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Gye Shul Park (3rd-R), President and CEO of South Korea's Shin Rolling Stock Technology Ltd, briefs Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa on the assembling of Standard Gauge Railway motor coaches meant for Tanzania Railways Corporation when the PM visited the firm's workshop yesterday. Photo: PMO

DAWASA starts rationing water as supply drops by nearly a half

By Guardian Reporter

RATIONING of water has started in Dar es Salaam City and Coast Region as the usual supply of 520m litres per hour dropped to 460 litres, and in the past few weeks declined to 300m litres.

Amos Makalla, the city regional commissioner who doubles up as chairman of the defence and security committee, yesterday attributed the rationing to decline of the water level in Upper and Lower Ruvu sources due to drought.

The Dar es Salaam Water Sewerage Authority (DAWASA) which serves customers

covered by Upper and Lower Ruvu sources, says that water flow has decreased by 64 percent.

Earlier, the two water sources were releasing 466m litres per hour but the rate has slid to 300m litres, the RC noted, noting that his remarks cover the three regions along with Morogoro and Coast regions.

"Water levels have drastically gone down at both sources. They are both producing 300 million litres per hour for the previous 466 million litres. Customers in the two regions will experience water shortage."

The situation is made worse by delays

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TCRA: Internet use, mobile cash transactions on the rise

By Guardian Reporter

STATISTICS for the first quarter of 2022/2023 shows a 6.7 per cent increase in the number of internet users to 31.1m in September from 29.9m in June.

Dr Jabir Bakari, director general for the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) said when releasing the report yesterday that mobile financial transactions rose from 349.9bn to 366.1bn during the period, mobile money accounts rising from 38m to 39.6m in the same period.

Briefing journalists, he said a 17 per cent yearly growth is evident for internet use in the past five years, as in 2017 there were 16.1m internet users and by the end of 2021 the figure stood at 29.1m users.

He said that growth in the sector relates to government efforts to



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ensure an enabling environment for investors, services providers and consumers.

Recent government initiatives to improve performance in the sector include reviewing policy guidelines and regulations in the sector, he stated.

"A lot has been done to make sure the sector performs well," he said, citing policy interventions plus setting up digital clubs at secondary schools, thus promoting internet use.

Among users of social networks, Facebook leads by recording 2.59 GB of data time purchased, followed by YouTube with 1.91 GB. WhatsApp (1.58 GB) and TikTok with 999m bytes.

A 3.4 per cent increase in mobile phone by lines registered was noticed, as by last month 58.1m lines

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Board projects sugar surplus by 2025/2026

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

MONEY spent on importing sugar can be used in expanding capacity and production in various industries, the responsible board is persuaded.

Prof Kenneth Bengesi, the Sugar Board of Tanzania director general, said at a media briefing yesterday on the work of the board for the current financial year, that

the board expects production to rise to 750,000 tonnes by 2025/26 through collaboration with the private sector.

He said expansion of sugar factories would facilitate wider economic growth via job creation, with the government embarking on initiatives to enable expansion of industries, by inviting more investors into the sector.

Upon achieving the target, the country will have enough capacity for local consumption and export, he said, noting that sugar production stands at 380,000 metric tonnes and is pegged at 440,000 tonnes, meanwhile as sugar industries are being expanded.

There is a new facility, the

Bagamoyo Sugar Co. which has also started production, he said, highlighting plans to increase production at the new Mkulazi industry in Morogoro.

Moves are also at hand to start the production of industrial sugar for local use as it is now being imported, he said, noting that currently 205,000 tonnes in use is imported, where \$150m (more than 300bn/-) is used to import industrial and domestic sugar.

"Money used to import sugar is enough to expand available industries," he said, insisting that there was little reason to keep importing sugar.

Praising the government for creating a conducive environment for local investors now playing a key role in capacity improvement, he said this drive is being boosted by foreign investors.

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Zanzibar's First Vice President, Othman Masoud Othman (R), has an audience with Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Stergomena Tax in Zanzibar yesterday. She went to introduce herself following her recent appointment. Photo: ZFVPO

1.7m Std IV pupils lined up for national assessment exam today

688,667 Form II students to sit for exams too

By Guardian Reporter

A TOTAL of 1,716,057 pupils have been registered to sit for standard four national assessment examination today.

Athumani Amasi, the acting executive secretary for the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the number of candidates has increased by 2.04 per cent compared with last year.

Last year there were 1,681,791 candidates, thus an increase of 34,266 candidates or 2.04 per cent,

he said, cautioning those thinking of conducting any kind of cheating, as stern measures will be taken against them.

Boys sitting for exam number 846,380 or 49.32 per cent of the total and 869,677 candidates are girls, or 50.68 per cent, he stated, noting that 5,468 candidates have special needs, with 905 having sight difficulties. About 103 are blind, while 1,159 have hearing difficulties, 1,496 have physical disabilities and 1,805 live with mental problems.

