrew and Agnes Mapesa.



## Kotoko shocked by Burkinabe club Kadiogo in CAF Champions League

JOHANNESBURG

TWICE former champions Asante Kotoko of Ghana were shocked by Rail Kadiogo of Burkina Faso on Sunday in the CAF Champions League preliminary round.

Kadiogo, who trailed 1-0 after the first leg six days ago, won the return match 1-0 in Ghana, and the subsequent penalty shootout 3-1 to reach the final qualifying round during October.

Although Kotoko last won the competition in 1983, when it was called the African Cup of Champions Clubs, they were not expected to experience much difficulty in overcoming Kadiogo.

Neither Kadiogo, nor any other Burkinabe club, have reached the group phase of the premier African club competition in 50 previous attempts since 1967.

Now, Kadiogo will face V Club from the Democratic Republic of Congo knowing overall victory will secure them a place in Burkinabe football folklore.

Beaten by an added-time Isaac Opong goal in the first leg, Kadiogo quickly drew level on aggregate with Dramane Kambou scoring on 16 minutes.

There were no further goals in the Kumasi fortress of Kotoko, who converted their first shootout penalty then missed the next three to crash out.

Kadiogo succeeded despite the disadvantage of having to stage home matches in the Beninese city of Cotonou because Burkina Faso does not have a single international-standard stadium.

The other four former champions in action – V Club, JS Kabylie of Algeria, ASEC Mimosas of the Ivory Coast and Zamalek of Egypt – all won.

V Club recovered from a 1-0 away loss to minnows Gaborone United of Botswana by winning 3-1 in Kinshasa with the crucial third goal coming from Marouf Tchakei with eight minutes to go.

Kabylie also overcome a solitary goal first leg loss, defeating Senegalese visitors Casamance SC 3-0 in Setif.

An early penalty converted by Dadi Mouaki set up two-time champions Kabylie, Massinissa Neza added a second just before half-time and Salim Boukhenchouche netted on 85 minutes.

ASEC, whose lone Champions League title came in 1998, had a more comfortable passage than V Club or Kabylie, winning 2-0 at home to Coton Sport of Benin having built a 2-1 first leg lead.

Early and late goals from Aubin Kramo and Daouda Diarrassouba in Yamoussoukro took ASEC safely through to an intriguing west African showdown with Horoya of Guinea, who had a bye.

Five-time African champions Zamalek made a belated start to their campaign and goals from 'Shikabala' and 'Zizo' delivered a 2-0 first leg lead away to Elect Sport of Chad.

AFP

## Historic day of defeats for big teams in Serie A; Monza wins

MILAN

TWO of the top Serie A coaches are already feeling the pressure after Juventus and Inter Milan lost on a miserable day for some of the traditional greats of Italian soccer.

It was the first time since February 1955 that Juventus, Inter, AC Milan and Roma have lost on the same day in the Italian league.

Promoted Monza probably didn't expect its first-ever Serie A win to come against Juventus but it managed to beat Massimiliano Allegri's side 1-0. Juventus played most of the match with 10 men following Ángel Di María's red card.

Di María posted an apology on Instagram. "I wish to apologize to everyone for that inappropriate reaction I had on the pitch," he wrote. "Having left the team a man down in such a difficult moment of the season made us lose the game."

"It is purely my fault that we lost. I am so very sorry. I am a professional, but also a human being who makes mistakes and can recognize them."

Simone Inzaghi is also under pressure after his Inter side was earlier beaten 3-1 at Udinese, for its third league loss of the season in seven rounds.

Napoli remained top of Serie A after inflicting a first defeat of the season on defending champion Milan. Napoli won 2-1 and is one of the two remaining unbeaten teams along with Atalanta, which won 1-0 at Roma.

Allegri was already under pressure after Juventus lost its second straight Champions League match midweek. It was unbeaten in Serie A but had only won two of its opening six matches.

The Bianconeri were perhaps expecting an easier match at Monza, which was winless and had conceded 14 goals in its six games.

However, Juventus had barely a sight of goal and its chances of getting a morale-boosting win diminished when Di María was needlessly sent off in the 40th minute for elbowing Monza defender Armando Izzo forcefully in the chest.

And the home fans went wild in the 74th when Patrick Ciurria whipped in a cross from the right and Christian Lund Gytikjer volleyed in at the near post.

Monza is owned by former Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi.

AP

# Madrid keeps on dancing, beats Atlético to stay perfect

MADRID

RODRIGO and Vinicius Júnior didn't hesitate after Real Madrid opened the scoring at the Metropolitano stadium.

