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President Samia Suluhu Hassan consoles patients admitted to the Manyara regional referral hospital in Babati as part of her tour of

Power rationing from 300mw gap ends next month, **TANESCO affirms**

By Getrude Mbago

POWER rationing being conducted all over the country is likely to last up to mid-next month as the dry spell continues in 'water source regions' feeding key generation plants.

Maharage Chande, director general for the power company, said at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday that a deficit of 300 megawatts per day has arisen due to Kidatu and Pangani plants being shut down.

"Drought and ongoing rehabilitation of infrastructures is affecting power supply, but the company is working to minimise the effect," noting that Kihansi power plant with 180MW capacity generates 17MW at present.

Pangani power station with an installed 68MW capacity has been shut down, while Mtera plant was in slight decline from 80MW to 75MW, he said, affirming that the

corporation was doing all it can to ensure that what is generated is equally shared.

He was cautious as to ending power rationing entirely by mid next month, saying shortages will be experienced in the next two to three years, with long term strategies already in place to achieve that goal.

Completion of the Julius Nyerere hydropower plant whose construction is now said to have reached 87 percent will summarily address existing power challenges, he stated.

Drought apart, the company faces challenges of infrastructures as some power plants are ageing out, occasioning power rationing due to frequent renovations, he

Some infrastructure problems can be fixed within a short time but others take a year to

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'Deforestation bad, more trees needed'

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday urged people to plant trees to curb environmental degradation and desist from engaging in socioeconomic activities that lead to deforestation.

Addressing Babati residents in the Manyara region, the president said that people should stop cutting down trees if we are to survive drought.

Environment experts in the government need to make sure that people understand the essence of protecting the environment from all kinds of degradation, she said.

People must also be involved in protecting completed water projects, she said, noting that projects relating to construction of dams requires that residents support local authorities in ensuring that the projects succeed.



People must dedicate their time and efforts in agriculture so that food is available, the president emphasised, pointing at rising food security threats in the wake of climate

The country has all it takes to survive the food deficit if farmers play their role as the government has allocated over 700bn/- in the current fiscal plan for the sector, she said.

"The government is doing all it can in supporting farmers to make sure that there is sufficient supply of food during the current season and well beyond," she said.

Easing access to fertilizers via subsidy, construction of modern silos for food preservation and empowering farmers with required technologies to enhance farm productivity was among measures the government was taking, she said.

Manyara Region had during 2020/21 produced enough food with an excess of 264,819 tonnes which was marketed outside the region, she said.

In remarks to invite the president so speak, PO-RALG state minister (Regional Administration and Local Governments) commended the president for allocating over 300m/- from the Covid-19 relief funds to build 12,000 classrooms at secondary schools and 3,000 classrooms in temporary schools.

Over 907,000 children joining secondary education were accommodated in the **TURN TO PAGE 2** By Guardian Reporter

ENVIRONMENT watchers are crediting now approved Msimbazi Basin transformation plan not just to decisions by President Samia Suluhu Hassan but to initiatives dating from the time she was still vice-president.

Details of the background to the project are coming to light in the wake of signing an agreement to control floods and conduct environmental restoration in the area. obtaining a \$200m (463bn/-) concessional loan from the World Bank.

Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said at the signing ceremony that the plan is geared toward controlling storm water overflows along the Msimbazi Basin by extending the drainage system, plus widening and raising the bridge.

as the Msimbazi Code-named opportunity project, it will provide a long term solution to flash floods at the valley and turn the wetlands into a city park, an idea linked with the president as, back in January 2018, she had convened a meeting on the severe flooding that regularly affects Dar es Salaam.

'Samia tied to Msimbazi Park project since 2017'

It submitted an 'opportunity plan' developed through a participatory design process that lasted from January to August 2018 with the leading role of the Msimbazi stakeholder team

concluded that a task force was needed to coordinate various government initiatives and provide guidance for the future with respect to flood protection and environmental restoration.

The series of design meetings involving community members was organized by the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) as the starting point for coordinated work on the Msimbazi Basin.

The World Bank published the 'Msimbazi Opportunity Report' in 2019, which underlined that the report was prepared in response to the vice-president's appeal back in 2017 to adequately address the recurrent flood risks in Dar es Salaam, especially at the Msimbazi valley.

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Zimbabwe now approves law to punish 'unpatriotic' citizens in war on sanctions



HARARE

Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa's government has approved a proposed law that will punish 'unpatriotic" citizens as the 80-year-old ruler moves to silence critics and entrench his reign.

President Mnangagwa (pictured) promised a law that will punish Zimbabweans who lobby for sanctions against the country soon after winning the disputed 2018 elections. It will be

known as the Patriotic Act.

The government said the proposed law would be modelled on the States' Logan Act

Information minister Monica Mutsvangwa told journalists in Harare on Tuesday that the cabinet had approved the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Amendment Bill 2022 targeting those deemed as undermining Zimbabwe's national interest.

The cabinet approved the bill presented by justice, legal and parliamentary affairs minister Ziyambi Ziyambi, Ms Mutsvangwa told a post-cabinet media briefing.

"The [bill] enhances the provisions of the criminal law code in matters relating to the country's sovereignty through the criminalisation of conduct that undermines

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address, like ordering machinery or plants, getting them exported and installed, he explained.

"We will continue updating the public on the situation of power and measures we are taking every time," he stated.

He cited the use of energy source mix, noting that the current generation system was largely reliant on hydropower generation, pointing at gas, solar and wind sources now being developed, with 180MW expected from Kinyerezi I gas-fuelled power station entering the national grid next year.

Investors in wind and solar energy plants were also being engaged as part of efforts to improve power supply countrywide, he said.

Dar es Salaam and Coast regions remain the largest users of power, consuming up to 50 percent of generated electricity, he said, specifying that the start of the hot season promotes greater use of electrical fans and air conditioning.

Hydropower remains a major sources of electricity along with the more costly gas powered generation, but dam filling for hydropower plants was increasingly problematic with low levels of water.

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Zimbabwe's sovereignty, dignity, independence and national interests," she said.

"The bill also provides for a mandatory sentence in rape and murder cases.

"In addition, it expands the definition of dangerous drugs and also amends the elements which form the crime of abuse of public

President Mnangagwa's ruling Zanu PF has been making threats to criminalise conduct it deems as unpatriotic, including calling for

Critics say the proposed law is part of a sustained attack on freedom of expression by the Zimbabwean ruler, who took over power in 2017 following a military coup that toppled longtime ruler Robert Mugabe.

After returning from brief exile in South Africa after the coup, the former vice-president and longtime lieutenant of the late Robert Mugabe promised a new kind of democracy under his rule, but critics say he is a worse autocrat than his predecessor.

Tendai Biti, a former finance minister and now deputy leader of the Citizens Coalition for Change, described the proposed law as "fascist and unconstitutional".

"The so-called Patriotic Bill is no more than a predatory instrument to proscribe alternative views and values," Mr Biti said.

"Every true Zimbabwe will protect her country, but also has right to protect injustice and abuse.

"We reject this unconstitutional, desperate fascist law." The government has defended

the proposed law, drawing comparisons with the US' Logan Act, which criminalises negotiation by unauthorised citizens with foreign governments that have disputes with Washington.

Only two people have ever been indicted on charges of violating the Logan Act and none of them was convicted.

President Mnangagwa's government early this year also approved a proposed law that seeks to restrict civil society organisations from receiving foreign funding.

It accuses the groups of being conduits of money from foreign governments to finance opposition parties in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe has been under Western sanctions for over two decades over alleged human rights violations and electoral fraud.

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classrooms starting January, she said. Manyara region was allocated 5.5bn/- for construction of the classes, with 2.3bn/- issued for construction of temporary schools,

allocated where she added. September

Manyara Region received 1.54bn/for construction of 77 classrooms for those joining form one next year, she said.

During the 2021/22 financial year, the government had constructed 232 secondary schools budgeted at 143.47bn/-, where eight were built in 160bn/- was in Manyara region at a cost of 3.76bn/-,

Elephants now break into homes in Taita Taveta to look for snacks

Mwandolo borehole in Zongwani village in Voi, Taita Taveta County. elephants have broken the walls around the water point to share the commodity with the locals.

It was around midnight when Julius Mwatela was woken up by a loud bang.

Moments later, there was a severe rumble and to his shock, he felt weightless as his bed was lifted and suspended in the air.

"It was my worst nightmare," he

He remembers seeing two huge tusks protruding through the mud wall of his one-room farmhouse in Zongwani village in Sagalla, Taita Taveta County.

A rogue elephant had poked its tusks through the wall as it tried to bulldoze its way into the house.

Sharp survival instincts saved him. He leaped out of his bed, yanked open his mabati door and dashed out running for his dear life. Behind him, the rogue elephant continued to ram its tusks into the wall to make its way into his house.

Mr Mwatela says it was one of the scariest moments of his life.

"As I was running to save my life, I saw other elephants standing outside the house. I ran to my neighbour's house and spent the night there. I escaped death by a whisker," he said.

Break-ins by elephants have now become the norm in the three villages of Zongwani, Marapu and Rahasi in Sagalla ward.

Villagers said one elephant had become notorious for raiding the village in search of water and food, causing trouble for the public.

The elephant has been raiding homes and kiosks and making off with food items like sugar, flour, bread and snacks.

Michael Mshambala, a kiosk owner in Zongwani said that the elephant has developed a taste for human food and breaks into houses to satisfy his cravings.

Last week, it invaded his compound and broke into his small kiosk and made away with a bag of sugar and several loaves of bread.

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Finance and Planning minister Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba exchanges greetings with Citibank managing director David Livingstone after their meeting in Dar

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process that lasted from January to August 2018 with the leading role of the Msimbazi stakeholder team. More than 200 people from 59 institutions and communities worked across 30 working sessions to bring up the plan, it said.

Ministry officials sat with grassroots members of the community, civil society and the private sector to determine how to best address the multi-faceted challenges posed by the recurrent flooding.

Samia 'tied to Msimbazi Park project since 2017'

of service providers were involved, including the regional secretariat, environment body NEMC. three municipalities as well as the rapid bus company (DART), water the Wami Ruvu Water Basin

Regulatory bodies and a series as well as ministerial officials for Lands, Water, Works, and

'Outsider' stakeholders included suppliers (DAWASA, DAWASCO), Authority, the Prime Minister Office

(Disaster Management), TANESCO and TanRoads, with a range of experts from Ardhi University, the land use commission, the private sector, forest service, NHC and the weather agency.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi exchanges greetings with Somali's new ambassador to Tanzania, Zahra Ali Hassan who paid a courtesy call at the State House yesterday. Photo: State Hous

TCRA wins public's applause for outstanding performance

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

PEOPLE who visited the ongoing financial services exhibition in Mwanza have congratulated the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) for revolutinalising financial services and enabling the services to be easily accessed.

Speaking at different times when visiting the TCRA exhibition

said that long ago before the establishment of communication services, access to financial services was a challenge costing people time, fares to follow them and the lack of access to financial information.

residents, Frederick Masanja for facilitating it. said that farmers are now getting banking services while they companies that invest in internet development.'

booth here yesterday, people are in the fields unlike in the beginning when they had to go to the cities to follow the services. Another resident, Costa Mabula said that in the past, the issue of salaries for them was a challenge but now with access to modern communication services it is One of the Mwanza-based easier and he congratulates TCRA

TCRA grants licenses to

there are currently 20, utility service companies of which there are 87, and licenses for special service numbers where financial services are given numbers starting with *150*. The financial services week is being held in Mwanza at rock city stadiums where this year's theme is 'financial education for people's



Tourists from various countries at Horombo on Monday heading towards Uhuru Peak of Mount Kilimanjaro. It is the highest mountain in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain above sea level in the world: 5,895 metres (19,341 ft) above sea level. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

'SDC will continue supporting conserving forests in Tanzania'

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has announced to continue supporting the conserving forests through sustainable, forest-based enterprise support in Tanzania (CoForEST) project for another year.

The project aims at enabling more people to benefit from community based forest management (CBFM) activities across the country

The statement was issued yesterday by the programme officer, employment and income from the Embassy of Switzerland in Tanzania, Clara Minja when speaking at a one day meeting for CoForEST on how to enhance financing actions and investment for implementation of CBFM.

"Decisions to add another year followed the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 that affected most planned activities," she remarked.

Projects that were expected to order to expand CBFM coverage in provided by our supporters. The project. | statistics course and managerial Continent.

phase out at the end of this month are implemented by the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) in collaboration with Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA) with funding from SDC.

She said for many people to benefit from CBFM activities thus conserving forests, there should be efforts to control human activities such as agriculture, charcoal, fire and grazing.

She said there is a need to address policy barriers arising from frameworks such as the GN. 417 to help more villages to benefit from forest resources within their village land forest reserve and prevent deforestation.

Clara stressed the need for collaboration between the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism and the Prime Minister's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PMO-RALG) in order to expand CBFM coverage in

phase out at the end of this month accordance with its action plan.

She added that political will is important in ensuring that all the villagers take part in forest conservation activities and benefit from the resources.

"As SDC we are glad for what has been achieved through the CoForEST project in Tanzania. We conducted policy review in collaboration with Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) whereas results indicated that CBFM is relevant in the country," she added.

Director of Forest and Beekeeping Division, in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Deusdedit Bwayo expressed thanks to SDC for their financial support that in turn has transformed people's lives and helped the government to increase tax collections through the various projects implemented across the country.

andemic in 2020 that affected most Regional Administration and "We will continue to monitor lanned activities," she remarked. Local Government (PMO-RALG) in the use of additional funds Projects that were expected to order to expand CBFM coverage in provided by our supporters. The

funds are important in enhancing forest management and allows many people to benefit from the resources," he said.

TFCG executive director, Charles Meshack said the main goal of the meeting was to look for more funds from different donors that will be used to implement CBFM nationwide.

He mentioned agriculture as the driving force for deforestation by 89 per cent, according to a research conducted by TFCG and other stakeholders. People are cutting trees for farming activities, he added.

According to him, fire and charcoal contribute to forest degradation by 7 percent, and grazing 3 per cent, and agriculture 7 per cent.

He said as the world population continues to increase, there will be increased demand for farms, resulting in more forests being cleared for agricultural activities.

MJUMITA executive director, Rahima Njaidi said it their belief that the government will consider all the issues raised by stakeholders during the meeting for better implementation of the CBFM project.

NBS, KOSTAT inaugurate statistical training room

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE National Statistics Bureau (NBS) in collaboration with Statistics Korea (KOSTAT) has launched the statistical training room aimed at improving activities of the bureau.

The joint project aims at building capacity for the national statistic system is focusing on provision of inhouse training to NBS staff.

The training room that has cost about 120mn/- will be of great help to NBS as it is equipped with computers installed with specialized programmes for statistical and various information analysis.

Speaking in Dodoma during the occasion held at NBS headquarters yesterday the Census Commissar Anne Makinda said that, the training room will help the data processing training which will enhance NBS's ability to produce timely, quality and official statistics that will help the nation to make various development plans.

"This training room opens a new

"This training room opens a new page in the development of statistical infrastructure in our country in general and at NBS in particular because it has equipment to support statistical activities," said Makinda.

The Census Commissar also said that the training room will benefit the National Statistic System as NBS are about to embark on the data processing of the 2022 census. "I have no doubt whatsoever in my mind that these facilities will immensely impact the statistical process from data production to dissemination of the result within the National Statistic System," she said.

Along with the launch of training room NBS and KOSTAT were also cerebrating the completion of a second year of the joint project between the two institutions.

During the second year of implementing the joint project NBS and KOSTAT has managed to conduct various statistical trainings such as agriculture and fisheries statistics course and managerial

level statistics course held in Korea and employment statistics course and economic statistics course held in Tanzania respectively.

The coordinator of NBS and KOSTAT joint project Deogratius Malamsha said that the main activities of the second year of the project has been timely completed as planned and they are now looking forward to implement the third year's project mission which focuses on strengthening the data base service system national wide.

Malamsha also mentioned the benefits of the joint project in the first year of implementation 2020-2021 that NBS received GIS equipment which were used to support the work of allocating areas for 2022 census and the sharing experience training on the implementation of Population and Housing Census between Tanzania and South Korea.

Speaking about the joint project the director of the North Korea National Statistics (KOSTAT) Dr Hae Ryun Kim said that, the joint project 2020-2023 will approximately spend 4bn/- up to its completion and it will strengthen the NBS's ability to process timely and quality data for national development plans.

Kim said that KOSTAT appreciates and commends the cooperation they got from NBS during the maintenance and installation of equipment in the data collection and processing training room which is now complete and has all the necessary equipment including tables, chairs, projectors and computers which he hope that they will last for the next 100 years and support the work done by NBS.

The statistician genera, Dr. Albina Chuwa also said that along with other projects in 2016 Tanzania became one of the Republic of Korea's priority partner countries for official development assistance (ODA) and consequently NBS was the first national statistical office to receive ODA project in African Continent.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Embassy of Sweden in Dar es Salaam represents the Swedish Government in Tanzania through political dialogue, development cooperation and promotion of trade. The Embassy is also covering Burundi and the East African Community. In total the Embassy employs almost 40 staff members.

We would like to invite applications from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Political Affairs, Promotion and Communication Officer. The position is temporary, available from 1st February to 1st August 2023 with a limited possibility for an extension. The job holder will report to the Head of Section for Political Affairs, Trade and Promotion and will join a team of 3 people.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS, PROMOTION & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Duties and responsibilities:

The role involves analysing political and economic developments in Tanzania and the East African Community (EAC), as well as organising events to promote Sweden and Swedish interests in Tanzania, actively contributing to the Embassy's public diplomacy, including external communication in English and Kiswahili. Specifically, the officer will be responsible for:

- Following, analysing and reporting on political and economic developments.
- Maintaining an excellent network among political, media and civil society actors as well as the private sector.
- Planning and execution of external activities (i.e. seminars, conferences, receptions etc.).
 Assisting with information and contacts to support strengthened trade relations between Sweden
- and Tanzania including support to Swedish affiliated businesses in Tanzania.
 Following social media trends and proactively providing input to the Embassy's communication
- work.
- Supporting the Embassy's communication in English and Kiswahili.Supporting other functions at the Embassy as required.

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- Master's degree in political science, economics, journalism or relevant field.
- Excellent command of written and spoken English and Kiswahili.
- Minimum 5 years relevant professional work experience (e.g. international organisation, diplomatic mission etc.)
- Experience from working with promotion events.

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- Ability to manage multiple projects, be creative, show initiative, meet tight deadlines and work under pressure.
- Strong social and communication skills (we are a small team that works closely together).
- Proven ability to write qualified texts used for reporting and/or external communication (you are welcome to submit examples of your work).

If you are interested in this exciting career opportunity, e-mail us one attachment having your CV (maximum 5 pages) and one page application letter explaining your suitability for the job. Please, do not include your certificates. Write "PAPO" in your e-mail subject line. The deadline is on 30th November 2022. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Expatriates with valid work permits or who demonstrate eligibility to obtain the relevant permit will be considered. The embassy does not sponsor visas/work permits.