Meanwhile Form II students

will also be sitting for the national form two assessment exams, Amasi said a total of 688,667 candidates were registered to do the, out of who 322,514 are boys, equivalent to 46.83 per cent and 366,153 girls, equivalent to 53.17 per cent.

"There are 1,128 candidates with special needs, out of who 475 have poor sights, 79 are blind, 302 have hearing difficulties and 272 with physical disabilities," he said.

Last year 652,611 students were registered for these exams, this year having an increase of 35,056 candidates or 5.52 per cent, he said.

Preparations for the STD IV and Form II examinations are finished, with supervision of exams entrusted to regional administrations and local councils. All procedures must be observed, the NECTA chieftain appealed.

All appointed invigilators need to supervise exams professionally, abiding by the laid down regulations, he said.

"NECTA appeals to all head teachers, ward education coordinators and school operators not to ingratiate themselves into any kind of cheating," he added.

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in rain, he said, referring to expectations that the situation would normalise this month, but rains have delayed in most parts of the country.

"We were expecting the end of year rains (Vuli) to begin this month as its water usually fill the Ruvu River, but the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) indicates that most regions will experience long dry periods compared to previous years," he said.

The regional authorities and DAWASA were doing everything to ensure that the availability of water is effectively used, cautioning those contravening regulations on the careful of water.

Impounding water from a main source was henceforth prohibited, he stated, but declined to say if commercial car washing with hoses was being halted.

He appealed to residents in the three regions to use available water effectively as the government was

working on other means to address the situation.

He directed that the Kigamboni water source which has the capacity for 70m litres per hour should be placed on an operational basis within a week.

"We expect a lot from this project as it will help residents of Kigamboni and those in the city centre to access quality water," he stated, citing calls from Kigamboni residents complaining of water shortages.

The water table has decreased by more than a third to 64 percent of normal capacity, which invites water rationing to remain sustainable, he said, urging information campaigns among residents of Dar es Salaam, Coast and Morogoro regions on best practices of water use so that the majority of the people access water on a regular basis.

Back in November last year, DAWASA announced water rationing in Dar es Salaam and some parts of Coast Region, citing reduced water flow at the sources.

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were registered compared to 56.2m lines in June, the report indicated.

Dar es Salaam region had 9.7m registered lines, Mwanza following with 3.7m, Arusha (3.4m), Mbeya (3.08m) and Tabora (93.06m).

The average cost for voice mail bundles for service providers was 78/- per minute last month from 77/- in June. Calls to other telecommunication service providers stood at 8.1/- per minute last month from 7.6/- in June, he added.

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Sudan names new military chief for strife-hit Blue Nile

KHARTOUM

The new chief comes a day after eyewitnesses reported that crowds of thousands protested in front of army headquarters in the state capital Damazin, accusing the government of failing to protect them, with the local university suspending work.

Army spokesman Nabil Abdallah, announcing Monday a new commander for the southern Blue Nile state, said the military had ordered a committee to "evaluate the security situation".

Blue Nile, which borders South Sudan and Ethiopia, is awash with guns and is still struggling to rebuild after decades of civil war, with over 300 people killed in recent months.

Sudan has been grappling with deepening political unrest and a spiralling economic crisis since last year's military coup led by army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan.

A surge in ethnic violence in recent months has highlighted the security breakdown since the coup.

On Sunday, thousands of protesters demanded the resignation of state governor Ahmed al-Omda Badi, with eyewitnesses reporting the crowd "tried to enter the army headquarters" before "setting fire to the state government building."

Badi declared a state of emergency on Friday to quell some of the worst fighting in recent months.

On Monday, Blue Nile University in Damazin announced "the suspension of classes and exams" due to "unfortunate events."

At least two hundred people were killed in two days of fighting last week, official media said Saturday after clashes broke out over reported land disputes between members of the Hausa people and rival groups.

The violence follows clashes earlier this year between the same groups in the Blue Nile, leaving at least 149 people killed and 65,000 displaced from July to early October, according to the United Nations.

The Hausa have mobilised across Sudan, claiming they were discriminated against for owning land in the Blue Nile because they were the last group to arrive there.

Access to land is highly sensitive in impoverished countries, where agriculture and livestock account for 43 percent of employment and 30 percent of GDP, according to UN and World Bank statistics.

Nearly 600 people have been killed and at least 211,000 forced to flee their homes in inter-communal conflicts across the country since January, according to the UN.

AGENCIES



Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) executive director Dr Respicious Boniface speaks at a Spinal Bifida and Hydrocephalus anniversary event held at the Dar es Salaam-based specialised medical facility yesterday. With him are Dr Lemeru Mchome (L) and Dr Orest Mushi. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

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Fadhilli Juma Ngogota as seen in the photo above is reportedly wanted by the police following allegations of immoral behaviour. On 2/7/2022, police no BU6/RB/3520/2022 was revealed and he is no where to be found. Anyone who has useful information that could assist to his arrest please report to your nearest police station. For more information wapije 0715160737

SADC reiterates call to lift Zimbabwe sanctions

By Guardian Reporter

THE Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) has called for the unconditional and immediate lifting of sanctions imposed on Zimbabwean individuals and institutions.

