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## Minister wants new by-laws to shield postcode infrastructure

By Guardian Reporter, Mbeya

DISTRICTS need to prepare by-laws for the protection of post code addresses infrastructures against vandalism after the exercise is completed.

David Silinde, the deputy minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) issued this instruction in the company of the Information and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye at an inspection tour of the post code address exercise in Mbeya Region.

He said the postcode address system initiated on a countrywide basis cost a lot of money, thus its installed infrastructures should be taken care of and protected to last long.

The exercise includes erecting sign posts of street names and house numbers which ought to be protected, and doing that legally needs by-laws to be passed by district councils, he said.

Juma Madito, the acting regional administrative officer, said 1.3bn/- was provided by the government towards the implementation of the project, and the region supplemented the costs with 300m/- from own sources.

The region had so far achieved 85 per cent postcode address implementation exercise, he said, with Regional Commissioner Juma Homera noting that the exercise is set to be finalized next week.

Minister Nnauye directed that regional officials finish up with implementing the exercise without seeking contributions from communities to meet its costs.

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NMB Bank Plc central zone manager Nsolo Mlozi briefs Zanzibar's First Vice President, Othman Masoud Othman, on recent innovations by the bank. This was at the bank's pavilion at the Innovation Week Tanzania exhibitions now in progress in Dodoma city, with NMB among the main sponsors. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## VP asks private sector to take up health challenges

By Guardian Reporters

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has urged the private sector to more intensively participate in research and innovation for solutions to emerging global health challenges.

Officiating at the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) annual joint scientific conference opening session in Dar es Salaam yesterday, he said that integrated approaches and involvement of various stakeholders are essential in that quest.

As health is a cross-cutting issue, the private sector needs to shoulder part of the funding, he said, noting that the current challenge is financing vaccines to

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help address the rising challenges. The

conference has to examine how the country grapples with Covid-19, polio and non-communicable diseases, he stated.

Pioneering research is a solution to prominent global diseases where the government alone cannot address these challenges, such that the private sector must work with public institutions and encourage research, he said.

"Tap into digital technologies to address these challenges but also work together with other stakeholders in addressing the issues," he told the gathering, themed as multisectoral approach for health, in relation to 'Agenda for health systems strengthening to

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Agriculture has allocated 11bn/- in the 2022/23 financial year for production and distribution of initial 5,000 tonnes of improved sunflower seeds to be planted in 2.4m hectares in a bid to end the edible oil deficit by 2025.

Tabling estimates in the National Assembly yesterday, Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe said the plan will empower farmers to venture into the cash crop, to cover the 400,000 tonnes edible oil deficit, where 12,000 tonnes of sunflower seeds are needed.

The ministry targets three million tons of sunflower crop by 2025 to meet 1.4m tonnes of edible oil production, as part of a long term plan. Edible oil prices were on the rise in cities like Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Mwanza, he pointed out.

A monthly economic review of the Bank of Tanzania issued two months ago noted that in Dar es Salaam sunflower edible oil was sold at 52,000/- for five litres, 35,000/- for three litres, 21,000/- for two litres, with consumers parting with 12,000/- for a liter, up from just around 5,000/- two years ago.

While edible oil demand stands at 650,000 tons per annum, just a half is produced locally, with sunflower accounting for the bulk of the local edible oil production at 90 per cent, the rest coming from oil palm, coconut, groundnuts, cotton and sesame.

The 2.4m hectare farms cultivated with sunflower will take up 12,000 tons of sunflower seeds to reach the needed tonnage, he said.

In the 2022/23 fiscal year the ministry will operate a grant scheme to distribute 5,000 tons of sunflower improved seeds to which 11bn/- will be used to cover seed production costs,

**That would take out 59.3bn/- from government revenues in the next three years, which the minister said will have the benefit of raising production capacity by factories to 100 percent from the current 30 percent. "The government will collect revenues through PAYE, income tax and levies**

likely to be enhanced to 10,000 tons in the subsequent financial year and 15,000 tons in 2024/25 financial year

All this will be handled by the Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) entering into contracts with private companies, he stated, hinting that efforts continue to get the Treasury to provide incentives for edible oil processing by waving value added tax (VAT).

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The minister proposed 751.12bn/- estimates for fiscal 2022/23, with 368.56bn/- intended for recurrent uses, airing plans for collaborating with the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) to finalize agro-sector insurance in case of loss at the farm level, in storage or the way to markets.

## 'Turn off engine when parking govt vehicles'

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

GOVERNMENT vehicles need to have their engines turned off when parked so as to reduce the fuel consumption burden; top government officials have been advised.

The advice is from Dr Tulia Ackson, the Speaker of the National Assembly, who called on ministers,

their deputies, permanent secretaries and other senior public servants to instruct their drivers to turn off their official vehicles when they are not in use.

Her appeal rhymes with measures taken a week ago where the government issued 100bn/- in recurrent expenditure as an interim fuel price relief fund as a key component among initiatives taken to

stabilize the fuel price situation. As the government takes initiatives to stabilize fuel prices, senior public servants using government vehicles must halt unnecessary fuel consumption while they work or attend meetings outside, Dr Ackson stated here yesterday.



Agriculture minister Hussein Mohamed Bashe tableting the Agriculture ministry's proposed Budget for financial year 2022/2023 in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

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## 'Turn off engine when parking govt vehicles'

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According to the Speaker, the top officials' vehicles have been consuming large quantities of fuel when waiting for them to board or when holding long meeting sessions. Leaving the engine running is misuse of public funds, spending fuel for two to three hours while it is not on the road, she explained, underlining that the habit needs to stop. She said the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) needs to make sure that the directive is being observed by MPs including members of the cabinet, top officials and other public servants at the regional and district level. If ministers save fuel consumption on their private cars why should they not do the same for public vehicles, she demanded. Disbursing 100bn/- to cushion import costs and offset rising prices aims at bringing relief on fuel use, with the fund starting to be used on June 1. Fuel prices in urban rural areas were approaching 3,000/- per litre while in some far off regions prices were climbing towards 5,000/- per litre for petrol, diesel or kerosene. Data from the regulatory agency, EWURA indicates that as of May 10, a week ago Kyerwa district in Kagera region on the border with Rwanda and Uganda was selling diesel at 3,495/- per litre, petrol fetching 3,385/- and kerosene 3,350/-.

But MPs contributing to debate in a special session of the National Assembly on the issue before the subsidy measures were taken said in Simiyu region the price had climbed to slightly above 5,000/- per litre depending on what is more in demand. Energy minister January Makamba said the subsidy will also relieve the government of excess costs in strategic development projects continuing at present. Hiked fuel prices had affected commodity prices in international markets as fuel is a key component in manufacturing and freight costs, he added.



Tanga Port manager Masoud Mrisho (gesturing) pictured yesterday briefing stakeholders touring the facility for a first-hand account of ongoing improvements at the gateway. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

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achieve universal health coverage.' Health minister Ummu Mwalimu had earlier announced that NIMR research indicates the need for administering one dose of the human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) to girls, explaining that as most girls were not returning for the second dose, NIMR had to conduct research as to

whether a single dose was enough to shield them from cervical cancer. The ministry had meanwhile weighed the factors and come up with a minimum health insurance package of 65,000/- contribution annually, facilitating access to services across health facilities countrywide, from lower level to referral hospitals, she stated.

The conference brings in stakeholders for research dissemination and knowledge sharing, deliberating on how to set up contributions enabling universal health coverage, examining capacity of health insurance plus the supply and use of health inputs and products, officials said. Stakeholders will recommend solutions for major health challenges on

the basis of various thematic challenges like prevalent, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, while others are neglected tropical diseases. Inputs of traditional medicine will be examined, as well as microbial resistance to drugs. Still other areas to be covered are environmental health and climate change, non-communicable diseases, nutrition, plus the wide

field of reproductive, maternal, child and adolescent health. NIMR organizes annual joint scientific conferences since its inception nearly 40 years ago, with researchers, lecturers, health managers, practitioners, graduate and postgraduate students meet with policy makers and the media, NIMR officials specified.



Masasi district commissioner Claudia Kitta addresses staff of the district's Mkomaindo government hospital yesterday. She underscored the need for enhanced performance in their service to the public. Photo: Correspondent Hamis Nasri

## Dr Mwinyi consoles students following school fire disaster

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has conveyed condolence message to students and teachers of Kengeja technical secondary school in Pemba following fire blaze that burned down the girls' dormitory.

In the message, Dr Mwinyi said he received the news of the disaster with great shock and grief, the fire incident that happened on Sunday and destroyed the building including beds and students' books and other items.

In the message, Dr Mwinyi said the Zanzibar government will make efforts to make sure it creates alternative environment for students and rehabilitate the dormitory to enable students continue with their studies.

The President also used the occasion to call relative au-

thorities to conduct in-depth investigation on the fire disaster so as to make sure such incidents are not repeated at the school and elsewhere, reminding that another similar disaster happened at Utaani and Madungu schools in Pemba.

According to Pemba South Regional commissioner Matatar Zahor Massoud the causes of the disaster at Kengeja School was an electric fault.

He said fortunately there were no deaths or injuries and that all the students are safe.

He said the blaze destroyed the building itself and all students' belongings including school items, clothing and furniture and that the government in the region was conducting investigations on the incident as well as providing various assistance to the students to enable them continue with their lessons.

## Mainstreaming gender into forestry issues interventions

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

EDUCATION on issues of gender equality is supposed to be given jointly to both parents to enable the community to have the responsibilities in protecting their families.

Simon Lugazo, an empowering official from HYPERLINK "http://www.tfcg.org/" Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) made the remarks

here yesterday at the workshop aimed at empowering workers of Tanzania Forestry Working Group (TFWG) to have in place strategies in incorporating gender issues in their daily activities.

Lugazo said earlier they had instilled issues of gender education to women alone whereby forestry management was jointly administered by men and women, the situation that has not

brought any benefits in their families because women engage themselves in many business activities with large capitals than men.

In the circumstances, Lugazo said to incorporate gender issues in villages' internal policies will help the community in general to see the importance of forestry management through TFWG, including the sustainable carbon project.

He further said through TFWG, they have mobilised themselves to incorporate the entire communities including elders, adults, women and youth so that jointly they should recognize the importance of forestry management according to gender equality lines.

For his part, a researcher on gender issues from the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) Emmanuel Mroto

said from the researched made since 2015 in Mvomero, Kilosa and Morogoro districts, they discovered that TFCG established the sustainable carbon project in these areas; there have been positive results in regard to increased income to villagers from tree cutting and charcoal making.

Mroto added that from gender perspectives and age-long traditions, women never adequately participated

in charcoal making whereby as for now the response is still negligible.

Alex Njahani, the Forestry and Value Adding Manager from Forestry and Value Chains Development Programme (FORVAC) said they have been touching all groups in the communities in their various forest areas in Ruvuma, Tanga and Lindi regions that reaped profits in honey, mushrooms, timber and charcoal.

# Fertiliser manufacturers, suppliers to register their agents with TFRA

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

FERTILISER manufacturers and suppliers are required to register their agents at the Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) as of the end of this month.

Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe issued the directive yesterday

when he tabled budget estimates for the financial year 2022/23 as he underlined that the registration of agents will facilitate allocation and disbursement of grants.

In the same vein, the ministry is set to register fertilizers distributors and the point of sales across the country. In improving the grants dis-

bursement process, fertilizers' sacks will be printed with bar codes and the respective grant logo to differentiate them from non-grant offered fertilizers.

With this initiative, the minister said that the government will hold on protecting the interest of local manufacturers.

'Any company that will not comply with this directive by ignoring TFRA directives for company registration, agents and establishing point of sales at their warehouses and stores at the district and region levels the government will not hesitate to suspend their business licences.

The system apart from strength-

ening distribution of fertilizers under the grant model will also facilitate regulation of the fertilizers sector including regulation to hiked fertilizers prices on the local market and quality of supplied fertilizers.

However, alongside this initiative, the own crop financing model will prevail. Bashe said Tanzania is a gateway to the East African and the South African Development Community (SADC) region fertilizer importation.

"Through 2022/23 the ministry will continue campaigning on local production of fertilizers including support to ITRACOM to finalize its facility construction that will have a capacity of producing 600,000 tons of fertilizers per annum," he said.

According to him, the ministry will also canvass for more investments in the Mzingu facility to boost production to 300,000 tons a year from the current 100,000 tons. The ministry will also verify the status of 3,340 businessmen in the fertilizers sector, train 30 extension officers at a district level and procurement of fertilizers testing machines.



Zantel project manager Mohamed Ahmed Jai (gesturing) briefs Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye (to his left), who was on an inspection tour of the construction of Tigo-Zantel communication towers in Zanzibar on Monday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt calls on manufacturers to produce quality goods to capture the EAC and African markets

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

Dr Ashatu Kijaji Investments, Industry and Trade minister, has called on manufacturers to continue producing quality goods to meet national and international standards in order to capture markets in the East African Community, SADC and the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to reach more than 1.3 billion people in the continent.

Dr Kijaji made the remarks when closing the 5th Trade Exhibition for the East African zone recently held at Jamhuri Stadium, Morogoro that involved Dar es Salaam, Coast, Morogoro, Lindi and Mtwara regions organised by the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) in collaboration with Tanzania Agricultural Catalyst Fund (TACT).

The Minister said it was important for manufacturers to utilise the opportunity provided by the opening up of the African continent through the EAC, SADC and AfCFTA by producing quality products that meet national and international standards.

She also called on development partners including the private sector to make more efforts in empowering the people economically to spur their participation in the country's economic activities, saying the aim is to make sure the country reduces its poverty levels.

She also instructed government ministries and institutions as well as the private sector that manage programmes empowerment funds that provide loans and securities thereof including local government authorities to implement positive strategies that will spur debtors to voluntarily repay their loans.

evaluation. She called on political party leaders in their areas to mobilise the people to engage themselves in economic activities in order to reduce poverty levels at the household and national level.

For his part NEEC Executive Secretary, Beng'I Issa said the government

has taken deliberate steps that have driven in the empowerment of the people through the strengthening empowerment funds.

He named another area that needs to be strengthened is the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) by providing it with 5.5bn/- for economically em-

powering poor households through direct subsidies.

The recently concluded 5th Trade Exhibition for the East African zone incorporated Dar es Salaam, Coast, Morogoro, Lindi and Mtwara regions and organised by NEEC in collaboration with TACT.



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO CONDUCT BENEFICIARIES' ASSESSMENT IN AMDT AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAINS

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For more information or inquiries, interested bidders are advised to contact AMDT through: [procurement@amdt.co.tz](mailto:procurement@amdt.co.tz) on 24th May 2022 by COB

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Applicants MUST follow through instructions in the notice. All applications must be sent through [procurement@amdt.co.tz](mailto:procurement@amdt.co.tz) by 2nd June 2022, 1700 Hours.

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Work Place	Number of Post
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Work Place	Number of Post
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# Govt plans to build 234 health centres in 2022/23 FY - Silinde

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government plans to build 234 strategic health centres in the country in the 2022/23 financial year at the cost of 86bn/-, deputy Minister of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), David Silinde said yesterday.

He said Mtwara district council has been allocated 250m/- for the building of Mkunwa health centre.

He said the government has dished out 58.25bn/- to facilitate construction of 207 new health centres in the divisions and strategic wards, which do not have the facilities.

The move aims at improving and bringing closer to the people quality health services in the country.

According to him, the government is well committed to ensure that health services are improved and it will continue investing in improving services for the country's de-

velopment.

He was responding to a supplementary question by the Special Seats MP, Anastazi Wambura (CCM) who questioned the government's commitment to build health centres in wards across the country that do not have the facility.

She argued that shortage of health centres in many parts of the country lead to deaths, especially maternal, and infant deaths. The lawmaker expressed the concerns while asking a supplementary question to the ministry.

"Lack of health centres at many wards and villages in the country lead to a lot of deaths, what is the government doing to save these lives?" she asked.

Earlier, in the main question, the lawmaker had also wanted to know when the government would build the Mangopacha health centre to help save lives of expectant mothers who die due to lack of immediate health services.



Geoffrey Kirenga, CEO of the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT), pictured in Dodoma city speaking at the recent inauguration of a quality seedling development and management system. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TOSCI asked to develop database of seedlings producers

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

PRODUCERS of seedling and people in agri-business have called on Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) to play its part in speeding up the exercise for identifying and registering producers of seedlings countrywide.

The government has ordered commercial seedlings producers to register themselves with TOSCI within six months starting May 13, this year or get out of that business.

While stakeholders hailed the government directive, they also called on TOSCI to make it to be known to producers and make the exercise a big success.

Laurent Ssemudu said TOSCI must develop a clear system that will motivate producers to register themselves and should cooperate with the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania, Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) in this move. "If seedlings are not properly grown or are not grown at all or are not verified, there is no point of having TOSCI," he said, adding that TOSCI

must have a database of producers.

Joyce Macha said TOSCI must know the environment under which producers are doing their work, the reasons for starting the business and the market for their seedlings.

"That people are venturing in this business, is ample evidence that the seedlings have a market in their areas. TOSCI has a duty to make it to be known to those people, to know the producers and encourage them. Not every producer knows the existence of TOSCI and where it is. Our entrenched problem in this country is that we have armchair professionals and workers who never visit producers and farmers to know their problems, challenges and successes," she said.

Mbeya-based Mkombozi Agribusiness General Manager, Elly Richard Hongoli, said a good system of producing horticultural seedlings is a welcome, long-awaited move for saving farmers from the hazards of using poor seedlings.

"Our experience has shown us that farmers have suffered big losses for using poor seedlings, either the seedlings get stunted, or they do not grow at all. Elsewhere, a

farmer expects to get HASS fruits but gets BACON fruits, far from his or her expectations. "This is very frustrating," he said.

Njombe-based Lusitu Agro-business Director, Benno Mgaya, said the proposed system will be a panacea to current problems farmers are facing by using poor seedlings. He said farmers who are using poor seedling are getting fruits that have no market. Their company produces avocado seedlings.

Mgaya volunteered to work with Sagcot to spread proper crop husbandry to farmers, saying it is Sagcot that has helped him immensely to develop his company and serve farmers. "We are where we are because of Sagcot's help. We have crossed Njombe borders and now we are serving Ruvuma farmers. Farmers need education on how to identify and use right seedlings in order to have profitable business," said.

During the symposium, the Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe said the government has given seedlings producers six months to register with TOSCI. Those who will fail to register with TOSCI will be risking losing licences.

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Should you be interested in participating any or all of the packages, please provide below minimum requirements clearly specifying the package(s) of interest, including the reference number(s).

#### Package-1: Human resource management services (Ref:MST-TZ-20220503-001)

The services include but not limit to, the following:

- Employer's Recruitment.
- Payroll preparation such as collect variables calculate payroll and issue pay slips
- Processing of social security and personal tax
- Employees Relations Management.

#### Minimum Requirements:

- Proof of registration as required under Tanzanian Law.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Good Financial capacity to deliver the services as required.
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and

Application for registration with the EWURA local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to [bajinghui@docg.cn](mailto:bajinghui@docg.cn) (not exceeding 20Mbs) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on **1<sup>st</sup> June, 2022.** **Subject of the email should be EOI for MST-TZ-20220503-001/002 - COMPANY NAME.**

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.

**DOCG reserves the right not to consider companies that submit an incomplete dossier.**

**Note:** Only prequalified companies will receive invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process.

local company definition for Tanzania.

- Personnel disputes services experience in major industrial projects and in any oil and gas projects.

#### Package- : Employee Training Services (Ref:MST-TZ-20220503-002)

The services include but not limit to, the following:

- Provide staff skills training services that are not limited: welder training, electrician training, fitter training, HSSE entry training, Human Resources and Financial management training, etc.
- Provision of above training teachers.
- Provision of project training course design and textbook development.
- Provision of accommodation arrangements for trainees.
- Provision of trainees' recruitment and management service

#### Minimum Requirements:

- Proof of registration as required under Tanzanian Law.
- Local training's Services experience in major industrial projects and in any oil and gas projects.
- Good Financial capacity to deliver the services as required.
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.

#### Package-3: Waste treatment and disposal Services (Ref:MST-TZ-20220503-003)

The services include but not limit to, the following:

- Provide solid waste treatment and disposal at DOCG Temporary facilities in Chongoleani, Tanga City.
- Sewage management & treatment & disposal.
- Solid waste & waste recycling.

#### Minimum Requirements:

- Proof of registration as required under Tanzanian Law.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Good Financial capacity to deliver the services as required.
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Waste and Sewage treatment Services experience in major industrial projects

# Demonstration Project by Ex-participants of JICA Training Program



~ Effective Utilization of the Skills Acquired in the JICA Trainings ~

For many years, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been conducting a training program as one of its Official Development Assistance to the low- and middle-income countries aiming at developing human resource who will be able to solve development issues in the particular countries. JICA's training program in Tanzania began in 1962, and 6,556 Tanzanian officials have been trained as of March 2020.

