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Tanzania, DRC to focus on JCC, security

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) have agreed to step up collaboration in transport, security and infrastructure.

The leaders of the two countries held a joint press conference yesterday where President Samia Suluhu Hassan said the two nations have agreed to revive the Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC), non-operational for the past two decades.

Key areas the two countries agreed to work on include extending the standard gauge railway (SGR) and intensifying links the financial sector, she said.

Tanzania was reviving MV Sangara to improve transport in Lake Tanganyika, easing the movement of goods and services and improve trade between the two countries, she said.

Tanzania was also working on promoting private sector links as Tanzanian banks already operate in DRC, while uplifting measures to address food shortages that threaten to rock the world in the future, she stated.

Other agreements relate to Air Tanzania Co. Ltd (ATCL) which flies to just one city in DRC, expected to extend the range of flights in the country, she said.

DRC President Felix Tshisekedi

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured at Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport yesterday exchanging greetings with her Democratic Republic of Congo counterpart, Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, who had just jetted in from Zanzibar on the second leg of his two-day visit to Tanzania. Photo: State House

Task force report: Parties urge speed

By Guardian Reporter

A UNION of 14 opposition parties has appealed to President Samia Suluhu Hassan to speedily work on the report presented to her on Friday by the taskforce on revamping democracy.

Doyo Hassan, secretary general at the Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC) and chairman of the ethics committee in the Political Parties Council, said yesterday that this would help to resolve issues raised in the report, including the resumption of political rallies.

Theo parties asserted that the registrar of political parties, Judge (rtd) Francis Mutungi could similarly implement

recommendation in the report falling under his ambit, including working on the Political Parties Act to give other parties the freedom to conduct political activities.

In remarks to journalists on the parties' position on the report, he praised government efforts in properly overseeing the reform process, urging that the president puts a little haste, especially in regard to laws and regulations on political rallies.

Another sphere that calls for urgent attention is subsidies to all registered political parties without parliamentary representation, to enable

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Ndayishimiye: Tanzania has shown solid, unwavering understanding

By Guardian Correspondent, Bujumbura

BURUNDIAN President Evariste Ndayishimiye has applauded the strong cooperation involving political, economic and social support with Tanzania.

He expressed gratitude to President Samia Suluhu Hassan after greetings were delivered by former first lady Salma Kikwete, at the closing ceremo-

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Fire burns down TRA warehouse

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

THE warehouse at Tanga port that stored seized goods and goods awaiting payment of duties has been gutted by fire.

Tanga regional commissioner Omary Mgumba told a press conference yesterday that the cause of the blaze had not been established as yet.

The warehouse belonging to the Tanzania Revenue

Authority (TRA) in the region stocked various goods including 370 bales of printed fabrics (vitenge), sugar, rice, edible oil and seized motorcycles. The vehicles were seized as they were being smuggled into a port entrance, he said at the site of the incident, noting that he received a report of the blaze two hours after

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ny of the high-level forum of women leaders, its 2022 edition, organized by the Organisation of African First Ladies Against HIV/AIDS (OAFIAD) that Burundi hosted at the weekend.

Noting that the cooperation helps the country improve the living standards of its people, the Burundian leader said the country, like other African countries, faces health and nutrition problems among women, newborns, children and adolescents.

The former first lady delivered greetings from President Samia, saying that Tanzania has advanced a lot in helping adolescents, and recently initiated a programme to support adolescent mothers get back to school. Salma invited delegates from other countries to visit Tanzania to compare notes, to see how its initiatives can be applicable to other African countries, as well as encouraging international collaboration in promoting the health and nutrition status of women, newborns, children and adolescents.

She commended the conference deliberation that it be used by all African countries to meet the challenges they face in achieving sustainable development goals in health and nutrition.

OAFIAD is the Organization of African First Ladies for Development (OAFIAD) established in 2002, where first ladies created the forum as a united voice for Africa's most susceptible citizens.

It is an advocacy organisation where first ladies seek to leverage their unique position to spur health services accessibility and law reform to boost women and youth empowerment.

Burundi launched the zero malnutrition campaign in October 2020 to improve the well-being of the Burundian population, the Burundian leader said, noting that it involves the mobilization of mothers to vaccinate their children.

The conference was held in a week dedicated to mother and child health since 2002, such that at present most newborn babies are vaccinated in hospital.

He also spoke about an awareness campaign on disease prevention and the promotion of the right nutritional practices. Supporting the school feeding program and curbing or managing obstetric fistula are also included.

The campaigns and actions are geared at using various levers and forums to motivate all sections of the population to play their role in promoting maternal and child health and engaging in the fight against malnutrition.

Host first lady Angelina Ndayishimiye said the theme for this year was 'the health and nutrition of women, newborns, children and adolescents,' to enable exchange, reflection and commitment to resilient and sustainable means and actions to improve the health and nutrition of women, children and adolescents. This requires the involvement of women leaders towards achieving the third goal of the sustainable development goals, she added.



Former first lady Salma Kikwete (in specs), who is now legislator for Mchinga constituency in Lindi Region, visits an exhibition featuring an assortment of items made by entrepreneurs. It was held in the Burundi capital, Bujumbura, as part of a workshop organised by the Organisation of African Union First Ladies for Development (OAFIAD). The main event focused on the impact of challenges associated with health and nutrition on women, children and adolescents. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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midnight and rushed to the area.

The main task was to put down the blaze after which the fire and rescue services would seek to establish how the fire broke out, he said. Efforts are being made to secure the safety of goods that

survived the fire, with the regional authorities expecting to form a team to conduct in-depth investigations on the cause of the incident. Further steps will then be taken, the RC declared. Fatma Ngenya, the regional commander of Fire Brigade and Rescue Services, reiterated the 2:00

am fire outbreak report at TPA port premises and promptly arrived at the area leading the rescue team. The team had to break down the warehouse gates to gain access and were able to control the blaze. Had they been late, the damage would have been massive, she stated.

Port manager Masoud Mrisha said they received the report on the blaze at around 2:30 am from the port's senior security officer and proceeded to the area. They saw fire engulfing the warehouse which was handed to the TRA for storing seized goods and those awaiting duty

payment or already forfeited, he stated. The port authorities in turn reported the incident to relevant state organs, he said, affirming that as for now the issue has been left with the regional defence and security committee. On October 2, a consignment of sugar and edible oil smuggled in via

the Kasera informal port facility near Tanga was reportedly scuttled away before TRA officials or the police arrived. RC Mgumba said at the time that the goods were removed a short time after arriving at the port, with dhows bringing the goods to the port subsequently abandoned.



Sadati Musa (L), Bank of Tanzania's banking supervision director, presents an honorary Tanzania Institute of Bankers (TIOB) fellowship Award to NMB Bank Plc's chief of risk Doreen Joseph (R) at the institute's 21st graduation ceremony held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. She collected it on behalf of the bank's CEO, Ruth Zaipuna. Looking on is TIOB executive director Patrick Mususa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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them to operate.

It will give them an opportunity to propagate their policies and create awareness on their activities as political parties seeking to help the country to do the right thing, he said.

"If you read the eight recommendations in the report's summary, there are issues regarding political parties in seeking to have in place the right infrastructure for democracy. That is within the registrar's jurisdiction," he asserted. Noting that the report covers all issues regarding politics in the country, he expressed the view that if the president works on the recommendations and gives directives thereof, this will restore democratic freedoms.

He expressed surprise that Chadema leaders opposed the task force report while it has not yet been published and circulated, noting that Tanzanians need ample time to read the report instead of rushing to oppose what was read as the summary of the report.

He said the leading opposition party opposed the report and urged that Tanzanians oppose it, underlining that this appeal should be ignored. The recommendation involved various high-level stakeholders' voices, including clerics, politicians and academicians.

"You cannot just

ignore the views of these prominent people who have assisted the country in various ways up to this point simply for personal reasons, to mar the work done by many," he emphasised.

Felix Makua, the secretary general for Democratic Party (DP), said the formation of the task force was a result of political activities being stuck, especially in regard to political rallies.

The union of political parties groups the African Democratic Alliance Party (ADA-TADEA), Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC), Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo), Chama cha Ukombozi wa Umma (Party for the Liberation of the People - CHAUMMA), Tanzania Labour Party (TLP), United Democratic Party (UDP), Demokrasi Makini (MAKINI) and Democratic Party (DP).

Others are the Civic United Front (CUF), the National Convention for Construction and Reform - NCCR-Mageuzi, Sauti ya Umma (Voice of the People-SAUI), Alliance for African Farmers Party (AAFP), Chama cha Kijamii (Social Party-CCK), United Peoples' Democratic Party (UPDP) and the National Reconstruction Alliance (NRA).

The task force report submitted to President Samia had eight recommendations aimed at strengthening democracy, to which the president promised to work on the issues raised.

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arrived in Dar es Salaam on the second leg of a two-day visit, where he is expected to visit the port of Dar es Salaam and the SGR worksite.

In his remarks, he said that the two countries have spoken much on security, saying this was a key area "for everything in cooperation plans to be achieved."

DRC was making efforts to build relations with neighbouring countries chiefly to the east where it is now a member of the regional economic

grouping" he said.

Cooperation between the two countries is meant to create a conducive environment for doing business, alleviating poverty and strengthening Africa's economy, he stated.

Another area vital in cooperation arrangements agreed is information and communication technology (ICT) as it is a sector which can create jobs, he stated.

After arriving at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA), he headed to State House with his host for the signing of trade contracts and addressing the media.

Before touching down in Dar es Salaam, President Tshisekedi toured Zanzibar and held talks with President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, visiting various tourist attractions.

The Congolese leader is also the current chairman of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), visiting the country for the second time since being elected two years ago.

DRC is a vital inland trade partner for Tanzania, with Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) data showing that cargo handled through Dar es Salaam port grew by 21.3

percent in the past four years.

The EAC zone exported goods and services valued at \$7.4bn in 2018 to DRC, representing 11 per cent of its total imports.

Experts say DRC has massive untapped deposits of minerals, which some experts peg at \$24trn in value.

Dar port handled 17m metric tonnes last year, up from 14m tonnes recorded in 2017, partly due to expanded capacity, a marketing drive, recovery from Covid-19 and an enabling business environment, official reports assert.

Kenyan nurse stabbed to death by patient in the US

RALEIGH

A Kenyan nurse was on Tuesday stabbed to death in North Carolina, United States while discharging her duties at a mental health care centre.

June Onkundi, who hailed from Kisii County and was working as a nurse practitioner in Durham City, met her death after she was attacked with a knife by a mentally deranged patient she was taking care of, killing her on the spot.

Police later arrived and took the suspect into custody.

The suspected murderer, James Gomes, 47, who was described by local TV stations as a serial criminal who has allegedly spent more than half of his life in prison, is said to have been released recently after serving time in jail for other criminal violations.

A local TV in Raleigh, ABC 11, described the deceased as, "mother, wife, sister, cousin and a psychiatric nurse practitioner, Jane Onkundi was the epitome of love, taken too soon while doing exactly what she loved."

AGENCIES



Health ministry permanent secretary Prof Abel Makubi (R) and the CEO of Egypt's Alameda Healthcare Group, Neeraj Mishra, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend signing an MoU on the strengthening of health sector relations within Tanzania and Egypt. The pact includes the exchanging of medical expertise and other forms of cooperation in the treatment of non-communicable diseases. Photo: Guardian Photographer

Govt commemorates 77th UN anniversary

By Henry Mwangonde

TANZANIA marks the 61st anniversary of its membership in the United Nations (UN) today, an attachment that is built on a strong foundation meant to attain peace, prosperity and inclusive development.

The country will also join fellow member states to commemorate the UN 77 anniversaries on the event which is marked every October 24 and this year's theme is "Inclusive communities: 'Leaving no one Behind.'"

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Mbarouk Nassor Mbarouk said the theme articulates the objective of putting people first in the development process by addressing the interconnected challenges of the most vulnerable and marginalized people.

He said the theme was also in line with key global and national priorities, including the Sustainable Development Goals which contribute to ending poverty, protecting the planet, and bringing peace and prosperity to all.

"The UN is an important partner in the development of Tanzania. We have partnered for many years bringing development in various sectors of our nation through their various plans and development assistance," said Ambassador Mbarouk.

Among the key areas of collaboration includes inclusivity, and reducing inequality by empowering and promoting the social, economic, and political inclusion of all, including persons with disabilities.

He added that "This year the government in partnership with the United Nations launched the UN

Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework which will end in 2027 and is aligned to the national third Development plan.

According to the Deputy foreign minister, the event will be graced by the Minister of Constitution and Legal Affairs, Dr Damas Ndumbaro, whereby activities such as a military parade and raising of the UN flag as a symbol of the continued commitment of Tanzania together with UN agencies will feature the event.

UN Resident Coordinator, Zlatan Milisic extended gratitude to the government for its continued partnership and for the enabling environment for the UN agencies, funds and programmes to work in this nation, pledging more support to achieve its development priorities and the SDGs.

He commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for being a champion of multilateral diplomacy.

"UN is a champion for the implementation of Tanzanians to take part at the commemorations as part of exemplifying our strong solidarity with the UN which has been instrumental in helping the country to thrive," he noted.

"193 member states trying to find solutions for the planet the likes of Covid-19, peace and stability, climate change...more efforts will be committed to finding the solutions," said the UN Resident Coordinator applauding Tanzania as the main contributor of peacekeepers helping to stabilize the world," he said.

He attributed that the last years have reminded everyone how important the UN is as a platform of multilateralism for the world to identify solutions for global problems.

Ministry of Health signs MoU with Egypt's Alameda healthcare group

By Guardian Reporter

THE Egyptian-based Alameda Healthcare Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Health that is designed to set up a second opinion centre, support and train healthcare professionals in their areas of expertise.

The signed MoU includes conducting surgical camps in various hospitals and treating patients for complex cases like transplants in Cairo.

The signing ceremony of the MoU was held in Dodoma over the weekend and was witnessed by the Permanent Secretary in the Min-

istry of Health Prof Abel Makubi, Alameda Healthcare Group Chief Executive Officer Neeraj Mishra and Alameda healthcare group International Business Development, Dr Amira Hamouda.

Mishra, Alameda Healthcare Group CEO said: "It's a momentous occasion to collaborate with the ministry in improving healthcare services in Tanzania. Under this agreement, we shall conduct surgical camps in areas of cardiac surgery, kidney transplantation, neurosurgery and orthopedics. We shall also set up a second opinion centre in Cairo to support the young clinicians in local hospitals to take advice from senior clini-

cians working in Alameda Hospitals."

Mishra added: "We shall also train the doctors and nurses under observer ship program in our hospitals. Patients who cannot be treated in the country shall be referred to us through the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF)"

"Alameda Healthcare will also be tasked with receiving nursing and midwifery experts to build capacity to the counterpart in improving care, quality and managing hospitals resources to ensure quality services", said Mishra.

Dr Amira Hamouda - Group Director of International Business Development said: "This has been

a long-awaited agreement and will be bringing expertise from Alameda healthcare in Egypt to Tanzania, helping Tanzania become the medical hub for East Africa."

Dr Hamouda stated that in addition to the above MoU, Alameda Healthcare already has an ongoing MoU with Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute and Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) and has conducted the first cardiac surgery camp in September.

The Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Prof Abel Makubi said the signed MoU will strengthen relations in the provision of training to health workers especially those offering specialized medical treat-

ment.

He said more than 20 medical experts from Tanzania will benefit from the pieces of training at a low cost every year.

"Through exchange programs, our medical experts will have the opportunity to study abroad while experts from other countries will also come and work at our health facilities," he said.

He said the cooperation will also include collaborating in the control of epidemic diseases at the borders, research on medicine as well as prevention and strengthening of digital medical services through Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

The PS noted that Tanzania will also collaborate with the countries in the construction of drug manufacturing industries. He said plans are underway for the signing of other 15 agreements with a number of hospitals abroad.

"The Ministry of Health will continue to cooperate with the international community in managing and implementing its priorities and achieving goals set by the government," he said.

Prof Makubi said the ministry will continue to organize and collaborate with international communities for improved health services in the country.

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MP urges private schools to charge affordable fees

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

SPECIAL Seat Member of Parliament (CCM) Dr Thea Ntara has urged private schools to charge affordable fees to enable children from low incomes families to enroll at their schools.

She made the plea over the weekend at the 12th Form Four graduation ceremony at Brilliant secondary school in Dar es Salaam.

Ntara said if private schools charge affordable fees rates, many Tanzanians will get access to education, thus complementing the government's efforts in improving the education sector.

The MP applauded the Director of the school, Dr Jasson Rweikiza, who is also a Member of Parliament for Bukoba Rural constituency for the huge investment in the education sector which has enabled many Tanzanians to access quality education.

"Despite hiked operation costs;

you have maintained the school fees rate for four consecutive years. I commend you and I would like other schools to emulate this spirit because you consider the provision of services rather than business," she said.

Either, the MP said apart from helping the government to improve the education sector, the investment also helps to reduce the gap of unemployment problem in the country.

"I heard that you have been good students and you did wonders in Mock examinations with 49 students scoring Division One. 40 students got Division II and only three got Division III, this is a marvelous achievement and it is my hope that you will do wonders in the coming Form Four national examinations," she said.

She commended Ubungo Education Officer and Dar es Salaam Regional Education Officer for the excellent supervision of the academic

performance which made Brilliant school shine in Ubungo District.

The MP reminded parents and guardians to pay their school fees on time to enable smooth operations of the school.

The school Director, Dr Jasson Rweikiza promised to continue with its mission of providing quality education at an affordable cost to enable many Tanzanian students to afford to join English medium schools.

"Despite the hike in operation cost we managed to maintain the school fees rate for four years and we promise to continue with that spirit to help a majority of our fellow Tanzanians," he said.

The school Headmaster, Edrick Philemon said in the 2020 Form Four national examinations, 13 students scored Division I, 26 Division II and 27 got division III.

He said in the results of 2021, 18 got Division I, 38 got Division II and 18 got Division III.



Barrick Gold Corporation president and CEO Mark Bristow (2nd-L) presents a dummy cheque for US\$1000 to Kahama Peace Orphanage Centre director Halima Hamza (R). The event was held in Mara Region at the weekend. Looking on are Minerals deputy minister Dr Steven Kiruswa (2nd-R) and acting Mara regional commissioner Yahya Nawanda. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

GCLA donates 786 books on science laboratory chemicals to Tanga schools

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Government Chemist Laboratory Authority (GCLA) has handed 786 science books and laboratory chemicals to secondary schools in Handeni District, Tanga Region, a move aimed to motivate more students to pursue science subjects.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony recently at Mkata secondary school, Handeni District Commissioner, Siriel Mchembe urged secondary school students to love pursuing science subjects to cope with the global science and technology revolution.

"We have received 786 sciences books and chemicals for our school laboratories from GCLA; their donation compliments the government efforts of ensuring more students love and pursue science subjects to cope with global advance change in technology," he said.

He said due to the fast development in science, parents, teachers and the community ought to emphasize and inculcate a culture in their children to love pursuing science subjects such as physics, biology, chemistry and mathematics to raise the standards of education.

Mchembe said the initiative will also produce a large number of experts in science subjects such as doctors, engineers, geologists and teachers. He commended the government for constructing more laboratories including the construction of more than 77 classrooms to solve the shortage of science teachers as well as the recruitment of 40 teachers.

Chief Government Chemist, Dr Fidelice Mafumiko called on the students to use the books and chemical laboratories to improve their performance in science subjects by doing things practically. He noted that science and technology are among the core sources of development, hence the need to ensure more students pursue the subjects. Dr Mafumiko said the government recognizes the importance of science that's why it is constructing classrooms, employing science teachers and installing equipment at school laboratories and libraries.

"It is our hope that these books and chemicals will help the schools to improve student's performance in science subjects considering that the government has put much effort in investing in science and technology by ensuring the availability of teachers and other human resources," he said, adding that GCLA will continue to empower youth to enable them to realize their educational goals," he said.

Handeni District Education Officer, John Lupenza said that most of the secondary schools in the district are facing a shortage of teachers, laboratories and books, the thing that discourages students to pursue science subjects.

"We thank GCLA for the support. It is my hope that we can move forward adding that the items donated will enhance students' capacity and morality to study advising students to use the opportunity to pass their science subjects," he said.

Mozambique to become regional energy hub

MAPUTO

THE director of Market Operations at Mozambique's utility company Electricidade de Mocambique (EDM), Luis Ganje, says that the government is mobilising investments to build new power-generating projects to meet the huge energy demand in the region.

Ganje, who was speaking to the press in Maputo on the sidelines of the 59th general meeting of the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP), said that a financial agreement, estimated at US\$5 billion for the implementation of the Mphanda Nkuwa hydroelectric project would be reached soon.

According to Ganje, the new hydroelectric facility on the Zambezi River, downstream from the Cahora Bassa dam (HCB) in the central province of Tete, will help to alleviate the regional energy deficit, currently estimated to be seven gigawatts.

He also pointed to the construction of a 563-kilometre-long new transmission power line between Temane and Maputo, and the implementation of the Tete-Maputo line, also known as the "backbone," which will make it possible to develop integrated electricity infrastructures to support the industrialisation of Mozambique and the region.

Ganje pointed out that "the energy deficit in the region is much greater than the existing capacity produced in Mozambique at the moment. Mozambique intends to become a power generation hub, not only to meet the demand for universal access by 2030 but also to meet the needs of the region".

"We have several projects underway. Naturally, it is a process that takes time, but we hope that by 2030, with the entry into operation of the Mphanda Nkuwa project, we will be able to provide a more robust response to regional needs", he added.



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1.0 Background

The Governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Malawi established the Joint Songwe River Basin Commission (SONGWECOM) through a convention, which was developed under Phase II of the joint Songwe River Basin Development Programme (SRBDP). The Convention was signed on 18th May, 2017 and came into force on 1st July, 2018 after ratification by both governments. The SONGWECOM is a bilateral transboundary river basin organization established to sustainably manage the basin natural resources and implement the Songwe River Basin Development Programme (SRBDP) on behalf of the two governments. The Commission consists of three permanent organs: (i) The Council of Ministers (Council), (ii) The Joint Steering Committee (Committee) and (iii) The Secretariat.