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CIVIL CASE NO. 121 OF 2022

TANZANIA PORTLANT CEMENT PLC PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

SIGORI INVESTMENT TANZANIA LTD DEFENDANT

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION:

TO:

SIGORI INVESTMENT TANZANIA LTD,

P.O. Box 1754,

DAR ES SALAAM.

WHEREAS, the above mentioned case has been fixed for mention on 29TH NOVEMBER, 2022 AT 08.30 AM before Hon. S.E. KISANYA - Judge you are required to appear in this court without fail and must produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your case.

TAKE NOTICE that in default of your appearance on that day aforementioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

GIVEN under my HAND and SEAL of Court this 29TH OCTOBER, 2022.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR
HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA
DAR ES SALAAM

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External Auditor for the Financial Period ending 31st December 2022

Terms of Reference

1 About NAD Zanzibar

Norwegian Association of Disabled (NAD) is a rights-based advocacy organisation of persons with disabilities. Our vision is a society for all, where people with disabilities have the same opportunity as other people and can live according to their own wishes, abilities, and interests. We have our head office in Oslo -Norway and branches in Zambia, Uganda, and Zanzibar

In 2022, we started our direct operations in Zanzibar and were registered as a branch of foreign society by the Registrar of Societies under the Act no 6 of 1995. In addition to the current partnership with MECP-Zanzibar in the arears of Human Rights Advocacy (HRA) and Inclusive Education (IE), NAD - Zanzibar has initiated another project in inclusive Economic Employment Program (EEP). NAD Zanzibar coordinates the KIJALUBA iSAVE Zanzibar Project which is implemented as a partnership between TAMWA and SHIJUWAZA NAD - Zanzibar receives its funding from the NAD - Head Office - Oslo and is treated as subgrantee of the Head Offices. The main donor to NAD is NORAD.

2 Task

NAD - Zanzibar is looking for a qualified firm to audit its Financial Statements for the accounting period ending 31st December 2022. This audit will be conducted in accordance with the International Accounting Standards. The auditor will also be asked to audit the NAD Grant and will receive additional information from NAD auditors form Oslo to incorporate into the audit requirements.

3 Scope of Work

NAD Zanzibar started its operation in Zanzibar on 1st August 2022. This Audit will cover the financial statement for the financial year ending 31st December 2022. The responsibilities of the auditors will be to:

- Audit the Annual Financial statement in accordance with International Standards of Auditing (ISA).
- Audit the spending and management of project fundings received from the Norwegian Association of Disabled - Head Offices in Norway.
- Prepare the Management Letter that includes advisory actions to rectify shortcomings/findings with the management's time lined response to these suggestions
- Consider Fraud and Error in an Audit of Financial Statements
- Check that all responsibilities, obligations, and agreements in the partnership between NAD and the Country Office shall be adhered to, including the NAD Routines, Procedures and Policies
- Investigate special focus risk areas from the Norwegian auditor/NAD each
- Participate in meetings between NAD Zanzibar and NAD Oslo to review and assess prior year's audits to see that the above requirements were met and make sure that the auditor confirm the previous year's TOR for the present vears audit.

4 Qualifications

NAD - Zanzibar is looking for a firm with at least the following qualities.

- The auditor who complies with all ISAs relevant to the audit, ref. ISA 200 (Overall objectives of the independent auditor and the conduct of an audit in accordance with international standards on auditing), paragraphs 18 and 20. Of relevance is ISA 240 and ISA 800 (Special Considerations audits of single financial statements and specific elements, accounts, or items of a financial statement)
- Auditor with the ability and willingness to take a closer look at specific areas each year defined by NAD if asked to do so. I.e., payroll, tax deduction, archiving, fixed assets, insurance, logbooks, etc.

5 Deliverables

The auditor will deliver the following.

- A complete set of Audited Financial Statements, in accordance with the International Accounting Standards and NBAA Standards
- Management Letter that includes advisory actions to rectify shortcomings/findings with the management's time lined response to these suggestions
- Audit Report as requested by the Norwegian Association of Disabled -Head Offices - Auditor in accordance with the extra information and requirement sent to the auditor.

6 Audit Duration

The Audit period is from 16th January 2023 to 17th February 2023. An auditor will have the flexibility of the timetable for audit activities, but there is no flexibility for deadline.

7 Application

Capable firms interested in the job are invited to send their applications to: Director of International Programmes Norwegian Association of Disabled

Oslo - Norway

All applications should be sent via email to nad@nhf.no before CoB 7th December 2022. The applications email must have heading "Auditor for NAD - Zanzibar"

Effects of climate change hits hard on village's water, food availability

By Guardian Reporter, Chemba

IT is a 10-minute trip from Chemba Town to Paranga Village in Paranga ward, Chemba District, Dodoma Region.

However, during the entire trip one meets dry grass, trees without leaves and dry broken soil, with children driving donkey carts laden with plastic containers of water.

The locals say the eyesore landscape one sees is the results of the effects of climate change and environmental degradation, the condition that is affecting many areas of the country.

This paper also saw long queues of people at a water well together with their livestock.

The well belongs to the Masjid Nuru Paranga which decided to distribute the water to the residents for free.

Logo Tuji, herder from Paranga Village owning over 80 livestock said: "The situation is very dismal, had it not been for this mosque, I don't know how my livestock could survive, the sun is hitting us hard, there is no rain at all."

of Paranga Village and mother of cultivate one acre of maize, but this

four children also found at the year the crop has dried up. well waiting for her turn at the well after the livestock, said she is forced to stay on the queue together with cattle because there is no other area to get water for her family use.

"If you want to fetch water you have to wake up very early in the morning and walk for 10 kms. When you get back you become so tired while other family chores are waiting for you, hence to avoid all that we have to queue for water alongside the livestock," she said.

Another Paranga villager, Kuruthumu Skana says lack of rains has economically affected them because she has failed to produce food for her family.

Instead, she says, she is forced to crush stones as aggregate for building, and added that she has also been working as casual labourer in various areas to feed her family during the period of drought.

Another Paranga villager, Maria Loyababu recounts: "The availability of food and water is very problematic this year, the sun is mercilessly hitting upon us, drought Shakira Ramadhani, resident conditions have increased, I use to

"I have seven children; I appeal to the government for food assistance to sell to us at low prices."

Damian Kolo, the head of the household says the water scarcity hinders him to engage in any economic activities, because they spend a lot of time in search of water.

Walfa Salum, a mother of six children and a farmer from the village says she was forced to abandon farming and opened a small shop after she failed to harvest anything from her farm.

"I am a shopkeeper now, there is no rain at all, in the last season I did not get even a tin of maize from my two acre farm I cultivated," she laments.

Moshi Ali, a rice farmer says due to this year's drought has he not harvested even a single tin of rice, because of lack of rain.

Makongoro Ward's Petro Mollel admits the water and food scarcity problem in his area is due to the effects of climate change.

He appeals to the government for assistance as many people in the ward failed to harvest any food crops due to lack of rain.



Tigo Pesa chief officer Angelica Pesha (C) shows the new Toyota Rush car which will be awarded to the winner of the Tigo Tanzania's "Ndinga la Kishua" promotion during the launch of the third phase of the promotion campaign in Dar es Salaam yesterday which will enable customers who make more transactions through Tigo Pesa to get a chance to win daily and weekly cash prizes worth millions. Left is the campaign's promoter Hamisa Mobeto. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Car dealers drilled on service quality's improvement

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

FIFTY ONE vehicle dealers in Mwanza, Arusha and Dodoma regions have been empowered with skills on how to improve quality of services they render to the public.

The training was made possible by the Tanzania Bureau of Standard (TBS) to vehicle traders, importers, spare parts' distributors, garage owners in the three regions.

Wrapping up first day of training yesterday here, TBS' central zone manager, Nickonia Mwambene tasked vehicle dealers to be conversant with all issues that make their services competitive and meet the public expectations in the transportation sector.

The government, he said is determined to improve the sector so that it becomes one of the areas that provide jobs to many Tanzanians.

garages to offer services that of the relevant standards as well

meet the required standards," Mwambene said.

According to him, the training is aimed at an important sector in the private sector that contributes to the national income and increases employment.

He said: "This is due to the government's determination to continue building a strong, stable and competitive economy, so the organisation supports all plans and efforts made by the government to ensure that the products imported into the country meet the quality requirements, including car spare

"We want to ensure that our garages use quality spare parts and that the business is organised in a professional manner," said Mwambene.

He noted: "This training aims to prepare the participants to be better oriented and practical in "As the government, we want implementing the requirements

as the services they provide to the community."

He described the training as important for the beneficiaries, especially considering consumers rely heavily on importers and sellers of car spare parts and garage owners to advise them on the type and quality of the right spare parts for their cars.

He explained that all vehicle and spare parts' owners have been recognized as participants in developing the national economy.

"The government's motivation is to see that each of us is responsible, to work hard for our economy continues to grow and we even reach the level of being one of the countries with the largest economy in the world," Abraham said, adding: "If the consumer cannot find quality and correct spare parts for the needs of his car, that will lead to complaints about the value of their money."

'UHI will save many Tanzanians' lives'

Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

AMBASSADOR Lt. Gen. (Retd) Abdulrahman Shimbo has said the government's plan to invest in its people in the health sector by establishing Universal Health Insurance (UHI) will save many Tanzanians as there is nothing more important in a human being than his life.

Ambassador Shimbo, one the TPDF Chief of Staff says health is a costly issue and only a few people can fully meet its costs, hence the universal health insurance is important for the majority of Tanzanians.

Amb. Shimbo made the remarks also serves registered members of at the launching of the modern Platinum Medical Care hospital in Msamvu, Morogoro Municipality.

"The government universal health insurance plan can also solve the nation's three main issues - ignorance, poverty and diseases, the health insurance falls into the 'disease' category," said Amb. Shimbo.

Meanwhile, the hospital's manager, Rim Ngole praised the government for caring about its people by its step to submit to parliament the Universal Health Insurance Bill.

He said their charges are low, enabling people of low income obtain its services, adding that it the health sector.

the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

He said the hospital has started by providing few basic services, it has expanded its emergency services by incorporating modern equipment to save lives.

"Since it was opened, apart from providing employment, we have served over 4,000 patients within the short time," said Ngole.

Platinum Medical Care Director General, Yusuph Amiri, apart from praising the government, also lauded CRDB Bank for providing them a zero interest loan, through CRDB Albarakah Bank that enabled them invest in



TANZANIA Chief Justice, Prof Ibrahim Juma is tomorrow expected to grace the inauguration of 18 district court buildings, at the event to be held at the new district court building for Busega District, Simiyu Region. The inauguration of the court buildings is the continuation of the ongoing inauguration of court buildings in the country in which the judiciary's plan is to inaugurate a total of 26 court buildings by December this year. The construction of the 18

district court buildings to be jointly inaugurated tomorrow has been financed through by World Bank loan towards the refurbishing courts' infrastructures. Out of the 18 projects, 15 are in

regard to new Court buildings for the districts that had no courts and three was for refurbishing old court buildings.

The district courts to be inaugurated tomorrow include those for Nyang'ale, Mbongwe, Kaliua, Uvinza, Kakonko, Buhigwe, Kyerwa, Misenyi, Kilombero, Mvomero, Gairo, Songwe, Butiama, Rorya, Tanganyika, Itilima, Busega and Mkinga. The construction of these

buildings in various regions has adhered to the modern requirements for justice provision stakeholders and have incorporated offices for advocates, community development and people with special needs including children. The inauguration of the 18 court

buildings is expected to enhance the provision of court services to the people as the buildings are environment friendly for providing services to the people through the use of modern technology.

It is also within implementation of the Five-Year Strategic Plan (2020/21-2024/25) as

time through the boosting of court buildings infrastructures as well as taking court services close to the people.

The event is expected to be attended by senior court officials, government and parliament officials, including Principal Judge of the High Court, Mustapher Siyani, judges of the High Court, the Director of World Bank and the registrar of the High Court.

Others who will be in attendance include the minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, the Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Dr Damas Ndumbaro, Simiyu Regional Commissioner, Dr Yahya Nawanda and other Members of Parliament.

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Investment, Industry and Trade deputy minister Exaud Kigahe (R) and Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) managing director Mark Ocitti unveil a plaque to officially commission the expansion of the SBL Moshi brewer facility in Kilimanjaro region earlier this week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tanga airport expansion to start anytime

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has said that it is in final stages to embark on the project to expand Tanga Airport by strengthening its infrastructures aimed at opening up Tanga Region commercially.

Speaking here yesterday, Deputy Transport Minister, Atupele Mwakibete said the government's aim is to make Tanga Region grow after recognizing the completion of major projects under implementation will need its access by all means of transport.

"The projects include Tanga port expansion and the Uganda Tanzania crude pipeline, hence we must make sure enabling infrastructures are in place as early as possible," said Mwakibete.

He also called upon TANROADS and Tanzania Aviation Authority (TAA) officials to make sure they sit together to reduce administration challenges that could arise after the completion of the project.

Manager Mussa Mchola said at the moment the airport serves unscheduled flights for smaller aircraft carrying 5 to 12 passengers only.

Region's TANROADS Tanga Manager Eng. Eliazary Rwekiza said as for now the government has already paid compensation to the people who were moved to pave way for the expansion of the airport. Eng Rwekiza said expansion

work will start anytime from now

In the same vein, Tanga Airport and will involve the construction of two runways - one of which will be of tarmac level and the other gravel, aircraft parking area, water and lighting systems, perimeter fence, passengers' waiting room, communications tower and offices for Fire Brigade and Rescue services.

Deputy Minister Mwakibete is in Tanga Region to inspect various development projects implemented in the transport sector as well as performance of institutions under his ministry.



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EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) is expanding its network to meet the needs of its Business Strategy which focus on sustaining the recorded achievements and remain an airline of choice that meets and exceeds customers' expectations in line with its mission of provision of reliable, safe, and high-quality services. Therefore, applications are invited from qualified Tanzanians to fill the positions mentioned below:-

1. POSITION: DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES - (1 POST)

1.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND WORKING EXPERIENCE:

- · Must have a Degree in Aeronautics / Degree in relevant engineering field from a recognized institution or its equivalent
- Must have Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's license/approval with appropriate airframe, power plant or avionics
- Must have at least ten (10) years of working experience of which two (2) years must be in a Managerial position: and
- · Must have at least three years' experience in maintaining the same category and class of aircraft used by the AOC holder including one year in the capacity of returning aircraft to service.

1.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- · Advises the Managing Director and CEO on all matters related to Technical Services activities to contribute in reaching of the vision and realizing the mission of the Company.
- · Provide leadership and coordination of Technical Services sections to ensure legal, safe and efficient operation.
- · Responsible for development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies to achieve technical services' corporate objectives
- Development and enforcement of company policies and for ensuring compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations governing technical services activities.
- · Oversee the planning and optimum use of resources under technical services section. • Ensure that the highest possible standards of Technical proficiency are maintained
- · Oversees and implements ATCL's strategic plan in relation to Technical Services directorate objectives;
- · Ensure optimal, efficient and effective management and utilization of human resource under Technical Services directorate
- · Oversee the planning and optimum use of resources under the Technical Services directorate
- · Ensure implementation of an effective quality and determine standards operating practices to comply with relevant legislations and regulations which are related to the AOC and other necessary authorities
- · Liaise with other departments within the airline to ensure the airline global objectives and targets are met.
- Oversee health and Safety Matters
- Conducts Performance Review and Appraisal of subordinates and gives feedback respectively.
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by a supervisor.

2. POSITION: ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER - (1 POST)

2.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND WORKING EXPERIENCE:

- · Must have a Master Degree in one of the following fields: Public Administration, Human Resources Management, Human Resources Planning and Management, Sociology, Industrial Relations, Business Administration/Commerce majoring in Human Resources Management or related qualification from recognized institutions
- · Must have a Bachelor Degree in Public Administration, Human Resources Management, Human Resources Planning and Management, Sociology, Industrial Relations, Business Administration/Commerce majoring in Human Resources Management or related qualification from recognized institutions
- Must have at least eight (8) years of working experience in relevant field and must be in Senior Officer position
- · The candidate must have successfully passed Qualifying Law Examinations for Administrative Officers.

2.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Advises the Director of Human Resources and administration on administrative matters in ATCL.
- · Manages the general upkeep of services to include maintenance of office equipment, water and sewerage, office environment cleanness, buildings, Vehicles and grounds including other outsourced services
- · Leads the compliance of OSHA guidelines ensuring all locations are compliant with zero tolerance on non-compliance
- · Develops, implements and reviews internal administrative procedures specifically with the guiding SOP to enhance administration controls
- · Provides requisite link with the PMU for all departmental administrative procurement, ensuring all works and services are planned and executed as per APP and Departmental business plan.
- · Manages ATCL security and out sourced security services to ensure ATCL property is well protected
- Conducts Performance Review and Appraisal of subordinates and gives feedback
- · Supervises and ensures efficient system of central registry is operational to speed up correspondences between various department and with external parties.
- Manages proper allocation of physical assets such office equipment and furniture and keep current record of users to enable management to plan internal usage efficiently.
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by a supervisor.

3. POSITION: ACCOUNTANT II (1 POST)

3.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Must have Bachelor Degree or Advanced Diploma in one of the following fields; Accountancy, Finance, Business Administration/Commerce majoring in Accountancy or Finance or equivalent qualifications from recognized Institutions plus either of CPA (T), ACCA, ACA, CIMA or equivalent professional qualification recognized by the NBAA.

3.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Collect cash and cheques and pay authorized petty cash.
- · Reconcile cash balance
- Prepare revenue and expenditure reports. Prepare accounts documentation
- Dispatch voucher lists to Head of sections.
- Make batching of payment vouchers as per Cashbook
- · Maintain Petty Cashbook and Register · Carrying out regular bank reconciliation.
- Record financial transactions in the accounting system.
- · Performs any other official duties as may be assigned by the supervisor

4. POSITION: RECORDS MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II (2 POSTS)

4.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Must have Certificate in one of the following fields: Records Management, Records and Archives Management, Corporate Information Management, or equivalent qualification from recognized institutions.

4.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in receiving all incoming mail/documents.
- Record all incoming mail /documents.
- · Post or dispatch outgoing mail/documents. · Handle all files movements and records.
- Perform any other official duties as provided by the supervisor.

5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Five (5) years contract with attractive remuneration and fringe benefits as per ATCL Salary Structure and Incentive Scheme.

6. MODE OF APPLICATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS: Interested applicants must submit a dully signed letter for consideration of the application attached with the following;

A curriculum vitae (CV);

- Certified copies of all certificates (including secondary school, birth certificates), other relevant certificates, Applicants who have studied outside Tanzania should have their certificates approved by relevant authorities Tanzania Commission for University (TCU) or National Examination Council- NECTA);
- Two recent passport size photographs;
- Name and address of at least two reputable referees;
- Applicants from Public Service should route their applications through their employers;
- Applicant's reliable contact address, email address and telephone number.

