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PPP Act ends local courts' disputes role

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE National Assembly yesterday endorsed the Public Private Partnerships (PPP) Bill, 2023 to remove the monopoly of case handling by local courts in case of disputes.

Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, when tabling the Bill, said the revised Act will enhance private sector participation in implementing development projects.

It enable disputes arising in PPP to be handled by local and international courts, unlike previously when such disputes were only being placed to local courts.

The Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Act, 2023 has repealed and replaced section 22 in order to modify the dispute resolution mechanism so as to enable the resolution of disputes to take place based on agreement of the parties to the PPP arrangement, he said.

"This amendment aims at giving parties the right to determine dispute resolution mechanisms," he said, noting that amending the provision covers a major gap found in the law, making it easier to obtain participants for various PPP projects for the country's development.

The Act added new section 28A where the Act takes precedence over any other law inconsistent with it regarding public private partnerships. The aim of this amendment is to eliminate legal conflict when interpreting provisions related to



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partnership projects with private firms, he explained.

Some strategic projects under PPP will be implemented without using the Act's conditions to speed up implementation of such projects once an investor is identified, he stated.

Section 3 of the Act has been amended to provide definition of various terms used in the Act and were not defined. It is also proposed to amend the definition of the terms "public sector" and "request for proposals" for clarification purposes.

Section 4 of the Act is amended in order to remove the obligation of the contracting authority to submit concept notes and to enhance submission procedure relating to prefeasibility study to the PPP Centre.

The proposed amendments intend to shorten the preparatory procedure of PPP projects and to overcome challenges relating to the submission of PPP projects, to be in line with substantive procedures prescribed under the Budget Act, the bill affirms.

Sections 5, 7, 9, 13, 23, 23A and 28 amended in order to rectify clerical

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A visibly elated President Samia Suluhu Hassan waves to the audience upon arrival at Ngomeni Kisesa Red Cross grounds in Mwanza Region yesterday to attend the Bulabo cultural festival. It was at a much similar occasion - in the same region, on August 8, 2021 - that the Union of Tanzania Chiefs crowned her as the Chief of all Chiefs of Tanzania and nicknamed her 'Hangaya', meaning 'Shining Star'. Photo: State House

MPs approve new facet of law on media

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE National Assembly yesterday endorsed the Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill, 2023 that provides for amendment of various laws including the Media Services Act, Cap. 229.

Attorney General Dr Eliezer Feleshi said when tabling the recommendations of the bill in the House that amending the Act is intended to ensure that the freedom and rights of journalists will be protected.

An official summary of provisions of the bill issued by the Department of Information says that the Media Services Act and its amendments is enacted in a manner that upholds the rights and obligations of the media.

"But the Act has also been enacted in the context of recognizing that rights should also bear with the obligations of the media," it said, highlighting that this is meant to "recognize journalism as a profession like other professions."

The systematic amendments also establish a mechanism that will "verify journalists who meet the required criteria in accordance with the law," the summary noted.

A significant change is reduced penalties and removal of offences related to criminal defamation in media content, where amendments made to sections 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 63 and 64 "among other things reduce penalties significantly and remove journalists from offences related to criminal defamation," underlining that these offences usually fall within the procedure of civil proceedings.

An equally awaited provision was relieving some powers of the Director of Information Service, where section 5(l) has been amended

to relieve the Director of Information from the function of coordinating all government advertisements.

This will enable government departments and agencies to choose media they wish to use according to market forces, it said.

The director will no longer be tasked with accreditation of journalists, a role that will be performed by the Journalists Accreditation Board, "pursuant to section 13(a) of the Act."

Similarly, the director will no longer hear and determine print media content complaints, "a role that will be performed by the Independent Media Council in accordance with section 26(c) of the Act," the summary specified.

A much sought after amendment is the removal of punishment for owners of printing plants as "under normal circumstances, they are unable to control contents of matters which are printed in such printing plants."

In the same manner, printing machinery will be regulated by investment laws as the plants can print other works such as books, not just newspapers, it said.

The new amendments provide for establishment of the Journalists' Accreditation Board (section 11-18) intended to verify and issue Press Cards to journalists in accordance with provisions of the new enactment.

The purpose is to ensure adherence to professional standards and promote good values and standards among journalists, while advising the government on matters relating to education and training of journalists, it stated.

Other laws in the bill include the

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Food shortages stalk the world, says Samia

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has advised farmers to carefully handle their farm produce in preparations to the looming hunger crisis across continents globally.

Addressing a rally at Magu on the first day of a working tour of Mwanza Region, she said there are all signs that the world will face serious grain shortages in coming days, so it is important for the country to take precautions.

The president was affirmative that farm produce would better not be sold outside the country to ensure we have enough food in case acute shortages are experienced globally.

She said there was no respite to the climate change crisis and the Ukraine-Russia war, fomenting grain shortages that had alleviated since Covid-19 started to elapse.



The 40,000 young people will serve as a pilot project as the government seeks to expand the programme to reach more young people

Past events which pushed inflation and higher prices of grain have taught the country a lesson, such that the government is putting in place strategies to ensure the country doesn't experience shortages in future.

The government was registering farmers to create a database on the number of people involved in farming countrywide to help in distribution inputs, she said.

The government was issuing farm input subsidies and renovating irrigation schemes to end dependency on rain-fed agriculture, she pointed out, noting that silos are being built for grain storage.

The plan is to ensure that every region has its own storage facility to guarantee food security, she said, underlining that globally the rate of inflation stands at an average of 10 percent.

Many countries are struggling to contain the situation as it affects food prices in

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Tanzania opens strategic embassy for UN agencies

By Guardian Reporter

A NEW embassy and permanent mission of Tanzania to the United Nations was yesterday inaugurated in the Austrian capital of Vienna.

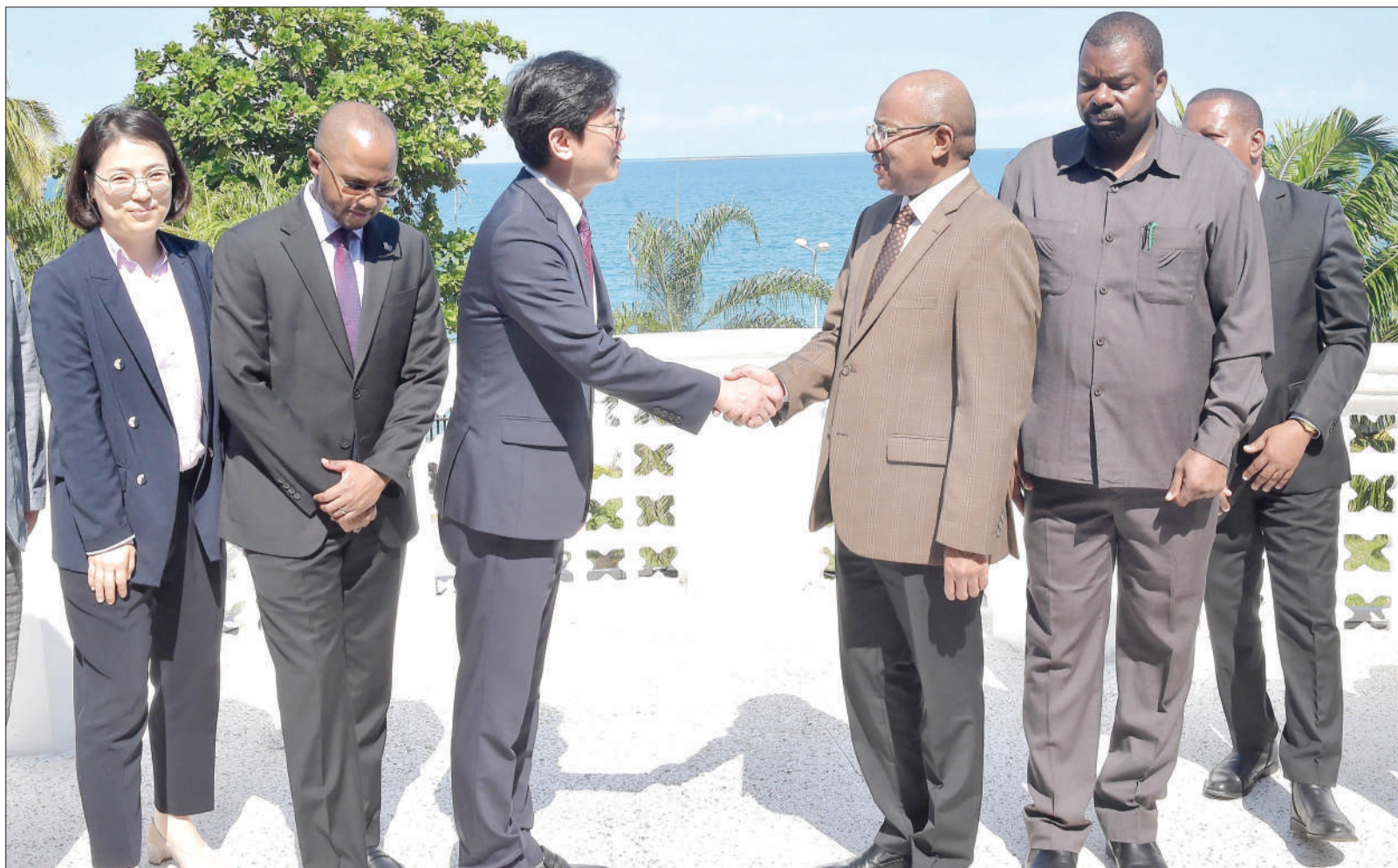
Dr Stergomona Tax (pictured), the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, said in a speech to inaugurate the mission was made available in Dar es Salaam that opening the embassy was a significant achievement.

Aside from proximity to agencies of the United Nations, the embassy will enable strengthening ties with Austria, making that country a priority in the country's foreign relations.

Setting up the embassy eases working with

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi bids farewell to a South Korean Maritime Institute delegation led by Dr Kim Jong Deog (3rd-L) after talks at Zanzibar State House yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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errors, to enable the provisions to be clearly understandable and reflect its intended meaning.

Section 7B is amended in order to prescribe the definition of the term "public funding," to clearly specify financial support that will facilitate implementation of PPP projects, it said.

Section 15 is amended in order

to allow the contracting authority with solicited projects to procure private parties directly. "The amendment seeks to remove obligation to the private party to deposit a refundable amount of not exceeding three percent of the estimated cost of the project to be conducted," it specified.

The aim of these amendments is to enhance project preparation in

the procurement stage, easing the availability of private parties and attracting the participation of the private sector, it emphasised.

A new section 18A has been added in order to set a condition for the preferred bidders who shall implement the PPP project to establish a project company as a special purpose vehicle. "This intends to ring-fence the new

project against other duties and obligations of the private party in other projects not related to the PPP project to be undertaken," it declares.

Section 21 is amended by deleting subsection (2) which disallows the provision of tax incentives to PPP investors, to enable eligible PPP investors to receive such incentives like other investors.

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United Nations institutions present in Vienna, she said, expressing gratitude for the Austrian ministry for European and International Affairs for enabling the work to be completed.

She said Tanzania and Austria have strong bilateral ties in areas like education, health and infrastructure, which have a significant contribution to economic growth.

With the embassy in place, Tanzania expects to push forward the common agenda in promoting peace, security, the fight against organized crime, drug abuse, corruption and terrorism, she said, citing the need to accelerate efforts for sustainable development.

Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal, the Austrian deputy Foreign minister, praised the government for deciding to open an embassy in the Austrian capital, saying it brings to 16 the number of African countries

with diplomatic missions in Vienna.

As Austria has a longstanding relationship with Tanzania across decades, setting up the diplomatic mission is a significant step in further strengthening the ties between the two countries, he said.

"Austria holds a positive view of Tanzania, considering us as a major partner that believes in stable democracy. Tanzania's involvement in peace-seeking efforts in the East African region and beyond is highly appreciated," he further stated.

The embassy was established in 2021, with its inauguration ceremony being attended by members of the African Diplomatic Group in Vienna, representatives of UN agencies and other regional groups.

The main groups are the G77 plus China, Asia - Pacific States, Eastern European States, Latin American States, Caribbean States, Western European States and other a number of others, the statement indicated.

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Architects and Quantity Surveyors (Registration) Act, Cap. 269, the Media Services Act, Cap. 229, the Railways Act, Cap. 170, the Medical Stores Department Act, Cap. 70, the

National Leaders' Funerals Act, Cap. 419, the Tanzania Forestry Research Institute Act, Cap. 277, the Treasury Registrar (Powers and Functions) Act, Cap. 370 and the Value Added Tax Act, Cap. 148.

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particular, she said, pointing out that the country has a food reserve of about 200,000 tons, with plans to improve stored supplies to 500,000 tons.

She urged traditional leaders to take a leading role in combating climate change including sensitizing planting of trees to control its effects.

Dr Pindi Chana, the Sports, Arts and Culture minister, had earlier said the government was working on ensuring that tradition dances and culture contribute to national development.

"We have launched a strategy

to register traditional dances and arts to become an employment opportunity for Tanzanians," she stated, noting that the government has set aside 160,000 acres for youth farms, expected to benefit over 40,000 young people.

The demarcated lands are in scattered in Dodoma, Mbeya, Kigoma and Kagera regions, with efforts being pursued to identify other available fertile areas, she stated.

The 40,000 young people will serve as a pilot project as the government seeks to expand the programme to reach more young people, she added.

MUM, foreign varsities look for various human disease cures from organic plants

By Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

MOROGORO Muslim University (MUM), in collaboration with other universities in Indonesia and Malaysia is in the final stages to look for a cure for various human diseases from organic plants available in the country.

In the circumstances it has launched special training for science students who will learn how to use organic plants to produce the medicines.

This has been revealed by MUM Vice-Chancellor, Prof Mussa Assad at the opening of the training for empowering students pursuing science degrees and tutors thereof, the training conducted by experts from Indonesia and Malaysia.

Prof Assad who also deals with finance and administration said the special training was provided by dr Ahmad sabirin Bin Zoofikar from Malaysia University of Technology (UITM) and Prof Nanik Siti Aminah from Airlangga University, Surabaya East - Java, Indonesia.

He said the training will be online and sustainable to both students and lecturers at MUM.

Prof Assad added that under the cooperation, MUM can create various experts in the science field to face human diseases challenges.

"From the cooperation, our university will benefit from more

training programmes and for students getting the opportunity for sponsorship on scholarships to study from the universities in the two Asian countries," said Prof Assad.

He added that in the next five years MUM will have its own lecturers who will be knowledgeable and for students continuing studying online or even face to face to enable them enhance their knowledge.

He said the cooperation also provides opportunities for the Morogoro region famed for horticultural activities especially the cultivation of spices including vanilla, cardamom, and cinnamon to spur Indonesia to participate and adding value to the said crops.

He said the step will also enable the crops to get foreign markets and added that "through the plan value will be added to the crops that will increase incomes of farmers and the nation in general.

For his part Dr Abndaallaah Kingshashu, Senior Lecturer at MUM said the university has received laboratory equipment for teaching students on plant research that will enable the manufacture of medicines.

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Vodacom Tanzania human resources director Vivienne Penessis (3rd-L) and her ICT counterpart, Athumani Mlinga (4th-L), present books and various other school items donated by Vodacom staff to Kiwalani Orphanage founder evangelist Elias Mwakulukwa (L) and student Cecilia Teotimo (2nd-L) in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Also donated were desks, chairs, mattresses and computers worth over 21m/- in total. Right is Kiwalani ward executive officer Lucretia Shayo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

PM tasks Water ministry to develop and implement PPP

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed the Ministry of Water to collaborate with stakeholders to develop and implement the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) guidelines to strengthen investment in the sector.

Speaking yesterday during the launch of WaterAid Tanzania Country Programme Strategy 2023-2028, the Premier urged ministry officials to ensure there is effective cooperation between the ministries, RUWASA, councils and the private sector to achieve and accelerate investment in the sector.

Infectious diseases caused by the lack of clean and safe water, poor sanitation in our communities, health care centres, schools and public places are still a threat to the health of the community and thus cause a great burden to the country in treating and dealing with these diseases, he said.

"The World Bank Report for the year 2023 (Tanzania Economic Update Report 2023) shows that Tanzania loses 5.6trn/- every year due to poor access to clean and safe

water services as well as sanitation. The amount is equivalent to 3.2 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)", he noted.

He said the government continues to take measures to improve access to good water services, good toilets, hand washing equipment brings positive results especially in the area of reproductive health as well as improving the quality of services at health care centres.

The Premier added: "Tanzania, like many other countries in the world, is facing the challenge of providing these services fully to all people, a situation that led to the creation and implementation of programs and projects to solve these challenges."

He said the government has improving the access to water service up to 88 percent of residents living in cities and 77 percent of citizens living in rural areas.

He said the third phase water sector development program that will be implemented from July 2022 to June 2026, at a cost of \$6.46 billion will increase the access to clean and safe water.

Majaliwa said the government through the Ministry of Water and the Ministry of Health recognizes the contribution of the WaterAid Tanzania in implementing the water sector development program in all implementation phases.

WaterAid country director, Anna Mzingo said the organization in collaboration with the Ministry of Water has launched a new five-year strategic plan (2023-2028) with the aim of reaching everyone everywhere in Tanzania with clean water services, sanitation and hygiene services.

She noted that in continuing 40 years of commitment, trust, and respect in providing services

for access to clean water, good toilets, environmental sanitation and personal hygiene, WaterAid Tanzania through its new strategic plan will carry out its activities based on two aims which are to achieve universal, sustainable and safe services in focused geographic areas to influence wider change and prioritize WASH across the health sector to improve public health.

"The launch of our strategic plan coincided with the 40th anniversary of the presence of WaterAid Tanzania since the beginning of its activities in 1983, where great changes have been seen within 40 years, such as the ease of access to clean water near the homes of people, better hand washing facilities that work around the clock, better toilets and contribute to the reduction of diseases," she said.



L-R: Air France-KLM Tanzania Country manager Alexander van de Wint; Air France-KLM vice president for Africa, Jean-Marc Pouchol; Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation ministry deputy permanent secretary, Fatma Mohamed Rajab; and Air France-KLM general manager for East and Southern Africa, Nigeria and Ghana Marius van der Ham toast to celebrate the unveiling of Air France's maiden flight from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport to Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport on Monday. The new route is widely seen as evidence of the airline's confidence in Tanzania as a business and leisure travel destination. Photo: Correspondent

Air France's maiden flight from Paris to Dar lands at Julius Nyerere Airport

By Guardian Reporter

AIR France, the French national carrier has inaugurated its first flight from Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG) to Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International (DAR) Airport.

With this new route, Air France is showing confidence in Tanzania as a destination for business and leisure travel.

Landing at 22:20 East African time, the flight is a continuation of the airline's existing service from Paris to Zanzibar. It will be operated three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday with Boeing 787-9, a most efficient and sustainable aircraft operated by Air France to sub-Saharan Africa.

Commenting on the rollout of the new route, Air France-KLM general manager for East and Southern Africa, Nigeria, and Ghana Marius van der Ham, said:

"This is a proud moment for Air France as we increase our footprints in Africa. We are confident that this new route will bring significant benefits to both Tanzania and France, strengthening cultural and economic ties between our two countries."

Additionally, the airline's expansion is set to offer travelers more choices and contribute to the growth of the tourism industry in Tanzania.

Marking Air France's commitment to strengthening its presence in the region and connecting Dar es Salaam to the rest of the world, the new route schedule will see passengers aboard AF876 departure from Charles de Gaulle at 10:30 AM and arrive at Dar es Salaam at 22:20 PM via a stopover in Zanzibar at 20:15. It will then depart from Dar es Salaam at 23:50 and is expected to land at Charles de Gaulle at 7:55.

Passengers on the inaugural flight were treated to a warm welcome at Julius Nyerere International Airport. They were received by the Minister of Transport, the French Ambassador, and other representatives from the government and the tourism industry.

In his welcoming remarks, Air France - KLM country manager Tanzania, Alexander van de Wint, Country Manager Tanzania Air France - KLM thanked the Tanzanian government for offering a conducive environment for businesses to thrive.

"We are excited to be able to connect more customers from Tanzania, Dar es Salaam to Paris and beyond to more than 200 destinations worldwide, providing more options for customers to experience what other destinations in Europe and in the rest of the world have to offer to both our leisure & and corporate customers."

PPRA urges tender bidders to comply with rules and regulations of public procurement

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) has asked bidders who participate in public bidding processes to comply with the rules, regulations and procedures of public procurement and that those who violate them may be banned from participating in public bids.

Eng. Awadhi Suluo, PPRA's director of monitoring and compliance made the call when speaking to journalists in his office over the weekend.

He said that some of the bidders who have been getting public

tender awards have been unable to fulfil the requirements of the contracts they enter into with public institutions and sometimes fail to occur during the closing of their contracts.

He said other bidders have been failing to implement their contracts by not delivering the product or providing the intended service under various excuses.

"For example, there is one bidder (name withheld) who won an award to distribute a product in one of the government offices, but after it was announced, he could not appear to sign the contract and he has been giving various excuses, including

the price of the product," he said.

Eng. Suluo has said that the act of bidders not managing the awards given to them through public tenders is costing the procurement institutions by leading them to spend time and other costs to conduct the exercise of re-advertising tenders and push back the entire process of finding another bidder. Explaining the consequences that the bidders may get for failing to implement the awards, Eng Suluo said it includes being banned from participating in public tenders.