The ex-participants trained through the JICA training programs have been active in their respective sectors by utilizing their skills acquired in JICA training. In addition, they have established the JICA Alumni Association of Tanzania (JATA) with the aim of maintaining ties as comrades and collaborating across sectors after their return, and as of April 2022, 4,593 returnees have registered.

In 2021, JICA Tanzania Office has implemented "Data collection survey on activities by the beneficiaries of JICA training programs and implication to the future training programs" (so-called "Ex-participants' survey"), in which demonstration project proposals were called for the ex-participants to solve problems in their communities with skills acquired through the trainings. Total of 56 proposals were submitted in May 2021, which were reviewed in terms of:

- A degree of analysis of the problem
- Current situation that they were facing
- Appropriateness of the approach to solve the problems
- Potential for future project/business expansion
- An effectivity to revitalize JATA

Through this competitive process, 11 projects were selected where they implemented their projects for five months, May to December 2021, with financial support from the JICA Tanzania office according to the scale of the project.

## List of all the demonstration projects

Sector	Project Title (Project number)	Site
Agriculture including fisheries	Integrating Adaption Technics to Climate Change into Agricultural Production and Food Security in Paradiso Village (N5)	Ruvuma
	Upscaling appropriate technologies for rice production through demonstration under irrigated conditions to smallholder farmers in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania (N21)	Mbeya
	Training on simple mechanized rice cultivation technologies and agroforestry in promoting agribusiness in rural area (T16)	Mwanza
Industry	Small and Medium Enterprises Development through Kaizen and Product Standardization (N20)	Dar es Salaam
	Value Addition on bees Cosmetics Products (T1)	Pwani
	Improvement of Virgin Coconut oil Production (T20)	Dar es Salaam
Administrative & Financial Management	Increase Number of Community Participation in implementation of Development Project at village levels (T19)	Singida
Public service delivery	Enabling Community-Based Water Management Systems in Kondoa District Council (T9)	Dodoma
	Lishe Smart Project (T15)	Dar es Salaam
	Reducing the waiting time and overcrowding of special groups (Elderly and people with disability) at pharmacy (T23)	Mbeya
	Revitalization of Ex-ABE Participants (KAKEHASHI Tanzania) in achieving development of partnership between Tanzania and Japan through business diplomacy (T24)	Dar es Salaam

After the implementation of the 11 Demonstration Projects concluded, the projects that received high rating based on the assessment were awarded at the final conference in January 2022.



Photo: Awarding ceremony of 4 Demonstration Projects with Outstanding performance. In the back are Presenters from 7 other demonstration projects and online participants at the seminar.

## Awarded 4 Demonstration Projects

The first prize went to Ms. Beata Minga from Pwani Region who developed a 'Value Addition on Bees Cosmetic Project', which is designed to build the capacity of beekeepers. Through the project, the beekeepers are now able to produce shampoo, shower gel and body cream using the bee's products.

"I thought it was a good opportunity to apply for Demonstration Project and utilize what I learned in Japan, for beekeepers to increase their earnings by value-added products," she said.



Photo: Bee's cosmetic products manufactured after the training by one of the training participants



Photo: Project leader of the demonstration project and her cosmetic products

The second award went to the developer of 'Improvement of Virgin Coconut oil Production'. The implementer Mr. Kapalata Deogratius expanded his business by increasing the productivity with newly introduced machines as well as participating several Business Exhibitions throughout Tanzania.



Photo: Participation in Dodoma Trade Exhibition in October 2021



Photo: Produced coconuts virgin oil during the demonstration project

The third one went to the founder of 'Lishe Smart Project', involved mostly on utilization of Social Media Platforms such as Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, to disseminate the necessary knowledge for mothers to feed their babies. At the end of the project, it was observed that the number of the parents and care givers who have proper knowledge and skills of feeding and caring practices to young children increased, based on the assessment result of pre- and post-test.



Photo: Madam Amina Saleh (Lishe Smart Director) providing some health and nutrition tips concerning proper feeding and combining foods for children's quality meals before cooking demonstration



Photo: Testing the foods (which was cooked during the cooking demonstration with the mothers and caregivers (Main ingredients: Banana, Milk, Dates, Papaya, Avocado)

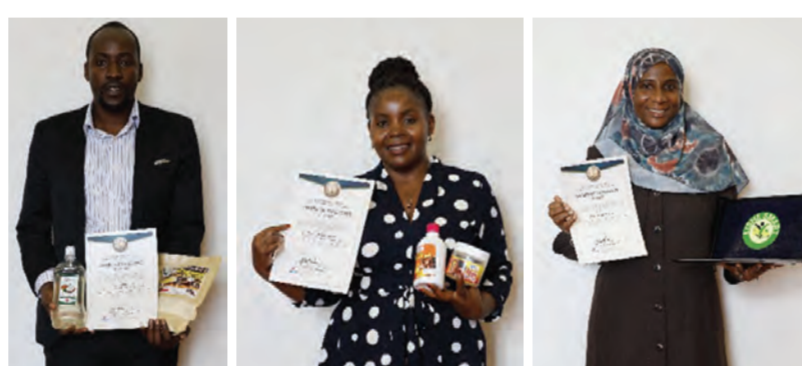


Photo: The top three winners of the Demonstration Project (Left: 2nd Awarded Mr. Deogratius Kapalata, Center: 1st Awarded Ms. Beata Minga, Regional Manager of SIDO Pwani Region, Right: 3rd Awarded Ms. Amina Saleh)

A special prize was awarded to the developer of 'Upscaling appropriate technologies for rice production through demonstration under irrigated conditions to smallholder farmers in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania project'. This project was evaluated with high score because it makes maximum use of the resource including subsidies and implementation team, using skills and knowledge gained from KCCP as well as by one of the JICA technical cooperation project (TANRICE: Project for Supporting Rice Industry Development in Tanzania).



Photo: A facilitator demonstrating to farmers on the layout of wet beds nurseries during practical session



Photo: Farmers receiving explanations from fellow farmer on wet-bed nurseries preparation

One thing that is certain, all the ex-participants who participated in the demonstration project program emphasized that they were able to not only apply what they learned in the JICA training but also gain new experiences in project management, cross-sectoral collaboration in problem solving as well as funding acquisition and budgetary forecasting from the implementation of demonstration project. Although there are many beneficiaries of JICA training programs, there is yet more room to support ex-participants to fully utilize their skills and knowledge they acquired in Japan and revitalize the Alumni organization of ex-participants.

## Pictures from 7 Other Demonstration Projects



Photo: Overflow (Spillway) of the Rain Water Harvesting Reservoir  
Project number: N5 from the list of demonstration projects



Photo: Village Assembly Meeting at Itundwi  
Project number: T9 from the list of demonstration projects



Photo: Onsite training at House of Baobob  
Project number: N20 from the list of demonstration projects



Photos: Uprating paddy seeding for transplanting  
Project number: T16 from the list of demonstration projects



Photo: Ntonge Village executive Officer reading income and expenditure report during the village meeting held on 08th November, 2021 at Ntonge village Singida DC  
Project number: T19 from the list of demonstration projects



Photo: Visitors asking Elderly their opinion about newly maintained pharmacy window for elderly  
Project number: T23 from the list of demonstration projects



Photo: 1. Meeting with Kakehashi Tanzania members



2. Conversation between the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Kassim Majaliwa and KAKEHASHI Tanzania Members at the Parliament of Tanzania grounds  
Project number: T24 from the list of demonstration projects

## The way forward

All participants were truly active in the entire process from preparation stage, implementation, to the completion of the projects. They were able to take the problems facing the community as their own and solve them through the implementation of their own resolutions and activities. This resulted in participants' high satisfaction by achieving their goals. Therefore, this demonstration project program proved to be very effective, in realizing their plans after the trainings.

The result of the projects indicates that it can be one of the effective approaches that can contribute to the follow-up of the ex-participants after participating the JICA trainings and also continuous human resource development of the country. With further collaboration with Alumni organization such as JATA and KAKEHASHI, these supports will bring more benefits to ex-participants/Tanzania as well as JICA/Japan.

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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF DRILLING PILING HOLES SERVICES AND ITS ASSOCIATED TASKS BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring drilling Piling holes services and its associated tasks as per Raisebore design and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest as detailed below.

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

### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01457	<p>Provision of drilling piling holes services to include Mobilization and Commissioning of piling machines and its associated activities to include,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drill piling holes as per raise bore design on day and night shift with own transport for personnel.</li> <li>• Fill with steel and concrete as per design.</li> <li>• Drill spiling holes between first ring of piling holes and fill with steel and concrete to create a waterproof perimeter for Raisebore.</li> <li>• Maintenance of machine to contractor.</li> <li>• Decommission machine off-site</li> </ul> <p>The Piling holes include the following specifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1x5.5m diameter hole perimeter to be piled 30m deep</li> <li>• 2x 5m diameter hole perimeter to be piled 20m deep</li> </ul>

### I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.52%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.6%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01457)</b>	
Existing piling contracts in Tanzania >20m deep	10%
Contractor has done piling for a major mining company and or raise bore or similar function.	10%
Historic piling contracts in Tanzania >20m deep	10%
1 or more machines capable of drilling 250mm or larger piles in Tanzania proof	10%
Historic availability and utilization of machines proof of contract duration	10%
Skilled personnel for machines available in Tanzania	10%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01457) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must

be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 8.30AM 30<sup>TH</sup> May 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE RAISEBORING SERVICES FOR VENTILATION APPLICATIONS AND VENT RAISES TO INCLUDE 4.5M, 5.0M AND 5.5M DIAMETER RAISEBORES AT GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

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The Company is in the process of Procuring Raisebore services for ventilation applications from surface (5m and 5.5m diameter) and underground vent raises (4.5m diameter), therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of equipment and completing Raisebore a indicated below.

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### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01458	<p>Provision of Raiseboring services for ventilation applications from surface and underground vent raises to include,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobilization &amp; Commissioning of Raiseboring equipment and delivery to Geita Gold Mine for duration of project,</li> <li>• Design of concrete pad and piling based on geotechnical drilling done by GGM.</li> <li>• The delivery of drilling of pilot holes, reaming to surface pulling through to machines with bracing.</li> <li>• To provide own decommissioning off site of all Raiseboring equipment's and its accessories.</li> </ul> <p>A total of five (5) Raisebore are currently planned to include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5.5m x 300m from surface with piling – Geita Hill</li> <li>• 5m x 180m from surface with piling – Star &amp; Comet</li> <li>• 5m x 220m from surface with piling – Star &amp; Comet</li> <li>• 2x 4.5m x 250m from underground – Star &amp; Comet</li> </ul>

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Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.6%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01458)</b>	
Proof of capability for reaming from surface, designing of surface piling and steelwork to support Raisebore machine and reaming head with examples, historic project and team.	15%
Proof of experience with Raisebore, with length > 250m and diameter 4.5m and larger, example and previous projects list.	15%
Proof of experience with Raisebore from underground, example, and previous projects list to be shared, including equipment size and tunnel head end space required.	15%
Footprint in Tanzania with Tanzanian personnel trained specified and Tanzanian projects completed.	15%
Total	100%

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## Work on intellectual property of innovators, Z'bar First VP calls upon education ministry

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

ZANZIBAR'S first Vice President Othman Masoud has challenged the ministry of education, science and technology to embark on a special strategy to ensure the protection of intellectual property towards innovative work by local inventors and innovators.

He also appealed to universities within the country to engage in more research aimed to stimulate, identify and promote the spirit of innovations among the students.

Masoud made the appeal here in his remarks to inaugurate the Innovation Week 2022, on behalf of the Zanzibar president Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi.

This year's Innovation Week is held under the theme of 'Innovation for Sustainable Development' and the event attracts diverse innovators, research institutes, colleges and universities, among others.

He stated that the government of the United Republic of Tanzania was implementing a series of strategies in order to accelerate a number of inventions and innovations in different facets of science and technology within the country.

"The focus is to increase investment in terms of human resources, infrastructure, modern facilities for undertaking key research and innovations, as well as stabilizing working ties between the science and technology institutions and the industrial sector," he said.

Apart from opening more employment opportunities, he stated that technological innovations were a key in speeding up service delivery in the public sector, but also, in as-

sisting the country to attain the much needed sustainable development.

"The mainland and isle governments both realize the importance of technology and innovations and that's why we're working round the clock to set a conducive environment to promote the sector," he added.

He saluted the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for supporting initiatives being implemented by the government in line to promote technological innovations.

"I also appreciate efforts by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTEC) in assisting and supervising diverse technological research in the country," he unveiled.

On his side, the minister of education, science and education, Prof. Adolf Mkenda said the Innovation Week 2022 was one among the strategies by the government to escalate performance of technological inventions and innovations in the country.

He detailed that the week provides the crucial platform for relevant researchers, institutions and innovators to meet and chart out ways for the bright future of the vital sector.

"For example, from 2019 to 2021, a total of 1,785 innovators were identified and picked through this platform, in which at least 200 are now being developed at different institutions under the support of COSTEC," he unveiled.

Moreover, he said at least 26 innovative works by different indigenous innovators have so far been approved and put into market and use, currently serving in crucial sectors including water, agriculture and education, among others.



Chief Secretary Hussein Katanga (R, in black cap) has a word with Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) CEO Cyprian Luhemeja (2nd-R, in black glasses) during a visit to Kwala dry port in Coast Region at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# US supports English language education in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

REGIONAL English Language Officer (RELO) Diane Millar, who oversees US Department of State English language programmes and teacher professional development programmes for 15 East African countries, visited Tanzania May 5-15, 2022.

During her visit, she met with government official, education, and teachers' association leaders,

opened new programmes, and conducted teacher professional development workshops as well as exploring the impact of US programmes in the country.

In Kigoma, Dodoma, and Pemba, RELO Millar opened new English Access Micro scholarship Programme (Access) programmes which will run through 2024.

The Access programme strengthens English language skills for underprivileged teenagers, while also empower-

ing them with leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility. Graduates often become leaders in their schools, score better in exams, secure better educational prospects and not only find better jobs, but also create jobs in their communities. Participants are more competitive for future exchanges and study in the United States and gain access to many US exchange alumni opportunities. In Tanzania, previous Access programs include Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro, Unguja, Pemba, Mwanza,

Tanga, Mbeya, and Lindi with more than 500 Access alumni.

RELO Millar also met with Tanzania English Language Association (TELETA) and Zanzibar Professional English Language Teaching Organisation (ZAPELATO) leaders and teachers, working with them to organise and conduct professional development workshops for teachers in Kigoma, Dodoma, Unguja, and Pemba and sharing information about the many free resources and programmes for

teachers.

While in Dar es Salaam, she met with graduates of the Kinful programme, a U.S. Embassy and RELO-funded initiative to improve social-emotional learning, digital literacy, critical thinking, leadership, and English language skills for secondary students in Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, and Mtwara.

The alumni shared how the programme helped make them better students, more responsible and self-

motivated, confident leaders, and more empathetic. They also shared how the programme improved their English skills, especially speaking and listening.

During her visit, she also met with ministry officials and university leaders in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, and Zanzibar to share information about U.S. programmes and to explore areas for collaboration and support, especially for teacher professional development and training.



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### Invitation for Tender

#### Supply of Marine Equipment & Gears for Mafia Island Marine Park – MIMP Re-Advertised

- WWF Tanzania Country Office is a Non-Government Organization dealing with environmental protection in Tanzania since 1990 supporting various conservation initiative in the following major thematic areas: Marine, Forest, Fresh Water, Energy and Wildlife. Its global mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature by undertaking the following, among others:
  - Conserving the world's biological diversity;
  - Ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable and
  - Promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption
- WWF TCO through Marine Programme is implementing a five-year project titled "Strengthening Marine Protected Areas Management in Rufiji, Mafia and Kilwa District in Tanzania" with funding from the Blue Action Fund (BAF). One of the main work packages is "Improved management effectiveness of Mafia Island Marine Park -(MIMP)". WWF TCO intends to support Mafia Island Marine Park by procuring Equipment and Gears for the Park
- WWF TCO invites applications from competent, qualified, reputable, reliable and experienced local service providers preferably of hardware, wholesalers and distributors of building materials who are willing and capable to supply as per the above tender category.
- All interested applicants may get the detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and specifications through the following websites: [https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs\\_and\\_opportunities/jobs/](https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/jobs/)
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- All applicants should direct their soft copy bids to the procurement e-mail at [procurement@wwftz.org](mailto:procurement@wwftz.org) and or hard copy applications to the address in para # 5 above. Deadline for submission is **10am, Friday 10th June 2022** OR submit a hard copy to **WWF office**. Thereafter tender opening will take place at 11am same day on WWF premises
- WWF TCO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason thereof.
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## World Information Society Day: How information uplifts living, and ageing

THIS year's theme of marking the World Information Society Day on May 17 is 'Digital technologies for older persons and healthy ageing' specifically chosen because of the wider reality of the ageing of the global population, among many countries. United Nations experts affirm that this will be the defining demographic trend of the 21st century, despite the substantial variations in actual income per capita and even life expectancy. Information is not directly paralleled with income levels, but its quality reflects this.

The commemoration takes up the digital revolution to see how societies globally struggle to see numerous opportunities that digitalisation unfolds, even within the rather disturbing trend of ageing societies. In that sense telecommunications and information communication technologies (ICTs) have a major role to play in achieving healthier ageing, linked with helping people build smarter cities, combat discrimination for elderly for instance at the workplace. There are formidable challenges like ensuring financial inclusion of older persons, or supporting millions of caregivers across the world, which is more ethics than economics.

The broad objective of this year's theme is raising awareness on how telecommunications and let us say mobile phones in our context, and especially smart phones held by the youth and fewer of the elderly, can support people to stay healthy. This includes the need to stay connected and independent - physically, emotionally and financially. Again this isn't something that can be assured by access to communications but support systems, which in many cases are

hopelessly underdeveloped. In most poor countries a family has to assure its own future, and with adult children, it is an adult man, or woman, whether together until old age, or even solitary, who must take the necessary precautions. Failure rates are high.

Ageing is supported by communications in Europe and other advanced regions. In Africa the mobile phones revolution and especially smart phones, are issues of youth where elders are by and large marginalised, unless they are entrepreneurs with professional things with which to make use of smart phones.

We don't have networks where an elderly person rings for help from a consultant physician, a supermarket, even a priest really. Lucky retired parents without real savings often rely on adult daughters.

Traditional society with its model of land inheritance and properties like cattle and farms is declining, as youths migrate to towns and cities. With improved communications, not just digital apparatus but also the motorcycle revolution and tarmac roads right into the heart of a district, living in rural areas is eased but levels of violence remain high. Cash is everything, so is frustration and taking substances, just as is the case in newly emerging urban areas with unmapped, ghetto habitations. Some ageing retired people who thought that villages were welcome found themselves being robbed to the bone, often scrambling to come back to town assuming they have somewhere to settle. Rural areas fallback networks helpful in various ways, now eased by instant talking or sending money, without need for actual displacement.

## Handing CAG local governments' audit queries to PCCB must serve as deterrent

NO regular maxim is truer than 'history repeats itself' or 'old habits die hard,' seen in the manner in which extensive queries by the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) on local government authorities will be handled in the next few months.

The responsible minister has tasked the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) to make in-depth fact finding on misuse or misappropriation of public funds, which as a matter of fact is unnecessary. Such queries could easily be handled at the level of the ministry, by its own fact finding direct audits on the specific queries in the various districts, evidently.

The difference between a PCCB investigation and a ministerial fact finding mission is that in the latter case one is seeking to attribute responsibility with a professional view of the issue, namely on a peer review basis, so to speak.

PCCB is a sort of specialized department of the police, handling criminal cases related to corruption rather than any other breaches of the law, so they make an effort to build a case for presentation in court.

That is altogether different, so satisfy the magistrate and not to satisfy the minister. When the minister is satisfied that there was wrongdoing, he will be within his prerogatives to take the steps required for a certain cadre of officials, or to recommend such measures by higher appointing authorities for dereliction of

duty. That is not the same as criminal culpability, so asking the PCCB to handle the issue is to exaggerate the significance of the CAG queries, for they refer to professional errors in the way in which finances were used, often transferred or used for other purposes.

If the minister has not seen the need for any action on say seven districts obtaining nuanced audit certificates, why bring in PCCB? The tone of the PCCB brief is like a fire brigade, to get wind of a planned crime and stopping it.

This idea of calling in PCCB is like the minister or perhaps the government as a whole washing its hands for not taking action on CAG audit queries.

No one says they should be doing the opposite since as they say, rules are made in order to be broken, but that should be an exception rather than the rule.