In a statement, SADC chairperson Felix Tshisekedi who is also President of the Democratic Republic of Congo said the regional bloc was deeply concerned at the claim that the sanctions are of a 'targeted nature' and are aimed at unilaterally punishing a few individuals.

"The reality is that there is a spill-

over and contagion effect on the rest of the country, in particular by imposing a blanket negative perception about Zimbabwe across the world, in particular in the sensitive global financial markets," said Tshisekedi. According to SADC, this perception results in the country being unable to attract much needed foreign direct investment, lines of credit, and other financial services that are essential to the socio-economic development of the country.

He said this was more concerning given the need for rapid global

recovery from at least two years of the socially and economically crippling COVID-19 pandemic which has now been compounded by a general rise in inflation across the world.

"Zimbabwe, like most developing countries, is particularly vulnerable to these trends and the unilateral sanctions worsen the plight of her economy," he said.

President Tshisekedi said SADC is committed to the consolidation of democracy in Southern Africa and elsewhere in the world.

"Zimbabwe is expected to hold

regular national elections in mid-2023. In this context, SADC appeals to those who have imposed sanctions on Zimbabwe to give space to the citizens of the country to exercise their democratic rights and not use sanctions as a covert mechanism to effect regime change," he added.

He said SADC is also committed to the spirit of multilateralism, in this regard, notes that sanctions imposed against a fellow nation in the family of humanity must be made in accordance with international law.

In this context the chairman said

SADC welcomes the Report of the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights, Alena Douhan, on her visit to Zimbabwe which recommended lifting unilateral sanctions in line with the principles of international law.

The Congolese leader said SADC fully supports the conclusion of the Special Rapporteur that sanctions, including secondary sanctions, and different forms of over-compliance by foreign banks and companies have had a significant impact on the population and the government, exacerbating pre-existing economic and humanitarian challenges.



Barrick Gold human resources superintendent Renatus Malawa makes remarks during an East Africa HR symposium held in Arusha city with Barrick sponsorship. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TPA contributes 29m/- for building Z'bar fish market

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

TANZANIA ports Authority (TPAS) has contributed 20m/- towards the construction work of Fumba fish market in Zanzibar that had been delayed after those who had pledged to assist did not do so. Addressing reporters here yesterday, the chairman of the preparatory committee of Zanzibar blue economy club championship 2022, Abdallah Idriss Majura said the assistance has been used for the purchase

of roofing sheets that were badly needed, wood, nails and bricks as well as paying builders. He said TPA has provided the assistance as return of thanks to Zanzibaris who have been using their ports for travelling or in the transport of their cargoes from the Mainland to Zanzibar. "I take this opportunity to thank TPA and its director general, Plasduce Mbossa for the big assistance as we were stuck in our project and I believe that only a few things still remain in regard to

the completion of the Fumba fish market. Majura also expressed his dismay to those who had pledged to assist towards the project but did not do so, saying they gave their pledges in the presence of Zanzibar president Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi at the commemoration of the first anniversary of Abeid Amani Karume International Airport. He said a Zanzibar businessman, apart from the assistance he provided to the last year

anniversary, also pledged 10m/- which they planned to develop the Fumba fish market, the pledge that was not met. "I like to use the occasion to tell or those in doubt that all the assistance pledged to us were not given," Majura said. He said he cannot mention the names of those who pledged assistance because they did not do so in writing. He also thanked the Bakhressa Group of companies for providing gravel for construction.

Zanzibar govt to execute Tanzania malaria case management project

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Zanzibar government is set to implement the Tanzania Malaria Case Management (TMCM) project starting next year, a move which is aimed to make the isle free from the tropical deadly disease by 2027. In an interview, Nassoro Mazrui, Minister for Health in Zanzibar said the new programme comes after the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) has just ended, registering a remarkable success in reducing malaria below 1 per cent.

Mazrui said the project will accelerate the struggle to make the island free from malaria, with great hopes to extend to the mainland. "We have drastically reduced malaria cases in the past decade, thanks to multiple interventions including public education, insecticide spraying and the use of treated bed nets that have helped prevent the deaths of pregnant women and children under the age. The minister said there is a great opportunity to explore the use of mosquito control tools beyond bed nets and spraying alongside social and behaviour change interventions to help address the identified gaps in malaria prevention that occur after dark

In Tanzania mainland, the prevalence of malaria infection in residents remains high and travel between the two is very common. The entire population of Tanzania mainland is considered at risk for malaria, although transmission varies significantly among and within regions.

93 percent of the population in mainland live in malaria transmission areas. Around six million cases of the disease were confirmed in Tanzania as of 2020. Tanzania is among the ten countries with the highest malaria cases and deaths, accounting for 3 per cent of the global cases and deaths, and 4.1% of global deaths in 2020. It also accounted for 12.8 per cent.