According to the Law on Public Procurement, Article 62 (3) (c)

Chapter 410 of the 2022 Edition in line with Rule 93 (3) (c) of the Public Procurement Regulations clearly states that, a bidder failing to submit a bid according to the contract, he is convicted by being banned from participating in public tenders for a period of not less than one year and not more than five years.

The cases of some bidders not implementing the bidding contracts have been repeated several times despite legal measures being taken by the beneficiaries, an issue that affects the operation of the public bidding process by leading to the repetition of the process to find another bidder.

OUT all set to start reviewing curricula

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Open University of Tanzania (OUT) is set to start reviewing its curricula to make sure subjects abide by requirements by employers, Vice - Chancellor, Elifas Bisanda, said yesterday.

Briefing journalists in Dar es Salaam, Prof Bisanda called on all alumni who have not submitted their opinions to do so before the window is closed in June 20th 2023.

He said the review is part of implementation of a programme dubbed 'Trace Study' which OUT executes through the Higher Education Economic Transformation (HEET) under the auspices of the World Bank. He said it also targets to introduce innovative pedagogical methodologies.

Other objective of the programme include rehabilitation of infrastructures, promoting applied research and innovation capacity, building functional linkages with private sector/industry and strengthening use of digital technology.

Prof Bisanda said the 2000 alumni have already submitted their opinions, saying the number is small as there are around 50,000 alumni.

"The response of employers and alumni is small; we therefore need more alumni and employers to submit opinions or evaluation assessment of employees who graduated at OUT," he said.

Prof Bisanda said that alumni and employers ought to give their opinions highlighting gaps in

curriculum and performance of employees who graduated at OUT.

"We are waiting for the reviews of our curriculum to evaluate if we meet labour demand when the window is closed. We call on employees and OUT alumnae who have yet to submit their opinions to do so," he said.

The don said that their opinions are crucial to review to rectify curriculum to produce not only competent based but also with ability to create jobs.

According to him, OUT focused more on theories, but the new policy among others insisted on professionalism and skills adding the target are to produce graduates who can be job creators and seekers.

Recently, Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof Adolf Mkenda launched the five-year venture worth \$425 million under the auspices of the World Bank to support Tanzania's efforts in unleashing the power of higher education to propel the country's economic development and transformation.

HEET aims at helping the construction of infrastructure including dormitories, classrooms, and conference halls as well as seeing 14 universities benefiting.

The project as well aims to address the country's critical need for high-skilled workers in priority areas with labour market aligned competences, an area which has been for long complained about by employers due to the limited ability of graduates from the country's higher education institutions.



Mary Mbengale, councillor for Ijombe ward in Mbeya Region, pictured yesterday addressing a rally called by Mbeya district commissioner Beno Malisa. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Women laud Dr Mwinyi on rights, gender equality

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said Tanzania recognises and respects gender equality to appointing women to all pillars of the state - the government, Parliament and Judiciary.

President Mwinyi gave the remarks at Zanzibar State House during discussion with officials the civil society organisation that connects women from the country's various registered political parties, Tanzania Disabled Women for Inclusion (SWAUTA), Tanzania Women Parliamentarians Group (TWPG) and the Association of Women Members of the Zanzibar House of Representatives (UWAWAZA and Tanzania Women Cross-Party Platform (T-WCP-ULINGO).

The delegation visited the Zanzibar state House to award Dr Mwinyi for his great achievements during his short

presidency.

Dr Mwinyi said both Tanzania governments will continue providing sufficient opportunities to women in various fields focusing in attaining 50:50 gender balance.

He explained that development calls for gender equality and providing equal opportunities in development whether in education, health as educating women will eradicate many challenges facing the community.

"I have no regrets at all for the women I appointed in my government, in fact I see it fit to increase their numbers in various position," he said.

He commended ULINGO for the great job they are doing to unite women voices and for their step to put foremost the nation's interest disregarding their political affiliations, and for involving many more women in various issues

regarding women's rights. He pointed out that the Union Constitution provides equal rights in regard to gender in the political fields and pledged to receive the award as part of his drive to increase gender equality in all areas.

T-WCP-ULINGO officials lauded President Mwinyi for implementing in deeds issues of gender equality the inclusion of special groups in various levels of the government in order to maintain the country's peace and unity for sustainable development.

They also commended Dr Mwinyi for his recognition of the huge obstacle that denies opportunities to women, challenges facing the health sector by constructing robust infrastructures during his short period since assuming power.

Speaking during the discussions T-WCP-ULINGO Chairperson, Anna

Margret Abdallah and her Vice Chair Mgeni Hassan who is also the deputy Speaker of the Zanzibar house of Representatives promised Dr Mwinyi that he will be reelected in the 2025 elections from joint women efforts.

They also praised President Mwinyi for the great transformation he brought to Zanzibar through the health, education and blue economy sectors and for enhancing women opportunities in leadership positions.

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Sikonge District women expects 25m/- in income following deployment of modern farming methods

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

WOMEN group from the Chapakazi group in Sikonge District, Tabora Region are expected to earn 25m/- after improving their farming practices with the support from the Agricultural Marketing Development Trust (AMDT) and Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI).

The support from AMDT and TARI enabled farmers from different areas in the country to practice modern agricultural practices and made the group harvest 25,000 kilograms of quality sunflower seeds.

The group's secretary, Leah Robert told journalists who visited their 70-acre farm located in the village of Kapumpa, Kitunda ward in Sikonge District that the group of 12 members has entered into a contract with the LIMA Africa company of Tabora Region which buys the seeds they produce for 1,000/- per kilogram.

She said LIMA Africa Company gave them education on how to farm the best sunflower and finally find professional planting methods which has resulted in a good harvest.

"In the past we used to farm locally and for one acre we used to get an average of two or three bags but after the education we were given now we get up to six bags of sunflower seeds for every one acre, in the past we used to farm peanuts but after getting training we saw that this farming is paying," said Leah.

She said they will continue to improve the cultivation of sunflower seeds as they have found that the demand for the seeds has been high in various areas of the country and

even in the Tabora Region.

She asked women in different regions of the country to engage in sunflower seeds farming because there are no big challenges like other crops and its income is quick due to the market assurance.

An officer from LIMA Africa Company, Roance Rwegasira, said that the company is involved in production and distribution of quality agricultural seeds such as sunflower seeds, cassava, peanuts and sorghum.

He said the company works with various groups of farmers who have been giving them education about modern agriculture so that they can increase productivity and increase production.

In addition, Rwegasira said they have reached out to women and young people and give them education on modern sunflower seed farming which is the wish of the AMDP adding that the majority of farmers have changed and started modern agriculture.

He said that currently the farmers have found ways to cultivate even when there is a lack of rain or when there is a lot of rain and how to deal with pests that invade their farms without affecting the environment.

"Through AMDT we have been able to reach many suppliers of these sunflower seeds, previously we only had ten suppliers that we were working with but now we have reached 120 suppliers who reach many farmers and give them these modern seeds," said Rwegasira

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Sunflower seed farmers from Chapakazi women's group of Kapumpa village in Sikonge District, Tabora Region, pictured yesterday removing chaff from crop the farmers harvested after undergoing training conducted by the Agricultural Marketing Development Trust. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Minister names three tourism products available only in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Mohammed Mchengerwa, has declared three official tourism products that are not obtained in any other world country except Tanzania and appealed to Tanzanians to utilise and advertise them in order to increase the number of tourists visiting the country.

Mchengerwa gave the remarks here on Monday this week when he met with the Tourist Board to announce the country's and world's prominent blogger Nicholas Reynolds aka 'Bongozozo' who has a wide global network with more than 100 million followers as Goodwill Tourism Ambassador.

The minister named the

tourism products as including the wildebeest migration (the great migration) in the Serengeti National Park

Tourists 50km trekking in the Ruaha National Park and the huge residence of the world's huge sea animals, the Sleeping Shark in the Indian Ocean near Mafia Island.

He explained that all these products are not available anywhere in the world except Tanzania saying still many people do not recognise them because they have not been well advertised.

He called on Bongozozo to be Tanzania's good and patriotic ambassador through his network to advertise the country's tourism to every corner of the world and called upon the Tourist Board to through its list of goodwill ambassadors and remove those not performing well.

For his part, 'Bongozozo' - the Goodwill Ambassador and British citizen promised the tourism minister that he will accordingly utilise his global fame to advertise Tanzania's tourism.

Tourist Board's director of marketing, Dr Gladstone Mlay said as for now 'Bongozozo' starts his visit to advertise tourist attractions in southern Tanzania.

He said the visit is in implementation of Tanzania's southern circuit marketing and promotion strategy 2021-2026 prepared via the Resilient Natural Resource Management for Tourism and Growth (REGROW) project and inaugurated in Njombe region last September.

He said the Board will continue using various ways to advertise tourism in Southern Tanzania

using prominent people and good will ambassadors, digital and social media marketing and travel trade marketing and others.

He said Nick Reynolds is a Goodwill Tourism Ambassador since 2019 and has been at the forefront in advertising Tanzania and its tourist attractions.

He added that the visit will give him the opportunity as a goodwill ambassador to know the tourist attractions better to enable him advertise them to the world.

Mchengerwa has also welcomed all Tanzanians to join 'Bongozozo' in his visit to Tanzania's tourist attractions in the Southern Highlands areas on which the government has doubled its efforts through the resilient natural resource management for tourism and growth (REGROW) project.

Alaf unveils published books for Kiswahili Awards winners

By Guardian Reporter

SAFAL Group, which is the mother company of Alaf Tanzania and Mabati Rollings Mills in Kenya, has made its promise true by publishing works of the winners of the Safal-Cornell Prize for African Literature 2022.

Apart from the \$5000 given by Safal Group, that each of the top winners in the Fiction and Poetry categories walked home with and \$2500 that went to the first runners up in each category, the rolling mills company in East Africa, usually publishes works of the winners every year as a way of promoting literature within the region

The Alaf Tanzania brand manager, Salwa Omari said that 2000 copies of the winners works were published and will be distributed to various institutions of higher learning in order to promote literature and inculcate a reading culture among students.

She made the remarks while handing over 200 of the 2000 books to the University of Dar es Salaam's library and noted that they will also donate to other institutions.

She said Alaf realises the importance of Kiswahili is

significant in promoting Tanzania as a country and believes that UDSM has a big role in advancing the language and doing more research to enhance its use.

"We have published 500 copies for each of the winners of the 2022 Awards and we are presenting 50 copies of each of the four authors publications hence making it 200 for UDSM only," she said.

The authors and their publications include, Halfani Sudy- Kirusi kipyi, Idrissa Haji Abdalla- Kilio cha Mwanamke, John Wanyonyi- Safari ya Matumaini and Lucas Lubango-Bweni ya Wasichana.

She further noted that Safal Group is committed to promoting literature in the country hence the reason for sponsoring the event alongside the African Studies Centre at Cornell University in the USA and the Nguigi wa Thiong'o Foundation.

The books were published by Mkuki and Nyota, one of the renowned publishers in the country that has also had a rich history with the awards as the official publisher of the winning manuscripts.

Commenting after receiving the books, the UDSM Acting Vice Chancellor-Research Prof. Nelson Boniface thanked Alaf Tanzania and Mabati Rolling Mills for organizing the awards each year and ensuring the works were published to give other people especially students and other upcoming writers the chance to read the winning manuscripts and emulating the exemplary work.

"This will also ensure that the winners get an income out of this. You have greatly empowered them and given them the urge to produce more content for public consumption," he said.

He called on the students at UDSM to make good use of the donated books to enrich their literature skills and also aim to be good writers.

The Safal-Cornell Kiswahili Prize for African Literature was founded in 2014 by Dr. Lizzy Attree and Dr. Mukoma Wa Nguigi to recognise writing in African languages and encourage translation from, between, and into African languages.



Alaf Tanzania Foundation brand manager Salwa Omari (4th-R) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting to University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) acting Vice Chancellor (Research) Prof Nelson Boniface a consignment of publications authored by winners of the Safal-Cornell Prize for African Literature 2022 and meant for use at the university's library. From-L: UDSM senior lecturer Dr Mussa Hans; one of the authors, journalist Hafidh Kido; UDSM library representative Magreth Bwathondi; Director of the UDSM's Institute of Kiswahili Studies, Prof Shani Omari Mchepange; and Alaf Tanzania Foundation external affairs officer Theresia Mmasy. Photo: Correspondent



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF POST-MOOC ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION OF CANDIDATES SERVICES IN TANZANIA REFERENCE NO. 000000206

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Ltd, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable companies or organizations to express their interest in the provision of post-MOOC assessment and selection candidates Services in Tanzania to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

As part of East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Ltd commitment to promoting national content and the participation of Tanzanian Nationals in the Oil & Gas value chain, EACOP has embarked on a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform where candidates will complete several courses as part of the screening process for the best candidates. It will be followed by interviews conducted by EACOP with support from an external recruitment service provider.

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Ltd is thus seeking the services of an external service provider to support the assessment and selection of candidates for the program in relation to the below activities:

Candidate eligibility checks.

- Screening candidates for eligibility (nationality, age, etc).
- Conducting technical assessments (oral or written).
- Conducting psychometric and aptitude tests.
- Vetting of candidates' academic qualifications.
- Conducting background checks / character references.

Interview process

- Contacting candidates.
- Guiding candidates through the assessment process.
- Organize presentational testing to confirm EACOP MOOC results.
- Scheduling face to face interviews.
- Booking venues for the interviews.
- Submitting a recruitment report of the entire recruitment process at each stage.
- Providing feedback and information to candidates undergoing assessment and selection.

While in execution of its assignments the external service provider shall:

- Demonstrate the highest profession standards and exercise all due care, skills and competence so as to provide the services to the satisfaction of EACOP.
- Comply with all relevant policies of EACOP and international best practice and relevant national laws, including but not limited to national laws on discrimination (gender, ethnic or tribal discrimination).
- Prepare and submit all relevant reports.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Companies or organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration with relevant authorities including Business License.
- Proof of experience of providing similar services to related projects or companies including recommendation letters from three current clients.
- Proposed experienced and qualified personnel.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Proof of registration or an approved application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies.

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com, (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT) on or before 27/06/2023. Email subject shall be: 000000206 (EOI-reference number mentioned in the header) Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

Note: The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process.

Govt deploys 13,130 new teachers to work stations

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has deployed new 13,130 teachers to working stations in the 2022/2023, the Deputy minister of State, President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) Deogratius Ndejemi told the Parliament yesterday.

He said among those positioned to schools across the country include mathematics and science teachers, adding that the government will continue doing so in the 2023/2024 financial year, depending on the availability of funds.

He made the statement in response to a question raised by the Special Seats MP, Judith Kapinga (CCM), who had wanted to know what the government was doing to ensure availability of mathematics and physics teachers from primary to advanced secondary schools.

The deputy minister also said that the government has employed 26,598 teachers, of whom 16,640 are for primary schools and 9,958 for secondary schools between 2018/19 and 2022/23.

Ndejemi told the august House yesterday that the government has been providing employment opportunities to address the shortage of health and education cadres as a result of retirement, resignation, expulsion, and death.

The deputy minister made

this statement in response to a supplementary from Igalula MP Daud Venant, who wanted to know the government's intention to allocate health and education personnel to his district in order to address the challenges that the populace was facing.

In response, he said for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, the health sector employed 7,736 health personnel and sent them to various areas in the country according to the needs that existed.

"Tabora Region received 565 teachers, with 301 primary school teachers and 264 secondary school teachers." Furthermore, the government allocated a total of 265 employees to the health sector, with the Uyui District Council receiving 50," he said.

Ndejemi further said PORALG has already announced job vacancies for teachers and health care staff for the financial year

2022/23. A total of 13,130 education cadre jobs and 8,070 healthcare jobs will be provided especially considering the areas with major shortages.

In response to a different inquiry regarding the government's intention to revive the plan to expand Moshi municipality's area from 58 square kilometres to 146, he said that at the moment, the government is prioritising the development of infrastructure in the current administrative areas.

He stated that many well-established authorities still lack various infrastructures, such as office space and social services.

The deputy minister said that in response to a question by Moshi Urban MP Priscus Tarimo who wanted to know the government's plan to expand the Moshi Municipality area.

"Our office on November 25, 2015, received a request for the development of Moshi Municipality into a City by increasing the size of the administrative boundaries from 58 square kilometres to 142 square kilometres by adding villages from Moshi District Councils and Hai," he noted.

According to the guidelines for the establishment of areas of administration of the year 2014, he said the criteria for establishing a city council is 1,000 square kilometres and a district council is 5,000 square kilometres.



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Representatives of the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) as well as those of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and Management and Development for Health (MDH) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday when presenting 34 motorcycles worth 116.3m/- to the city's Temeke Regional Referral Hospital. Fifth left is Ambassador Dr John Nkengasong, the US Global AIDS Coordinator and Special Representative for Health Diplomacy. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

PEPFAR donates 34 motorcycles to boost community outreach services

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the Centres for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC) has donated 34 motorcycles worth 116.3m/- to Temeke regional referral hospital as part of their commitment to support community outreach services.

The handover ceremony was held yesterday at the hospital in Dar es Salaam engaging Management and Development for Health (MDH) as the main implementer of the project dubbed 'Afya Kwanza'. Giving his remarks during the handover ceremony, Global AIDS Coordinator PEPFAR ambassador, John Nkengasong said the donation will facilitate the community outreach services likewise tracking clients back to care.

"I hope that the equipment handed over today will further strengthen the community outreach services, which include HIV self-testing and social network testing services, index testing, community art delivery for stable clients who reside far from health facilities, tracking of clients with interrupted treatment, and linking them back to care," he said.

According to him, through PEPFAR, CDC began supporting Temeke hospital in 2004 with the on-site high-volume HIV Care and Treatment Clinic (CTC) and limited laboratory services.

It has since expanded its CTC to offer integrated services covering HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and clinical monitoring. As of April 2022, there are more than 6,000 people receiving HIV treatment at the hospital, he added.

Temeke District Commissioner, Mwanahamisi Munkunda said the motorcycle donation will facilitate HIV viral load sample collection from various laboratories in the district and regional level.

"We acknowledge and thank PEPFAR through CDC and MDH's today's initiative to donate 34 motorcycles worth 116.3m/- that will be distributed to various laboratories. They will facilitate HIV viral load sample collection," she said.

She added: "Without a secure means of transport, it is difficult to transport live samples and ensure they are delivered on time. Samples are very time sensitive because failure to observe their life span means you will deliver dead samples to the laboratory. I therefore request the availability of these equipment be used in accordance with their purpose."

In 2014, the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) clinics services were launched and Temeke became the third clinic in Tanzania.

The clinic provides integrated comprehensive prevention, care, treatment, and support services. In collaboration with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)

the clinic conducts sensitization, identification, and tracking of people who inject drugs in the community.

As of April 2022, more than 2,000 people were enrolled in MAT services, of whom 1,300 are active and 72 graduated. In addition, 223 clients are HIV positive and on ART as HIV services are integrated at the MAT clinic.

PEPFAR through MDH is supporting strengthening of HIV care and treatment services in Dar es Salaam through the 'Afya Kwanza' project.

'Afya Kwanza' project supports more than 180,000 clients on ART in the region, providing support at the facility across the 95-95-95 cascade. The services include HIV prevention, HIV case identification, and linkage to care, provision of ART services, retention, viral load sample collection, and testing.

Dar es Salaam regional medical officer (RMO) Dr Rashid Mfaume said the successful part of 'Afya Kwanza' project has managed to suppress 95.2 percent of HIV virus to enrolled patients including those under MAT.

He said: "We remain committed to leveraging our resources, capabilities, and expertise to achieve our goals."

The donation of motorcycles is expected to make a significant impact in the fight against the pandemic by providing essential services to the most vulnerable communities in the city.



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VACANCIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Background: Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania is a three-year (2022-2025) cooperative agreement between the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs (CCP). The social and behavior change (SBC) activity aims to catalyze opportunities for Tanzanians to improve their health status by transforming socio-cultural norms and supporting the adoption of healthier behaviors. The activity will provide technical assistance to the Government of Tanzania (GoT) to improve the policy and implementation framework around SBC activities and design, implement and monitor specific SBC interventions at the sub-national level as required. Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania will promote integrated SBC approaches to support family planning/reproductive health, maternal, neonatal, and child health (including nutrition), HIV, malaria, TB, risk communication and community engagement (RCCE), and other infectious diseases as needed.

1. Job Title : Creative Specialist.
Report to : Deputy Chief of Party - Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania.
Location : Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Job Summary:

The Creative Specialist will support the development of various print and audio-visual materials and campaigns, ensuring that they respond to audience needs and project objectives. This position is responsible for the entire end-to-end process of defining requirements, conceptualizing the creative direction, visualizing and creating graphics, including illustrations, logos, layouts, and photos, and coordinating print jobs. This position reports to the Deputy Chief of Party and involves country travel.