They have no intention to quarrel with district authorities, so asking PCCB to take it over is to let the doubt remain and no action taken. Others will let things flow, expecting PCCB to pepper over all such issues, given the reality that institutional intention that it ends up in court is hard to come by.

Experience shows that audit queries don't reflect what the directors do on their own but decisions that are somewhat non-procedural but had administrative support within the councils.

Anyway, what matters most is that referring the queries to PCCB should produce tangible results.

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## New hospital 'hospitality'



## Hints for reporting on reproductive health

By Devin Windelspecht and Jamaaja Rhoades

THE recent release of a draft decision by the United States Supreme Court suggesting that it will repeal the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision which established a constitutional right to abortion has placed access to abortion and other reproductive healthcare into the media spotlight.

Covering abortion and reproductive health requires care and understanding. It is critical today, more than ever, to report on the issues for local communities and audiences.

For journalists covering reproductive health, whether that's the repeal of Roe v. Wade or other events affecting reproductive health access around the world, a number of hints can help them report accurately, fairly and inclusively.

One: Understand the issue and its history. Journalists should first ensure that they fully understand what abortion is and its history when they set out to report on the issue.

Physicians for Reproductive Health's abortion reporting guide includes facts about abortion, hints on how to make a journalist's coverage inclusive, interview sources to reach out to or avoid, and more.

Journalists should understand how the Roe v. Wade decision legalised people's right to choose and why the case is so monumental in the US.

Two: Report accurately on potential legislative consequences. If Roe v. Wade is struck down, it will have immediate effects that vary depending on the state.

So-called "trigger laws" will ban or severely restrict abortion in 13 US states right away, with additional restrictions likely in other states following such a decision.

Proposed legislation in many other states may go a step further even, such as preventing pregnant people from leaving the state for an abortion, or even criminalising abortions as homicide.

Other states, like Arkansas and Arizona, would prevent abortion even in the case of rape or incest, potentially leading to more unsafe abortions in these scenarios. Outlawing abortion harms women's health and safety. The overturning of Roe v. Wade would have significant consequences for women's health care in the US.

Legalised abortion has been found to result not only in fewer abortions overall but also in a reduction in maternal mortality, specifically among Black women.

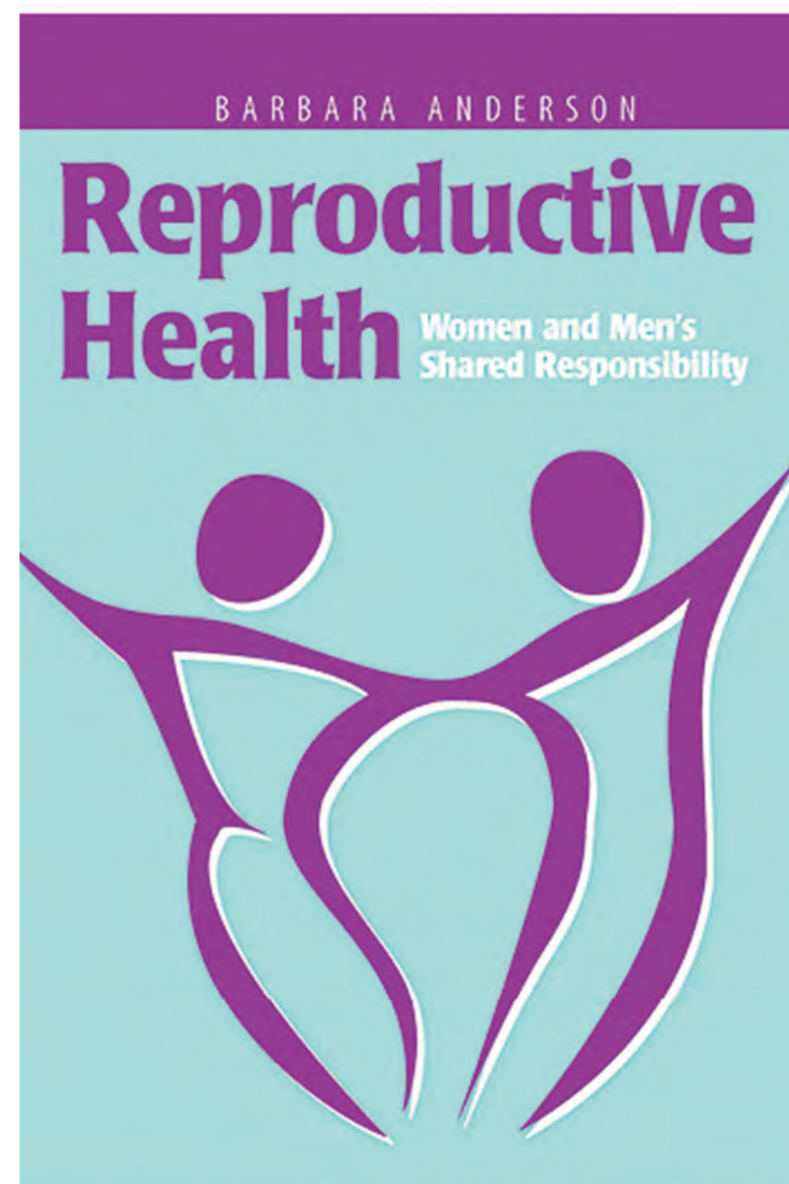
Globally, 47 per cent of abortions are unsafe, with over 75 per cent of abortions in Latin America and Africa - regions in which a majority of countries ban or severely limit abortions - classified as such.

Worldwide, unsafe abortions result in an estimated 7 million hospitalisations and around 47,000 deaths each year, according to the World Health Organisation.

Knowing these statistics and accurately reporting the consequences of rules that will be enacted will help audiences better understand the reproductive health environment they would live in post-Roe times.

Many Americans don't fully know what laws or anti-abortion enforcement methods will be implemented in their respective states if Roe v. Wade is overturned. As a journalist, you can help inform audiences on whether their views match the laws and policies being proposed.

Three: Be mindful of the language you use.



The language you incorporate in your coverage can have a major impact on what readers take away from your article.

Consulting medical experts can help you get your facts straight and determine the best terminology to use, while also considering the emotional nature of the topic. This will help ensure that readers focus on the content of your story.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists has created a guide full of words to avoid when talking about abortion, including explanations on why certain expressions should be avoided.

Reporters can also use Cobalt's reproductive rights glossary to identify what vocabulary to use when reporting on this issue. The resource also includes definitions for words commonly used when discussing abortions.

Four: Be inclusive. Reproductive health doesn't affect women only. People who do not identify themselves as women can get pregnant and get abortions.

Ensuring that your coverage is inclusive of all gender identities will not only make everyone feel seen and included but will also help communicate the full scope of people affected. Here are some key resources:

trans-inclusive language in abortion reporting, gender-sensitive reporting, and things to avoid when covering marginalised communities.

Five: Address impacts on marginalised communities. Journalists should address the unequal impacts that barriers to reproductive health have on different communities.

For instance, the people most affected by abortion restrictions are those from marginalised communities who face overlapping systems of oppression. These communities include people with disabilities and those with low incomes.

Reporters should provide context on why certain communities may have higher abortion rates than others. They should also highlight how different factors such as race and economic status can - and are - likely to continue to determine who has access to safe abortions and who does not.

Six: Provide context. When reporting on reproductive health, recognize that opinion polls and surveys may only provide a small snapshot informed by the news cycle - and that individual views are often complicated.

For example, although polls have shown that Americans support keeping Roe v. Wade by wide

margins, this varies depending on demographics and political affiliation.

Furthermore, not all individuals who support Roe v. Wade support unrestricted abortion access, nor do those who oppose it oppose all abortions, such as in the case of rape or when a mother's life is in danger.

When interviewing individuals, be sure to provide context to your questions and be prepared to offer additional information, as people may hold contradictory views.

For example, while a slim majority of Americans support restricting access to abortion when a heartbeat is detected, one poll found that a majority oppose it when informed that doing so would restrict abortion to before six weeks after conception.

Remember that reproductive health is not only a United States issue. While reproductive health is a major story in the US, for journalists outside the US it might appear to be a story too distant to matter to particular reporters' audiences. Reproductive health is a global issue, and what happens in one country can have ripple effects around the world.

In Latin America, for example, abortion access is expanding. It has recently been decriminalised or put on the path to legalisation in Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Mexico, among others.

In Europe, Ireland and Northern Ireland both legalised abortion in recent years, representing a global trend towards legalisation.

However, there are exceptions. In Poland, the country's Supreme Court recently banned access to almost all abortions, while abortion remains illegal across much of Africa and Asia.

US policies on reproductive health impact global health outside access to abortion, too. The Mexico City Policy prevents federal funding from going to NGOs that provide or promote abortion, and has been implemented by every Republican president since Ronald Reagan.

Opponents of the policy argue that it restricts funding to organisations that also provide a range of other health benefits, such as fighting infectious diseases and combating maternal mortality, especially in developing countries.

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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR ENGAGING AN APPROVED PROFESSIONAL PERSON (APP) FOR THE TSF AND NYANKANGA DAM GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) TANZANIA**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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

The Company is in the process of Procuring a consultancy service for Engaging an Approved Professional Person (APP) for the TSF and Nyankanga Dam and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the service as detailed below.

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

**Scope of work:**

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME1460	PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR ENGAGING AN APPROVED PROFESSIONAL PERSON (APP) FOR THE TSF AND NYANKANGA DAM - GGML

**I. INFORMATION REQUIRED**

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01460)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Proof of Registration as an approved professional person by the Director of Water Resources	20%
Proof of Relevant experience in similar work - evidence of successful provision of similar services in	15%
Proof of team of experts with practical knowledge and experience in carrying out providing a service as Approved Professional Persons	15%
Presented approach - in line with the Dam Safety Regulations and industrial best practice	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01460) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 8.30AM 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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

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REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01407	PROVISION OF CORGHI HOIST TRAINING TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

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Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01407)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Training Provider will supply comprehensive training materials e.g. hard copies and soft copies to be kept by GGML	5%
Present a comprehensive CV of the certified trainer and assessor	5%
Training Provider must be accredited by a Nationally Recognized Qualifications Authority and provide proof of accreditation	10%
All Inspections, maintenance, repairs, replacements, and alterations must conform to the manufacturers' recommendations.	10%
Run the hoist through the full range of motions, all the way up and down.	5%
Confirm competency in line with the manufacturer's requirements as per the operators' handbook, other types of information source and the relevant regulations and legislation.	10%
Load chain inspection. Check for: nicks, gouges, deformation, flaws, heat damage, bent links, wear, stretch, corrosion, pitch elongation and proper lubrication. Inspect Hand Chain for deformation and pitch elongation	10%
Training Provider will be responsible for the Issue of certificates	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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### PUBLICATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.2021

REPORT OF CONDITION OF BANK PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 32(3) OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 2006.

#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021.

Amount in Tzs. ('000')

	Current Year 31-Dec-21 TZS	Previous Year 31-Dec-20 TZS
<b>A. ASSETS</b>		
1 Cash	187,859	1,209,570
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	99,362	229,958
3 Investment in Government securities		
4 Balances with other banks	27,603	102,062
5 Cheques and items for clearing		
6 Inter branch float items		
7 Bills negotiated		
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances		
9 Interbank Loans Receivables		
10 Investments in other securities		
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances for probable losses)	13,630,215	15,449,608
12 Other assets	1,615,492	1,002,168
13 Equity Investments		
14 Deferred tax Asset	1,001,760	701,445
15 Property, plant and equipment (net)	857,686	952,051
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>17,419,977</b>	<b>19,646,862</b>
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>		
17 Deposits from other banks		
18 Customer Deposits	2,274,439	2,389,612
19 Cash letters of credit		
20 Special deposits	1,418,705	1,517,501
21 Payment orders/transfers payable		
22 Bankers' cheques and draft issued		
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable		
24 Acceptances outstanding		
25 Deferred Grants		
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges		
27 Other liabilities	277,852	176,774
28 Borrowings	6,103,966	7,000,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>10,074,962</b>	<b>11,083,887</b>
<b>NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>7,345,015</b>	<b>8,562,975</b>
<b>C. CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		
31 Paid up share capital	6,056,497	6,056,497
32 Regulatory Reserves		
33 Statutory Reserves		
34 Retained earnings	1,226,400	2,439,474
35 Profit/(Loss) account	-	-
36 Other capital account	62,118	67,005
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>7,345,015</b>	<b>8,562,976</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>17,419,977</b>	<b>19,646,863</b>
38 Contingent liabilities	0	0
39 Non Performing Loans & Advances	3,708,669	1,244,182
40 Allowances for probable losses	1,006,413	1,184,439
41 Other non performing assets		
<b>D. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>		
i Shareholders funds to total assets	42.16%	43.58%
ii Non performing loans to total gross loans	25%	7%
iii Gross loans and advances to total deposits	396%	426%
iv Loans and advances to total assets	78%	79%
v Earning Assets to Total Assets	78%	79%
vi Deposits Growth	0%	0%
vii Assets growth	0%	0%

#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021.

Amount in Tzs. ('000')

	Current Year 31-Dec-21 TZS	Previous Year 31-Dec-20 TZS
1 Interest Income	4,817,514	4,013,146
2 Interest Expense	1,012,656	800,676
<b>3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)</b>	<b>3,804,858</b>	<b>3,212,470</b>
4 Bad debts written off		
5 Impairment losses on Loans and Advances	1,150,811	53,204
<b>6 Non Interest Income</b>	<b>907,552</b>	<b>700,746</b>
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	0	0
6.2 Commissions and fees	417,822	539,365
6.3 Dividend Income		
6.4 Other Operating Income	489,730	161,381
<b>7 Non Interest Expense</b>	<b>4,987,487</b>	<b>4,174,438</b>
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	2,567,939	2,279,724
7.2 Fees and Commission	47,115	30,000
7.3 Other Operating expenses	2,372,433	1,864,714
<b>8 Operating Profit/(Loss) before Income Tax</b>	<b>(1,425,888)</b>	<b>(314,425)</b>
9 Income Tax Provision	300,315	259,442
<b>10 Net Income/(Loss) after Income Tax</b>	<b>(1,125,573)</b>	<b>(54,983)</b>
11 Other Comprehensive Income	0.00	0.00
<b>12 Total comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the period</b>	<b>(1,125,573)</b>	<b>(54,983)</b>
Number of employees	127	125
Dividend per share	-	-
Number of branch	3	3
<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>		
(i) Return on average total assets	22%	16%
(ii) Return on average shareholders funds	52%	38%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	131%	130%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	28%	21%

#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST December 2021

Amount in Tzs. ('000')

	Current Year 31-Dec-21 TZS	Previous Year 31-Dec-20 TZS
<b>I Cash Flow from Operating Activities :</b>		
Net (loss)/Income	(1,425,888)	(314,385)
<b>Adjustments for non cash items :</b>		
IFRS9 Implementation	(87,500)	442,003
-Depreciation of property and equipment	265,887	230,534
-Amortization of Refurbishment	-	-
-Amortization of Capital Grant	-	-
-Amortization of Intangible assets	-	-
-Change in Statutory minimum reserve (SMR)	(1,247,501)	358,152
-Net change in loans and advances	1,819,393	261,246
-Net change in other assets	(483,324)	(34,561)
-Net change in deposits	(213,969)	(376,431)
-Net change in placement with other bank	116,321	(232,323)
-Net change in other liabilities	(9,080)	(23,917)
-Tax paid	(130,000)	(150,000)
<b>Net cash flows/(used) from operating activities</b>	<b>(139,080)</b>	<b>(173,917)</b>
<b>II Cash Flow from Investing Activities</b>		
Dividend Received		
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(157,850)	(331,155)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		
Purchase of Intangible assets	(13,671)	(201,288)
Purchases of Non-Dealing securities		
Proceeds from sale of Non-Dealing Securities		
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>(171,521)</b>	<b>(632,443)</b>
<b>III Cash Flow from Financing Activities</b>		
Repayment of Long term Debt	(896,035)	-
Proceeds from issuance of long term debts		500,000
Others (Grant Received)	(4,887)	68,319
Proceeds from issuance of paid up capital		
Payment of Cash Dividends	(15,243)	(272,551)
Others (utilization)		
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>(916,165)</b>	<b>295,768</b>
<b>IV Cash and Cash equivalents</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(1,226,766)	(410,592)
Cash & equivalents, beginning of year	1,541,590	1,952,182
Cash & equivalents, end of quarter	314,824	1,541,590

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN EQUITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31TH DECEMBER 2021.

Amount in Tzs. ('000')

	Tzs. ('000') Share Capital	Tzs. ('000') General Reserve	Tzs. ('000') Statutory Reserve	Tzs. ('000') Capital Grants	Tzs. ('000') Retaining Earning	Tzs. ('000') Total
1.0 Restated balance at 1 January 2020	6,056,497	-	-	69,893	2,332,349	8,458,739
3.0 Addition/(Deletion) during the period	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.0 Transfer to deferred income	-	-	-	(69,893)	-	(69,893)
5.0 Capital Grant	-	-	-	67,005	-	67,005
6.0 Transfer to Special non - distributable reserve	-	-	-	-	434,618	434,618
7.0 Total Comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	(54,944)	(54,944)
8.0 Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	(272,551)	(272,551)
<b>Balance as 31st December 2020</b>	<b>6,056,497</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,005</b>	<b>2,439,472</b>	<b>8,495,969</b>
Restated balance at 1 January 2021	6,056,497	-	-	67,005	2,439,472	8,562,974
6.0 Transfer to Income	-	-	-	(4,887)	-	(4,887)
7.0 Capital Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.0 Transfer to Special non - distributable reserve	-	-	-	1,250,256	(1,250,256)	-
9.0 Total Comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	(1,125,573)	(1,125,573)
10.0 Prior year adjustment (Note 29)	-	-	-	-	(87,500)	(87,500)
<b>Balance as at 31st December 2021</b>	<b>6,056,497</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,250,256</b>	<b>62,118</b>	<b>(23,857)</b>	<b>7,345,014</b>

#### Minimum Disclosures of bank charges and fees

FEES & CHARGES AS AT 31 December 2021		PRODUCT TYPE	
1. SAVINGS ACCOUNTS		2. LOAN	
Required minimum opening balance	5000/=	Business loans	36% PA
Monthly service fee	FREE	Home Improving	18% PA
Account statement	FREE	Loan Processing Fees	2.50%
Balance enquiry	FREE	Loan Insurance Fee	2%
Account closure	5000/=	Agro Asset loan	30% PA
Required minimum operation balance	5000/=	Asset Financing	30% PA
Cash deposit charge	FREE	Farm input loan	30% PA
Account maintenance charge	FREE	Staff Loan	15% PA
		Mavuno Loan	30% PA
		Maji Loan	26% PA

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. The financial statements were audited by HLB MEKONSULT and present a true and fair view.

Signed by:  
Ernest K. Ndimo Board Chairman ..... 16.05.2022  
Altenuis Millinga Managine Director ..... 16.05.2022

## China, Africa continue to expand, boost cooperation in clean energy

By Lin Zihan

ENERGY shortage has long hindered the social and economic development of Africa. In particular, power supply is a major bottleneck delaying the continent's industrialization.

According to World Bank statistics, 51.6 percent of the population in Sub-Saharan Africa did not have access to electricity in 2020, and an estimated 660 million people in the world would lack access in 2030, mostly in Sub-Saharan Africa.

To vigorously develop clean energy and build a modern energy system is an inevitable choice for Africa as it is facing the dual challenges of industrialization and low-carbon transition.

As a staunch supporter and important partner of Africa on the path of green development, China has implemented over 100 clean energy and green development projects under the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), to support African countries in the better use of solar, water, wind, methane, and other clean energy resources and contribute to the sustainable development of Africa.

Chinese constructors have built a 50MW solar power farm in Garissa, Kenya, the largest of its kind in East Africa. The plant, which was put into operation in 2019, produces over 76 million kWh of electricity each year on average, supplying power for over 380,000 people from 70,000 families and effectively relieving the pressure of power shortage in the African country.

The De Aar wind farm in Northern Cape, South Africa, which went into operation in 2017, is the first wind power project in Africa that was invested, constructed and operated by China. The wind farm generates 760 million kWh of clean electricity each year, which is equal to the power produced by burning 215,800 tons of standard coal and reducing emission of 619,900 tons of carbon dioxide. While contributing to South Africa's low-carbon transition, the wind farm also creates jobs for the local community and drives the development of surrounding neighborhoods.

Apart from major clean energy projects, medium- and small-sized new energy power generation and storage projects funded by China are also sprouting across Africa.