The target of Tanzania's national

malaria strategy is to reduce the case fatality rate in patients admitted due to malaria from 3 per cent in 2012 to less than 1 per cent in 2020 of malaria cases in East and Southern Africa in 2020).

Between 2017 and 2020, case incidence decreased 2.8 per cent from 124 to 120 per 1000 of the population at risk; however, deaths increased by 32 per cent (from 0.42 to 0.43 per 1000 of the population at risk) during the same period.

The target of Tanzania's national malaria strategy is to reduce the case fatality rate in patients admitted due to malaria from 3 per cent in 2012 to less than 1 percent in 2020.

Recently, the Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) recommended to malaria researchers in tropical countries including Tanzania to start thinking of novel approaches towards reduction to zero malaria cases and deaths.

The Researcher at IHI, Dr Brian Tarimo said that the move aims to save nearly US \$ 3.0 billion annually spent in control and elimination that can be channelled for other purposes. He said the world is possible with the use of genetically modified mosquitoes (hybrid) as an additional tool to control malaria mosquitoes in the country.

Current interventions such as bed nets lose their efficacy after some time and have to be replaced.

The 2020 world malaria report indicates that there were almost 229 million cases of malaria in 2019, with around 94 per cent of these cases occurring in Africa.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Updating of the ILO Country Office Dar es salaam Inventory Records

INTRODUCTION:

Asset management is the process of making best use of an organisation's properties in order to maximise shareholder value and to provide the best possible returns to other stakeholders in the organisation. All organisations have a range of assets. These include highly fixed assets, such as buildings and plant equipment, vehicles, furniture and fittings. It is important for a business to manage its assets and make them work to obtain the best possible returns. Ineffective asset management leads to wasted resources. It is in this regards, ILO Country Office Dar es salaam would like to update its Asset Register database (INI) and Asset tracking sheet to enable the office to monitor the acquisition and disposal of several pounds worth of its Office and Development Cooperation projects properties.

Project managers are responsible for taking due care of all Furniture and Equipment allocated to their project. They are expected to maintain physical inventory records, to conduct an annual physical count, to report the outcomes of that count, provide an associated statement of value of the Furniture and Equipment items concerned and to ensure that such items are eventually disposed of using the appropriate internal procedure. However, due to limitations of staff to access the building due to COVID pandemic, that could make the physical asset counts difficult or impossible. It is in this regards that technical expertise has been requested to support in updating of the existing Inventory Management system (INI) as required by the financial rules to provide updated information on the existing inventory, status and values for financial reporting purposes for 2022 Financial Year.

The purpose of assignment is as follows:

- To facilitate the physical control and security of these assets.
- To provide information and values for insurance and financial accounting purposes.
- To provide information on the existing inventory and current values for end of year financial reporting purposes.
- To facilitate 2022 Annual physical count report and provision of detailed statistical information e.g., Numbers, current location, etc.

The criteria for inclusion in the Asset Register database (INI) are as follows:

- All Land and Buildings are added to the Premises Register.
- All Vehicles financed by Regular budget.
- Equipment financed by Regular budget with a purchase price (exclusive of VAT) of \$ 5,000 or more but may include items costing less where they are considered to be attractive and portable.
- Furniture and all moveable furniture financed by regular budget, with keys and locks

Due to the confidentiality of the financial information, the expert will work closely with the ILO Administration team, and they will not allow to take out of premises any task or information provided to them to implement their tasks. The office will provide equipment facilities and space to work on.

TASK TO BE PERFORMED

- To clear the old library space by sorting and packing all old publications, files, and papers in a library.
- Remove sorted publications, files, and papers and to the achieve room in a sequential manner.
- Physical counting of all the Inventory in ILO Country Office, Dar es salaam.
- Updating the existing Inventory listings as per the ILO Asset Management tracking sheet clearly indicating their status and the officer assigned.
- Ensure that all assets are assigned the ILO unique inventory tag number including the new assets.
- Updating and entering all project properties details into Asset Management tracking sheets regardless of purchasing price (See Annex A)
- Provide fair value (estimate value) of trackable assets without purchase values.
- Provide separate list of assets per location (Office) clearly indicating items that are in use / not in use and their current physical status.
- Remove assets in a sequency manner, especially those that are obsolete or not in use to the cleared location (Library).
- Assign and attach on the door Asset card to each office signed by the individual on that location

OUTPUT

- Physical Inventory Report as at 31/11/2022
- List of Inventory per office
- Final report outlining findings and recommendations

TIME FRAME:

This work will take place within one month from **01 November – 30 November 2022**

REMUNERATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The Consultant will be paid an all-inclusive amount on completion of the work to the satisfaction of the ILO.

QUALIFICATIONS

The consultant should have a working experience in accounting and related career of at least two years. Knowledge on IPSAS Requirement as well as a previous experience in reviewing asset records and transactions of International Organizations, including UN Agencies and ILO, is an added advantage.