Key Responsibilities & Tasks:

- Participate in audience exploration sessions, including formative research.
- Participate in the conceptualization and development of various SBC interventions.
- Travel, be able to travel at any time for SBC meetings and Photoshoots.
- Create print and audio-visual mock-up prototypes.
- Design and create layouts for both print and digital materials.
- Incorporates feedback from the SBCA program and research teams, government, partners, and audiences into draft materials.
- Ensures design consistency and brand identity across all materials and campaigns.
- Determine graphic and color directions based on trends and audience needs.
- Uncover new ways to incorporate emerging and new media formats into materials and campaigns.
- Coordinates production and timelines of print jobs.
- Research and keep abreast of emerging design trends and practices.
- Ensures adherence to Breakthrough ACTION Branding and Marking Guidelines.
- Perform any other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

Minimum Qualifications:

- At least a bachelor's degree from an accredited university in graphic design, art, design, or a related field.
- At least ten years of experience in a similar position.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Demonstrated ability to manage the portfolio of extensive designs used in successful SBC or marketing campaigns.
- Proficient with Adobe Creative Suite and knowledge of Graphics, Sound, and Video editing.
- Thorough understanding of the color, design, and typographic principles.
- Exceptional creativity and innovation.
- Experience with both print and electronic media.
- Ability to collaborate and work well with others to illustrate and iterate ideas and visions.
- Ability to provide quick turnaround and meet tight deadlines.
- Excellent IT skills.
- Demonstrated ability to pay attention to details.
- Time management and organizational skills
- Excellent past performance references.

Travel Requirements:

- This position may require up to 50% regional travel.

2. Job Title : Human Resources and Administration Manager.
Report to : Director of Finance and Administration.
Location : Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Job Summary:

The Human Resources and Administration Manager will oversee all administrative and human resource activities of a three-year USAID-funded project in Tanzania. This position will support the Director of Finance and Administration. She/he will ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Administration department and HR functions, including sufficient staffing levels and coverage. The Human Resources and Administration Manager will manage security and will work to ensure office safety - both for the staff and the HR systems. The Human Resources and Administration Manager will work with the appropriate team members, liaising with HQ HR and the support team to recruit, hire, and orient all staff, maintaining compliance with local labor law. She/he will maintain confidentiality and ensure staff have a safe workspace. Travel within Tanzania may be required.

Key Responsibilities & Tasks:

- Administration**
- Set up and maintain a filing system relevant to assigned administrative functions.
 - Handle confidential and non-routine information and explain departmental policies when necessary.
 - Provide support to receiving deliveries of supplies and materials by confirming goods receipt against invoice or contract specifications.
 - Track all leases for leased office space and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for shared office space, including timely renewal and termination. Draft Scopes of Work (SOWs) to prequalify vendors annually that provide routine and general contractual services or goods, e.g., stationary, hotels, venue spaces, catering, vehicle maintenance, equipment maintenance, printing/photocopying, etc.
 - Ensure the opening and closing of the CCP office daily, including as needed after hours and on weekends.
 - Ensure all CCP offices are equipped with the necessary supplies, materials, equipment, and other resources needed for a functioning office.
 - Make external conference, workshop, training, and travel arrangements for staff as requested, including lodging, flights, car hire, and ferry/boat hire services, which are usually complex and ever-changing.
 - Arrange for transport services to facilitate staff movement.

Human resources

- Ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Administration department and HR functions, including sufficient staffing levels and coverage.
- Coordinate the clearing and forwarding of goods for office and expatriates and TCNs.
- Make arrangements and liaise with appropriate host government ministries to obtain work permits for all expatriates and TCNs.
- Finalize job descriptions, advertise positions, short-list applicants, check references, and organize interviews.
- Assist in the recruitment process of new staff, liaise with recruiting firms, and arrange interviews.
- Coordinate initial orientation with department leads.
- Orient all staff on office policies and procedures, the HR manual, the organizational code of conduct, ethics policies and procedures, benefits, and compensation packages.
- Obtain and file all relevant labor documents/policies and advise managers appropriately.
- Liaising with health insurance service providers to ensure all staff policies are up to date.
- Respond to inquiries regarding policies, procedures, and programs.
- Assist managers in resolving and moderating staff conflicts.
- Ensure confidentiality for staff matters and records is observed.
- Consult local legal counsel, Baltimore CCP HR, represent CCP TZ in labor matters as directed, including but not limited to the investigation and resolution of employee issues, concerns, and conflicts.
- Identify legal requirements and government reporting regulations affecting human resources functions and ensure compliance with policies, procedures, and reporting.
- Collect timesheets monthly from staff.
- Review and apply policies from the field finance manual and HR manual.
- Review timesheets for accuracy and completeness (e.g., leave type, tracking, project allocation).
- Collect leave request forms and update leave tracking.
- Follow-up with staff until all timesheets are received.
- Review and provide guidance on CCP HR policies and host country labor laws.
- Forward timesheets and leave requests to Finance for payroll processing.
- Manage the annual APR process timely, ensuring completion of APR forms, issuing annual increment letters, and submitting them to Baltimore.
- Maintain accurate and complete personnel files in accordance with TZ labor laws and CCP HR policy.
- In the case of promotions, reclassifications, etc., ensure that job descriptions are up-to-date, accurate, appropriately approved, and filed in the personnel files.
- Ensure CCP HR receives a copy of all letters, contracts, and personnel correspondence for the main personnel files kept in Baltimore.
- File personnel records so that records can be accessed and sent easily in soft or hard copy when needed.
- Notify staff in advance of office closings due to public holidays or ad hoc closings prompted by the Country Director or University.
- Conduct an annual assessment of medical insurance for market comparison and renewal or as needed before expiration.
- Prepare employee separation notices and related documentation and conducts exit interviews to determine reasons behind separations.
- Follow appropriate protocol for reporting suspected internal controls violations.

Security Coordination

- Manage security company, ensuring safety and security protocols are implemented as per contract.
- Communicate to and ensure adherence by staff to security and safety protocols for the office.
- Be the primary contact person for the security company, which requires being on-call 24/7.
- Verify the accuracy of invoices and deliverables before and forward them for payment processing.
- Establish and maintain the key and access management system to safeguard office spaces and assets.
- Receive vendor and consultant invoices, and review them for accuracy against the contract or order payment terms and deliverables.
- Investigate accidents and prepare reports for insurance carriers.

Staff Supervision Responsibilities

- Manage the work of direct reports and provide supervisory responsibilities.
- Ensure that direct reports are implementing duties as assigned.
- Conduct timely annual performance reviews for direct reports.
- Manage the performance of direct reports timely and in a way that facilitates growth and improvement in accordance with Breakthrough ACTION guidance.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Minimum of a University degree in Administration, Business Management, Human Resources, or other related field.
- At least seven (7) years of experience in the NGO sector within Tanzania in office administration.
- At least five (5) years of experience supporting USAID-funded projects.
- Tanzanian national.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Good working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint.
- Ability to perform under extreme pressure and take initiative in resolving problems.
- Ability to work independently in a high-profile, fast-paced, and multi-tasked environment.
- Strong interpersonal and team-building skills.
- Oral and written fluency in English.

How to Apply

All interested candidates are encouraged to submit the cover letter and updated CV with three professional referees to ccptz-hr@jh.edu. Please indicate the position's title in the subject line of your email.

Deadline for receiving applications: 05:00 pm EAT on June 28, 2023

Tanzanian women are excluded from taking part in procurement in public sector, report indicates

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE government has been challenged to set more conducive environment and policies as well as amend the Public Procurement Regulations, 2016 to allow more women to participate in the public procurement sector.

According to a special research report: "Towards Gender Balance: Understanding the Barrier and Solutions to Include Women-Led Business in East Africa ('Tanzania)', there is a significant low participation of women in the public procurement sector in Tanzania.

The report, tabled yesterday in Dodoma in front of the chairperson of the Parliamentary Social Services and Community Development Committee, Fatma Hassan Toufiq, is a brainchild of the Africa Freedom of Information Centre (AFIC), and it was conducted in the five countries across Africa, including Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania.

In Tanzania, the research established there's a number of limitations that still crowding-out women communities to equally take part in the side, including legal and policy barriers, operational and capacity challenges as well as socio-cultural barriers.

The research established that sexual bribes, poor awareness and use of technical languages in advertising the public procurement tenders were among other factors that sidelined the majority of women across the country from taking part in the sector.

Presenting the report findings, Gilbert Sendugwa, Executive Director of Africa Freedom of Information Centre (AFIC) expressed that public procurement was one of the largest public market for goods and services worldwide, whereby in Tanzania for the year 2020/2021, about 25.8trillion was planned to be used by the procurement entities (PE), and the year before 30 trillion was set aside for the purpose.

"We have established that at least 48 per cent of all business in Tanzania are owned by women and considering that public procurement accounts to 60 per cent of government's expenditure, it is obvious that the women have

been denied their statutory rights to benefit from the national cake," he unveiled.

Dwelling over other woes, he detailed that the Public Procurement (Amendment) Regulations, 2016 directs that in order to stand the chance to serve the public procurement tender, applicants must be in special groups, saying the regulations denies an opportunity to women with their private active business companies to apply and benefiting accordingly.

"For instance, statistics show that in 2021, only 6 per cent of the institutions offered public procurement tenders as per the set regulations (prioritizing women, youth, elders and disabled), being out of more than 500 institutions that offered the tenders in question," he unveiled.

Speaking for her part, Charity Komujurizi, the monitoring and evaluation coordinator at AFIC said there is a need of making amendment to the laws providing for a 30 per cent preferential scheme for special groups to ensure that it caters to other business farms operated by special groups including sole proprietorship and companies and not just 'group'.

"The report suggests that the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups should be involved in the implementation of the 30 per cent preferential schemes across all procuring entities," she added.

She added, there's a need for a sustainable multimedia public awareness campaign on procurement opportunities for women and other special groups.

The study involved a survey of 59 women businesses in Tanzania, 23 that have supplied to the government and 36 that have not supplied to the government. The surveyed businesses include 31 businesses residing in urban areas, 16 businesses in peri-urban areas.

It also involved 20 key informant interviews with the seven officials from government agencies including the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), Government Procurement Services Agencies (GPSA), Procurement and Supplies Professionals and Technicians Board (PSPTB) and the regional procuring entity.

RC gives 7-day ultimatum to firms to pay tobacco farmers

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

BATILDA Burian, Tabora Regional commissioner has given seven days to Voedsel, tobacco buying firm in the Region to make sure it pays tobacco farmers a total of 20bn/- it owes them and warned for the owners' arrest if they fail to do so.

RC Burial issued the ultimatum on Monday this week when he met with Voedsel officials in her office here after receiving complaints from various tobacco farmers regarding the delay on the payment for the tobacco they had sold to the firm.

Dr Burian said the government will not tolerate delays in regard to farmers' payment for their crop sold as the practice retards the crops development and farmers' economic development in general.

She stressed that government's directives for the current market season calls for every farmer to be paid for the crop sold within 48 hours, but the firm has remained with farmers' payments for more

than 40 days in contravention of the agreement.

"We do not take this as debt, but outright theft as President Samia Suluhu Hassan issued directives for the farmers to be paid within two days, and we cannot allow them to continue buying the crop until they pay all the outstanding debts," she added.

However, the Tobacco Board manager for the western Zone, Albert Charles said the Board has removed the firm from the market schedule until they paid all the outstanding debts it owes farmers.

For his part, Tabora Region Voedsel manager, Victor Matawa told RC Burian that they will start paying the all the debts before the end of next week.

He added that the process for the payment procedures will start soon after finalising a financial problem with CRDB Bank

So far the firm has paid USD 1 million only out of USD 8 million they owe to WETCU and Milambo Cooperative Union.



Singida regional commissioner Peter Serukamba (L) launches a water project at Iglansoni village in Ikungi District yesterday. Right is Ikungi district commissioner Thomas Apson. Photo: Correspondent Tobias Mwanakatwe

Z'bar set to benefit from carbon trade deals

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ZANZIBAR, just like the mainland is set to benefit from carbon trade projects very soon once the ongoing research has been completed, the Parliament was told yesterday.

Deputy minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Khamis Hamza Khamis told the lawmakers that the Isles is endowed with two natural forestations which are key in carbon trade.

He noted that the Ngezi Forest Reserve in Pemba and the Jozani National Park in Ugunja could be contributory to the trade once the ongoing research has been undertaken.

Khamis was responding to a supplementary question raised by the Special Seats MP, Mariam Azzan Mwinyi (CCM), who had wanted to know how the Isles is deemed to benefit from the envisioned carbon trading projects in Tanzania.

The lawmaker also wanted to know how women, who are in most cases key players in various projects in the country would also benefit, and if the government had put in place measure on public education to women.

In response the deputy minister said, "Zanzibar will benefit from the carbon trading projects very soon as we just await the completion of the ongoing researches".

He added that that ministry is

working closely with the Ministry of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government to educate the public on the importance of the projects, adding that women are included.

He added that Tanzania Carbon projects are currently operating based on the Environmental Management (Control and Management of Carbon Trading) Regulations, 2022 to enable a conducive environment of trading in the country.

The deputy minister further elaborated that the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA)-based National Carbon Monitoring Centre (NCMC), is the national coordinator.

NCMC is deemed to be a semi-autonomous status from government, but secures formal recognition and mandate.

Being an institution with a relatively narrow mandate and clearly defined role, and one that outsources much of its work to service providers within the country, small secretariat is anticipated.

The NCMC is established as a vehicle for reporting on carbon stocks and their changes as well as coordinating the national MRV-processes for the Government of Tanzania and is the product of a Memorandum of understanding between Vice Presidents Office (VPO) and SUA.



National Assembly Deputy Speaker Mussa Hassan Zungu (C, in black cap and red T-shirt) in a group photo with Barrick North Mara gold mine staff when readying to participate in City Marathon held in Dodoma city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
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IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION FOR TANZANIA CITIZENSHIP

MR. GRANT THOMAS WILLIAM TELFER.
Whose photograph provided above, is applying to the Minister of Home Affairs for Tanzania Citizenship. His nationality present is SOUTH AFRICAN, country of his origin is SOUTH AFRICA. He has been in this country for ten years up to date.
Any person, who knows any reason why citizenship should not be granted to the applicant, should send a written and signed statement of facts to the commissioner General of Immigration, P.O. BOX 1181, Dodoma.
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Police in Z'bar win praise for arresting murder suspect

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

POLICE in Zanzibar have won accolades for arresting a murder suspect of Khairat Juma Bakari who was brutally killed in May, this year.

The accomplishment was given yesterday by Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA) and Tanzania Media Women's Association, Zanzibar (TAMWA-Zanzibar).

According to a statement signed by Jamila Mahmoud, ZAFELA director and Dr Mzuri Issa, TAMWA-Zanzibar

director, the two organisations lauded the job-well done by the Police Force in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

Last week, the Police Force in Zanzibar announced that Yussuf Ame Abubakar was apprehended for the alleged murder of Khairat Bakar that took place in Mbuzini, West A District.

ZAFELA and TAMWA-Zanzibar thanked the Police for this important step and continue to request the Police to hasten the investigation of the murder of another woman

deceased, late Laura Msemwa that took place on the same dates so that the suspect can be found and brought to justice to pay for the crimes.

They also called for the next level of the law enforcement agencies in the country to accelerate investigation hence sentencing the suspects so that it becomes a lesson for other criminals who have evil intentions to commit cruel acts against women and children and society in general.

TAMWA Zanzibar and ZAFELA also called on the community to

continue offering their maximum cooperation to the Police Force in searching for various suspects of criminal cases so that it is easy to find the suspects of those cases and ultimately to reduce or end criminal incidents in the islands of Zanzibar.

"We call for the Police to continue with this culture of providing feedback, step by step reached in the investigation of various crimes which will help to increase faith and trust in the Police and eventually book criminals," the statement reads in part.



Livestock and Fisheries minister Abdallah Ulega (2nd-R, gesturing) shows members of an Egyptian delegation now visiting Tanzania the type of cattle bred at the Kongwa Ranch in Kongwa District, Dodoma Region, on Monday. Left is the CEO of Egypt's National Fishing Company and Aquaculture Development, Islam Attia Abdel Hamid, followed by the Chairman of Egypt's Veterinary Services, Maj Gen Dr Ihab Saber Youssef. Photo: Correspondent Mbaraka Kambona

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

1.5bn/- compensation for deaths caused by wildlife

THE government has in 2022/2023 financial year released about 1.5bn/- for compensation to families of people killed or injured by wildlife across the country.

Responding to a question in the Parliament on the ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, the Deputy minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Khamis Hamza Khamis said the casualties would soon be compensated.

He was responding to a supplementary question asked by the Manyoni West MP, Yahaya Masare (CCM), who had wanted to know if the government had the intentions of compensating those

affected by wild animals. Earlier in the main question, the lawmaker had also wanted to know what the government was doing to reduce the frequent attacks from the wildlife in his constituency.

"Is the government ready to send away the dangerous and harmful wild animals that regularly attack people in the region, destroying farms and causing injuries to people?" he asked.

The Manyoni West representative also argued that from the look

of things, there were few wildlife officers, thus count not provide the desired control of the animals.

In response, the deputy minister admitted that the government was aware of the shortage of wildlife officers but was doing all it takes to increase the number. " In addition to various step being taken, the government has released at least 1.5bn/- for compensations to those affected by the wild animals" said Khamis.

He also explained that the

government has continued providing public education to people on how to live with the animals, build officers' stations in different game reserves and put GPS on elephants in different areas, allowing rangers to easily trace their whereabouts.

In recent years, herds of elephants from various National Parks and other areas have been invading farmers' crops in different parts of the country, causing food security concerns in the area.

Government out to join hands with Montessori community in teaching in selected pre-schools

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Ministry of Education, Science and Technology has announced plans to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Montessori Community of Tanzania (MCT) to adopt its teaching philosophy at government kindergarten schools.

Montessori curriculum is a type of education method that involves developing children's interests and activities rather than formal teaching methods.

Speaking at a forum in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Commissioner of Education Lyabwene Mutahabwa said the curriculum was crucial to be adopted for other public-kindergarten since it build courage among children.

He said once Montessori method of teaching are adopted in public owned kindergarten, will help to eliminate low self-esteem in children.

The commissioner said that one of the main challenges currently noticed, is the emerging gap between fast and slower learners in classrooms.

He said Montessori methods of teaching emphasize hands-on independent learning, enhance social interaction, independence and cultivate love for learning.

"We need techniques of teaching methods such as Montessori adopted in all public owned schools to eliminate segregation and bridge the skills gaps," he said.

The Commissioner said since this education philosophy flips the traditional public-school curriculum on its head, most Montessori programmes are private, tuition-charging and admissions-regulating.

He said since children are grouped with others of different ages and have the same teacher

for three years at a time, students with special needs tend to have less pressure to keep up with their peers and more freedom to learn and grow at their own pace.

He said the classroom continuity can also help students with special needs form close connections within their classroom, making for a safe and stable environment to learn.

Furthermore, children are grouped with others of different ages and have the same teacher for three years at a time, students with special needs tend to have less pressure to keep up with their peers and more freedom to learn and grow at their own pace.

MCT board chairperson Martha Dello said that the aim of the forum was to share experience from others on how to get solutions.

Sara Kiteleja, the MCT executive director said that there are a number of ways of enabling a child to succeed in its education journey.

"Of course, this is not to say that every experience in Montessori will be a good one. On one side, teachers, classmates and school administration can seriously impact your experience for the better.

“ We need techniques of teaching methods such as Montessori adopted in all public owned schools to eliminate segregation and bridge the skills gaps



Stanley Kafu (L), Exim Bank Tanzania's head of marketing and communications, donates blood during a drive organised by the bank in Dar es Salaam yesterday as part of the commemoration of World Blood Donation Day (June 14). Attending to him is Salma Ramadhani from the National Blood Transfusion Service. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Exim Bank conducts blood donation drive to save lives

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania employees, customers, and other volunteers in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Mbeya, Dodoma, and Mtwara regions turned out in large numbers at the bank's branches and special locations set up by the bank to donate blood as part of World Blood Donation Day.

In a statement to the press, the head of marketing and communications at Exim Bank, Stanley Kafu, said that this was a continuation of the bank's annual blood donation drive, which began in 2010, aimed at tackling the shortage of safe blood in health facilities in the country.

He further added that as a patriotic bank, they felt a responsibility to participate in such important events and save the lives of people, especially women, children, and accident victims who lose their lives due to lack of safe blood when they need it. The bank thanked its employees, customers, and other volunteers who joined them in the noble cause organized in five regions saying the cooperation shown proves the strong relationship the bank has with the communities it serves.

Speaking while overseeing the blood donation drive, the Public Education and Promotion Officer from the National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS), Mary

Meshy, said that the shortage of blood in the country has been largely contributed to by the attitude of the majority of citizens who are only willing to donate blood if a family member is in need. "Therefore, I urge individuals and other institutions to follow the example of Exim Bank Tanzania, which has a culture of donating blood every year to save the lives of all Tanzanians," she said.

Through the World Blood Donation Day Commemoration that started on 1st June, NBTS Eastern Zone aims to collect 1,500 units of blood, the target of which has been achieved by 60 per cent as of yesterday.

"We believe that we will reach

the target by the end of this commemoration because the response is satisfactory," she added.

Some stakeholders who participated in the event, said they have been moved by the critical need to donate blood every year since they are part of the community and need to bring about changes by saving the lives of those in need.

Furthermore, Exim's efforts in the health sector are not limited to blood donation drives but also include supporting various needs in different hospitals and centers across the country by providing various aid such as beds and sheets.

PM calls on RCs to find solutions to control excessive sound from halls all across residential areas

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has instructed all Regional Commissioners in Tanzania mainland to sit down with business councils and owners of recreation halls in their regions to look for a joint solution in regard the implementation of the laws, regulations and guidelines governing the control of effects from excessive noise pollution.