Note: Misrepresentation of qualifications or any other information on application shall warrant legal consequences.

7. CLOSING DATES:

Applications should reach the undersigned within 14 days from the first date of this announcement.

MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO, AIR TANZANIA COMPANY LIMITED, P.O. Box 543, **DAR ES SALAAM** Issued on: 24th November, 2022







PUBLIC AUCTION

Best Group (T) Ltd and AUCOR will conduct a public auction of various items such as LDV's. minibuses, forklifts, pumps, generators, spare parts, motors, mining equipment's, earth moving equipment's, cables, scrap equipment's, the auction will start on 30th November, 2022 from 10:30 A.M, at North Mara Gold Mine Limited.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION: -

- Participants should adhere with all safety requirements and standards of Buzwagi Gold Mine including wearing of mask, reflectors, and safety boats.
- That interested customers are invited to visit the site for viewing and inspecting items to be auctioned from Thursday 24th November to Tuesday 29th November, 2022 from 10:00 A.M up to 4:00 P.M.
- The bidding price is VAT exclusive, bidders will be pay VAT.
- Purchasers shall pay exempted tax items to the Tanzania Revenue Authority; TRA officers will be present for clarification and guidance.
- That the purchaser participation is subject to payment of entrance fees which is refundable to his/her account if will not purchase any items.
- The entrance fees will be TZS 5, 000,000/=(five million only refundable)
- All payments including the entrance fees will be paid through the following bank account.

BANK NAME	CRDB	
BRANCH	NYAMONGO	
ACCOUNT NUMBER	0150388386800	
ACCOUNT NAME	NORTH MARA GOLD MINE LIMITED	

- The highest bidder will pay a non-refundable deposit of twenty-five per cent (25%) of the bid price which shall be paid at the end of auction and the balance of seventy-five percent (75%) shall be paid within four days after the sale.
- Where the balance of seventy-five percent (75%) is not paid as specified, the bid shall lapse and the lot in respect of which the balance is outstanding shall be reoffered for sale.
- 10. The Seller shall not give warranty on the quality, quantity, packaging condition or any other particulars of the assets / goods offered for sale as such an item is auctioned AS-IS and thus request for replacement or refund shall not be accepted.
- 11. Goods purchased at an auction shall be removed from the warehouse/yard within ten (10) days and where the purchaser fails to remove the goods, he or she shall be liable to pay the warehouse rent and any other charges with effect from the date of sale up to the date of removal.
- 12. Where the purchased assets/goods are not removed from the warehouse/yard, they may be re-offered for sale upon expiration of time for removing items.
- 13. If the winner fails to pay within the prescribed time above, he/she will be blacklisted as a defaulter.
- 14. For claiming items, the winner shall present; a) A valid copy of paid payment bill and bank receipt b) Power of attorney in case owner sends representative c) Provide proper identification such as Passport, National I.D or valid Driver's license. d) TRA confirmation release documents to confirm payments of tax e). Third party claims shall not be entertained.
- 15. Sellers reserves the right to cancel/withdrawal the auction at any time, when need may arise, in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations governing the auction process.
- Bidders are strictly warned of any malpractice which includes but not limited to 16. feeding wrong information failing to pay bid amount upon winning the bid within the prescribed period. Failure to abide to this condition infringes the Economic and Organized Crime Control Act. Cap 200 and it amount to serious offense.
- 17. Terms and Conditions of this auction are to be carefully considered by an interested person before registration.
- 18. Bidders are advised to use registered tax consultants, Clearing AND Forwarding Agents, Logistic Companies in transporting abnormal luggage, the auctioneers may recommend or assist to get the service providers upon request by the purchaser but exempted from any liability on their contractual obligations.
- 19. Bidders are strongly advised to have valid licenses and permit for trading or transporting of any items they purchase if is required by the law.
- 20. The auction will be live with webcast
- 21. Sellers will not be responsible for any errors in description, all goods are sold with no duty to repair.
- 22. The participation fees paid will be refunded with 14 days to client respective accounts

For any clarification contact:

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Zanzibar 2nd VP calls for establishment of sponsorship fund for Mzumbe University

Guardian

Morogoro

ZANZIBAR's Second President, Hemed Suleiman Abdulla, has advised for the establishment of Mzumbe University Sponsorship Fund that will assist Tanzanians who are qualified to study in the universities but fail to do so due to financial issues.

Hemed made the remarks at the 22nd registration Board of Mzumbe University held at the university's main campus in Morogoro Region.

Abdullah is among the students who studied at the university and said the establishment of the fund will answer to the University's slogan "We Learn for Human Development."

Speaking about Mzumbe

country's universities that have performed well in producing senior leaders including President Samia Suluhu Hassan and other government officials.

"I am also proud to be a product of Mzumbe University, as I studied my Degree in Commerce and Economics which assisted me in my earlier work as a disciplinary officer in the Ministry of Trade whilst in Pemba," he said.

He said whilst in Pemba, and in collaboration with fellow officials, they managed to increase the Isles main cash crop from 3,000/- to 14,000/- a kilo.

However, the Zanzibar second Vice President called upon the university's lecturers to double publications on various

Correspondent, University, he said it is among the researches that can help the nation in bringing about economic and technological development.

He advised the university's leadership to look into how to establish relations with Zanzibar based universities in order to enhance the scope in the selection of programmes for study and to bring education opportunities closer to Zanzibaris.

Earlier, Mzumbe University Vice Chancellor, Prof William Mwegoha said the meeting is held every year and aims to discuss how to improve the high learning institution as well as to congratulate students and workers who performed well.

He said the university continues to expand by constructing more buildings at Maekani area, including their efforts in increasing the administration block, sports grounds and graduation hall.



Children can learn from drawing because it is important for children development as Kaya Foundation director AnnaPili Ngome (R) demonstrates focuing on the fighting against gender-based violence (GBV). The scene was captured at Tabata-Segerea in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Copyright infringement alarms COSOTA

By Guardian Reporter

it claimed as reported increase in copyright infringement across the country.

The office in its public notice published in different media outlets this week claimed that it has received formal complaints from Television Broadcasters in Tanzania regarding the unlawful and unauthorized usage, broadcast and/ rebroadcast of copyrighted content contrary to the Copyright and Neighboring Rights Act No.7 of 1999.

"The copyright office hereby reminds all broadcasters, individuals, companies and the public to refrain from using, broadcast and/or rebroadcast of copyrighted content protected under the law without prior written authorization/approval from the respective copyright owners/ holders," reads part of the notice.

Commentingabout the development, Copyright Office of Tanzania CEO, Doreen Sinare said the office did receive formal complaints from some Pay TV operators regarding the increase of content conducted by piracy different platforms ranging from cable TV operators to streaming platforms where copyrighted content are rebroadcasted without approval from rightful copyright owners.

warned against what and will not hesitate to undertake enforcement measures.

> "We are required by the law to make sure that all operators adhere to the laws and that whoever has the rights is protected as required by the law," she

> In the statement, the copyright office insisted that it will institute stern measures against all entities, organisations, broadcasters and individuals who will

Doreen insisted that the Copyright - in any form, breach broadcast rights Office is keeping a watchful eye on and infringing copyrights by illegally THE copyright office copyrighted content broadcasted or broadcasting and/or rebroadcasting of (formerly COSOTA) has rebroadcasted in various platforms protected works under the Copyright and Neighboring Rights Act, No. 7 of 1999.

> "Our officers will be dispatched to all parts of the country to conduct special operation to establish all those who infringe copyrights and we are working hand in hand with other authorities in this exercise," said Doreen, adding that in order to attain a true level-field playing, the laws bust be observed without any evasion or reservations of any form.





REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION COATING **REPAIR PAINT**

REF: ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-GE-0011

BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, the CONTRACTOR for the Engineering, procurement and Construction of the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites experienced specialist Companies to express their interest for:

Supply and Delivery of coating repair paint.

The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.

As part of EACOP project, the Crude oil will be loaded on vessels via a facility located in the near shore environment of the Indian Ocean. The Facility will be located 2 km offshore from the Marine Storage Terminal site located on the Chongoleani peninsula in front of Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE MATERIALS / SERVICES:

- 12000 liters of paint usage expectation, Supply warranty to be provided for paint,
- For HDG structures, we shall require 1-pack inorganic zinc-rich paint such as ZINGA coating or equivalent as per ISO 1461,
- For Steel structures such as Piles and Trusses, we shall require glassflake reinforced epoxy and phenolic epoxy primer and topcoat,

Transport from factory to Tanga port,

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

certificates;

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Oualified workers and certified OA/OC: Warranty period of 24 months and 5 years on
- latent defects after expiry of the warranty period: Company profile with prove of sufficient financial capabilities (2021-2022 Financial

inspection report) and sufficient and capable

- resources. An experience list with relevant supply history track record showing minimum of five (5) years' experience in execution similar services of required fabrication and transport as per international standards common in the Oil and
- Gas business or comparable market, Company's Quality and HSE plans and certification ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001 (ISO45001:2018) or equivalen
- CE and all quality certificates for materials; - Compliance with petroleum (local Content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania
- Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly

Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to procurement@bbnjv.com (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 8th December 2022.

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will be evaluated and if selected will be invited subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), to participate in the bidding process

Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tende



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND LABOUR FOR VOID COLLAPSING SERVICES AT GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Service of Provision of Equipment and Labour for Void Collapsing Services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI **VETTING PROCESS.**

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION		
GGME01517	PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND LABOUR FOR VOID		
	COLLAPSING SERVICES TO GGML		

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54% 1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts	
entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01517)	60%
Drilling Resources	10%
Equipment Maintenance Capacity	10%
Supply Chain (e.g., Spares) and resourcing flexibility locally and regionally	5%
Drill & Blast Technical and Operational capability	10%
Fuel Management	5%
Quality Assurance & Quality control (QAQC) & Operational excellence culture	10%
Legal compliance According to Mining & explosives act.	10%
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Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01517) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 07th DECEMBER, 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Africa should aim to transform plastics recycling infrastructure

process of recovering scrap or waste plastic and reprocessing the material into useful products. Since the majority of plastic is nonbiodegradable, recycling is a part of global efforts to reduce plastic in the waste stream, especially the approximately 8 million metric tonnes of waste plastic that enters the Earth's ocean every year.

Plastic recycling is very important and must be taken seriously. Plastics make up a huge amount of solid waste and take centuries to break down in landfill or the ocean. Therefore, all recyclable plastics should be recycled to reduce landfall, conserve energy and conserve the environment.

Compared with lucrative recycling of metal, and similar to the low value of glass recycling, plastic polymers recycling is often more challenging because of low density and low value. There are also numerous technical hurdles to overcome when recycling plastic. Materials recovery facilities are responsible for sorting and processing plastics, but have struggled to do so economically as of 2019. A group of international consumer goods companies operating across Africa launched the 'African Plastics Recycling Alliance' at the seventh edition of the Africa CEO Forum. The Alliance aims to transform plastics recycling infrastructure across sub-Saharan

Through the Alliance, companies will facilitate and support their local subsidiaries to engage in marketlevel public-private partnerships (PPPs) and industry collaborations. The Alliance will promote innovation and collaborate on collection and recycling, which in efforts."

LASTIC recycling is the turn is expected to create jobs and commercial activity. Companies will also engage with the investment community and policymakers to accelerate the development and financing of waste management infrastructure and systems.

> The Coca Cola Company, Diageo, Nestlé and Unilver launched the Alliance. Each of these companies also has individual corporate-level commitments in line with efforts to achieve SDG 12 (responsible consumption and production). The Coca Cola Company aims to use at least 50 per cent recycled material in its packaging by 2030 and to help collect and recycle the equivalent of every bottle or can it sells globally by 2030. Diageo is working to ensure that 100 per cent of its plastic can be recycled or reused/composed, using plastics that allow for increased consumer recycling rates, among other actions. Nestlé is making 100 per cent of its packaging recyclable or reusable by 2025, and is eliminating non-recyclable or hard-to-recycle plastics as part of its corporate initiatives to accelerate action to tackle plastic waste. Unilever aims to achieve 100 per cent reusable, recyclable or compostable and 25 per cent recycled plastic content by 2035 while also reducing its packaging weight by one-third and halving waste associated with product disposal by 2020.

Diageo Africa President, John O'Keefe, highlighted Diageo's proactive approach as to "establish new, and leverage existing, multistakeholder partnerships which support the collection, processing, reuse and recycling of plastics and stimulate the market for recycled plastics." He described the Alliance as an important next step in efforts technical solutions and local pilot to "accelerate and scale-up our initiatives to improve plastics localized in-country recycling

Ethical leadership is much more than just confronting corruption

philosophy is a branch of philosophy that involves systematising, defending, and recommending concepts of right and wrong behaviour. The field of ethics, along with aesthetics, concerns matters of value; these fields comprise the branch philosophy called axiology.

Ethics seeks to resolve questions of human morality by defining concepts such as good and evil, right and wrong, virtue and vice, justice and crime. As a field of intellectual inquiry, moral philosophy is related to the fields of moral psychology, descriptive ethics, and value theory.

We have to return to what Nelson Mandela called the 'RDP of the Soul' when he bemoaned the speed with which South Africans want to accumulate wealth instead of helping others. Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) is a South African socio-economic policy framework implemented by the African National Congress (ANC).

Whenever we celebrate a significant event, such as the birth of Nelson Mandela .We argue those who want more from society, let's make the principles that underpinned the life of Mandela a way of life, a set of ethics that will unite Africans to do the right thing all the time.

It is time to stop this ingrained way of following different ethics for different groups in Africa. We need to make every day a Mandela Day, as well as turn each day into one that is free of violence against women, children, the elderly and men. We need to change not only

or moral for the sake of our children but for our own sake as well.

> African countries demand this of us: to choose an exemplary living, caring for others and to turn our back on a lifestyle that glitters with the rewards that a life of no ethics brings.

> We should choose the way of Mandela and all the men and women who gave their all to the Afrian struggle for freedom. This should not be too difficult because each of the world's major religions and many people's groups follows its own version of the Golden Rule that says, "do unto others".

> Accepting a life filled with common African ethics is a choice all Africans have to make and follow. It's not a choice that the governments can make for us: it's a personal one that if welcomed into our midst by the majority will change our Africa In the ANC this approach is encapsulated in the document. Such leaders should represent the motive forces of theAfrica's economic development. Those in leadership positions should unite and guide the Africa to be at the head of the process of change. African leaders should lead the task of governance with diligence. And, together, they should reflect continuity of a revolutionary tradition.

The values of human solidarity that once drove Africa's quest for a humane society seem to have been replaced, or are threatened, by crass materialism and pursuit of social goals of instant gratifications. We agree with Mandela and Ramaphosa about the characteristics of ethical

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A glimmer of political hope in Sudan

By Special Correspondent

EADING members **AU-IGAD-UN** of the Trilateral Mechanism published a statement on the negotiations between the mainstream Forces of Freedom and Change (FFC) and Sudan's military junta on a new constitutional framework yesterday. They talk about 'a glimmer of political hope' and write that "we now have a workable document upon which further consensus can be built" and that "we must take advantage of this moment to reach an agreement among the Sudanese stakeholders".

Mohamed Belaiche, Ambassador for the African Union (AU) to Sudan, Volker Perthes, United Nations Special Representative for the Secretary-General for Sudan and head of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS), and Ismail Wais, Special Envoy of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) explain that the Trilateral Mechanism will facilitate a new set of negotiation meetings.

These meetings will take place between Sudanese stakeholders to reach a comprehensive agreement over a draft constitution to find a solution to the political crisis and prepare the country for democratic governance. What follows are the authors' perspectives and hopes for these new negotiations.

A glimmer of political hope

Two weeks ago, the Trilateral Mechanism received a document from the military leadership with their comments and amendments to the draft constitutional document prepared under the aegis of the Sudanese Bar Association's Steering Committee.

amendments reflect These basic understandings between the military and their interlocutors from the Forces of Freedom and Change. The original constitutional draft had already made a considerable number of civilian forces coalesce around it. With the basic acceptance of the draft by the military, we now have a workable document upon which further consensus can be

The military and civilian groups have asked us to start facilitating a new political process based on this draft, and we have indeed begun a new series of meetings with civilian stakeholders to find a solution to the political crisis ongoing since last year's coup.

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A political agreement to end



between its different components. It would be wrong for any one individual to think their vision can be imposed to guide its course monopolise power during this temporary timeframe. The transition period should be viewed as a timebound stage to prepare the country for elections and full democratic governance.

The sustainability and success of the transitional period hinges on its stability. Therefore, all actors must fully abide by the provisions and spirit of the agreement reached. And work together to implement and defend it while seeing the country through a short transition. The military component must be united in fully adopting and supporting the agreement concluded with civilians and abide by its leadership's obligations to refrain from interference in political affairs. In turn, the civilians must not reject the provisions demanded by the military component for the transitional period as long as they are reasonable and conducive to a stable transition.

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Civilians are seeking a fully civilian government, including a civilian head of state and prime minister, with full executive powers during the transitional period and they need institutional and personal guarantees for this. The military does not want unelected civilians to interfere in the affairs of the army during the transitional period. The people, in general, want a fully functional government that can deliver basic services, addresses the economic and social situation, protects civilians and human rights, implements peace agreements, and prepares elections.

We think that these demands can all be realised based on the understandings reached between

inaugurate a new transitional negotiators which we have received. period. A transition period is, by its We see these understandings as very nature, temporary. It should a sound basis for negotiations on be based on consensus reached substance. Some key issues remain to be resolved, including questions regarding transitional justice. A political agreement reached on this basis will open the door to form a transitional government - to wield executive power during the transitional period and implement the limited tasks needed during that period, not least to prepare the country for elections and stable,

long-lasting democracy. The tasks of any transitional government should be limited in nature and time and should not be expanded beyond the scope of what is acceptable by all parties. It is this civilian temporary government that will be required in order for international partners to turn the development assistance back on for Sudan which will in turn bring more stability to the country.

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We in the African Union, IGAD and the United Nations, and the rest of the international community will remain ready to provide any technical support for the new government as it makes its way along the transitional path to democracy.

Time is of the essence to not only establish this newly civilian-led government but also to sustain the momentum needed to complete the transitional tasks to move to electoral legitimacy. This will allow broader powers based on greater legitimacy enjoyed by the elected government and enable it to perform its tasks more effectively.

Perhaps one of the most important tasks of the transitional government will be to initiate an inclusive national dialogue on constitutional-making issues, which will also address the root causes of conflicts in the country, issues of identity, inequality, the relationship between the center and the regions, and other outstanding issues in Sudan since its independence. This dialogue should take place under the auspices of a Prime Minister and a civilian government committed to democratisation and peace. It will likely have to continue under an elected government following the transition period.

The transitional government should be formed on the basis of competence, not on party affiliations and quotas. This would reflect what the Sudanese themselves are demanding. Political parties and politicians should start preparing for the elections as their gateway to government. The Transitional Legislative Council should also be formed from a broad political spectrum and the Resistance Committees, youth, women, and grassroots groups should be represented in order to play its desired oversight functions effectively.