The Brazilian duo went toward one of the corner flags and began doing their samba-like dance moves near the Atlético Madrid fans.

With its young Brazilians not backing away from their dancing, Madrid beat city rival Atlético 2-1 in the Spanish league to extend its perfect start to the season on Sunday.

Rodrygo and Federico Valverde scored first-half goals as the defending champions won their ninth match in a row in all competitions.

"Dance wherever you want," Vinicius wrote on Twitter in a message directed at Rodrygo after the game, along with a photo of them celebrating the goal.

The result restored Madrid as the league leader after it had been overtaken by Barcelona on Saturday following the Catalan club's 3-0 win against Elche for its fifth straight victory. Madrid leads Barcelona by two points.

"It was a different game, the derby is always different," Rodrygo said. "This one was even more special because of everything that happened during the



Real Madrid's Rodrygo, left, celebrates with teammates after scoring the opening goal during the Spanish La Liga soccer match between Atlético Madrid and Real Madrid at the Wanda Metropolitano stadium in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022. (AP Photo)

week, and we answered on the field."

The buildup to the first Madrid derby of the season had been surrounded by controversy over Vinicius' dancing during his goal celebrations. Vinicius, who is Black, had criticized racist language used by a television sports talk show guest about his dances. The 22-year-old forward had said his actions were being criminalized but insisted he wouldn't stop showing his happiness on the field.

Atlético midfielder Koke Resurrección predicted there could be trouble if Vinicius danced again at the Metropolitano, but there was no major reaction by Atlético players after the Brazilians danced

following Madrid's first goal.

Atlético fans did not hold back from showing their displeasure, though, and some threw objects in the direction of the Madrid players. Before the match, a video posted online apparently showed Atlético supporters calling Vinicius "a monkey" in chants outside the stadium.

Atlético's second league loss came despite using Antoine Griezmann from the start for the first time this season. Coach Diego Simeone had been adding the France forward only after the 60-minute mark amid a contractual dispute in which Atlético would reportedly have to pay extra to Barcelona if Griezmann

played a certain number of minutes in the season.

Rodrygo was in the starting lineup again to make up for the absence of striker Karim Benzema, who has missed three straight games because of a tendon injury.

Rodrygo opened the scoring with a neat one-timer from inside the area after a perfect lob by midfielder Aurélien Tchouaméni over the defense in the 18th minute. Valverde added to the lead off the rebound of a shot by Vinicius that hit the post in a 36th-minute breakaway after an assist by Luka Modric. Valverde, who has scored in three straight games, celebrated his goal by doing a yoga pose.

Atlético pulled one closer in the 83rd with a goal from Mario Hermoso, who was sent off in stoppage time for an altercation with a Madrid player inside the area.

Atlético looked more in control throughout the match but couldn't threaten much, while Madrid constantly appeared dangerous with the speed of Rodrygo and Vinicius up front.

Atlético and Portugal forward João Félix was replaced in the second half with an apparent muscle injury.

**LOPETEGUI UNDER PRESSURE**

Sevilla's struggles continued with a 1-1 draw at Villarreal, leaving the club near the relegation zone and increasing the pressure on coach Julen Lopetegui.

It was Sevilla's seventh game without a win in eight matches in all competitions. It sat only one point from the relegation zone after six league matches.

Lopetegui, the former Spain and Real Madrid coach, has been under fire because of the team's poor start and many fans have called for a change in command. Sevilla entered the season amid high expectations after a fourth-place finish in 2021-22.

"I'm not going to talk about the future, that's very complicated," Lop-

etegui said. "I can only talk about the present. There is still a lot to be played for and we will try to get better and compete."

Sevilla took the lead with a goal by Óliver Torres in the eighth minute after an assist by Isco Alarcón, but Alex Baena equalized for the hosts in the 51st.

Villarreal was looking for its fourth win in six league matches.

**BETIS RALLIES**

Real Betis joined Real Madrid and Barcelona as the only teams with five league wins by coming from behind to defeat Girona 2-1.

Borja Iglesias scored for the hosts in the 15th and 71st minutes, after midtable Girona had opened the scoring with Arnau Martínez in the seventh.

**GETAFE STAYS HOT**

Getafe won 2-0 at 10-man Osasuna for its second consecutive win after a poor start to the season.

The hosts played with 10 men from the 43rd after Chimy Ávila was sent off with a straight red card for a hard foul.

**SOCIEDAD REBOUNDS**

Real Sociedad rebounded from a loss at Getafe by beating Espanyol 2-1 at home with first-half goals by Alexander Sorloth and Brais Méndez.