The PM directed urban planning departments in all local councils in the country to allocate areas for the construction houses of worship as they do for other institutions.

Majaliwa issued the directives on Monday when launching a workshop for building an understanding on the effects of excessive noise pollution from houses of worship.

The workshop was organised by Peace and Reconciliation Organisation (JMAT) at the Julius Nyerere Conference Centre in Dar es Salaam.

He said there are guidelines managed by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements development on the management of urban planning issues.

"In regard to the control of excessive noise pollution, every authority that issued permits or licences for business activities should follow up the conduct of the licences' use.

"I stress that every authority should perform its responsibility according to the directives in regard to Guidelines governing environmental destruction emanating from excessive noise pollution as provided by the Office of the Vice President," he said.

"Today there is this national workshop organised by JMAT and NEMC, put in place for organising

similar workshops down to regional level to enable the community understand the effects of excessive noise pollution. "Regarding owners of buildings, Majaliwa called on them to make evaluation on the effects to the environment for the people using the buildings and nearby residents," he added.

He also used the occasion to stress upon religious leaders attending the workshop to continue to be good ambassadors to inform the communities on all the good issues submitted at the workshop.

NEMC director General, Dr Samuel Gwamaka said the aim of the workshop is to bring together religious and traditional leaders to provide them with the education on the effects excessive noise pollution from houses of worship.

He said the 2015 Noise Pollution Control Regulations have laid down acceptable noise levels from residential areas, houses of worship, factories, business premises and hospitals.

He gave an example of level of noise in houses of worship that can affect the health of their adherents as 60 dBA during daytime and 40 dBA during the night.

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Domestic inequality, low access to basic goods abet child labour

EACH time that one or other regulatory or research organisation has an opportunity to give a glimpse of what there is on the ground, it becomes a moment of reflection on that aspect of the society as such. Reflecting on society is at the same time reflecting on policies and their effectiveness and finally it is a moral issue, as to our collective commitment to the issues. The reflection often doesn't go far enough as we take heed of issues if they directly affect us.

That is why the pervasive character of recruiting children for domestic work, engagement in farms, street trading and in artisanal mining will not especially make too many people worried. The vast majority of those hearing the news have their children in school, and if in a way they engage such children, they will be satisfied with the situation. That leaves a woman's land as 'to whom the bell tolls,' the victims can do nothing about it and those engaging them like it.

In economic terms, engaging children in work is an effort to cut the cost of labour, as well as inability or lack of preparedness to assure an income to a foster parent or actual mother of the child who is supposed to take care of the child. Thus the proper issue is not really child labour but child neglect, upon which they are then given up for work. The other circumstance is different from neglect, or predated neglect, in terms of family breakdown or gross misfortune.

The trouble is that these incidents don't happen on their own but have to do with a tenuous moral system which may holds women or children

as next to slaves in how they link with the commanding person in the household. Often children whose parents have died of AIDS become virtual slaves in supposed foster homes with uncles on the father's side in particular. When a child loses the care of his mother, for death or inability, he descends into child labour soon.

Looking at the matter closely, it becomes evident that unaffordable basic needs explain the situation, with systematic inability of a woman to take care of her needs and a number of children by minor engagements to make ends meet. In other words child labour is a result of grain being too expensive, when one adds necessary bits like charcoal, complementary produce to make a meal, etc. To actually eliminate child labour, it is necessary that each household can afford at least two meals a day along with monthly rents. Short of it, the children scatter.

The Tanzania Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance in its annual report on the matter focuses on getting the law being observed. It also emphasises education on child labour, but it can't do much as often the child will start sobbing if removed from the place. Real solutions are clearly lacking.

That is why the debate about child labour is less about enforcing the law than it is about eradicating poverty or at least diminishing abject poverty. It is also criticism of social support systems as they prefer orderly but poor households instead of mothers left with children. Traditions battle against such approach as even its implementation could be riddled with corruption or sexual abuse, etc.

Elderly people merit special attention from rest of society

TANZANIANS tomorrow (June 15), join the international community in marking the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Nowadays, elderly people in the society suffer from social isolation, financial and other abuses because of loss of physical or mental capacity, or through the loss of friends and family members.

It is within this backdrop that Tanzanians on today, join the international community to commemorate the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The day aimed at preventing incidents of elder abuse by giving targeted information and encouraging community participation to bring greater recognition of poor treatment of older people wherever they live, and to highlight the need for appropriate action.

Although there is evidence that elder abuse is a global problem, many governments fail to even collect data on the problem. Campaigners in Tanzania are calling for greater protections to prevent the abuse of elderly people, as Wednesday marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Elder abuse also called elder mistreatment, senior abuse, abuse in later life, abuse of older adults, abuse of older women, and abuse of older men is a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person. Laws protecting the elderly from abuse are similar to and related to laws protecting dependent adults from abuse.

It includes harms by people, the older person knows, or has a relationship with, such as a spouse, partner, or family member; a friend or neighbor; or people that the older person relies on for services. Many forms of elder abuse are recognised as types of domestic violence or

family violence since they are committed by family members. Paid caregivers have also been known to prey on their elderly patients.

While a variety of circumstances are considered elder abuse, it does not include general criminal activities against older persons, such as home break-ins, robbery or muggings in the street, or distraction burglary, where a stranger distracts an older person at the doorstep while another person enters the property to steal.

Although there are common themes of elder abuse across nations, there are also unique manifestations based upon history, culture, economic strength, and societal perceptions of older people within nations themselves. The fundamental common denominator is the use of power and control by one individual to affect the well-being and status of another older individual.

There are several types of abuse of older people that are generally recognised as being elder abuse, including: Physical e.g. hitting, punching, slapping, burning, pushing, kicking, restraining, false imprisonment/confinement, or giving excessive or improper medication as well as withholding treatment and medication.

A common theme is a perpetrator who identifies something that matters to an older person and then uses it to coerce that person into a particular action. It may take verbal forms such as yelling, name-calling, ridiculing, constantly criticizing, accusations, blaming, or nonverbal forms such as ignoring, silence, shunning or withdrawing affection. Elder financial abuse: also known as financial exploitation or economic abuse, there could also be involving misappropriation of financial resources by family members, caregivers, or strangers, or the use of financial means to control an elderly person. All this is unacceptable.



By Special Correspondent

THE truth is: it is not going to be easy economically henceforth for the average Nigerian. The new order will stoke inflation, currently at 22 per cent.

President Bola Tinubu's removal of fuel subsidy during his inaugural speech on 29 May is a steely resolve well made. But it has set the alarm bells ringing. The decision sits well with the World Bank, IMF and technocrats who had engaged in long advocacy for it; but not so for the downtrodden, who see only the painful effects that go with it. Evidently, it is a well-calculated policy that pulls Nigeria from the precipice of bankruptcy; and ends the rogue regime of subsidy corruption that has savaged the country for more than three decades.

A day after the announcement, all hell was let loose at petrol stations. The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL) rolled out a new price template for the product, which replaced the N185 per litre, for between N448 and N557 per litre now, across the 36 states of the country and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). But the retail marketers are selling above the price range, for up to N800 per litre in some areas.

The organised labour's swift and truculent reaction, with its threat of a nationwide strike, was not unexpected. Its grouse was the non-consultation with various stakeholders before the decision was taken and the lack of measures put in place to cushion the deleterious effects of the price spike on workers. The fact that the 2023 Appropriation Act (budget) captured fuel subsidy till the end of June, made its abrupt and unilateral removal more revolting to labour.

To be fair, the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) acted within its right as an organisation devoted to workers' welfare. The truth is: it is not going to be easy economically henceforth for the average Nigerian. The new order will stoke inflation, currently at 22 per cent. The inflationary spiral is already being felt in the over 200 per cent hike in transport fares. Frenetic discussions between labour and government representatives already gathering pace, will resume on 19 June.

The agreements reached last Monday nipped in the bud the earlier planned 7th of May nationwide strike. These include the setting up of a joint committee to review proposals on wage increase; inclusion of low-income earners in the \$800 million cash transfer programme; rehabilitation of the country's ailing refineries; repair of roads, among others. The Trade Union Congress (TUC) had

Okay, to subsidy removal, but Tinubu should go the whole hog

in its separate discussions with the government's team, presented a N200,000 minimum wage demand to replace the current N30,000. The NLC adopted it. Finding common ground on this proposal and the consequential adjustments on general wages to be made at both federal and state levels will certainly be complicated.

What is publicly known about fuel subsidy is that it is a state-sanctioned scam, which has haemorrhaged the treasury at the expense of the provision of public infrastructure and services like roads and bridges; health, education and water for decades. Previous administrations lacked the political will to stop it and rein in the thieving cartel.

The Tinubu decision, therefore, is a welcome rupture from our horrible past. Interestingly, candidates of all the major political parties in the last presidential election - Atiku Abubakar of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and Peter Obi of the Labour Party (LP), had fuel subsidy removal as one of their core campaign promises. Obi further characterised subsidy as "an organised crime." He could not be more correct.

How the country got to this bizarre juncture is a study in national malaise. For about three decades, Nigeria has been importing petroleum products - premium motor spirit (petrol), kerosene and diesel, instead of putting its refineries in Port Harcourt, Warri and Kaduna to good use. It committed \$25 billion to the turnaround maintenance of these refineries in more than two decades, without achieving any result because of corruption. This is an embarrassment for a major OPEC member country.

From a N257 billion subsidy payment in 2006, it reached N8.48 trillion in 2022, going by figures released last Thursday by the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC). The agency's chairman, Mohammed Shehu, in his endorsement of subsidy removal, stressed that the NNPCL sequestered the amount as subsidies for the year, which was yet to be reconciled by the RMAFC, Auditor-General and NNPCL. A total of N3.36 trillion was provided for subsidy in the first six months of 2023. This means that it would have bled the treasury to the tune of N6.72 trillion if the bazaar had run through the entire year.

Ensuing from the stemming of this national financial haemorrhage, youths in Cameroon engaged in the motorcycle taxi business were

recently seen in a video reportedly protesting the subsidy removal by Nigeria.

That's a huge statement about the sense of entitlement of our neighbours to Nigeria's "Father Christmas" disposition, as President Tinubu put it.

It confirms what is already known - that petrol used by Nigeria's neighbours - in Benin Republic, Chad, Niger, Cameroon; even Ghana and Togo - is largely sourced from the subsidised product, which is smuggled and sold at market prices in these locations. Four of the mentioned countries are petroleum producers themselves that refused to subsidise their own market supplies.

The Nigerian reality is that subsidy is not sustainable, with 96 per cent of the country's revenue being used to service a debt of more than N77 trillion. Fuel subsidy technically ended 18 months ago, when the Petroleum Industry Act was enacted in 2021. That law liberalised the market for the petroleum downstream sector. But Buhari's notorious tardiness in implementing policy decisions ensured its prolongation. With this over, the market should rule the roost by breaking the NNPCL's monopoly of petrol importation. Besides, product availability locally should go beyond the Dangote refinery source. This would help foster competitive pricing and a truly deregulated market.

The national conversation on the subsidy scam cannot end only with its removal, and without bringing the felons involved to book. There is nothing spectral about the suspects. At least, the investigation of the 2009 to 2011 heist by a House of Representative panel unveiled 140 petrol importers, out of which 21 were asked to refund N382 billion over dubious subsidy claims, by a Federal Government committee that reviewed the report of a technical committee headed by Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede. Nine firms shunned the summon of the Reps panel and the country irresponsibly swept the sleaze under the carpet.

Failure to rein in the culprits was a tacit approval of treasury plundering and culture of impunity, which helped the sleaze to fester for 12 more years. The 2011 subsidy scam of N2.5 trillion involved a purported 59 million litres of daily consumption, as against the actual figure of 35 million litres. The figure almost doubled to 68 million litres per day in 2022.

Nigerians ceaselessly faulted these figures, just as key actors

in government did. There are no rational statistics or data that support the figures officially banded around. With the collapse of many companies and businesses, and the cost of vehicles being astronomically high, what the NNPCL claims cannot stand the test of any scrutiny.

No country has developed by ignoring the brazen assault on its treasury such as the fuel subsidy scam has presented. The best way to mitigate the impact of its removal on Nigerians is for government to clean up the mess in the oil sector. The courage that Tinubu has displayed so far should be stretched further in the recovery of all funds looted in connection with the racketeering and other thefts in the oil sector. A clear case is the \$17 billion worth of crude stolen by some oil companies between 2011 and 2014, which the immediate past Attorney-General of the Federation, Abubakar Malami, confirmed and vowed to recover, during a parliamentary inquest in 2017. The paper trails in Nigeria and offshore are there to guide action.

Truth be told, comforts expected from the planned interventions will not go far. The only magic bullet that we see is a reset of the economy for it to work for all - and improve the welfare of all Nigerians. An increase in salaries will be for workers, not for those in the 33 per cent unemployment loop; more transport buses will largely benefit urban dwellers, and not the rural populace, most of whom were the 133 million people recently identified as multi-dimensionally poor.

Kwara and Edo states recently reduced the five working days to three, to ease transport difficulties for workers. While the gesture is a therapy of sorts in the interim, it is more of an acknowledgement of rough times ahead, rather than its solution. Subsidy removal is a national belt-tightening measure with serious socio-economic consequences for most workers and those living below the poverty line.

PREMIUM TIMES demands that the money to be saved should not be used to subsidise the inefficiency of government: a bloated bureaucracy, caravan of luxury vehicles for public office holders and increase in emoluments.

The gains must be channelled to the infrastructure and social services sorely needed in the country. Above all, Tinubu and the 36 governors should show their own personal sacrifices by reducing the expenses used to maintain them in public offices.

Unregulated fishing: Threat to fisheries sustainability we must root out

By Hashim Muumin

TANZANIA is one of the countries that have ratified the Port State Measure Agreement (PSMA) to prevent, reduce and eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Western Indian Ocean.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) supports alleviation of IUU fishing in Lake Victoria through Regional Plan of Action (RPOA-IUU) developed in collaboration with the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO), which among other things, restricts use of certain fishing gear and prohibits fishing in closed areas and during closed seasons.

Similar measures have been taken in Lake Tanganyika. The Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA) has been established as a regional management body to develop a regional charter for the management of the Lake's fisheries resources.

IUU fishing remains one of the most serious threats to aquatic ecosystems because of its ability to undermine national and regional efforts in managing fisheries sustainably as well as efforts to conserve aquatic biodiversity.

It occurs in all types and dimensions of fisheries both on the high seas and in areas within national jurisdiction. It always involves all aspects and stages of fish capture and utilisation and it is sometimes associated with the organized crime. Products derived from IUU fishing may make their way into international trade markets, affecting the local food supply. As a result, IUU fishing compromises livelihoods, increases poverty and food insecurity.

Efforts to tackle IUU in Tanzanian waters

According to the IUU fishing index website, Tanzania has a coastal vulnerability score of 2.81 score out of 3.0, which is 0.43 higher than the previous years. For various reasons, IUU fisheries in Tanzania appears to be increasing, particularly in Indian Ocean and a number of initiatives have been proposed to slow its rapid rise.

The European Union (EU) is one of the development partners that have invested more than 120,000 euros (over 300mn/-) in reducing IUU fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in Tanzania following the transboundary agreements. In addition, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), World Bank, the Nature Conservancy (TNC) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) are focusing on reducing IUU fishing in coastal waters.

In 2022, FAO supported the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries to develop and launch the Tanzania Fisheries Sector Masterplan, which includes strong strategies to reduce IUU fisheries in EEZ and territorial waters.



Fishermen with a catch of sprats, a small oil-rich fish similar to sardine in Lake Tanganyika. Photo credit: FAO/Luis Tato

FAO went even further by supporting the development of a National Plan of Action to implement FAO's voluntary guideline for securing sustainable small-scale fisheries in the context of food security and poverty eradication, which includes strengthening fisheries community management and empowering women in resource management.

Following the inauguration of the Fisheries Sector Master Plan event on 20th September 2022, the Ministry strengthened the Fisheries Resources Protection (FRP) unit to manage and supervise all monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) related operations in Tanzania. The unit has different regional offices in all water bodies throughout the country, including the Lake Tanganyika regional office in Kigoma, which has five stations along the lake and one station on land.

FISH4ACP intervention of Lake Tanganyika IUU

Through the EU-funded global fish value chain development initiative led by

the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) dubbed FISH4ACP project, FAO is supporting 10 Beach Management Units (BMUs) in improving the management of fisheries resources, including procurement of vessels for MCS operations and training.

In addition, four government employees were sent to the Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute (DMI) to learn essential skills such as marine safety, sea operations, firefighting, first aid, personal survival techniques, small craft operations, and prosecution methodologies. Follow-

ing their training, the government officers will train BMUs and undertake practical training on FISH4ACP patrol boats.

A small patrol boat will also be sent to the Kigoma office to assist with MCS patrols in Lake Tanganyika on a daily basis. This support aims to contribute to the government's efforts to reduce IUU fishing in the lake over time.

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Strengths and challenges of strategic environmental assessment in Tanzania

By Prof Raphael Mwalyosi

SPATIAL planning relates to the efficient and effective allocation of different land use functions and activities. With sustainability as a new development paradigm, the coordination of different sector policies with respect to sustainable development is one of the challenges of planning, and particularly spatial planning.

To successfully fulfill this challenge, spatial planning must ensure full consideration of environmental, social and economic issues, through broad, holistic and integrative way. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been designed to assist strategic decision-making in improving the quality of policies, plans and programmes in its capacity to contribute towards sustainable development.

In this perspective, SEA can play a potential key role in ensuring that energy sector planning becomes effective in integrating economic, social and environmental aspects. In fact, linking energy sector planning with SEA is being considered as a crucial condition for sound development, and an important opportunity to force sustainability approaches into decision-making.

By definition, SEA is "a systematic, process for evaluating at the earliest appropriate stage of publicly accountable decision-making, the environmental quality and consequences, of alternative visions and development intentions incorporated in policy, planning or programme initiatives, ensuring full integration of relevant biophysical, economic, social and political considerations."

Overall, development depends on the environment. The relationship and linkages that exist between people, natural resources and the economy are all part of the environment. It is also commonly accepted that the goals of economic and social development must be defined in terms of sustainability.

The latter occurs through integration of biophysical, economic and social objectives. It is now apparent that many decisions affecting environmental quality, and more broadly, sustainability, are made at the policy, plan and programme level rather than at the project level hence the need for an approach complementary to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) that ensures sufficient attention to environmental and sustainability considerations at these decision-making levels. Such an approach is called SEA -a widely used instrument for integrating environmental issues into the formulation of policies, plans and programs.

Thus, the strategic nature of SEA is a function of how it is applied, its timing, outcomes and interaction with the decision-making process. The characteristics of SEA that define its strategic nature are one, the set of principles and objectives that shape the vision and development interaction incorporated in the policy,

plan or program.

Two, SEA defines a vision of the desirable future. Once a vision is articulated, goals and objectives are defined and alternative means of achieving objectives are evaluated - these are the means to the desired future.

Three, the preferred option is the strategic choice or strategic decision to which EIAs are applied. Four, objectives are the specific aim, purpose, intent or mission that needs to be accomplished. Seven, targets are certain quantified milestones that need to be reached, and may contain a specific timetable. Six, criteria are the specific parameters, guidelines or standards that must be met such as, the limit of acceptable change or use and seven, indicators are specific measurables that help track progress towards a target or goal.

A good quality SEA process therefore, informs planners, decision-makers and affected public on the sustainability of strategic decisions, facilitates the search for the best alternative and ensures a democratic decision-making process. This enhances the credibility of decisions and leads to more cost-and time-effective

EIA at the project level.

Also, a good quality SEA process has characteristics like being integrated, is sustainably led, is focused, accountable, participative and iterative. Thus, the main benefits of SEA include: pro-actively informs stakeholders of forthcoming development projects, plans and programmes; identifies the opportunities and constraints which the environment places on development and provides guidelines to ensure that development is within sustainable limits.

It also has the ability to integrate across areas, regions and sectors; improves the way in which cumulative impacts are dealt with in environmental assessment, for example through the use of thresholds and limits of acceptable change and; focuses on the maintenance and enhancement of a chosen level of environmental quality, rather than on minimizing individual impacts.

Having highlighted the general characteristics and principles above, there are a number of challenges associated with the current Tanzanian SEA system and includes limited capacity (skills, funds and personnel)

to carry out SEAs; ignorance of legal requirements for SEA application; limited political will to apply SEA in planning processes (Section 224 EMA); and limited capacity to integrate SEA recommendations in planning processes.

However, there are signs of hope for improvement including enactment of National Environment Law (EMA) and SEA regulations, support for sustainable environmental management provided for in the constitution, review of National Environment Policy (NEP), excellent location of environmental portfolio under the Vice President's Office, a number of government institutions such as TANAPA, TANESCO, TANROADS and NDC that mandate the use of SEA that help to improve environmental and social performance, development of various environmental sector guidelines and development of national environmental standards.

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The 1904 massacre can help save future of indigenous peoples in Brazil

By Mario Osava

CHILDREN were thrown into the air and stabbed and cut with knives and machetes. The attackers first opened fire on the victims of the massacre before finishing them off with knives so that none of the 244 indigenous people of the village would survive. The 1904 massacre permanently marked the Xokleng people and may play a decisive role in the future of the native peoples of Brazil.