In the coming few days, the Trilateral Mechanism will call for indirect and direct talks aiming at translating and realising these understandings in the framework of an implementable agreement. This will be a genuine exercise to reach a national consensus among Sudanese stakeholders based on the current reasonable draft.

We must take advantage of this moment to reach an agreement among the Sudanese stakeholders. Any agreement reached will not happen between those singing from the same song sheet but rather between those who disagree. This is the basis on which the political process is built, to bridge the gap between opposing parties.

The Trilateral Mechanism calls on all Sudanese stakeholders to remain open to the negotiations and agreements reached, knowing that these agreements are temporary in nature and that elections will follow which will better represent the Sudan that the country so desires.

Ensuring wider and greater ownership of any agreement reached by a broad range of civilian political parties and the military will only serve to strengthen its sustainability. Reaching this agreement will greatly improve the economic conditions in the country through the return of development assistance and international cooperation. Also, private investors are likely to renew their interest in Sudan, once they see an agreedupon fully functional government in place.

Sudan and the Sudanese have lost a lot during the past year since the coup, and it is time to return to the right track of transition towards achieving the slogans of the revolution and the citizens' desires for a stable, democratic, and prosperous Sudan.

Free entry to health facilities exposes patients and visitors to new infections

By Pankras Luoga

T IS common to hear complaints from some concerned citizens about "mean" healthcare providers or guards at certain health facilities who restrict entry to visiting relatives of patients for no good reason. Such members of staff are normally vilified as inconsiderate or even heartless.

Some of these relatives tend to resist such restrictions and think that such measures are introduced by such people personally and not professionally. Others go as far as saying that such personnel are not good people and always do not wish the patients well or just hate the visitors.

Worse still, some of them come with young children on their shoulders or holding them on their hands. In some occasions, when they are not allowed to enter, they tend to be harsh to healthcare providers and try to find alternative ways of getting inside the health facility to see the patient.

These fellows sometimes bribe their way inside health facilities just to see their relatives. Those who claim to know their rights sometimes threaten personnel denying them entry by making calls to powers that be. These



people see a health facility are very expensive. like any other public office which anyone can access without restrictions.

Therefore, the "mean" healthcare providers who restrict entry do that for very Unknown to them is the good reasons. It should be fact that a health facility is understood that health facilia dangerous place as it is a ties are among very dangercenter of nosocomial infec- ous places. A health facility is tions which are very difficult a dangerous place as it hosts to treat and their treatments all types of diseases includ-

ing infections acquired during the process of receiving health care that were not present during the time of admission which can easily affect visitors too.

Most of these infections are very difficult to treat and their treatments are not cheap. In short, the infections are found in the health facilities, including big and reputable hospitals. These infections are transmitted from one person to the other by sitting close, touching or entering the area and getting in contacts with the organisms which cause such infections.

Oftentimes, it is difficult to

tions because a patient may have come with one type of disease and get another diseases or infection while admitted in the health facility. Also, a visiting relative of a patient may get such diseases or infections.

It is important to remember that such infections can be transmitted easily to the whole community. Eventually, the innocent caretaker or relative of a patient who was healthy may get sick and die, leaving behind the patient who was sick.

There are several negative effects of relatives of patients not listening and failing to follow advice and instructions given by healthcare providers. First is the possibility of those relatives entering the health facility with new infections from home and transmitting them to admitted patients.

Second is the possibility of visitors contacting nosocomial infections found in health facilities and carry them back home and transmits them to other relatives at home. This includes children and elders who have weak immunity systems.

Relatives of patients should listen and follow advice and instructions given by health workers, including time and num-

treat such kind of infec- ber of relatives allowed to enter and see the patient in the health facility. The relatives should understand that this is done to protect their own health as well as health of their admitted loved one and other patients.

For a relative of a patient with a child, it is advised to leave the child at home and come alone to see the patient. And after visiting the health facility, it is important to disinfect to remove possible contacted pathogens. It is worth noting that no any health worker who likes to prevent visiting relatives from seeing their loved one.

When relatives of patients listen to and follow advice and instructions given by health workers, this help both patients and visitor as they stay away from possible new infections. This has another economic benefit as the society or country does not use more resources in treating avoidable diseases.

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FEATURE

Ugandan women tackle domestic violence with green solutions

SHARM EL SHEIKH

onstance Okollet Achom, a Ugandan woman from Tororo, a rural village located in Eastern Uganda, has helped several dozens of her peers affected by domestic violence to address the issue by equipping victims with skillsets to manufacture ecofriendly biofuels from agro-forestry waste.

"There have been a growing number of women in my village who experienced intimate partner violence. But they have always accepted to continue bearing the brunt of suffering because of their inability to deal with their finances," Okollet, who is the chair and founder of Osukuru United Women Network, told IPS.

With the increasing levels of domestic violence in rural Uganda, Okollet is now championing using climate change solutions to curb its occurrence in this East African nation.

The latest estimates by the World Bank indicate that 51% of African women report that being beaten by their husbands is justified if they burn or refuse to prepare food. Yet acceptance is not uniform across countries. The report shows that the phenomenon appears deeply ingrained in some societies, with a 77% acceptance rate in Uganda.

Okollet's organization currently empowers and educates women on how climate change affects their village resources. Most importantly, it provides resources for entrepreneurship and counseling to women affected by domestic violence and advocates for their emancipation by empowering them to be self-reliant by becoming green entrepreneurs.

With 2,000 members engaged in various climate solutions, including carbon farming, clean energies, and tree planting, the tradition of abuse has slowly started to fade in rural Uganda as many women who used to depend financially on their husbands have taken bold steps in investing in

"It has traditionally been regarded as shameful for the male members of a family if a female member works outside of the home and earns a living," Okollet told IPS on the sidelines of the just concluded global climate summit in Sharm El-Sheikh,

To amplify support for women to build climate resilience, the African Development Bank organized the session held during COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh under the theme, "Gender-sensitive and climate just finance mechanisms."

The panelists said facilities tailored to supporting women, who are helping to build climate resilience, must be visible, simple, and easily accessible.

During the session, the former Irish president and an influential figure in global climate diplomacy, Mary Robinson, pointed out there is not currently an appropriately dedicated climate fund or a permanent climate fund to support women entrepreneurs in combating climate change.



Constance Okollet Achom, chair and founder of Osukuru United Women Network (OWN), an organization fighting against domestic violence using climate change solutions in Uganda, during an exclusive interview with IPS at COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Credit: Aimable Twahirwa/IPS

Robinson gave the example of some women-led projects in Uganda which could do ten times more if they had access to targeted climate resources. "They had no prospects of getting the money

that could be available for their sector - they didn't even know who was getting the money or where it

was going," she told delegates. So far, the bank has earmarked funding for ten capacity-building projects focusing on gender and climate through the Africa Climate Change Fund.

According to Kevin Kariuki, the bank's Vice President Vice for Power, Energy, Climate, and Green

Growth, the new funding mechanism has committed \$100 million in loans to public and private sector projects to address gender and climate issues across the continent.

Apart from the new funding scheme launched on the sidelines of COP27, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the Development African Bank Group (AfDB), and the French Development Agency (AFD) in partnership with the Egyptian government also launched the Gender **Equality in Climate Action** Accelerator.

It is expected that the accelerator will support private sector companies improve the gender responsiveness of their corporate climate governance.

According to the officials, the initiative will help African governments promote gender-sensitive climate sector policies, thereby accelerating their green transition to meet Paris Agreement targets, the UNFCCC's gender action plan, and key Sustainable Development Goals.

In the meanwhile, Okollet also said that in collaboration with local administrative authorities in her remote rural village in Uganda, she has already trained several hundred women on how to develop green projects so that they become financially independent and confident to face whatever difficulties they may face in life - including domestic violence.

According to her, most rural women in Uganda must wait for their husbands to decide on land management and access. leaving many women underemployed and without any control over productive resources and ser-

"These income-generating projects from green initiatives are helping the majority of these women to develop self-sufficiency in their families and stand on their feet," she said.

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South Africa's govt workers march across major cities for higher pay

JOHANESBURG

HOUSANDS of South African government took part in nationwide demonstrations yesterday to demand a 10 percent increase in their salaries.

Negotiations between public sector unions the government deadlocked. The government is resolved to unilaterally implement a 3 percent pay hike, which hasn't satisfied the unions.

In Pretoria, workers tools marched to the offices of the national treasury to submit their demands.

Employment minister

Thulas Nxesi, a former trade unionist, was booed by workers as he arrived to receive the memorandum of demands.

"We are here to register our complaints against the government, the sixth administration that does not take workers seriously", Sandile Dube, a NEHAWU union official

"Government workers deserve more than the 3 percent. We reject the gratuity that does not add value in our pensions. That pension is the only thing that is reserved for our children."

The government has announced a no-work-nopay principle for workers



who took park in the round of demonstrations demonstrations, but this after the Public Service did not deter them from Association, staging demonstrations represents over 200,000 across the country's major

This was a second the government.

The wage dispute has now escalated, with up 800,000 workers rejectingthegovernment's public servants, initially pay increase. declared a dispute with

"We are here because we don't want this 3 Zulu, a government the entire demands of the

percent. We cannot afford petrol, we cannot afford electricity. Everything is going up but our increment does not seem to be going up," Tholakele employee explained. The volatile situation

the southern African nation's public service is among many challenges faced by the government, including an unemployment rate of over 30%. This record was heavily criticized by the leader of the South African Communist Party.

government that listens only to the bourgeoisie and condemns workers does not deserve to be reelected into office", Solly Mapaila told protestors.

"And therefore, how they respond to these public sector demands and workers' rights and

working class is the basis upon which they can lead us. But at the moment they don't deserve to lead us."

Seven unions in the public service face an uphill battle as they press on with their national day of action which will be the country's third national one-day strike by organised labour this year alone.

Mike Shingange, deputy president of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, said the unions would continue mobilizing more workers to join nationwide pickets to force the government back to the negotiation

table.

Sudan experiences worst dengue

MORE than 1,400 peofor more than a decade.

Half of the country's

Dr Muntasir Osman, the director general of emergencies at the federal ministry of health, said

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2022 had seen "the largest spread of the fever geographically in the history of the country" with 1,430

by infected mosquitoes usually found near still water sources or in water storage tanks. It has flulike symptoms and can sometimes cause organ failure and death.

"preventive" jobs in terms of prevenlonger have the staff that used to work in observational health or workers who used to prepare things before a problem could happen."

After last October's military coup, Sudan is in turmoil, aggrevated by failed harvests and rising food prices.

WHO's chief in Sudan, said the confirmed cases were "the tip of the ice-

report to the health facilities. What are reported to the health facilities are the most severe cases that require admission or medical care," he said.

North Kordofan, North Darfur and White Nile states are seeing dengue for the first time.

In North Kordofan Saeed Abid, state's capital, El Obeid, photos of patients lying on the ground as hospitals run out of beds have circulated on social media. There are at least 1,200 cases suspected in North Kordofan, with 393 con-

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ple in Sudan have been diagnosed with dengue fever this year in the worst outbreak in the country

18 states have registered cases and nine deaths recorded, including one child, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) who suspect the true number to be far

cases registered. Dengue fever is spread

Osman blamed the heavy rains and a lack of measures such as bed nets and insect repellents. "For economic reasons the country has lost many essential Nima

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This request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in United Nations Development Business (UNDB) Issue No. WB-0P0015674 of 28.11.2021.

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through the Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Higher Education for Economic Transformation Project (HEET) in Tanzania, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the services") include carrying out

Review of design, bidding documents and cost estimates. ii. Supervision for construction of teaching and learning facilities that include Laboratory Complex, Two (2) Students Hostel Blocks of which 500 males and 500 females with adjoining facilities, including Cafeteria and Shopping Centre and Teaching / laboratory block for School of Agriculture all to be built at main campus Tunguu, Southern Region, Zanzibar

The total duration for the entire assignment shall be 36 months from the date of contract signing while the supervision assignment will be carried out up to the end of defect liability period, the estimated level of effort is 95.99 staff-months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the website www.suza.ac.tz or upon request to the following email address pmu@suza.ac.tz

The State University of Zanzibar now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

A. Core business and 10 years in business

B. Relevant similar experience, which should specifically include

i. Experience of at least five (5) similar assignments in the past 10 years

Information to be provided should include name of assignments role played by the firm, names and full contact addresses of the clients, contract value of the services rendered (in equivalent US dollars), name of financier and period (dates) of execution of

ii. Demonstration of experience of work in similar conditions

C. Technical and managerial capability of the firm

The Consultant must provide the structure of the organization, general qualifications and number of Key staffs. (Do not provide CV of the Key staff. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualification but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a Joint Venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a Joint Venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Therefore, each member of JV shall independently meet the requirements of the evaluation criteria. The experience, technical & managerial capability of the Sub-Consultant shall not be evaluated to enhance the qualification of the Lead Firm or JV.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification Based Selection (COBS) method set out in the Procure ment Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 07:30 to 15:30 hours on Monday to Friday inclusive except on public holidays.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the

address below (in person, or by mail on or before 05th December 2022

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Lessons from Niyamgiri movement's success to protect an indigenous sacred mountain

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he Dongria Kondhs say they are the descendants of Niramraja, a mythical godking who is believed to have created the Niyamgiri range of hills in Odisha, an eastern Indian state on the Bay of Bengal.

This indigenous community has worshipped the Niyamgiri Mountain and lived in the region, which spans over 250 square kilometres through the Raygada and Kalahandi districts of Odisha. Their survival is closely linked to the ecosystem integrity of Niyamgiri Mountain.

But in 2003, a socio-economic conflict of values erupted over the mythical sacred kingdom when Vedanta Resources - a UK-based mining giant - began to acquire land towards constructing an Aluminum refinery at the foot of the Niyamgiri Mountain. This did not require forest clearance.

Protests erupted immediately and intensified when it was revealed that Vendata also planned to acquire Nivamgiri Mountain and mine bauxite, a sedimentary rock with a relatively high aluminium content. In 2004, the company sought approval to clear forest for a mine. Environmentalists moved to court.

Such conflict over short-term profits and economic growth vis-a-vis values that affected communities ascribe to their land came into sharp focus in July 2022 when IPBES released the Assessment Report on Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature.

IPBES provides policymakers with



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IPBES' Assessment Report on Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature Report tells of the campaign by the Niyamgiri Movement. Credit: IPBES

objective scientific assessments about the state of knowledge regarding the planet's biodiversity, ecosystems and the contributions they make to people, as well as options and actions to protect and sustainably use these vital natural assets.

In this regard, the Values Assessment responds to the need to support decision-makers in understanding and accounting for the wide range of nature's values in policy decisions to address the current biodiversity crisis and to achieve the UN's SDGs.

Approved by representatives of the 139 Member States of IPBES, the full report, released in October 2022, found a "dominant global focus on short-term profits and economic growth, often excluding the consideration of multiple values of nature in policy decisions" and that "decisions based on a narrow set of market values of nature underpin the global biodiversity crisis."

A global biodiversity crisis is increasingly placing economies, food security and livelihoods of people in every corner of the world at greater risk. For instance, IPBES alerted the world that a million species, out of an overall eight million, of plants and animals, now face extinction, many within decades. Today, the world's wildlife populations have declined by 69 percent since 1970.

According to IPBES,

increased global gross domestic product drives

increased use of natural resources, and "such extractive policies have created immediate loss of multiple nature values at different geographical and social scales, disproportionately affecting indigenous and local communities." The Niyamgiri case

illustrates the power issues and value conflicts between economic development projects and indigenous peoples and

local communities. Sixtytwo tribal groups are found in Odisha, of which 13 are particularly vulnerable.

The Niramgiri Mountain contains approximately 75 million tonnes of bauxite. India is one of five countries that lead the production of bauxite in the global market, according to national data

The Values Assessment report particularly highlights how the loss of nature's values in pursuit of profits has led to a crossing of key planetary boundaries, accelerating the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change. Such loss was imminent, and the Odisha state government entered a memorandum of understanding with Vendata Resources.

A mining project would set in motion activities to turn an indigenous sacred mountain and the ancestral home of the vulnerable Dongria Kondhs and Kutia Kondhs, among other vulnerable people, into bauxite.

Equally important, the community maintains the Sal Forest because the community honours a taboo against cutting trees on Niyamgiri's summit. Approximately 90 percent of the 660-hectare mining lease area, agreed upon between the Odisha state government and the mining company, was considered to be Sal For-

Resistance against the planned assault on nature was first led by the community with support from professional activists: this led to the birth of the Niyamgiri Movement, a social movement against bauxite mining in the Niyamgiri mountains or indigenous sacred land.

In 2004, environmentalists petitioned India's Supreme Court not to allow the mine permit, but the petition was unsuccessful. The decision was reversed in 2013 when the Court ordered that the Dongria Kondh's right to worship their sacred mountain must be "protected and preserved".

According to the court order, those with religious and cultural values associated with the area must be included in the decisionmaking process. A local referendum by affected villages unanimously rejected the mining project.

According to IPBES, "the Nivamgiri case includes a range of valuation approaches: the firm's bottom-line considerations, cost-benefit analysis; focusing on instrumental values, portravals of ecological (intrinsic) values, and evidence of (relational) cultural values of indigenous peoples."

In this case, the power to make decisions influences which values were prioritised and which valuation methods were deemed appropriate. IP-BES finds that the case also "exemplifies how different valuation logics succeed or fail in representing different life frames and sets of values."

IPBES references the Life Framework of Values which links the richness of ways people experience and think of nature with the diverse ways nature matters. It shows why the natural world matters. People can live from, live in, live with or as nature.

Living 'as' nature characterises a oneness with nature and people. Living 'with' nature means living in accordance with nature and living 'from' nature prioritising benefits such as profits and economic growth from natural resources over the integrity of an ecosystem.

The first court decision largely prioritised economic development and emphasised industrialisation. A cost-benefit analysis focused on instrumental values such as employment income, infrastructure expenses, and profits in line with Vedanta's interests.

Conservation ists, IPBES stresses, were grounded upon both the living 'as' and living 'with' nature frame. An intact Niyamgiri ecosystem is considered a core value, and activists highlighted the intersections between cultural and biodiversity values and the rights of local communities to define their livelihoods.

Overall, the activists managed to represent the cultural, spiritual and territorial values that were most important to local indigenous people and won the day in India's Supreme Court. Today, the mythical kingdom of Niyamgiri Mountains remains under the control of the descendants of Niramraja, their god-king.

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Overall inter-bank cash market rate hits 5 per cent

By Guardian Reporter

he overall interest rate used by commercial banks to lend each other has continued to increase, hitting 5.02 percent in September this year, the highest in two years.

Bank of Tanzania (BoT) report shows the overnight Inter-Bank Cash Market (IBCM) interest rate averaged 3.75 percent in September 2022, up from 3.46 percent in the preceding month.