A China-aided maintenance program for solar-powered street lamps in Central African Republic kicked off in Bangui, capital of the African country on April 8. The program provided the country

with 100 sets of spare street lamps and also repaired damaged lamp-posts. It is a follow-up to a 2016 aid program in which China erected 200 street lamps for the main roads in Bangui, which was an outcome of the 10 major cooperation plans announced at the 2015 FOCAC Johannesburg Summit.

It's good to feed a man fish, but better to teach him to fish. The fund, technology and knowledge brought by China to Africa has further accelerated the green transition of the continent. On Feb. 18 this year, the 10th Luban Workshop, a Chinese-aided skill and technology training project, was launched in Madagascar. The project, implemented since 2018, has trained a batch of technical talents for African countries.

In recent years, both China and Africa have taken new energy and green development as a focus of their cooperation.

African Union's Agenda 2063 aims to enhance the abilities to respond to climate change and achieve sustainable development, and has launched a series of flagship projects of new energy. Many African countries also rolled out relevant policies.

Last November, China issued a white paper titled "China and Africa in the New Era: A Partnership of Equals," stressing that it will strengthen exchanges and cooperation with Africa on climate change, clean energy, and other ecological and environmental fields.

In the run-up to the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the FOCAC, China and Africa jointly prepared the China-Africa Cooperation Vision 2035, which proposed a new model for common eco-development of China and Africa by transforming to clean and low-carbon energy cooperation. The two sides also signed a declaration on climate change cooperation.

Clean energy is a new common ground and a new area of growth for China-Africa cooperation. As the Belt and Road Initiative goes deeper and the FOCAC keeps releasing its potential, China and Africa will continue expanding their clean energy cooperation, innovating cooperation models and enriching the cooperation, so as to realize the vision of a green Africa.

People's Daily



In recent years, both China and Africa have taken new energy and green development as a focus of their cooperation

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CAPITAL RADIO

# Iringa banks on reproductive health education to curb teen pregnancy

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

PEER educators from secondary schools in Iringa Municipal Council have commended the government and stakeholders for providing education on sexual reproductive health issues (SRH) for young people.

This was stated recently during a reflective workshop on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and services for peer educators organised by SOS Children's Villages Tanzania in collaboration with Iringa Municipality.

They said the education will help reduce teenage pregnancies as well as risky behaviors as secondary school students engage in sexual activity at an early age.

They said that the education they received has empowered them to go and teach their peers in schools by pointing out the dangers of having sex at an early age.

Faraja Lugenge, a student at Mawelewele Secondary School in Iringa Municipality, said she has come to study for the second time but they have also come back to give feedback on what she taught her classmates on reproductive health education.

"The training has been able to reduce the number of students getting pregnant at an early age as well as stop risky behaviors..." she said.

Lugenge said that the life skills and reproductive health education provided by SOS in collaboration with the government, has given them the confidence to reduce the risk of bad behavior.

Herman Mjengi, Programme Officer for the Children with Children (CwC) project implemented by SOS Children's Villages Tanzania in Iringa Region, said the main objective of the project was to promote the well-being of young women and men in the region.

"Today we are in a workshop as a continuation of close cooperation with the government to ensure the welfare of the child and also to evaluate reproductive health activities in schools," he added.

Mjengi explained that they have already trained students who are peer educators from schools to gain skills on life skills and reproductive health education as well as patron and matron teachers in schools, so that together they can impact knowledge to their peers.

"We believe education can help their peers because they have been

able to adapt to build their capacity to avoid risky behaviors and to have accurate information," he said.

Among the correct information is such as reproductive health education and the need to educate their peers at school to emphasize the SOS priority of prevention.

"We have two priorities, the first is to prevent and the second is to respond to those who have already been victims in the community, who have had children at an early age."

Mjengi explained that there is also a need to achieve goals, and by recognizing that the institution that gathers the most people is the school.

But the problem will continue if we do not build a mechanism in place to ensure that others do not become victims again.

"We saw the institution that collects most young people are schools and saw the need to empower some students to empower their fellow students on the right issues of reproductive health education, so that they can make the right decisions," said Mjengi.

The peer educators will be given new material and will be brushed off as in the past they did not have any knowledge of the reproductive health curriculum in schools.

When we started the project most people were unaware as well as the community at large about issues of child rights awareness and child protection.

"For us as SOS we focused on making sure we held public meetings to build awareness on the rights and welfare of children."

To a large extent they have done it for example, comparing it to the current situation and in the beginning society did not have enough understanding but now society understands.

But since we started last year in September until now we have been able to significantly reduce teenage pregnancies, children speak openly and broadly in the context of reproductive health.

We thank the government and other stakeholders for child protection for the purpose of developing the project to achieve bigger goals.

Tiniel Mmbaga, a Social Welfare Officer in Iringa Council, said it was true that the problem of children with children in Iringa Municipality was serious.

"I would like to thank our partner SOS Children's Village Tanzania who we are within Iringa Council who are

rolling out the children's project," said Mmbaga.

She noted that before they started implementing the project, they conducted a baseline survey where they found the challenge of children in the municipality was huge, so they came up with the project.

The project operates in two main areas, the first of which is to help young people who are in school so that they do not fall into the category of children with children.

In the sense that students who are continuing their studies then, should not get pregnant at a young age and enter into another role of care (parenting).

But the second area, is to provide responsive care for those who have already had children, they make sure they get an education to help raise their children by providing them with basic services, says Mmbaga.

"But in line with that as we know it, after girls get pregnant they drop out of school and take on the responsibility of parenting."

So SOS through the project for children with children came up with a program to build their capacity in entrepreneurship issues to empower them economically because they are no longer in the education system anymore.

She said that entrepreneurship education is to empower the girls so that they can provide basic services to their children, after not having any activities due to dropping out of school due to pregnancy.

Steven Ngwale is the Acting Director of Iringa Municipality; he thanked the non-governmental organisation SOS for implementing this project (CwC), which is being implemented for three years from 2021 to 2023.

The project aims to provide education on life skills and reproductive health for children aged 10-19.

Ngwale said the main goal was to prevent young people from getting pregnant at an early age on the part of girls and for boys not to engage in risky behaviors.

The project is being implemented in four schools in Iringa Municipality which are Kihesa, Tagamenda, Ipogolo and Mawelewele by providing education to peer educators on life skills.

Peer educators are provided with reproductive health education to address the problem of early pregnancy, with the goal of making the project sustainable after donors leave.



The head teacher of Kilindi District's Songe Primary School, whose name was not immediately established but who doubles as a school construction committee official, pictured on Monday presenting the committee's income and expenditure report at a village meeting. Photo: Correspondent Dege Masoli

## Lands ministry team inspects headquarters in Dodoma

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE management team from the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development has inspected the ongoing construction work on the ministry's building at Mtumba government capital in Dodoma.

The six-storey structure that started December 2021 is expected to take 18 months and is undertaken by the National Housing Corporation (NHC).

The team, led by the ministry's Policy and Planning Director Amosy

Zephania yesterday visited the project site and briefed about its progress.

The building engineer, Grace Musita said the structure is in three parts and was proceeding well and by the end of May this year they are expected to place the first floor slab.

The laying of the building's foundation stone was done by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa during the week for the commemoration of the country 60 years of independence last year.

"We want Mtumba Government Capital City to be friendly and attractive and that is why work its entire important in-

frastructures were progressing speedily - including roads and street electric lights," PM Majaliwa had said during the event that inaugurated the Second Phase of the ministry's offices.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan endorsed the provision of 300bn/- for the completion of the Second Phase for the construction infrastructures and buildings to be used by various government ministries at Mtumba.

The First Phase was completed in April 2019 that enabled various ministries and government institutions to shift their offices to Dodoma.



### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GROUND ENGAGING TOOLS (GET's) FOR UNDERGROUND AND SURFACE MINING MACHINES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

#### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of Procuring Ground engaging tools and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment's as detailed below.

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

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01346	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GROUND ENGAGING TOOLS (GET's) FOR UNDERGROUND AND SURFACE MINING MACHINES. THE GETs ARE TO BE USED ON THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT:
1.	TEREX O & K EXCAVATOTRS (RH170/ CAT 6040 Shovel and Backhoe)
2.	TEREX O & K EXCAVATOTRS (RH340/ CAT 6060 Shovel)
3.	CAT 992K LOADERS
4.	CAT D10T Dozers
5.	CAT 16M Graders
6.	CAT2900G Loaders

#### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01346)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Ability to supply product that meet required OEM specifications	20%
Proof of supply similar products - with reference	5%
Evidence of physical expertise and after sale support	5%
Ability to supply GETs with advanced installation systems	10%
Ability to supply site products technical systems	10%
Ability to provide proof of GETS Performance experience	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01299)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than **8.30AM 30TH May 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

=END OF ADVERTISEMENT=

# From child labourer to activist, Tara Banjara makes appeal to the world to end the scourge

DURBAN

**T**ARA Banjara was four and a half years old when her parents put her to work on the roads, cleaning the garbage and rubble out of potholes to prepare for construction in Nemdi village,

Rajasthan, India. She worked in the wind, cold, and rain with her mother, day in and day out, year in and year out. She would return home shattered, too exhausted to eat before falling asleep each night.

"In my family, there was no food. We weren't even able to get

two meals a day, so my parents decided to take me to work because I was the oldest of my siblings. I worked with my mother cleaning dangerous roads every day. I was always worried about the cars coming. I was not happy and got used to feeling tired. I was not aware of whether child labor



An activist from Bal Ashram Trust, an initiative of Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi, and his wife Sumedha Kailash rescued Banjara (pictured) at the age of eight from her life of child labour.



EAST AFRICAN  
CRUDE OIL  
PIPELINE

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF SAFETY CULTURE SERVICES FOR EACOP LTD IN TANZANIA REFERENCE NO: 10007720

EACOP Ltd requires the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to assist in facilitating the development of a Safety Culture programme for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) company and project in Tanzania.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The 24 inch buried, heat traced & insulated pipeline will be 1,443 km in length, of which 296 km in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania.

Above Ground Facilities (AGF) in Tanzania include 4 pumping stations (PS) & 2 pressure reduction stations (PRS); Marine Storage Terminal and loading jetty; 12 Main Camps and Pipe Yards (MCPYs); access roads; solar farms. / Above Ground Facilities (AGF) in Uganda include 2 pumping stations (PS); 4 Main Camps and Pipe Yards (MCPYs); access roads.

EACOP Ltd was established on 15 February 2022 and will eventually involve up to 6,000 people from multiple contractors and sub-contractors, with many different nationalities, and different cultures spread across a wide geographical area.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

The Company's mission is to ensure the safety of people and property, preserve natural resources and protect both the physical and human environment in coordination with local communities whilst maintaining compliance with all applicable regulations and regulator issued approvals. The Company's objective is Zero Harm to people, environment, the communities in which it works; and its assets and corporate reputation. The company is currently establishing its management systems, processes and would like to create a world class HSE culture.

EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable companies or organizations to help EACOP Ltd develop an effective safety culture programme for EACOP Ltd company and project. The goal will be for EACOP and their contractors to develop a strong safety culture across the Project, with a common language and shared tools for all contractors.

Key criteria that will be considered in selection of preferred safety culture programme will include:

- A programme that facilitates a strong safety culture which increases employee engagement, and covers safety, environment, social, quality and operational efficiency;
- A programme that creates a 'risk aware' mindset to keep employees and their families safe at work, at home and on the road;
- A programme that is suitable for a large, multi-cultural workforce with many people who have a very low risk awareness and limited safety culture;
- A programme that is simple, flexible and fast to implement (within months not years);
- Suitability of programme for major capital projects and/or start up organisations;
- Programme that can be customised for EACOP and the projects' risks and challenges;
- Programme with excellent track record with HSE performance (major international projects);
- Experience and capabilities of specific consultants / trainers proposed for EACOP.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to document their:
  - Experience / performance in delivering similar safety culture programmes outlined above on a large scale in Tanzania / Uganda, or with at least 10 years' experience / performance of similar services internationally;
  - Suitably qualified and experienced lead personnel in undertaking HSE culture programmes for major capital oil and gas projects.
  - Experience in developing HSE culture programmes that deliver world class HSE performance.
  - Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
  - Registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved registration at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended
  - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
  - Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable National and Industry standards for similar works.
  - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
  - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending the above documents to [procurement.tz@eacop.com](mailto:procurement.tz@eacop.com) (max. email size 20MB) on or before **16:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

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



## TANGAZO KWA WADAIWA SUGU WALIOKUWA WAFANYAKAZI WA LETSHEGO TANZANIA LIMITED T/A FAIDIKA

**Mkurugenzi mtendaji wa Letshego Tanzania Limited T/A Faidika anawatangazia wadaiwa sugu ambao walikuwa wafanyakazi wa Kampuni hii ya kwamba, wanapaswa kufika katika ofisi zetu kwa ajili ya mazungumzo na mikakati ya ulipaji wa mikopo yao ndani ya siku 14 kuanzia tarehe ya tangazo hili.**

**Kwa ambaye hatafika hatua stahiki za kisheria zitachukuliwa ikiwemo kutangaza majina yao pamoja na picha zao kwenye magazeti na vyombo vingine vya habari.**

**Ofisi zetu zipo Ghorofa ya 3 jengo la Vodacom tower, Paloma Park, Kinondoni Morocco.**

was right or wrong," Banjara, 17, a child labor survivor advocate, told IPS during an interview on the sidelines of the International Labor Organization's (ILO) 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labor in Durban, South Africa on Monday.

Banjara was just one of the scores of children in her village, and millions entrapped in child labor working in mines, on farms, in factories, and homes, globally.

According to the ILO and the United Nations Children's Fund's latest statistics, 160 million children, equating to one in ten of all children, are engaged in child labor worldwide. In recent years, child labor has grown, particularly in the 5 to 11-year-old age group.

Banjara called on delegates during a high-level panel discussion on how to accelerate progress and achieve impact at scale to eradicate child labor, to stand up and take a pledge to end the practice globally in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goal 8.7.

Tanzila Narbaeva, chair of the Uzbekistan Senate, outlined how her country had already eradicated child labor through the adoption of the ILO Conventions on child labor, Convention No.138 on Minimum Age and Convention No. 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labor by 2020. She said Uzbekistan had a "strong political will" to fight the scourge and had enacted 32 legal and regulatory instruments and conventions against child labor. The govern-

ment and ILO had undertaken diligent monitoring of farms and businesses.

"We tightened criminal liability for the employment of child labor, and that has become one of the most effective measures. International cooperation plays a central role, and the ILO has been supporting Uzbekistan for more than ten years to implement measures and enforce social and labor relations in the country," Narbaeva said.

She said the mechanization of agricultural work and the raising of raw cotton prices ten-fold compared to 2014 had also played a role in eradicating child labor. Uzbekistan then signed a new Decent Work Country Program to promote decent work and labor protection with the ILO in 2021.

"Trade unions were the initiating force, but later the government and civil society got involved in this work," Narbaeva said.

Sharan Burrow, general secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), which worked with the government of Uzbekistan, lambasted the lack of progress in eradicating child labor globally.

"It has to be one of the most serious global scandals that we have not eliminated child labor. Do we have labor that is regulated and secure where parents/adults can work with dignity so they don't have to depend on the money their children can make? More than 60 percent of the world's workers are working informally, and that includes all sectors, including our internet-mediated businesses, which mean there are no rights, no social protection, and no rule of law," Burrow said.

"When you can't live on the informal work that you do, parents who are desperate to feed their family will allow opportunities for their children to work," she added.

She said living wages and universal social protection were needed to clean up the desperation of the informal labor market and help parents to make different choices.

"This has to be supported by investment in quality public education that is accessible to all people. We know what the answers are, but the real question is whether there is political will like Uzbekistan has demonstrated, to eliminate child labor and to formalize informal work," Burrow said.

She said South Africa had shown that informal work could be formalized through legislation in its domestic labor sector. She said treaties and laws on human rights and modern slavery needed to be enforced, and legislation was required to hold governments and businesses accountable to stop the scourge.

ILO director-general Guy Ryder said civil society and governments needed to come together to eradicate the practice.

"We know education matters. We know social protection matters. We know formalization of the informal economy matters, and we know that creating decent work for adults matters. These are the four pillars we need to work on," Ryder said.

He said political will had to be translated into societal decision-making.

"Society has to come together and say 'child labor is intolerable. We have to get rid of it,'" he said.

For Banjara, getting rid of child labor has led to her eyes being opened to the reality of education and a career as a policewoman because she wants to impact the lives of other children.

An activist from Bal Ashram Trust, an initiative of Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi, and his wife Sumedha Kailash rescued Banjara at the age of eight from her life of child labor.

"My eyes were opened. I didn't know that there was such a thing as education. But my parents didn't want me to go to school. Even though the activists would go to them, they would say, 'no, she will not come'. I convinced my parents. I gave up food. I went on a hunger strike and was sad all the time to make them aware," Banjara said.

Eventually, her parents relented, and Banjara went to school and completed grade 12 of high school before enrolling for a BA degree at university. She hopes to make a difference at grassroots when she qualifies as a policewoman.

"Just because we are children born to poor families, who do not have the right to vote, it doesn't mean that we should be condemned to a life of child labor."

## BUSINESS

## Equity Group invests more cash on its DRC unit

NAIROBI

EQUITY Group invested an additional Sh383 million in its Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) subsidiary last year, underlining its confidence in that market which has become its most profitable outside Kenya.

The bank bought shares that were allotted to employees of Equity Bank Congo, its first DRC subsidiary that was later merged with Banque commerciale du Congo (BCDC) in which it acquired a majority stake in August 2020.

The Kenyan banking multinational renamed the merged entity to Equity BCDC.

"On December 30, 2021, Equity Group received regulatory approval to acquire shares previously held by Equity Bank Congo S.A. ESOP in Equity BCDC at a consideration of Sh383 million, increasing Equity Group's shareholding in Equity BCDC to 77.5 percent (2020: 75.5 percent)," the bank said in its latest annual report.

The latest transaction has raised its cumulative investment in DRC to Sh17.3 billion, second only to Kenya where it has invested Sh40.7 billion.

Equity BCDC's had the biggest earnings growth in the first quarter ended March, posting a 269 percent jump in net profit to Sh1.4 billion as its margins improved.

The DRC unit's return on average equity rose to 19 percent in the review period from 6.2 percent a year earlier.

The subsidiary contributed 12.1 percent of the group's Sh11.5 billion net income in the period, which represented a 33.7 percent rise from Sh8.6 billion.

Expansion in DRC is part of Equity's strategy of pursuing growth and diversification in the regional market.

Equity says DRC's economic prospects have brightened after the country joined the East Africa Community (EAC)

in March. The country is rich in minerals and has a population of 93 million, with nearly half of the people concentrated in urban centres.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed firm recently said it will invest an additional \$100 million (Sh11.6 billion) in Equity BCDC.

The funds will strengthen the subsidiary's capital base as it seeks to scale up its lending and other banking operations in DRC where it is the second-largest lender by assets.

The move will raise Equity's cumulative investment in DRC to more than Sh27 billion, underlining its confidence in the future growth prospects in that market.

The announcement comes after the DRC was admitted as the seventh member of the regional bloc on March 29 during the virtual 19th Extraordinary Summit of East Africa Community Heads of State chaired by Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta.



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Equity Group chief executive officer Dr James Mwangi. PHOTO/NMG

## Lake Tanganyika summit unveils takeaways to boost cross-border trade and investment

By Adela Madyane, KIGOMA

In a bid to stimulate cross-border trade between Tanzania and Great Lakes region countries, participants of the recent Lake Tanganyika Summit held here last week, have listed number of measures to be taken by authorities to ease movements of goods and people.

The cross border trade between Tanzania and Great Lakes region countries has continued to grow, but rising costs of doing businesses, tariff and non-tariff barrier as well as red tapes on immigration procedures have remained major challenges facing business community.

The summit which attracted participants from five countries, which also use Dar es Salaam port as a gateway for their imports and exports trades, said if 16 listed measures will be considered by policy makers, they will make cross border in the region more cheap, easier and faster.

Through the measures, participants have urged Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA), Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Tanzania Shipping Agency (TASAC), Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) and migration department to make reforms on their operation, because they have been mentioned as sources of challenges facing business community.

They have called for TRA to enhance the effectiveness of tracking device to avoid delays, TPA to improve dwelling times to reduce penalties and extra costs to business people, while Tanzania Railway Corporation



Kigoma Port is among the trade movement gateways within Africa's Great Lakes region PHOTO/FILE

(TRC) and Migration offices were told to respect clients and improve customer relations.

TRC's director of planning and investment Nzeyimana Djegular said the railway company is currently implementing number of projects valued 12trn/- to construct the new rail system and conduct repairs which will smooth cargo transport.

Reverien Ndikuriyo general secretary of CNDD-FDD, the ruling political party in Burundi said the Burundian government has provided 200b/- to TRC to construct the railway line from Tan-

zania to Gitega, the capital city, to smooth movement of goods from the port to the landlocked tiny country.