The tragedy is emblematic of the genocide suffered by indigenous people in Brazilian history. There were more numerous and recent killings, especially during the 1964-1985 military dictatorship. But the 1904 massacre is at the center of a trial in the Supreme Court that will determine the progress of the demarcation of indigenous territories in this South American country.

The trial was triggered by a move by the government of the southern state of Santa Catarina. In 2016 the state's Institute of the Environment (IMA) lay claim to part of the demarcated land of the Xokleng people for a biological reserve.

But in 2019 the Supreme Court recognized that the case had national repercussions, setting a precedent for all demarcations of indigenous lands, because the IMA's claim cites something that is called the "temporary framework".

This framework states that native peoples only have the right to the lands that they physically occupied when the current constitution was promulgated on Oct. 5, 1988, creating the present system of demarcation of indigenous reserves.

The trial began in 2021, with the votes of two of the 11 Supreme Court justices, one against and the other in favor of the temporary framework. It was then suspended due to Judge Alexandre de Moraes' request for more time to analyze the issue. It was not resumed until last month, on May 7, when Moraes issued his vote and argument, before it was suspended again on Jun. 7.

The 1904 massacre was part of his argument against the framework, as an example of the violence used to dispossess indigenous peoples of their land, which showed that it would be "unjust" to demand their physical presence on their traditional lands on any precise date. The Xokleng were "forced to leave their land in order to survive," the judge argued.

Violence

The Ibirama-Laklanõ Indigenous Land, where 2,300 people live today, almost all of them from the Xokleng community along with a few Guarani and Kaingang families, was demarcated in 2003: 37,000 hectares recognized as their territory by the government of Santa Catarina in 1926, according to official documents in possession of the native residents of that land.

But in 1965 the military dictatorship limited their territory to just 14,000 hectares. In addition, 10 years later, it ordered the construction of dams in the Itajaí river basin, which crosses the region, to curb flooding in cities and landed estates downstream.

Consequently, it flooded the Xokleng lands and further reduced the area where the indigenous people live and farm, as well as cutting off their roads, aggravating their isolation. An anthropological study conducted in the 1990s recommended that the territory should be expanded to the previous 37,000 hectares, but this was called into question by the local government and by landowners who had invaded part of the land.

Public attention was drawn to the near extermination of the Xokleng people by a book by anthropologist Silvio Coelho dos Santos, "Indigenous people and whites in southern Brazil: the dramatic experience of the Xokleng" (Indios e brancos no Sul do Brasil: a dramática experiência dos xokleng, in Portuguese), which includes a report of the 1904 massacre in the newspaper "Novidades".

Many similar atrocities have been committed in Brazil. But the fact that this massacre in particular was well-documented and proven undermines the temporary framework, defended by many politicians and landowners and used in their legal arguments and in their attempts to reduce conflicts over land.

But it clearly runs counter to the constitution, according to Marcio Santilli, former chair of the governmental National Foundation for Indigenous Peoples (Funai) and founder of the non-governmental Socio-Environmental Institute.

"The basic unconstitutionality is that the articles (on indigenous people) do not address the temporary framework and recognize indigenous territorial rights as 'original'. According to the constitution, there is no in-



Indigenous representatives like Raoni Metuktire, an internationally recognized Kaiapó leader, followed the Supreme Court trial on the temporary framework, inside and outside of the courtroom in Brasilia. CREDIT: Nelson Jr./SCO-STF-FotosPúblicas

igenous person without land," he told IPS.

Thanks to the constitution's mandate, 496 indigenous reserves, covering 13 percent of the national territory, have been demarcated so far, without taking into account the temporary framework that is now being cited.

And another 238 reserves are in different phases of the demarcation process. Some have already been identified as indigenous lands, while others are still under study, according to the Socio-Environmental Institute, which has a large database on the subject.

In Brazil, according to

the 2022 census, there are 1.65 million indigenous people, an increase of 84 percent compared to the 2010 census, although they represent only 0.8 percent of the national population. In this country there are 305 distinct indigenous peoples who speak 174 languages, according to Funai.

Moraes condemned the temporary framework, but his vote worried indigenous leaders because he proposed "full compensation" to "good faith" landowners currently occupying demarcated areas. Until now, only improvements made on property have been compensated and not the land itself, which is considered to have been usurped.

Reconciliation rejected

"Moraes wants prior compensation, to pay the landowners first and then demarcate the indigenous land, which

can take 10 years. They are looking for a broad compromise to satisfy those who have illegally taken over land," protested Mauricio Terena, legal coordinator of the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (Apib).

"Why is it always our rights that have to be chipped away at? Our rights are always compromised, we're always the ones who lose out," he said while speaking to the indigenous people present in Brasilia to follow the Supreme Court trial.

Nearly 1,500 indigenous people from all over the country camped out in the capital and there were demonstrations against the temporary framework in dozens of cities and towns and along highways in the country, reported Dinamam Tuxá, executive coordinator of Apib.

Moraes also proposed that, in the event of practically insurmountable difficulties, such as the existence of towns in areas recognized as indigenous land, compen-

sation should be offered - in other words, they should be given land in other areas, if accepted by the indigenous community.

"Our territories are non-negotiable," Terena said. "Our relationship with them runs deep, it is where our ancestors fell."

His complaint was also due to the new interruption of the trial. Another judge, André Mendonça, a former justice minister in the far-right government of Jair Bolsonaro (2019-2022), asked for more time to study the case. He has up to 90 days to issue his vote, which would reactivate the trial, but he promised to do it sooner.

"They need time. We left here without an answer," Terena complained. The process has been dragging on for more than seven years and the temporary framework serves as a justification for invasions of land and violence against indigenous people.

In any case, "Moraes's vote was positive" because it recognized the unconstitutionality of the temporary framework, said Megaron Txucarramaê, chief of the Kaiapó people, who live in the Eastern Amazon region.

"We will return to Brasilia when the trial resumes, we will continue the fight to secure our constitutional rights and the land for our grandchildren," he told IPS by phone from the indigenous camp in Brasilia.

Lawmakers against indigenous people

But their battle is not limited to the judicial front. On May 30 the Chamber of Deputies urgently passed a bill that would make the temporary framework law, by a majority of 283 votes against 155. Its final approval now depends on the Senate.

"The processes are moving ahead simultaneously and influence each other," Oscar Vilhena, director of the Law School at the private Getulio Vargas Foundation, told IPS from São Paulo. "If the Supreme Court declares the temporary framework unconstitutional, the bill loses its purpose, but that would increase the costs for the Supreme Court."

By costs he was referring to increased political pressure from right-wing and landowner-linked legislators, known as the ruralists, who have long attacked the Supreme Court for allegedly meddling in legislative affairs.

In addition, if the proposed rule is declared unconstitutional, "the Chamber of Deputies could resume deliberations on a constitutional amendment already approved in the Senate," Santilli warned by telephone from Brasilia.

This bill, which has languished in the lower house since 2015, when it was received from the Senate, would precisely establish the payment of compensation for land ownership, not only for improvements to property, to landowners affected by indigenous territories demarcated since the current constitution went into effect in October 1988.



Judge Alexandre de Moraes (C), of Brazil's Supreme Court, is the shining star of the country's judiciary. He issued a vote that could be decisive for the future of indigenous peoples' lands. CREDIT: Alejandro Zambrana/Secom-TSE-FotosPúblicas

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Justice Imani Aboud re-elected president of African Court for final two-year term

By Guardian Reporter

JUSTICE Imani Daud Aboud from Tanzania has been re-elected President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights for the second and final term of two years.

She was re-elected at the opening of the Pan-African Judicial Organ's 69th Ordinary Session held yesterday in Arusha city.

At the same session, Justice Sacko Modibo from Mali was elected Vice President of the Court.

Expressing her gratitude, Justice Imani (pictured) thanked her colleagues for the unanimous re-election and the confidence they have shown in her leadership.

"I am overwhelmed by the confidence my colleagues have placed in me, and I am sincerely grateful to

them," she said.

Meanwhile the Court is also set to deliver nine decisions tomorrow where the proceedings will be live-streamed. During the Session, the Judges will convene a three-day Retreat from June 14 to 16, in Dodoma city to enhance the Court's effectiveness and improve the protection of human rights across the continent.

"The Retreat will facilitate better coordination and the development of improved working methods," Justice Aboud added.

Justice Imani is a Tanzanian national. She was elected as Judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in July 2018. She holds Master of Laws (Malta) and Bachelor of Laws (University of Dar es Salaam).

She was re-elected for a second and final term of six years at the 34th African Union Heads of State and



Government ordinary summit in February 2021.

Justice Sacko Modibo is a citizen of

the Republic of Mali. He was elected judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in February 2021,

for a six-year term. He holds a master's degree in law from the Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences (Mali)

and four other university degrees in law obtained at the Ahmed Baba University (Mali), the Jean Moulin 3 University (France) and the Nice Sophia Antipolis University (France). Two weeks ago, Justice Modibo was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Mali.

The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights is a continental court established by African countries to ensure the protection of human and peoples' rights in Africa. It complements and reinforces the functions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

The Court was established by pursuant to Article 1 of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, (the Protocol) which was adopted by Member States of the then Organization of African Unity (OAU) in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, in June 1998. The Protocol came into force on 25 January 2004. The Court officially started its operations in July 2006 in Addis Ababa and a year later moved to its permanent seat in Arusha, Tanzania.

The Court is composed of 11 Judges, nationals of Member States of the African Union elected in their individual capacity. It meets four times a year in Ordinary Sessions and may hold Extra-Ordinary Sessions.

Empower people with disabilities, urges Italy

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE government of Italy has reiterated the need for participation of all human groups of people in empowering the disabled which is crucial for an inclusive economic development.

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS-Tanzania) team leader Paolo Razzini, made the statement last week during a closing ceremony of the 'No One Left

Behind-NOLB' project implemented by the IBO-Italia in Tanzania, in the Iringa District, a project that promotes the issues of inclusive education in the education sector by including children with disabilities.

Razzini also testified that when he was born, he was with clubfoot and was unable to walk and run properly, but he went through rehabilitation and surgeries at the age of 16.

Razzini explained that PWDs can provide real support towards economic development

if supported and included in economic activities.

It has been stated that poor nutrition in the community is one of the sources that contribute to mental disability in children in the Iringa region.

IBO Italia's project "No One Left Behind-NOLB" of inclusive education was financed by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in Iringa District Council, Iringa Region.

He said nutrition education and good upbringing of children can reduce mental retardation in children by 40 per cent and asked nutrition officers at all levels of society to continue providing education to pregnant mothers about nutrition and good upbringing.

"The biggest challenge in our region is the issue of identifying children with disabilities, with some parents and guardians being ashamed to send children with disabilities to health services and lack of various vaccines," said Chuwa.

However, Iringa Regional Social Welfare Officer Martin

Chuwa confirmed that there is a 100 per cent shortage of social welfare officers at the ward level and a 60 per cent shortage of social welfare officers at the council level.

He said that the government's target in many public schools is to enroll children with normal disabilities but side lining those with severe disabilities.

Acting education officer of Iringa District Council, John Jenga, thanked IBO -Italia for implementing inclusive educa-

tion to people with disabilities in the district.

He hailed the IBO organisa-

tion for implementing the government inclusive education policy that lay favourable and enabling platforms for PWDs to access better education as it is the case for children without disabilities. She said that the project 'No one left behind' is implemented by IBO Italia in the timeframe 2019-2023 and funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, aims to engage the relevant educational stakeholders through a participatory approach to improve the inclusion of children disabilities (CWDs) by strengthening basic services in Iringa District, Iringa region.

Ghezzi explained that the overall objective of the project is to contribute to the social inclusion of CWDs in Iringa District, with the specific objective to increase the percentage of children with disabilities in fully attending, participating and completing the primary education tier.

TBS trains processors, transporters and traders for preventing aflatoxin

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) has embarked in training programme that has benefited more than 600 transporters, traders and processors of maize and groundnuts.

The training was aimed at providing education on aflatoxins in maize, groundnuts and other products in the districts of Kiteto (Manyara), Kongwa (Dodoma), Gairo and Kilosa (Morogoro).

The training began on May 31, this year and is set to end today (June 14, this year) and is being provided through the National Aflatoxin Control Project-Tanzania Initiative for Preventing Aflatoxin Contamination (TANIPAC).

Addressing journalists here yesterday during one of the training, Jabir Abdi, TBS' project official, said that the training will help traders and processors of corn and peanuts to find reliable markets and enable the people to avoid the health effects caused by the aflatoxins.

He said that the training has been given in the district due to previous studies of this project to determine that those districts are among the challenging areas of the presence of rust in the value chain of corn, peanuts and its products.

Abdi mentioned the benefits of the training as aimed at protecting human health, facilitating the trade of maize and peanuts, protecting livestock health and facilitating the supply of safe food.

According to Abdi, other benefits of the training are to enable stakeholders in the chain of peanuts, corn and its products to withstand competition in local, regional and foreign markets.

He explained that the training is important because food safety is faced with various challenges, including toxic contamination that causes health and even economic harm.

He said that drought mainly affects maize and groundnut crops which are an important part of the food of Tanzanians in this country.



"For that reason, we all need to consider strategies to deal with food poisoning so that our food remains safe all the time," emphasized Abdi.

He explained that TBS recognizes the role of traders, processors and transporters in general and the contribution they have, so TANIPAC has organized specific training through TBS to build their capacity for sustainable control.

He said this importance causes the issue of food safety to be given priority in protecting the health, society and economy of the country, as it is an important criterion for national and international business.

He encouraged the stakeholders to consider the important things advised by experts to control food poisoning, including following the best agricultural principles as advised by experts, harvesting and removing corn and peanuts from the field as soon as they have matured well and drying the harvested crops well before storing.

Another is to avoid piling crops directly on the floor, making sure they store the crops well in order to avoid pests, animals, extreme heat and humidity.

District calls on govt to build health centre near Itungi port

By Guardian Correspondent, Kyela

THE government in Kyela District, Mbeya Region has appealed to Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to build a modern health centre at Kajujumele Village near Itungi

Port on Lake Nyasa.

District officials say if the health centre is built it will be able to provide health services close to the people in the area including lake passengers travelling via Itungi Port.

Kyela District Commissioner, Josephine Manase made

the remarks when receiving 15 hospital beds for patients, 15 mattresses and a table provided by TPA to the district council valued at 33.74m/-.

Manase said since President Samia Suluhu Hassan recognised the importance of bringing health services close to the people by

constructing the sector's infrastructures it is essential for other institutions to support the efforts.

However, he praised TPA for its good conduct returning part of the profits it accrues as assistance to the community.

He also called on the people, businessmen in particular to con-

tinue valuing services provided by TPA and utilise the opportunities provided by parts on Lake Nyasa for the conveyance of their goods.

For her part, Kyela District medical officer, Dr Saumu Kumbisaga said the district is still in need of more medical devices hence it is important for stakeholders to

continue providing assistance.

Dr Kumbisaga said the increase in the requirements of medical devices in the District stem from the government efforts that invested in the expansion of the sector, including the construction of new health centres.

Nicodemus Mushi, representa-

tive of TPA managing director, Pl-asduce Mbossa said the big investment done by the government towards the improvements of the country's ports provides TPA the ability to make profits and contribute to community development.

MARKETS OUTLOOK:

Corporate action to slow down DSE equities market activities

By Guardian Reporter

ANALYSTS at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) say they expect the decline of activity of the equities market, as investors will be shifting to fixed income market.

The market analysis report by Exodus Advisory, the DSE's broker and member, says the majority of the counter prices have also declined post ex dividend trading date.

"In general, the domestic market has observed a decline as a result of corporate actions undertaken by prominent domestic companies," the firm says.

Consequently, it is anticipated that dividend investors will opt to either divest or maintain their positions for the foreseeable

future.

"As such, the market is expected to shift towards fixed income market," according to the broking firm.

"As the market shifts away from the equities market, demand for fixed income securities is expected to increase. Given that is the last month of the government year, there is expected to be high demand in the last bond auctions."

The upcoming auctions include the 20 years and 25 years Treasury bonds and they are expected to trade at a discount.

"Due to lower demand for the other tenors, we expect the central bank to continue accepting significantly more bids than amount tendered," Exodus Advisory says.



Stock brokers participate in an online share trading. File photo

On the money market side, banks are expected to mobilize deposits as they expect to close the second quarter for the year ended 2023, it says.

"This presents an opportunity to negotiate better deposit rates for institutional and high net worth investors," the report notes.

In its monthly market analysis report, the broking firm says the stock market recorded significant activity in the month of May where market turnover increased by 146.40 percent.

This primarily resulted from stock demand spurred by release of earnings and payment of dividends.

However, total market capitalization declined by 2.42 percent moving to 15,193bn/- by end month while Domestic market capitalization decreased by 0.81 percent in the same period.

This resulted from fall in share prices after the stocks began trading post corporate actions.

Similar to the market cap performance, All share index (DSEI) declined from 1,867.18 points to 1,821.99 points while the Tanzania share index decreased by 0.81 percent.

This indicates that both local and cross listed counters recorded a negative performance in the period.

The banking sector recorded the lowest performance where the Banking sector index declined by 4.17 percent. Commercial services followed with a drop of 0.19 percent. However, Industrial & Allied recorded a positive performance growing by 0.91 percent.

Locally, TCCL recorded the highest appreciation of 69 percent followed by DSE (6 percent), NMB (4 percent) and TPCC (0.5 percent).

On the other hand, CRDB recorded the lowest performance falling by 14.81 percent followed by JATU (8.62 percent).

Meanwhile, DSEI gained by 1.45 points to close at 1,841.20 points during the opening of the week,

compared with 1,839.75 points recorded during the last trading of last week.

The slight increase resulted from the appreciation of two cross listed companies including Nation Media Group (NMG) and East Africa Breweries Limited (EABL), which are originally listed at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE).

The DSE daily market report shows EABL share price closed at 2,780/- on Monday this week, an increase of 0.72 percent, compared with 2,760/- recorded during the close of last week, pushing its market capitalization to 2,19trn/- from 2,18trn/- respectively.

Nation Media Group (NMG) share price went up by 1.49 percent after closing at 340/- on Monday this week, compared with 335/- recorded during the end of last week. The trend also pushed up the media company total market capitalization to 64.10bn/- compared with 63.16bn/- respectively.

The company board of directors recently proposed a dividend of Ksh1.50 per share for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Also, NMG board resolved to buy back 10 percent of issued shares subject to regulatory and shareholder approval.

"This may suggest that the company believes the share is undervalued and expects higher future prospects for the counter," says the market analysis by Exodus Advisory.

Global sugar prices hit 11-year high on low output

NAIROBI

KENYANS are headed for a longer period of higher sugar prices as a global shortage, declining imports and reduced local production cut supply.

Global sugar prices have surged to an 11-year high as the largest global producers experienced reduced cane production, curtailing Kenya's ability to ship

in more stocks to cool runaway prices now at more than Sh420 for a two-kilo packet.

Reduced sugarcane production in Asia and South America has been occasioned by bad weather. India which is the second largest producer of sugar in the world has restricted sugar exports to cater for their domestic demand due to low rainfall in their sugar-producing regions.

"According to the International Sugar Organisation report published in April 2023 market report, white sugar price Index averaged \$675.69/tonne, up from \$586.92 in March and \$560.46 in February," says the Sugar Directorate. The global shortage saw just 14,034 tonnes of sugar imported in April, an 85 percent drop from 93,880 in March signalling a tightening supply on the international

market. To cushion Kenyans the government had issued permits to importers to ship in 100,000 tonnes of zero-rated sugar.

Kenya's weekly optimal stock of sugar dropped by 80 percent on the back of diminished production by factories and expensive imports on the global market last month.

The Sugar Directorate said they have been recording weekly

stocks of 4,000 tonnes against the required optimum of 20,000 tonnes to meet the daily requirement.

Currently, there is a huge shortage of sugar in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa), forcing Kenya to seek the commodity outside of the regional bloc to cushion consumers from the high cost of sweeteners.

The directorate had in January warned that Kenya could fail to secure sufficient stocks of sugar at the international market even with the opening of duty-free imports owing to high prevailing global prices and a shortage of the commodity world over.

The global price of sugar has been rallying since January when it recorded Sh74.117 to the current standard at Sh92,400 per

tonne. Total sugarcane milled by all sugar factories dropped to 405,389 tonnes in April this year, down from 546,150 tonnes in March and 716,274 tonnes in February 2023, cutting production of the commodity by 36 percent in the review period.

Brazil which is the global leading sugar producer is also grappling with poor rainfall reducing its production by three percent.

State-owned firms' debt stock decreases in April

By Guardian Reporter

State Owned Enterprises' (SOEs) domestic debt slightly decreased to 29.75bn/- in April this year, compared with 30.58bn/- March a report by Treasury Registrar Office has shown.

The report shows Tanzania Electricity Supply Company Limited (TanESCO) made progress in repaying after its debt decreased to 4.83bn/-, accounting for 16.2 percent of total debt in April, compared with lower than 5.56bn/- or 18.2 percent recorded in March this year.

In a meantime, the has contracted two private firms that will soon start collecting 244bn/- that the state-owned power utility firm owes public and private customers in accumulated debts

Deputy Minister for Energy, Stephen Byabato told the National Assembly in April that the outstanding debts had been accumulated for a long time and that in Public Entities TANESCO was supposed to collect about 86bn/- and that already his ministry had written to the treasury to demand that the debts be cleared amicably.

Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority (Dawasa) also managed to reduce its domestic debt to 1.36bn/- or 4.6 percent of total SOEs debt in April, compared with 1.47bn/- or 4.8 percent of total debt in March.

Dawasa is the authority with a mandate of supplying water services and removal of sewerage services at Dar es Salaam region and part of coastal Region (Kibaha and Bagamoyo).

However, the share of two SOEs including Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) and Tanzania Fertilizer Company (TFC) debt slightly increased during the reported period.

The share of TRC domestic debt creased by a percentage point to 17.5 percent or 5.2bn/- in April, compared with 17 percent in March, although the amount reported was flat at 5.2bn/-.

TFC domestic debt increased to 18.35bn/- or 61.7 percent of total SOEs debt stock in April, higher than 18.34bn/- or 60 percent share recorded in March this year.

The report shows two SOEs including Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) and Air Tanzania Corporation Limited (ATCL) recorded no domestic debt stock during the reported period.



NAIROBI

POTENTIAL investors for the proposed Kenya Airways (KQ) equity stake sale have expressed uneasiness over the national carrier's heavy debt load, making it the biggest headache for the airline in its search for buyers.

KQ managers who have undertaken several scouting missions to weigh the attraction of the company's equity offer in the US, China and the Middle East told Parliament that they had a few leads but with no commitments this far.

"All the potential investors we spoke to agreed that the fundamentals of the company are very strong. Their concern was on the debt level and that's why a good strategy would be reducing the company's debt to get extra funding into the company," KQ CEO Allan Kilavuka told the National Assembly Public Debt and Privatization Committee on Monday.

The management of the airline also disclosed it was in the process of identifying a financial adviser to help devel-

op an investor memo to guide the selection of the preferred investor(s).

The entry of a strategic investor is expected to reduce the risk and cost exposure to the government.

The selection of a financial adviser, which will be undertaken through KQ's internal procurement structures, is set to close in December.

Last December, President William Ruto led a Kenyan delegation to Washington with a pitch to sell a controlling stake in the KQ, as part of a move to steer the beleaguered airline back to profitability.

The push by the government to pursue a strategic investor in KQ comes against the backdrop of a pause on bailouts to the carrier by the Exchequer in the fiscal year starting July 1.

At the end of May, KQ owed Sh187.74 billion (\$1.347 billion) to creditors, including the Sh61.4 billion (\$439.8 million) Tsavo facility related to the carrier's acquisition of six Boeing 787-8 aircraft, one Boeing 777-300 ER aircraft

Debt unnerves investors in KQ equity stake sale



and one Genx engine in 2012. KQ missed payments on the facility, resulting in the government taking over the

guaranteed debt after which the Exchequer cleared Sh10.1 billion as at the end of March 2023.

The Exchequer has further guaranteed Sh31.4 billion (\$225 million) in KQ borrowing from nine local banks for

the financing of working capital and which was secured in November 2017 at the end of the company's last restructur-

ing.

Aside from the guaranteed facilities, KQ owes Sh22.9 billion to critical suppliers, including aircraft fuelers, handling companies and airport authorities, and whose default would result in the crippling of the airline's operations.

KQ also owes Sh13.7 billion (\$98 million) to syndicates, including the Afrexim Bank and Standard Chartered Bank, for the purchase of 10 Embraer e-jets, a facility dubbed as Samburu and whose default would lead to the grounding of the carrier's fleet.

KQ disclosed it has received numerous moratoriums from the syndicate which has served to prevent the realisation of the contingency risk.

The airline further owes the government Sh58.7 billion (\$420.5 million) in additional support since the airline was restructured in 2017.

Govt thanks partners on anti-HIV/Aids drive

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE government has thanked development partners for their continued support to anti-HIV/AIDS drive; specifically adolescent youths aged 19-24.

This said by the Iringa acting Regional Administrative Secretary Deogratius Yinza, during the distribution of bicycles to 18 facilitators of Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, mentored and Safe (DREAMS) groups managed by the Epic project in Iringa Municipality.

The bicycles were donated by the Human Health and Social Development Organization (HUHESO- Foundation).

Yinza mentioned United States President's Emergency Plan to Fight AIDS (PEPFAR) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Epic project as being among of important partners in anti-

HIV/AIDS drives.

He thanked the Epic project by adding one council of Iringa Municipality to benefit from DREAMS efforts and now two councils of Mufindi and Iringa Municipality are the beneficiaries of this DREAMS effort that aims to reach girls with the aim of controlling HIV infection and economic empowerment.

"I am impressed by our activity today and how the HUHESO organization through this Epic project works in collaboration with the government to reach girls living in dangerous environments that can lead to HIV/AIDS infections," he explained.

Yinza, said Tanzania has joined all countries in the world in achieving the three zero goals on HIV/AIDS by the year 2030, specifically no new HIV infections, no AIDS-related deaths and no stigma and discrimination against those living with HIV.



The acting Administrative Secretary for Iringa Region Deogratius Yinza (in glasses), hands over one of the bicycles to the girl who is the peer educator in Iringa Municipality. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

"To achieve these goals, we have to work on the specific needs of this group of girls who live in a vulnerable environment to get HIV infection," he explained.

He said the government

and stakeholders in collaboration with the parents/guardians of these young girls together, need to work with transparency and great cooperation to protect our girls to reach their dreams in life.

However, Yinza has called on community development officials at the regional and municipal levels to visit and empower girls' groups according to their needs, especially using various experts at the

ward level to build the capacity of girls' groups in their wards.

The Director of HUHESO Foundation, Juma Mwesigwa said that FHI360 international organization and HUHESO

Foundation are cooperating closely in the implementation of Epic project in 11 regions including Iringa region.

In Iringa region, the Epic project is implementing various social interventions including HIV testing, family planning services, sexually transmitted disease screening, and education on changing risk behaviors for groups at risk of acquiring new HIV infections.

Mwesigwa said that for the Iringa Municipal Council, the project is implementing the DREAMS program which is focused on implementing medical interventions, change in risky behavior and economic empowerment for girls and young women between 15-24 years old who are at high risk of contracting the AIDS virus.

"As an organization, we have aimed to raise the girls economically through the "Dream" Project by giving them tools that will help them reach other girls under the age of eighteen (18) and who are in groups and provide them with better education related to the violence of sexually related to the infection of HIV and the AIDS virus."

Samalia Mpongole is one of the beneficiaries who were given the bicycles from Nduli Ward in the municipality she said, "through this bicycle it will be able to help me in reaching my fellow girls".

Local investors cool on South Africa's debt

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's reliance on deep local markets to finance most government borrowing is no longer a given.

Domestic investors are demanding ever-higher yields as foreigners pull back from the market, just as the National Treasury gears up to refinance almost 1 trillion rand (\$53 billion) of debt over the next three years.

That's raised alarm bells at the South African Reserve Bank, which warned last month that the growing reluctance from domestic investors to continue absorbing government issuance could drive borrowing costs even higher.

The average yield for 10-year bonds sold at the government's weekly auction has climbed to 11.27 percent, compared with 10.2 percent five years year ago, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

In that time, domestic funds, banks and insurers absorbed about 2 trillion rand of government bonds, boosting their share of the debt to 75 percent from 58 percent, according to the Treasury data.

"It is difficult to see them absorbing another 1 trillion rand in the coming three years," said Rashaad Tayob, the Cape Town-based head of fixed income at Foord Asset Manage-

ment, whose Abax Balanced Precipent Fund has outperformed nine out of 10 peers over the past three years. "Allocations to bonds are higher everywhere, and the ability to buy more is constrained."

Rising borrowing costs along with stagnant economic growth are complicating the government's pledge to reduce its budget deficit and curb debt.

A 254 billion rand (\$14 billion) bailout for state-owned power company Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd. means government debt will probably peak at 73.6 percent of GDP in fiscal 2026 – a higher level and three years later than previously expected.

Debt-service costs – the fastest-growing expenditure line item for about a decade – will increase to almost 20 percent of main-budget revenue. Failure to consolidate debt could see the country's credit rating slide deeper into junk.

Weak demand from foreign investors for new government bond issuance is placing a greater burden on the domestic market, and marks a "structural shift" considering the significant increase in government borrowing over the past five years, the Reserve Bank said in its Financial Stability Review last month.

"It raises concerns about the capacity of South African investors to continue absorbing new issuances



of government bonds in future," the central bank said. "As local participants increasingly step in to absorb the declining appetite for new issuances by non-residents, this raises financial stability concerns regarding market liquidity, increased volatility and higher domestic government bond yields."

The government is concerned about outflows from the bond market though the rise in domestic holdings "demonstrates the depth of local financial institutions," the National Treasury said in an emailed response to Bloomberg's questions. It's

considering its funding mix to help limit borrowing costs as debt comes due for redemption.

"Higher interest rates will result in higher debt-service costs and debt levels," the National Treasury said.

"To mitigate the refinancing risk as a result of high redemptions, government will determine the best mix of debt instruments and maturities to finance the borrowing requirement, while minimizing refinancing risk, currency risk and overall borrowing costs."

Also contributing to faltering demand from

local investors was an amendment last year to prudential rules, allowing pension and mutual funds to invest as much as 45 percent of their assets abroad, up from 30 percent previously. That further limits the incentive for local funds to buy domestic bonds, said Foord's Tayob.

To be sure, demand at the most recent bond auctions has improved as yields near the highest since the pandemic attracted buyers.

Outflows have also eased, with foreign investors net buyers of the bonds to the tune of 3.4 billion rand last week, according to JSE Ltd. data.

By Correspondent Halfani Chusi

TVS Motors satisfied with 'friendly' investment climate

THE Vice President of India headquartered TVS Motor Company, one of two largest 2-wheeler companies in the world, Rahul Nayak has commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan initiative to enhance a conducive business environment for investors.

He gave the remarks recently in Dar es Salaam as he was winding up his visit to Tanzania, which was aimed at evaluating the general business environment in the country.

During his tour, he visited country TVS agents to purposely hear concerns raised by customers, in order to seeking solutions; an initiative that will also involve launching a large spare parts store at Kariakoo.

"Tanzania is very beautiful country. It is a peaceful country with conducive business environment. The government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan has ensured a friendly environment to investors unlike the previous regime. The Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) has also been very supportive to business community," he said.

According to him, any customer that ought to buy TVS motorcycles will have a relief on oil consumption differently from other companies, along with that they will have a health insurance special package in times of accident or permanent dis-



TVS Vice President Rahul Nayak (2nd-R) cuts the ribbon to launch a TVS spare parts store in Dar es Salaam's Kariakoo market zone recently. Photo: Correspondent Halfani Chusi

ability.

TVS Tanzania head of business Jonathan Masanja, said the company will keep expanding its customers' reach in other regions in the country.

"Our motto is 'The Client is King'. We are aiming at ensuring that the customer does not experience any challenge in attaining spares and every post sale supports in general," said Masanja.

He added: "We ask people to utilize the opportunity with the launched spare parts store at Kariakoo, for them to access all retail and wholesale spare parts."



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WORLD

UN chief supports creation of AI watchdog body

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday expressed support for establishing an AI watchdog body akin to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"It's my intention to create a high-level advisory body on artificial intelligence to seriously prepare the different kinds of initiatives that we will be able to take ... I would be favorable to the idea that we could have an artificial intelligence, an agency, which I would say is inspired by what the International Atomic Energy Agency is today," the top UN official said at a press conference at the UN headquarters in New York.

Guterres stressed the need to address the significant harm caused by digital platforms filled with misinformation alongside the concerns over advancements in artificial intelligence, proposing an international code of conduct as a solution.

While acknowledging that the alarm bells over AI were "deafening," the UN chief emphasized that they should not divert attention from the existing damage inflicted by digital technology. "They must not distract us from the damage digital technology is already doing to our world," he said.

Guterres highlighted the grave global harm caused by the proliferation of hate and lies in the digital space, noting that



UN secretary General Antonio Guterres addresses the media during a visit to the UN office in the capital Nairobi, Kenya, May 3, 2023. AP

"the proliferation of hate and lies in the digital space is causing grave global harm now."

He further underscored that "it is fueling conflict, death and destruction now. It is threatening democracy and human rights now." Looking ahead, Guterres revealed that a United Nations Code of Conduct for information integrity on digital platforms was being developed in preparation for the UN's upcoming "Summit of the Future" scheduled for next year.

The secretary-general put forth several proposals, including calling for a commitment by governments, tech companies and other stakeholders to refrain from using, supporting, or amplifying disinformation and hate

speech for any purpose; the consistent application of policies and resources by digital platforms around the world, to eliminate double standards that allow hate speech and disinformation to flourish in some languages and countries; a commitment from digital platforms to make sure all products take account of safety, privacy and transparency.

"Advertisers -- who are deeply implicated in monetizing and spreading damaging content -- should take responsibility for the impact of their spending," Guterres noted.

The UN chief further stressed that "disinformation and hate should not generate maximum exposure and massive profits."

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PM Modi's state visit 'truly momentous' - diplomat

WASHINGTON

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US underlines the deepening friendship and between the people of the United States and India, according to Atul Keshap, a senior American diplomat. Addressing an 'India Ideas Summit' organised by US-



India Business Council (USIBC) in Washington D.C. here on Monday (local time), the former US envoy to India said the upcoming visit of PM Modi will be "truly momentous."

"It is a reflection of the friendship and trust and relationship between the people of the United States and the people of India," Keshap who is also president of USIBC said.

Terming the partnership between the two countries as a "resilient" one, Keshap pointed out that over his two-year tenure as the President of the US-India Business Council, he has witnessed ties between the two countries transform.

"We believe in each other, we trust each other, we have shared values, and this state visit recognises all that. And it recognises the sheer potential of our 1.8 billion free people in more ways than ever," the USIBC president said.

"The G2G (government to government) and B2B (business to business) relationship ahead of this state visit has shown the world that India and the US are free and democratic nations and are determined to do good for each other and the world," Keshap said.

He further added that in his recent visits to India, he has seen that the country is "on the move faster than almost any other place on earth."

Keshap there is a "dazzling amount of activity" in India which is "helping lift hundreds of millions of people to new levels of economic development and happiness."

The former US envoy to India also said that the USIBC supports the vision of a USD 30 trillion Indian economy and will work together to achieve it.

Regarding PM Modi's upcoming US visit, Keshap reiterated, "The state visit is going to be magnificent."

The annual USIBC summit is part of the US Chambers of Commerce and is being conducted ahead of the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the US on June 22.

India's ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu also said that the speed and scale of the transformation of the India-US relationship have been "phenomenal."

In his address at the 'India Ideas Summit' Keshap said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the third Indian leader to be accorded the honour of a state visit by the US President. ANI

Men baptised by fire to take key positions in Russia's army in future - Putin

KRASNOGORSK

THE command posts in the Russian Armed Forces should eventually be taken by those baptised by fire who have not wavered, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in a conversation with wounded soldiers during a visit to the Vishnevsky military hospital in Krasnogorsk near Moscow.

"I believe that those of you who have such a wish may proceed to the next step - to apply for advanced training. The country, your homeland, the Armed Forces doubtlessly need people like you," Putin said.

He stressed that Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu, present at the meeting, was of the same opinion.

"In the future, the command posts in the Armed Forces should be taken by people like you. You are the ones who have felt what combat operations are all about. You have not wavered. On the contrary, you continued to perform your duty to the very end. Of course, the Armed Forces need such people, baptised by fire and combat operations," Putin stressed.

"For those who want to stay it would be reasonable to take the next step in their career and to get the appropriate military education. And if someone has military education already, then it will be right to go ahead with advanced specialty training," Putin added.

He vowed that the state would definitely do everything to ensure the soldiers' rehabilitation proceed as quickly as possible, so that they recover fast and "look into their future."

Putin recalled that he had earlier had a telephone conversation with company commander Yuri Zhulanov, a participant in the special military operation. "I asked him about his plans, how he saw his future. He replied he would like to get back into army. Yes, of course, this goes without saying," Putin said.



Mexico City mayor to step down for historic bid for presidency

MEXICO CITY

MEXICO City Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum said she will step down on Friday to pursue the ruling party's candidacy for the 2024 presidential election, bidding to become the country's first female leader.

President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's leftist National Regeneration Movement (MORENA) on Sunday agreed that on Sept 6 it would announce the winner of its internal selection process. Sheinbaum is one of the two favorites.

MORENA is heavily favored to win the June 2024 presidential election, lifted by Lopez Obrador's personal popularity.

He cannot seek re-election because Mexican presidents are restricted by law to a single six-year term. Close aides to Lopez Obrador have told Reuters they believe he would like Sheinbaum to succeed him. He denies having any favorite.

Announcing her resignation plan at a press conference on Monday, the 60-year-old Sheinbaum underlined her credentials as a scientist and environmentalist, saying she would continue Lopez Obrador's "transformation" of Mexico with her "own stamp."

"I have made the decision to leave the post definitively on June 16, with the goal of becoming the first woman in the history of Mexico to lead the fate of the nation," she said.

MORENA's leadership at the weekend agreed that the contenders should step down this week to compete.

Most opinion polls have tended to give Sheinbaum a slight advantage in the race over her rival Marcelo Ebrard, who stood down as foreign minister earlier on Monday to compete.

Sheinbaum highlighted that past polling had put her ahead and said she was confident it would remain



Mexico City Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum

that way.

Five polls open to the general

public are due to determine MORENA's presidential nominee.

Sheinbaum also cited a study published last month by the national statistics agency showing that over two-thirds of Mexicans strongly backed a woman holding the presidency.

"It's time for women," she said. Ebrard had argued that prospective candidates should leave their posts to ensure a level playing field. Interior Minister Adan Augusto Lopez, another contender, is also expected to resign.

Ebrard, speaking to reporters after his resignation, said improving security was his first priority, and stressed the need to beef up public healthcare and education.

In an earlier radio interview, he argued that Mexico had a "golden opportunity" to double "or more" economic growth, spurred by companies' bringing manufacturing capacity to the country due to economic tensions between China and the United States.

Agencies

'G20 has showcased that Jammu and Kashmir is on path of development'

Jammu and Kashmir

MINISTER of State (Defence) Ajay Bhatt yesterday said that G20 has showcased that Jammu and Kashmir is on a path of development.

"This government has a zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. Everyone knows how the government has been working. In Jammu and Kashmir as well, the government has been working for development," he said.

Taking a dig at the opposition, Ajay Bhatt said the Modi government has proven everyone wrong by peacefully organising the G20 event in the state.

"When Article 370 was abrogated and many in the opposition said that there will be rivers of blood. However, nothing of that

sort was seen in Jammu and Kashmir. The state is on the path of development now. Now race is to excel in everything. The G20 event hosted here has shown the change. The myth has been busted and Jammu and Kashmir is moving forward," he said.

During the G20 event last month, Minister of Culture, Tourism and the Development of the North Eastern Region G Kishan Reddy said that the Tourism Ministry is keen to work with G20 nations to promote sustainable tourism in India and around the world.

While speaking at the inaugural session of the '3rd Tourism Working Group Meeting' at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), G Kishan Reddy said, "Significant progress has been made in the five key priority areas under the '3rd Tour-

ism Working Group Meeting' namely Green Tourism, Digitalization, Skills, MSMEs and Destination Management."

"These priorities are key building blocks for accelerating the transition of the tourism sector and achieving the targets for 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," he added. The Minister also said that the Tourism Working Group is progressing in the right direction.

"Tourism Working Group is progressing in the right direction and the joint effort of G20 nations, international organisations and invited countries will result in the achievement of inclusive and action-oriented decisive guidelines for the tourism industry," he said.

At the event, G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant said that commendable progress has been

made in the five key priority areas under the '3rd Tourism Working Group Meeting' under Green Tourism, Digitalization, Skills, MSMEs and Destination Management. ANI



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US sanctions against Xinjiang constitute human rights abuses

BEIJING

THE U.S. government has doubled down on its efforts to sanction Chinese companies, basing its actions on groundless accusations of China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and completely ignoring the welfare of the people in the region.

Under the pretext of "human rights abuses," the United States added two more Chinese companies to its sanction list last week. Previously, the list had included multiple Chinese firms.

The U.S. move of economic

coercion is aimed at destabilizing Xinjiang by depriving people of all ethnic groups in the region of their rights to work and development, in an attempt to cause unemployment, poverty and social unrest, and even the resurgence of terrorism. It exposes the U.S. attempts to use Xinjiang to contain China's development.

The United States does not genuinely care about human rights at all. Rather, human rights allegations are part of its toolbox to justify interfering in other countries' internal affairs.

It has been trying every type of vile method, including fabricating lies such as forced labor to smear Xinjiang and imposing sanctions against local companies, thereby sabotaging the region's hard-won good circumstances.

The Australian Alert Service, a weekly publication of the Australian Citizens Party, published in 2021 an eight-article series, disclosing with details how some Western countries, including the United States, have supported Xinjiang separatist and terrorist activities for geopoliti-

cal purposes. For example, the U.S.-based National Endowment for Democracy has funneled millions of dollars since 2004 to so-called "East Turkistan" forces including the so-called "World Uyghur Congress," leading to rapid spread of extremist ideologies in Xinjiang and the inflow of terrorists.

Instead of "protecting human rights," the U.S. sanctions are actually abusing human rights, and such moves are thoroughly hypocritical.

China regards the rights to subsistence and development

as the primary and basic human rights, and believes that living a life of contentment is the ultimate human right. People of different ethnic groups in Xinjiang have bid farewell to absolute poverty and are enjoying a moderately prosperous life in all respects.