Among the objectives of the Commission, as per the Convention, is to coordinate and implement the developmental aspect of the basin under the SRBDP and manage associated assets which includes dam(s), hydropower plants, irrigation systems and associated infrastructure.

The SONGWECOM now invites applications from qualified citizens of Malawi and Tanzania for the Position of Financial Manager for the Commission. The successful applicant will be responsible for maintaining financial records, providing timely financial information to management of the Commission and to ensure compliance with Financial Rules and Regulations. Being the key member of management of the Commission, he/she is expected to provide guidance to the Secretariat in budgets management and organization of an optimal cost-recovery system, implementation of financial operational strategies and procedures, ensure proper control of accounts and facilitate knowledge building in accurate financial resource management.

2.0 Duties and Responsibilities

2.1 Budgeting and Planning

- Support the SONGWECOM in preparing annual work plans and budgets in accordance with SONGWECOM budgeting rules and regulations prescribed in the Financial Management Manual.
- Prepare annual cash plans on the basis of the work plan for monitoring expenditure on cash basis.
- Upload annual budget on SONGWECOM MIS and prepare monthly monitoring reports comparing actual expenditure against the budget. Highlight weak performing areas for attention of management.
- Prepare annual and quarterly disbursement forecasts in line with the procurement plans and work plans.

2.2 Funds Management

- Prepare cash forecasts in coordination with SONGWECOM experts for financing.
- Prepare and process withdrawal applications in accordance with SONGWECOM and other Financiers' Disbursement Guidelines.
- Prepare revenue and expenditure forecasts for SONGWECOM.
- Track funds, including revenue from own sources, and follow up with financiers and national banks holding SONGWECOM accounts to ensure timely credit of funds into the Commission's assignment account.

2.3 Expenditure/Payment Processing

- Ensure compliance with internal control framework in accordance with SONGWECOM Financial Management Manual while processing payments.
- Analyse, plan, design, implement, and monitor a system to augment internal controls in line with best practices in the process of payment and expenditure management.
- Apply pre-audit checks on all payments before payment from the assignment accounts including budget availability, sanction of competent authority and compliance with applicable financial rules & regulations.
- Ensure that all payment processes are met for every prior review activity before processing any payment.
- Ensure that only eligible payments are forwarded for ES's approval and drawing funds from the assignment account.
- Manage financial aspects of the contracts under implementation, including payment terms, purchase orders and variation orders.

2.4 Accounting and Record Management

- Record all transactions timely and accurately in the books of accounts and ensure that no expenditure remained unaccounted and update the SONGWECOM MIS.
- Maintain accounts on cash basis as per SONGWECOM Financial Management Manual.
- Oversee the process of entering transaction level data in the SONGWECOM MIS and generating vouchers from the system.
- Ensure up-to-date maintenance of adequate registers, books of accounts and records in appropriate order and format to meet the governments' and other financiers' requirements.
- Facilitate classification and analysis of the financial information for monitoring progress.
- Prepare supplementary record which provides timely and up-to-date financial information of all service providers.
- Maintain imprest of petty cash and ensure maintenance of separate petty cash book and petty cash vouchers and compliance with the Financial Management Manual.

- Prepare monthly reconciliation statements of accounts.
- Reconcile expenditure based on prescribed formats from different financiers on monthly basis.
- Be the payroll manager and process monthly payroll of SONGWECOM employees. Ensure proper payroll controls are applied and the payments are made directly in the Bank accounts.
- Prepare and process monthly payroll and submit to ES for approval prior to making any payment under salaries.
- Ensure that the fixed assets records are maintained for any project identifying location and user of each asset and arrange for the annual and periodical inventory of the assets and updating of the records.
- Ensure safe custody of all financial records for review by third party monitoring agents including external and internal auditors.

2.5 Financial Reporting

- Prepare quarterly financial summaries and submit to management.
- Draft financial statements as per Cash Basis IPSAS and:
 - Ensure that Management has reviewed and adopted them as Unaudited Financial Statements;
 - The designated Authorities have signed them; and
 - submit to the Independent External Auditors within two months of the close of the financial year.
- Prepare periodic financial reports specified under the Legal Agreement or as recommended by Financiers.
- Ensure that all SONGWECOM financial reporting requirements are complied with the Financial Management Manual.
- Ensure that SONGWECOM financial status and statement of Receipts and Payments are submitted to the ES on monthly basis.

2.6 Audit

- Make arrangements for timely initiation and completion of audit and ensure that report produced is in compliance with audit requirements for SONGWECOM and financiers of the Commission and projects it implements.
- Ensure that internal audit is periodically conducted in accordance with the internal audit plan.
- Improve project financial management, particularly in terms of following up action points agreed with development partners in financial agreements, supervision missions from financiers and recommendations of external auditors and internal auditors.
- Attend entry and exit meetings with external auditors, facilitate timely completion of audits by arranging timely submission of annual financial statement in appropriate format, supply of information and documents responding to queries, initiate actions and coordinating with various units in meeting audit objections.
- Prepare working papers on audit observations raised by external auditors and arrange to convene meeting to settle audit observations to the extent legally and logically possible.

And any other tasks as may be assigned by the Executive Secretary from time to time.

3.0 Required Qualifications

- At least a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy, Finance, Business Administration, Economics or relevant discipline. A Master's degree in Financial Management, Corporate Finance, Project Finance or Business Administration will be an added advantage.
- Should be certified by a recognized board like Association of Certified Chartered Accountant (ACCA), Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA) or Certified Public Accountant (CPA) etc.
- At least 7 years of relevant experience of which a minimum of 3 years should be managing finances in donor funded projects.
- Excellent analytical and communication skills
- Demonstrated Computer Skills (Proficiency in using computer desktop application MS Office (Access, Word, Excel, and Power Point) and conversant with basic accounting software.
- Should not be more than 57 years of age.

4.0 Application Process

Potential candidates who meet the aforementioned requirements for the position are advised to send their application letters with a detailed CV, copies of certified relevant certificates and contact details of three referees by email to:

The Chairperson
The Joint Steering Committee
Joint Songwe River Basin Commission
P. O. Box 300
Kyela
TANZANIA
Email: recruitment.srbcc@gmail.com

Closing date for receipt of applications is 24th November, 2022 at 17:00 hours EAT.
Please, note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Students drilled on better ways to ease traffic congestion in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

FORTY youth have been empowered with skills on how to address traffic jams that preface motorists and pedestrians in Tanzania's commercial capital Dar es Salaam. The training on the best ways to use technology to address the vice has been possible by a Dar es Salaam-based non-governmental organisation-Ujuzi Tanzania's skills

forum.

The just-concluded three-day training brought on board male and female youth from primary, secondary schools and universities aged between 12 and 25.

Kai Maembe, Ujuzi forum executive director said in an interview over the weekend that the training was aimed at empowering young people with skills that will make them self-employed soon after com-

pleting school.

"The skills we give them are the ones needed in the labour market, as you know there is a lot of noise, many graduates are unemployed, so we teach them how to use technology to make changes in society," she said.

"For example, many roads in Dar es Salaam, especially in the morning and evening, have a problem with queues that cause people to be late

for production activities that contribute to the economic growth of the country and individuals."

Kai said that in recognition of the challenge, they have decided to build the capacity of young people by training them to come up with solutions using technology to create an application (APP) that people will use to get rid of queues.

"The important thing we

have aimed for is that they also start their own businesses, we give them education and in it, there is education on how to get capital, we teach them what to do to get capital," she said.

She also asked the government and other stakeholders to recognize the contribution given to the youth so that it has positive results within the community and the nation at large.

Kai stressed: "The training is sustainable and we're planning to reach young people in other regions including Arusha, Dodoma, Iringa and Zanzibar."

T-Marc Tanzania board member, Awaichi Mawalla, said they have decided to collaborate with UJUZU to provide the training opportunity to young people who will bring change to society and the nation.

Mawalla has called on parents to allow their children to learn technology instead of ending up using it as a catalyst for moral destruction.

"Here is an 11-year-old girl, her parents have decided that instead of staying at home, she should bring her to study and she has not remained silent, she contributes her thoughts, she knows how to use the internet properly to find educational matters.



Kilimanjaro regional commissioner Nurdin Babu (C) has a word with Serengeti Breweries Limited staff when touring the firm's brewery in Moshi municipality at the weekend. The plant is undergoing expansion. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL

TENDER NOTICE

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) intends to enter into Purchase Agreements (PAs) for period of 12 months for visibility, Asset & Equipment, Vehicle servicing, Flight ticketing, Agricultural materials, and Stationeries. Therefore, Danish refugee Council is tendering for the above purchase agreements, and all interested bidders must abide to the following instructions before applying.

- Do not make any alteration to the unit prices
- Do not use correction fluid when you do an error. Use a new sheet.
- Do not convert the ITB documents to Word or Excel
- Pay attention to where you must sign, stamp, and put the date.
- Do not forget to attach the required documents such as Annex A.1, Annex A.2, Tender and contract award acknowledgement certificate, Supplier profile and registration form, DRC general condition of contract, Company profile, DRC supplier code of conduct after completing all sections in full, sign, stamp, put the date.

The Purchase agreements may result into one or multiple DRC purchase Orders during the period of twelve months (January,2023 to January,2024) of the Purchase agreement.

Therefore, the Danish Refugee Council in Kibondo requests the suppliers to submit their prices for the above goods.

The bidding documents can be collected at the Danish Refugee Council Office in Kibondo from 24th October,2022 during the working days and hours: 8:00 Am to 16:30 Pm in the following address: Old IRC Road Area, Kibondo. You can call on: +255625482649 or through email sadock.kabuko@drc.ngo to receive the soft copy by email. The closing date for the submission of the bids is 6th November 2022 at 16:30Hrs

The ITB will be opened in a public session on **09th November 2022 at 10:00 AM** at DRC Kibondo Office, PO Box 177 Kibondo by the DRC Tender Opening Committee

You can return your bid form through RFQ.TZA@DRC.NGO OR DIRECT TO THE DRC OFFICE otherwise is void

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HAPPY DIWALI 2022

Happy New Year VS2079



History

Hindus were part of Tanzanian society long before Tanzania appeared on the world map as a nation in the 1960s. The earliest evidence of Hinduism in Tanzania is from the 1st millennium AD when there was trade between East Africa and Indian subcontinent. Most of these traders came from Gujarat, Deccan (now Maharashtra) and the Chola empire. Archaeological evidence of small Hindu settlements has been found in Zanzibar and parts of Swahili coast. Though Hinduism is a minority religion, but it is spread in almost all regions of Tanzania. Hinduism is practiced by some 30,000 people (1996) in the mainland and Zanzibar combined. Most practitioners are of Indo-Tanzanian (particularly Gujarati) ancestry.

Activities

The Hindu community in Tanzania have played a significant role in the development of the nation since independence. And they continue to contribute considerably in trading, manufacturing and service industries operating at different scales. The Hindus built various institutions for furtherance of Hindu religion, traditions and culture. They built hospitals, schools, library and gymnasium. Apart from the sub-communities which have their own places of worship, Hindus also built several Hindu Temples in Dar Es Salaam and in other regions of Tanzania including 3 in Zanzibar. The Hindu Council of Tanzania plays a vital role in

uniting and coordinating all these Hindu sub-communities of which they are members. As a supreme body of all Hindus in Tanzania, the Council represents its members at various government, local and international platforms.

Charity

The Hindu sub-communities also generously do charity and reach out to the unprivileged people of our country. Some Hindu institutions offer free food on daily basis to the needy, medical assistance, scholarships, blood donation camps, and relief activities during disasters just to mention a few, regardless of caste, creed or religion. But these activities are hardly publicised in the media.

Festivals

Thousands of miles away from India, the spirit of Hinduism in Tanzania is kept alive by its colourful, magnificent and vibrant festivals celebrated almost every month on a smaller or bigger scale. Thanks to the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania which gives freedom of religion to all. The Government of Tanzania has always supported the Hindu community and recognizes it as a peace-loving and a development partner.

Diwali & New Year

The Hindu calendar is one of various lunisolar calendars that are traditionally used in the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia, with further regional variations for social and Hindu religious purposes. The last days of the year which usually falls between October and November are full of festivities. Diwali [festival of lights] is one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains, and Sikhs. It marks the last day of the Hindu calendar year. Diwali symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance" The very next day which is the New Year Day is celebrated with prayers, congregations, feasts and seek blessings from the elders for a new beginning.

Message from the President of the Hindu Council of Tanzania

We are once again blessed with the coming of the auspicious festivities of Diwali that will also usher in the New Year -Vikram Samvat 2079. As all Hindus prepare for this festive times, it is important to reminisce the past year that saw the scourge of a pandemic take away precious loved ones from us. And also affecting many financially as the economy took a dip. Then, that ray of hopeful sunshine or what Hindus relate to divine light of hope shone through from those parting storm clouds as Tanzania and indeed the world over is now recovering from the pandemic. This gleam of light emanating from auspicious diyas (oil lamps) and our illuminating prayers springing from our hearts surely caused hope everlasting to flourish and guide us through the recent storms. As we await to usher in the New Year, on behalf of the Hindu Council of Tanzania, I wish to convey to all Hindus and indeed all Tanzanians our warmest wishes for a glorious celebration of Diwali and all the joy, peace, harmony and prosperity for the forthcoming New Year!

Mr. Bhavin Borkhataria

Members of The Hindu Council of Tanzania

1. All World Gayatri Pariwar Tanzania
2. Dsm Brahm Mandal
3. Shree Bhatia Mahajan, Dsm
4. Shree Dsm Luhar Gnati Mandal
5. Shree Goverdhannathji Haveli
6. Shree Gurjar Sutar Gnati Mandal
7. Shree Hindu Mandal Dar Es Salaam
8. Shree Indo Tanzania Cultural Centre
9. Shree Jain Sangh Dsm
10. Shree Jalaram Seva Mandal
11. Shree Jansari Gnati Mandal
12. Shree Koli [Divecha] Gnati Mandal
13. Shree Limbachia Community
14. Shree Mahadarm Bhakt Mandal
15. Shree Navnat Manik Mahajan
16. Shree Premradha Swaminarayan Charitable Trust
17. Shree Rajput Bhoiraj Gnati Mandal
18. Shree Rajput Dhobi Samaj Dsm
19. Shree Rana Gnati Mandal
20. Shree Sanatan Dharma Sabha
21. Shree Sorathia Prajapati Gnati Mandal
22. Shree Surat Jilla Sewa Samaj
23. Shree Tanzania Swaminarayan Mandal
24. Shree Vanza Gnati Mandal
25. Shree Vagheshwari Soni Samaj
26. The Hindu Mahila Mandal
27. The Lohana Mahajan
28. Patel Brotherhood [Patel Samaj]
29. Shree Hindoo Union Zanzibar
30. Shree Hindu Mandal Shinyanga
31. Shree Hindu Mandal Tanga
32. Shree Hindu Mandal Dodoma
33. Shree Hindu Mandal Mtwara / Mikindani
34. Shree Hindu Mandal Tabora
35. Shree Hindu Union Moshi
36. Shree Hindu Union Arusha
37. Shree Hindu Union Bukoba
38. Shree Hindu Mandal Musoma



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The Hindu Council of Tanzania



Shree Hindu Mandal

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Dar, Lisbon sign an agreement for cementing cordial relations

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA and Portugal have signed an agreement for establishing political discussions among the two countries in order to cement their relationships.

The document was signed at the weekend in Lisbon, Portugal by Tanzania Minister for Foreign Affairs and EA Cooperation, Dr Stergomena Tax and her Portuguese counterpart, Joao Gomes Cravinho.

Speaking during the duo's discussions, Dr Tax thanked both Portuguese and Tanzania governments for the important milestone in their diplomatic relations and that it aims to take the relations to another higher level in regard to trade, investment, blue economy, education and transport.

She added that this is a sign that the two countries vow to cooperate in various issues for the two nations' interest.

"My visit to Portugal has been of great benefit as for the first time in the history of the two countries diplomatic relations, we have signed an agreement for cooperation on political issues with the hope of boosting relations in regard to various sectors for the benefit of the two countries," said Dr Tax.

She added that they have agreed with her Portuguese counterpart to put in place strategies in following up the implementation of various issues of cooperation that had been agreed.

Dr Tax also called upon Tanzanians to utilise the agreement signing in grabbing various opportunities available in Portugal including trade in commodities like coffee, tea, fish, spices and timber.

Also, during their talks, Tanzania stressed the importance to work together with the European country at international platform especially in raising the voice for European countries to assist Tanzania and other African countries in general in fighting challenges stemming from the effects of climate change.

For his part, Portugal Foreign Minister Joao Gomes Cravinho thanked Dr Tax for accepting his invitation to visit his country and that Portugal values the diplomatic relations existing between the two countries.

He said he trusts that the signing of the important agreement should be a new start for the two countries' cooperation.

In regard to areas in which Tanzania has made great strides and ready to cooperate with it include alternate energy, saying so far the country has attained 62 per cent in the use of the energy and their target is to reach 80 per cent by 2026.

DR Tax's visit in Portugal is a result of talks between the President of Portugal, Rebelo De Sousa and Tanzania Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango held in June this year at the side-lines of the Second UN Conference on the Sea during which they discussed on the need to boost relations between the two countries.



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Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye (C) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend with students who have completed Tigo-sponsored training at Apps & Girls, an NGO. The students returned recently from Switzerland, where they took part in a creative competition in the ICT sector - with Tanzania coming second best. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

SADC, SACU sign MoU to strengthen cooperation

By Guardian Reporter

THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at enhancing regional integration, economic and social development through mutual cooperative relationship in the region.

SADC Executive Secretary, Elias Magosi and SACU Executive Secretary, Paulina

Elago, signed the MoU, which provides a framework upon which the parties will collaborate on various programmes and activities as set out in the agreement.

In signing the MoU, the two officials hailed the signing of the MoU as one of the milestones and reiterated their commitment to implement it for the benefit of the citizens of the region.

Through the MoU, SADC and SACUs will work together to promote close cooperation and consultation on matters of mu-

tual interest and coordinate their efforts to strengthen collaboration to promote industrialisation; regional and international trade; and ultimately contribute to the economic and social development of their Member States.

Implementation of the MoU between SADC and SACU will facilitate exchange of information, related to trade and industry, economic and finance, trade facilitation and rules of procedure and practices of institutions.

Stick to working with authorised postal, courier service providers, TCRA tells people

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has urged the public to adhere to utilising registered postal services, including courier services, in order to ensure the safety of the letter shipment.

Many people use local buses and vehicles to transport their various consignments to various destinations across the country.

The authority's postal services manager, Haruni Lemanya, stressed recently in Dar es Salaam that it is risky for anyone looking for postal services to enquire about and be served with such services by unregistered postal and courier service providers.

"Anyone using postal services in the country should be reminded that only registered courier services are authorised to carry and deliver packages or any other consignment that qualifies for shipping through postal

service providers. Additionally, if an individual or business offering transportation services is not registered with TCRA, they are not allowed to transport any postal cargo," reminded Lemanya.

However, he emphasised that no one is entitled to compensation for mailing packages or cargo that is not authorised while highlighting the difficulty that a customer who had their parcels carried by an unregistered courier operator is likely to face be-

cause there is now a TCRA-mandated Postal Regulations that dictates how to compensate their customers in the event that the transported goods are lost or damaged.

The regulations even detail how insurance will protect those who ship packages through registered service providers, he added. "It is imperative that whenever you wish to mail a package, you choose a service provider who can guarantee that it will reach its destination," he said, adding that

the law prohibits unregistered service providers from operating postal services in the country.

He reminded service providers that certain shipments are prohibited from being sent through standard mail and that it is imperative that service providers comply with this obligation, stating that such shipments must adhere to specific shipping procedures earmarked in the regulations.

"The advantage of utilising registered services includes the certainty

of receiving quality services. The Electronic and Postal Communications Regulations (Quality of Services) stipulate that postal service licensees, including those offering package and parcel delivery services, are accountable for adhering to service quality criteria," emphasised Lemanya.

Up until June of this year, the authority has registered more than ninety providers of postal services.



SGA SECURITY TANZANIA LTD



INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR FY2023 & 2024

SGA is a Multinational security organization with fixed base operations in the Eastern Africa region, servicing security contracts throughout Africa from its Regional Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. The Tanzania operations are coordinated from Head Office along Mwai Kibaki Road, Mbezi Beach, Dar es Salaam.

The company offers a full spectrum of security services, ranging from static guards and dog patrols through to sophisticated electronic security solutions, cash management, courier, tracking solutions, clearing and forwarding and security consultancy. It runs a triple ISO Certified quality system, sustained for over 20 years. With 50 years of operating experience and employing 18,000+ personnel in the region, we have the resources and capability to handle all our client's security requirements.

SGA now invites suitably qualified and competent bidders to submit sealed pre-qualification bid for supply of various goods and services for the financial years 2023 & 2024, in one or more of the lots appearing here below. The objective of pre-qualification is to identify competent firms/companies which will be called upon from time to time to quote/tender for supply of goods, services, and provision of consultancy during the period.

LotNo:	Description
SGA/01/2022	Supply and delivery of General Office Stationery
SGA/02/2022	Supply of petroleum products
SGA/03/2022	Design and printing of promotional and corporate branded materials
SGA/04/2022	Supply of motor vehicle spares parts, batteries, tires and related accessories
SGA/05/2022	Supply and maintenance of air condition equipment & hardware materials
SGA/06/2022	Supply of electricity expertise solution & maintenance of electrical equipment
SGA/07/2022	Supply and delivery of PPE, Staff Uniforms and Shoes
SGA/08/2022	Supply and delivery of Electronic Security Equipment
SGA/09/2022	Supply and maintenance of ICT and office equipment
SGA/10/2022	Provision of travel and air ticketing services
SGA/11/2022	Professional services - Audit, tax, legal, valuation, debt recovery, training, HR processes
SGA/12/2022	Provision of Insurance Brokerage services
SGA/13/2022	Supply of cleaning items and kitchen items
SGA/14/2022	Supply and maintenance of generators
SGA/15/2022	Supply and maintenance of office furniture's
SGA/16/2022	Supply of motorcycles

Mbezi Beach during office working hours, upon payment of a non-refundable fee TZS.100, 000 (One hundred thousand shillings) in cash. Obtain a system-generated receipt for this payment.