Responding on the key summit highlights, director general representative from Tanzania Bureau Standard (TBS) David Balema in order to reduce barriers of quality check, the East African Community (EAC) member countries need to harmonize standards regulations.

"We are ready to solve any challenge facing trades in a collective manner; we are ready to serve through on-line services to ensure one standard, one taste and one

certificate to all EAC members to avoid delays and red tape," Balema said.

Jean Claud Mubalaza Ziboma director governor of South Kivu said in Congo, registering a company takes only 3 days, but in other countries like Tanzania it takes a long time, which also increase the costs of doing business and sometime discourage people from opening their companies to serve their imports and exports trades.

Abel Nkeyende an acting director of Tanzania Shipping Agency (TASAC) said, in

order to end the mentioned challenges, traders should follow transportation policy and laws of not mixing up cargos with passengers for navigation safety and security.

"Some operators ignore the facts that it is forbidden to fill passenger vehicle with cargos because it endangers lives. I call upon the government to support us in educating people for we all know what it brings by mixing up" said Nkeyende

Flory Okandju, the Central corridor Executive Director said, they will continue facilitating cross border trade and remove barriers for the benefits of the economies of member countries.

Tanzanian Ambassador to Rwanda Richard Makanzo said business relations between Tanzania and Rwanda is good and more than 400 trucks are moving within the countries border each day but he asked the government to review its passengers transport regulations in Rwanda to allow free movement of people as articulated in the EAC protocol.

On his side, Tanzanian Ambassador in Congo Said Mshana said TRA should clarify on VAT return to DR Congo business people because eight out of ten traders have no idea on how does it works.

## Mobile app cuts down maternal deaths by 40 pct in Shinyanga

By Guardian Correspondent, SHINYANGA

High maternal and infant mortality rates, mainly in rural areas, have remained the major challenges on the Tanzania's public health system.

Long distance to access health services is the main source of deaths among pregnant women and infant children in rural areas, where transport is not reliable and affordable.

As a result, thousands of women and children lose their lives either at home or on their way to the health services centres, due to delays or lack of transport.

But the newly developed mobile electronic services namely m-mama, which connects transporters offering emergency services to pregnant mothers to safe delivery at the health centres, is be-

coming game changer in Shinyanga region, after reducing at least 40 percent of mothers' deaths.

m-mama connects owners of vehicles in rural areas to offer emergency transport services to pregnant mothers, who are about to deliver babies, from their residences to the hospitals or health centres.

The services established following an increased transport challenge among pregnant mothers, which resulted into many of them to deliver at home, while risking their lives. This caused an increase of maternal and infant mortality rates in Shinyanga.

m-mama services was launched in 2017, sponsored by Vodacom Foundation Tanzania and financed by Vodafone Foundation and Pathfinder International.

Edmundi Kinubi, one of



Edmund Kunambi, a driver and resident of Tinde in Shinyanga Region, in the vehicle he is using to move pregnant women from their homes to health facilities. PHOTO/ A CORRESPONDENT

the drivers offering emergency services to pregnant mothers since 2019 believes that he has saved hundreds of women through moving them from their homes to health services facilities.

"Through this service, a client just makes a call for pick up to the health services facility, and we do this quickly," he said.

"This service has saved many women from losing their lives and I remember three incidents whereby women were sometime giving birth on their way to health facilities," he said.

Another incident, he said involved a pregnant mother from Usanda village in Shinyanga district whereby the vehicle he was driving experienced technical problem on their way to hospital, and he tried to call the hospital ambulance unfruitful.

"What I did was to call my colleague who also owns a vehicle, but his phone was unreachable, while the expectant mother was at her high moment. Luck enough, we managed to get an ambulance later which rushed her to hospital. If there were further delays, that mother would have died," he said.

The driver said most of the rural areas are located far away from health facilities and they are no ambulance services in case there is an emergency need, especially expectant mothers.

"I used to offer passenger transport, at the same time offering m-mama services, but later I decided to concentrate on this services because it is a blessing job," he said. "The service needs a heart, because we were almost six people offering this service in Tinde, but my colleagues have disen-

gaged from this business because it is not paying."

However, poor infrastructure in rural areas is being listed as the main challenge he was facing, of which cause delays or damages vehicles.

"We thank President Samia Suluhu Hassan for launching m-mama service throughout the country, but what I was asking is an improvement of infrastructure, mainly roads," he added.

According to maternal and infant mortality data by Frola Kajumulla, regional chief nursing officer in 2016 74 pregnant women lost their lives but in the following year when m-mama was launched, deaths went down to 50 women, which is 40 percent.

Data also show infant mortality was 1,080 children in 2016 per year, but they went down to 665 in 2017, following the roll out of m-mama.

## Oil prices inch lower as EU's Russian oil ban stalls

SINGAPORE

OIL prices inched lower on Tuesday as Hungary resisted a European Union push for a ban on Russian oil imports, a move that would tighten global supply, with investors taking profits on a recent rally.

Brent crude futures fell 11 cents, or 0.1%, to \$114.13 a barrel by 0602 GMT, and U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures slid 22 cents, or 0.2%, to \$113.98 a barrel. Both bench-

marks gained more than 2% on Monday, following a 4% jump on Friday.

EU foreign ministers failed on Monday in their effort to pressure Budapest to lift its veto of a proposed oil embargo on Russia following the country's invasion of Ukraine. An embargo would require approval from all EU nations.

On the supply side, U.S. producers are ramping up in order to replenish inventories that have dwindled in the wake of Russia's war on Ukraine - which Moscow calls "a special military

operation" - and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Oil output in the Permian Basin in Texas and New Mexico, the biggest U.S. shale oil producer, is due to rise 88,000 barrels per day (bpd) to a record 5.219 million bpd in June, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) said on Monday.

Still, overall sentiment on prices remained bullish amid optimism about demand recovery in China as it looks to ease COVID restrictions

that have hurt its economy, analysts said.

"All supply data suggest dips will be shallow despite potential demand destruction from China's lockdown but even in that view, we are seeing the light at the end of the lockdown tunnel trade," said Stephen Innes, managing partner at SPI Asset Management, in a note.

Shanghai on Tuesday achieved the long-awaited milestone of three consecutive days with no new COVID-19 cases outside quarantine zones and set out on Monday its clearest timetable yet

for exiting a lockdown now in its seventh week.

Further supporting prices was the "intensifying geopolitical tension" between EU and Russia as Sweden and Finland seek to join NATO, CMC Markets analyst Tina Teng said.

"This could cause a retaliation action by Russia to further cut gas supply," she added.

Stockpiles in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) fell to 538 million barrels, the lowest since 1987, data from the U.S. Department of Energy showed on Monday, underlining tight supply.

# Traders withdraw tea from Mombasa auction on dwindling demand

NAIROBI

TRADERS continue to withdraw high volumes of tea from the auction as the price of the commodity continues to falter in the wake of low demand.

Tea Brokers East Africa Limited data shows that 29.7 percent of the teas that were offered for sale in the latest sale last week were taken out of the trading floor as the price of the beverage dipped to \$2.24 (Sh260) down from \$2.39 (Sh277) in the previous sale.

The latest decline marks the lowest price to have been attained since the beginning of the year, pointing to a low return for farmers in a row following the financial year ending June.

"Only fair demand for the 199,077 packages (13.13 million kilos) in the market at irregularly lower rates with more teas neglected-29.74," said the brokers.

The price of the beverage has been on a steady decline in the last three sales, to sell below the government-backed minimum figure of \$2.43 that was put in place last year in June to protect grower's earnings following a streak of poor prices.

The minimum price, however, is only applicable to tea from Kenya Tea Development Agency, the least amount that buyers are supposed to pay.

Russian traders extended their absence at the market for a second month in a row following the ongoing war

between Moscow and Kiev.

Russia has been slapped with sanctions by European countries and the US. Some sanctions include the exclusion of Moscow from SWIFT – a payment system that allows banks to transact with other financial institutions.

The US has also banned the Central Bank of Russia from trading in dollars, a move that will make it difficult for the country to trade commodities with the world market as most global trade is conducted using the greenback.

Traders are jittery of selling tea to Russia, which is one of the top 10 buyers of Kenya's beverage, for fears that it will take them long to get payments for supplies made as the business is normally transacted in dollars.



Traders at a tea auction at the Tea Trade Centre in Mombasa. FILE PHOTO | NMG

# US strategic petroleum reserve drops to lowest level since 1987

HOUSTON

THE amount of crude oil in the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) dropped by 5 million barrels in the week to May 13, data from the U.S. Department of Energy showed.

Stockpiles in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) fell to 538 million barrels, the lowest since 1987. About 3.9 million barrels of sour crude was released into the market, while about 1.1 million barrels of sweet crude was issued, according to the data.

President Joe Biden in March announced the largest release ever from the U.S. emergency oil reserve at 1 million barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil for six months from the reserve in an attempt to bring down gasoline prices that have soared during Russia's war with Ukraine.

Before that, the United States had committed to release 30 million barrels of SPR oil in March and pledged in November to release 50 million barrels from SPR.

U.S. oil prices have surged nearly 25% to nearly \$114 per barrel as markets worry about a supply crunch. Retail gasoline and diesel prices touched record highs this week as fuel demand rebounds to near pre-pandemic levels, while refining capacity has dropped.

The 180 million-barrel release is equivalent to about two days of global demand, and was the third time Washington had tapped the SPR in the six months prior.

Winners of the latest round of sales from the SPR include Valero Energy Corp, Motiva, Exxon Mobil, Shell, Phillips and Marathon Petroleum Corp.

At least three vessels carrying crude oil from U.S. emergency stockpiles sailed for Europe in April as refiners there scrambled to replace Russian crude supplies, according to U.S. Customs data, ship tracking, and an industry source.



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# Putin sends Russians on a wild hunt for dollars in black market

MOSCOW

As the ruble's official exchange rate parts ways with its value on the street, dollars are becoming hard to find.

For Boris, a doctor based in Moscow, the search got so desperate that he pondered a high-tech, and seemingly improbable, black-market scheme that a friend was pushing.

After interacting with a bot via messenger app, his acquaintance transferred rubles electronically to receive a barcode that he scanned to access a safe storage box at a Moscow mall.

The 1,000 euros (\$1,040) he'd ordered were sitting inside.

"Banks either have no foreign currency, or, if they do, they sell it at a bad rate," said Boris, 35, who requested that his surname not be used due to the sensitivity of the matter. Still, "you'd have to really trust the system to do that. I wouldn't risk it," he said.

Vladimir Putin's war against Ukraine has put the economy on track for its sharpest contraction in decades. But the Russian currency is up about 25% against the U.S. dollar since the invasion began, giving it the incongruous title of best performer globally.

While that's allowed Putin to brag that the sanctions "Blitzkrieg" of the West has failed, ordinary Russians can't take advantage of the currency's strength. Oil flows and capital controls have warped the official rate, and the ruble is around 20% weaker at exchange points and on the black market – reminding many Russians of its Soviet predecessor.

"It's like trying to show the Soviet Union is beating America by waving a copy of the Izvestia newspaper in someone's face in 1982 and saying: 'Look, the dollar is worth only 64 kopecks!'" said Sergey Khestanov, a Moscow-based professor of finance and banking and advisor to the chief of executive of the Otkritie brokerage. "I'd agree – if anyone could actually buy a dollar for 64 kopecks."

Under the central bank's latest rules, lenders can only sell dollars and euros they've received since April 9. Individuals can withdraw hard currency, but only from accounts opened before March 9 and not more than the equivalent of \$10,000 before September. The limit for physically carrying out cash when going abroad is also \$10,000.

In an echo of the illegal money changers operating in the late Soviet period, middlemen working in cahoots with bank employees lure buyers with rates that beat the official ones posted in currency exchanges.

As in the past, there's always a danger of walking away with counterfeit notes, according to Boris. He eventually opted for the middleman and paid 15% more than the official rate to buy \$2,000 for his ex-wife and children. They needed cash on hand for a holiday in Turkey since sanctions stopped Russian-issued credit cards from working abroad.



Russia President Vladimir Putin. PHOTO/AGENCIES

# State seeks to control Safaricom call charges

NAIROBI

THE rates that Safaricom charges rivals for terminating calls on its network are to be controlled by the government in a bid to protect the small telecommunications firms.

Under new regulations that seek to bar dominant telcos from making profits from mobile termination rates (MTRs), Safaricom will charge fees to cover only the costs of interconnecting calls from its competitors.

The Kenya Information and Communication (Interconnection) Regulations 2022 set the stage for the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) to control Safaricom's rates of interconnecting calls from its rivals given that the telco controls more than 25 percent of mobile services revenues.

MTRs are the charges levied by a mobile service provider on other telecommunications service providers for terminating calls on its network.

A telco becomes dominant under the Kenya In-



formation Communications Act, 1998 if it controls more than 25 percent of the industry revenues or has significant market power that places it at a vantage point against rivals.

But Safaricom's name must be published in the Kenya Gazette to officially be declared the dominant telco to allow the State to control its MTRs.

Airtel and Telkom Kenya have been on a sustained push for lower MTRs, saying that the current rates continue to hurt their revenues and ability to compete with Safaricom.

"A dominant telecom-

munications licensee shall adopt the cost-based charges for interconnection as set out by the Authority from time to time," say the new regulations.

"A dominant telecommunications service licensee shall set charges for interconnection based on an objective criterion, observe the principles of transparency and cost orientation."

Telcos will be allowed to freely negotiate the MTR charges but the new regulations say that the CA will set lower rates if the dominant telcos fail to strike a deal with the smaller rivals.

Safaricom has surpassed

the 25 percent share of revenues according to the latest industry data from the CA.

Telcos made Sh280.1 billion in revenues from the sector, with Safaricom taking 82.4 percent of the voice revenue, 78.4 percent of data, 83.8 percent of SMS and 97 percent of other mobile services.

The dominant telco will also be compelled to show proof that its MTRs are based on actual costs in the latest push to make it cheaper for Airtel and Telkom to terminate calls on Safaricom's network.

The regulations come at a time Airtel and Telkom

Kenya have been pushing the CA to lower the MTRs and also allow them to pay 50 percent less than Safaricom in a bid to protect their revenues.

Airtel disclosed that it pays Safaricom Sh300 million per month or Sh3.6 billion per annum in MTRs, highlighting the adverse effect of the high rates on their businesses.

The CA in December cut the rates from Sh0.99 to Sh0.12 per minute and said Airtel's proposal would be reviewed in a cost evaluation later on.

The new MTR charges are yet to be effected after Safaricom appealed the tariff review. Hearing of the case was set for last month. The proposed MTR pricing regulations look set to trigger opposition from Safaricom given that the telco has in the past opposed attempts by Airtel for a change in how the rates are charged.

Safaricom recently said that further reduction of the MTR charges would negatively impact its revenues and profitability. But the

CA rejected the telco's argument, saying it had enough buffers to absorb the revenue losses due to market dominance.

A smaller telco tends to pay more in mobile termination rates because its users are likely to spend more time on other networks than its own.

Airtel has also accused Safaricom of cutting prices below those of competitors and below actual costs of services, making it hard for the smaller telcos to operate profitably.

Airtel and Telkom Kenya say that the current mobile termination rates have made it difficult for them to compete against Safaricom.

The CA has in the past said that lower MTR will have a positive impact on both consumers and operators, with the ultimate goal of lowering the cost of making calls across networks.

Airtel unsuccessfully sought to have the CA review the charges structure to allow the small telcos to pay 50 percent less than Safaricom.

# New Sri Lanka PM to sell airline, print money to pay wages

COLOMBO

SRI LANKA'S new government plans to sell its national airline to stem losses, part of efforts to stabilize the nation's finances even as authorities are forced to print money to pay government salaries.

The new administration plans to privatize Sri Lankan Airlines, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said in a televised address to the nation Monday. The carrier lost 45 billion rupees (\$124 million) in the year ending March 2021, he said just days before the nation is set to formally default on foreign debt.

"It should not be that this loss has to be borne by the poorest of the poor who have not set foot in an aircraft," Wickremesinghe said.

Wickremesinghe -- less than a week into the job -- said he was forced to print

money to pay salaries, which will pressure the nation's currency. The nation has only one day's stock of gasoline and the government is working to obtain dollars in the open market to pay for three ships with crude oil and furnace oil that have been anchored in Sri Lankan waters, Wickremesinghe said.

"The next couple of months will be the most difficult ones of our lives," Wickremesinghe said. "We must immediately establish a national assembly or political body with the participation of all political parties to find solutions for the present crisis."

The premier pledged to announce a new "relief" budget to replace President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's "development" budget that helped stoke Asia's fastest inflation rate. The cabinet will propose that parliament increase the treasury bill is-



suance limit to 4 trillion rupees from 3 trillion rupees, Wickremesinghe said, forecasting a budget deficit of 13% of gross domestic product for the year ending December 2022.

Wickremesinghe's appointment last week followed violent clashes between government supporters and protesters demanding Rajapaksa's resignation. He has yet

to appoint a finance minister to lead bailout talks with the International Monetary Fund, and is seeking bridge loans from nations including India and China. But it's unclear if

the government will get the cash in the absence of a full cabinet.

Sri Lanka is sliding into a default as the grace period on two unpaid foreign bonds ends on Wednesday,

the latest blow to a country rattled by economic pain and social unrest.

The Colombo All-Share Index of Sri Lankan stocks rallied as much as 3% as trading resumed after the long weekend. It has now pared its year-to-date loss to under 32%, but remains the world's worst performer among more than 90 equity gauges tracked by Bloomberg.

Sri Lanka's dollar bonds were mixed on Tuesday, with the debt due in July was indicated 0.15 cents higher on the dollar while that on securities due 2030 fell 0.3 cents.

In 2010, the government in Colombo bought back a stake in Sri Lankan Airlines from Dubai's Emirates. The national carrier, which has a fleet of 25 Airbus SE planes, flies to destinations in Europe, the Middle East as well as South and Southeast Asia, according to FlightRadar24.



Bank of England

# UK braces for interest rate rises following 'apocalyptic' warning

LONDON

ANDREW Bailey, the governor of the Bank of England (BoE), has warned of "apocalyptic" global food price rises, while pointing to further UK interest rate hikes to control inflation.

He told MPs at the Treasury Select Committee that he is increasingly concerned about a further surge in food costs if Ukraine is unable to send products such as wheat and oils from its warehouses due to a Russian blockade.

Bailey said that runaway energy and food costs driven by global market forces were beyond his control, admitting he feels "helpless" when it comes to surging inflation.

"The risk I'm going to sound rather apocalyptic about I guess is food. Ukraine does have food in store but it can't get it out at the moment," he said.

"While the finance minister was optimistic about crop planting, he said at the moment we have no way of shipping it out as things stand, and it is getting worse. "That is a major worry. It is not just a major worry for this country, it is a major worry for the developing world."

It came as he faced a grilling over runaway inflation rates. The Treasury Committee asked Bailey to respond to claims that he had been "asleep at the wheel", along with other senior figures.

Sir Dave Ramsden, deputy governor, was also present, as well as external members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Jonathan Haskel and Michael Saun-

ders. Earlier this month, the BoE increased interest rates for the fourth consecutive time, from 0.75% to 1% -- the highest level in 13 years.

The move came as a bid to combat soaring inflation exacerbated by the Ukraine war and rising energy prices.

It now expects inflation to hit as high as 10% this year, five times its 2% target, as markets are bracing for a further surge in energy prices later in October. Inflation was last below 2% in July.

The governor also implied on Monday that he would be prepared to increase rates to control inflation even if that led to a recession.

"We can't predict things like war," Bailey told the committee. "A sequence of shocks like this that have come one after another with almost no gaps is almost unprecedented I think."

"It's a very, very difficult place for us to be in," he added, pointing out that a "further leg" of COVID in China has sparked fresh concerns about supply chains and economic growth.

The Bank also forecast a sharp slowdown in UK growth in the latter part of the year, pointing to a possible recession. Britain is on course to shrink by 0.25% in 2023, it said.

The MPC said the UK will avoid a technical recession, but that output will collapse by close to 1% in the final quarter of this year as the cost of living crisis bites. Meanwhile, in 2024 the British economy will stagnate with growth of just 0.25%.

The Treasury Committee questioned whether the Bank's decision to hike interest rates contributed to the worsening of the economic outlook, as well as rises in the cost of living.

The Bank has faced criticism from ministers for "failing to get things right". Stride previously accused the Bank of being "slow off the mark" in raising interest rates to combat inflation.

Michael Saunders, who voted for a more hawkish 50 basis point increase at this month's meeting, said he would like the Bank to move more aggressively.

However he added that even if the Bank had raised rates more aggressively last year, it's unlikely that would have brought inflation back down to the target of 2%.