The below Link refers to the same TOR on the ILO website.

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NMB Bank donates 22m/- worth of furniture to five schools in Mtwara

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank PLC has donated furniture including desks, chairs and tables worth 22m/- to three primary and two secondary schools located in Nanyamba district, Mtwara region.

The donated items were handed over by NMB southern zone manager, Janeth Shango yesterday to Mtwara district commissioner, Dunstan Kyobya at Dinyecha Primary School.

The furniture will be distributed to the three primary schools including Kiwengulo, Mibobo and Dinyecha and Mnima and Nitekela secondary schools, all from Nanyamba district council.

Speaking shortly after receiving the donated items, the Dinyecha primary school head teacher Shafii Abdallah Moto, whose school received 50 desks, said that the donated items will help the challenge of shortage of desks among his students adding that the

school needs a total of 205 desks for its 594 students.

"We are grateful to NMB Bank for donating 50 desks to our school and we believe that apart from reducing the deficiency gap, these desks will create a more conducive learning environment for our students," said Moto.

The Mtwara district commissioner, Dunstan Kyobya during the event said that Nanyamba District has 67 primary schools with a deficit of 1044 desks to cover its total demand of 8167 desks.

"We are as grateful for the donation as we believe it will go a long way in increasing the district's desks' deficit gaps," Kyobya said.

Kyobya added that his district needs 4,687 chairs and tables in its 12 secondary schools adding that it has been facing a shortage of 150 chairs and 150 tables adding that the bank's donation comes on time and will help address the challenge of the shortage of desks.

Earlier, the NMB southern region

manager, Janeth Shango said her bank through its Corporate Social Investment (CSI) strategy supports various development initiatives in sectors that include education, health and emergencies.

Shango noted that the education sector is one of its priority areas because of its contribution to the country's development.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sixth phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan for its commitment towards the development of the education sector. As partners, we will continue working with the government to create a conducive learning environment," she added.

Yumna Ramadhani, a grade six student at the event thanked NMB Bank for its contribution towards the school adding that the bank's donation will help ease congestion.

"We are grateful to NMB Bank, we have been so congested and this could not allow us to write well," he said.



Mtwara district commissioner Dunstan Kyobya (2nd-R) pictured at the weekend symbolically receiving 22m/- worth of furniture from the NMB Bank Plc's Southern Zone manager, Janeth Shango. It was support by the bank meant for five schools in the district: 120 desks to three primary schools as well as 100 tables and chairs to two secondary schools. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Beatrice Philemon

KILWA Masoko Primary Court in Kilwa District, Lindi Region, has embarked on a programme to educate people on children's rights, laws as well as the responsibility of parents and guardians in preventing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) against women and girls.

Resident Magistrate at the Kilwa Masoko Primary Court, Beatrice Misiaga made the remarks recently at an event to mark the International Day of the Girl Child that was organised by ActionAid in collaboration with Tumaini Jipiyakwa Wanawake Kilwa (TUJIWAKI).

"We have a special radio programme that raise awareness to the community on various issues related to the law of the child, child rights and the responsibilities of parents and guardians. People are allowed to ask questions and give opinions that would help in the fighting against GBV and broaden their understanding of the laws," she said.

Misiaga noted that the knowledge and skills that villagers gained from the court's staff have helped to improve their understanding on

Court embarks on programme to educate public on children's rights

children rights and the law. She said that more people are now seeking legal assistance at the court depending on the types of challenges they face.

The primary and district courts are now receiving a number of GBV cases relating to matrimonial, child maintenance and child protection, said Masiaga.

Before the primary court intervention, majority of women in the district were not aware that the court is the only institution which has mandate to break marriage and issue court order of divorce.

"We are glad that through the court we have been able to able to resolve conflicts in communities, enable women and children to enjoy their rights. A number of people have managed to resolve their cases relating to matrimonial, GBV and children care," she said.

TUJIWAKI chairperson, Theodora Mkundi noted that apart from radio programmes, they have been able to provide training on children's rights and GBV to students in both primary

and secondary schools.

"We are collaborating with ActionAid in Kilwa, courts, police gender desk, religious leaders, social welfare officers, village leaders, primary and secondary teachers to create awareness on children's rights, GBV issues and legal aid education," said Mkundi.

She added: "We are proud of that, women are now aware of GBV issues, they can report such cases to the responsible authorities and perpetrators are taken to court. This was not the case in the past, thanks to ActionAid Kilwa for their support through the Kilwa local rights programme that is being implemented in the district.

According to her, ActionAid Kilwa has since 2017 been creating awareness on GBV in its various forms and how to report the same to authorities such as police, land council, social welfare offices and courts.

TUJIWAKI was officially established in 2017 and has a total of more than 520 members in 14 wards.

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation yesterday announced a series of initiatives and a call for proposals to advance locally-led innovations that support works by scientists and researchers in developing economies.

A statement released by the foundation said the announcement was made at the Grand Challenges Annual Meeting.