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# senal beats Brentford to stay top; Everton gets 1st win

LONDON

WALKING off the field at Brentford's small stadium in west London had a very different feel for Arsenal this time around.

A straight-forward 3-0 win at the 17,000-seat Gtech Community Stadium on Sunday retained Arsenal's spot atop the Premier League table and made it six victories in seven games for Mikel Arteta's side.

Quite a contrast from a year ago, when Arsenal opened the season with a humbling 2-0 defeat at Brentford – which was playing its first topflight game in 74 years – and went on to lose the next two games as well for its worst start to a campaign in 67 years.

"A lot of people described that day as embarrassing but I looked at it as a character-building day," Arteta said. "You have to learn from those moments and then days like today happen. We are enjoying our football."

And there's plenty to enjoy, especially from the team's newcomers.

Defender William Saliba – who spent the last three seasons out on loan – underlined his status as the team's new fan favorite with his second goal of the season, while summer signings Gabriel Jesus and Fabio Vieira also scored.

Everton finally has something to enjoy as well: a first win of the campaign.

Frank Lampard's team beat fellow struggler West Ham 1-0 at home in a game with few clear-cut chances for either team. Only two games were played Sunday as Chelsea-Liverpool and Manchester United-Leeds were both postponed due to limited police resources ahead of the state funeral for Queen Elizabeth II on Monday.

All Premier League games this weekend paid



Arsenal's William Saliba heads the ball to score his side's first goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Brentford and Arsenal, at the Gtech Community stadium, London, Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022. (AP Photo)

tribute to the queen with a minute's silence before kickoff followed by a rendition of the national anthem. There was also a minute's applause after 70 minutes at each game in celebration of the queen's 70-year reign.

At Brentford, Saliba headed in a corner in the 17th minute before Jesus scored his fourth goal of the campaign with another header around halfway through the first half. Vieira then marked his first league start by scoring with a long-range effort early in the second.

Vieira started in place of injured playmaker Martin Odegaard and made a strong claim for getting more playing time after spending much of the season on the bench so far.

"We know his talent and why we signed him and what he can bring to the

team," Arteta said. "He is a creative player, he needs to play with his instinct and we need to create as many scenarios as possible for him. The goal here and the way he went about the ugly part of the game, I was re-

ally impressed with."

Arteta even had the luxury of sending on 15-year-old Ethan Nwaneri for the last few minutes, making him the youngest player ever to appear in a Premier League game.

Arsenal now heads into the international break one point ahead of defending champion Manchester City and Tottenham. Its next game will be a better gauge of the team's title credentials, as Arsenal hosts Tot-

tenham in the north London derby on Oct. 1.

**MAUPAY DELIVERS**

Everton's early-season struggles have been largely due to a lack of attacking threat in the absence of injured striker Dominic Calvert-Lewin, with the team scoring just four goals in its opening six games.

Summer signing Neal Maupay finally scored his first goal for Everton against West Ham, and that was enough for a much-needed victory for Lampard's team.

It was a well-taken goal, too, as the Frenchman collected a pass from Alex Iwobi on the edge of the area and used his first touch to set himself up for a volley that snuck inside the near post in the 53rd minute.

"It's a win that has been a little while coming," Lampard said. "We have been hard to beat recently but we haven't had that clinical edge in front of goal but today we had that."

The win lifts Everton to 13th place with seven points, while West Ham – which has only scored three league goals this season – is in 18th on four points.

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**Gwiji** by David Chikoko





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Madrid keeps on dancing, beats Atlético to stay perfect

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## Mwakinyo explains his boxing ban in England



Tanzanian boxer, Hassan Mwakinyo (R), punches England's Sam Eggington when the two boxers met in an international non-title Super Welterweight bout in England in 2018.

investigation of the controversial loss.

The government through the National Sports Council (NSC) ordered TPBRC to investigate the whole issue and come up with appropriate answers.

The report says Mwakinyo has been banned from fighting in the United Kingdom, two weeks after he was beaten by British boxer Liam Smith in the international non-title Super Welterweight bout in Liverpool.

According to information issued by Boxrec, a network that keeps records of professional pugilists from all over the world, Mwakinyo has been banned by the British Boxing Board of Control (BBC).

The statement, however, did not disclose the reasons behind the Tanzanian pugilist's ban, although it is speculated that the fight against Smith could be the reason.

However, the decision does not prevent Mwakinyo from fighting in other parts of the world, according to professional boxing regulations.