Please note that if you intend to provide multiple goods/services, a separate pre-qualification of supplier document must be purchased for each category.

SGA reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant wholly or in part. Prospective bidders are hereby notified that canvassing of any kind will lead to automatic disqualification. We plan to visit your premises to verify information contained in the bid documents and assure ourselves of your capacity to deliver.

Prequalification documents in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked "Pre-qualification of suppliers for FY2023 & 2024" and indicating the reference number applied for on the envelope should be deposited in the tender box at SGA office, not later than Thursday 24th November 2022 at 17:00hrs, addressed to:

The Tender Committee SGA Security Tanzania limited
Block K, Plot No. 12, Mwai Kibaki Road, Mbezi Beach
P.O. Box 9390, Dar es Salaam. Email: info@tz.sgasecurity.com
Phone no: +255 222 164800
Website: www.sgasecurity.com

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WAJIBU - INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

INVITATION FOR TENDER CONSULTANCY SERVICE

Date: 24TH OCTOBER 2022

KEY INFORMATION:

Assignment Title : Research on how LGAs uses revenues collected from markets to improve infrastructure and sanitation condition of food, Mixed and livestock markets at local level.

Contract Duration : 30 working days (1 Month)

Location : Dar es Salaam

Delivery/Product : Research Report and Policy Brief.

WAJIBU was founded with the purpose of fostering an environment that supports and promotes public accountability and good governance in Tanzania. WAJIBU is looking for a competent institution/firm to conduct a Research on how LGAs uses revenues collected from markets to improve infrastructure and sanitation condition of food, mixed and livestock markets at local level as per the detailed Terms of Reference attached in WAJIBU's website www.wajibu.or.tz

This tender is open from 24th October 2022 and closed 31st October 2022 10:00am

For any inquiry, please contact us through:

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Publication of financial statements

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ABS BANK TANZANIA LIMITED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 (Amounts in Million shillings)			
		Current Quarter 30-Sep-22	Previous Quarter 30-Jun-22
A. ASSETS			
1	Cash	27,710	23,486
2	Balances with Bank of Tanzania	100,466	96,982
3	Investment in Government Securities	197,118	233,937
4	Balances with other Banks and financial Institution	204,285	100,362
5	Cheques and items for clearing	510	374
6	Inter branch Float Items	-	-
7	Bills negotiated	-	-
8	Customers' liabilities for acceptances	24,464	47,034
9	Interbank Loans Receivables	-	-
10	Investment in other Securities	3,000	3,000
11	Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable losses)	612,949	626,434
12	Other Assets	26,379	19,570
13	Equity Investments	-	-
14	Underwriting accounts	-	-
15	Property, Plant and Equipment	22,396	23,015
16	TOTAL ASSETS	1,219,280	1,174,194
B: LIABILITIES			
17	Deposits from Other Banks and financial Institutions	131,017	178,325
18	Customer Deposits	806,023	713,337
19	Cash Letter of Credit	24,943	20,026
20	Special Deposits	-	-
21	Payment orders/Transfers payable	-	-
22	Bankers Cheques and Draft Issued	180	80
23	Accrued Taxes and Expenses Payable	10,976	7,560
24	Acceptances Outstanding	24,464	47,034
25	Interbranch Float Items	-	-
26	Unearned income and Other deferred charges	2,511	2,412
27	Other liabilities	25,103	18,718
28	Borrowings	22,211	22,196
29	TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,047,428	1,009,687
30	NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)	171,852	164,507
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			
31	Paid up share capital	98,722	98,722
32	Capital Reserves	76	76
33	Retained Earnings	8,176	8,176
34	Profit/(Loss) Account	20,574	12,526
35	Other Capital accounts	44,303	45,007
36	Minority Interest	-	-
37	TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	171,852	164,507
38	Contingent Liabilities	167,288	140,324
39	Non performing loans & advances	41,273	42,565
40	Allowance for probable losses	29,167	30,346
41	Other non performing assets	-	-
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS			
(i).	Shareholders Fund to total assets	14.1%	14.3%
(ii).	Non performing loans & advances to total gross loans	6.5%	6.5%
(iii).	Gross loans advances to total deposits	77.3%	90.5%
(iv).	Loans and Advances to total assets	50.3%	54.4%
(v).	Earning Assets to Total Assets	83.2%	83.4%
(vi).	Deposits Growth	13.31%	2.13%
(vii).	Assets growth	3.84%	3.92%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 (Amount in million shillings)					
		Current Quarter 30-Sep-22	Comparative Quarter 30-Sep-21	Current Year Cumulative 30-Sep-22	Comparative Year Cumulative 30-Sep-21
1.	Interest Income	24,570	17,086	68,482	51,714
2.	Interest expense	(4,598)	(3,386)	(12,891)	(11,294)
3.	Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	19,971	13,700	55,592	40,420
4.	Bad debts written off	-	-	-	-
5.	Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	(938)	(1,851)	(5,767)	(3,695)
6.	Non Interest Income	14,440	11,143	43,449	29,262
6.1	Foreign currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss).	7,001	5,460	24,480	14,668
6.2	Fees and Commissions	7,371	5,519	18,859	14,366
6.3	Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4	Other Operating Income	69	164	110	228
7.	Non-Interest Expenses	(21,816)	(18,173)	(63,663)	(53,527)
7.1	Salaries and Benefits	(11,645)	(9,914)	(34,167)	(28,668)
7.2	Fees and Commission	(2,367)	(1,508)	(5,796)	(4,236)
7.3	Other Operating Expenses	(7,804)	(6,750)	(23,700)	(20,623)
8.	Operating Income/(Loss)	11,658	4,818	29,611	12,459
9.	Income Tax provision	(3,609)	(652)	(9,036)	(3,025)
10.	Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	8,049	4,166	20,575	9,434
11.	Other Comprehensive Income (itemize)	(704)	(170)	9,136	(340)
12.	Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year	7,345	3,996	29,711	9,094
13.	Number of employees	482	452	482	452
14.	Basic Earnings Per Share	8.2	4.2	20.8	9.6
15.	Number of Branches	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS					
i).	Return on Average Total Assets	2.7%	1.8%	2.3%	1.3%
ii).	Return on Average Shareholder's Fund	23.9%	15.2%	21.6%	11.5%
iii).	Non interest Expense to Gross Income	63.4%	73.2%	64.3%	76.8%
vi).	Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	8.1%	7.1%	7.5%	7.0%

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 2022

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8)

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name: Abdi Mohamed
Signature: _____
Date: October 21, 2022
Abdi Mohamed
Managing Director

Name: Obedi Laiser
Signature: _____
Date: October 21, 2022
Obedi Laiser
Chief Financial Officer

Name: George Binde
Signature: _____
Date: October 21, 2022
George Binde
Chief Internal Auditor

Name: Simon Mpenji
Signature: _____
Date: October 21, 2022
Simon Mpenji
Chairman

Name: Richard Magongo
Signature: _____
Date: October 21, 2022
Richard Magongo
Director

In quarter 3, the Bank was penalised TZS 26.4 million as a result of an expired certificate from a component that is responsible for signing the messages.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 (Amount in million shillings)					
		Current Quarter 30-Sep-22	Comparative Quarter 30-Jun-22	Current Year Cumulative 30-Sep-22	Comparative year Cumulative 30-Sep-21
I. Cash flow from operating activities:					
	Net income/(Loss)	11,658	10,575	29,611	12,459
Adjustment for non Cash items:					
	- Impairment/Amortisation	2,521	4,622	10,825	9,984
	- Net changes in Loans and Advances	12,547	(3,622)	(94,953)	(62,106)
	- Gains/Losses Sale of Assets	-	-	(42)	(229)
	- Net changes in Deposits	50,295	15,309	208,776	44,619
	- Net change in short term negotiable Securities	36,115	3,704	20,498	24,655
	- Net change in other Liabilities	(15,134)	15,602	386	20,514
	- Net change in other Assets	15,250	(17,336)	1,596	(16,396)
	- Tax Paid	(631)	(939)	(1,712)	(3,568)
	- Other (Net change in SMR)	(4,616)	1,181	(10,145)	1,329
	Net cash (used)/provided in operating activities	108,003	29,096	164,840	31,262
II. Cash flow from investing activities					
	Dividend Received	-	-	-	-
	Purchase of Fixed Assets	(454)	(410)	(1,320)	(3,262)
	Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	42	241
	Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
	Proceeds from Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
	Other (specify)	-	-	-	-
	Net cash (used)/provided in investing activities	(454)	(410)	(1,277)	(3,022)
III. Cash flow from Financing activities					
	Repayment of Long-term Debt	-	-	-	-
	Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt	-	-	-	-
	Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	-	-	(0)	(0)
	Payment of Cash Dividends	-	-	-	-
	Net Change In Other Borrowings	-	-	-	-
	Others (Lease payment)	(397)	(326)	(1,479)	(2,428)
	Net cash used /provided by financing activities	(397)	(326)	(1,479)	(2,428)
IV. Cash and cash equivalents					
	Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	107,152	28,360	162,084	25,813
	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter/year	175,630	147,270	120,698	114,891
	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter/year	282,782	175,630	282,782	140,704

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 (Amount in million shillings)						
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others Total
Current year						
Balance as at the beginning of the year (1-Jan-22)	128,722	76	8,176	-	-	5,167
Profit for the year	-	-	20,574	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	9,136
Transactions with owners	(0.00)	-	-	-	-	(0)
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end the current period (30-Sept-22)	128,722	76	28,751	-	-	14,303
Previous Year						
Balance as at the beginning of the year (1-Jan-21)	128,722	76	33	-	-	3768.8
Profit for the year	-	-	9,434	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	(340)
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end the current period (30-Sept-21)	128,722	76	9,467	-	-	3,429

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United Nations Day special, as worldwide crisis unfolds

GLOBAL activists mark the 24th of October as an important day in the United Nations calendar, as it marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the United Nations Charter. It was thus the proper founding of the global organisation, the nearest the world has of a semblance of collective government, with the ratification of the founding document by most its signatories. The General Assembly serves as an informal world Parliament where everyone represents a constituency, big or small, and the Security Council can take punitive decisions.

To many students of international relations, the UN has often been the punch bag for the proverbial 'toothless bulldog' of English literature, but in actual fact it makes a difference. It is a situation where all important sentiments concerning the world condition are made, without which the direction which countries would take becomes singularly unpredictable.

That hasn't stopped some horrendous things happening around the world but that is the quid pro quo of having the UN, that it provides a forum, not allowing any particular country to enact laws for all the rest.

Listening to what young people say when they participate in audience-engaging radio programmes, what they wish for is a more effective UN system rather than less of it. This feeling appears to pervade that it is evident that young people are singularly insistent on the UN taking action about this or that crisis, and wondering why nothing seems to be happening, why people are still suffering, etc. As a matter of fact, the UN can't stop people in a country wrecking it, for it basically has a mandate to help governments, not to teach

them what to do, as many would wish.

A UN chronicler notes that 24th of October has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948, and in 1971, the United Nations General Assembly recommended that the day be observed by member states as a public holiday. It appears there are ceremonies tied to that day but the idea of a public holiday would represent the idea of a world government, when the UN attained sovereign hold of all humanity. That might indeed be the dream but we are nowhere near that idealistic moment.

Africa has played its role, for better or for worse, in shaping up the global UN ethos over the past six decades since independence started becoming the norm in the early 1960s. Several moments of Africa's impact on world conscience can be mentioned or were intensely observed, the first being the struggle against apartheid - as the world moved to reject institutionalized racism as a legitimate political system. The demonstrations in Western capitals and finally in the United States especially as world television showed whipping of demonstrators in 1986, affected US midterm polls and it started distancing itself from the white minority regime.

The other moment was the catastrophic famine of 1974 which led to a worldwide cultural protest as why people are left to die while others look on, activism that helped shape the humanitarian vocation of UN agencies since the 1980s or earlier. But there is sad backdrop, from the death of the second UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld in Zambian airspace, over Ndola, in September 1961 trying to bring peace to Congo Leopoldville (later DRC).

Staples crucial for agro-sector resilience, in like manner as strategic export crops

SECTIONS of the agro-sector policy making community are buzzing with excitement following an agreement with Denmark and Sweden, key development partners for the government, to inject over 5bn/- in grants for crop development interventions targeting sunflowers, beans and pigeon peas. They are carefully selected crops having different profiles in the agro-sector landscape, as one is for edible oil production mainly for the local market, another is a staple legume and the last a latter day rising export crop. There are Asian markets opening wide for it.

How far this reflects all the effort or initiative possible from the Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT), can't be said, but there is no doubt that this initiative, arising largely from the private sector, is an excellent input to broadening crop policy and underlying some potential success areas. A project approach for key crops is like contract farming for regular crops, and its mere presence is a sign of assurance that nothing will go wrong. The issue is how far that sort of approach can be applied to other crop value chains as what matters isn't the amounts of cash involved but clarity of ideas and readiness of key stakeholders.

Officials said that the current plant for two vital agricultural value chains starting this farming season target upwards of 100,000 smallholder farmers. In terms of the total farming population could appear to be a drop in the sea, but when one thinks

of the project as a best practices class, the impact is far and wide. Again, even as initial development partner grants can't be extended, assurance of following best practices in a crop or within a district can conceivably facilitate local credit lines.

So there will be a time to wait to see the wider impact of the project especially in the best practices aspect but also in the construction of some vital infrastructure for particular crops, which could have additional usage on a seasonal basis, as the case may be. The projected funding will propel nine market development projects in the two crops farming model in 11 regions across the Mainland under the lead role of private sector organisations via capacity building grants. This kind of net-working is another unexplored area in what can be done in each district, especially as climate change impacts affect regions unequally and often a dramatic fashion.

Evidently the need for climate smart agricultural practices and technologies cannot be over-emphasized for all crop value chains, building farmers' resilience. Here some choices will have to be made as to how far resilience can be built from what farmers already do, and to what extent regulatory reforms, even on land ownership - and not unusable district land use plans - will be needed. The current project is to start towards clarifying what sort of agriculture is adapted to climate change, and as the clarification will be done on the ground, chances of unsolvable disputes are narrowed down.

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BRICS currency: Vision or pipe dream?

By Laurence Sithole

COUNTRIES that constitute the BRICS bloc first mooted the idea of a common reserve currency between them as far back as 2011.

Back then the Mail & Guardian, a prominent South African media outlet, reported that South Africa backed the creation of a common currency unit which the BRICS countries would use to trade among themselves. The primary purpose for this move would be to circumvent the need to make Euro and US dollar conversions.

The idea of a BRICS currency unit has merit given that the United States dollar and its economy showed remarkable weakness and vulnerability during the Great Recession of 2008 which began in that country's housing market but quickly spread to the rest of the world.

•BRICS countries that is Brazil, Russia, India, China, and Russia have discussed the possibility of creating a basket reserve currency which would challenge the dominance of the United States dollar in settlement of international transactions.

•BRICS countries between them it has been reported since 2011 hold nearly half of the world's foreign exchange reserves which places them in an advantageous position should they decide to issue a new currency akin to IMF-issued SDRs.

•Russia has a strong interest in the creation of this alternative reserve currency. The country has seen at least half of its foreign exchange reserves frozen as sanctions on it start to bite.

Secondly, the wisdom of a single monetary unit that is not backed by a centralized fiscus is now starting to be questioned the same way it was in 2011. This is an obvious salvo to the Euro, one such currency unit.

The case for a single BRICS currency unit gains more credence when one realizes that between them BRICS countries hold almost half of the world's foreign exchange reserves at a time when the reserves of the United States and Europe have been falling. So why can't this grouping of nations come up with an alternate reserve currency firstly as a medium of settlement for trade transactions between themselves but also as an alternative system that is disproportionately reliant on the use of the greenback which has historically shown that it is prone to volatility in economic cycles.

China presently has the largest sum of foreign exchange reserves in the world. When its over US\$ 3 trillion in reserves is added to the reserves of the other BRICS member states the questions as to why they

cannot issue their own currency start to grow louder.

Talks of a common currency fizzled out as more pressing national and international matters eclipsed the idea. This year 2022 has seen renewed calls for a common reserve currency emerge once again. This time Russia is leading the call for the creation of a reserve currency that will be an alternative to the United States dollar as a mechanism for the settlement of international transactions.

Russia's motive for making such a call is obvious, the country has been at war with Ukraine since February 2022. This aggression against Ukraine has earned Russia some of the most stringent economic sanctions in history. What has been the greatest pain point is that Russia has lost access to at least half of its foreign exchange reserves since the beginning of its war with Ukraine.

Leading nations in Europe and the United States have announced embargoes on Russian exports of energy. This development has not been straightforward because most of the world are dependent on Russian oil and gas. Russia for its part has retaliated against what it calls hostile nations by deliberately turning off gas taps. Despite Russia making the calls to reinstate the conversation around the BRICS currency, there is no doubt that China would be and is the driving force behind it. China as has already been said has the largest foreign exchange reserves of any country in the world and is the second largest economy in the world after the United States.

China is the biggest economy among BRICS countries and the Asian superpower has never made a secret of having its currency the Yuan or Renminbi taking on the United States dollar as the global reserve currency.

•The BRICS alternative currency idea has scope and merit however, such a currency by mere inclusion of the Russian rouble in its basket would be volatile because Russia's trade and capital account have been under pressure since the invasion of Ukraine.

•The basket currency effort has been undermined by the resurgence of the United States dollar which has been appreciating rapidly relatively to other currencies including those in the BRICS bloc.

Chinese economic influence is growing rapidly. Chinese economic hegemony is most prevalent in Africa in terms of infrastructure projects and sovereign debt. In October 2011 stock exchanges in Brazil, Russia, Hong Kong, and South Africa unveiled a cross-list-

ing agreement, the BRIC Exchange Alliance, for derivatives for their combined market capitalization of \$9 trillion. Some countries now offer Renminbi banking like Zambia and Nigeria. Russia has a large stake in seeing a BRICS currency unit come to fruition. When the second round of talks on creating this alternate global reserve currency began in 2019, Russia was anxious as it was today to circumvent economic sanctions. In 2019 Russia was under sanctions for its invasion and subsequent annexation of Crimea. Russian leader Vladimir Putin, according to a report by banking group ING announced in June 2022 that the BRICS countries were developing a new basket reserve currency which would include roubles, rupees, renminbi, and rand. The rationale of this round of discussions around the creation of a BRICS currency is that it would be an alternative to the Special Drawing Rights issued by the International Monetary Fund.

ING's report also questioned the need for an SDR-like basket of currency and concluded that it is the result of the need to break the US hegemonic dominance over international trade as well as for BRICS member states to create their own spheres of influence.

For Russia, pegging its currency to the basket of currencies is seen to be a measure meant to slow down the depreciation of the rouble which has been free falling since the invasion of Ukraine began in February 2022.

Russia has more skin in the BRICS alternative currency game than other member states especially presently. ING reports that there is mounting pressure on its capital account.

Previously Russia was a net creditor to the rest of the world, meaning that the country was more of a lender to the rest of the world than a borrower. In the years before it became an aggressor, Russia's trade surplus would be balanced out by the foreign investments it would make in other countries.

Russian capital is no longer welcome in most jurisdictions of the world because of sanctions and legal restrictions.

ING has called these discussions around the creation of a BRICS currency a "trial balloon floated by Putin".

The banking institution is sceptical of such proposals becoming tangible and raises questions about its feasibility. The first question is whether such a basket would attract significant foreign exchange reserves from countries looking to hold it?

These can be friendly nations within their respective spheres or the BRICS countries themselves. ING perhaps most importantly raises a further pertinent issue which is the character and nature of a would-be reserve currency.

•Market pundits like ING are sceptical that the BRICS currency will see the light of day given current geopolitical realities and the fact that such a basket or alternative reserve currency would not be able to stand up to the criteria of a global reserve currency which include safety, liquidity, and return.

•China is the most dominant economic power of the BRICS member countries. It has the largest amount of foreign exchange reserves of any country in the world. The country is spreading its influence worldwide and is most prevalent in Africa.

This premise questions whether the BRICS basket would be able to stand up to the criteria of what is conventionally believed to be. The qualities of a reserve currency include safety, liquidity, and return. According to ING, in terms of safety, "... sovereign credit quality will clearly be an issue for any BRICS-basket currency, where a simple weighted average of 5-year sovereign credit default swaps (CDS) trades at least twenty times wider than a similar CDS average for SDR currencies. When it comes to FX liquidity, suffice to say a basket of BRICS currencies operates in a different universe to those currencies in the SDR.

The average deposit/return on a BRICS basket would be far higher, but that is because of the much poorer credit quality where it looks like Russia will shortly go into sovereign default."

Another inadvertent global economic development that has the potential to undermine the efforts to create the BRICS currency basket is the recent rally in the United States dollar which has been appreciating rapidly relative to other currencies in the world.

This strength in the greenback reinforces its position as a global reserve currency.

Investors have been demanding more United States dollars because they perceive it as a safe haven compared to emerging market currencies. The preference for countries one would surmise when it comes to building up national foreign exchange reserves will be to do so in United States dollars.

The idea of a BRICS basket currency has scope and potential however, presently, it is undermined by the country relying on it the most to succeed which is Russia.

By Correspondent Thomas Lyimo

It's time to examine horrific attacks, senseless killings of intimate partners



DISTURBING stories of violence emanating from love-turned-sour have become commonplace on our mainstream and online media outlets. Some end up in terrifying physical abuse yet others end up in death. Sad indeed, isn't it?