This year's meeting focuses on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, which highlighted the need for high-impact R&D platforms, partnerships, and policies that effectively bridge the gap between innovation and equitable access. The meeting brings together researchers from around the world to share work, learn about cutting-edge advances in the healthcare field, and collaborate with other investigators.

"Health equity shouldn't just be a statement of why we do this work.

Gates Foundation pledges support to promote home-grown sciences

It should guide us on how we do it," said Kedest Tesfagiorgis, deputy director of Global Partnerships & Grand Challenges at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "When we support locally led innovation, we maximize impact by bringing different kinds of knowledge and perspectives to the fore."

As part of the Grand Challenges Global Call to Action, a 10-year initiative announced at last year's meeting to help ensure scientists and institutions in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) play a central role in shaping the global R&D agenda, the foundation announced two new Grand Challenges initiatives:

Pathogen Genomic Surveillance and Immunology in Asia: This is an invitation for proposals from investigators in South and Southeast

Asia to design and pilot a genomic surveillance programme or develop capacity for immunology and immune sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 to inform the epidemic response. Up to \$300,000 per year for up to two years will be available for each project, with potential additional funding for projects that include a focus on monoclonal antibody discovery.

Building Data Modeling Capacity for Gender Equality: This is an invitation for proposals from investigators in low- and middle-income countries for projects aimed at addressing disparities and gaps affecting women and girls in health. This initiative is focused on innovative approaches to modeling that advance gender equality. Each project will receive up to \$500,000 over one to three years.



Tigo Tanzania Devices manager Imelda Edward shows journalists a smartphone of the Xiaomi Redmi A1 Plus make shortly after launching it in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Right is the Xiaomi Tanzania retail manager Alex Katagira. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Councils called upon to speed up projects as cash lies idle in banks

By Guardian Reporter

COUNCILS implementing national government-funded development projects have been urged to speed up as it emerged that some works have either stalled or going on at a snail's pace as funds lie in bank accounts.

This follows a visit by Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office (Environment) Dr Switbert Mkama to Nzega District Council in Tabora Region where he expressed dissatisfaction with implementation of Reversing Land Degradation and promoting Food Security (LDFS) project.

A statement released yesterday by Vice President's Office said Dr Mkama was shocked with slow speed of the work due to the fact that funds have already been released by the government to all district councils that implement the project, including Nzega. "The use of funds in this project is not satisfactory at all; for the year 2022/23, Nzega has been allocated 2.3bn/- and out of that 467.6mn/- is in the bank account and it is supposed to be utilised by December this year," he said.

After he found a project of building a warehouse for harvesting rice to be stagnant, he asked the leadership of the council to evaluate its performance and gave officials seven days to prepare a work plan for the implementation of the work.

On the site, the contractor had not done the work as required because only the foundation was dug in the one month contract which started on October 1, 2022 and expected to be completed on October 30, 2022.

"It is impossible to complete the work in the remaining time; the contractor has not done any work for 23 days, but the council is silent, the director is silent, the district project coordinator is silent and does not take action," he said.

As a result, he directed the termination of the contract against the contractor as he has failed to

perform his duties and manage the contract with the council.

He asked the management of the council to evaluate themselves in their positions and immediately remove the district project coordinator because he failed to manage the project.

In addition, in another step, he asked the director of the council to take action against the Procurement Officer in the process of buying a rice threshing machine through the project, which allegedly does not meet the standards and is not in line with the actual price.

Dr Mkama said the machine seems to have been bought for 50mn/- which is above the actual price and directed the Office of the Auditor General of to be engaged in inspecting it.

Evance Chambo, Nzega District Administrative Secretary, said he had received the instructions and promised that the District Commissioner's office will fully supervise the implementation.

He said he will instruct the district project coordinator to provide implementation information every week to ensure it is implemented as planned to avoid such challenges.

Dr Mkama also visited other projects including the drilling of deep water wells in the villages of Bulende and Bulambukana, the beekeeping project in the village of Lyamalangwa where he congratulated villagers for showing enthusiasm in the project.

Accompanied by a team of experts from the VPO, they visited and inspected LDFS project in the districts of Magu (Mwanza), Nzega (Tabora) and Mkalama (Singida) where he gave instructions after encountering various challenges.

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Govt to train 3,000 primary health care providers for control of NCDs

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Government plans to provide training to 3,000 primary health providers to enable them to control non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in their areas.

Prof Paschal Ruggajo, the Director of Cure Services in the Ministry of Health made the remarks here on Monday this week in his opening speech at a training seminar that discussed on the prevention and control of NCDs Phase IV for service providers in four regions.

"One of existing strategic plans is to boost primary health services

by empowering 600 health centres by providing training to 3,000 health services providers in 26 mainland regions by December 2023," he said.

He said already 577 primary health services providers have been so empowered from 138 health centres in five regions in Phase I, II and III.

He further said the training expected to reach health services providers to boost the level in prevention and compatibility of the diseases starting from community to national level.