The 2-7 days IBCM rate averaged 4.77 percent, compared with 4.65 percent in August 2022, according to BoT.

"The inter-bank cash market (IBCM) remained active in September 2022, facilitating distribution of shilling liquidity across banks,"BoT noted in its Monthly Economic Review for October this year.

Total market transactions amounted to 1,309.3bn/- compared with 1,809.4bn/- in the preceding month

Transactions of 2-7 days remained dominant, accounting for 63 percent, while the overnight

placements accounted for 6.2 percent.

BoT also says has continued to conduct auctions of repurchase agreements (repo) with banks to align liquidity with the monetary policy initiative of lessening accommodation.

The amount of repo auctioned in September 2022 was valued at 1,540.5bn/-.

The amount surpassed redemption of 1,454.5bn/- and was higher than 591bn/- conducted in the preceding month. The repo rate averaged 3.1 percent, down from 4.6 percent in the preceding month

Interest rates charged on loans by banks decreased marginally, as the overall lending rate averaged 16.07 percent in September 2022, compared with 16.09 percent in the preceding month and 16.55 percent in corresponding month in 2021, according to BoT.

The lending rate for prime borrowers also eased somewhat to 13.92 percent, from 14.24 percent and 14.07 percent.

The interest rate spread narrowed, following a slight increase in interest rate on deposits



to 7.54 percent in September 2022 from 7.49 percent in the preceding month and 6.60 percent in the corresponding period in 2021.

The deposit rate offered to prime customers, herein referred to as negotiated deposit rate, also rose to 9.67 percent from 9.59 percent in both August 2022 and September 2021.

Credit extended to the private sector and central government by the banking system grew by 33.7 percent in year ending September 2022, compared with 6.8 percent in corresponding period in 2021.

Much of the increase was due to private sector credit, which grew at 22 percent, compared with 4.5 percent.

The strong appetite for bank lending was partly a reflection of presence of business opportunities, despite faced with global challenges.

Seasonal purchases of crops also contributed to the outturn. Almost all the major economic activities registered satisfactory performance in growth of credit, with agriculture outpacing the other sec-

The stock of credit to hotels and restaurants declined following writing-off of non-performing loans to comply with regulatory requirements.

Credit to the private sector, categorized as personal loans, and used for small and mediumsize undertakings, continued to account for the largest part of loans outstanding, at 38.6 percent.

This was followed by credit for trade, manufacturing and agriculture activities.

The BoT says it continued with its cautious monetary policy approach of balancing between growth and inflation in the current unpleasant global environment, which have negative spillover effects to the economy.

The implementation of this policy approach contributed to increase in growth of money supply and credit to private sector, broadly consistent with the targets for 2022/23, set

forth in the Monetary Policy Statement issued in June 2022.

Specifically, extended broad money supply (M3) grew at 13.6 percent year-on-year compared with 12.7 percent in September 2021

Meanwhile, the interbank foreign exchange market (IFEM) operations remained orderly and active in September 2022, with total value of transactions amounting to US\$47.95 million, up from US\$42.4 million in August 2022.

The Bank maintained its presence in the market by selling US\$25.95 million to support imports demand. The shilling depreciated at a slow pace, thus remaining broadly stable.

Against the US dollar, the shilling depreciated to 2,318.07/-in September compared with 2,316.21/- in the preceding month.

As a result, the annual rate of depreciation remains less than one percent, specifically at 0.37 percent from 2,309/62 per US dollar in September 2021.

Fintech start-ups urged to invest against cybercrime

By Francis Kajubi

START-ups and small-medium entrepreneurs have been urged to invest in new technologies for protection of their online businesses against cybercriminals such as hackers.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam at an engagement meeting with start-up and FinTech companies' owners, entrepreneurs and tech professionals, ICT Commission director general Dr Nkundwe Moses urged the digital business community to invest in protection mechanisms of their businesses as they grow big.

At the engagement meeting co-organized by Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania Limited and She Found, Dr Nkundwe said for the digital economy to take the lead, those who are engaged with iot should invest in digital security.

"Cyber criminals and hackers of personal data are a threat to the digital economy community. A lot of businesses are flourishing on social media such as Twitter, Instagram and Facebook where owners are under threat of criminals with or without knowledge," said Dr Nkundwe.

The meeting was being organized to discuss the current cyber security and data protection, the general Tanzania's digital landscape, opportunities, challenges and ongoing initiatives to drive the digital economy

Dr Nkundwe said that the commission is working with researchers and innovators in creating solutions that will give people confidence to invest in cryptocurrency and blockchain spaces.

"People are still not confident to go for cryptocurrency and blockchain technologies because they are worried of fraud. In creating people's confidence the commis-



Ilago Mabelya, head finance crime compliance, StanChart bank (right) clarifies a point during an engagement meeting between the bank and She Found held yesterday in Dar es Salaam. From the left is Meriitech executive director Esther Christopher, StanChart bank country project manager Bupe Mwakabaga and ICT Commission director general Dr Nkundwe Moses. Photo: Jumanne Juma.

sion has plans of funding research projects that bring answers on how to go about the technologies at the local market," said Dr Nkundwe.

Ilago Mabelya, head finance crime compliance, StanChart bank called for more investments in infrastructure development, bridging the skills and knowledge gap for ordinary people for them to fully participate in the digital economy and explore emerging opportunities.

Mabelya also called for friendly laws and regulations that will guarantee safety from cybercrime, investment in digital currencies and data protection for people taking part in the digital economy. "Infrastructure development to ease connectivity to the last consumers of digital services and products in line with bridging the digital skills and knowledge gap for people especially in rural areas should be the key priority for both private and public sectors," said Mabelya.

He said investment in infrastructure will pull down costs in accessing digital services and provide a wider room for low income earners to benefit from innovation.

Vanessa Kisowile, founder and executive director She Found, said collaboration of the private and public sector in funding startups and research projects is

crucial on the way forward.

She argued that innovations should target at creating digital solutions that serve common people. "We need to transform people's lives through technology by setting up policies that favours growth innovation players. We need policies that prevent social inequalities in the digital space," said Kisowile.

Lulu Ameir, Founder Bela Vendor Tanzania said: "We need to look at digital trust and assurance. In this case, data protection laws and regulations are needed in place to cater to cybercrime cases that scare away people from being part of the digital economy."

Old Mutual for launching new bank in South Africa in 2024

JOHANNESBURG

Financial services group Old Mutual says that it has received approval from the South African Reserve Bank's Prudential Authority to apply for a banking licence, with plans to launch its own bank in 2024.

In a voluntary business update on Tuesday (22 November), the group said that it had received Section 13 approval from the PA to proceed with the application for a banking license.

"The establishment of an entity in the group with a banking licence is a natural progression of our core strategy, helping us to sustain our customers' prosperity through an enhanced transactional banking capability," it said.

The group already has existing lending and transactional solutions - an unsecured lending product and the Old Mutual Money Account - with the latter handled through a partnership with Bidvest Bank. "The current transactional solution is delivered

through a commercial arrangement with a thirdparty bank. While this commercial arrangement has allowed us to gain experience in transactional

banking services, a divergence of aspiration requires us to reassess our future arrangement to deliver on our customer needs," it said.

Old Mutual said that the unsecured lending solution, in particular, is already a strong contributor to group profitability.

"The establishment of a bank within the group will allow us to hold the primary relationship with our customers, driving greater regular interaction with them and enhancing the cross-sell opportunity across the group. It will also enable the group to accept retail deposits, thereby providing a cheaper source of funding."

Old Mutual said that it is building transactional capability using the latest technology that will allow enhanced servicing and personalisation.

"This, together with a cloud-based technology stack, will enable us to deliver cost-effective, flexible and scalable solutions to our customers."

In terms of financing the planned build, the group said that the approved expenditure to complete the build of the transactional capability is R1.75 billion.

"In line with the business case, we have incurred costs of R830 million for the current period and approximately 10% of these costs were capitalised."

Once relevant Prudential Authority approvals are received, the launch is targeted for the second half of 2024. The entity is expected to break-even three years after the launch.

"As the capability matures post-break-even, the return is expected to be significantly above the target return of 4% in excess of the cost of equity. We are currently working on our application under Section 16 of the Banks Act for the registration of the bank,"

M-Pesa hardens Africa grip with Sh43.3 trillion deals

NAIROBI

Mobile money platform M-Pesa has entrenched its dominance in Africa, processing deals worth Sh43.3 trillion in the 12 months that ended September.

The broader performance of M-Pesa has been disclosed by South African multinational Vodacom Group Limited which owns a 35 per cent stake in Safaricom -the pioneer of the mobile money service.

The performance captures M-Pesa statistics for Kenya, Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique and Lesotho.

"Our M-Pesa platform, including Safaricom, processed \$355.2 billion (Sh43.3

trillion) of transaction value over the last twelve months, up 17.6 per cent, representing clear leadership in the African fintech space," Vodacom said in a statement.

M-Pesa's customer base grew to 55.6 million across Africa as of September, up from 49 million a year earlier. The volume of transactions in the platform meanwhile increased to 11.9 billion from 9.3 billion.

A significant part of the growth in usage of M-Pesa came from Tanzania where the charges on transactions were reduced, encouraging uptake.

Kenya is the biggest M-Pesa market by customer numbers as well as transaction value and volumes. Safaricom re-

ported that its active M-Pesa customers grew 8.6 per cent in the half year ended September to 31.17 million.

This accounted for 56 per cent of total users of the mobile money service in Africa. "Velocity in the ecosystem continues to grow with total M-Pesa transaction value and volume both growing at 32 per cent year-on-year to Sh18.09 trillion and Sh9.6 billion respectively," Safaricom said recently when announcing its results.

"M-Pesa is now a universal payments network with full Merchant and Pay Bill interoperability. M-Pesa agents grew two per cent to 263,000 while Lipa Na M-Pesa active merchants grew 39 per cent to 539,000."



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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IMPACT ON BANKING INDUSTRY - PART 2

ast week I shared that Artificial Intelligence (AI) has immense potential for the banking sector. Banks seek to gain a competitive edge over their peers by implementing advanced technology to achieve improvement in speed, accuracy, cost efficiency and meet customer needs. Much of the expectation surrounds the ability of machines to replicate, and often exceed, what human beings can do in banking. Even though the purpose of these intelligent machines is to replace human intelligence to a certain extent, employees of banks have nothing to worry about as the industry still needs human interaction to serve the customer exceptionally. AI is being used to address a wide range of challenges by making interactions between machines and systems simpler and smarter across all industries, but the adoption of AI systems in the banking industry is limited to date because of the important element of human interaction needed in providing services in the banking industry.

Additionally, I shared that with money laundering continuing to be a persistent problem for banks, AI can assist banks to combat this threat through advanced data analytics systems to save the banks from being fined more frequently due to inade-



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quacies in their anti-money laundering infrastructures. This week is a continuation of last week's article. In this article, I will share a few more examples of how AI can impact the banking industry.

Enhances Customer Service Experience – Customer experience is one of the areas that can be enhanced through AI as quick support can be easily provided to the customer along with tailored banking products and services according to his/ her needs. Based on past dealings and data (detailed customer demographics and records of online and offline transactions), AI can develop a better understanding of customers and their behaviour. This enables banks to customize financial products and services by adding personalized features and intuitive interactions to deliver meaningful customer engagement and build strong relationships with their customers. One form of AI that helps banks tremendously is Chatbots. Chatbots are automated service assistants that provide customers with the convenience of resolving their queries via an online messaging system instead of having to visit a branch. Chatbots offer efficient, systematic and accurate conversations which lead to a great customer service experience. In addition, as technology evolves, AI has been able to offer voice bots as well to solve customer issues without human intervention

Enhances Mobile Banking Apps – To meet today's customer expectations, most banks are shifting more into offering digital services and products which have resulted in millions and millions of transactions being done online irrespective of time and place worldwide. AI can be integrated into the bank's mobile apps to improve customer service. How? After gathering the customer's data from the mobile device, the AI system incorporated in mobile apps processes the data to understand the customer's behaviour to provide the relevant information – services and offers in line with the customer's needs. Also, the mobile app with AI will assist the customers when it comes to personalized planning. For example, if a customer wants to buy a new house, the mobile app

can guide the customer with a budget and other related details to help the customer achieve that goal.

In conclusion, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has many benefits to offer to the banking industry. I shared that AI is being used to address a wide range of challenges across all industries, but the adoption of AI systems in the banking industry is limited to date mainly due to the important element of human interaction in providing banking services. For the past two weeks, I shared how AI can impact banks: AI brings the power of advanced data analytics systems to combat fraudulent transactions and improve compliance; AI combines the personal data provided by a prospective borrower with market trends, his/her most recent financial activities and transactions to identify the potential risks in giving out the loan to the prospective borrower; AI can develop a better understanding of customers based on their past dealings and their behaviour to enhance the customer experience, and AI can be incorporated into banks mobile apps to improve customer experience on mobile/internet banking platforms.

UDSM banking, finance forum attracts 600 participants

By Guardian Reporter

THE University of Dar es Salaam through Business School Department of Finance (UDBS) has organized the 3rd Banking, Finance and Investment Forum attracting over participants to be held in Dar es Salam to-

UDBS Head of Finance Department, Dr Tobias Swai told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the forum meant to promote and accelerate understanding of banking, finance and investment in Tanzania and beyond other productive sectors of economy.

"Tanzania and Africa as a whole is quite rich in the availability of local resources and relatively low labour costs. However, there is no much investment which has been recorded in the past decades," Dr Swai said.

According to Dr Swai, the areas to be covered during the forum include Youth and Employability, Getting Ready for the Banking Job Market, Health Break and Networking event, Perspectives of



Digital Banking, DSE Scholarship Investment Challenge, Youth and Investment, Youth port 2019-2021 Opportunities)

and Professional Development, Insurance Sector (Market Re-

and Mortgage Finance (Opportunities, Issues and Prospects). "Exhibition and Public Forum will attract professionals and experienced experts in banking, finance and investments. The participants will be from academia, private sector, business associations, development participants, government, regional bodies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs)," he explained.

Dr Swai said everything regarding the forum was in place, saying that UDBS through its finance department was all out to transform banking, finance and investment sectors so as they could contribute significantly in all sectors of economy.

"More future planned for 2023 will be held in February, May, August and November," Dr Swai, calling on Development Partners, Private Sector, Business Associations, NGOs and Individual sponsors to support the forum for betterment of the country.

Dr Swai said the forum was all about bringing finance into practice and that the first and second similar platforms were fruitful and instrumental for players in banking, finance and investment sectors.

Sanlam pays insurance for victims of Bukoba plane crash

By Guardian Reporter

SANLAM Life Insurance has settled benefits for four victims of the Bukoba plane crash who were employees of the Management and Development for Health (MDH), a non-profit Tanzanian public health organization.

The organization lost five staff in the fatal accident involving Precision Air flight PW 494 in Bukoba which claimed 19 people.

The compensated victims were those who were insured with the insurance agency with the company's Chief Executive Officer Julius Magabe calling for other employers to emulate MDH.

Magabe called upon other employers to emulate the MDH example saying life insurance cover has immense economic benefits by sustaining the livelihoods of families of employees in the event of death or permanent disability.

The flight plunged into Lake Victoria during bad weather shortly before it was due to land in Bukoba, Kagera with 43 people, 39 passengers' two pilots and two crews on board.

"MDH has practically demonstrated the necessity of employers in caring for the wellbeing of its staff by procuring for them life insurance cover with significant benefits, thus providing much needed financial protection to the families of the employees should the unfortunate happen,"

In his remarks, MDH CEO Dr David Sando, MDH hailed Sanlam Life Insurance for timely claim settlement and promised to handover the benefits to the families of the deceased immediately as per the deceased life cover and wish.

Precision Air Services Plc has called for calm as it works on compensating victims while waiting for a report on the real cause of a plane crash.

The government launched investigation into what had happened with experts saying the investigations could take months.

However, a preliminary report released late Tuesday showed there some shortfalls in the rescue process with rescue teams arriving late at the scene.

Under international rules, the locally-led investigation would usually include the participation of authorities in France, where the plane was designed, and Canada, where its Pratt & Whitney engines were developed.

China's central bank spends US\$980mn to boost liquidity

BEIJING

Chinese central bank spent about US\$980 million (7 billion yuan) in the last three days on reserve repos to maintain liquidity in the banking sys-

On Wednesday, China's central bank conducted 2 billion yuan (about US\$280.6 million) of reverse repos. The interest rate for the seven-day reverse repos was set at 2 percent.

On Tuesday, the central bank also conducted 2 billion yuan (about US\$279 million) of reverse repos with the interest rate for the seven-day reverse repos was set at 2 percent.

A reverse repo is a process in which the central bank purchases securities from commercial banks through bidding, with an agreement to sell them back in the future.

On Monday, China's central bank also conducted 3 billion yuan (about US\$421.02 million dollars) of reverse repos to maintain liquidity in the banking system. The interest rate for the sevenday reverse repos was set at 2 percent.

The moves aimed to keep liquidity in the banking system reasonable and am-

ple, the central bank said. Meanwhile, the China's one-year August to the current figure.



loan prime rate (LPR), a market-based benchmark lending rate, came in at 3.65 percent Monday, unchanged from the previous month.

The over-five-year LPR, on which many lenders base their mortgage rates, also remained unchanged from the previous reading of 4.3 percent, according to the National Interbank Funding Center.

The country had lowered the oneyear rate by 5 basis points to 3.65 percent in August. The over-five-year rate had been slashed by 15 basis points twice this year, first in May and again in

The monthly-released data is a pricing reference rate for banks and is based on rates of the central bank's open market operations, especially the medium-term lending facility rate.

The country's national commercial banks were earlier this week urged to step up credit support for key areas, weak links, and sectors and groups hit hard by the COVID-19 epidemic in an effort to stabilize the economy.

At a work conference on credit business on Monday, the People's Bank of China and the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission called on the major lenders to take the leading role and make good use of policybacked and development-oriented financial instruments to expand medium and long-term loans.

The loan demand from the manufacturing and service sectors should be actively met, the meeting urged, citing policy tools of the special re-lending facility for equipment upgrading and renovation and government-funded interest subsidies.

Small and micro businesses, the selfemployed and truck drivers will see greater financial support, including the repayment extension of inclusive loans.

In terms of property lending, banks were asked to adopt differentiated approaches from city to city and meet people's needs for basic housing and improved conditions.

Efforts should be made to stabilize loans to real estate developers and construction enterprises, and support the reasonable demand for individual mortgages. Private developers are supported in raising funds through bond

Efforts will also be initiated to ensure timely deliveries of pre-sold housing to promote the stable and healthy development of the property market, according to the meeting.

Africa's central banks to regulate digital currencies

JOHANNESBURG

s more people travel across Africa for play and work, central banks in Sub-Saharan Africa are seriously considering the use of central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) to boost cross-border payment systems.

Several African central banks, hosted by the Central Bank of Kenya last week, discussed challenges facing the markets and the Financial Stability Board's plans for 2023 among other issues.