To see is to believe. Recently, a 34-member delegation of diplomats and officials from the Arab League and its Secretariat visited Xinjiang and they were impressed by the region's development and the lives of local people.

Other delegations to the region in recent years shared the same impressions, in contrast to the negative reports found in Western media and lies of some politicians.

Xinjiang has entered its best period in history with social harmony and stability, and a happy, peaceful life for local people. Over the past 60-plus years, the region's average life expectancy has increased from 30 to 74.7 years. Human rights within the region are well protected and developed. This is the truth of Xinjiang.

If only certain American politicians could visit Xinjiang like their foreign peers, they would become ashamed of their own ignorance and stubbornness. But perhaps they do not want to visit the region, because they do not want their lies to be shattered by the hard facts.

What is certain is that the U.S. sanctions against Xinjiang enterprises will fail to achieve its goal of creating turmoil in the region, while the U.S. attempt to contain China's development is doomed to fall short.

Xinhua

Silvio Berlusconi's big footprint in Europe

MILAN

FLAMBOYANT, controversial Silvio Berlusconi - a four-time prime minister and a key coalition partner in Italy's current government - was envied and admired, loathed and derided in equal measure for many, many years.

Nicknamed Il Cavaliere - the Knight - he will not easily be forgotten at home. And he leaves an indelible Berlusconi-shaped stamp on European politics too.

I followed his political career from the start - later as a journalist but firstly as a student - writing a university dissertation entitled "Il cammino inarrestabile di Silvio Berlusconi - The unstoppable rise of Silvio Berlusconi" after he won his first election back in 1994.

Berlusconi quite simply set off a political earthquake in Europe that year - the aftershocks of which will still reverberate long after his state funeral on Wednesday.

It seemed revolutionary back in the 1990s to have a business tycoon, former cruise ship crooner and generally screamingly obvious non-career politician at the helm of important EU and Nato military alliance member Italy.

That was a time of political deepening of the European project focused in Brussels, but Silvio Berlusconi pushed a more nationalist, "Italy First" type of narrative.

I was informed by someone in the room that he once told EU leaders

at a summit they should speak more about women and football instead.

At home, Berlusconi jumped into coalition government with the post-fascist far-right - until then a taboo in post-war Italy - rendering them more socially acceptable as a result.

He was intentionally politically incorrect, claiming to speak the language of "ordinary people". He was also unapologetic about using his media empire as an advantage over political opponents. He displayed a blatant disregard for the judiciary too, later attempting to change Italian law to avoid prosecution himself.

Is Berlusconi's political playbook sounding familiar at all?

In many ways, he is the father of modern day populist nationalism in Europe. Ingredients of his political cocktail are evident in numerous ambitious right-leaning politicians and political movements across the continent.

Think: Hungary's Victor Orban - who publicly mourned Mr Berlusconi's death on Monday, as well as more than one Austrian government, Marine Le Pen of France, and more.

You could also draw parallels further afield - with former US President Donald Trump, for example, whom Mr Berlusconi admired.

He had a penchant for strongmen politicians, such as Vladimir Putin, who he was great friends with. He is even said to have gifted the Russian leader with a duvet cover festooned



The business tycoon and former cruise ship crooner was not an obvious choice to lead Italy

with both men's faces. On hearing of Mr Berlusconi's death on Monday, President Putin described him as a "dear person, a true friend".

A stark contrast to his often spiky relationship with Italy's traditional friends, Germany and France.

That closeness to Moscow worried Italy's allies, especially after the invasion of

Ukraine, when Mr Berlusconi was back in coalition government.

In Brussels, at the European Union headquarters, he was widely viewed with derision and disdain.

Despite the rhetoric, hyperbole and almost relentless optimist political shtick - even when Italy was hit by the 2008 economic crisis - Berlusconi failed to improve his coun-

try's fortunes or even radically change Italy.

Instead, the real change he brought about was influencing and emboldening a new generation of ambitious politicians in the wider European political arena.

Rwanda helps refugees beat adversity, forge paths to success

KIGALI

ESPERANCE Musanganire, a native of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), fled her war-torn homeland and arrived in Rwanda in 2012, in search of safety and a better future.

Despite numerous challenges facing refugees like her, Musanganire is determined to rebuild her life and contribute positively to her new community in Kigeme refugee camp, in Nyamagabe, a district in Rwanda's Southern Province. Using savings from working at construction sites, she started with an initial capital of 20,000 Rwandan francs (about 176 U.S. dollars), selling sacks of Irish potatoes outside the refugee camp. Her endeavors received a boost from "Jya Mbere," a Rwandan government project aiming to empower refugees by of-

fering them the opportunity to start their own businesses. Through financial assistance and permission to work, refugees like Musanganire are defying the odds and turning their lives around. With the support of "Jya Mbere," she was able to secure a loan of 4.8 million Rwandan francs from Inkomoko, an advisory firm and impact investor, after completing an entrepreneurship course. She used the money to invest in plots of land outside the refugee camp.

"I am now the proud owner of a house constructed outside the refugee camp in Kamonyi district, Southern Province," Musanganire told Xinhua in a recent interview. The house she spent 14 million Rwandan francs to build is now rented out. Musanganire also owns a plot worth 7 million Rwandan



The file photo shows people constructing sports fields for refugees evacuated from Libya in the Gashora transit centre, eastern Rwanda, on Oct. 23, 2019.

francs in Gasabo, a district in Kigali, the Rwandan capital. "Jya Mbere" played a significant role in assisting me by partially refunding the loan obtained from Inkomoko.

This means a great deal to me. Despite (us) being refugees, this country has been kind to us, offering us hope and equal opportunities," she said. Musanganire now hires nine individuals, some at her hair salon, others at a restaurant. Four of them are fellow refugees. Alain Gustave Ngwije, a Burundian refugee in Mahama, Kirehe district, Eastern Province, expressed his gratitude for the support he received.

The "Jya Mbere" project helped him take care of his family, he said, adding that he has been fortunate to have secured a job as a refugee. "Living in a refugee camp is challenging, with hardships and inefficient services. Without a job, life becomes even more difficult for refugees, presenting additional

challenges. However, through my role as an agronomist with Sabana farmers' cooperative, I help farmers enhance productivity by imparting knowledge on improved farming practices, such as the use of fertilizers," Ngwije said. Jeanette Uwimana, acting project manager of "Jya Mbere," spoke of the generosity of Rwanda in hosting refugees and emphasized the shared basic services, such as water supply, education, healthcare access, markets, and roads that promote cohabitation and shared environments.

"Jya Mbere" was created to alleviate the pressure that the presence of refugees puts on host communities. It provides access to finance for refugees and host communities through matching grants," she said. "Capacity-building is a crucial part of the project, enhancing the entrepreneurial skills of

refugees and host communities living together," Uwimana said.

Through the project, she said, the Rwandan government allows refugees to engage in business activities, leading to a significant number of successful refugee-run businesses in the country.

Musanganire's is one of the many success stories where refugees enjoy access to matching grants and set up businesses that also employ members of the host community.

"Jya Mbere," run by the Ministry in Charge of Emergency Management (MINEMA), is being implemented in six districts hosting refugee camps, namely Gatsibo, Gicumbi, Gisagara, Karongi, Nyamagabe, and Kirehe. According to MINEMA data, as of May 31, 2022, Rwanda hosts a total of 127,369 refugees from neighboring countries such as the DRC and Burundi.

Xinhua

ANI

CHINA'S first domestically built large cruise ship completed its undocking in Shanghai on June 6. The cruise ship is scheduled to make its first trial voyage in July, and a second one will take place in August, according to its builder Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Co, a subsidiary of China State Shipbuilding Corporation.

Building large cruise ships is a symbolic accomplishment in China's shipbuilding industry. Multiple core technologies have been developed and a series of sci-tech innovations made during the building of the ship.

The cruise ship, measuring 323.6 meters in length and 37.2 meters in width, has 2,826 cabins.

According to Wu Xiaoyuan, shipbuilding director with Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., the ship has more than 40,000 square meters of public areas, which is as large as six standard soccer pitches. In the public areas, there are a number of entertainment facilities such as a performance center, cafeterias, bars, cafes, art galleries, spas and water parks, Wu said.

The cruise ship will soon go through a series of final tests before it's named and delivered.

Large cruise ships, large liquefied natural gas carriers and aircraft carriers are dubbed as "three pearls on

China's first homegrown large cruise ship undocked in Shanghai

the crown of shipbuilding." They are considered the most advanced equipment of today's shipbuilding industry.

In particular, large cruise ships are the most complicated single electromechanical product in today's world.

The Chinese cruise ship has as many as 25 million components and parts, five times the number of those on China's homegrown C919 jet, said Chen Hong, technical manager of the cruise ship project with Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Co., Ltd.

The length of cables installed on a 300,000-ton crude tanker is about 100 to 120 kilometers, but that on the Chinese cruise ship exceeds 4,300 kilometers, Chen added.

The building of large cruise ships had long been monopolized by a few shipbuilders in Europe, as these huge vessels normally come with special structures and diverse systems. It requires high-standard techniques and arduous efforts to build them.

The building of the Chinese cruise ship started in 2019 in Shanghai. Over the



Photo taken on May 21, 2023 shows a beautiful view in a national wetland park in Ulanhot, north China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region. (People's Daily Online/Wang Zheng)

past more than three years, the development team of the ship has tackled multiple core technologies such as weight control, vibration reduction and harbor returning, delivering a series of innovation results.

According to Chen, competitive enterprises in the shipbuilding industry were mobilized to launch projects aiming to achieve breakthroughs in core technologies, which yielded over 1,000 sci-tech outcomes.

Besides, Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Co., Ltd. also tackled a number of challenges to ensure the smooth progress of the design of the cruise ship, including technical import, data management and multi-party collaboration.

To meet the demand of the cruise ship project, the company upgraded its information management platform and developed a supply chain collaboration platform, an interior decoration management platform and a logistics and material management platform. It also built a smart factory and put into use a mobile internet platform.

The cruise ship marks a remarkable achievement made by Shanghai shipbuilders. More importantly, their achievements are more than this.

In 2022, Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., together with other two major shipbuilders of CSSC in Shanghai, Jiangnan Shipyard (Group) Co., Ltd. and Hudong-Zhon-

ghua Shipbuilding (Group) Co., Ltd., delivered a total of 48 ships, and about 98 percent of these ships were exported.

With the 72 new orders received by the three shipbuilders last year, they now have 183 orders at hand, which will keep them busy until 2027.

Apart from Shanghai shipbuilders, the entire Chinese shipbuilding industry is prospering. In the first quarter this year, shipbuilders across the country completed vessel construction totaling 9.17 million deadweight tons and received 15.18 million deadweight tons of new shipbuilding orders, a jump of 53 percent from a year ago.

-People's Daily

NATO begins its biggest ever air exercise

BERLIN

THE North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on Monday started Air Defender 2023, its largest ever air force deployment exercise.

The German-led drill brings together 25 NATO nations with Germany's leadership. The maneuver had been in the planning since 2018.

Some 10,000 soldiers and 250 aircraft, including 70 from Germany and more than 100 from the United States, take part in the maneuver until June 23.

About 300 people protested against the exercise in northern Germany on Saturday,

saying that it "underscores the rejection of negotiations with Russia and further escalates an already threatening situation."

Germany's civil aviation industry, which has seen major strikes in recent months, is fearing cancellations as a result of the military exercise. Despite claims from the military that no flight cancellations are to be expected, Matthias Maas, head of the German air traffic control union (GdF), said such claims are "unrealistic and have no basis in fact."

Major airports in Germany are planning for unscheduled late-night takeoffs during the exercise as a precautionary measure.

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Two Airbus A400M of the German Air Force fly over Wunstorf Air Base in Wunstorf, Germany on Monday, during the Air Defender 2023 exercise. AP

SPORT



Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) Public Relations and Communication Manager Yessaya Mwakifulefulu (L) hands over the 2022/23 Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League (SWPL) Best Coach prize, won by JKT Queens' coach Ally Ally, to the team's shot stopper Najath Abbas, during Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) awards ceremony which took place in Tanga on June 12. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Youths should cherish sports- call

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TANZANIA's youths have been asked to join sports groups because sports have a great contribution in preventing them from engaging in immoral activities.

Muharami Chuma, a Dar es Salaam-based sportsman, issued the advice in the city recently while welcoming more than 40 jogging groups that took part in a six-kilometer race that concluded at the Vegas Mwananyamala venue.

Chuma, who was the occasion's official guest, said: "Sports are healthy, they foster good relationships, that's why the government has revived National Inter-Secondary Schools sports tournaments (Umisseta) and National Inter-Primary Schools tournaments (Umitashumta) so young people can join sports groups," he noted.

The jogging groups that participated in the race include Safari Salama, Vegas, Mwananyamala, Umoja, Temeke, Buguruni, Serengeti, Kistone, Kopa, Big Star, and Msufini.

Others are Namanga, Smart, Biafra, New Star, Big Family Physical, Fanja, Kisiwani, Kawe and Mzimuni.

Janeth Mawinza, Director of WAJIKI, a Kinondoni-based Community-Based Organization (CBO) tackling gender-based violence, educated the participating joggers

about the effects of sexual corruption.

The WAJIKI Director revealed that sexual corruption has spread everywhere including the groups therefore it is important that the groups' youths get an education.

"We want all young people to participate in sports while being safe, especially because apart from sexual corruption, there are immoral sexual acts," Janeth noted.

The official added that such actions have health and psychological effects, stressing it is good that the young people realize it and avoid them so there can be a society with good morals.

"Now our campaign is known as 'Unga Tela Vunja Ukimya, Safari Salama Bila Rushwa ya Ngoni Inawezekana'," Janeth noted.

The WAJIKI Director said through Women Fund Tanzania (WFT)'s backing, she believes they will reach the goals of educating Tanzanians about the effects of sexual corruption.

Fatuma Dole- a leader of 10 jogging clubs in Kinondoni- noted sports help to reduce acts of violence.

The official revealed young people are taught a lot about good values during jogging, insisting the arrival of WAJIKI is a continuation of the successful fight against sexual corruption.



A section of young people that form Dar es Salaam-based jogging groups are pictured engaging in a six-kilometer walk at Tandale recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

Morrison leaves great deal of confusion to Yanga leaders, fans

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

LIFTING the 2022/23 NBC Premier League top honour is not a big deal for either Yanga or Simba SC.

How many times have they won the league? Which side has won more Premier League trophies than Simba SC and Yanga?

A soccer lover ought to consider that the last time another team clinched the Premier League silverware, Azam FC did so 10 years ago in the 2013/14 season.

The two popular sides do what they want in domestic football, this is the new news from Yanga.

After making it to the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup semi-finals, there was a possibility that Yanga was bound to go all the way and book a place in the continental tournament's final.

The Jangwani Street-based squad had earlier needed to protect the 2-0 win they grabbed when they hosted South African club Marumo Gallants in the last-four round first leg match of the continental showpiece at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

One goal was scored by midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki, then winger Bernard Morrison popularly known as 'Super Ben' added the second.

The player that scored the second goal is the one discussed, I see that he is out to prove his worth and secure his stint at Yanga, having earlier not been in action for a long time.

Soccer enthusiasts must look at how he scored it when he received a pass from Fiston Mayeye, one should watch the winger's quick mind to beat Marumo Gallants' goalie and his defenders.

They went down after a collision within the area, whilst expecting Morrison would miss but he quickly got up and slotted the ball in.

He was fouled while making his way into the South African squad's area, if he would have missed then the referee would have had to award the Jangwani Street outfit a penalty.

Morrison though did not want to give either the official or the ones taking charge of the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) device difficulties in deciding as the Ghanaian scored whilst being in a tight angle, a challenging feat.

Most local players are impatient when facing opposing squads' goalies, the former could hit the ball powerfully and the goalkeepers would easily save it.

Had the players found themselves in the position that Morrison was in then they could have kicked the ball out.

However, this was not the case for Morrison given the winger scored in a difficult angle. It is in such ties that Morrison confuses the minds of local football leaders.

He was hardly involved in many games this season but in the few assignments he has taken part in, the winger has left enthusiasts thrilled and sometimes a follower might believe that he/she has just seen the best winger in the country.

However, his behaviour is questionable much as his quality is great, and that leaves a great deal of confusion between leaders and fans.

Leaders are always crazy about some footballers and all they want is to stay hopeful while stating what supporters are familiar with.

Such officials might come up with news, saying 'If this player puts focus on the pitch, he will win us a lot, the problem is he is not composed'.

How many times have stakeholders, namely supporters, officials, analysts and other groups of football people complained about Morrison's antics?

I know that there are Yanga leaders who recently vowed to opt out of extending Morrison's contract.

He has played a few games this season for his club, he has 'disappeared' several times, and even head coach, Nasreddine Nabi is not very happy with the winger.



Yanga's winger, Bernard Morrison. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Morrison recently launched his plan to get a new contract, whether for Yanga or Simba SC, or even Azam FC.

He had, in the remaining Premier League ties, an opportunity to change the minds of each of the local football supporters and stakeholders. The winger was aware he is playing for the fate of his football.

He did not feature for Yanga in the rematch of the CAF Confederation Cup last-four against Marumo Gallants.

During his spell at Simba SC, he had to sit out as the outfit jetted off to South Africa to take on Kaizer Chiefs and then Orlando Pirates in continental showdowns because of alleged legal reasons.

Morrison had two other ties he could have used to change Yanga officials' minds in the form of the CAF Confederation Cup final against USM Alger of Algeria.

The winger moreover secured two Premier League matches pitting Yanga against Mbeya City FC and Prisons.

Morrison, thereafter, was presented with two more opportunities, namely this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup last-four clash against Singida Big Stars and the showdown's final against Azam FC.

The player knows how to change people's minds in just a few matches, a person should try to think that when he was turning out for Simba SC he hardly honoured many matches.

There were a few matches he played for the Msimbazi Street club that made Yanga want him back again, one of which was the CAF Confederation Cup play-off between Simba SC and Zambia's Red Arrows.

The pitch was flooded but Morrison made it look easy as the performer catapulted his club to a convincing victory over Red Arrows in the first leg match when the outfits took on each other in Dar es Salaam.

Morrison's biggest problem is that his behaviour is confusing, one might expect the winger to reform but he/she will find out that his behaviour would never change.

I had believed that when he returned to Yanga he would stop his antics because this would be termed the last opportunity for him to play for either of the prominent squads in the country.

I was hardly right given Morrison continued his behaviour and there are Yanga leaders that oversaw his registration and are tolerating the winger.

I had seen that he would realize that he had no opportunity to turn out for Yanga again, especially after there were many obstacles and conflicts between the two

parties once the footballer went to an age-old rival- the Msimbazi Street squad.

I was wrong, the performer returned to Yanga and continued his antics, it got to the point some Yanga leaders swore that they would not renew his contract.

I hope the performer used the closing stages matches well to convince Yanga leaders to think of extending his contract.

If Morrison will not keep on turning out for Yanga, can Simba change his mind and consider roping him in?

Azam FC's leadership could think that they have the power to change his behaviour... they once thought the same once the squad brought in Tanzanian midfielder Ibrahim Ajibu but the move hardly paid off.

In the end, they reached out to allow him to leave the club and join Singida Big Stars to play football thus it is possible because Azam FC officials have desire.

As for Yanga, they get such a test because the club's two foreign performers, Tuisila Kisinda and Jesus Moloko, have failed to showcase continuity.

Much as Moloko is good at playing as per the coach's instructions, Tuisila does not change much.

The speedy Congolese footballer set up Stephane Aziz Ki to score a great goal when Yanga locked horns with Marumo Gallants and, if the former was showcasing the quality almost every week, I believe he would have been plying his trade in Europe.

Tanzania lately has had trouble having a competent winger, since Simon Msuva left for Morocco and then headed to Saudi Arabia, the country is finding it difficult to produce an equally gifted winger.

Since Mrisho Ngassa, an equally gifted footballer playing on the flanks, hung up his boots, it has also been difficult for the country to find players with the same quality and the situation gives Morrison a chance to freely showcase his potential.

Now that the performer has begun getting back to his best, he is working hard to assure himself of nailing a lucrative signing.

In Europe, a player with a quality akin to Morrison's, or an aging, talented performer is usually given a contract that will see him being paid depending on his presence on the pitch, this is possibly the only approach that can prompt Morrison to do away with his antics.

Kenyan midfielder chooses to extend stay at Azam FC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AZAM FC central midfielder Kenneth Muguna is set to continue turning out for the club beyond this season after signing a contract extension.

Muguna joined Azam FC on a two-year deal in June 2021 from Kenya's Gor Mahia, and it was feared that he would leave the club at the end of this month when his contract

expires.

Several outfits in Tanzania were reportedly salivating at the possibility of roping the central midfielder in but he confirmed his decision to resort to keep on turning out for the Chamazi-based club.

Unknown to many, however, is that the player signed a one-year contract with the club and is set to continue with the team beyond the current campaign.

He will be seeking to force himself back into the starting XI of an outfit laden with competent midfielders.

The midfielder stated: "I am not leaving because my contract does not end this June. I signed a one-year extension after the Mapinduzi Cup in January."

"I am looking forward to next season, in which both as an individual and team are

eyeing big things, hopefully, it will be a great season for us," the Harambee Stars player confirmed.