Valeria Millinda, the manager of the national plan for the

prevention of NCDs, mental health and accidents said the strategy is being implemented by adhering to priorities of the 2012 to 2021 strategic plan.

Millinda said the training in Phase I and II were conducted in December 2021 whereby a total of 33 health services providers from regional and local council levels in Dar es Salaam and Coast regions were empowered to 150 health services in 43 centres.

He said in Phase III 53 instructors from seven regions - Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Songwe, Dodoma, Singida, Kigoma and Lindi, and experts from district and regional hospitals level

were facilitated by the training from the Ministry of Health.

He said in regard to Phase IV whose training was launched two days ago here involves 400 health services providers from 94 health centres in four regions.

He named the regions as including Lindi, Kigoma, Dodoma and Songwe, and added that they plan to empower 68 instructors at regional level from 17 regions including Geita, Mwanza, Simiyu, Shinyanga, Kagera, Manyara and Tabora.

Others are Iringa, Mbeya, Njombe, Rukwa, Katavi, Ruvuma, Mtwara, Morogoro and Tanga.

PLAN INTERNATIONAL TANZANIA



Request for Proposals Consultancy services: Qualitative gender equality and inclusion assessment

RFP No. PIT/CO/10700905/FY23

- Plan International Tanzania is an International humanitarian child-centered development organization without religious, political or government affiliation. Plan's mission is to achieve lasting improvements in the quality of life of deprived children in developing countries through a process that unites people across cultures and adds meaning to their lives. Plan Tanzania has a physical presence and implements projects in the following Regions: Dar Es Salaam, Morogoro, Geita, Dodoma, Mwanza, Rukwa, Kigoma. Plan Tanzania also works with other stakeholders in various projects countrywide.
- Plan International Tanzania through Gender and Adolescent Girls' Responsive and Inclusive Health and rights project; Adolescent Girls' Health and Rights (VUMA) Project has set aside funds to conduct consultancy services for provision of qualitative gender equality and inclusion assessment in Tanzania. The Interested eligible bidders must confirm their intention to bid indicating all relevant contact information including an email address to tenders@plan-international.org Attn: Head of Procurement and Logistics. Bidding documents in the English language will be sent to interested bidders by email. Plan International Tanzania will not be held responsible for any costs related to printing or submission of the bid documents.
- Bidders are requested to submit Technical and Financial Proposals each be enclosed in a separate envelope and marked "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" respectively. The two envelopes shall then be enclosed in a single envelope.
- Bidders must submit the proposals in a sealed envelope by hand to: The Country Director, Plan International Tanzania, Plot no. 496 Mikocheni Light Industrial Area, P O Box 3517, Dar es Salaam before 17:00 Tuesday 14th November 2022, marked the respective RFP number. Not to be opened before 17:00 Tuesday 14th November 2022. Electronic and Late bids will be rejected.

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Plan International Tanzania
Central Technologies House
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27/11/2022

PLAN INTERNATIONAL TANZANIA



Request for Proposals for Supply and transportation of menstrual hygiene kits-Kibondo Kigoma region

RFQ No. PIT/FY23/CO/10701152

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- Plan International Tanzania has set aside funds through Play matters project and it is intended that part of the proceeds funds will be used to cover eligible payment to Supply and transportation of menstrual hygiene kits to Kibondo, Kigoma region.
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Draw up policy on ecological farming, farmers and makers of fertiliser ask govt

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

FARMERS and producers of organic fertiliser in Mbeya and Songwe regions have appealed to the government to formulate a policy to mobilise for ecological farming that will spur the use of organic fertilisers for the production of crops and help in environmental conservation.

The appeal was issued on Monday this week at a meeting by farmers and other stakeholders engaged in farming various crops during which they also discussed how ecological farming can help farmers to produce profitably and increase soil fertility.

Among the farmers who participated in the meeting, Tujolege Mwakisunga who engaged in rice farming at Ndobo Village in Kyela District said the government should have good systems in enhancing ecological farming that is beneficial to farmers after it was proven so during the last farming season.

Mwakisunga said farm inputs have spurred people to invent organic fertiliser by using manure and rice husks, hence, he added it is time for the government to support these efforts.

He said ecological farming through established rice demonstration farms has created hopes that the use of organic fertiliser produces more crop yields of high quality as compared to the use of industrial fertilisers.

Commenting, Benjamin Mwajumba, Mababu Ward Agriculture Officer in Kyela District said ecological farming has been profitable to farmers due to the high cost of modern fertilisers.

"We have been visited and educated by researchers from various government institutions and when farmers tried ecological farming, they found out it was very profitable, as apart from high crop yield, it revives soil fertility destroyed by toxic fertilisers," said Mwajumba.

An expert on the crops value chain from Agricultural Non State Actors Forum (ANSAF), Owen Nelson said that the research they did in the farming sector found that ecological farming was hugely beneficial compared to using industrial fertilisers.