"It would have made a difference only at the margin, if it had made a difference at all," Dave Ramsden also said.

Threadneedle Street has so far argued that if it had acted sooner, it would have increased the risk of a recession, especially in light of the end of the government's furlough program and risks of unemployment.

Bailey told the Treasury Committee that the UK labour market has declined by 450,000, or 1.3% due to an increase in long-term sickness, adding that the "persistence and scale" of the drop has been a surprise.

He added that the current climate was the Bank's biggest test in its 25 years of independence, insisting that the crisis only makes independence and the inflation target more important.



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11:00 The Base rpt  
11:55 Habari za saa  
12:00 Al Jazeera  
12:30 Aya ya jamii  
12:55 Habari za saa  
13:00 Ripoti Maalum rpt  
13:55 Habari za saa  
14:00 Shika Bamba rpt  
14:30 Igizo Filler: Mizengwe  
14:55 Habari za saa  
15:00 Meza Huru  
16:30 Watoto wetu  
17:00 The Base  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Kipindi Maalum: Bundesliga na DW rpt  
18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ - Live  
19:30 Soap: Uzalo  
20:00 Habari  
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba  
21:35 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF  
21:50 Chetu ni chetu  
22:20 Soap: Love to Death  
23:00 The Base  
00:00 Al Jazeera  
02:00 DWTV

WEDNESDAY 18 May

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: Uzalo  
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 Igizo rpt: Rebeca  
12:55 Habari za saa  
13:00 Dakika 45 rpt  
13:45 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF  
13:55 Habari za saa  
14:00 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF  
14:15 Soap: Love to Death  
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 Jarida la wanawake  
19:00 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA  
19:30 Soap: Uzalo  
20:00 Habari  
21:05 Albu Yako  
21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco  
21:40 Kipindi Maalum: Tulia Marathon  
22:20 Soap: Love to Death  
23:00 Habari  
23:30 Soap: Love to Death  
23:45 The Base  
00:45 Al Jazeera  
02:00 DWTV

THURSDAY 19 May

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  
9:55 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 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA  
13:30 Chetu ni Chetu rpt  
13:55 Habari za saa  
14:00 Chetu ni Chetu rpt  
14:15 Soap: Love to Death  
15:00 Meza Huru  
16:30 Watoto Wetu  
17:00 The Base  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Mapishi  
18:30 Jagina  
19:00 Usafiri wako  
19:30 Soap: Uzalo  
20:00 Habari  
21:05 Malumbano ya hoja  
23:00 Habari  
23:30 The Base  
00:30 Al Jazeera  
02:00 DWTV

FRIDAY 20 May

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  
9:55 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 Igizo rpt: Rebeca  
14:55 Habari za saa  
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 Kipindi Maalum: WCF  
19:00 Shamba lulu  
19:30 Soap: Uzalo  
20:00 Habari  
21:05 Kipima Joto  
23:00 Habari  
23:30 The Base  
00:30 Al Jazeera  
02:00 DWTV

SATURDAY 21 May

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 Al Jazeera  
9:00 Watoto wetu  
10:00 Shika Bamba 5  
10:30 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt  
11:10 Chetu ni chetu rpt  
11:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo  
12:30 Korean: Jumong rpt  
12:50 Soap: Love to Death rpt  
13:50 Igizo: Mizengwe  
14:55 Igizo: Rebeca  
17:00 Shamsham za Pwani  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Korean: Jumong  
19:00 Jungu Kuu  
19:30 Shika Bamba  
20:00 Habari  
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Tatu Mzuka  
21:15 Igizo: Rebeca  
21:40 Art and Lifestyle  
22:10 ITV TOP 10  
22:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo  
23:50 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
01:15 DWTV

SUNDAY 22 May

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 Al Jazeera  
09:00 Watoto Wetu  
10:00 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
11:35 Bongo Movie rpt  
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo  
15:30 Mwangaza  
16:30 ITV Top 10  
17:20 Kipindi cha kikristo  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Mapishi

18:30 Matukio ya wiki  
19:30 Igizo: Rebeca  
20:00 Habari  
21:05 Kipindi maalum: Biko  
21:10 Igizo: Mizengwe  
21:30 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:15 Bongo Movie:  
00:00 Soap: Love to Death rpt  
02:05 Al Jazeera

CAPITAL

Tues 17 May

06:00 Al Jazeera  
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)  
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)  
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Laws of love 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)  
16:00 Series rpt: Itohan  
16:30 Capchat rpt  
17:30 Meza huru  
19:00 Innovation  
19:30 Our Earth  
20:00 Series: Itohan  
20:45 Telenovela: Laws Of love  
21:30 Capital Prime  
22:00 Turning the spotlight rpt  
22:30 Eco@Africa  
23:00 Al Jazeera

Wed 18 May

06:00 Al Jazeera  
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)  
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)  
12:00 Our Earth Rpt  
12:30 Innovation Rpt  
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)  
16:00 Series rpt: Itohan  
16:30 Culinary delight rpt  
17:00 Innovation rpt  
17:30 Meza huru  
19:00 Sports Gazette  
19:30 Chetu ni chetu  
20:00 Series: Itohan  
20:45 Telenovela: Laws Of love  
21:30 Capital Prime News  
22:00 Dakika 45:  
22:45 The Décor  
23:15 Al Jazeera

Thurs 19 May

06:00 Al Jazeera  
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)  
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)  
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love  
14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)  
16:00 Series rpt: Itohan  
16:30 Business edition rpt  
17:00 In good shape  
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09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)  
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)  
16:00 Series rpt: Itohan  
16:30 The Monday Agenda rpt  
17:30 Meza huru  
19:00 Rev  
19:30 Eco@Africa  
20:00 Albu Yako  
20:15 Local Pgm: Business Edition  
20:45 Telenovela Laws Of love 21:30 Capital Prime News  
22:00 Malumbano ya hoja rpt  
00:00 Al Jazeera

Sat 21 May

08:00 Al Jazeera  
09:00 Rev rpt  
09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt  
10:00 Culinary delight rpt  
10:30 Innovation rpt  
11:00 Out n'about rpt  
11:30 Sports Gazette rpt  
12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt  
12:30 Our Earth rpt  
13:00 Business edition rpt  
13:30 Korean Drama rpt: The Sling Shot  
14:30 Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love 17:15 Eco@Africa  
17:45 Bundesliga kick off  
18:15 Our Earth Rpt  
19:15 Mizengwe  
19:30 The Décor  
20:00 Korean Drama: The Sling Shot  
21:00 Out n'About  
21:30 Music Club 101 rpt  
23:00 Series rpt: Itohan  
01:00 Al Jazeera

Sun 22 May

08:00 Al Jazeera  
09:00 In good shape  
10:00 Capchat rpt  
11:00 Sports Gazette rpt  
11:30 Korean Drama rpt: The Sling Shot  
12:00 Jagina rpt  
12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt  
13:00 In good shape rpt  
13:30 Series rpt: Itohan  
15:15 Albu yako  
15:30 Rev rpt  
16:00 Dakika 45 rpt  
16:45 Mizengwe rpt  
17:00 The Décor rpt  
17:30 Meza huru  
19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt  
19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights  
20:00 Korean Drama: The Sling Shot  
21:00 Dtv News Africa  
21:30 Capchat live  
22:15 Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love  
00:00 Al Jazeera

## WORLD

## Tension mounts with Sweden, Finland poised to join NATO

STOCKHOLM

SWEDISH Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson on Monday announced the official decision to start the process of the country's application to become a NATO member, one day after Finland made a like move to apply for membership of the military bloc.

The historic move of the two Nordic states, with decades of neutrality and military non-alignment policies, is bound to add uncertainties to the security situation in the Baltic Sea region and Europe as a whole, analysts said.

## Abandoning military non-alignment

"It is clear that there is a broad majority in Sweden's parliament for Sweden to join NATO," Andersson said on Monday during a press conference, after the government's decision to abandon military non-alignment.

"We leave one era and go into another. We will inform NATO that we want to become a member of the alliance," she said.

The government has also decided on a bill that will make it possible for Sweden to receive military support from all European Union (EU) and NATO countries, she added.

Finland on Sunday had finalized a report on its accession to NATO. The report will proceed to the plenary session of the government and will be submitted to parliament after its approval, the Finnish government said in a statement.

Hailing the day as a new era open-

ing, President Sauli Niinistö also said that Finnish security is not "a zero-sum game" and not directed against anyone.

According to Andersson, Sweden's NATO ambassador in Brussels will submit the application within the next few days. The application will be submitted together with Finland.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said Sweden could expect an increased presence of NATO troops in the Baltic Sea and around the rest of the country when a possible NATO application is processed.

## Criticisms against alignment

Finland, which shares a more than 1,300-km border with Russia, has long pursued policies of neutrality and military non-alignment. Its neighbor Sweden, though a close ally of the United States with strong military ties, has also long posed itself as military non-alignment.

Since the end of the Cold War, US-led NATO has been trying to woo Sweden and Finland to the military bloc. The two countries joined NATO's Partnership for Peace program in 1994, but they also maintained cooperation and dialogue with Russia in climate, security and other fields.

In a historic move fundamentally changing its position, Sweden's ruling Social Democratic Party (SAP) granted on Sunday support for applying for NATO membership, a decision that incurred fierce criticism in Sweden.

"Through this decision, Sweden contributes to making the world more militarized and polarized. A NATO



Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson

membership does not make Sweden or the world more secure or democratic - rather the opposite," Agnes Hellstrom, chairman of the Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society wrote in a statement.

Swedish Social Democratic Youth Union Chairman Lisa Nabo said in a statement that the union demands the government to "guarantee a Sweden free of nuclear weapons, a nuclear-weapon-free zone across the Nordic region and that foreign military bases are never established in Sweden."

Nooshi Dadgostar, leader of Sweden's Left Party, a staunch opponent against NATO membership, reiterated on her social media account Sunday that the party was "against Swedish NATO membership," warning that "it risks leading to escalation in our immediate area."

The Green Party, which also opposed Swedish NATO membership in the parliament, voiced its insistence on continued military freedom of alliance for Sweden.

Finnish Peace Committee in a statement Monday emphasized that lasting peace in the world cannot be built based on an armed and alliance-based security policy.

Military alignment, said the NGO, will not increase security in Europe, but will lead to a further escalation of military tensions. Fur-

thermore, the strengthening of NATO with new members will also exacerbate the division of the world into military blocs, thus complicating the necessary negotiations and cooperation.

## Instabilities ahead

The possible NATO incorporation of the two Nordic states is set to intensify confrontation with Russia and lead to further deterioration of the security situation in the Baltic Sea region and Europe as a whole, analysts say.

Russia, which could see its land border with NATO countries doubles, has repeatedly warned Sweden and Finland against joining the military bloc, saying such a move would oblige it to "restore military balance" by strengthening its defenses in the Baltic Sea region.

Calling the two Nordic states' move as a "grave mistake," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said Monday that such a "mistake" will have "far-reaching consequences."

Viktor Bondarev, chairman of the Defense and Security Committee of the Federation Council, said Sunday that Russia will strengthen its border with Finland if NATO's striking weapons are deployed in Finland.

Xinhua

## South Sudan president orders army to end insecurity amid spike in killings

JUBA

SOUTH Sudan President on Monday directed security forces to intensify efforts to end sprawling insecurity on major highways and communal violence that have recently left hundreds killed.

Kiir (pictured) called for cohesion among parties in the transitional unity government after they established the unified army command structure.

"To all organized forces, I congratulate you for your dedication to your duty and call upon you to protect civilians and their properties whenever they are threatened," said Kiir in a statement issued in Juba, the capital of South

Sudan.

The South Sudan leader was speaking during the 39th anniversary of the founding of the former rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

The SPLA founded by the late John Garang waged decades of war against successive regimes in Sudan paving the way for the separation of South Sudan in 2011.

Kiir hailed the bravery and sacrifices of the 105 battalion that shot the first bullet in Bor of Jonglei state that kick-started the second Sudanese civil war in 1983.

"The gallant forces of battalion 105 fired the first bullet in Bor, which commenced the Sudanese second civil war.



The SPLA day is a landmark event in our history because it reminds our nation of our past struggle," Kiir said. He paid glowing tribute to John Garang who after signing the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) with the regime of former Sudanese President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, later on perished in a helicopter crash.

The CPA was crucial to the self-determination of South Sudan in 2011.

The parties are supposed to graduate the 83,000 unified forces to take charge of security during the ongoing transitional period.

This much-awaited graduation is somehow stalled due to a lack of enough resources, and necessary political will to graduate them on time before the end of the transitional period in February 2023.

Xinhua

## Biden approves redeployment of US troops to Somalia

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden has approved a plan to redeploy US troops to the eastern African country of Somalia to counter the extremist group al-Shabab, the White House said on Monday.

Drawn from forces already deployed in Africa, less than 500 US troops will be repositioned to Somalia to constitute "a small, persistent US military presence" in the country, a senior administration official said during a briefing with reporters, speaking on the condition of anonymity under ground rules



set by the White House.

The administration's move reversed former president Donald Trump's order made in the waning days of his administration to pull out all of the approximately 750 US military personnel from Somalia.

US troops have been serving their duties in the war-torn country on a rotational basis since Biden took office, a dynamic the administration now considers insufficient in addressing terrorist threats posed to Americans in the region.

"Al-Shabab has taken advantage of So-

mali instability and fractious politics to become, as I indicated, al-Qaeda's largest and wealthiest global affiliate," the official said on the call with reporters. "We have seen regrettably, clear evidence of al-Shabab's intent and capability to target Americans in the region."

The official said Trump's decision to withdraw US troops in Somalia had created "unnecessary and elevated risks" to US troops entering or exiting the country, arguing that the redeployment is "a step that rationalizes what was essentially an irrational argument."

Xinhua

## Public-interest library in rural Fujian warms hearts of villagers

BEFORE 7 a.m., a three-story house in Makeng village, Baisha township, Minhou county, Fuzhou city, east China's Fujian province, is already bustling with people. The house looks just like an ordinary rural house, only it has a library in it.

A sign hanging at the door of the house reads "Baishawan Library". The sign has faded a bit, but the name of library is well-known to locals.

Baishawan Library was started by Lin Lixing, father of a local villager named Lin Yuekeng. In 2011, Lin Lixing visited a library in a neighboring township, and saw villagers read and study there. Deeply inspired by what he saw, he quickly transformed the first floor of his house into the public-interest library after he returned home.

As the first library in Baisha township, Baishawan Library has been popular since it opened. According to Lin Yuekeng, visitors crowded the library on its first day.

It greatly gratified Lin Lixing, who was in his seventies then, to see that the library was full of students between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. every day. Taking delight in helping children enjoy books, he was busy working in the library all day and didn't have time to take a noon break. At night, after the last reader left, he started to rearrange books.

In the third year after the opening of the library, Lin Lixing passed away. After his father's death, Lin Yuekeng hesitated

about continuing to run the library. "The library is completely non-profit and requires a lot of manpower and material resources," explained Lin Yuekeng.

But he finally decided to keep it running, considering his fellow villagers' thirst for knowledge and his father's last wish.

"With this library, we don't have to go to the urban areas of Fuzhou city to read books or buy books ourselves, because we can read here to increase our knowledge for free," said Chen Meifang, a villager who is a regular of the library.

Now is the busiest time of the year for citrus growers, including Chen. After spraying her fruit trees with pesticide

in the morning, Chen, still in her sun hat and muddy shoes and clothes, went straight to the library eagerly. She found a book on green measures to prevent and control citrus diseases and insect pests and started reading.

"The book has everything I need to know. For example, what fertilizer should be applied, what pesticide should be used, and what precautions should be taken at each stage, from sprouting and blooming to fruiting, are clearly written in it," Chen said.

In 2006, Chen planted only dozens of mu (one mu equals about 666 square meters) of navel orange trees. As her knowledge of and experience in navel

orange tree planting increase, she has become a major grower and an expert in the field in Makeng village.

Her "business" could not have flourished so well without Baishawan Library, according to Chen.

"I'll take this book home to read. Could you get me a book on growing peach trees? I got the use right of more than 100 mu of farmlands this year, and I'm going to plant peach trees," Chen said to Lin Yuekeng.

"No problem. Just come and take it next week," Lin replied.

The library purchases books based on the requirements of residents. Villagers tell the library what books they need,

and the library then help get the books for them.

Over the past 11 years, the number of bookshelves in the library has increased from one to more than 20, and the number of books has risen from 2,000 to over 30,000 in 18 categories, making the public-interest rural library with the largest collection of books in Minhou county.

Almost every family of the nearly 400 households in Makeng village has the phone number of Lin Yuekeng. Villagers give him a call anytime they need new books. L

in works in Baisha township from Monday to Friday. He buys the books his fellow villagers need in the township and takes them to the library every Friday after work.

People's Daily

## NATO has long taken Finland, Sweden into account in its military planning - Lavrov

MOSCOW

THE North Atlantic Alliance has for many years taken into account the territories of Finland and Sweden in its military plans for eastward expansion, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said



at the educational marathon conference New Horizons organized by the Russian Znanie (Knowledge) society yesterday.

"Finland, Sweden and other neutral countries have for years participated in NATO's military exercises. NATO has taken their territories into account in planning its eastward movement. In this context it apparently makes no difference any more (in connection with their admission to NATO - TASS)," Lavrov said.

He stressed that Moscow saw no reasons why Finland and Sweden should be worried about their security.

"For this reason we see their decision, which Washington and NATO surely lobbied for, as a geopolitical move in the context of Russia's containment and the implementation of NATO's plans to spread its activities to the Arctic region," he added.

"Incidentally, the Finnish president and the Finnish ambassadors everywhere have been saying that they see no threats from Russia. Admission to NATO stems from the changes in the security situation in Europe. But there is no logic here," Lavrov said.

Russia, he stated, will keep an eye on how NATO uses the territories of Finland and Sweden and "make its conclusions," Lavrov said. "But the European Union in a situation where Germany has lost independence and France is hopelessly trying to press for strategic autonomy is actually merging with NATO in practice, even in terms of its membership," he concluded.

The Swedish government made a decision to apply for NATO membership on Monday. The Swedish prime minister said that the application would be filed together with Finland's in the near future.

Discussions over Finland's admission to NATO went into high gear at the beginning of April. Most parliament members came out in favor of accession to the alliance.

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## China rejects US bill to help Taiwan get WHO observer status

BEIJING

CHINA rejects and deplores it that the United States should insist on signing the bill, which will help Taiwan regain observer status in the World Health Organization (WHO), into law, a foreign ministry spokesperson said on Monday, urging the US to handle Taiwan-related issues prudently and properly.

US President Joe Biden has signed a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the WHO.

The Taiwan question is China's domestic affair, and the one-China principle is a basic norm governing international relations, spokesperson Zhao Lijian said at a daily press briefing.

According to relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and the World Health Assembly, China's Taiwan region's participation in WHO activities must be handled in accordance with the one-China principle, he said.

"Attaching high importance to our Taiwan compatriots' health welfare, the Chinese central government has made proper arrangements for the region's participation in global health affairs under the precondition of following the one-China principle," he said.

"We urge the US to adhere to the one-China principle and the three China-US joint communiques, comply with international law and basic norms governing international relations, prudently and properly handle Taiwan-related issues, and not to use this bill to help Taiwan expand its so-called 'international space', otherwise it will cause further damage to China-US relations and peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait," he said.

Agencies



The World Health Organization at its headquarters in Geneva



## Musk suggests he could seek to cut price for Twitter buy

ELON Musk suggested on Monday that he could seek a lower price for Twitter Inc, saying that there could be at least four times more fake accounts than what the company has said.

"You can't pay the same price for something that is much worse than they claimed," he said at a conference in Miami.

Musk (pictured), who on Friday said his \$44 billion deal to buy Twitter was on hold pending information on spam accounts, said that he suspects they make up at least 20 percent of users - compared to Twitter's official estimates of 5 percent.

When asked at the conference whether the Twitter deal is viable at a different price, Musk responded, "I mean, it's not out of the question."

"The more questions I ask, the more my concerns grow," he said at the All-In Summit 2022 conference.

"They claim that they've got this complex methodology that only they can understand ... It can't be some deep mystery that is, like, more complex than the human soul or something like that."

Twitter shares extended losses in late afternoon trading following Musk's comments.

The stock dropped more than 8 percent to close at \$37.39, lower than its level the day before Musk revealed his Twitter stake in early April, sowing doubts that the billionaire entrepreneur would proceed with his acquisition of the company at the agreed price.

Twitter Chief Executive Officer Parag Agrawal tweeted earlier on Monday that internal estimates of spam accounts on the social media platform for the last four quarters were "well under 5 percent," responding to days of criticism by Musk of the company's handling of phony accounts.