While taking on Mwakinyo in Liverpool, Smith was banned from fighting in the United States by the country's boxing board.

Before Mwakinyo's ban, NSC instructed TPBRC to investigate the whole issue that resulted in the pugilist's shameful loss. Despite his loss, Mwakinyo's record stands at 20 wins and defeats in three fights.

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By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

**T**ANZANIAN professional boxer, Hassan Mwakinyo, explained the reasons that have led to being banned from fighting in the United Kingdom two weeks after his controversial loss to British boxer Liam Smith in an international, non-title Super Welterweight bout in Liverpool early this month.

"Every country has its rules in boxing, boxing rules in England stipulate that every boxer who loses a fight by either Technical Knockout or Knockout must stay out of the ring for 45 to 60 days without fighting," Mwakinyo revealed.

The Tanzanian pugilist pointed out: "They have banned me

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## Official: Repeated mistakes cost Tanzania Prisons in 2022/23 NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

TANZANIA Prisons FC technical bench discloses it has found mistakes the side's players made during this season's NBC Premier League match pitting the club against Mbeya City FC were also committed during the outfit's league tie against Simba SC.

The technical bench has, as a result, pledged to work on the mistakes ahead of the next league tie against Azam FC scheduled to be played at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya on September 30.

In Prisons FC's match against Mbeya City FC which ended in a 1-1 draw, midfielder Hassan Nassoro netted Mbeya City FC's goal in the seventh minute through a free kick.

Prisons FC later on leveled matters via a goal netted by an attacker Mcha Khamis that lobbed the ball to beat Mbeya City FC keeper Harun Mandanda.

In the match against Simba SC, defensive midfielder Jonas Mkude notched an all-important goal for the outfit in the 85th minute inside the penalty box to down Prisons.

Simba SC's midfielder Augustine Okrah took a free kick from the right flank and striker Kibu Dennis headed the ball to Mkude that poked the ball in.

Tanzania Prisons FC's assistant coach Shaban Mtupa pointed out that the same mistake was repeated and it brought about the club's failure to register a victory in the two matches.

He explained that he and his fellow coaches are going to make sure they

solve it, seeking to have the outfit come out victorious in the next match against Azam FC.

"In NBC Premier League's fifth round match against Azam FC, we will make sure the mistake should not be repeated because it was a loophole for the

past two matches, whereby our opponents used the chance to score goals," he said.

Despite committing mistakes, Mtupa applauded his players for showcasing a spirited showing against Simba SC, adding that they had applied disci-

pline.

The gaffer stated: "Actually, the outfit deserves kudos for a job well done and showcasing professional football."

Tanzania Prisons has so far collected four points in the four rounds of this season's NBC

Premier League to stay eighth in the table.

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Gilman Kasiga

## Lugalo Club golfer seeks TGU top post

By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM's Lugalo Golf Club's Gilman Kasiga has expressed intention to contest for the post of Tanzania Golf Union (TGU) chairmanship in the body's next election.

The Tanzania golf governing body's election has been scheduled to take place at Gymkhana Club in Morogoro from October 5-6.

Kasiga said he has decided to apply for the top post in the TGU aiming to develop the game.

He said he has prepared priorities that would be focused on when he is elected for the position in the coming election.

According to Kasiga, his priority is a junior development program aiming to generate future golfers, tapping at schools and communities as clusters of recruitment.

He said he will also focus on adult recruitment from both public and private sectors by emphasizing the benefits of exercising and networking effects.

Kasiga revealed: "I will also focus on enhancing the number and quality of professional golfers in the country."

The TGU chairmanship candidate stated: "Professional golfers are normally the coaches for juniors, and existing adult players."

He said that training is important, therefore, it is strategically necessary to have a plan which guarantees the welfare of professional golfers who are key to his first and second priorities.

He said that his strategy will identify and communicate short-term, midterm, and long-term goals for Tanzania's golf.

He elaborated that the foundation for the three cornerstones is a strong culture of corporate governance at TGU built on compliance, transparency, and results in focus.

"Golf is a game of integrity or ethics and respect, hence, we shall be guided by the King IV principles, ethical leadership, sustainable development, the organization in the society, corporate citizenship, stakeholders inclusivity, integrated thinking, and integrated reporting," he said.

He explained that the three key priority areas will be aiming at encouraging greater participation in golf from all walks of life and building the edge to take Tanzania golf to the global stage.

The TGU posts contested for are chairman, vice-chairman, competition secretary, handicap secretary, and treasurer.

The body's leaders disclosed that election forms are collected from NSC offices and should be returned to the same place located at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