Azam FC finished third in the just-concluded NBC Premier League season and will thus play in the CAF Confederation Cup next season.

The ice cream makers have shown that they could be up to some serious business next season by acquiring the

services of Yanga midfielder Feisal Salum, alias 'Fei Toto'.

After months of a tussle between the player and Yanga followed by the intervention of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Yanga agreed to let the midfielder leave and was sold to Azam FC, where he signed a bumper deal with the club.

Another player linked with Azam FC is winger Lamine Jarjou from Sudan's big guns,

Al Hilal.

Azam FC will, next season, have massive talents in the midfield with several local and foreign players expected to give the head coach's challenge in selecting footballers for assignments.

Ghanaian James Akamiko, Issa Ndala from Nigeria, Salum, Sospeter Bajana of Tanzania, and Muguna are some of the midfielders.

Azam FC will take part in next season's Community Shield, NBC Premier League, and preliminary rounds of the 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup.

The outfit will moreover seek to perform well in the Azam Sports Federation Cup, with massive recruitment seeking to bolster the side currently in progress.

Kylian Mbappe shocks PSG with notice to quit

By Jason Burt

EUROPE'S leading clubs were left scrambling on Monday night after Kylian Mbappe's shock decision to quit Paris St-Germain. It is likely to spark an extraordinary transfer bidding war this summer for the hugely coveted forward.

It came as the French giants were reeling from the revelation that their talismanic striker has no intention of triggering a 12-month extension to his current contract at the club. It means that PSG have the choice to sell Mbappe this summer or allow him to leave, for free, at the end of the upcoming season. He is therefore now up for sale.

PSG president Nasser Al-Khelaifi has made it clear he will not permit the 24-year-old to quit without a fee being paid, which hugely enhances the chances of him being sold during this transfer window.

It was announced in France that Mbappe had informed PSG of his decision to quit. However, the club have been left furious, claiming the forward's intentions were only revealed after they had been reported in the media, which pointed to an irreparable breakdown in relations. Mbappe's camp insist he served notice to the club via a letter but club sources claim it went to the media first and there was no need to send it.

Mbappe's contract would automatically go into its final year on August 1 unless he renewed.

PSG are adamant that Mbappe, arguably the most valuable player in world football along with Erling Haaland, will not be allowed to leave for free when his current contract expires next summer. It means they will reluctantly attempt to sell the France captain, who has a clause in his contract allowing him to extend his stay by a further 12 months to June 30, 2025. However, the option was weighted in Mbappe's favour and he has now decided not to exercise it.

As things stand it means Mbappe will be a free agent at the end of next season, which has hugely upset PSG, who believe they have invested in him and been let down. They will not allow a free transfer to happen having risked it last year before Mbappe eventually signed a new deal.

Interestingly, Mbappe has said in the past he will never leave PSG for free.

PSG believe they have been let down by Mbappe, especially after making it clear they were prepared

to build their team around him and having given him unprecedented influence at the club when he signed his current contract.

PSG withdrew their offer to extend Lionel Messi's initial two-year deal at the club with the Argentine superstar having now decided to quit and join the MLS club, Inter Miami. Similarly PSG would happily sell Neymar, even though the 31-year-old Brazilian has four more years left on his deal at the club.

PSG feel bitterly disappointed with Mbappe's behaviour and not least because they had offered to invest heavily in the work carried out by his foundation and make him their focal point for a young, Franco-centric team. Instead Mbappe has now served notice he will quit PSG which will spark an extraordinary scramble to sign him led by Real Madrid.

Real were left bitterly disappointed by PSG's decision to reject their offer for Mbappe two years ago and by his choice to remain at PSG and sign a new deal. Real had an initial bid of €160 million rejected by PSG in August 2021 and subsequently offered €180 million. Back then he had less than 12 months left on his deal so PSG will look for a similar amount now and, at the very least, will want to cover their costs of €155 million when they signed Mbappe from Monaco in 2018.

PSG are incredulous by Mbappe's announcement, especially as he has indicated to the club that he intended to sign a new contract. Real will again be interested in Mbappe, and would appear the favourites to sign him, given Karim Benzema's departure to join the Saudi Pro-League, but will face competition, especially from Premier League clubs. Given PSG accept Mbappe will not renew his contract it means they will now reluctantly look to sell to the highest bidder.

If PSG do not sell Mbappe it means he can either sign a pre-contract agreement with a club outside of France in January or run down his contract and wait until next June before deciding a deal.

It remains to be seen whether Real, having agreed an initial €103 million fee, which can rise by 30 per cent with add-ons, for Jude Bellingham, can afford Mbappe. They appear unlikely to bid for Harry Kane given the €100 million-plus costs involved but may regard Mbappe as a special case for whom they can find the funds.

THE TELEGRAPH

Nuggets take home 1st NBA title in rugged 94-89 win over Heat

DENVER

CONFETTI flying in Denver. The Nuggets sharing hugs while passing around the NBA championship trophy.

Those scenes that, for almost a half-century, seemed impossible, then more recently started feeling inevitable, finally turned into reality Monday night.

The Nuggets outlasted the Miami Heat 94-89 in an ugly, frantic Game 5 that did nothing to derail Nikola Jokic, who bailed out his teammates with 28 points and 16 rebounds on a night when nothing else seemed to work.

Jokic became the first player in history to lead the league in points (600), rebounds (269) and assists (190) in a single postseason. Not surprisingly, he won the Bill Russell trophy as the NBA Finals MVP – an award that certainly has more meaning to him than the two overall MVPs he won in 2021 and '22 and the one that escaped him this year.

"We are not in it for ourselves, we are in it for the guy next to us," Jokic said. "And that's why this (means) even more."

Denver's clincher was a gruesome grind.

Unable to shake the tenacious Heat or their own closing-night jitters, the Nuggets missed 20 of their first 22 3-pointers. They missed seven of their first 13 free throws. They overcame that to take a late seven-point lead, only to see Miami's Jimmy Butler go off. He scored eight straight points to give the Heat a one-point lead with 2:45 left.

Butler made two free throws with 1:58 remaining to help Miami regain a one-point lead. Then, Bruce Brown got an offensive rebound and tip-in to give the Nuggets an edge they wouldn't give up.

Trailing by three with 15 seconds left, Butler jacked up a 3, but missed it. Brown and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope made two free throws each down the stretch to clinch the title for Denver.

Butler finished with 21 points.

"Those last three or four minutes felt like a scene out of a movie," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Two teams in the center of the ring throwing haymaker after haymaker, and it's not necessarily shot making. It's the efforts."

Grueling as it was, the aftermath was something the Nuggets and their fans could all agree was beautiful. There were fireworks exploding outside Ball Arena at the final buzz-



Nikola Jokic #15 of the Denver Nuggets is presented the Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award after a 94-89 victory against the Miami Heat in Game Five of the 2023 NBA Finals to win the NBA Championship at Ball Arena on June 12, 2023 in Denver, Colorado. (Agencies)

er. Denver is the home of the Larry O'Brien Trophy for the first time in the franchise's 47 years in the league.

"The fans in this town are unbelievable," said team owner Stan Kroenke, who also owns the Colorado Avalanche, the team that won its third Stanley Cup last year. "It means a lot to us to get this done."

The Heat were, as Spoelstra promised, a gritty, tenacious bunch. But their shooting wasn't great, either. Miami shot 34% from the floor and 25% from 3. Until Butler went off, he was 2 for 13 for eight points. Bam Adebayo finished with 20 points.

The Heat, who survived a loss in the play-in tournament and became only the second No. 8 seed to make the finals, insisted they weren't into consolation prizes.

They played like they expected to win, and for a while during this game, which was settled as much by players diving onto the floor as sweet-looking jump shots, it looked like they would.

The Nuggets, who came in shooting 37.6% from 3 for the series, shot 18% in this one. They committed 14 turnovers.

The tone was set with 2:51 left in the first quarter, when Jokic got his second foul and joined Aaron Gordon on the bench. Jeff Green and Jamal Murray, who finished with 14 points and eight assists on an off night, joined them there, too.

It made the Nuggets tentative on both sides of the court for the rest of the half. Somehow, after shooting

6.7% from 3 – the worst first half in the history of the finals (10-shot minimum) they only trailed by seven.

True to the Nuggets' personality, they kept pressing, came at their opponent in waves and figured out how to win a game that went against their type. Their beautiful game turned into a slugfest, but they figured it out nonetheless.

"What I was most proud about is, throughout the game, if your offense is not working and your shots are not falling, you have to dig in on the defensive end," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said.

It felt almost perfect that an unheralded and once-chubby second-round draft pick from Serbia would be the one to lift Denver to the top of a league that, for decades, has been dominated by superstars, first-round draft picks and players who lead the world in sneaker and jersey sales.

Over their near five-decade stay in the league, the Nuggets have been the epitome of a lovable NBA backbencher – at times entertaining, adorned by rainbows on their uniforms and headlined by colorful characters on the floor and bench. But never quite good enough to break through against the biggest stars and better teams to the east, west and south of them.

Before this season, there were only two teams founded before 1980 – the Nuggets and Clippers – that had never been to an NBA Finals. The Nuggets took their name off that list, then joined San Antonio as the sec-

ond original ABA team to capture the NBA's biggest prize. The other two ABAers, the Pacers and Nets, have been to the finals but lost.

It was the Joker's blossoming into a do-everything force that made the Nuggets a team to watch. Not everybody did. A shift to winning couldn't change Denver's location on the map – in a weird time zone in flyover territory – and it didn't shift everyone's view of the Nuggets.

Even in Denver.

There's little doubt that this has always been a Broncos-first sort of town. No single Denver victory will outshine the day in 1998 when John Elway broke through and that team's owner, Pat Bowlen, held the Lombardi Trophy high and declared: "This one's for John!"

But this one? It won't take a back seat to much. It's for every Dan (Issel), David (Thompson), Doug (Moe) or Dikembe (Mutombo) who ever came up short or got passed over for a newer, shinier model with more glitter and more stars.

For the first time in 47 seasons, nobody in the NBA shines brighter than the Nuggets.

"You live vicariously through these guys," said Denver great LaPhonso Ellis, as he pointed to the big scoreboard announcing the Nuggets as champions. "And to see that there, '2023 NBA Champions' here in Denver, that's so cool, and I'm honored to be a part of it."

AP

Minnows Central African Republic share spotlight with giants Morocco

JOHANNESBURG

STAR-STACKED Morocco and minnows Central African Republic (C.A.R.) are III places apart in the world rankings, but they will share the Africa Cup of Nations matchday five qualifying limelight this week.

While Morocco visit South Africa for a first competitive outing since their 2022 World Cup heroics, C.A.R. hope to beat Angola and reach the African finals for the first time.

Last December in Qatar, Morocco became the first African or Arab semi-finalists in the World Cup with a stunning group win over Belgium followed by knockout triumphs against Spain and Portugal.

But since losing out to Croatia for third place, the Atlas Lions have not had a competitive fixture because scheduled Cup of Nations opponents Zimbabwe were banned by FIFA.

Although Morocco and South Africa have secured the two Group K qualifying places at the expense of Liberia, the match in Johannesburg has triggered huge interest.

Soccer City stadium officials are predicting a 50,000 crowd after supporters reacted positively to the ticket price being reduced from 50 rand (\$2.70/2.50 euros) to 20.

Playing in front of a large crowd will mark a welcome change for Bafana Bafana, whose lacklustre displays in recent years have led to dwindling support.

Qatar heroes like goalkeeper Yass-

ine Bounou, defender Achraf Hakimi, midfielder Hakim Ziyech and forward Youssef en-Nesyri have been called up by Morocco coach Walid Regragui. While these stars operate in top European leagues, no South African featured in the Premier League, La Liga, Serie A or Bundesliga last season.

Forward Lyle Foster, a scorer when South Africa fell 2-1 in Morocco last year, has joined promoted Burnley and is set to play in the English top flight next season.

The Cup of Nations is 67 years old, but 10 countries, including C.A.R., have yet to qualify for the tournament.

- Notable scalps - C.A.R. came close to making a breakthrough in the 2021 qualifying competition, losing at home to Mauritania in a winners-take-all showdown.

The 'Wild Beasts' boast some notable scalps in qualifiers, including Algeria and Egypt, and a win over Angola would secure a first finals appearance. A national stadium in Bangui that does not meet international standards has forced the minnows to host matches at neutral venues with Cameroon port city Douala staging the Angola match.

Swiss Raoul Savoy is in his third stint as coach of the 'Beasts' and the best known of the 24 players he chose for the Group E game is Atletico Madrid midfielder Geoffrey Kondogbia.

Louis Mafouta, a French second division forward, has netted four goals in qualifiers, one less than chart-toppers Sadio Mane of Senegal and Victor Osimhen of Nigeria.

C.A.R. are among 14 teams who could qualify in matchday five, which would raise the overall total to 21 and

leave just three spots up for grabs in the final round during September.

A draw away to Sierra Leone will ensure qualification for Nigeria from Group A, and victory in Madagascar would guarantee Group E leaders Ghana a place.

Record seven-time champions Egypt meet Guinea in Group D and both nations will qualify should the match be drawn.

Shock 2012 champions Zambia can end a three-tournament absence by avoiding defeat at home to the Ivory Coast, automatic qualifiers as hosts but competing in Group H to gain match practice.

Out-of-favour Chelsea forward Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang has been lured out of international retirement by Gabon president Ali Bongo Ondimba for a key Group I clash with the Democratic Republic of Congo.

AFP

Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

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Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's Abhik Patwa (R) receives the Colourflex Man of the Match award from KVA Krishnan, Group Managing Director of Alliance Insurance Corporation, upon conclusion of the squad's 2023 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup game against RAS Logistics Caravans B held on Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF RAS Logistics Caravans BCARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Aurobindo Aga Khan SC stretches winning run in 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM's Leaders Club ground, last Sunday, witnessed an exhilarating clash between Aurobindo Aga Khan SC and RAS Logistics Caravans B.

The two clubs took on each other in a crucial group stage match of this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament.

Aurobindo Aga Khan SC emerged victorious by 43 runs, thanks to a splendid batting performance followed by some impressive bowling.

Winning the toss, Aurobindo Aga Khan SC elected to bat first, aiming to set a challenging total.

Opener Abhik Patwa displayed his class as he played brilliant innings, scoring 65 runs off just 55 deliveries. His knock included some exquisite strokes and he set a solid foundation for his team.

Ajith Augustin, coming in at one down, contributed significantly with a quick-fire 46 off 34 balls.

Their partnership propelled Aurobindo Aga Khan SC to a respectable total of 163/5 in their allotted 20 overs.

In pursuit of the target, RAS Logistics Caravans B struggled to build substantial partnerships.

Opener Praveen Puthanpurayil fought hard and managed to score 39 runs off 31 deliveries, but his efforts were not enough to turn the tide.

Manoj Kumar, batting two down, scored 23 runs off 31 balls in an attempt to revive the innings. However, the Aurobindo Aga Khan SC bowlers dominated the proceedings and never allowed RAS Logistics Caravans B to gain momentum.

Abhik Patwa proved to be the star performer with the ball for Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, claiming three crucial wickets.

His disciplined and accurate bowling restricted the opposition batsmen, put them under pressure, and earned him the Colourflex Man of the Match Award. RAS Logistics Caravans B's Augustin earned the Rickshaw Game Changer of the Match.

In response RAS Logistics Caravans B could only manage to score 120/8 in their 20 overs, falling short of the target by 43 runs.

Despite some individual efforts, they failed to build partnerships and struggled against the disciplined bowling attack of Aurobindo Aga Khan SC.

With this victory, Aurobindo Aga Khan SC secured their place as the group toppers in Group B of this season's Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup.

They registered four consecutive wins, accumulating a total of eight points and an impressive Net Run Rate (NRR) of 2.09.

Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's consistent performances throughout the group stage have showcased their prowess and made them strong contenders for the knockout stage of the tournament.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup is an annual T20-formatted cricket competition organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

Petrofuel is the title sponsor of this tournament. Other sponsors include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, TATA Africa Holdings, ASAS, Rickshaw Travels, Ras Logistics, Pepsi, e-Parking, Remax, Flashnet, and Aurobindo.

Others are Azania Bank, Jiuzhou, All Season Hotel, General Petroleum, Honeywell, Automark, Hisense, Oman Air, Ashton Media, Mo Assurance, Aucom & Harmonic, and Car & General.

Horizon Teleports, Aone Bottlers, Samsonite, Bank of India, Canara Bank, Euro Cables, VL Smart Solutions, Mobidoc, GI Logistics, Delta Africa, Samaki Samaki, and Tanzania Assurance wind up the sponsors' list.

Alliance Caravans lifted the 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament's trophy following the outfit's four-wicket drubbing of Aurobindo Aga Khan SC in the final.

Saido issues cryptic response after missing out on MVP award

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC attacking midfielder Said Ntibazonkiza 'Saido' has delivered an ambiguous message after he missed out on the 2022/23 NBC Premier League's Player of the Season award.

The accolade instead went to Young Africans SC's 28-year-old striker Fiston Mayele, who is reportedly being tracked by the likes of South Africa's soccer powerhouse, Mamelodi Sundowns.

Saido (pictured) has enjoyed a fine season with Simba SC also nicknamed 'Msimbazi Reds' whom he joined mid-season from Geita Gold FC, scoring 17 goals and assisting 12 times in 23 Premier League games.

The Burundi international consequently received a nomination for the NBC Premier League's Player of the Season award alongside Mayele, Yanga's goalkeeper Dgwi Diarra, and Simba SC midfielder Muzamiru Yassin.

After the Tanzania Football Federation awards ceremony in Tanga on June 12, Saido had a cryptic response to his MVP snub while speaking to Simba TV.

The midfielder revealed: "The season was difficult, especially when I started. When I started, there were many challenges but I thank God for allowing me to reach this point. Everyone saw what I did. Numbers don't lie, everyone saw it, the important thing is to thank God and accept the results."

"Everyone has seen the work I did, that's why I got these awards. It's not an easy thing, that's why I think I have bagged the most awards," the footballer pointed out.

Saido noted: "It's something I'm proud of, my family is happy. My leaders are happy, I have received calls from players congratulating me."

The footballer who played for Young Africans SC (Yanga) last season won the Best Midfielder, Playmaker, and Fair Play awards as well as being named in the Team of the Season. He was quick to congratulate Mayele and other nominees.

Saido said: "First, let me congratulate the winner. I have to congratulate him because he was in the category of players competing for awards."

The Burundian footballer said: "When you are nominated for an award like this, even though you don't win it, you are already a winner because there are more than 300 players. If you are among four or five players nominated, you must be proud. It is an honour and thanks to Allah for this."



Nabi credits coaching staff after winning NBC PL Coach of the Season prize



Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans SC head coach Nasreddine Nabi was crowned 2022/23 NBC Premier League coach of the Season on Monday night after enjoying an incredible campaign.

The Tunisia-born tactician guided Young Africans SC, popularly known as Yanga, to a second NBC Premier League title, racking up a historic high 78 points tally.

He also led Yanga to successfully defend their Community Shield and Azam Sports Federation Cup honours as well as finishing as runner-up in the CAF Confederation Cup as they went closer to winning the quadruple than any other Tanzanian side in history.

Nabi pipped Simba SC's head coach Roberto Oliveira and Singida Big Stars' tactician Hans van der Pluijm to the award and it was the Yanga coach's second

time claiming the prize.

After picking up the award, Nabi humbly credited his coaching staff in his speech.

The tactician noted: "This is recognition of all the tough work done by my team and me this season. This is the end of the season, we have the (Premier League) championship, the Azam Sports Federation Cup, and runners-up medals in the CAF Confederation Cup. We have received the award, this is a big moment for Young Africans SC and me."

He added: "We gave our maximum. All the technical members helped me, Cedric Kaze, Khalil Ben Youssef, and others, this distinction is for all of us."

This season, Yanga has played 55 games - the maximum number the squad could have played this season.

On top of the 30 Premier League games, their CAF Confederation Cup final run added 14 games with six more games coming from the Azam Sports Federation Cup. The Community Shield victory against Simba SC kicked off their busy season.

Nabi is only the second coach in Main-

land Tanzania Premier League history to have won the season award back-to-back.

After a two-year stay at Yanga where he has won six titles, Nabi is heavily linked with a move to South African football giants Kaizer Chiefs.

With his contract coming to an end in July, Nabi appeared to have said goodbye to his club's fans after the Azam Sports Federation Cup final triumph against Azam FC at Mkwakwani Stadium on June 12. He, however, quickly explained he was only offering a vote of thanks to Tanzanians for the love they have shown him since he set foot in the country in April 2021.

The tactician revealed: "I said thank you Tanzania because I love 'Wananchi wa Tanzania' (Tanzanian citizens). This is the reality. It's not about seeking popularity, it is natural because they are peaceful people. They showed me love, I love them as much."

Multiple South African media have reported Nabi is in advanced negotiations to join Kaizer Chiefs now seeking to rebuild after yet another disappointing campaign.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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12:00 KIPENGA XTRA
13:00 MJADALA (r)
13:30 Movie
13:55 Dondoo Za Michezo
14:00 Movie
15:00 Funguka
15:30 Mpera Mpera
15:55 Dondoo Za Michezo
16:00 Hot Spot
16:30 Zote Kuntu
17:00 SSELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 Kali Za Wana
18:30 #HASHTAG
19:00 EATV SAA 1
20:00 DADAZ (r)
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