Both men and women become victims of this phenomenon mainly caused by jealousy but women suffer the most, going by media reportage. With all confusion and fear that surround death, it is surprising to see some individuals killing others fearlessly and with very little consideration by hiding under the umbrella of jealousy.

This tendency of some individuals killing others justify that some human beings are still primitive despite the modernization which surrounds nearly all corners of the world. It is appealing to argue that there is something wrong when it comes to base of our beliefs, thoughts and how we raise our children.

The rate of killings on the account of jealousy has recently increased sharply with UN Women report of 2017 showing that every day, 137 women are killed in the hands of their spouses. In Tanzania, 21 killings on the account of jealousy were reported in two months of May and June 2021.

With this problem which claims lives of people very unnecessarily, it is time to accept as a society that we have a problem and declare the distress call Save Our Ship or SOS. The society needs to reconstruct some perspectives which are not worth in this 21st century.

This acceptance of a problem will enable experts from within and without to scratch their heads as they look for answers on what went wrong. Is it mental health issues or lack of emotional intelligence?

For African societies, male dominance is something still disturbing the society as some males are confident that they know everything and they are right and hence they need no correction in anything.

This misplaced belief that some men hold makes them disrespect women. They forget that every human being has a right to fair judgment thus condemning someone to death only on the account of jealousy

is very primitive to say the least.

Due to pressure for development that youth experience from the society, they rarely find time to sit with their parents and discuss issues which are of importance to their lives. This situation creates a difficult environment when it comes to changing some elements in culture which are outdated.

What is the work of the police and judiciary if we take laws into our hands? It is through discussions involving family members that these bad traditions and

beliefs can be mitigated but that is not yet achieved as cases of physical assault or murder on the account of jealousy are increasing instead of decreasing.

It is in social gatherings where, for example, men would discuss nature of women, their likes and dislikes and how to go about them. If people receive detailed account of how marriage life should be organized, youth wouldn't end up committing absurd mistakes on the pretext of jealousy.

Also low level of thinking resulting from poor be-

liefs and socialization escalates mariticide. Individuals get into marriage without awareness that human beings may change due to circumstances facing their life either good or bad. The awareness was to come from socialization which is a part of a child upbringing. Without preparations on how to deal with challenges which may result from some situations in the future predisposes spouses to kill each other because what they face is what they did not prepare for.

Additionally, lack of reflection on the past when solving problems escalates these killings. Similar events must have taken place and solved wisely but patience is needed in doing things wisely.

Patience is too results from socialization especially with elders, something which is becoming a are due to the speed with which that life chases youth or vice versa, depriving them of time to learn new skills which are helpful in life.

It is worthy suggesting that schools should take the responsibility of correcting this derailment so as to make sure that life restores its values. Pupils should be equipped with critical thinking skills that enable them think from a broader perspective and hence being able to reject poor beliefs and make sure they get time to socialize with elders and other knowledgeable individuals so that they make wise decisions.

If we wait for individuals to learn critical thinking when they are already grown up, we are so late and doing so is entertaining the consequences that we are currently seeing. Jealousy is a pretext and not a real cause of mariticide. We should not kill one another for whatever reason.

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Conservation stakeholders swing into action as artisanal mining drain forests

By Correspondent Alphonse Kabilondo, Geita

ARTISANAL and small-scale mining (ASM) is big in Tanzania. According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), an estimated one million people are directly employed in ASM in Tanzania and many more dependent on it for their livelihood.

While large scale mining in the country is highly mechanised with the active participation of multinational enterprises, ASM is undertaken by individuals or groups with limited equipment and often operate informally.

This has led to a myriad of challenges ranging from those affecting miners themselves such as health risks occasioned by excessive use of mercury in gold processing to those affecting communities surrounding the mines as well as the country as a whole such as environmental degradation.

Lake Zone regions of Simiyu, Shinyanga, Mwanza, Geita and Mara are the heartlands of ASM. The economic benefits of this activity come with huge environmental consequences that are now raising eyebrows.

According to a report by Tanzania Journal of Forestry and Nature Conservation, Volume 91 of 2022, Bukombe-Mbogwe Forest Reserve (BMFR) in Geita Region has substantially lost its vegetation cover due to artisanal and small-scale gold mining.

The report shows that land use and forest cover changes analysis from 1984 to 2020 proved that there was decrease in dense vegetation from 46.4 per cent to 25.62 per cent, bareland from 43.23 per cent to 20.06 per cent and increase in sparse vegetation from 9.4 per cent to 46.86 per cent and built-up land from 0.97 per cent to 7.46 per cent.

The report shows that logs for pit construction in mines were extracted from BMFR by a whopping 67.5 per cent in that period with the authors noting that ASM has negatively changed vegetation cover in BMFR and surrounding villages.

Also, the stakeholders have launched environmental conservation awareness among primary school pupils which goes hand in hand with tree planting programme to instill the skills and love for the environment in the future generation.

Environment conservationists and other stakeholders in Geita Region are now scratching heads on how to



Pemba Primary School pupils get ready to plant trees after being sensitized on environmental conservation in Geita Region last week. Photo/Correspondent Alphonse Kabilondo

come up with alternative raw material for mining construction to minimize the already huge damage.

Geita-based non-governmental organization with interest in community empowerment Infodigtech has embarked on a research aimed at coming up with alternative tp logs in mining pit construction.

Msajigwa Alfred, Infodigtech managing director revealed the plan here last week during the launch of a three-day tree planting campaign and environment conservation sensitization which targets 3,500 pupils in 70 primary schools in Geita.

"As the research continues, we engage the miners in sensitization so that they can change easily and embrace the alternative when it is found and approved," he said.

The initiative is supported by African Underground Mining Services (AUMS) whose Project Manager Tom Sawyer participated in the launch of the campaign and said that they decided to support it because it is a noble cause.

"Environmental conservation education to pupils is very important; we will continue to provide cooperation and support to this and any other initiative with the same objectives," he said.

Salum Omary, Conservator Assistant with Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) in Geita District said the government agency has joined the initiative due to its importance and potential in mitigating environmental degradation.

"Tree planting is essential because we understand that hundreds of thousands of hectares of trees are felled annually," he said.

Earlier, finance manager at Infodigtech Michael Mpmawa, while giving environmental conservation sensitization to pupils before

tree planting exercise said that if the young learners are given environmental conservation and tree planting education at a young age, they can contribute to conservation efforts in the future.

Leticia Deus, a pupil at Pemba Elite Pre and Primary School known as Leticia Deus applauded the initiative, requesting that such sensitization sessions be given regularly to pupils not only in Geita but also other regions with high rates deforestation.

According to PACT world, ASM provides a vital livelihood for nearly 45 million people around the world, with tens of millions more people also dependent on the sector, including family members and small business owners along the ASM supply chain. Artisanal mining is an important driver of development in communities from Africa to Asia, where there are often few other opportunities available for generating income.

"We know that ASM contributes positively to many of the Sustainable Development Goals, and with inclusive, comprehensive formalization, the global community can mitigate ASM's negative impacts."



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Diwali Celebration Fireworks Display

This is to inform the general public that there shall be fireworks blasts and displays to celebrate the Hindu Diwali on Monday 24th October 2022 from 10 pm onwards for a period of 1 hour in and around the following places:

1. Kisutu school premises on Pramukh Swami Street
2. Tanzania Swaminarayan Temple Morogoro Road
3. Vanza Gnati Mandal Hall Undali Street
4. Kumbharwada Complex on Olympio Street
5. Patel Brotherhood ground in Kisutu

Please note that these fireworks are for celebratory purposes only.

We wish everyone a Happy Diwali and a Prosperous New Year!

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Tanzanian youth on innovative journey to conserve environment



TANZANIAN entrepreneur Gibson Kawago says that he is working on a project aimed at providing clean and affordable energy to people and controlling the dumping of e-waste in Tanzania.

Kawago, 27, is the owner of a company named "The Wanted Garage," where he is working on reusing laptop batteries to create battery packs, power banks and solar lamps.

He attributed his entrepreneurship to his love for cables in his father's garage from a tender age and his passion for innovation. "When I was young, I was showing my grandmother a wedding ceremony video from my mobile phone before it ran out of battery in the middle of the video," said Kawago in a recent interview with Xinhua at his small workshop in Mbezi Beach suburb in Dar es Salaam, the commercial capital of Tanzania.

"Since my village was off-grid I had to travel over 51.4 km to recharge my phone before I came back the following day to finish watching the video." This challenge forced him to walk his first step toward his long innovative journey by resolving to save himself and the people of his village when he made a solar power bank for charging mobile phones out of trashed materials in his father's garage.

Kawago recalled that in 1999 when he was four years old, he was in his father's garage, happily playing around with the cables in cars in Iringa region, central Tanzania, where his father was working as a mechanical engineer and driver of trucks ferrying logs to the plant for processing into paper.

"I asked myself how many people are facing the same problem. Students studying at night are using kerosene lamps causing some of them to experience lung problems caused by inhaling smoke from the kerosene lamps over the years," said Kawago.

His innovative journey started again when he resolved to look around for a solution to lighting and his passion for reusing dead lithium-ion batteries from laptops started growing up at that moment.

"When I came back from school I used to go to garbage dumping areas and I started scavenging for motherboards for mobile phones, televisions and radios and took them home," he said, adding that from that period he also started making a small power bank for charging mobile phones.

Most Tanzanians, including students, use refurbished laptops whose batteries have been used before, making their lifespan very short and they have to dispose of them, according to him. Kawago said he started to specialize in reusing lithium-ion batteries

which are mostly found in laptops.

He started his company in 2009 when he joined secondary school but it was not formalized until 2016 when he started working on lithium batteries while studying at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) in electrical engineering.

He graduated from DIT in 2019. The soft-spoken Kawago said he has a team of four permanently employed technicians and five other technicians working part-time.

His main sources of revenue are derived from repairing damaged battery packs for e-bikes, home-powering batteries, Bluetooth rechargeable speakers and customized battery packs for

solar companies. "I work for 20 hours a day on weekdays, 13 hours on Saturdays and six hours on Sundays.

My fellow team members work from Monday to Saturday for eight hours and rest on Sundays," he said. He said a chain of people are involved in his project, including the battery collectors whom he pays 1.5 U.S. dollars for 1 kg of dead laptop batteries, creating jobs for people considered unskilled. "I also train them on how to safely handle the dead batteries because if they are not safely handled they can cause problems," said Kawago. After the batteries are delivered to his small workshop, he breaks them apart and separates the plastics. In the process, he has one

policy that he doesn't want to leave any kind of waste behind.

Kawago has partnered with other companies that are recycling plastics, and electronic and electrical waste to conserve the environment.

He said he has also started making small lithium-ion generators that can be used to power homes for lights, computers and televisions. He lamented the fact that most people in Tanzania don't have knowledge of how to manage e-waste, adding that disposing of e-waste is a massive challenge. "Conserving the environment is everyone's responsibility, it is not for a certain institution or the government that needs to care about that," he observed.

"We can be affected by improper disposal of e-waste. Chemicals of disposed of e-waste start leaching into the soil affecting vegetables and fruits that we eat," added Kawago, saying that eating vegetables or fruits contaminated with e-waste can have an impact on the long-term.

He said he has been working on this project for more than five years making prototypes with online guidance from different stakeholders from China, India, the United States and the United Kingdom. "I have shared with them what I do and they have guided me on the prototypes that I make.

It is my vision to make products that meet required standards that can compete in the market," he said. "Right now I am looking at companies that can help me package my products. The functionality is already done and after I get proper package I will start completing compliance issues with authorities that could be in June 2023 before we can be in the market by late July 2023."

Xinhua

Chinese hybrid rice technologies cushion the Philippines' agricultural development

By Zhao Yipu

THE Philippine-Sino Friendship Farm is located in Maluid Barangay of the municipality of Victoria, Tarlac province, the Philippines. Rice growing is a major business of the farm.

Villager Maniego, 94, who owns the six-hectare farm, often goes to the fields to check the growth of rice.

"I've been cooperating with the Philippine-Sino Center for Agricultural Technology (PhilSCAT) over the past more than a decade. I have grown many varieties of hybrid rice developed by Chinese experts, which improved the yield per hectare to nearly 11 tons from three to four tons in the past," said Maniego.

"I raised the salary for my employees on the farm after the production was lifted," he told People's Daily.

The PhilSCAT was established in Nueva Ecija province, the Philippines in 2001. It focuses on the research, development and promotion of hybrid rice varieties.

The center has helped plant commercial hybrid rice

on 514,400 hectares of paddy fields in the Philippines over the past 21 years, and set pilot demonstration programs of rice growing and seed production techniques in 29 Philippine provinces. It has benefited over 300,000 farming households and increased grain production by over 4.8 billion kilograms.

"We believe in China's hybrid rice technologies and Chinese experts," said Maniego.

Maniego spoke of his Chinese friend Ma Wendong, who offered technical guidance for his farm. "We used to check rice growth in the paddy fields together, wearing straw hats and barefooted," he told People's Daily.

Ma is a hybrid rice expert sent to the PhilSCAT by Yuan Longping High-tech Agriculture Co., Ltd. (Longping High-tech) which is named after Yuan Longping, known as the father of hybrid rice. Under Ma's guidance, all six hectares of Maniego's farmland are planted with hybrid rice.

Experts sent by Longping High-tech to the PhilSCAT have cultivated and introduced to the Philippines



Philippine farmers plant hybrid rice in a paddy field with a rice transplanter. (Photo courtesy of the Philippine-Sino Center for Agricultural Technology)

multiple high-quality hybrid rice varieties, including 18 that have been approved by the country's agricultural authorities and entered the local market.

At the completion ceremony of the PhilSCAT Technical

Cooperation Program Phase III, then Philippine Secretary of Agriculture William D. Dar

noted that China's hybrid rice technologies had steadily lifted rice production in his country, which was important for ensuring food security

and improving farmers' livelihood.

Besides, the PhilSCAT has introduced 449 sets of equipment to the Philippines for training, production and scientific research.

The PhilSCAT Technical

Cooperation Program Phase III is undertaken by Central Luzon State University. In 2019, its employee Efraim Saturno went to China to attend a training program on hybrid rice technologies.

"I saw efficient mechanized

agricultural production in Ningxiang, central China's Hunan Province. All procedures were completed by machines, including seed production, sowing, growing and harvesting. It was very impressive," Saturno said.

So far, the PhilSCAT has trained 15,000 people and sent 11 batches of Philippine technicians to China for training. It also offers suggestions for the Philippines' Department of Agriculture and relevant institutions, promoting reforms on eight local mechanisms.

Edgar Orden, president of Central Luzon State University told People's Daily that the university is a witness to the PhilSCAT's development over the past 21 years, which saw the contributions made by Chinese agricultural experts to Philippines-China agricultural cooperation.

He said the Chinese experts' contributions are important to the Philippines' agricultural development, and Philippines-China agricultural cooperation is conducive to ensuring the Philippines' food security.

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Swedish envoy salutes TAHA for work well done, integrity

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE Swedish ambassador to Tanzania, Charlotta Ozaki Macias has applauded the Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA) for its impactful work, expressing her satisfaction with the organization's efforts in developing horticulture industry and its economic multiplier effects to a critical mass of horticulture small-scale farmers in Tanzania.

The Swedish envoy made the remarks over the weekend when paid a courtesy call at TAHA.

Through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Sweden government has been providing financial support to TAHA to expand its intervention to reach thousands of farmers.

"I can safely say that Swedish taxpayer's money has been well spent by TAHA. It is doing an incredible job with a major economic impact on the majority of small-scale farmers through horticulture farming," Macias said.

During the visits, she interacted with TAHA members comprising farmers, processors, exporters and input dealers, where she heard untold breath-taking testimonies from horse's mouths on how TAHA empowered them through horticulture.

"I feel so overwhelmed with your good work and at the same time surprised how you performed competently in supporting farmers from production level by imparting the good agricultural practices embedded with climate-smart farming, market access, and business environment enabling," Macias said, extolling TAHA for its approach of working in partnership with multiple stakeholders in harmony, particularly the Government and other key players.

She said the organization's success story would prominently feature as one of the key feats of SIDA's 60th anniversary to be marked next year.

TAHA also took the Envoy through the services offered by its key subsidiary companies such as the conformity assessment firm, Greencert and the logistics outfit, TAHA Fresh Handling Ltd, as well as the gender and nutrition unit.

TAHA Group CEO, Dr Jacqueline Mkindi said extensive adoption of climate-smart agricultural technologies, best practices, finance and market access, has marked tremendous productivity and income upsurge for a critical mass of smallholder farmers under SIDA support.

For instance, courtesy of SIDA support, TAHA has been able to foster a modern technology drive, agronomy services, finance and market access as well as dietary education for farmers in different areas, yielding a massive impact in terms of horticultural crops output, income upsurge and health.

Statistics show that TAHA under SIDA support expanded its footprint to reach more than 40,000 horticultural smallholder growers in the country over the five-year stint, prompting a total of 1,837 hectares being cultivated.

As a result, horticultural crops productivity and related income in the areas under SIDA support had also grown by leaps and bounds as the figures show that the farmers ranked in \$4.3 million income from crops sales, production reached 46,558.6 metric tonnes as a total of 11,247 small-scale farmers have been linked to the reliable markets.

The yield of the avocado value chain, for instance, improved by 50 percent, onions by 44 percent, Irish potatoes by 54 percent, tomatoes 20 percent and French beans by 30 percent, thanks to SIDA financial aid, TAHA boss explained.

Market physical infrastructures built by TAHA in the period under review included 10 full-fledged collection centres, and two state-of-the-art pack houses and were accessed by 8,346 farmers.

TAHA's marketing information system (MIS)



Sweden's Ambassador to Tanzania, Charlotta Ozaki Macias (L), is received by TAHA Group CEO Dr Jacqueline Mkindi at the organization's headquarters in Arusha.

embedded in the TAHA Research and Information Centre (TARIC) was accessed by a total of 33,823 industry players in the period under review.

In its effort to enable market access compliance, TAHA through its Greencert certification outfit has been able to facilitate four apex farmer groups in Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Songwe and Mbeya to get GlobalG.A.P certification, a total of 650 farmers in the four groups trained on GlobalG.A.P certification and cut cost previously incurred by growers on certification by 50 percent.

TAHA working in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture has advocated for the removal of 114 agricultural fees, taxes and levies, facilitated the registration of 213 pesticides, cut off inputs registration costs, reduced new inputs testing period, and participated in addressing 36 technical barriers to trade to enhance cross border trade.

A total of 65 percent of women and youth were employed in the industry from 2017 to 2021, 55 percent of households consumed horticultural crops in their diet, 12,481 students benefited from nutrition pieces training through the school garden program, 4,044 beneficiaries trained in nutrition and health related issues as well as

numerous people with disabilities.

TAHA also extensively promoted the use of drip irrigation and afforestation by encouraging the planting of fruit trees such as avocados, mangoes and marula to farmers as part of its painstaking initiative to mitigate the impact of climate change.

The organization has also encouraged farmers to apply integrated pest management such as biological control agents (BCAs), live barriers, and the usage of fast rejuvenating staking materials - like bamboo. Dr Mkindi told the visiting diplomat that the move enhanced safe food accessibility to consumers, spurred agro dealers' businesses, thanks to production technology usage and benefited small logistical businesses.

"Owing to improved productivity and profitability, we've witnessed an improvement of farmers' livelihoods, uninterrupted supply of raw material to processors, numerous self-employment creations as retailers of fruits and vegetables" she noted.

"We in TAHA recognize and appreciate the major contribution of the Sweden government through SIDA in the transformation of Tanzania's horticulture industry," Dr Mkindi told the envoy.

WHO predicts an increase in NCDs by 2030 attributed to physical inactivity

By Guardian Reporter

THE latest World Health Organization (WHO) report indicates that almost 500 million people will develop heart disease, obesity, diabetes or other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) attributable to physical inactivity between 2020 and 2030.

The diseases, according to a report 'Global status report on physical activity 2022' will be costing \$ 27 billion annually if governments will not take urgent action to encourage more

physical activity among their populations.

Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General said: "We need more countries to scale up implementation of policies to support people to be more active through walking, cycling, sport, and other physical activity. The benefits are huge, not only for the physical and mental health of individuals, but also for societies, environments, and economies. "We hope countries and partners will use this report to build more active, healthier, and fairer societies for all."

Fiona Bull, Head of WHO Physical Activity Unit said: "We are missing globally approved indicators to measure access to parks, cycle lanes, footpaths - even though we know that data do exist in some countries. Consequently, we cannot report or track the global provision of infrastructure that will facilitate increases in physical activity."

"It is good for public health and makes economic sense to promote more physical activity for everyone," said Dr Ruediger Krech, Director De-

partment of Health Promotion, WHO, stressing the need to facilitate inclusive programmes for physical activity for all and ensure people have easier access to them.

He said the report issues a clear call to all countries for stronger and accelerated action by all relevant stakeholders working better together to achieve the global target of a 15 percent reduction in the prevalence of physical inactivity by 2030.

Data from 194 countries show that overall, progress is

slow and that countries need to accelerate the development and implementation of policies to increase levels of physical activity and thereby prevent disease and reduce the burden on already overwhelmed healthcare systems.

Less than 50 percent of countries have a national physical activity policy, of which less than 40 percent are operational. Only 30 percent of countries have national physical activity guidelines for all age groups

The report indicates that 75

percent of countries monitor physical activity among adolescents, and less than 30 percent monitor physical activity in children under 5 years

The economic burden of physical inactivity is significant and the cost of treating new cases of preventable non-communicable diseases (NCDs) will reach nearly \$ 300 billion by 2030, around \$ 27 billion annually.

Whilst national policies to tackle NCDs and physical inactivity have increased in recent years, currently, 28 percent of policies are reported to be not

funded or implemented.