Twitter's estimate, which has stayed the same since 2013, could not be reproduced externally given the need to use both public and private information to determine whether an account is spam, he added.

Musk responded to Agrawal's defense of the company's methodology with a poop emoji.

"So how do advertisers know what they're getting for their money? This is fundamental to the financial health of Twitter," Musk wrote.

Musk has pledged changes to Twitter's content moderation practices, railing against decisions like the company's ban of former president Donald Trump as overly aggressive while pledging to crack down on "spam bots" on the platform.

Musk has called for tests of random samples of Twitter users to identify bots. He also said, "there is some chance it might be over 90 percent of daily active users."

Independent researchers have estimated that anywhere from 9 percent to 15 percent of the millions of Twitter profiles are bots.

Twitter does not currently require users to register using their real identities and expressly permits automated, parody and pseudonymous profiles on the service.

It does ban impersonation and spam, and penalizes accounts when the company determines their purpose is to "deceive or manipulate others" by engaging in scams, coordinating abuse campaigns or artificially inflating engagement.

Musk's comments to a private audience could add to concerns about his disclosures of market moving information.

Musk, known for his candid Twitter posts, has a long history of skirmishes with the US Securities and Exchange Commission; recently, a US judge slammed him for trying to escape a settlement with the SEC requiring oversight of his Tesla tweets. **Agencies**

## US has become state hostile to Russia, says Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov has said that the Western countries, including the United States, which is conducting a hybrid war against Russia, have become hostile states. He was speaking at the educational marathon conference New Horizons organized by the Russian Znanie (Knowledge) society.

"The hybrid war is what is happening right now, what we have encountered," he stated. "It is not confined to the US and British advisers, who are telling the armed Ukrainian nationalists what to do and who are providing them with intelligence data and so on and so forth. No. It's a diplomatic war and a political war. There are attempts to isolate us in the world. It's an economic war."

"It is true that we keep referring to them mildly as unfriendly states, but I should say that they are hostile states, because what they are doing is war," Peskov said.

He stressed that against this background property rights had stopped being sacrosanct.

"Take our national money that has been arrested, blocked. In other words our dollar-and euro-denominated assets on accounts there (in the Western countries - TASS) have been frozen. In fact, they have been stolen, they are trying to be stolen. But we are going to fight for them, of course," Peskov said adding that such manifestations of hostility were many. **Agencies**



# Rwandan blind woman's story of success against odds

KIGALI,

THIRTY-year-old Rwandan woman Rosette Uwifashije, who lost her sight in 2000 due to illness, can skillfully pass a thread through the eye of a needle with speed like a clear-sighted person.

A resident of the Muhanga district, in southern Rwanda, Uwifashije has set up a tailoring business knitting different styles and also trains other people despite her disability. In an interview with Xinhua, Uwifashije said she used to struggle to make a living.

At the family and society level, she also had to deal with stigma and neglect.

Navigating both of these affected Uwifashije's spirit and she despaired that she would be unable to achieve her life dreams.

But after being introduced to the Masaka Resource Center in the capital city of Kigali by a friend, her life has since changed.

She is one of the selected blind women who were supported by the Rwanda Union of the Blind (RUB) to build independent lives and realize their potential through a donor-funded Dream project.

The center ensures rehabilitation support that helps individuals with visual impairment to learn reading and writing braille, which change their lives. Besides orientation and mobility lessons on how to use a white cane, the center also helps visu-



Rosette Uwifashije (C) guides trainees at her training center in Muhanga district, Rwanda, May 14, 2022. File photo

ally impaired persons to build up their independence by introducing new practical skills such as crop and livestock farming.

Thanks to the center's orientation and mobility training, Uwifashije was able to overcome self-pity, move around independently, engage in farming and do other activities.

Seeking to fulfill her dreams against odds, she would later pursue a one-year tailoring course at a technical school in Rubavu district, in western Rwanda, where she graduated with a certificate.

"The training from Masaka Resource Center was enough to build on," she said. "I had to work very hard to pass the tailoring course, the school was far from my home but I was determined to study," she said.

Uwifashije has been able to set up her own business, also offering skills to many people in her home village of Kibangu sector in Muhanga district. "I am able to knit different

styles depending on clients' choice," she said, adding that to boost her income streams she trains people in tailoring. "I have mastered the use of a sewing machine that is normally meant for clear-sighted people," she said.

Her trainees include visually impaired people recommended by the Rwanda Union of the Blind.

"I find a sense of purpose and connection with the rest of the people, I'm more confident and inspired to pursue my dream," said Uwifashije. She knits clothes for residents and students' uniforms to make money.

In 2019, Uwifashije was among the winners of Rwanda's Youth Connect Awards for overcoming challenges to build entrepreneurship, walking away with 500,000 Rwandan francs (about 488 U.S. dollars), which boosted her business and welfare. In 2021, she achieved another milestone when she got married.

"I can't describe how happy I am, this is something many

people can hardly understand but I am so grateful that we are living a better life, it is a great achievement," she said. "I have managed to acquire a plot of land. I'm able to pay school fees for my young sister after we had lost our mother," she said.

Twenty-two-year-old Glorioso Umuhire, one of the trainees with partial vision from Uwifashije's training center praised Uwifashije for being helpful.

"I'm able to sew different cloth styles. I hope that I will soon be able to set up my own business which will change my life," she said.

Donatille Kanimba, the executive director of Rwanda Union of the Blind, said the project was initiated to empower persons living with visual impairment to live independent lives instead of being a burden to family and friends.

The Masaka Resource Center for the Blind in Kigali serves as the first point of reference for Rwandans who lost their sight and have been staying home without hope, according to her.

The rehabilitation program helps them to learn reading and writing braille, and to do house chores on their own, she said.

Xinhua

## China rolls out multiple measures to help MSMEs, self-employed households pull through difficulties

A recent State Council executive meeting specified that China will further implement measures to support micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and self-employed households, in an effort to stabilize the economy, as well as industrial and supply chains. Meanwhile, relevant government departments will adjust their policies promptly to ease the financial burdens on these businesses.

Although the country's economic operation has remained generally stable despite complex domestic and international situation since the beginning of this year, the increasing complexity, severity and uncertainty of the environment for economic development has made it harder to survive for market players, especially MSMEs and self-employed households.

The Ministry of Finance (MOF) has rolled out more than 20 tax-relief policies this year, including implementing value-added tax (VAT) credit refund on a large scale to fully give back outstanding VAT credits in certain industries; extending tax and fee reduction policies that support manufacturing, micro and small enterprises and self-employed households and expanding the scale and scope of these policies; and introducing tax policies to support the development of industries facing special difficulties caused by COVID-19, according to Xu Hongcai, vice minister of finance.

At present, various policies concerning tax refunds and reductions and fee cuts are being implemented at a faster pace, Xu noted. In response to impeding logistics recently, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) has identified 1,624 key enterprises in four batches and instructed 17 provinces to establish regional "white lists" for key enterprises, said Xin Guobin, vice minister of the MIIT.

It has also built a coordination platform for key industrial and supply chains involving automobiles, integrated circuits and medical supplies to ensure the smooth operation of key industrial chains, Xin added.

The MIIT will carry out special inspections of the effects of policies aimed at reducing the burden on enterprises and promoting the development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to make sure that these policies are effectively implemented, according to Xin.

Besides, the People's Bank of China (PBOC), the central bank of China, and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) put forward 23 measures covering such aspects as sup-



A worker assembles automobiles at a factory of Chinese car maker JAC Group's branch in Qingzhou city, east China's Shandong province, April 27, 2022. File photo

porting enterprises facing difficulties and promoting foreign trade and export.

The Bank of Communications actively improved its online foreign exchange and treasury businesses to enable MSMEs engaged in foreign trade to handle foreign exchange business online, thus helping them save the costs generated from seeking offline services and avoid foreign exchange risks.

The effective measures taken by China to help companies survive the difficult times have boosted the confidence of various parties.

China has a mature and resilient supply chain system and is an important global consumer market, which is helpful in promoting the development of SMEs and driving corporate innovation and eventually stimulating greater economic vitality, noted Zhang Xiaolei, president of Standard Chartered Bank (China) Limited.

"In the next three years, we will invest \$300 million in China-related businesses to help clients seize the opportunities brought by China's continuous opening-up," Zhang said.

According to Pu Chun, deputy head of the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR), the number of China's newly established market entities registered positive growth between January and April, reaching nearly 8.99 million with a year-on-year increase of 0.7 percent.

During the period, an average of 22,600 enterprises were newly established per day, which represent a relatively high level; and over 6.23 million individuals reg-

istered as self-employed business owners, up 2.9 percent compared with the same period in 2021.

"Although the Chinese economy has been faced with a complex and grim environment, the number of newly established market entities this year has basically remained stable, which reflected the economy's strong resilience and potential," Pu said, adding that the number of market players is expected to maintain rapid growth when the pandemic is effectively controlled and the effects of relevant policies continue to be unleashed.

Although the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic has brought difficulties and challenges to many market players, the fundamentals of the Chinese economy—its strong resilience, enormous potential, vast room for maneuver and long-term sustainability—remain unchanged.

In the future, China's economy will show stronger dynamism with the continuous implementation of relevant policies.

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## Sri Lanka down to last day of petrol, PM tells crisis-hit nation

COLOMBO

SRI LANKA'S new prime minister said on Monday the crisis-hit nation was down to its last day of petrol, as the country's power minister told citizens not to join the lengthy fuel queues that have galvanised weeks of anti-government protests.

Ranil Wickremesinghe (pictured), appointed prime minister on Thursday, said in an address to the nation the country urgently needed \$75 million in foreign exchange to pay for essential imports.

"At the moment, we only have petrol stocks for a single day. The next couple of months will be the most difficult ones of our lives," he said.

"We must prepare ourselves to make some sacrifices and face the challenges of this period."

Two shipments of petrol and two of diesel using an Indian credit line could provide relief in the next few days, he added, but the country is also facing a shortage of 14 essential medicines.

The crisis led to widespread protests against President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and his family, culminating in the resignation of his elder brother Mahinda as prime minister last week after fighting between government supporters and protesters killed 9 people and wounded 300.

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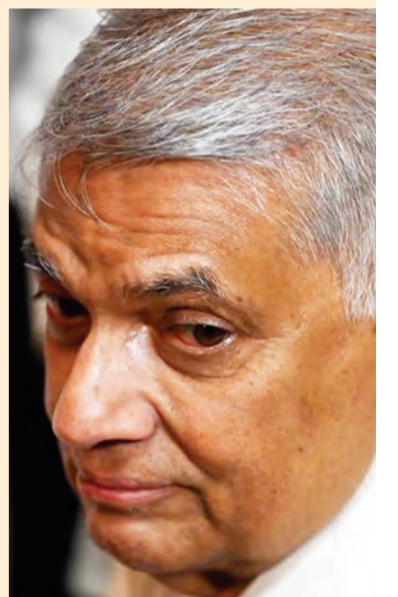
The president replaced him with Wickremesinghe, an opposition parliamentarian who has held the post five times previously, in a desperate bid to placate protesters.

But the protesters have said they will keep up their campaign as long as Gotabaya Rajapaksa remains president. They have also labelled Wickremesinghe a stooge and criticised his appointment of four cabinet ministers, all members of the political party run by the Rajapaksa brothers.

Wickremesinghe said on Monday he took the role for the good of the country.

In Colombo, the commercial capital, long queues of auto rickshaws, the most popular means of transport in the city, lined up at gas stations in a fruitless wait for fuel.

"I have been in the queue for more than six hours," said one



driver, Mohammad Ali. "We spend almost six to seven hours in the line just to get petrol."

Another driver, Mohammad Naushad, said the gas station he was waiting at had run out of fuel.

"We've been here since 7-8 a.m. in the morning and it is still not clear if they will have fuel or not," he said. "When will it come, no one knows. Is there any point in our waiting here, we also don't know."

Hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, rising oil prices and populist tax cuts by the Rajapaksas, the strategic Indian Ocean island nation is in the midst of a crisis unparalleled since its independence in 1948.

A chronic foreign exchange shortage has led to rampant inflation and shortages of medicine, fuel and other essentials, bringing thousands out on the streets in protest.

A diesel shipment using an Indian credit line arrived in the country on Sunday, but is yet to be distributed across the island.

"Request the public not to queue up or top up in the next three days until the 1,190 fuel station deliveries have been completed," Power Minister Kanachana Wijesekera said on Monday.

Wickremesinghe is yet to announce key ministers including the crucial post of finance minister, who will negotiate with the International Monetary Fund for badly needed financial help for the country.

Former Finance Minister Ali Sabry had held preliminary talks with the multilateral lender, but he quit along with Mahinda Rajapaksa last week. **Agencies**



Azam FC's Director of Football, Jonas Tiboroha.

## Injuries cost Azam FC dearly in NBC Premier League title race

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AZAM FC leadership has, through the club's Director of Football Jonas Tiboroha, said it believes injuries that have befallen the side this season are part of the reasons for the squad's failure to achieve the goal of successfully challenging for the NBC Premier League title.

Azam FC is sitting third in the top-flight standings with 32 points from nine victories, as many defeats, and draw in five outings.

The club, headquartered at Chamazi in Dar es Salaam, believes injuries to some of its players have affected the club's results so far, with last season's breakout stars hardly featuring for it this season due to injuries.

One of the ice-cream makers' stand-out performers for last season, Iddi Selemani, is currently out for the rest of the season due to an injury.

Selemani scored 10 goals and executed eight assists, he was involved in his outfit's 18 goals and had a 0.32 chance to score per game, the attacker that was to be a key figure for Azam FC this season is now missing.

Injuries have also had Zimbabwean attacker, Prince Dube, struggling with the form at the club.

Dube that netted 14 goals last season is now deployed in wide areas by the club's coach to accommodate him and give chance to Zambian goal-getter, Rodgers Kola, to lead Azam FC's attacking force.

Ugandan fullback, Nicolas Wadada, represents key players that have been

missing games this season, with their return to the pitch being slow and hindering their top-quality performance.

Tiboroha said the challenge has been recurring throughout the season, with some of their key players having to be out for more than three to four weeks.

The official noted: "The biggest problem we have seen here at Azam FC is injuries, many players suffered long-term injuries and left the team in a difficult position, we are learning from the challenges we are going through now."

"The issue of injuries is not a matter of planning, it always arises from the realities of the game of football, but we will strive to have a plan that will enable us to have players with top standards from next season."

"Our goal is to do well as clubs compete for the title, but this season has been very unfortunate for Azam FC, we nevertheless plan to work with all departments within the club to achieve our goals from next season," Tiboroha said.

Azam FC had until early this week been preparing for the NBC Premier League's 24th round match against defending champion Simba SC which will be played at the Azam Complex Stadium on Wednesday.

The 2013/14 Premier League champion will go into this game with the worst form in the squad's last five games, losing three matches, recording one draw, and winning one match.

In the latest fixture, the team conceded a 2-1 defeat to Mbeya City FC in Mbeya.

## Giniki sails through to World Athletics Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIAN athlete, Emmanuel Giniki, last weekend qualified for the coming World Athletics Championships which are slated for July 15-24 in Eugene, United States of America (USA).

Arusha-based Giniki earned the qualification at the Geneva Marathon which was held in Switzerland on Sunday, he clocked 2:10.39.

Arusha Regional Athletics Association's secretary-general, Rogath Stephen, said they are delighted that all athletes who will represent Tanzania at the World Championships come from the region.

Gabriel Geay is the other local athlete who qualified for the World Championships.

"We are very happy and delighted that both athletes who will represent the country at the World Athletics Championships are from our region... that simply means we are doing a lot in athletics," Stephen said.

Recently, Athletics Tanzania (AT) Technical Director Micheal Mwasha said Felix Simbu and Failuna Matanga are eligible to compete at the World Athletics Championships.

The official revealed the government, however, advised AT that the two should concentrate on the Commonwealth Games preparations as the country aims to win medals in the Games.

Geay and other athletes should for that matter concentrate on the World Championships and other events as he is not part of the athletes who will represent the country at the coming Commonwealth Games.

The World Athletics Championships will be held in Eugene and USA for the first time.

The championships were originally scheduled for August 6-15, 2021. On April 8, 2020, World Athletics announced that the event would be postponed for one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting postponement of the 2020 Summer Olympics.

## Tanzania should invest more in judo

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

WITH the prestigious

Commonwealth Games set to begin on July 28, this year, it has been pleasing to see that four local athletes have already secured qualification for the perpetually exciting sporting spectacular.

Two of the aforementioned four athletes are the judokas, Thomas Mwenda and Abdulrabi Abdullah, who both bagged gold medals at the recently concluded East African Judo Championships.

Interestingly, this is not the first time that some of our judokas have brilliantly distinguished themselves at the East African Judo Championships.

What is disheartening, however, is the fact that in the wake of past successes at the regional judo competition, there has not been enough investment channeled into domestic judo.

Hopefully, then, this present hour will mark a sharp departure from the past as one feels that local judokas are eminently capable of blazing the glory trail at future competitions, that is if they are crucially afforded sufficient support.

Meanwhile, it has also been great to learn that Mwenda, Abdulrabi, and a pair of talented swimmers Kayla Temba and Collins Saliboko have all qualified for the Commonwealth Games through their glorious exertions at recent regional competitions.

Indeed, Temba and Saliboko



Tanzania's judo players demonstrate self-defense skills before the First Grand Slam Judo Championship which took place in Dar es Salaam in 2012. PHOTO: COURTESY OF JUDO ASSOCIATION OF TANZANIA

met the criteria set by the Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) after starring at the CANA Zone Three Swimming Championships.

According to media reports that surfaced last week, all athletes who will be selected as our flag-bearers at the Commonwealth Games will enter a residential training camp once the whole assemblage of our athletes has been picked by the TOC.

It has also been reported that this camp will be bankrolled by the authorities, which is a hugely significant fact especially when one considers that previous training camps have sadly been last-minute affairs due to a lack of funds.

Let us now turn to the Mainland Premier League, which has been dominated by those two old nemeses Simba and Yanga this season.

Right out of the gate, Yanga were the pacesetters in the race for the coveted league trophy, establishing an enormous lead over their longtime city rivals.

Nonetheless, in recent weeks, the second-placed Simba has seized the momentum after having narrowed Yanga's 15 points lead to eight points.

Indeed, Yanga and the legions of their supporters must be kicking themselves after having granted Simba a doable but arduous chance of retaining their league crown.

With the season now easing into the home stretch, it is still not clear whether Yanga or Simba will blink first in this gripping and thrilling two-horse race for the top-flight title.

In what has been a captivating and entertaining season thus far, one can only hope that Yanga and Simba serve up a veritable cliffhanger of a finale for our passionate football fans.

And, as for us fans, we shall be biting our fingernails and waiting with bated breath until the end of the season when the league's champions emerge.

## IST Inter-Schools Championship garners bumper entry

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TEN Schools have confirmed to battle it out in the International School of Tanganyika (IST) Inter-Schools Junior Chess Championship slated for the end of this week in Dar es Salaam.

Luis Kara, the chief arbiter of the championship, said 10 schools and 45 students have confirmed to compete at the maiden championship.

Kara disclosed the event will be held at IST Masaki Campus Upstairs Yoga/Dance Studio from May 21-22.

He could not mention the schools that have registered for the championships, promising to do so later this week.

He said the number is expected to increase as the closing date for registration is Thursday this week.

"The response has been very good, as championships organizers we are very delighted that many students have shown interest to compete at the maiden event, this is very encouraging," he said.

Kara said the championships will be played in eight rounds in swiss format and the categories are eight years and Under, 10 years and Under, 12 years and Under, and 16 years and Under.

He said the best three schools will be awarded trophies, whereas medals await the best-performing students.

Chess is a board game played between two players. It is sometimes called Western chess or international chess to distinguish it from related games such as xiangqi and shogi.

The current form of the game emerged in Southern Europe during the second half of the 15th century after evolving from chaturanga, a similar but much older game of Indian origin.

Today, chess is one of the world's most popular games, played by millions of people worldwide.

Chess is an abstract strategy game and involves no hidden information.

It is played on a square chessboard with 64 squares arranged in an eight-by-eight grid.



Dar es Salaam's Don Bosco Club players put their skills to show in a regional chess tournament that took place at the club recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

At the start, each player (one controlling the white pieces, the other controlling the black pieces) controls sixteen pieces, one king, one queen, two rooks, two bishops, two knights, and eight pawns.

The object of the game is to checkmate the opponent's king, whereby the king is under immediate attack (in "check") and there is no way for it to escape. There are also several ways a game can end

in a draw.

Organized chess arose in the 19th century. Chess competition today is governed internationally by FIDE (International Chess Federation).