Digital currencies, money laundering, and financial terrorism featured heavily in the discussions. As more people go cashless, African countries are exploring ways to regulate these currencies and transactions.

"The group discussed initiatives to enhance cross-border payments in the region, including the potential use of central bank digital currencies for cross-border payments while noting the importance of compliance with anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML-CFT) standards," said the Financial Stability Board (FSB) Regional Consultative Group for Sub-Saharan Africa in a state-

The SARB has been trying to

find ways to regulate a digital Rand for a while. Earlier this year, the Bank announced that it was testing ledger technology which is mostly used by blockchainbased currencies. The technology was being used to track transactions in real-time while supplying increased transparency.

The SARB's project Khoka 2 explored the use of tokens, digital currencies, and blockchain in the

In July this year, the SARB became part of Project Dunbar, another attempt at digital currencies in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of Australia, the monetary authority of Singapore,

and the Central Bank of Malaysia. At the time, the SARB said CB-

CDs would most likely be used for cross-border services, goods, or remittances. It also said it would be several years before it becomes a reality.

Nigeria's eNaira was launched this year following the country's CBDC pilot in 2021 and in the same year, Ghana announced its eCedi pilot while Kenya kicked off its public consultation this year.

Decades on, Africa continues with talks about a continental central bank, but it seems a digital currency might just be the thing to get everyone on the same page.



The South Africa Reserve Bank has been trying to find ways to regulate a digital

Kenya bad loans fall in 15 years on assets auctions

NAIROBI

The size of defaulted loans in September dropped by the largest monthly margin in 15 years on increased property auctions. repayment of non-performing debt and bad credit write-offs.

Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) data shows that non-performing loans shrank by Sh13.2 billion between August and September to Sh491.8 billion, retreating below the half-atrillion mark that had been crossed for the first time in June due to large corporate defaults.

This is the biggest monthly drop in defaulted loans since June 2007 when it fell by Sh28.3 billion after the restructuring of bad loans affecting State-owned lenders.

Banks have recently turned to private treaties where distressed borrowers agree with the lenders to look for the best available price for their properties and sell to repay loans as opposed to relying on the auctioneer's hammer.

The move has given banks room to get around the Land Act 2012, which bars them from auctioning seized assets at below 75 per cent of the prevailing market value in Kenya's soft economy that has slashed asset

Banking sector analysts say the lenders have also reported a rise in write-offs of bad loans they deem unrecoverable, taking them off the NPLs list and improving the general health of the loan book.

"From a broad perspective, they have had big write-offs which is one of the factors.

They have also been repairing their loan books through restructuring non-performing loans that have allowed them to claw back some money they previously had little hope of getting back," said Wesley Manambo, an analyst Genghis Capital.

The bad loans dropped by Sh22.6 billion between June and September.

An increase in business activity, coupled with a slight moderation in fuel prices, has helped improve the financial health of borrowers, there-



Central Bank of Kenya Governor Patrick Njoroge. PHOTO | NMG

ment rates.

The successful completion of Kenya's presidential election has accelerated the pace of economic activity that had been put on ice and also unlocked new deals.

President William Ruto took the reins after a peace-

fore improving loan repay- ful election, in contrast to some past vote cycles that were marred by violence and protracted court challenges, causing investors to hold off making any decisions on spending until

> This has helped repair the loan book that had risen to a high of Sh514.4

things settled.

billion in Iune, in part due to uncertainty ahead of the August elections, which weighed on business activities and forced a pause in investments.

Bankers had identified the infrastructure, hospitality and manufacturing sectors as key drivers of

non-performing loans in the first half of the year, partly due to reduced demand for goods and services in the wake of runaway inflation and delayed payments by the government.

The rise in the cost of essential commodities has forced workers to cut back spending on non-essential items such as beer and airtime, ultimately hurting firms like East Africa Breweries Limited (EABL) and Safa-

For manufacturers, the cost of inputs has also been a problem this year, due to the high price of imported raw materials on the back of global supply constraints, coupled with a weaker shilling to the dollar, which has raised forex costs for importers.

On its part, the CBK said that the rise in NPLs was driven by a few large borrowers who were struggling to service their loans.

Going forward, banks are facing a possibility of a new rise in nonperforming loans due to higher interest rates, analysts at rating agency Moody's said in a review of Kenya's three largest lenders released last week.

Rates have gone up due to the tightening of monetary policy by the CBK–through a hike in the base lending rate that guides loan pricing—in response to high inflation.

"The combination of high-interest rates and rising inflation confer a mixed blessing on Kenyan banks. On the one hand, higher loan volumes and lending rates will boost profitability, while on the other, credit risk will rise, pushing up problem loans and loan-loss provisions," Moody's

The rating agency added that over the next 12 to 18 months, higher inflation, rising interest rates and reduced government spending amid fiscal constraints, will weigh on bor-

rowers' loan repayment capacity. Industries and other businesses are recovering from the effects of Covid-19 economic hardships, which triggered job cuts and unpaid leave for retained staff as profitable firms move into losses.

Tigo pesa launches campaign

By Guardian Reporter

Tigo Pesa customer has launched a new customer campaign where lucky winner will walk away with brand-new Toyota Rush as well as cash prizes. The promotion starts today and ends on the 15th of January 2023.

Speaking at the launch event, Chief Officer for Tigo Pesa, Angelica Pesha said: "We truly believe in the power of coming together to benefit Tanzanians especially during this celebratory period, which is why we are pleased to announce the Ndinga la Kishua promotion to reward all Tigo Pesa customers whilst encourage digital transactions amongst our customers. This initiative re-affirms our commitment to advance financial inclusion agenda in the country and continue transforming the lives of Tanza-

Pesha remarked: "This festive season, through our weekly and monthly cash prizes, we believe we will bring back smiles that will ignite the memories Tanzanians have, when they connect with loved ones. With this promotion, we are encouraging customers to use Tigo Pesa as a preferred way to conduct cashless transactions due to its convenience, simplicity and security it delivers to individuals and business owners."

Tigo Pesa transactions such as; payment of goods and services through Lipa kwa Simu, Bill Payments, Government Payments, Send money, Cash In, pull money from the bank, receive money from anywhere in the world and many more will qualify a customer to enter a weekly draw to get weekly, monthly and grand cash prizes as well as a package of Hisense home appliances.

EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK EUROSYSTEM

ECB to raise deposit rate 50 bps due to recession

The European Central Bank will press on with policy tightening, adding 50 basis points to its deposit rate next month as it worries rapid price growth is becoming entrenched, despite the bloc almost certainly entering recession, a Reuters poll found.

Inflation in the region has soared due to surging energy prices following Russia's invasion of Ukraine and disrupted supply chains, reaching 10.6% last month - more than five

times the ECB's 2.0% target. Initially saying rising inflation was transitory, the central bank didn't start raising interest rates until July, later than since raised its key rates by 200

It will lift its deposit rate by another 50 bps on Dec. 15, taking it to 2.00%, and do the same to the refinancing rate, putting it at 2.50%, according to the median forecasts in the Nov. 15-21 Reuters poll.

That deposit rate view was held by a majority of 45 of 62 respondents, while 14 said it would add another 75 bps as it has done at its previous two meetings. Only three said it would opt for a modest 25-bp increase.

The ECB will raise interest rates again to fight inflation but those increases may well be smaller than recent ones, the bank's chief economist, Philip most of its major peers, but has Lane, said on Monday, echoing

comments from other policymakers in recent days.

December's move will be followed by another 50-bp increase next quarter, giving peaks in the current cycle of 2.50% and 3.00% for the deposit and refinancing rates, unchanged from an October poll.

When asked about the risks to their deposit rate forecasts, 18 of 22 economists said it would end higher, either earlier of later than they expect. The other four said it would be lower.

"More resilient economic conditions, stickiness of inflation, potential spillovers on to inflation expectations and longer-lasting wage pressures could force the ECB to keep tightening for longer into 2023

than we currently predict," said Ken Wattret, vice president, economics at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

However, collectively economists gave a 70% probability their deposit rate peak forecasts were accurate.

It will take time for tighter policy to meaningfully tame inflation and while 13 of 23 respondents to an additional question said inflation had already peaked, it was not seen at the bank's target until at least 2025.

Inflation was expected to ease to 8.9% next quarter from 10.5% this one and then steadily decline. It will average 8.5% this year, 6.0% next year and 2.3% in 2024.

Guardian

WORLD

Sahel insurgency could 'engulf' W. Africa, says Ghana president

ACCRA

GHANA'S President Nana Akufo-Addo on Tuesday warned that a rampant Islamist insurgency in West Africa's Sahel is threatening to engulf the entire re-

West African leaders and European ministers are in Ghana's capital Accra to discuss regional solutions to the insurgency that is spreading as foreign troops pull out of Mali, where militants have seized vast swathes of territory.

France, Denmark and Ivory Coast are among countries that ended military cooperation with Mali this year over the ruling junta's cooperation with Russian

Mali, where West Africa's insurgency took root in 2012, has been at odds with regional governments, Western powers and a United Nations peacekeeping mission since a military government that seized power in an August 2020 coup failed to hold promised elections.

There are concerns military withdrawals from Mali will create a security vacuum in an area where groups linked to al Qaeda and Islamic State have already branched into Mali's neighbors and moved into coastal states south of the Sahel.

"Today the terrorist groups, emboldened by their success in the regions, are require lifesaving assistance and pro-



West African heads of state pose with European Council President Charles Michel at the Accra Initiative regional security conference in Accra, Ghana on Tuesday. REUTERS

seeking new grounds," Akufo-Addo said on the second day of the Accra Initiative security conference.

"The worsening situation... threatens to engulf the entire West Africa region," he said.

Attacks have increased over the past decade despite efforts to fight insurgents. The violence has killed thousands of people and displaced more than 2.7 million across the Sahel, according to the UN.

Conflict and climate shocks have also created a food crisis in the re-

Over 30 million people in Sahel will

tection in 2022, almost two million more than the previous year, the UN said in June.

Coastal states such as Benin and Togo have meanwhile seen rising attacks in recent years, prompting discussions about Western help to stem the insurgency's southward spread.

"The risk of contagion into the coastal states is not a risk anymore, it's a reality," said European Council President Charles Michel.

"We all need to identify the best way to have an impact on the ground," he said, adding that EU support to the region included "lethal hardware for defensive purposes".

Russia urging all parties to refrain from destabilizing steps in Syria – Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIA understands Turkey's security concerns regarding the developments in Syria, but is calling on all parties involved to abstain from any destabilizing steps, Russian Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Tuesday.

"We understand and respect Turkey's concerns over the provision of its own security and believe that Turkey has that legitimate right," Peskov said at a news conference. "But, nonetheless, we are calling on all parties involved to refrain from taking steps that could result in a major destabilization of the situation in general. That could boomerang back and complicate things in the sphere of security further," he warned.

Commenting on Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's claim that Russia allegedly failed to fulfil its commitments on Syria, the Kremlin spokesman said that Moscow and Ankara differed in their approaches to the implementation of the Sochi memorandum.

"Those differences have been repeatedly discussed by the two presidents. Thank God, [Russia's] friendly and partnership relations with Turkey make it possible to discuss those differences in open and constructive ways," Peskov said.

Erdogan said earlier that Turkey had conducted air strikes on Syria and Iraq because of Russia's failure to deliver on its promises to ensure the withdrawal of Kurdish units from the republic's border.

On October 9, 2019, Ankara announced the launch of Operation Peace Spring in northern Syria aimed at creating a buffer zone to protect the Turkish border.

On October 22, 2019, the presidents of Russia and Turkey held a meeting in Sochi, adopting a memorandum on joint actions to resolve the situation in northeastern Syria.

In accordance with the document, on October 23, Russian military police officers and Syrian border guards were deployed to areas bordering the 30-kilometer-wide zone that was being set up by Turkey.

On October 29, Russian Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu said that the Kurds had completed the withdrawal of their armed units from the area, and Russian and Turkish troops launched a joint patrol mission east of the Euphrates River on November 1.

UN official calls for long-term approach to eliminate threat of piracy in Gulf of Guinea

UNITED NATIONS

A "holistic and long-term approach" is needed to address the root causes of and therefore effectively eliminate the threat posed by piracy and armed robbery at sea in the Gulf of Guinea, a United Nations official said on Tues-

The instances of piracy and armed robbery in the Gulf of Guinea have continued to decrease, UN Assistant Secretary-General Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee told a Security Council meeting, while introducing a report by the UN as both less risky and more secretary-general on the situ- profitable, she said. ation of piracy in the region.

The report found positive developments as the number of cases of piracy and armed robbery in the Gulf of Guinea decreased from 123 in 2020 to 45 in 2021. The trend has continued in 2022, with a total of 16 incidents of maritime crime reported between January and June.

However, Pobee pointed out that it is still too early to draw definitive conclusions with regard to this decline.

cline, which began around April 2021, to concerted efforts by national authorities with the support of regional and international partners, Pobee noted that piracy in the Gulf of Guinea has morphed over the last decade.

Pirate groups are adapting to changing dynamics both at sea and in coastal areas. The recent decrease in instances of piracy may in part be attributable to the shift by criminal networks to other forms of maritime and riverine crime, such as oil bunkering and theft, which they likely view

Pobee called for greater efforts to establish a stable and secure maritime environment in the Gulf of Guinea.

"At the same time, the underlying causes, such as youth unemployment and inadequate access to public services, which render coastal communities vulnerable to being drawn into illicit and criminal activities must also be addressed," she said.

Pobee stressed that to effectively eradicate the menace Attributing the steady de- posed by piracy in the Gulf of economic, and environmental with the Sustainable Develop-



United Nations Assistant Secretary-General Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee (front) briefs a Security Council meeting at the UN headquarters in New York, on Tuesday. Xinhua

regional structures, and the international community must work in close collaboration to address the underlying social,

recruitment of individuals into maritime crime networks.

"This requires a holistic and long-term approach, in line

Guinea, national stakeholders, challenges that underpin the ment Goals and Agenda 2030 to address poverty and the lack of alternative livelihoods, youth unemployment and underemployment," she said.

UN Security Council requests withdrawal of M23 rebels in DR Congo

UNITED NATIONS

THE UN Security Council on Tuesday demanded immediate cessation of hostilities and of any further advances by the March 23 Movement (M23) rebel group and its withdrawal from all occupied areas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

In a press statement, the 15-member council strongly condemned the resumption of attacks by the M23 in North Kivu and the advances of the M23 towards the city of Goma and in other areas in the DRC, blaming the rebels for "worsening security and stability in the region and exacerbating the current humanitarian situation."

The council members expressed deep concern regarding the increasing number of displaced persons and refugees and called on all parties, in particular the M23, to allow safe, timely and unhindered humanitarian access to those in need and to refrain from any violence against civilians.

They also called on the international

community to increase support to the DRC government in tackling the humanitarian crisis.

Xinhua

In the statement, the council members reiterated their support for regional efforts "to rebuild trust, resolve differences through dialogue and find sustainable peace and security."

Xinhua

Kenya bans uprooting, export of baobab trees

NAIROBI

KENYA'S Ministry of Environment and Forestry has outlawed the uprooting and export of baobab trees from the coastal county of Kilifi, citing violation of intellectual property rights and harm to vital ecosystems.

Soipan Tuya, Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Environment and Forestry said that following an outcry from the public and green groups, the government had discontinued further harvesting of baobab trees from arid parts of Kilifi county, a famous tourist destination.

"Baobab trees are unique species and part of our natural hertage protected under the constitution of Kenya and the state is obligated to protect biodiversity and genetic resources," said Tuya in a statement issued in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital on Monday evening.

President William Ruto had earlier instructed the Ministry of Environment and Forestry to commence a probe into the uprooting and export of baobab trees to Georgia citing Kenya's obligation to protect its natural assets as part of climate resilience building.

While acknowledging that Kenya is a signatory to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Ruto reaffirmed the government's commitment to conserving indigenous trees that sustain the livelihoods of dryland communities.

The ministry said the harvesting of baobab trees in Kilifi county commenced in late October after a private company inked a deal with the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Kenya's environmental regulatory body to allow their export to Georgia.

However, the private firm was alleged to have started uprooting the trees with a permit that was obtained irregularly amid a threat to vital ecosystems and livelihoods of local farmers and herders.

The ministry stressed that any harvesting and export of baobab and other indigenous tree species must comply with a comprehensive review and safeguards to avert an ecological disaster.

Baobab trees are unique species and part of our natural heritage protected under the constitution of Kenya and the state is obligated to protect



Xi's trip demonstrats China's role as a rational, confident and responsible major country

FROM Nov. 14 to 19, Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the 17th Group of 20 (G20) Summit in Bali, Indonesia and attended the 29th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, as well as visited Thailand.

The trip, as the first one paid by the Chinese President after the successful conclusion of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), drew global

During his six-day trip, Xi participated in more than 30 events, which has sent out a loud voice for promoting global development and leading global governance, demonstrating China's role as a rational, confident and responsible major country.

meetings and talking with leaders of other countries, Xi elaborated on the 20th CPC National Congress, Chinese modernization, win-win cooperation between China and the rest of the world, and championed bright prospects of China's high-quality development and highstandard opening up, sending a strong signal that China will always advance world peace and development and deepen opening up and cooperation with other countries.

It has helped other countries better understand and be more receptive of the CPC's governing strategy and China's path and vision.

French President Emmanuel Macron commended the Chinese path to modernization and Singaporean and advocate peace, development,

While addressing multilateral Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong noted that a strong and friendly China will bring positive influence to the region and the world. New Zealand Prime Minister

Jacinda Ardern called China a major force for promoting the world's future development and prosper-

The G20 summit has brought together world and regional major countries and is also a platform for international economic cooperation. It shoulders heavy responsibilities in responding to global economic challenges.

At the 17th G20 Summit, Xi said it is imperative that all countries embrace the vision of a community with a shared future for mankind, and win-win cooperation.

He said all countries should replace division with unity, confrontation with cooperation, and exclusion with inclusiveness, and make global development more inclusive, beneficial to all and more resilient. He called on all countries to join hands together to answer the question of the times – "what is wrong with this world, what we should do about it."

China's important ideas and proposals concerning international economic cooperation were included in a joint leaders' declaration adopted at the end of the 17th G20 Summit, and 15 cooperation projects and initiatives proposed by China were incorporated in a list of practical cooperation made

by the summit. It fully indicated China's support for multilateralism and contributions to G20 coopera-

It is believed by international personages that China, advocating solidarity and win-win cooperation, has played a constructive role in making the summit a success.

The APEC is the most important regional economic cooperation platform in the Asia-Pacific. At the APEC CEO Summit, Xi summarized the successful experience achieved in Asia-Pacific economic cooperation, saying the world should follow a path of peaceful development, openness and inclusiveness, and

He also encouraged the Asia-Pacific region to bolster the foundaa people-centered development approach, pursue higher-level opening-up, strive for higher-standard connectivity, build stable and unimpeded industrial and supply chains, and promote economic upgrading.

tion for peaceful development, take

At the 29th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting, he stressed that the Asia-Pacific region needs to continually deepen the Asia-Pacific partnership featuring mutual trust, inclusiveness and mutually beneficial cooperation, build an Asia-Pacific of peace and stability, bring about prosperity for all in the Asia-Pacific, ensure a clean and beautiful Asia-Pacific, and make itself a region where all are ready to help each other.