The COVID-19 pandemic has not only stalled these initiatives, but also affected other policy implementations which have widened inequities in access to and, opportunities for, engaging in physical activity for many communities.

The report calls for countries to prioritize physical activity as key to improving health and tackling NCDs, integrate physical activity into all relevant policies, and develop tools, guidance and training to improve implementation.



Tanzania Startup Association in partnership with Girls in Tech Tanzania hosted a meeting and an event bringing together different women in the tech space in Tanzania with the aim at kicking starting efforts of creating community of women in the technology space to learn from each other, share experiences and work together. From left are senior programme associate at Smart Code, Sharon Nsule, Talent Acquisition from Girls in Tech Tanzania Mariam Mdope and cyber security expert at Price WaterHouseCoppers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt vows to continue working with investors to spur growth

By Guardian Correspondent, Arumeru

ARUMERU District Commissioner Eng. Richard Ruyango has said that the government will continue to provide cooperation with foreign investors in various sectors to spur the country's socio-economic development.

DC Ruyango said this over the weekend when speaking at the graduation of 87 kindergartens, primary and secondary students of Turkish Maarif schools located in Ngaramtoni, Arumeru district, Arusha region.

He applauded the Turkish Maarif international school owned by the Turkish government for doing well by providing quality education in Tanzania.

He said that the school's move put emphasis on developing children's talents by enabling them to fulfill their dreams with what they know outside of studies where one of the students showed the plane he made that he used environmentally friendly materials for the plane to fly.

"As the government works with investors, this school is run by the Turkish government and provides quality education for our youth. President Samia Suluhu Hassan always encourages us to make sure we always cooperate with investors and this is the advantage," Eng. Ruyango said.

He added: "We have seen how

our young people have different talents, they can speak four languages at the same time, (Kiswahili, English, French and Turkish) kindergarten students have been able to sing traditional Tanzanian songs, secondary school students have sung Turkish."

"Let me congratulate this school for the beautiful environment, buildings and the way the teachers teach the children well and this is demonstrated by what the children showed us here. Parents, you will agree with me that your children who graduate here have great changes in terms of development and education."

He however reminded parents that the issue of child care is for teachers and parents and he told them that it is better if they fulfill their responsibilities instead of leaving that responsibility to teachers alone.

"The children have told me that they have spent 100,000/- to build a 'jet' (plane) and I am giving them 100,000/- so that they can continue with their research. The idea is to make these young people not give up and continue to be creative," the DC said.

School director, Halil Server, said that they continue to improve the school's infrastructure, including expanding the dining hall and the computer room so that they can be used by more students at the same time.

The head teacher of Turkish Basic Education, Rafael Sabaya, urged parents to change the attitude of wanting their children to study so that they only work for employment instead of letting them use their talents to create jobs for themselves.

"We believe in practical education because there are many young people who have studied well but are at home because of unemployment. By providing practical education, many young people will be able to be self-employed instead of relying on employment," Sabaya said.

"In addition to classroom education, we help talented children to achieve their goals. If a child has a talent for football, let him go there, if he has a talent for drawing, direct him to where it is possible. It is his talent that God gave him, let him develop it," he emphasized.



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Could Boris Johnson really make a comeback?

By Sam Francis

BORIS Johnson, the man ousted as UK prime minister by his own government just three months ago, has emerged as an early front-runner to be the next prime minister.

His replacement Liz Truss crashed and burned after 45 days in the job, announcing her resignation after being forced to ditch most of her policy programme after it spooked the financial markets.

A second Johnson premiership would be an extraordinary turnaround even for a politician who has made miraculous comebacks before.

No one has returned as prime minister after resigning as leader since William Gladstone 140 years ago.

Mr Johnson won a landslide election victory in 2019 - but was forced out by his own MPs after three years in office, following a string of scandals. Under the British constitution, the ruling party can change leaders between general elections.

His final months in office were dogged by accusations he broke ministerial rules by not telling the truth about Covid lockdown-busting parties in Downing Street.

He remains under investigation by the Parliamentary Standards Committee, which in theory could lead to him being suspended from Parliament, or even being kicked out as an MP.

The committee could hold televised evidence sessions in the coming weeks - even calling Mr Johnson to respond in person. Mr Johnson's supporters have dismissed the committee's investigation as a



Boris Johnson arrives at Gatwick airport after a Caribbean holiday

"witch hunt".

The prospect of Johnson's return to Downing Street has been met with horror by some Conservatives. Former leader Lord Hague warned it could lead to a "death spiral" for the Conservative Party.

Foreign Office Minister Jesse Norman said Mr Johnson returning as prime minister would be an "absolutely catastrophic decision" while Tory MP Sir Roger Gale said he would quit the party.

But Mr Johnson's supporters, including cabinet members Jacob Rees-Mogg and Anne-Marie Trevelyan, and former home secretary Priti Patel, say he is the only contender with the backing of the voting public after winning the 2019

general election. They believe can win the next election for the party too, despite the Labour Party's current commanding poll leads.

Will Boris Johnson return?

Mr Johnson has yet to officially announce he will stand. The only contender to break cover so far is cabinet minister Penny Mordaunt who came third in the last leader-

ship election.

In his final appearance at Prime Minister's Questions in July this year, Mr Johnson made it clear that he was planning a comeback.

He signed off with "hasta la vista, baby". He could only have dropped a heavier hint that he was not finished yet if he had used another catchphrase from the Terminator films: "I'll be back."

Leadership hopefuls need the backing of at least 100 Tory MPs by Monday afternoon to stay in the race.

This is no small task for a man who had 148 of his colleagues vote against him in a confidence vote in June - followed by nearly 60 ministerial resignations one month later.

The deluge of resignations followed revelations that Mr Johnson had ignored accusations of sexual misconduct against Chris Pincher before appointing him deputy chief whip.

On 5 July, two senior cabinet ministers resigned within minutes of each other - including then chancellor Rishi Sunak, who left claiming Mr Johnson was not competent or serious.

But before the resignations, pressure had been building on Mr Johnson for criticism over his handling of parties that took place in Downing Street during Covid lockdowns.

Mr Johnson was one of 83 people fined by police for a string of illegal parties - including a birthday party for Mr Johnson.

Four times Johnson has bounced back

In 1987, Boris Johnson was fired by The Times for falsifying a quote - but was hired the following year by The Daily Telegraph, as the paper's Brussels correspondent

In 2004, he was fired as the Conservatives' shadow arts minister for lying about an affair - but was back on the front bench a year later

In 2016, he pulled out of his first bid to be Conservative leader and prime minister after his close friend Michael Gove launched a rival bid - but he made a surprise comeback as foreign secretary under eventual winner Theresa May

In 2018, he quit Mrs May's cabinet in protest at her Brexit deal, only to return as leader of the party the following year, going on to win a huge majority at a general election

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Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer said the former prime minister was "unfit for office". Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon called a Mr Johnson return a "ludicrous suggestion".

He was described as "Britain's Berlusconi" by the Liberal Democrats.

Johnson "has the edge" According to betting website Oddschecker, Rishi Sunak is the favourite to become the next prime minister. Mr Sunak has odds of 8/13 to take over from Liz Truss while Mr Johnson is 2/1 with Ms Mordaunt is 35/2.

If only a single candidate emerges the contest will be over on Monday - if not the new leader will be chosen by a vote from party membership on Friday 28 October.

Polls taken in the final days of Liz Truss' premiership have consistently shown Mr Johnson as the most popular successor.

Patrick English, Associate Director of polling company YouGov, said "if Mr Johnson goes to the final two, he's got the edge". **BBC**

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

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 5 LETTERS: ASIDE, DOORS, TSARS, SKULL GRATE (5 WORDS)
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- CLUES: Across**
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 - a list of meals
 - a tripod frame used to support an artist's canvas
 - Chief city of Jordan
 - the whole quantity
 - an inlet
 - group of musicians playing together
 - an enzyme which breaks down RNA into smaller molecules
 - afflicted
 - the chief male character in a book
 - the chemical element of atomic number 68
- Down:**
- an unspecified amount
 - former monetary unit of India
 - a thing that is borrowed
 - an instrument for sewing
 - community of Muslims
 - festival of the Christian church celebrating the resurrection of Christ
 - unusual
 - ended, stopped
 - person who donates something
 - beard in Kiswahili
 - exclamation expressing triumph
 - a kind of rock in which metal is found

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BUSINESS

Low investors' appetite leaves DSE 'gloomy'

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) continued its bearish run last week registering a mild turnover of 508.3m/-, marking a week-on-week decline of 18.4 per cent from 623.3m/- posted the previous week.

The bearish mode continued to persist on the DSE market on low investors' appetite for stocks resulting into a slump in market activities for three consecutive weeks in a row.

According to DSE Data, there were no pre-arrange deals executed during the week with CRDB and NMB emerging the top trading counters dominating the overall market turnover figure by 79.8 and 16.33 per cent respectively.

Price movement was recorded on three domestic traded equities during the week with NMB being the lone positive price mover, as its stock gained by 2.17 per cent to closing the week at 2,820/- per share.

Data also indicated that two domestic counters, including the self-listed DSE sold off the most depreciating by 5.56 per cent to close the week at 1,700/- per share while NICO lost 4.35 per cent of its value closing the week at 330/- per share.

Total market capitalization went up

by 2.45 per cent to 15.65bn/- while the Domestic market capitalization went up by 0.26 per cent closing at 10.17bn/-

The Tanzania share index (TSI) closed at 3,850.38 points increasing by 0.26 per cent while the All Share Index (DSEI) increased by 2.45 per cent to close at 1,878.81 points.

Market analysts however predict that the stock market will continue experiencing low trade volumes towards the holiday season.

According to the Zan Securities Chief Executive Officer Raphael Masumbuko, "The local bourse has registered a succession of downward slump. It is quite normal for this time of the year and it is our expectation that as we approach the holiday season the market will register typically low trading volumes if no new material disclosures will prompt inflows"

Masumbuko added, "Furthermore we see a bearish market for Q4 and the festivities period will prompt a slight sell off but stocks will weather the prevailing uncertainties in the market. So far this year earnings expectations have trended upwards but current economic headwinds have introduced a significant amount of forecast risk to our estimates,"

Govt to coffee board: Aim for 20m seedlings per year

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government has directed Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB), to produce 20,000,000 seed of coffee annually the move that will help to boost coffee production in the country.

It also commended the efforts by TCB to work closely with JJAD Kagera Farmers and other private sector practitioners in coffee seed production all over the country.

The directives were given over the weekend by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Antony Mavunde, during the launching of 800,000 free Robusta seed distribution to Kagera famers, in the event that took place at Kareng'e Village Kyerwa District in Kagera Region.

The Robusta seed were produced by JJAD Kagera Farmers and according to the company, their target is to produce 3,000,000 Robusta seed annually.

The Deputy Minister argued farmers who will get free Robusta seed to plant them and do close supervision so that at the end of the day it bring positive changes in coffee production and meat government goals.

"We have given target to TCB to produce 20 million seed annually and am happy that you have engaged private sector I can see today you work with JJAD Kagera Farmers Ltd, we need positive change after three years and we want to see production of coffee increase dramatically," he said

The Deputy Minister also directed TCB to put strong system to monitor farmers who

are provided with free coffee seeds so that they can increase their production and bring about changes in their society.

He said it is the wish of the government to see coffee farmers benefit from their agriculture and increase employment opportunities and government revenues.

"The vivid example is the sale of coffee through new system of auctioning which brought impact to farmers because it has increased the price of coffee and incomes to famers," he said

"My friends you have to prepare yourself and ensure that you are recognized by the government so it is important to collaborate with government official who come to register you to know your numbers so that it become easy to provide services," he said.

Either, Mavunde directed TCB to work closely with Kagera Region Secretariat to ensure they prepare guidelines on how the best they can do to distribute coffee seed to coffee farmers.

He said they must indicate who deserves to get free Robusta seed and also identify responsibilities of other stakeholders in coffee seed production and distribution to farmers.

Director of JJAD Kagera Farmers, Dr Albert Katagira, said in the season of 2021 they managed to produce 11,300,000 Robusta seed which were all distributed to farmers.

He also commended six phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the efforts to boost cash crops all over the country including coffee.

CRDB Bank, Sanlam set aside 350m/- for sports



CRDB bank managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela speaking during the inauguration of the third edition of CRDB Bank Taifa Cup at Don Bosco Oysterbay in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank and Sanlam have announced a sponsorship of 350mn/- to basketball league which will be held next month in Tanga region. Speaking during the sponsorship announcement, CRDB Bank managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela said this is the third sponsorship being part of the bank's initiative to support youths through sports.

"CRDB Bank through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has been supporting sports to stimulate youth contributions to economic development," he said.

He said CRDB in collaboration with Sanlam has decided to increase their sponsorship to CRDB Bak Taifa Cup from 300mn/- provided last year, which will involve 3,000 youths.

"Through this tournament, youths will demonstrate their talents as well as scholarship to different training which will improve their confidences in achieving their dreams," he said.

Nsekela said the winning team for CRDB Bak Taifa Cup, for both male and female, will walk away with 10mn/- while the second winning team will get 5mn/-.

"Apart from these prizes, there will be prizes for best player and best coach. Total prize for this tournament is 32mn/-. But we are going to announce other prizes including scholarship for best performing players," he said.

The guest of honour of the inauguration of the tournament will be Ester Matiko, Member of Parliament (MP) thanked CRDB Bank for supporting the government in developing

sports.

Mariko said the sixth phase government of Samia Suluhu Hassan recognizes different economic opportunities in sports sector.

"I want to congratulate CRDB Bank for seeing this opportunity by giving priority for females participating CRDB Taifa Cup. For many years, women sports have been sidelined by sponsors when compared with men," she said.

Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) president Michael Kadebe thanked CRDB Bank and Sanlam for the sponsorship saying has helped to increase public acceptance on basketball, especially youths.

"Apart from a sponsorship, CRDB Bank has been participating in different stages of this tournament. I call other corporates to emulate this goodwill by the bank," he said.

DTB Bank launches staff accountability initiative

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

DIAMOND Trust Bank (DTB) has unveiled a new Brand Promise dubbed 'Bank with us Bank on us' in a strategy to sensitize staffs' accountability and service provision to its customers.

DTB Tanzania Chief Executive Officer Ravneet Chowdhury gave the remarks over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during the launch of the brand campaign session that involved bank's staff.

He said the unveiled new brand promise literally tasks DTB group into ensuring team work in a tactic to maintain customers' trust

"When we look at 'Bank with us Bank on us' initiative, we are meaning to meet our customers' expectations? Come and bank with us is literally means to build trust. DTB already has a very high level of trust in the market. We have a good quality of customers' service but we want to take it into higher levels," he said.

Chowdhury said as technology is taking over peoples' lives, DTB also strives to change with time, putting some heavy lifting to take the bank forward.

He said workers' tendency of doing their job and going home isn't enough as each one has the task to push the bank forward.

"I meet customers and they speak so well about DTB. You don't need marketing, billboards; you need happy, satisfied customers. So, for me the 'Bank with us Bank on us' is an important statement as it's a brand promise, it's like we are telling customers that we are going to do very well for you, and we are going to keep improving."

He added; "For those serving internal customers, if we don't help our frontline, our quality policy will fail. We have to support our branches, frontline people, so that all the support functions have to make sure that everything is going."

DTB Deputy Communication and Marketing Head of department Jesca Tugara, said the unveiled 'Bank with us Bank on us' slogan on the other hand brings DTB customers closer to their dreams.

"Banking with us through DTB banking or products, we automatically bring customers closer to their dreams through loans, fixed deposit interests or a dream to start a company. It may not be exactly

at the last destination, but at least we have brought them closer to their dreams."

According to Chowdhury, a new strategy on cash management has hit their liability target for the year to 1.3trn/- deposit rate.

Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania CEO Ravneet Chowdhury (C) in the first row with other staffs having aerobic session as they were launching a brand slogan named 'Bank with us, Bank on us' over the weekend in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke



Stanchart Bank joins reforestation drive by planting trees

By Francis Kajubi

AS part of its community social responsibility (CSR) in a fight against climate change effects, Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania has planted 1,000 trees at Mtoni Primary School in Bagamoyo district.

The activity held on Saturday and witnessed by the Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment) Selemani Jafo, is the bank's on-going contribution to addressing climate change through community engagements.

Speaking at the event, Herman Kasekende, Managing Director and CEO of Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania said the bank considers climate change as one of the greatest environmental challenges facing the world today, given its widespread and proven impacts on the physical environment, economy and human health.

"We aim to tackle climate change by supporting the net zero transition, adapting to physical

climate impacts and providing sustainable finance products in emerging markets that are the most vulnerable to climate change," said Kasekende.

He said everyone must play their part in reducing the emissions generated from human economic activities and financing environmental protection projects in line with the Paris Agreement, which aims to tackle the worst effects of global warming.

According to him, planting of trees reduces environmental degradation. For more than 10 years, the bank has been planting trees in various primary schools. This year, 1,500 trees have already been planted in two primary schools.

"We have planted 1,000 trees at Mtoni Primary School as part of our commitment to fight climate change. We are on target to meet and surpass our commitment to plant 2,000 trees before the end of the year," he said.

The goal will be achieved based on the bank's Employee Volunteering program where staff commits to giving up



Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment) Dr Selemani Jafo waters a seedling shortly after planting at Mtoni Primary School in Bagamoyo District. Looking on is Herman Kasekende, Managing Director and CEO of Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma.

some of their time to activities that directly impact communities.

"I am proud to be part of an organization that encourages staff members to be part of supporting our communities through environmental activities. I am delighted to see how our staff members are living our brand promise

of Here for Good," he asserted.

Speaking at the tree planting activity, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment) Selemani Jafo said climate change is inevitable. The nation needs to take urgent adaptation and mitigation initiatives.

"Earlier this year in February, I had given directives that every primary school pupil should plant at least one tree under the campaign dubbed 'Learn with a tree;'

It is estimated that if every student from a primary school, secondary school and University plants a tree then we shall have a total of

14.5 million trees," said Jafo.

He said the government's mission is to build a culture of students to take care of the environment while they are still young. He commended StanChart for leading the way in championing tree planting exercise in primary schools.

Banks forced to hold on to Twitter deal

NEW YORK

The banks providing \$13 billion in financing for Tesla CEO Elon Musk's acquisition of Twitter Inc have abandoned plans to sell the debt to investors because of uncertainty around the social media company's fortunes and losses, people familiar with the matter said.

The banks are not planning to syndicate the debt as is typical with such acquisitions, and are instead planning to keep it on their balance sheets until there is more investor appetite, the sources said.

The banks, which include Morgan Stanley, Bank of America, and Barclays Plc, declined to comment. Representatives for Musk and Twitter did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Musk agreed to pay \$44 billion for Twitter in April, before the Federal Reserve started raising interest rates in a bid to fight inflation. This made the acquisition financing look too cheap in the eyes of credit investors, so the banks would have to take a financial hit totaling hundreds of millions of dollars to get it off their books.

Also preventing the banks from marketing the debt was uncertainty around the deal's completion. Musk has tried to get out of the deal, arguing Twitter misled him over the number of spam accounts on the platform, and only agreed to comply with a Delaware court judge's Oct. 28 deadline to close the transaction earlier this month. He has not revealed details on Twitter's new leadership and business plan, and many debt investors are holding back until they get more details on that front, the sources said.

The debt package for the Twitter deal is comprised of junk-rated loans, which are risky because of the amount of debt the company is taking on, as well as secured and unsecured bonds.

Rising interest rates and broader market volatility has pushed investors to stay away from some junk-rated debt. For example, Wall Street banks led by Bank of America suffered a \$700 million loss in September on the sale of about \$4.55 billion in debt backing the leveraged buyout of business software company Citrix Systems Inc.

In September, a group of banks canceled efforts to sell about \$4 billion of debt that financed Apollo Global Management Inc's deal to buy telecom and broadband assets from Lumen Technologies after failing to find buyers.

Tanesco Saccos targets to invest in major projects

By Jumanne Juma

THE Tanzania Electric Supply Company's (TANESCO) Saving and Credit Cooperative Organization (SACCOS) has been urged to set high contribution targets so that it accumulates capital to engage and invest in mega economic projects.

TANESCO Director of Human Resources and Administration Francis Sanguna urged members of the Saccos during the Annual General Meeting held on Friday in



Tanesco's Director of Human Resources and Administration, Francis Sanguna, addresses Tanesco Saccos annual general meeting on Friday. Photo: Jumanne Juma.

Dar es Salaam.

Sanguna said Saccos are worldwide considered as an important pillar in the development of the individual economy.

He said, among the 7000 TANESCO employees with permanent contracts, 6000 employees are members of the Saccos while convincing new employees to continue joining.

"The board is aware how important these Saccos are and wants the leadership to implement its goals and manage what they set for themselves annually;

Members should continue to contribute to the organization and can now do it through mobile money," he said.

TANESCO Saccos Chairperson Somoe Nguhwe said that

although they provide loans to members, they have been giving back to the community by providing assistance.

The Saccos have planned to send sheets to the Ocean Road Hospital in Dar es Salaam.

He said, for this year they have also been able to sign a bill for Tanesco Saccos and Tanesco Ltd, the aim of which is to unite

employers and their association to build strong and sustainable systems for collecting returns, shares and deposits.

Somoe said, "This is the main meeting for the year, we look at income and expenditure and what should be done going forward;

We continue to be close to the community and this year we have prepared sheets for the Ocean Road Hospital".

She asserted that the party has set a strategic plan where for the year 2021, the party has achieved clean documents from the Inspector General of Cooperatives.

In this year's general meeting, Members were able to be awarded for the best member in savings, the best member in loans and the best member in the use of IT.

Tanesco Saccos member Monica Masawe said that the association has been able to help him get an education loan when he needs to develop himself, he has also educated his children as well as getting money to start small projects of raising chickens for eggs

Oil buyers crushed by a surging dollar

MUMBAI

Brent oil has dropped more than 30% percent from this year's high, but you wouldn't know it if you live in Paris, Mumbai or Accra.