## Arteta: Arsenal must 'swallow the poison' after loss

LONDON

MIKEL Arteta said Arsenal must "swallow the poison" after a 2-0 defeat at Newcastle United left his team facing failure to qualify for the Champions League for the fifth successive season.

Arsenal had been one win away from sealing a top-four spot and returning to the Champions League for the first time since 2017 ahead of last Thursday's North London derby against Tottenham Hotspur.

But a 3-0 defeat against Spurs, followed by Monday's loss at St James' Park, means Arsenal go into the final weekend of the season two points adrift of Tottenham and needing Antonio Conte's team to lose at relegated Norwich City to have any chance of qualifying for the Champions League.

Gunners manager Arteta said, though, that his team could have no excuses following their defeat against Newcastle.

"Tonight, we have to swallow all the poison that we feel and go again tomorrow," Arteta said. "It was a really tough match. Normally, I sit here and defend what we have done, but Newcastle were 100 times better than us in every department, from beginning to end.

"It's very hard to accept it. We knew what to expect from Newcastle, but didn't cope with it and didn't compete.

"We were in trouble time after time, lost every duel and were second best all the time. Newcastle probably deserved a bigger margin as well.

"I will always defend my players, but tonight that's a really difficult thing to do."

Despite the odds now heavily favouring Spurs in the race for fourth, Arsenal can still leapfrog their rivals if they win at home to Everton and Norwich, who have won just once in 16 games, claim a shock victory against Spurs.

Arteta added that his team have to go into the Everton game believing in their chances.

"We need to win, they [Spurs] need to lose. In football that can happen, so from tomorrow we'll prepare for Everton. It's still mathematically possible.

"But we have to put our head down and accept this performance was nowhere near the standard required for the Champions League."

Arsenal midfielder Granit Xhaka was even more pointed in his assessment of Arsenal's performance in the loss, saying the Gunners didn't deserve a spot in Europe's top continental competition next season.

(Agencies)

## Arsenal lack leadership and desire, and they could miss the Champions League because of it

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, England

**A**RSENAL have blown two opportunities in the space of four days to take control of their Champions League destiny and they have only themselves to blame for the fact that they are now relying on relegated Norwich to throw them an unlikely lifeline in their losing battle to return to club football's biggest competition.

Having lost 3-0 to Tottenham last Thursday, Arsenal knew that a win at Newcastle on Monday would take them back into the top four and ensure they started the final weekend of the season with a one-point advantage over Spurs in the race for the final Champions League qualification spot.

But this Arsenal team is neither resilient nor reliable, and the only positive from their 2-0 defeat at St. James' Park was that the final score line was not more reflective of the home side's dominance.

Arsenal were so bad, so passive, that manager Mikel Arteta said Newcastle were "100 times better in every department." Midfielder Granit Xhaka went even further by hinting at a weak mentality among his



Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta looks on with his coaching staff during a 2-0 loss to Newcastle United at St. James Park on Monday. (Agencies)

teammates.

"People speak always about leaders," Xhaka said. "We're not playing tennis, we're playing football. If someone is not ready for this pressure, stay at home. You can't come here and play like this.

"They [Newcastle] were running us over from the first minute to the 96th. When you play like this you don't deserve to play in the Champions League."

While Xhaka had a point, he was as big a culprit as those he was criticising. The Switzerland international is experienced enough to lead this team

on the pitch, but he was nowhere to be seen when Newcastle were winning every challenge, so Xhaka's words ring fairly hollow, unless he is blaming himself too.

And so, having been a win away from sealing Champions League qualification against Spurs last week, Arsenal now need to beat Everton at the Emirates on Sunday and hope that Norwich, the Premier League's bottom team, beat Antonio Conte's side at Carrow Road.

If that happens, Arsenal will be the luckiest team on the planet, but they don't

deserve any fortune or favours after their embarrassing failure to get the job done themselves.

Make no mistake, Arsenal are heading for the Europa League and the ramifications of their late-season choke could have major implications at the Emirates.

Champions League qualification, for the first time in five years, would be worth at least £70 million to Arsenal. A run into the knockout stages could see them earn close to £100 million.

That kind of financial uplift would give Arsenal

the chance to compete with the leading clubs in the transfer market this summer and ensure that emerging stars such as Bukayo Saka and Gabriel Martinelli had no reason to consider a move elsewhere.

But without Champions League football, nothing can be certain at the Emirates. The Europa League is not only a substandard competition in relation to the Champions League -- one which does not appeal to the best players -- it also delivers nothing like the finances of UEFA's senior competition.

When Chelsea beat Arsenal to win the Europa League in Baku in 2019 -- the last season unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic -- they banked just £39 million from winning the competition, so the difference between the two tournaments is huge.

But it cannot all be about money and finances. Arsenal did not perform so poorly against Newcastle because of money.

Arteta's players simply lacked desire and hunger. Newcastle, with nothing to play for, performed like a team that had everything on the line.

It was a similar story in the defeat at Tottenham when the home side outfought Arsenal. Even

though Arteta has made progress in changing the attitude at the Emirates, old habits die hard and Arsenal still lack tenacity when they need to fight their way to a win.

Aside from Saka, who is still only 20, Arsenal lack a player who can be relied upon to measure up when faced with a challenge. That lack of leadership permeates through the team and results in all of the players looking and waiting for somebody else to step up.

But the only players stepping up in this game were wearing black and white shirts. A Ben White own goal and a Bruno Guimaraes strike were enough to seal the 2-0 home win, but it could have been more for Newcastle.

That's down to Arsenal, though. With the prize of Champions League football within their grasp, they have failed to seize the initiative and their recurring nightmare goes on.

"I am incredibly disappointed," Arteta said. "It's a very painful one. It was in our hands and today it's not in our hands. We have to beat Everton and wait for Norwich to beat Spurs, but there's always a tiny chance in football."

ESPN

## Bayern celebrates Bundesliga title but left wishing for more

BERLIN

BAYERN Munich's league title celebrations were tainted by a sense of underachievement this year. It was the only trophy this season.

Speculation about the future of Robert Lewandowski is also adding to a sense of unease at the club, and Bayern fans called for the Poland forward to stay during the celebrations at Munich town hall on Marienplatz on Sunday.

The novelty of winning Germany's championship is wearing thin after a record-extending 10 consecutive Bundesliga titles. Bayern's own lofty standards mean players and club officials are focusing more on the trophies that got away.

"We played a good season but not a very good season," honorary Bayern president and longtime powerbroker Uli Hoenes said. "For a very good season, we would have progressed further in the Champions League and German Cup. But we clearly achieved the minimum target for the season."

Even the minimum target was underwhelming with many associated with the club previously wishing for a greater challenge.

Lewandowski, who has finished as the Bundesliga's leading scorer for the last five seasons in a row, is pushing for a move to Barcelona. But Bayern CEO Oliver Kahn says the player will fulfill his contract.

"We just have to see how it all develops," Kahn said. "We have a contract with Robert till 2023 and that's how long he'll stay."

If any club were to make a sizeable offer for the 33-year-old player, Bayern would be forced to reconsider.

"From what I hear and it's also my opinion, you don't give him away," Hoenes said. "The whole circus will be finished on Sept. 2, we can live with that. I've always known Robert to be a top professional. He also knew for a year beforehand in Dortmund that he would go to Bayern and he played an outstanding season at the time. That's why I'm 100% certain that Robert will play very well for us next year."

Bayern midfielder Joshua Kimmich is not so sure. "He'll be difficult to replace," Kimmich said. "On the other hand, if a player says he wants to leave the club, then the club has to prepare for that and look around." Liverpool striker Sadio Mané and Stuttgart forward Saša Kalajdžić have been touted as possible replacements.

Kimmich said he had "mixed feelings" as his teammates celebrated on the town hall balcony. He said it would have been better to celebrate immediately after Bayern clinched the league with a win against Borussia Dortmund on April 23, and he also regretted that it was only one title.

AP

## How Ronaldo saved Man United's grim season from total meltdown

Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

WHERE would Manchester United be without Cristiano Ronaldo? That question has been posed almost since the day the 37-year-old scored twice on his second Premier League debut for the club during a 4-1 win against Newcastle at Old Trafford last September. This followed his transfer from Juventus, for an initial €15 million, which saw him return to United 12 years after leaving in a then-world-record £80 million transfer to Real Madrid.

As United prepare to pull down the curtain on their worst season in more than 30 years with a trip to Crystal Palace on Sunday -- a season that has seen one manager (Ole Gunnar Solskjaer) fired and interim boss Ralf Rangnick become statistically the club's worst manager since Sir Alex Ferguson retired in 2013 -- Ronaldo will end the campaign as the team's leading goal scorer and perhaps the only player who has produced memorable moments for the right reasons during 2021-22.

In a season blighted by humiliating defeats, early cup exits, and dismal performances by many United players, Ronaldo's double against Newcastle, crucial late goals in the Champions League against Villarreal and Atalanta (twice), and hat tricks against Tottenham and Norwich have at least highlighted why the club signed him from Juventus last August.

But there is a flip side to Ronaldo that has legitimately been cited by his detractors. His presence in the team, the argument goes, makes United too predictable, denies the likes of Jadon San-

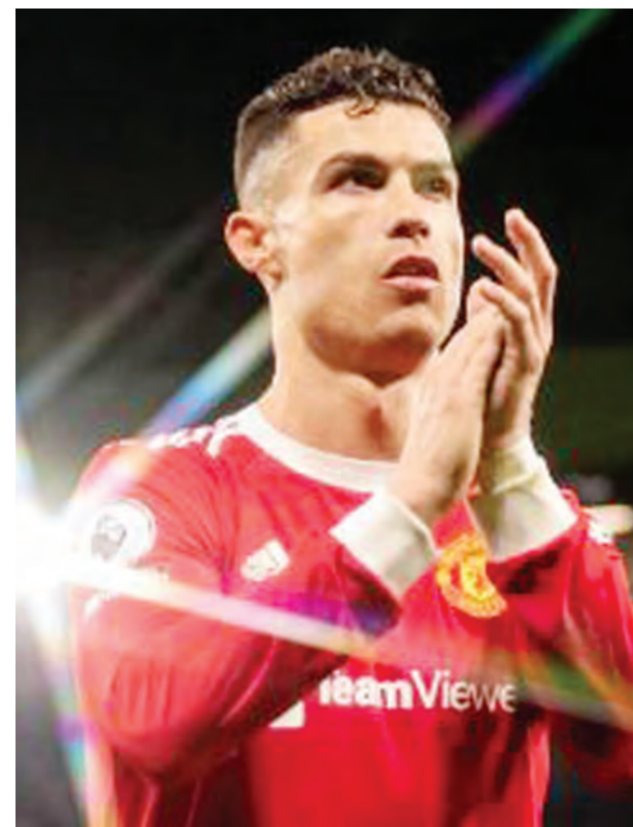
cho and Marcus Rashford the freedom to play to their strengths in the final third and, at 37, he simply does not have the legs to press opposition defenders and play the important role of being his team's first line of defence. As a consequence, United concede too much space and possession to opponents and are therefore more vulnerable to being attacked -- 56 goals conceded in 37 league games underlines that theory.

All of the above are valid observations. A year after finishing second in the Premier League with 73 goals scored, United are now bracing themselves for a final-day battle with West Ham for the dubious distinction of finishing sixth, and avoiding a place in next season's Europa Conference League, having so far netted just 57 goals this season -- only eight more than their all-time lowest return of 49 goals in a full campaign.

But are United really enduring one of their worst seasons in living memory because they brought Cristiano Ronaldo back, or has the Portugal captain actually saved them from an even worse campaign simply by scoring the goals to keep them high enough in the table to still have a chance of qualifying for the Europa League?

Statistically at least, Ronaldo has more than justified his presence in the team and his numbers certainly do not point to him being a problem that United can do without.

He has scored 18 Premier League goals in 30 appearances and registered three assists, but with an xG of 17.59 and xA of 2.04, Ronaldo has outperformed both metrics. Some might argue that he has done that at the expense of those around him, but other data



Cristiano Ronaldo's goal contributions have been critical for Manchester United this season, without which the club's record would be dismally poor. (Agencies)

discounts that. Ronaldo has a 50% success rate in tackling, better than all of his fellow forwards apart from Anthony Elanga, with Rashford (29.4%), Sancho (28.6), and Edinson Cavani (10) well adrift of Ronaldo's numbers. Elanga

also has a rate of 50%.

In terms of ball recoveries, only Sancho (112) has a better rate among the forwards than Ronaldo, who has registered 52. Elanga (49), Rashford (44), and Cavani (22) all have fewer than Ronaldo, albeit from

fewer minutes on the pitch.

Ronaldo was obviously not signed by United to win the ball back -- he was recruited to give the team a reliable goal scorer who could make the difference in the penalty box -- but his work rate off the ball is a significant issue in that he can't be expected to stroll around while others do the work. Nevertheless, his numbers are still better than most of his fellow forwards.

His statistics when out of possession could be better, but he is clearly not abandoning those responsibilities in favour of saving himself for the moments when he can put the ball in the net. But if he was signed to be United's focal point and proven goal scorer, how has he measured up against the Premier League's best? The truth is that he has done well and out-performed the majority of his rivals for the Golden Boot.

Only Mohamed Salah (22) and Heung-Min Son (21) have scored more Premier League goals than Ronaldo this season. He is unlikely to top the charts, but if he scores twice against Palace, it would be an impressive achievement to break the 20-goal bar-

rier at 37 while playing in the worst United team of the Premier League era.

Salah's overall numbers are testament to the Liverpool forward's status as one of the world's top forwards, with the Egypt international also registering 13 assists, from an xA of just 7.33. In terms of xG, though, Salah is slightly under-performing at 23.44.

Tottenham forward Son, with 21 goals and 7 assists, is enjoying a remarkable season by significantly outperforming his xG (14.22) and xA (5.44). Spurs teammate Harry Kane, with 16 goals and eight assists, is underperforming his xG (19.28) but outperforming his xA (5.07).

If United had been told, when he signed, that Ronaldo would outscore Kane and outperform his own xG and xA, the club would have expected to be on course for a successful season and perhaps win a first trophy since 2017. But unfortunately for United, while Ronaldo has delivered, the majority of his teammates haven't.

So where would United be without Ronaldo? They're not in a great place with him, but it would be so much worse without him.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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## Pablo: It may be impossible for Simba SC to reduce points gap with Yanga



Simba SC players (L-R) Jimmyson Mwanuke, Pape Ousmane Sakho, Yusuph Mhili, Gadiel Michael, and Peter Banda, jubilate after Mhili had scored a goal in the 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) last eight's match against Mwanza's Pamba FC that took place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

**S**IMBA SC head coach Pablo Franco Martin has made another honest admission, stating that it might be impossible for his side to close the gap to Yanga with only seven games remaining in this season's NBC Premier League.

The Msimbazi Reds are trailing runaway leaders Yanga by 11 points as the league campaign enters the home stretch.

Speaking to the press ahead of today's big game between Simba SC and Azam FC, opened up on the difficulties of chasing the Jangwani Street side.

Martin also praised Azam FC and noted he expects a tough battle against them in a game that is crucial for both sides.

Azam FC is looking to cement the third spot to avoid falling out of continental club tournaments' contention via the league route.

Martin said: "It is an attractive game, second versus the third teams on the table. They have a very good team, good professionals with Tanzanian players, good young talents, and a good coach who I think is bringing a lot of freshness."

The tactician stated: "They are now changing some things that they had when we faced them in the first leg and Mapinduzi Cup but they are a good team, a team that can play good football, can create chances and score goals so we

need to play at our best tomorrow if we want to get anything from the game."

"We wanted to train on an artificial pitch and yesterday was training but we just went for a walk, there is no time for more. We need to recover but we don't have too much time to prepare for this game."

Martin noted: "The most important thing is to choose the players who are going to be fresh and the ones who are mentally ready for this battle. It is going to be a tough battle

for both teams."

The coach added: "No information in advance to the opponents when we are playing crucial games. You will see tomorrow but we are still missing many players just like in the last game. You will see some of them will be ready for tomorrow, some won't be ready."

"I continue saying we will keep fighting in every single game even if we don't have the chance to become champions. This is what Simba needs to do

as a club and it is what our fans deserve."

"I have had the same speech for the last six or seven weeks, it is almost impossible, it is increasingly becoming difficult with every passing day because Yanga is not making many mistakes."

"They have dropped some points and I am sure they are going to continue to do so, that means we need to keep fighting but they are also going to win games."

The coach stated: "They have a good advantage, this is the reality, I always say, I am not coming here to lie to anyone. It is very difficult, we are going to keep fighting."

"We have a game, we have to respect our club, our fans and it is a nice game to play and we will try to win the three points to keep the race."

"This is not about hope, this is about being realistic. We are going to fight until the end. I hope to win every game and get three points but I don't care what the other side does."

The gaffer disclosed: "To be honest, I didn't watch Yanga play against Dodoma Jiji FC, I was watching the Azam FC game, analyzing our last game, double-checking our game against Azam FC in Mapinduzi Cup and league."

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## Women tennis team to feature in Billie Jean King Cup next month

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's women's tennis team is expected to depart for Montenegro early next month to compete in the Billie Jean King Cup tournament.

This year's Billie Jean King Cup tournament is the 59th edition of the women's tennis tournament.

Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) president Dennis Makoi said the team is expected to depart for the tournament on June 6.

He said preparations for the trip are going on very well and he mentioned the players who will make the trip as Naitoti Singo, Aurelia Mushi, Barbara Mollel, and Edna John.

Former national tennis team player, Rehema Athuman, will be a leader of the delegation and head coach.

Makoi noted: "All preparations for the trip to Montenegro for this year's edition of Billie Jean King Cup are going on very well."

"All players are undergoing training at their respective clubs but at the end of this month they will all come together for inhouse camp," he said.

The TTA president said he is confident that the team will do well as most of the players in the camp competed at the just ended ITF/CAT East African Junior Teams Championship in Rwanda.

Tanzania was represented by 12 players who competed in the U-12 and U-16 categories of the showdown and ended third.

The countries which competed at the Rwanda showdown are Burundi, Comoros, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and hosts Rwanda.

Rwanda was the overall winner while Kenya ended up as runner-up



Junior runners participate in the recent East and Central Africa Junior Athletics Championships which took place in Dar es Salaam.

## EA Junior Athletics Championships set for this month's end

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE East and Central Africa Junior Athletics Championships (EAAR) will be held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam at the end of this month, Athletics Tanzania (AT) announced yesterday.

The EAAR Championships were supposed to be held at the same venue last week but were postponed in the eleventh hour after the main sponsors, World Athletics (WA), had failed to release the money for the championships.

Jackson Ndaweka, AT secretary-general, said the EAAR Championships will be held from May 27-28 at the venue and one day later, there will be an EAAR executive committee meeting.

He said the championships will be held after WA had released the money for footing the championships' expenses and AT has started the process of communicating with EAAR member states on the new dates.

"It's now official that the EAAR Championships will be held on May 27-28 at Benja-

min Mkapa Stadium," Ndaweka stated in his short message.

The dates coincidentally collide with the National Championships but, in the previous interview, Ndaweka said AT leadership will convene a meeting to discuss the new dates for the National Championships.

The AT official's statement suggested that the National Championships will probably be held a week after EAAR Championships. Zanzibar Athletics Association (ZAAA) president Abulhakim Cosmas Chasama confirmed to have

received communication from AT on the new dates for the EAAR Championships and said they will send athletes in both categories.

"Our counterparts (AT) have communicated to us that the EAAR Championships which were postponed last week will be held at end of this month," Chasama disclosed.

"AT has even sent us a message from EAAR showing that the sponsorship money has been released, we will send strong teams which are capable of winning medals," he said.

## African Sports admit to facing difficult time

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

THE 2021/22 Championship League's African Sports Club leadership has revealed the outfit has this year faced many challenges that have made the season a difficult spell.

Despite the club starting well in the Championship, it later faced a series of losses that frustrated its efforts to excel in the showdown.

African Sports is now placed 13th in the Championship out of 16 outfits battling it out in it.

The outfit secretary-general Hatibu disclosed to The Guardian that since the beginning of the Championship League, the squad experienced several challenges compared to its participation in the previous season when the showdown was termed as First Division League.

"Frankly speaking this year our outfit has endured a lot of challenges but the team's management is setting all preparations for next year's Championship League," Hatibu stated.

One of the African Sports technical bench's officials who opted for anonymity earlier stated that the squad suffers some challenges but financial challenge happens to be the major hindrance.

African Sports' head coach Kessy Abdallah recently noted that optimism for the squad to secure promotion to the 2022/23 NBC Premier League vanished because the side is strapped for cash.

The tactician asked well-wishers and entrepreneurs to support them.

"The team is not stable financially that is why we're not doing well, we need more support from well-wishers and donors," Abdallah said.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