People's Daily

Putin shares memories of Fidel Castro with visiting Cuban leader

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has shared his memories of the leader of the Cuban revolution, Fidel Castro, whom he had met in person on multiple occasions. Putin said he was invariably impressed by Castro's deep immersion in the nuances of the world situation.

"My memories are still fresh of how impressed I was when we met for the first time at his office. It was a rather casual rendezvous. We had lunch together and discussed current world affairs. I was very surprised by his thorough knowledge of the details and nuances of what was happening around the world, in some cases quite far away from Cuba," Putin said at talks with Cuba's visiting President Miguel Diaz-Canel on Tuesday.

As Putin recalled, Castro "knew and was able to analyze everything that was afoot in the world."

"It was very interesting and useful for me to have these meetings," he said. "I still remember the slightest details of our personal encounters with him. He was

Putin attributed the current good relationship between Moscow and Havana to what he described as "traditional friendship, the groundwork of which comrade Fidel Castro laid in his day."

"Based on this solid foundation of friendship, we must, of course, bearing in mind the current realities, move on, and strengthen our cooperation," the Russian leader believes. "I am very glad that we have such an opportunity."

Earlier on Tuesday, a monument to Fidel Castro was unveiled in Moscow. Putin and Diaz-Canel attended this ceremony personally. Later, at the talks, the Russian leader shared his impressions of the monument.

"Today we opened a monument to him, which in my opinion, is very good. I do not know if you liked it or not, but it seems to me that one can't help but like it," Putin said with a smile, adding that it was a proper tribute to Castro's memory and a real work of art. "It's dynamic, on the move, looking forward. A perfect image of a true fighter.'



Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel (L) and Russian President Vladimir Putin

UN food agency seeks 1.27 bln USD to tackle drought in Horn of Africa

NAIROBI

THE World Food Programme (WFP) said on Tuesday that it requires 1.27 billion U.S. dollars to respond to the severe drought which is ravaging three countries in the Horn of Africa in the next six months.

The WFP said the impact of drought in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia has led to food insecurity and a high level of acute malnutrition, as 22 million people are food insecure due to drought.

It said the funds are required for all its operations in the three countries from November 2022 to April 2023. "Forecasts indicate a potential increase in needs; additional funding is needed to sustain and scale up assistance to prevent more dire outcomes," the WFP said in a situational report on drought response.

According to the UN food agency, communities in the Horn of Africa are facing the immediate threat of starvation, with forecasts indicating that the October-December rainy season is likely to underperform, marking the fifth consecutive failed season in parts of the three countries.

The WFP projected that famine will likely occur in three areas in the Bay region in Somalia between October and December. "The loss of livestock and reduced productivity has eroded the livelihoods of pastoral communities. In 2022, at least 9.2 million livestock deaths occurred in the drought-affected areas of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia," the WFP said.

It has scaled up response across the Horn of Africa to respond to severe food shortages by providing life-saving food and nutrition assistance to affected com-

"For instance, in Somalia, WFP has more than doubled its life-saving food assistance from 1.7 million people in April 2022 with plans to reach 4.5 million in the coming months," it said. The WFP added that it is also enabling communities to recover faster and better from the drought by investing in interventions that promote resilience and adaptive capacities of communities to deal with shocks.

Report: RSV, COVID, flu push US hospitals to brink of collapse

NEW YORK / WASHINGTON

HOSPITALS across the United States are overwhelmed, with the combination of a swarm of respiratory illnesses (RSV, coronavirus, flu), staffing shortages and nursing home closures sparking the state of distress for the already overburdened health-care system, reported The Washington Post over the weekend.

"Experts believe the problem will deteriorate further in coming months,"

Meanwhile, COVID-19 exacted a higher infection-related and excess all-cause death toll from the United States than from 20 peer countries throughout the pandemic but had less of an impact in the most-vaccinated states in the Delta and Omicron surges, according to a new study. "Adjusted for population size, the United States had 155,000 to 466,000 more

deaths than peer nations in the second half of 2021 and early 2022," the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota reported on Monday, citing the study published in JAMA last week. Separately, Dr Anthony Fauci, the US health official celebrated and vilified

as the face of the country's COVID-19 pandemic response, used his final White House briefing on Tuesday to denounce division and promote vaccines.

Fauci, who plans to retire soon as President Joe Biden's top medical adviser and top US infectious disease official, has dealt with the thorny questions around health crises from HIV/AIDS to avian flu and Ebola.

US top court allows lawmakers to get Trump's tax returns

THE US Supreme Court on Tuesday cleared the release of Donald Trump's tax returns to a House of Representatives committee, handing a defeat to the Republican former president who had called the Democratic-led panel's request politically motivated.

The justices denied Trump's Oct 31 emergency application to block a lower court's ruling that upheld the Ways and Means Committee's request for his tax records as a justified part of the panel's legislative work. No justice publicly dissented from the deci-

The committee, which has sought six years of Trump's tax records spanning 2015 to 2020, will have little time to complete its work related to the returns before a Republican takeover of the House. Republicans secured a narrow majority following the Nov 8 midterm elections and take control of the House - and the committee - in

The fight over his tax returns is one of many legal woes for Trump as he moves forward with another run for the presidency in 2024. Trump last week announced the launch of his candidacy

Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal said the Supreme Court's action upholds the principle of congressional oversight. "This rises above politics, and the

committee will now conduct the oversight that we've sought for the last three and a half years," Neal said in a statement.

A Trump spokesperson did not immediately reply to a request for com-

Trump was the first president in four decades years not to release his tax returns as he sought to keep secret the details of his wealth and the activities of his real estate company, the Trump Organization.

The Ways and Means panel had told the Supreme Court in a legal filing that siding with Trump would harm the constitutional authority of a co-equal branch of government "by in effect preventing Congress from completing any investigation involving a former president whenever there are allegations that the investigation was politically motivated."

The panel in its request invoked a federal law that empowers its chairman to request any person's tax re-



Former US president Donald Trump speaks at Mar-a-Lago Friday, Nov 18, 2022 in Palm Beach, Florida. AP

vice (IRS). House Democrats have said they need to see Trump's tax returns to assess whether the IRS is properly auditing presidential returns and to gauge whether new legislation is needed.

In its filing, the committee told the justices that IRS policy "does not address what to do regarding a president who, like former president Trump, owned hundreds of business entities, had inordinately complex returns, used aggressive tax avoidance strategies and allegedly had ongoing audits."

Trump's lawyers have said the committee's real aim was to publicly expose his tax returns and unearth politically damaging information about

US District Judge Trevor McFadden, a Trump appointee, sided with Congress in December 2021 and threw out the challenge to the committee's request, finding that the committee holds broad authority over a former president's tax

The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in August also ruled against Trump and in October refused a rehearing.

Tuesday's order superseded one issued by Chief Justice John Roberts on Nov 1 that had effectively paused the dispute and prevented the turns from the Internal Revenue Serpanel from obtaining the Trump returns while

the court considered how to proceed.

Trump has mounting legal worries.

His real estate company is in the midst of a criminal trial in New York on tax fraud charges. On Tuesday, Donald Bender, a former outside accountant for the company who also prepared Trump's personal tax returns, told jurors that Trump reported net operating losses every year from 2011 to 2018. Trump also reported losses of \$700 million in 2009 and \$200 million in 2010, Bender testified.

The New York Times reported in 2020 that years of reporting heavy losses from Trump's business enterprise helped him offset hundreds of millions of dollars in income.

In addition, US Attorney General Merrick Garland last week named a special counsel to oversee two investigations including a criminal probe related to the FBI's seizure of government documents from Trump's Florida home.

A trial date for next year was set in a civil lawsuit by New York state's attorney general accusing Trump and three of his adult children of fraudulently overvaluing the company's assets and his net worth. An investigation in Georgia also is examining whether Trump interfered with the 2020 election results in that state.

China sees accelerated application of VR technology

VIRTUAL reality (VR), a cutting-edge new-generation information technology and a frontier of digital economy, is developing rapidly in China and seeping into every industry and all aspects of people's life, from industrial production to culture and tourism, and to popular science and entertainment.

Recently, the 2022 World Conference on VR Industry was held in Nanchang, capital of east China's Jiangxi province. The conference was joined by over 3,000 experts and entrepreneurs from some 20 countries and regions.

A virtual emcee hosted the opening ceremony of the event, who mirrored and copied the actions and expressions of a realperson emcee in real time.

Over the recent years, the market of the Chinese VR industry has been constantly expanding. It more than doubled from 28.28 billion yuan (\$3.95 billion) in 2019 to 58.39 billion yuan in 2021. The rapid growth is expected to maintain in the next three years and hit the 100-billion-yuan milestone in 2023.

A slew of policies have been issued to encourage better development of the emerging sector. Recently, five Chinese national authorities including the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology jointly issued a fiveyear action plan from 2022 to 2026, aiming to further integrate virtual reality (VR) with industrial applications.

According to the action plan, by 2026, the VR technology should be massively applied in major sectors of the economy and society, and several key enterprises and industrial clusters that are internationally competitive shall be nurtured.

The action plan also proposed **Agencies** to drive new types of consump-



A child "pilots" a plane via a VR program at the 2022 World Conference on VR Industry in Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi province, Nov. 13, 2022. (Photo by Bao Gansheng/People's Daily Online)

tion in the cultural sector with new business forms deriving from VR.

At present, the application of VR technology in industries is generating a number of new products and

For instance, in the cultural and tourism industry, VR is no longer about virtual 3D modeling; it has evolved into a more mature form which builds an immersive environment and offers rich interaction scenarios through real-scene scanning.

The Xiangbi Mountain, also known as the Elephant Trunk Hill, has built a virtual version of itself in the Metaverse, which tourists can reach with just a click on their mouses or just a tap on their mobile phone

Besides, VR has also been employed in school education and vocational training. VR classrooms and VR driving schools are already functioning in many places.

At the Tianjin Eco City School Affiliated to Beijing Normal University, students can finish physical experiments by just flipping a card on their smart desks, which not only makes experiments safer, but also improves the teaching efficiency of teachers.

The Xiaoshan power company of the State Grid Corporation of China in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province has set up a VR room for a power safety training school at a local power substation. With a VR headset, trainees can get into virtual environments with workplace safety hazards, which helps build and consolidate their safety awareness.

An industrial chain of the VR sector has taken shape in China. According to the five major tasks raised by the action plan, the Chinese VR industry is accelerating its efforts to improve its basic technology system.

China has approved a national quality inspection center for VR and augmented reality products to improve the performance of products and the industry's technologi-

cal capability. Besides, relevant departments have launched nearly 20 national and industrial specifications in the past three years.

The MIIT recently approved the establishment of a national VR innovation center that builds platforms for generic technology development, verification, testing, and technical services, as well

as talent cultivation. It is expected that by 2026, the Chinese VR industry will exceed 350 billion yuan(\$48.1 billion), and a development paradigm featuring the common prosperity of technology, products, services and applications

will be built.

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TRC netball team clobbers TANAPA in **HIMMUTA Games**

TANZANIA Railway Corporation (TRC) netball team on Monday displayed a spirited showing to garner a 27-23 victory over the Tanzania National Park (TANAPA) outfit in the 2022 Inter-Parastatal and Non-Parastatal Sports Federation of Tanzania (SHIMMUTA) Games in

The victory has propelled the TRC squad to knock out stage after taking part in three outings, recording victory in two, and settling for a draw in one.

Elifadhili Msuya, TRC Human Resource Manager, said the corporation has in this year's games entered squads in three disciplines namely netball, athletics, and traditional sports, and the outfits

have done well.

Msuya said all players in the squads have shown a strong desire to walk away with awards.

The leader said: "As is the case with our corporation's mission to involve communities in our activities, we picked players from various TRC stations to participate in these games because sports are keeping bodies

The TRC teams' secretary Claudia Makanga pointed out that they trust their outfits much as they are battling it out in the SHIMMUTA Games for the first time.

"Despite our inexperience in these games, we are hoping to do well, we came here to, among others, gain experience, and have a selfassessment," Claudia pointed out.

VP Philip Mpango calls for better use of Games' budget

VICE President Philip Mpango has ordered institutions, parastatal and non-parastatal organizations to make sure budgets set for sports tournaments are not channeled into

He insisted that employers ought to make sure their employees are effectively participating in the tournaments every year, saying sports bring people together, promote brotherhood, and love, share experiences at workplaces as well as curb non-communicable diseases.

Mpango issued the directive at the opening ceremony of the 2022 Inter-Parastatal and Non-Parastatal Sports Federation of Tanzania (SHIMMUTA) Games at Mkwakwani Stadium last weekend.

He explained that while the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports is working on a strategic plan seeking to set up sports calendars for public and private organizations' sports federations, employers should organize regularly indoor and outdoor bonanzas.

He called on heads of government institutions and parastatals to ensure are providing their employees with sports kits to be used in tournaments to see to it the latter prepare for and participate in the events successfully.

He further directed the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports to effectively coordinate and supervise such tournaments so they can be productive.

Mpango instructed all sports federations' leaders to continue promoting the sports by making sure many workers are participating in them and cautioned the referees to abide by sports laws and regulations.

Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Pauline Gekul said the ministry issued the directive to the National Sports Council of Tanzania (NSC) to plan an annual sports calendar to ensure that all government institutions'

sports tournaments are organized consistently.

She also said the ministry is focusing on having the next SHIMMUTA Games take place on open grounds so other people can attend the events.

Pauline noted: "Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports through NSC will continue collaborating with all government institutions sports federations to make sure the sports tournaments are organized and hosted at workplaces."

She further added that the ministry will make sure the tournaments take place outdoors to give other people a chance to participate in the events.

A total of 52 teams consisting of over 2,000 players are participating in the 2022 SHIMMUTA Games which have 12 sports disciplines.

Researchers have found that long working hours increase stress among employees and that is why employers are urged to see to it their employees are not burnt out.

Participating in sports is one of the ways for boosting employees' wellness and productivity.

In an ideal scenario, one often looks for a perfect workplace, a place that provides a supportive setting and encourages a healthy work-life

Incorporating sports as an essential part of the office program can help in the quest of achieving that goal.

Organizations must remember that the employees are their assets therefore the wellness of an organization depends on the well-being of its employees. Employers must offer such ambiance which always brings the best out of the workforce.

Providing hygienic infrastructure, wellness privileges and uniform growth prospects should be the employers' responsibility.

To achieve the perfect work-life balance, organizations must always promote a fit lifestyle, and encouraging participation in sports activities turns out to be one of the ways to achieve a healthy lifestyle.

Taifa Queens unmoved in World Netball rankings

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

■ ANZANIA's national netball squad, Taifa Queens, has maintained its position on the recently released global rankings issued by World Netball

The WN published the rankings on its website on Monday, with Taifa Queens sitting 45th and Tanzania Netball Association (Chaneta) saying it has a lot of work to do.

According to WN, the rankings included all matches played up to November 3 2022 which includes all matches played at the regional qualifying events for the 2023 Netball World Cup.

WN says the recent update confirms the seeding for the 16 qualified teams for the Netball World Cup draw which takes place later this month.

The 2023 Netball World Cup will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from July 28-August 6 2023 bringing together Australia, Barbados, England, Fiji, Jamaica, Malawi, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, Wales, and Zimbabwe.

In the period, Taifa Queens played 15 games, weighted 55, and accumulated 55 points to secure the 45th spot.

Reacting to the development, Chaneta secretary-general Rose Mkisi blamed the fall on Taifa Queens' failure to play more test matches in

She said her association with the support from stakeholders is seeking playing many international to intensify plans to see Taifa Queens battle it out in many games.

on points that teams accumulate, what Commonwealth Games." is needed now is to have Taifa Queens



Netballers feature in one of the sports tournaments which were organized to vouch for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in Arusha recently.

many international games, I'm sure with the support of stakeholders we can improve on the rankings," she said.

Despite struggling on the WN rankings, Rose said they are heading in the right direction.

The official noted: "Remember during Mama Anna Bayi's leadership, our netball was heading in the right direction, we were games, we even hosted the Africa Championships, "The WN compiles rankings based and we nearly qualified for

Rose noted: "But after the

change of leadership our netball was in shambles, we were inactive and we were suspended from INF now known as WN, but now the national team has started playing international matches.'

"We recently competed at Africa Netball Championship in South Africa, with support from well-wishers and surely next year things will improve," she said.

Taifa Queens battled it out in last year's African Netball Championship which was held in Zambia and the recent Netball World Cup Africa Zone qualifiers which took place in South Africa. Taifa Queens failed to record any wins in the assignments.

WN explained the ranking formula on its website, saying: "The number of points earned by a team for any match depends on two factors, the result (won, tied or lost) and the opponent against whom the result was achieved.

"The higher an opponent's rating the more points are earned for beating them," the WN added.

In the rankings, the top seven teams are Australia, New Zealand, England, Jamaica, South Africa, Malawi,



Parimatch Tanzania's Director Erick Gerald (R), Gaming Board of Tanzania's Chief Inspector Emmanue Ndaki (2nd R), musician Omary Mwanga who is also Parimatch Tanzania's ambassador (C), his manager Abbah (2nd L), and Information Officer of Parimatch Tanzania Ismael Mohamed speak at a press held in Dar

Gaming firm rolls out new World Cup promotion

By Guardian Correspondent

GAMING company, Parimatch Tanzania, has offered its customers and all betting stakeholders a chance to win a new modern car, a smartphone, and a motorcycle 'Bodaboda' from the campaign termed 'Chomoka na customer predicts any Ndinga' during the World Cup.

Parimatch Tanzania's Information Ismael Mohamed, revealed

speaking at the launch of Tanzania showroom, a Salaam on Wednesday.

Mohamed said that Galaxy to their customers with accounts and even new customers who will join during the 2022 World Cup period.

Parimatch "If a game from Tuesday to December 26, he will directly enter into the draw to compete for an O kilometer Urban Cruiser this when car from the Toyota a particular week.

the campaign in Dar es Hero Hunter Bodaboda 125cc and a Samsung A03 the promotion is specific smartphone," Mohamed noted.

> Mohamed disclosed that they will be making two phone calls every day and the winners will be announced through the company's social media pages, noting the Bodaboda prize will be handed over once a week through a draw that will air on the ITV channel in

The car prize will be 1,000,000/- to presented at the end of the competition on December 27, with the big draw to find the winner of the car taking place on the day.

The official clarified that part of TV BET, Live Casino, Casino New, and Virtual games are not allowed to participate in the promotion.

The Parimatch company, according to the official, has been offering a great bonus of 100 percent up to customers who them.

The betting company has been present in the country since 2019, offering services that include fast payments, great odds, and exciting promotions on football, Casino, and virtual games.