The decline in the global oil benchmark from nearly \$128 a barrel has dovetailed with a jump in the dollar of about 15% over the same period. That means fuel prices remain a significant factor driving up the cost of living across most of the world.

Oil-demand powerhouses like China, India and the European Union have all seen smaller real-term declines in crude prices than benchmarks would suggest. And for some emerging markets like Sri Lanka, the impact of a spiraling oil price and collapsing currency has already shown up in the form of near-total economic collapse.

"A stronger dollar is a headwind for oil consumer nations whose currencies

are not linked to the greenback," said Giovanni Staunovo, commodity analyst at UBS Group AG. "Over the last 12 months, oil prices have increased much more in local currency terms."

There's no easy fix. Lifting interest rates to bolster currencies risks slowing already-fragile economies, while developing countries need to keep an eye on dollar reserves.

Euro-zone countries are highly dependent on imports for their oil. With next to no local crude supplies, each of the currency bloc's five biggest economies -- Germany, France, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands -- is at least 90% dependent on foreign purchases to run refineries.

Against that backdrop, the dollar denomination of oil has proven to be a particular headache for European Central Bank officials in what has already been a testing year. The squeeze on energy supplies from Russia's moves to cut

gas deliveries has driven huge increases in consumer prices, running at a record 9.9% in September.

Asian countries have been feeling similar pain. Through August, the value of China's oil imports was up 50% from a year earlier, despite overall volumes being lower as the country wrestles with restrictions to stop the spread of Covid-19.

Bank of Korea Governor Rhee Chang-yong complained last month that his currency's weakness is canceling out the benefits of lower oil prices. Both Korea and Japan have at times sought to shield consumers from the pain of higher fuel prices by offering subsidies -- effectively transferring some of the burden to the government.

The strain of the strong dollar has prompted India to reach out to trade partners including Saudi Arabia, Russia and the UAE to shift deals to local currencies. The rupee has fallen about 11% against the dollar this year.



DCB Commercial Bank Plc chief operating officer Nelson Swai delivers a lecture on 'Cross border remittance for digital & financial inclusion in Africa' during a forum and the launch of a global remittance platform Grey in partnership with Sahara Ventures in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. On his left are, Ecobba Projects Manager, Ms. Idabente Winfred, Laina Finance Director, Tonny Missokia and Jukwaa la Afrika Director, Baraka Mafole PHOTO BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

UK retail sales fall, consumer confidence slow



LONDON

Retail sales have been falling and consumer confidence has hit record low levels in the United Kingdom (UK) due to the country's persistently high inflation rate, fresh surveys showed on Friday.

The volume of retail sales fell in all the main sectors (food stores, non-food stores, non-store retailing and fuel) by 1.4 percent in September, making it 1.3 percent below pre-COVID-19 February 2020 levels, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said on Friday.

The only sub-sector to buck the trend was clothing and footwear stores.

In the three months to September, sales volumes fell by 2.0 percent when compared with the previous three months, continuing the downward trend seen since summer 2021.

"Retail sales continued to fall in September after a weak August, and consumers are now buying less than before the pandemic," ONS Director of Eco-

nomics Statistics Darren Morgan said.

According to retailers, the fall in September was partly due to the store closures following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, but also to the continued price pressures leading consumers to be conscious about spending, Morgan added.

Also on Friday, the market research company GfK said its consumer confidence index for the UK increased two points in October to minus 47 as consumers were grappling amid uncertainty and turmoil.

UK consumer confidence continued to bump along close to September's historic low, with all core measures remaining severely depressed, GfK Client Strategy Director Joe Staton said.

The biggest danger by far is inflation, he noted. "Households are not just running scared of burgeoning energy and food prices, and the prospect of further base rate rises increasing mortgage costs. They are now facing the likelihood of tax rises and even austerity measures."

The negative environment will deflate future spending plans, and cautious consumers could easily slow the UK economy still further, Staton added.

Pushed up by rising food prices, the UK's Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 10.1 percent in the 12 months to September, up from 9.9 percent in August and returning to July's 40-year high.

Amid soaring prices, a worsening cost-of-living crisis is already visible.

A survey published on Friday by the UK financial regulator Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) found that 7.8 million people are finding it a heavy burden to keep up with their bills, an increase of around 2.5 million people since 2020.

Conducted between February and June this year, the survey showed one in four UK adults are in financial difficulty or could quickly find themselves in difficulty if they suffered a financial shock, and 4.2 million people have missed bills or loan payments in at least three of the six months before the survey was conducted.

Saudi forum set to draw top US business leaders

DUBAI

A public spat between the United States and Saudi Arabia will not deter top Wall Street executives and U.S. business leaders from a flagship investment event starting tomorrow where the kingdom will seek deals to reduce its economy's reliance on oil.

President Joe Biden has vowed "consequences" for U.S.-Saudi ties over an OPEC+ decision this month to cut oil output targets, which Riyadh defended as serving market stability.

The dispute was the latest shadow to be cast over the annual Future Investment Initiative (FII), which was hit by a Western boycott over the 2018 murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi and by the pandemic in 2020, leaving it a far cry from the 2017 inaugural event that Riyadh billed as "Davos in the Desert".

FII recovered in 2019 after the uproar over Khashoggi's killing by Saudi agents, drawing big names from financial, defence and energy firms with strategic interests in the world's top oil exporter, but garnered relatively meagre foreign inflows.

More than 400 US delegates are expected to attend this week, Richard Attias, CEO of the FII Institute, told Reuters, adding this was the largest representation of a foreign country.

This year's edition, running Oct. 25-27, includes JPMorgan boss Jamie Dimon, Pimco Vice Chairman John Studzinski and a BNY Mellon executive as speakers, and they still plan to go, spokespeople for the companies told Reuters.

Top executives from Goldman Sachs, Blackstone, Bridgewater Associates, Boeing and Franklin Templeton are on the agenda. Goldman Sachs declined comment, while the rest did not respond.

JPMorgan and Goldman Sachs made nearly \$77 million and \$42 million respectively in investment banking fees in Saudi Arabia last year, Refinitiv data showed. JPM remains at the top of the league table in 2022 with over \$39 million so far.

"For the most part, I do not see U.S. companies actively avoiding Saudi Arabia due to recent political tensions," said Adel Hamaizia, managing director at Highbridge Advisory and a visiting fellow at Harvard University.

"US companies will be an important partner to Saudi's investment and growth plans, in traditional sectors, but also in 'newer' fields including tourism, entertainment, EV production,

technology and a nascent local defence industry," Hamaizia said.

The FII is a showcase for Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's Vision 2030 development plan to wean the economy off oil by creating new industries that also generate jobs for millions of Saudis, and to lure foreign capital and talent.

Foreign direct investment still lags behind targets, though there has been movement in new sectors as the kingdom opens up. As Boeing netted an \$80 million defence contract last year, Fedex announced a \$400 million 10-year investment plan in the country, the Arab world's biggest economy.

At 15.3 billion riyals (\$4.07 billion), inward FDI for the first half of the year was about a fifth of the \$19.3 billion secured in 2021, which had included a \$12.4 billion investment for Aramco's oil pipeline infrastructure.

It is well below the 2030 target of \$100 billion a year under a national strategy aiming for foreign direct investment equalling almost 6% of GDP by 2030.

Uncertainty lingers around the regulatory and tax environment as well as high operational costs and lack of a skilled local workforce, even after Riyadh handed companies an ultimatum to locate regional headquarters in the kingdom by 2024 or lose out on lucrative government contracts.

"FDI flows have remained stubbornly flat and low, under 1% of GDP, and some of the notable names that have invested have had only modest success, even with government backing," said Justin Alexander, director of Khalij Economics and Gulf analyst at GlobalSource Partners.

This has left the Saudi government and the Public Investment Fund to try to deliver on the crown prince's diversification promises, aided by a petrodollar windfall.

A worsening global economic outlook and oil market volatility has raised the stakes for the government in pursuing Vision 2030, which includes a \$500 billion project to build a huge, high-tech economic zone on the Red Sea called NEOM eventually meant to house nine million people.

"The government cannot afford to drive economic development indefinitely but for the time being there is no real alternative as domestic businesses are unfit to play that role, and FDI continues to disappoint," said Neil Quilliam, associate fellow at Chatham House.



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MONDAY 24 Oct

5:00 Igizo rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap rpt: I Plead Guilty
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 ITV Top Ten
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Jungu kuu
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Mjuzi Zaidi
13:40 Art and Lifestyle rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:10 Soap rpt: Rebeca
14:40 Mapiishi
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:10 Albu yako rpt
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
18:30 DW: Afrimaxx
19:00 Afya ya Jamii
19:30 Soap: I Plead Guilty
20:00 Habari
21:05 Dakika 45
22:00 Bundesliga na DW
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

TUESDAY 25 Oct

5:00 Igizo rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap rpt: I Plead Guilty
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:25 Jagina rpt
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Afya ya jamii
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Ripoti Maalum
13:40 Shikabamba
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Shikabamba
14:15 Igizo rpt: Rebeca
14:40 Igizo: Mizengwe
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapiishi
18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ - Live
19:30 Soap: I Plead Guilty

WEDNESDAY 26 Oct

5:00 Igizo rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap: I Plead Guilty
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:25 Uchumi wetu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Bundesliga rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Dakika 45 rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Kipindi maalum: PSSSF rpt
14:15 Makala maalum: Njiti
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
18:30 DW: Afrimaxx rpt
19:00 Jarida la wanawake
19:30 Soap: I Plead Guilty
20:00 Habari
21:05 Albu Yako
21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
21:40 Kipindi maalum: Pesa Fasta
22:00 Ripoti maalum
22:30 Soap: Uzalo
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

THURSDAY 27 Oct

5:00 Igizo rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap rpt: I Plead Guilty
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Shamba lulu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Shansham za pwni rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Kipindi maalum rpt: NSSF
14:15 Igizo rpt: Rebeca

FRIDAY 28 Oct

5:00 Igizo rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap rpt: I Plead Guilty
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Usafiri Wako
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba rpt
13:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ
14:30 DW: Afrimaxx rpt
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base (DJ Show)
17:30 Kisilam
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
18:30 Uchumi wetu
19:00 Shamba lulu
19:30 Soap: I Plead Guilty
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipima Joto
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

SATURDAY 29 Oct

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:00 Kipindi Maalum: FAO
10:05 Shika Bamba 5
10:40 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
11:20 Chetu ni chetu rpt
12:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo
13:00 Usafiri Wako rpt
13:30 Jagina rpt
14:00 Soap: I Plead Guilty rpt
16:10 Igizo: Mizengwe
16:30 Igizo: Rebeca
17:00 Shansham za Pwani

SUNDAY 30 Oct

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Soap: I Plead Guilty rpt
11:50 Bongo Movie rpt
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza
16:30 ITV Top 10
17:20 Kipindi chika khisto
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapiishi
18:30 Matukio ya wiki
19:30 Igizo: Rebeca
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:10 Kipindi maalum: Reflexology
21:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:30 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Bongo movie:
23:30 Soap: Uzalo rpt
02:05 Al Jazeera

CAPITAL

Mon 24 Oct

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Club 101 rpt
11:00 Al Jazeera
11:30 Business edition
12:00 Out and About
12:30 Our earth
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Laws of love 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Series rpt: Lies that Bind
16:30 EcoAfrica
17:00 Dw News Africa rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 The Décor rpt
19:30 Shamba lulu
20:00 Special Pgm: South Africa Tourism Expo (Soweto)
20:45 The Monday Agenda
21:30 Capital Prime News
22:00 Kipima Joto
00:00 Al Jazeera

Tues 25 Oct

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Club 101 rpt
11:00 Al Jazeera
11:30 Monday agenda rpt
12:15 Spots gazette

12:45 Filler doc
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Laws of love 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Series rpt: Lies that Bind
16:30 Capchat rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 Innovation
19:30 Our Earth
20:00 Special Pgm: South Africa Tourism Expo (Port Elizabeth)
20:45 Telenovela: Laws Of love
21:30 Capital Prime
22:00 Turning the spotlight rpt
22:30 EcoAfrica
23:00 Al Jazeera

Wed 26 Oct

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Club 101 rpt
11:00 Al Jazeera
11:30 Our Earth
12:00 Dw News Africa rpt
12:30 Turning the spotlight
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Series rpt: Lies that Bind
16:30 Culinary delight rpt
17:00 Innovation rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 Sports Gazette
19:30 Chetu ni chetu
20:00 Special Pgm: South Africa Tourism Expo (Odo Elephant Park)
20:45 Telenovela: Laws Of love
21:30 Capital Prime News
22:00 Dakika 45:
22:45 The Décor
23:15 Al Jazeera

Thurs 27 Oct

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Club 101 rpt
11:00 Al Jazeera
11:30 Spots gazette
12:00 Innovation
12:30 Curinary
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love
14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Series rpt: Lies that Bind
16:30 Business edition rpt
17:00 In good shape
17:30 O Meza huru
19:00 Turning the spotlight
19:30 Tanzania yetu
20:00 Special Pgm: South Africa Tourism Expo (Sports Activities)
20:45 Telenovela: Laws Of love 21:30 Capital Prime News
22:00 Capchat rpt
23:00 Al Jazeera

Frid 28 Oct

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Club 101 rpt
11:00 Al Jazeera
11:30 Capchat

WORLD

Iran: US sent a message, 'in hurry' to reach nuke deal

TEHRAN

IRAN'S foreign minister on Saturday said his country has received a US message expressing American hastiness to reach the nuclear deal with Iran, official IRNA news agency reported.

"Three days ago, we received a message from the United States, and told them that the (International Atomic Energy) Agency (IAEA)'s accusations against Iran's nuclear program should be resolved" before any agreement, said Hossein Amir-Abdollahian in the Armenian capital of Yerevan.

Asked about US officials' comments about the nuclear negotiations being off the US agenda, he said "Americans are contradictory in their words and behavior, as they are in a hurry to reach the agreement in their (recent) message."

While the United States continues to exchange messages with Iran, they "are seeking to exert political and psychological pressure (on Iran) and want to gain concessions in the negotiations," he said.

"We do not give any concessions to the American side, and we move within the framework of logic and the framework



Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian gives a press conference after his meeting his Iraqi counterpart at the foreign ministry headquarters in Iran's capital Tehran on April 13, 2022. File photo

of an agreement that respects the red lines of the Islamic Republic of Iran, but at the same time we never leave the negotiating table," he stressed.

Iran signed the nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), with world powers in July 2015, agreeing to curb its nuclear program in return for removing sanctions on the country.

However, Washington quit the agreement and reimposed unilateral sanctions on Tehran, prompting the latter to drop some of its commitments under the pact.

The talks on the JCPOA's revival began in April 2021 in Vienna, Austria. No breakthrough was achieved after the latest round of Vienna talks held in early August.

Xi Jinping elected general secretary of CPC Central Committee: Communique

BEIJING

XI JINPING was elected general secretary of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) at the committee's first plenary session held yesterday, according to a communique.

The session, presided over by Xi, was attended by 203 members of the 20th CPC Central Committee and 168 alternate members.

Xi was also named chairman of the CPC Central Military Commission at the session.

The members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee elected at the session are Xi Jinping, Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Wang Huning, Cai Qi, Ding Xuexiang and Li Xi.

Also elected were members of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee at the session, which endorsed the members of the CPC Central Committee Secretariat nominated by the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

The session named the members of the Central Military Commission.

The session approved the secretary, deputy secretaries and members of the Standing Committee of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) elected at the first plenary session of the 20th CCDI.



Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, and the other newly elected members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the 20th CPC Central Committee Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Wang Huning, Cai Qi, Ding Xuexiang and Li Xi, meet the press at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday. Xinhua

The following are the lists:

The members of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee (in the order of the number of strokes in their surnames):

Ding Xuexiang, Xi Jinping, Ma Xingrui, Wang Yi, Wang Huning, Yin Li, Shi Taifeng, Liu Guozhong, Li Xi, Li Qiang, Li Ganjie, Li Shulei, Li Hongzhong, He Weidong, He Lifeng, Zhang Youxia, Zhang Guoqing, Chen Wenqing, Chen Jining, Chen Min'er, Zhao Leji, Yuan Jiajun, Huang Kunming, Cai Qi

The members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee:

Xi Jinping, Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Wang Huning, Cai Qi, Ding Xuexiang, Li Xi

General secretary of the CPC Central Committee:

Xi Jinping

The members of the Secretariat of the CPC Central Committee:

Cai Qi, Shi Taifeng, Li Ganjie,

Li Shulei, Chen Wenqing, Liu Jingguo, Wang Xiaohong

Chairman, vice chairmen and members of the Central Military Commission:

Chairman: Xi Jinping

Vice chairmen: Zhang Youxia, He Weidong

Members: Li Shangfu, Liu Zhenli, Miao Hua, Zhang Shengmin

Secretary, deputy secretaries and members of the Standing Committee of the CCDI

Secretary: Li Xi

Deputy secretaries: Liu Jin-

guo, Zhang Shengmin, Xiao Pei, Yu Hongqiu (f), Fu Kui, Sun Xinyang, Liu Xuexin, Zhang Fuhai

Members of the Standing Committee of the CCDI (in the order of the number of strokes in their surnames):

Wang Xiaoping (f), Wang Aiwu, Wang Hongjin, Liu Jingguo, Liu Xuexin, Xu Luode, Sun Xinyang, Li Xi, Li Xinran (Manchu), Xiao Pei, Zhang Shengmin, Zhang Fuhai, Chen Guoqiang, Zhao Shiyong, Hou Kai, Yin Bai (Naxi), Yu Hongqiu (f), Fu Kui, Mu Hongyu (f)

Xinhua

EU summit decisions a proof of Brussels' confrontational policy - Foreign Ministry

MOSCOW

THE decisions of the EU summit have confirmed the confrontational nature of the European Union's policy, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Saturday.

"The decisions adopted at the EU Council meeting have again confirmed the confrontational nature of the European Union's policy," Zakharova said in response to a media question from the media, published on the Russian Foreign Ministry website.

According to the diplomat, the European Union is transforming into "a space of lawlessness" where the rights of citizens and investors are violated.

"It is regrettable that the European Union, which declared itself the main guardian of the rules-based order, is increasingly evolving into a space of lawlessness where it is allowed, for political reasons, not to respect the rights of foreign investors and foreigners," the diplomat said.

The most obvious example, as Zakharova pointed out, is the EU reaction to the Nord Stream pipeline sabotage.

"The conclusions of the European Council do not contain a single word about the need for a relevant investigation, which can show just one thing - the persistent unwillingness to find out who is behind the terrorist attacks against the largest European infrastructure object, which was built to ensure real, rather than imaginary, energy security of the EU member states," the statement says.

Zakharova added that Moscow sees the West's accusations that Russia is shelling Ukraine's civilian infrastructure as hypocritical.

"We find the accusations that Russia is 'shelling Ukraine's civilian infrastructure' as utterly hypocritical. The European Union has lost the moral right to say anything about war crimes, since over eight years it had been turning a blind eye to killings of civilians, women and children as a result of the Kiev regime's shelling of the Donbass territories," Zakharova stressed.

The diplomat added that the EU is not willing to find a peaceful solution to the Ukraine conflict.

"We see that the EU does not show any willingness to resolve the conflict peacefully. On the contrary, they continue to thoughtlessly invest considerable funds to protracted hostilities.

For this purpose are aimed the decisions on additional (another 500 million euros) funding for arms supplies to the Ukrainian armed forces and on establishing an EU mission on military support for Ukraine," the Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman concluded.

AU welcomes initiation of Ethiopian government, rebels peace talks

ADDIS ABABA

THE African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC) has welcomed the initiation of the AU-lead peace talks between the Ethiopian government and the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).

The AUPSC said in a press statement released Friday that it hopes peace talks scheduled for Monday in South Africa will have a fruitful outcome.

The Ethiopian government and TPLF have both confirmed their attend-

ance for next week's peace talks. "The Council highly commends the parties for their dedicated efforts aimed at a peaceful resolution of the conflict and further welcomed the mutual commitments to genuinely participate in the peace process under the auspices of the AU," the statement further said.

The AUPSC statement also called on AU member states and the international community to continue to extend humanitarian relief to the war-affected population, particularly women and children.

KIGALI

Contraceptives for teens spark debate in Rwanda

AS a mother who got pregnant at 16, a Rwandan teen identified only as Yvonne to conceal her identity, was eager that her peers can easily access contraceptives to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

Yvonne learned she was pregnant, more than one month after she missed her periods during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and schools shutdown in 2020. On learning she was pregnant, her stepmother expelled her from home, saying she was spoiled and could spoil her children. With her predicament, Yvonne ran away with the help of her boyfriend who later denied the pregnancy and abandoned her.

Like hundreds of thousands of young girls nationwide, Yvonne was not able to complete her secondary education. While her story is shared by many and draws ire among activists, the solution to addressing teenage pregnancies in Rwanda seems to be complex.

The majority of Rwandan legislators during a plenary session this week voted against a private members' bill that sought to amend the 2016 law on human reproductive health, which would have given girls aged 15 and above the green light to access contraceptives.

The rejection of the bill has become a talking point because of the



growing problem of teenage pregnancy in the East African country. Some legislators cited cultural considerations and faith while others said contraceptives would corrupt the moral values of young girls.

Such claims, however, only served to further muddy the waters around the controversial bill. "Allowing access to contraceptives as the first-line choice for young girls wishing to engage in sexual activities would seem prudent," Yvonne told Xinhua, asking "so what solutions are the MPs providing?"

"I'm troubled about this." Reports indicate that teens as young as 14 years of age are sexually active, hence the need to equip them with knowledge about contraception in case they choose to engage in sexual activities.

Rwandan gender activist Donatha Gihana, however, said that even if the bill had been passed it would not address the problem of teenage pregnancy.

"But before we rush into girls' access to contraceptives, where are the men who impregnate these girls," she asked. Gihana has come

across cases, where teenage girls after producing do not disclose the fathers of their babies, which she described as strange. "I don't think access to contraceptives can alone address the problem of teenage pregnancy. I think it's important to look at a comprehensive approach rather than narrowing down the solution to one." "Access to contraceptives to me is not the problem. We need to address the issue of teenage pregnancy in a more comprehensive way. To me, with or without contraceptives will

continue unless the root causes are addressed," said Gihana.

Gihana believes there is even a lack of awareness around contraceptives, whereby in villages many girls are not aware of the different birth control methods.

"Access to contraceptives would perhaps provide a solution to only a small percentage of girls in Kigali who have the means to buy, yet rural girls bear the big problem of teenage pregnancy. We are talking about the majority of girls in rural areas who don't even have easy access to pharmacies. We need a national approach that speaks to all teenagers," she added.

Child pregnancies in Rwanda are linked partly to growing gaps in parent-child communication, limited access to sexual reproductive health information, and poverty. At least 23,544 children were born to teen mothers in 2019, according to official statistics.

On average 20,000 teens are impregnated annually, with 23,000 having been impregnated last year. Other Rwandans, though, praised parliament for rejecting the bill, arguing that contraceptives are not suitable for teens.

Among those is Sheila Mugisha, a nurse and mother of two teenage girls, who said it would be wrong to give teenagers contraceptives. "It

would be worrying for a 15-year-old to think of which kind of contraception is best for them since there are many different contraceptive methods on the market," she said. In Rwanda, the consent age is 18, but the legal age for marriage is 21. The bill had been tabled before the Chamber of Deputies by a group of five legislators.

Gamariel Mbonimana, one of the lawmakers, said they drafted the bill thinking it would address the challenge of the high number of teenage pregnancies in the country and their research found out that in some countries children as old as 13 years or 12 years of age have access to contraceptives.

While underlining that addressing the problem of teenage pregnancies requires the role of fathers, mothers, guardians, and the community, Gihana believed that citing culture and faith to deny girls access to contraceptives is a lame excuse because "some aspects of culture have been overridden by modernity or technology."

"Even with amazing policies and programs the household and family, where girls live, need to have discussions on sexual reproductive health. We cannot stop teenage pregnancy without the roles of the families and community."

Russia still waiting for list of victims of Bucha false flag, envoy says

UNITED NATIONS

MOSCOW is still waiting for a list of the victims of the false flag operation that Ukraine carried out in Bucha, Russian Permanent Representative to the United Nations Vasily Nebenzya said at a UN Security Council meeting on Ukraine.

"I would like to reiterate that despite all the reminders, we still have not received a list of the victims of the false flag operation that Ukraine carried out in Bucha in April. It once again confirms that the Kiev authorities have nothing to share to prove their accusations and allegations," he noted.

Nebenzya also pointed out that Western countries "are trying to pre-

tend that there is no need to prove anything and any of the Kiev regime's allegations can be taken for granted." "You prefer to cover up for the criminal regime of nationalists, radicals and outright Nazis, assisting them in staging provocations and promoting lies about Russia and the actions of Russian troops," Nebenzya emphasized.

On April 3, the Russian Defense Ministry rejected the Kiev regime's accusations of civilian killings in Bucha, Kiev region. The ministry noted that the Russian Armed Forces had left Bucha on March 30, while "the evidence of crimes" emerged only four days later, after Ukrainian Security Service officers had arrived in the city.

Treasurer: Australia's inflation to peak towards end of year

CANBERRA

AUSTRALIA'S treasurer has warned that inflation in the country is expected to peak towards the end of the year and it will persist for a little bit longer because of the impact of the natural disasters and energy prices.

Jim Chalmers, who will on Tuesday night hand down his first federal budget, on Sunday said inflation is the primary influence on this budget, which guides the approach to cost of living relief.

"On the current Treasury forecasts, inflation will persist for longer than we'd like," he told Australian Broadcasting Corporation television.

Treasury forecasts inflation will peak at 7.75 percent in December.

"This will be a family-friendly budget which recognizes that our pressures on the economy come from around the world, but they're felt around the kitchen table," Chalmers said.

As a result of inflation, government spending on social security payments including the pension is expected to be about AUS\$33 billion (US\$20.8 billion) higher than previously forecast.

Earlier this week, the treasurer confirmed the ongoing flooding in Australia's southeast will harm the country's projected economic growth.

Thousands of homes and businesses have been affected by the floods, and the treasury forecasts the floods will drive the price of fruit and vegetables up by 8 percent over the next six months.

Chalmers said the key elements of the strategy have two parts.

"First of all, how do we get wages moving again in this country, and the budget will be about that," he said on Sunday.

"But also how do we help inflation moderate over time. You do that by making sure your cost-of-living relief is responsible and that your investments in the economy don't push up inflation."

Italy's new PM, govt sworn in

ROME

THE new Italian government formed by appointed Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni was officially sworn in at the presidential Palace on Saturday.

Meloni (pictured) had been formally appointed and accepted the mandate on Friday, after being summoned by President Sergio Mattarella at the end of his short round of consultations with all parties' leaders in parliament.

If Meloni and her cabinet pass confidence vote at the parliament, she will serve as the country's first female prime minister ever.

Italy held a snap general election on Sept 25, following the resignation of Mario Draghi as prime minister in July, which put an end to a government of national unity that led the country for some 17 months.

Meloni -- the leader of right-wing Brothers of Italy -- was asked to form the new government after her party won 26 percent of votes in the recent polls, ending up as the most voted force.

She had run the campaign with her two coalition allies, the center-right Forza Italia party of former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi and the anti-immigrant and Eurosceptic League led by Matteo Salvini, both of which gained a little over 8 percent of the votes.

As such, the right-wing coalition marked a clear victory and, with the current mainly first-past-the-post electoral system, was able to secure a solid majority of seats in both the chambers of the Italian parliament.

The swearing ceremony took place at the Quirinal presidential palace on Saturday morning.

Overall, Brothers of Italy named 9 ministers in the cabinet, while League and Forza Italia 5 ministers each. Further 5 cabinet posts will be covered by technocrat figures.

Now, after being officially sworn in, the cabinet will need the confidence of both the Lower House and the Senate in order to enter into force. The voting will take place on two separate days next week.

The new cabinet would count 24 ministers, including some key figures. These include Giancarlo Giorgetti, who would serve as Economy and Finance minister after being Industry minister in the previous cabinet, and Antonio Tajani as next minister of Foreign Affairs and as one of the two deputy prime ministers named by Meloni.

League's leader Matteo Salvini will serve as minister of Infrastructure, and as deputy prime minister as well. Matteo Piantadosi, a former chief of staff to Salvini, will be the next Interior minister, while Aldo Urso and Guido Crosetto -- both from Meloni's Brothers of Italy -- would serve as Industry minister and Defence minister, respectively.



Rwandan breast cancer survivors highlight importance of early detection



People march during an awareness campaign on breast cancer in Kigali, Rwanda, on Oct. 16, 2022. File photo

KIGALI

AS the world marks this year's breast cancer awareness month, 47-year-old Rwandan mother Francine Uwumukiza recalls the nightmares she went through when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Despite regular exercises and eating a balanced diet and green vegetables, the mother of three never thought it could happen to her. "It was not something I imagined, not even in my dreams that I could be a victim," said the resident in Nyarugenge district, on the outskirts of Rwanda's capital Kigali. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2016, but luckily, she has recovered and encourages women to take prevention seriously. Awareness campaigns on breast cancer are running throughout October in Rwanda, featuring awareness walks and screening women and girls for breast cancer using breast clinical examination.

In 2020, at least 2.3 million women worldwide were diagnosed with breast cancer and 685,000 died from the disease, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Four women are

diagnosed with breast cancer every minute, and it is projected that the number of breast cancer cases will double over the next 20 years in less developed countries, the WHO says. In Rwanda, at least 650 patients were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020, the majority of whom succumbed to the disease due to late diagnosis, according to the Ministry of Health. Breast cancer remains the most common among cases recorded in the east African country, followed by cervical, prostate, stomach and liver cancers.

Talking about her experience, Uwumukiza recalled that it was during a self-check routine when she felt a lump. She underwent a breast clinical examination which confirmed it was cancer. "I couldn't believe, and wondered why it had happened to me," she said. Uwumukiza started her chemotherapy at a hospital in neighboring Kenya's capital Nairobi as her family had the financial means.

The therapy succeeded and she had surgery to remove the area where the lump was found. She later underwent radiotherapy. "I think this was one of the most difficult moments in my life because of the excruciating pain," she said. "As a survivor, I feel proud because I had a second chance to be still alive today."

Early detection through periodic breast self-examination gives patients the best chance of survival, Daniel Ngamije, Rwanda's Health Minister said during a recent awareness campaign in Kigali. "Common symptoms can easily be detected such as a lump in the breast or armpit, swelling of part of the breast, irritation or dimpling of breast skin, pulling in of the nipple," he said.

Other symptoms include nipple discharge, including

blood, pain in the breast, or redness around the nipple. Now Uwumukiza's goal is to spread awareness among young women in Rwanda, in particular about the importance of check-ups. She said other than targeting older women for awareness most times, young women need awareness too. "We need to teach younger women how to care about their bodies and open up to their parents or doctor when they feel anything strange," she said.

Uwumukiza believes while high cost and lack of developed treatment infrastructure in developing countries is a challenge, ignorance and lack of awareness are the real killers of people. Delays in screening, diagnosis, and treatment due to a lack of awareness are a challenge, she said. Health officials say 80 percent of breast lumps are not cancerous but there is still a 20 percent chance.

Women are encouraged to have mammograms before the age of 40. Other Rwandan breast cancer survivors Jackline Musoni and Charlotte Uwimana said the earlier one finds out, the higher the chances of getting cured.

"Not checking and ignoring symptoms is deadly." "With early detection breast cancer heals with strict adherence to health advice," said Musoni. **Xinhua**

China's C919 jet obtains milestone airworthiness permit

THE successful development of the C919, China's first home-grown large jetliner, will become a new engine driving the further progress of the Chinese aviation and high-end manufacturing industries, said Qian Zhongyan, executive deputy director of Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC).

Qian, also vice-chair of the Shanghai Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese, made the remarks during an interview after the C919 obtained the type certificate issued by the Civil Aviation Administration of China.

The type certificate was issued to the COMAC, the developer of the aircraft, on Sept. 29.

The C919, which has been in development for 15 years, is a witness to the leapfrog progress of China's aviation industry.

Airworthiness certification is a prerequisite step for civil aircraft entry into the market. The C919's obtaining of the type certificate was a milestone in China's development of large passenger jets. It indicates that the design of China's first self-developed trunk jetliner meets airworthiness standards and environmental requirements.

The C919 has independent intellectual property rights. The body of the airplane was designed by the COMAC and jointly manufactured by Chinese enterprises.

Over the past years, the design and manufacturing teams, following independent innovation and open cooperation, have developed a series of key technologies and forged their core competitiveness. They have nurtured a batch of professionals and driven the development of relevant industries, which forms a platform for China's independent development of large jets.

The C919 took its maiden flight in May 2017. Over the past five years, test aircraft has completed a series of test flights during which its power, electrical and other systems were comprehensively tested. It also



China's C919 jet performs in an air show at an exhibition in east China's Jiangxi province, Oct. 31, 2020. File photo

went through tests in various types of extreme situations including stall speed, high temperature, severe cold and freeze.

It marked the first time for China to have joined all the development procedures of a large airplane, including designing, manufacturing, testing, test flights and airworthiness certification. It also indicated that China has become a country that is able to develop large airplanes in accordance with international airworthiness standards.

The Chinese trunk jetliner is competitive in multiple aspects, which will help it stand firm in the aviation market.

It is equipped with advanced systems and materials. According to the COMAC, the supercritical wings of the airplane are able to reduce the resistance by five percent. The advanced materials, such as aluminium-lithium alloy and other

compound materials, make the airplane much lighter, safer, more economical and more environmentally friendly. Besides, the C919 is equipped with advanced airborne systems and high-performance engines.

The single-aisle plane has 158 to 192 seats and a range of 4,075 to 5,555 kilometers. It comes with an efficient air filtration system and a passenger-centric lighting system.

The safe and reliable C919 enjoys huge potential thanks to the vast Chinese market. It currently has 28 customers with orders totaling over 800 planes.

The development of the large airplane is in line with China's economic and strategic development. After the C919 is put into commercial use, it will generate positive impacts on China's civil aviation.

It will accelerate the integration of the aviation industry, amplify the

correlation effect between the civil aviation industry and the aviation manufacturing industry, and further improve the quality of China's economic development, said Li Xiaojin, director of the research institute of aviation economy under Civil Aviation University of China.

The successful development of the C919 will offer more choices for airlines and passengers, bring more opportunities to the suppliers and cooperation partners, and further activate the healthy competition and innovation of the global commercial aviation industry.

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Some winners of the second and third week draws of a promotion dubbed 'Wakishua Twenzetu Qatar na Hisense', organized by telecom company Tigo that received air tickets for trip to Qatar to watch 2022 World Cup pose for a photo at the presentation ceremony in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

Serengeti Girls have shown it is possible, says Veronica

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S national U-17 football squad 'Serengeti Girls' defender Veronica Mapunda who holds the honour of scoring the most important goal in the squad's history hopes the team's stunning success in the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup in India can inspire Tanzania's other national teams to reach similar heights.

Serengeti Girls made history by qualifying for the quarterfinal stage at the ongoing FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.

The Tanzanian side's attempt to continue its fairy tale run ended in vain following a 3-0 loss to Colombia in the quarterfinal last Saturday.

Making their debut in the world competition, the Serengeti Girls started their Group D campaign with a 4-0 defeat to Japan before stopping France with a 2-1 victory and holding Canada 1-1.

Veronica scored the all-important equalizer for Tanzania against Canada last week to book the quarterfinal ticket against all odds.

Speaking to FIFA, Veronica said she believes the team's stunning success should serve as an inspiration to other Tanzanian teams.

The footballer stated: "We feel that we're showing people at home and

our other teams, like the U-20s and the seniors, that they can fight too, and not just the women's teams but the men's teams too, who've never qualified for a World Cup either."

Veronica said: "It looked like a tough group, for sure, but we kept our faith in God and our coach and we worked together. This might be our first World Cup, but we have been playing in tournaments."

The defender pointed out: "We'd been paying attention to our coach and we were ready to fight. We're delighted with what we've achieved."

Tanzania came up against Colombia in a quarterfinal tie on Saturday, succumbing to a 3-0 loss to the latter, while Japan suffered a 2-1 defeat to Spain the same day.

Nigeria is set to confront Colombia in the semi-final, and Germany which cruised to a win over Brazil in another quarterfinal has as well booked a semi-final ticket.

Veronica was optimistic Serengeti Girls Group's stage success could have fired them up to the final and make the country more proud.

She disclosed: "I think this was our first big step. We need to listen to our coach's guidance and have faith in God. We're going to try to go even further, all the way to the final maybe, and make our country proud."

Noel Kiunsi eager to promote water polo in Tanzania

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIAN swimming coach Noel Kiunsi who is currently studying at the Hungarian University of Sports Science has disclosed he plans to take water polo sport to another level in his country.

Kiunsi who is studying an International Coaching course at the Budapest-based university said in a recent interview although water polo is played by a few people in Tanzania, it is a new sport.

"Water Polo is one of the aquatic sports, other aquatic sports are swimming, diving, high diving, open water, and artistic swimming, once I'm back home I will share my knowledge with Tanzanian swimmers, coaches, physical education teachers, and other stakeholders," he said.

The International Coaching course began early this month and is scheduled to come to a close on December 10 this year.

Kiunsi that also serves as a principal sports lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam is sponsored by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) through Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC).

He thanked TOC for the opportuni-

ty and said once he graduates he will closely work with Tanzania Swimming Association to take the sport to all parts of the country.

The sport is a competitive team sport played in the water between two teams of seven players each, it consists of four quarters in which two teams attempt to score goals by throwing the ball into the opposing team's goal.

As is with many sporting events, the team with the most goals at the end of the game wins the match.

Water polo is regarded as one of the world's hardest sports to master as it requires a rare mixture of stamina, strength, aerobic fitness, and the desire to win.

The course is not new to Kiunsi's exploits in swimming internationally, he was recently the only local official to officiate the eighth edition of the FINA World Junior Swimming championships which took place in Peru.

Kiunsi, who studied international coaching in swimming at Semmelweis University, is the only local official in the latest list of FINA officials with the capacity to officiate in any level of swimming championships including the Olympics.

Derby psychology a key weapon as CAF fiasco puts Yanga fans in tactical malaise

By Correspondent John Kimbute

IF there is one with which to summarise the mood among pundits as the 2022/23 Premier League tie between Simba SC and Yanga, popularly known as the 'Dar es Salaam derby', approached, it is that derby psychology is being relied upon by the Jangwani Street outfit fraternity to produce the form that has seen the side triumph over their next street archrivals several times.

As was the case earlier - or very much so, to add a twist to it - Msimbazi Street outfit always had the more trusted side but their spirited adversaries were keener on the derby. It counted more for their confidence or zeal.

While several factors are now clearer as to the standing of the archrivals in the overall game outlook at the moment, the calculation on the derby is unchanged.

The point is that precisely due to a more assertive position of the Msimbazi Street side in continental competition, the derby will be pivotal to the mood at the other end of the street, to provide needed consolation.

Nothing can alter the mood at Jangwani Street outfit at the moment like a derby victory, and they all know it.

Yet as the English are fond of saying, 'if wishes were horses, beggars



Yanga's Congolese attacker, Fiston Mayele, jubilates after scoring against Simba SC in the 2022/23 Premier League's curtain raiser, the Community Shield clash, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam in August. Yanga garnered a 2-1 victory. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

would ride', the club struggling in continental competitions will not find it easy to take the derby because they desperately need it.

To wit, few among the pundits credibly give the odds to Yanga, and more to that effect, their fans appear to be uncertain, not to say marginally admitting they don't appear to have the lineup it takes to defeat the roaring archrivals. Msimbazi Street outfit's fans are in a perched-up mood, triumphant.

That might also provide the key to a 'Lupaso' somersault for Yanga, by showing the door or rather grabbing the points from their rivals, which would effectively belittle their successes in the CAF Champions League.

It would be a matter of saying that they won

because they met with a relatively weaker side, that is when Primeiro de Agosto is compared to Al Hilal Omdurman, a point that may as well be valid but scarcely available to pundits, as it would have no credible basis.

Were Yanga to win the derby, that kind of reflection would now be usable, to explain their form or ability.

The trouble, all the same, is that sentiments among Yanga fans that are audible in call-in programs on FM radio stations appear to be directed inward, more critical of their players' performance than admitting arduous encounters with Al Hilal for that matter.

When the side forced a one-all draw with Al Hilal in the first leg before their fans at the home

stadium, inward criticism was directed at the forward line, where the Ivorian signing Stephane Aziz Ki bore the brunt of the criticism. Now it is the defense.

When that aspect of things comes up, one is reminded of what has for some years been noticed at Msimbazi Street outfit and is now being played out at Jangwani Street outfit, namely the fitness and eligibility of a key player, their very captain.

It is a situation that touches players once their days at the top appear to be waning, and it takes time to convince club diehards among fans and officials that it is time to call time on such players, or at times it is the coach.

For Simba SC it was John Bocco whose form, and dependability at the front has finally been sealed by 'General' Moses Phiri.

At the Jangwani Street club's fan base the criticism has moved from the forward line to the defense, seemingly on account of the psychological impact of the return match in Khartoum.

At Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, alias 'Lupaso,' the fan base was fixed on scoring more goals and getting the work done the first match, easing the run in the return match but it proved a hard climb.

In the return game, the hope was to equalize

and go to penalties but it seems that this was plan 'B' while the point was to stop them from scoring.

When the odds are as high as that, no defender can be blamed for not reaching that bar.

It similarly appears there is a different issue that may have been nagging even within the Yanga technical bench, namely whether veteran team captain Bakari Mwamnyeto was up to the task, to marshal the defense against all odds.

There have been frequent tactical changes to have Yannick Bangala play at the rear with Juma Shaaban, who appears to have the confidence of the technical bench, along with Shomari Kibwana, but Mwamnyeto is scarcely on the lips at the moment.

A lapse that could happen to any player, enabling the visiting side to score in the first match, appears to have finished off the 'grace' the veteran defender still enjoyed.

There are things in soccer that one isn't allowed to do for a second time, and it was one such thing, in all appearances.

It made the matter obvious that Yanga needs a dependable fullback to add to those who are there, even without thinking about the captain.

It seems like it is top of the agenda for January but it can decide the derby.



Brilliant Secondary School's students dance some Bongo Flava songs during the school's 12th graduation ceremony held at the institution's premises at Mbezi Kimara kwa Msuguri in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MWENDAPOLE

Women's competence in view as Dar hosts Women's Sports Festival

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS year's edition of the Tanzanite Women's Sports Festival ended in Dar es Salaam last weekend with various sporting activities taking place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium and Uhuru Stadium.

National Sports Council (NSC) information officer Najaha Bakari revealed: "This year's edition of Tanzanite Women's Sports Festival is targeted to show women's competence in social and economical sectors to the world and we are closing it tomorrow (Saturday)."

The official noted: "We expect many women of substance in the country including Speaker of the National Assembly Tulia Ackson to attend it."

This is the second edition of the festival, the NSC leader pointed out, all is set for the closure of this year's edition and Speaker of National Assembly Tulia was set to grace the event.

The festival was opened on Thursday by Zanzibar Minister for Information, Youth, Culture, and Sports, Tabia Maulid, with the organizers holding a sports symposium that was followed by an athletics event.

Speakers at the symposium

were Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports Hassan Abbas, veteran sports administrator and University of Dar es Salaam senior lecturer Jonas Tiboroha, and well-known sports administrator Iren Jackson.