Parimatch also offers hundreds of events in tennis, UFC, basketball, cricket, baseball, and many other live and prematch sports every day.

Female journalists should fight violence in women's football - call

By Correspondent Renatha

FEMALE journalists from various media in Tanzania have been trained on preventing gender violence in women's football in the

The seminar took place serving as instructors.

in Dar es Salaam under the sponsorship of the Global Peace Foundation Tanzania and had veteran soccer coach Iddi Mziray and Women's Tanzania Football Association

(TWFA) secretarygeneral Somoe Ng'itu

Mziray said the train- eliminate violence in to the top by journalists, ing for female journalists aims to have them making the most of their profession to fight violence of fighting the issue of in women's football.

The instructor said the scribes are a mirror of society, so if they live up to expectations, they will eral Somoe said women's help to either reduce or football has been taken appealed.

women's football.

"I ask the reporters to be at the forefront violence in women's football," disclosed.

TWFA secretary-gen-

so the current generation should do more coverage on the evils in the sport so that society can understand.

"I ask the writers to continue shouting about women's football so that it is recognized," Somoe seminar should be a springboard to promote women's football so that is the case with other

building the capacity for provided everywhere journalists to support to ensure that women's efforts to eliminate football

Somoe said that the the negative attitudes that exist in society about women's football by providing proper it can make progress as education will help a lot to eradicate the evil.

said that The official said that education should be continues

to grow without any violence against the players. The GPF Tanzania's

Director Martha Nghambi thanked the journalists while asking them to use their profession to fight violence in women's football.



Where will Ronaldo go after leaving **Manchester United?**

CRISTIANO Ronaldo has left Manchester United with immediate effect. Where will he turn up

The Portugal star has put himself on the market with his explosive pre-World Cup interview that led to the termination of his contract on Tuesday.

As a free agent, the 37-year-old forward now has the chance to impress potential suitors and prove he can still perform on the highest level for his country in Qatar.

His future may well depend on it after failing to secure a transfer to a Champions League club in

Midway through the season, his options look even more limited if he is set on playing in the knockout stages of European club soccer's top competition when he returns from the World

The Champions League is now down to the last 16 teams, with only a tiny number of those able to come close to offering Ronaldo anything like the reported 500,000 pounds (594,000 dollars) a week salary he earned at United. And there has been little evidence that they would be interested in signing him.

Ronaldo's interview with Piers Morgan, in which he criticized United manager Erik ten Hag and the club's owners, made it clear he still believes he is one of the top soccer players on the planet. But where in the world will his career take him next?

A CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB

There are only 16 to choose from if Ronaldo harbors ambitions of playing in the competition when it resumes in February. Then it is a question of who would could afford him.

A dream scenario would be to have one last fling with a truly elite club. But perhaps his best chance of that would be as a short-term fix until the end of the season.

Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema has been ruled out of the World Cup with injury and so has

Bayern Munich's Sadio Mane. Perhaps Ronaldo would be an attractive emergency option if either of those clubs feared being

left short in the second half of the campaign.

A PREMIER LEAGUE CLUB

Chelsea considered a move in the summer, but that never materialized.

Ronaldo would not appear to fit in with the long-term planning of new manager Graham Potter, who is already having to deal with one ageing striker in Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

Arsenal fan Piers Morgan is pushing for a move to his club, but the Premier League leader has invested in building a young team under manager Mikel Arteta and Ronaldo would be a departure

Could Saudi-backed Newcastle be tempted to make a first truly statement signing under its new ownership?

A RETURN HOME

To finish his career where it started at Sporting Lisbon would provide a romantic bookend for Ronaldo, while the Portuguese club could provide him with a route back to the Champions League next season.

He would have to take a considerable pay cut if he were to take up this option.

SAUDI ARABIA

The only serious interest in Ronaldo in the summer came from Saudi Arabia. While a move there would likely present the most lucrative option for him, it would be a marked step down in terms of his remaining sporting ambition.

It would deny him the chance to further extend his record as the all-time leading scorer in the Champions League, with 140 goals, and hand his great rival Lionel Messi, who has 129, the chance to overtake him.

MLS

Perhaps it is time to take his brand to the United States and become the biggest star ever to play in

He could not hope to match his salary and he would have to accept his days playing in the Champions League are over.

But for a man who has more than half a billion followers on Instagram this would be the chance to move to the biggest market in the world off the field - and a new adventure.

crept into his team.

Morocco holds Croatia 0-0 at World Cup

OROCCO held 2018 a 0-0 draw at the World Cup on Wednesday in another strong performance by a team from an Arab country.

Morocco's promising performance came 24 hours after Saudi Arabia sparked the first World Cup in the Middle East into life by beating Lionel Messi's Argentina in one of the biggest upsets in the tournament's his-

Tunisia followed that up with a scoreless draw against European Championship semifinalist Denmark.

Morocco managed to stifle Croatia captain Luka Modric, who won the best player award at the last World Cup when he led his country to the final before losing to France.

Modric was nounced as player of the match on Wednesday, a decision that was greeted by boos from Morocco fans who chanted and whirled scarves as they jumped up and down in the final minutes.

Paris Saint-Germain star Achraf Hakimi had the best chance for Morocco with a thumping second-half shot punched away with both fists by goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic.

The 37-year-old Modric is playing in his fourth and final World Cup, where he's looking to add a Croatia title to his trophy-laden career with Real Madrid.



Croatia's goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic (1) and Dejan Lovren, center, defend as Morocco's Youssef En-Nesyri, right, attacks during the World Cup group Fsoccer match between Morocco and Croatia, at the Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor, Qatar, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022. (AP Photo)

Modric had one of the best chances of the game when he blasted a shot just over the crossbar in first-half stoppage time. Croatia also went close when Dejan Lovran got a shot off at a corner and Sofyan Amrabat cleared off the line for Morocco.

In a tough Group F, Morocco faces No. 2-ranked Belgium next. Croatia plays Canada.

Meanwhile, even for their opening game at the World Cup, Switzerland against Cameroon has the look of a mustwin opportunity in a tough group.

With talent-packed Brazil and robust Serbia also in Group G, taking three points in the early afternoon heat today shapes as a key step for each team to advance.

Cameroon based on recent World Cup form after being swept aside in three straight losses at each of its past two appearances, in 2014 and 2010.

In that period the Indomitable Lions have scored fewer goals collectively as a team on soccer's biggest stage than a single Swiss player, Xherdan Shaqiri.

The score is 4-3 in Shaqiri's favor since 2010 when he made his World Cup debut as a teenager. Now 31 and playing in MLS with Chicago Fire, Shaqiri returns again as playmaker equalling a Swiss record at his fourth edition of the tournament. Goals will more likely come from in-form Monaco forward Breel Embolo.

star forward Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting arrives at his third edition in prolific form at Bayern Munich and looking for his first career World Cup goal.

Choupo-Moting's 11 goals in all competitions this season helped plug the gap left by Robert Lewandowski's departure and lifted Bayern back atop the Bundesliga at the enforced mid-season break.

Both Cameroon and Switzerland come to Qatar with solid results at their continental championships in the past 18 months though each now with different coaches.

At the European Championship last year, the Swiss broke a streak of being stopped at the At age 33, Cameroon's round of 16 in major

tournaments by eliminating France on penalties after a 3-3 thriller.

After losing another shootout in the quarterfinals to Spain, coach Vladimir Petkovic parlayed his rising reputation after seven years into joining Bordeaux. He was fired within months.

Murat Yakin, 49-times capped central defender, was hired from coaching a Swiss second-tier club. He immediately impressed by steering the team to finish top of a World Cup qualifying group ahead of European champion Italy.

Cameroon started the year reaching the semifinals at the African Cup of Nations it hosted - losing on penalties to Egypt

coach Toni Conceição.

Samuel Eto'o, Cameroon's greatest player and now its federation president, turned to his longtime former teammate Rigobert Song who had a patchy record of results coaching within the national teams' setup.

Song was the captain and Eto'o scored the only goal when Cameroon last won a World Cup game, 20 years ago in Japan against Saudi Arabia.

It is overdue for Africa's first World Cup quarterfinalist, in 1990, to rediscover winning

Meanwhile, in Vatican City, Pope Francis gave the World Cup a shoutout on Wednesday and prayed that the Qatar tournament may be an occasion for harmony and peace in the world.

Francis is a life-long soccer fan and has long promoted sport as a way of promoting solidarity and fraternity.

Speaking at the end of his weekly Wednesday general audience, Francis sent greetings to World Cup players, fans and spectators watching from afar.

"May this important event be an occasion for meeting and harmony for nations, favoring brotherhood and peace among peoples. Let's pray for peace in the world, and the end of all conflicts," he said.

The 85-year-old Argentine is a card-holding fan of the Buenos Aires club San Lorenzo.

World Cup loss raises doubts about Argentina's fitness

tory.

Argentina fans, it wasn't just a bad dream. Their team really did lose 2-1 to Saudi Arabia in one of World Cup's 92-year his-

Now the pressure is on Lionel Messi and Argentina, who cannot afford to lose their next match against Mexico on Saturday if they want to keep their World Cup hopes alive.

"It's time to be united. turn the page and no longer think about what happened," Messi said after the humiliating defeat against Saudi Arabia, the second-lowest ranked team in the tournament. "Take reflections, take the positives to improve what we did wrong and think about Mexico. We always said we were going to look to win every game and now more than ever."

So much for Argentina arriving in Qatar in ideal shape to win a third World Cup, having won the Copa America last year and been on a 36-game unbeaten run. Now there are doubts springing up everywhere. Are key players fit enough? Does Lionel Scaloni – Argentina's accidental coach – have the experience to handle the pressure of a World Cup? And can Messi, now 35, still carry Argentina to the one prize in soccer still to elude him?

Worryingly, Messi spoke of "anxiety" that

UNFORTUNATELY for Messi said. "We knew it particular, ended up game with the ball at at the World Cup - and game, which started at could happen in the first game, if we didn't play in the best way we were doing, and I think that hapthe biggest shocks in the pened to us. We didn't find the performance or the game that we've been demonstrating for a long time."

In some ways, the loss to the Saudis was a freak result. They scored with two of their three shots on goal, all of which came in the second half. Argentina could easily have been two or three goals ahead by halftime if it wasn't for a couple of marginal offside calls only discovered by video review. And Argentina created enough chances late in the game to take at least a draw.

Yet, there were enough problems to make even the most optimistic Argentina fan concerned.

Some players clearly weren't at peak fitness. Cristian Romero, the center back rounded too easily by Saleh Alshehri for the first goal, hasn't played for the last month at English club Tottenham because of a muscle injury and didn't look ready. Similarly, Leandro Paredes and striker Angel Di Maria have played limited minutes since October after injuries. That Romero and

Paredes were substituted soon after Saudi Arabia's second goal in the 53rd was an indication something was not right.

Center midfielder Rodrigo De Paul and right back Nahuel Molina are "The goal so early (in not regulars for Atlet-

the second half) hurt us, ico Madrid and lacked ankle. He was still a joy 90-minute soccer match stoppages in modern struggling with the Saudis' unexpected intensity and physicality.

Giovani Lo Celso, a favorite of Scaloni but out of the World Cup because of injury, was missed in midfield. Center back Nicolas Otamendi started against Saudi Arabia, but Scaloni may opt for Lisandro Martínez against Mexico, given his improving form for Manchester United this season.

There was already a fragile look to Argentina's defense in the first half, under limited pressure from the Saudis. That was exposed throughout the second half, forcing Messi to drop deeper in search of the ball.

Messi insisted the day before the game that he was in good shape, despite training individually two days last week and being pictured with padding around his right

his feet and when given space but he found himself crowded out in the second half. At 35, he could find it difficult to play intense matches every four days at the

World Cup. Argentina has three days to sort things out before they return to Lusail stadium, where the Saudis caused one of the World Cup's biggest upsets, to play Mexico. The 89,000-seat stadium will also stage the World Cup final on Dec. 18,

Goalkeeper Emi Martinez said that Argentina will go into the Mexico game as if they were playing for the title. "Saturday is our first

World Cup final," he said, adding the early defeat may help galvanize the team. "If we want to be world

champions, it's good to have a stumble," he said. "A stumble is not a fall." Meanwhile

that is what FIFA wants to give fans more entertainment.

The nearly 14 minutes added at the end of Argentina's shocking 2-1 loss to Saudi Arabia on Tuesday meant the five longest periods of stoppage time for a single half of soccer at any World Cup were all played in Oatar since Monday, according to statistics site Opta Joe.

England and Iran went into the 15th minute of stoppage time in the first half Monday and the referee added almost 14 minutes in the second half. A head injury for Iran's goalkeeper explained the first, but the second raised more eye-

Even more surprising were the Netherlands-Senegal and the United States-Wales games each entering the 11th minute of time added at the end for the myriad types of

it made us confused," sharpness. De Paul, in to watch in Tuesday's is turning into 100-plus soccer. The American 10 p.m. on Monday in Doha, ticked over into Tuesday when the final whistle blew.

The pattern carried on Tuesday as the Argentina-Saudi Arabia match went into a seventh minute of time added on in the first half and twice as much in the second, when a Saudi defender was injured and carted off the field.

"The purpose is to offer more show to those watching the World Cup," FIFA referees committee chairman Pierluigi Collina said in Qatar ahead of the tournament.

Collina insisted the directive to referees "is something not new." FIFA officials have long been agitated about the dwindling amount of effective playing time in the regulation 90 minutes.

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Tanzania prepares team for 2023 World **Cross-Country Championship**

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ANZANIA is in the process of preparing athletes to represent the country in the 2023 World Cross-Country Championships.

A total of 113 athletes from Arusha, Manyara, Singida, and Kilimanjaro have been selected for the initial grilling towards the international event next February 2023.

Latest reports indicate that the 2023 World Cross-Country Championships will be taking place in Bathurst, Australia.

Arusha Regional Athletics Association's secretary-general Rogath Steven said the chosen athletes have been practicing in the remote Burka Estates on the outskirts of the city during the first training series.

They have been racing through some challenging 10 kilometers of remote landscapes of Arusha suburbs.

The second training series comes up in December and is again to be held in the northern city of Arusha.

There will be four preparatory series before the final event which will produce the ultimate National Athletics

They are all warming up for the 44th Edition of the World Cross-Country Championships slated to be taking place on February 18, 2023.

Tanzania's athletes compete in a recent National Open Cross-Country Championships which took place in Arusha

But the race will be preceded by a special opening ceremony on February 17, 2022.

Nearly 600 athletes from more than 60 countries, including Tanzania will participate in the cross-country feat at the famous Mount Panorama.

The event was previously scheduled for September 2021 but got postponed due to Australian travel restrictions.

Early this year, it was again reported that the World Championships were

to be held in Bucharest, Romania but the venue eventually changed back to Bathurst, Australia.

The 2023 World Cross-Country Championship set to take place in Bathurst will comprise the U-20 men's eight kilometers race and U-20 women's six kilometers showdown.

There will also be the universal mixed relay race of eight kilometers and the senior individual men's and women's races of 10 kilometers.

World Cross-Country Championships will be supported by a series of mass participation races.

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Election Committee to announce contestants for AT vacant posts

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE contestants for the positions of Athletic Tanzania (AT) vice-president and the association's Executive Committee member representing the Coast Region are expected to be known.

AT Election Committee was expected to convene a meeting in Dodoma yesterday to verify candidates who have to meet the required conditions for the elections which will be held this weekend in the same region.

Members that are making AT Election Committee are Menrad D Souza, Benjamin Kalume, Morris Okinda, Hamad Ndee, and Mwinga Mwanjala.

According to AT information officer Lwiza John eight people have shown interest to compete for the post of vice president for the association.

The official mentioned them as William Kalllaghe, Suleiman Nyambui, Mohammed Kiganja, Juma Ikaanga, Yotham Guitage, Rahim Kalyango, Yohana Misese, and Shaaban Hiki.

Contestants for the post of the AT Executive Committee's member representing Coast Region are Tabu John, Jilala Mwandu, Ally Mussa, and Thomas Tryphone while Felix Chinga has declared his interest to contest for the position of assistant secretary.

The AT official stated: "Names of those who want to contest for the post of vice president of athletics Association and coast Region member will be known today."

"Our Election Committee will verify the names today, we are asking all those who showed interest to come up with their required original education qualifications and other related documents," she said. She said the campaign will start from Friday to Sunday.

Vacancies of vice-president and Executive Committee member representing Coast Region fell vacant following the decision by John Bayo and Robert Kalyahe to resign from posts.

The official noted that after the election there will

be AT Annual General Meeting.

Caravans cricketers overcome SKLPSC in 2022 Gymkhana Shield tournament

By Guardian Reporter

CARAVANS Cricket Club kept on proving its worth in 2022 Cello|Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield after registering an eight-wicket victory over Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club venue.

It was widely expected that well-drilled Caravans were set to come out victorious in the tie and they did so with much ease, bowling out SKPLSC for 89 runs in 19 overs of the 20-

Opener Dinesh Rabadiya the cricketers with significant scored 26 runs from 22 balls in groups A and B. Group A handed over to batsmen

with the opener recording 18 runs and Rehemtullah making his way back with 21 runs not out.

The club's senior cricketer was another player with a two-digit score having recorded 10 runs not out. Youthful cricketers Issa

Safari and Karimu Athumani had a good day when Caravans fielded, taking two wickets apiece. Caravans later smoothly

garnered the victory in 10.4 overs for the loss of two

All-rounder Kassim Nassor and middle-order batsman scored 38 runs not out from Khalil Rehemtullah ended as 27 balls and Amal Rajeevan this season's showpiece are a special cash prize to be during weekends.

to win the tie for the batting squad.

Senior player Hassan Rahim worked hard when the SKLPSC cricketers were seeking to keep Caravans in check, notching two wickets which however could hardly pay off.

Nassor was named the Man of the Match because of his solid showing in the chase.

This year's edition of the annual cricket tournament, which is hosted by the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's Cricket Section, seeks to raise the standard of the game domestically.

The outfits battling it out in

Club, GP, Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC), Pak Stars, Union Sports Club, and Gymkhana Cricket Club.

Aruti Aces, Upanga Sports Club, Aga Khan SC, Annadil Burhani Club, Dar Cricket Club (DCC), and Lions Cricket Club have been put in Group

The 2022 edition is sponsored by Cello|Ruby's Magic and Co, as well as long-time sponsors, General Petroleum (GP). sponsors are Planet Fitness, Gem Point, ETG, and Pepsi.

Cello|Ruby's Magic and Co has moreover sponsored takers posting hat-tricks in the showdown

This year's edition of the tournament was officially launched at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club early this month.

The jerseys for clubs taking part in the showdown were handed out to the outfits' skippers in presence of various supporters and stakeholders.

The showpiece's organizers stated that exciting matchups made up of old and new rivalries are in store for cricket followers in the city that will watch the tournament's ties



Caravans Cricket Club is pictured before taking part in a 2022 Cello|Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield tournament duel against Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GYMKHANA CRICKET CLUB

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