Abbas's topic was on the media's contribution to the sponsorship of women's sports, Tiboroha dwelled on women's empowerment through sports, while Iren wound up the symposium with a topic that centered on the empowerment of women in sports.

Some of the sporting activities that took place included

women's football matches, a netball match, a volleyball clash, a wheelchair basketball tie, a boxing bout, and an athletics show-down bringing together able-bodied athletes.

There were moreover music performances staged by female artists.

Some of the activities held on the closing day included women's football matches, the first of which witnessed Simba Queens taking on their rivals Yanga Princesses, and the other was a clash involving Dodoma's women's sides Fountain Gate Queens and Baobab Queens.

Haaland's scoring streak leaves Guardiola speechless

MANCHESTER, England

PEP Guardiola has coached arguably the greatest-ever soccer player in Lionel Messi, so it speaks volumes when he admits he has run out of words to describe Erling Haaland's start to life at Manchester City.

"My English language is not big enough," the City manager said after the Norway striker took his goal tally to 22 this season in a 3-1 win against Brighton in the Premier League on Saturday.

Haaland, who had failed to find the back of the net in last week's 1-0 loss to Liverpool, quickly got over that mini-drought with two first-half goals as the Premier League champion moved to within a point of leader Arsenal.

With 17 goals in the league, Haaland needs just six more to equal the 23 goals that saw Mo Salah and Son Heung-min share the Golden Boot as last season's joint leading scorers.

"Erling has the quality," Guardiola said. "With big space he can do it, but with small space he can do it. This is the reality, it is fantastic."

Haaland's goals have come in just 15 appearances in all competitions. He looked set to register his fourth hat trick of the season, with both goals coming before halftime.

He opened the scoring after 22 minutes when racing on to Ederson's long clearance. With Brighton goalkeeper Robert Sanchez stranded outside of his goal, Haaland overpowered Adam Webster and rolled the ball into an empty net.

He got his and City's second two minutes before halftime after referee Craig Pawson reviewed a challenge from Lewis Dunk on Bernardo Silva and awarded a penalty.

Haaland stepped up and powered a low shot past Sanchez, which was the club's 600th league goal under Guardiola.

Just as City fans might have been wondering how many goals their team would rack up in a latest rout, Brighton reduced the deficit.

Riyad Mahrez looked set to add to the home team's lead but his tame shot was saved by Sanchez, which allowed Brighton to break. Solly March laid the ball off to Leandro Trossard just outside the penalty box and he unleashed a low drive that beat Ederson at his near post in the 53rd.

Trossard could have equalized later when running through on goal - but his shot from a tight angle was saved.

Brighton paid the price for that missed opportunity when Kevin de Bruyne made it 3-1 in the 75th with a superb 25-yard shot that curled into the top corner.

While Guardiola has run out of superlatives for Haaland, he is still to be fully satisfied by De Bruyne this season.

"He is not playing at his top level, not yet," he said. "He made a fantastic goal, but he is not playing at his best. He knows, I don't have to tell him. His dynamic is still not perfect, I spoke with him."

AP

Benzema resting, Madrid beats Sevilla 3-1 to extend lead

BARCELONA, Spain

KARIM Benzema proudly showed his Ballon d'Or award to fans at the Santiago Bernabéu and then sat back as Real Madrid beat Sevilla 3-1 and increased its lead of the Spanish league on Saturday.

Benzema was ruled out of the match when the club said he had muscle fatigue. It appears that the striker, who won soccer's prestigious individual prize on Monday, is being extra cautious to avoid the risk of any injury that might jeopardize his participation with France at the World Cup in Qatar starting in less than a month.

Vinicius Júnior set up two goals for Madrid as the Brazil winger continues to excel both with, and without, Benzema playing by his side.

Madrid extended its unbeaten streak to 16 games since starting the season across all competitions and increased its lead at the top to six points over Barcelona, which plays Athletic Bilbao on Sunday.

Luka Modric and former Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane, both former Ballon d'Or winners, handed Benzema his award in a ceremony before kickoff. The Madrid striker hoisted it high to receive the applause of fans, who turned out for the celebration and the match amid steady rain in Spain's capital.

Modric then proceeded to ensure that Madrid did not miss Benzema's goals, scoring from an assist by Vinicius to give Madrid the lead five minutes into the game. Vinicius pounced on a poor pass by Gonzalo Montiel near Sevilla's own area, took on the backtracking defenders, and found Modric all alone at the far post to tap in.

While Vinicius squandered an opportunity to add to the lead in the 44th - when he tried to round goalkeeper Yassine Bounou instead of shooting from point-blank range - Sevilla was toothless with midfielder Isco Alarcón up front as a "false nine."

Sevilla had its share of possession but had no strikers in the box to feed. In the 45th Jesús Navas drew the first save from Thibaut Courtois, who was back after missing six matches due to sciatic pain.

AP

Nottingham Forest shocks Liverpool in 1-0 win

NOTTINGHAM, England

NOTTINGHAM Forest produced a shock to beat Liverpool 1-0 in the Premier League on Saturday.

The last-place team at the start of the day secured only its second win of the season in the game at the City Ground.

Taiwo Awoniyi struck in the 55th-minute to end Liverpool's mini-revival, which saw it beat Rangers, Manchester City and West Ham in its previous three games.

Awoniyi was on the books at Anfield for six years without ever playing for the first team, but he produced the decisive moment to lift Forest off the foot of the table.

"To score against Liverpool is a day I will never forget," he told BBC Sport. "I will always be grateful to Liverpool for scouting me from Nigeria and scoring against them is amazing."

The win eases the pressure on Forest manager Steve Cooper, who also used to coach at Liverpool.

"This is not the end, this has got to be a part of the start," Cooper said. "We get back in on Monday and work even harder. We've been on a difficult run but, I told the boys, I've not seen them hide, shy away or sulk. I've seen the opposite. That's given me reassurance."

Forest took the lead 10 minutes into the second half when a free-kick found Steve Cook on the right-hand side. His cross was struck against the post by Ryan Yates, but Awoniyi was on hand to turn the rebound into an empty net.

Morgan Gibbs-White then saw another effort blocked by James Milner, which would have doubled the home team's lead.

Liverpool's fight back saw Forest goalkeeper Dean Henderson palm away a Trent Alexander-Arnold header in the final 10 minutes.

In return, Alisson denied Yates late on before Henderson stopped a powerful header from Virgil van Dijk to secure the famous win.

Liverpool was without the injured Darwin Nunez and Thiago Alcantara, who was unwell.

"The performance I can kind of explain, the result not to be honest,"



Manchester United's Casemiro (L) looks on as Kepa Arrizabalaga fails to keep the ball from crossing the line. (Agencies)

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp told BT Sport. "I never saw a game where one team has four or five no-brainers from a set piece where we have to finish it off."

"The way they defend we were perfectly prepared for that. We had to put the game to bed to be perfectly honest."

Meanwhile, in London, Casemiro's injury-time header earned Manchester United a 1-1 draw at Chelsea in the Premier League on Saturday.

Jorginho had looked like giving Graham Potter his first standout win against a major team in the league when converting an 87th-minute penalty.

But Casemiro rose to head past Kepa Arrizabalaga and earn United a deserved point.

The visitors arrived at Stamford Bridge on the back of its most complete performance of the season in the 2-0 win against Tottenham

in midweek. And United had the best of the chances in the first half, with Marcus Rashford again failing to make the most of his opportunities in front of goal and Antony missing when one-on-one with Kepa.

With Cristiano Ronaldo cut from Ten Hag's squad after the Portugal striker refused to come on as a substitute against Spurs, United looked in danger of paying the price for its failure to capitalize on its dominance.

Even more so when Scott McTominay brought down Armando Broja in the box late on. Jorginho stepped up and converted from the spot.

Victory would have seen fourth-place Chelsea move four points clear of United but Casemiro ensured late drama.

Rising at the far post to meet Shaw's cross in the fourth minute of

stoppage time, Kepa got a hand to the Brazilian's header, but could only touch it onto the post before the ball crossed the line.

"First half Rashford had two big chances, Antony one against one," Ten Hag told BBC Sport. "You have to score goals in such moments because in top games three chances is massive. You have to score."

"We dictated the game and I am happy with that. If you concede a goal late it is difficult."

Chelsea manager Graham Potter is still undefeated since succeeding Thomas Tuchel last month.

"It's disappointing because we're 1-0 ahead at the end, but over the course of the game a point is about right and I'm not sure if we did enough to win it," Potter told Sky Sports. "A really fighting performance from us, we improved a lot after 30 minutes

so we will take what we get."

United had a scare when Raphael Varane had to leave the field after 60 minutes with an apparent knee injury.

The France international was in tears as he departed, raising concerns over his participation in the World Cup.

In Liverpool, Dominic Calvert-Lewin scored his first goal in five months to help Everton beat Crystal Palace 3-0 and snap a three-game losing streak in the Premier League on Saturday.

The striker scored in the 11th minute at Goodison Park before second-half goals from Anthony Gordon and substitute Dwight McNeil for Everton.

Calvert-Lewin, sidelined early this season with a knee injury, had last scored in May - against Palace in a win that kept Everton in the Premier League. The 25-year-old forward still hopes to make England's team for the World Cup.

In the buildup to his goal, Calvert-Lewin dispossessed Luka Milivojevic. Amadou Onana then passed to Alex Iwobi, who spotted Calvert-Lewin on the edge of the penalty area. He got past Marc Guehi and beat goalkeeper Vicente Guaita with a low shot.

The margin of victory equals Frank Lampard's biggest win in nine months as manager.

AP

Gerrard's path to Liverpool job hits bump after Villa firing

By STEVE DOUGLAS

IT seemed the natural and seemingly logical next step in Steven Gerrard's managerial journey, not that he would ever express it publicly himself.

After a successful 3 1/2 years in a pressure-cooker environment at Scottish giant Rangers, he would - many presumed - spend a few seasons coaching Aston Villa to build enough Premier League experience to be the fitting replacement for Jurgen Klopp at his beloved Liverpool.

There's been a bump in the road.

Gerrard's first senior coaching job in English soccer quickly turned sour, leading to him being fired by Villa late Thursday in a quite abrupt - even cruel - way.

A 41-word, two-sentence statement, with a pithy quote attributed to a "club spokesman," marked the end for Gerrard just a couple of hours after Villa's 3-0 loss at Fulham. Speaking to media during those two hours, he had vowed to fight on with Villa in 17th place.

It leaves Gerrard and his managerial reputation in a tough spot. After all, how do you judge someone who leads Rangers to its first Scottish league title in 10 years then doesn't last a year at Villa?

Villa never established an identity or clear playing style under Gerrard so, in that sense, it's difficult for other clubs to know what they'll be taking on if they plunge for him in the coming



Aston Villa manager Steven Gerrard looks dejected after the English Premier League soccer match between Fulham and Aston Villa at Craven Cottage in London, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022. (AP)

charge."

Jamie Carragher, Gerrard's close friend and former Liverpool teammate, said Gerrard "knew the situation" he was in at Villa when they spoke a few days ago.

"I'm really not sure whether Stevie would go back in (to management) or wait 12 months," Carragher told Sky Sports.

"It will be really interesting ... whether he

is the type of guy who wants to be managing for the next 20 years or if he'll pick certain jobs that really appeal to him. That's what he's done in the first few jobs he's picked."

Wherever Gerrard ends up next, he might want to avoid the same issues he ran into at Villa.

COUTINHO GAMBLE
Gerrard's headline signing was Philippe Coutinho, the Brazil playmaker he knew well from their time together playing for Liverpool.

For Coutinho, it was a big drop in status - his last two clubs were Barcelona and Bayern Munich (on loan), after all. For Gerrard, it was a big gamble, fitting in someone many view as a luxury player and who seemed no longer cut out for the fast-paced style of the Premier League.

Coutinho had his moments but so far has never quite fitted in at Villa. It was hard to nail down a specific position for Coutinho, too, especially with Villa having already

signed in the offseason of 2021 a player with similar characteristics and playing style in Emi Buendia.

Coutinho didn't contribute a goal or an assist this season. Ironically, for what proved Gerrard's last game at Villa, Coutinho was dropped to the bench and never made it on as a substitute.

BORING APPROACH
By the end of his time at Villa, Gerrard had turned the team into one of the most boring to watch in the Premier League.

It wasn't down to misfortune that Villa scored only seven goals in 11 league games this season. It was the way Gerrard set the team up, failing to make the most of the attacking players he had in Coutinho, Buendia, Danny Ings and Ollie Watkins.

He never seemed to know his best lineup, constantly changing his front three in particular.

His decision to go back to basics and concentrate on making Villa hard to beat after its

slow start to the season didn't go down well with Villa fans, who weren't impressed even if they pulled out the odd win - like the tedious 1-0 at home to Southampton last month.

That was Villa's only victory in its last eight games, and one of just two in the league this season - the other being an unconvincing 2-1 against Everton.

With fans singing "Steven Gerrard, get out of our club" toward the end of the Fulham game, his departure was inevitable.

INTERIM MANAGER
Villa said Friday that Gerrard was fired because he failed to achieve the club's objective of "continuous improvement."

His backroom staff, including former Liverpool and Scotland midfielder Gary McAllister, have all left the club and first-team coach Aaron Danks was to take charge of the team for the Premier League match against Brentford on Sunday.

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Ramadhan to fight South African pugilist in Super Dome boxing night

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA's professional boxer Nasibu Ramadhan will take on South Africa's Toto Helebe in an international non-title Featherweight bout scheduled to take place at the Super Dome Arena in Dar es Salaam on November 4.

The fight that has been organized by Global Boxing Stars, LP Sport, and Azam TV will be also used to launch the modern venue.

The fight is the start of a new campaign to revive Ramadhan's career as local boxing promoter Levis Paul of the LP Sport believes the pugilist still has a lot more in the tank and more to offer the sport.

"Ramadhan is a good boxer and his record is misleading, he comes with huge experience and has fought all over the world as a road warrior, we want to provide him with regular action and what promises to be a shoot-out at the Featherweight limit," Paul pointed out.

He said that the fight is the start of a new campaign to revive Nasibu's career through LP Sport that believes the Tanzanian boxer still has a lot more to offer.

Apart from the two boxers, talented Pan African fighters and their counterparts from other countries will feature in the event according to Chief Executive Officer of LP Sport, Paul.

The co-main card is a 12-round Cruiserweight division fight contested by prospects Shaban Jongo of Tanzania and Uganda's Musa Ntege for the Africa Boxing Union (ABU) East African Cruiserweight title held by Ntege.

Should Jongo prove victorious, the win will set him up for another outing with Nigeria's Olanweraju Durdola for the now-vacant ABU Cruiserweight title and a World Boxing Council ranking.

"I am excited about this fight, my camp has gone well and we will be ready for Musa, his title will not leave Tanzania," Jongo noted.

Global Boxing Stars' Director Jeremy Bean said notable fights on the bill is the United States Heavyweight sensation Jarrell Miller who takes on Tanzania's Awadh Tamim now based in Stockholm.

Bean stated: "This is a great addition to the card and an example of what Global Boxing Stars can deliver, we are excited to collaborate with Miller's promotional team in Dimitri Salita, Greg Cohen, and LPMG Management so that Miller can get some action and get his career back on track."

"We urge Tanzanian fight fans to buy their tickets as this is a rare opportunity to witness an A-list Heavyweight on East African soil," Bean added.

Other notable fighters on the card include Ghana's Manyo Plange and Nigerian Heavyweight prospect Solomon Adebayo who is set to face Tanzania's Hamisi Palasungulu. This is a stacked card and promises to be all-action from the first bell.

Azam Television CEO Patrick Kahemele said: "This is an exciting partnership and aligns with Azam's vision to elevate boxing to new heights in the region, creating a consistent, well-packaged broadcast product. We are thrilled to be working with Global Boxing Stars, local promotion LP Sports, and the new Super Dome venue.

Kahemele pointed out: "This partnership is set to do a lot and we look forward to bringing some great fights and entertainment, dubbed 'Dome Boxing series', to boxing fans in East Africa at Pan African boxing's new spiritual home, termed 'the Las Vegas of (East) Africa.'"

Newly promoted Singida Big Stars and Ihefu SC renew rivalry



Ihefu SC's players participate in a warm-up session before playing a recent 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash that took place in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF IHEFU SC

By Correspondent Michael

Mwebe

SINGIDA Big Stars FC welcomes Ihefu SC to Liti Stadium in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League today afternoon, chasing successive wins.

Both Singida Big Stars FC and Ihefu SC are newcomers to the top flight, after having secured promotion from the Championship League the season before but find themselves competing at different ends of the table this time.

The home side is well-placed in seventh position, just four points behind the

top sides.

They will be focused on closing the gap and leapfrogging Kinondoni Municipal Council FC to the third position with a victory over their visitors.

Going on, while Singida Big Stars FC did go on a four-match winless run, they showed that they were able to rise to the occasion, as they delivered a 2-1 victory on the road in the last match-day against Kagera Sugar.

A win was practically a must for them, and they gave just about everything on the pitch to secure the much-

needed three points.

It is going to be an important match for Singida Big Stars, as they need to keep pace with the leading pair.

They can hardly afford to drop points in home matches against bottom-half teams.

The Singida club's head coach Hans van der Pluijm will understand the importance of being clinical and maintaining a good home record.

The veteran Dutch coach will take more comfort in the fact that they are on a three-fixture unbeaten run in

front of their home crowd, having seen off Mbeya City FC and Prisons while drawing with Dodoma Jiji FC at Liti Stadium in Singida.

Meanwhile, Ihefu SC is in the relegation zone after a disastrous opening to their new season, going on a six-game winless run - four of which were losses.

However, they did manage to secure a win in their latest match-up, comfortably overcoming bottom-placed Dodoma Jiji FC and they will be eager to keep the trend going, against their last season's Championship League promotion rivals.

Head coach Juma Mwambusi charges have notched just five points from their opening seven matches, which is the same amount as bottom-placed Dodoma Jiji FC and Polisi Tanzania.

They still have to travel to confront Simba SC, Azam FC, and Geita Gold FC, which makes this weekend's clash with Singida Big Stars FC even more important.

Ihefu SC further has a huge home fixture against defending champions Young Africans, alias Yanga, to come in mid-November.

In head-to-head stats, Singida Big Stars and Ihefu SC have met in just two Championship League matches.

Both encounters took place last season, with Singida Big Stars then known as DTB FC claiming a league double, thanks to 1-0 home and 2-1 away wins, while Ihefu SC was crowned the Championship League winner at the end of the campaign.

CRDB Bank, Sanlam unveil sponsorship for 2022 CRDB Bank Taifa Cup tourney

By Guardian Correspondent

COOPERATIVE Rural Development Bank (CRDB) and an insurance company Sanlam Life Assurance have announced a sponsorship totaling 350m/- for this year's edition of the national basketball tournament, popularly known as 'CRDB Bank Taifa Cup'.

The showdown, themed 'Ni Zaidi ya Game, Ni Maisha', will be held in Tanga from November 4 and come to a close on November 12, 2022.

Speaking at a function for announcing the sponsorship in Dar es Salaam last Sunday, CRDB Bank's Managing Director Abdulmajid Nsekela said the bank has continued sponsoring the national basketball showdown for the third time in a row as part of the bank's efforts to empower Tanzania's youths through sports.

He added that the CRDB Bank through its Community Investment Policy (CSI Policy) has been investing in youth sports believing that the move helps to increase the youths' participation in various development activities in the community.

Nsekela noted the bank in collaboration with Sanlam Life Assurance has decided to increase the sponsorship this year compared to 300m/- dished out for last year's tournament due to the success that the CRDB Bank Taifa Cup had in the last two years, in which more than 3,000 young people



CRDB Managing Director Abdulmajid Nsekela (C) executes a jump ball for a special basketball clash involving Most Valuable Players of 2020 and 2021 editions of the national basketball tournament, termed 'CRDB Bank Taifa Cup', at Don Bosco court, Oysterbay in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. The clash was part of the unveiling of CRDB Bank's sponsorship for this year's showpiece slated for November 4-12 in Tanga. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

have been reached.

"Through these competitions apart from showing their talent, they have been getting academic scholarships, and various training that helps them build confidence, manage themselves and follow their dreams," Nsekela stated while thanking Sanlam company for continuing to support the competition.

Nsekela said winners in men's and women's categories will walk away with cash prizes amounting to 10m/- apiece and the second-

placed teams will receive 5m/- apiece.

"Along with these prizes, the best players from different regions and coaches will be rewarded. Total cash prizes allocated this year is 32m/- but later we will announce other scholarship prizes for players who will do well and we will improve this year," he added.

Official guest at the ceremony, Member of Parliament Esther Matiko, a basketball player as well, congratulated CRDB Bank for continuing to be at the forefront of sup-

porting the government's efforts to develop sports in the country.

Esther said the sixth phase of government led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan has placed a high priority on sports by recognizing the economic opportunities arising from the sector.

"Let me also congratulate you for seeing the importance of prioritizing women's teams participating in the CRDB Bank Taifa Cup. For many years the participation of women in this sport has been low compared to boys,"

Esther stated.

Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) president Michael Kadebe thanked the CRDB Bank and Sanlam Life Assurance for continuing the sponsorship of the showdown while noting that the institutions' sponsorship has helped to increase the enthusiasm and love of basketball for youths as is the case with football and other sports.

Kadebe explained to Esther that apart from the guarantee provided by CRDB Bank, the bank has been participating in every step to ensure that the competition takes place, including helping to encourage other institutions to participate in making the competition a success.

The function for unveiling the sponsorship took place alongside special matches played by outfits consisting best players of the showdown's 2020 and 2021 editions for men's and women's categories.

Twenty men's squads and 16 women's sides will take part in this year's CRDB Bank Taifa Cup.

The 2021 CRDB Bank Taifa Cup took place at Chinangali Stadium and Jamhuri Stadium's court in Dodoma where 1,000 youths from all regions in Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar participated. Dar es Salaam's men's and women's squads lifted titles in the showpiece.

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