"The only issue is for farmers to abide by expert advice in crops production as well as for the government to see the importance of formulating a policy in regard to boosting ecological farming to enable its recognition within and outside the country with the aim of capturing markets for farmers," he added.



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Rebecca Framp (L), Orca Energy's Group Office and Environmental Social and Governance manager, poses for a photo late last week with Songo Island pre-school children supported by PanAfrican Energy. She was out to inspect development projects funded by the firm. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

IAE to establish vocational training programme for adults

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Institute of Adult Education (IAE) is planning to establish a special programme of lessons for adults, vocational training and entrepreneurship for the Wahadzabe community through the Integrated Programme for Out-of-School Adolescents (IPOSA).

In addition, during 2021/22 the institute mobilised for the return to schools 3,333 girls who stopped with their secondary education due to various reasons.

The reasons include difficult learning environment, pregnancies or early child marriages for those

between 13 and 21 years of age, equivalent to 111 per cent of the target set for 131 centres served by 803 teachers.

This was revealed on Monday by IAE Director, Michael Ng'umbi when responding to reporters' questions soon after submitting his report regarding the implementation of various on adult education in the country.

He said through IPOSA project that is involved in providing education to adults, a special programme in Manyara Region has been organised for vocational training and entrepreneurship for everyone.

"The Wahadzabe are our fellow

Tanzanians and similar to other communities in the country hence they have the right to get services we provide through our institution through IPOSA," he said.

Regarding work done by the institution in FY 2021/22, he said they have organised themselves to conduct training in all its three campuses located in Dar es Salaam, Morogoro and Mwanza.

He further said a total of 8,093 students, 4,644 women and 3,449 men received the training.

He also said the institute registered 3,426 to the three IAE programmes for 2021/22 academic year.

He further said during the same period IAE prepared training curricula for teachers on adult education in vocational training and technology.

"In regard to FY 2022/23 IAE expects to continue in the implementation of this responsibility, including finalising training curriculum for adult education," he added.

He further said in 2021/2022 IAE received a total of 62 applications from stakeholders requesting registration in operating secondary education centres in Tanzania Mainland, and added that only 58 applicants had met registration criteria.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK (TANZANIA) LIMITED

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION 2022/05

DESIGNATION/POSITION: HEAD OF BRANCH OPERATIONS REF NO. 2022/05/1

This role incorporates contact with the Bank's customers through Customer Service, Service Quality, Cash Management and Managing the centralised back-office function, which includes Clearing and Fund Transfer.

Responsibilities:

- Assume responsibility of the Bank's service delivery for all bank customers.
- Develop new and improved Service Delivery Channels to ensure the Bank remains competitive.
- Put an MIS system that will enable continuous tracking of the department's performance, monitoring of customer satisfaction and provision of management reports.
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- Manage Bank's exposure to external and internal risks at the service delivery front, including adherence to procedures, optimum cash management within set limits, and physical security of bank staff and assets.
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- Prepare and present returns/reports for Bank of Tanzania and Management in relation to Bank Operations.
- To attend promptly to Customers queries and complaints.

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- Minimum of 5 years of experience in a banking industry.
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- A demonstrated commitment to high professional ethical standards and a diverse workplace.
- Proven leadership and people management skills.
- Full knowledge of BOT Legislations, Regulations and Guidelines and other compliance implications.

A competitive package will be offered depending on the experience and qualifications of successful applicant.

DESIGNATION/POSITION: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - REF NO. 2022/05/2

The Business Development Officer reports to the Business Development Manager.

Responsibilities:

- Co-ordinate with Branch Managers and Senior Management to develop strategies for Business
- Develop business in both Liabilities and Assets
- Cross selling of Bank Products and Services to

Customers:

- Analyze customer requirements and develop appropriate Banking Products.
- Develop and maintain effective relationships with small, medium and large customers and Government organizations to initiate increase in Business.

Skills and Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in marketing.
- 2-3 years of sales & marketing experience preferably in the Banking sector.
- Managing and executing campaigns would be an advantage.

Salary: Commensurate with Educational Qualifications and Experience.

DESIGNATION/POSITION: BRANCH MANAGER - REF NO. 2022/05/3

Key Responsibilities:

- Meet branch targets as set from time to time.
- To market and sale of Banks' products.
- Manage service delivery and ensure adherence to branch service standards.
- To direct and support branch operations to ensure efficient and accurate processing of all transactions, to maintain operational controls and compliance with rules, procedures, and regulations.
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- Any other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

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Experience: 2-3 years of experience in financial services/ branch manager /assistant branch manager in a Bank.

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- Be a good relationship builder and communicator.
- Resilient under pressure.

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Water Stewardship in Africa members meet in Dar to discuss sector security

By Guardian Reporter

INCLUSIVE and strong multi-stakeholder approaches from both the public and private sectors are highly needed so as to address water risks and contribute towards improving its quality and quantity for sustainable development.

Dr Amani Ngusaru, country director of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) made the statement in Dar es Salaam on Monday when speaking at a forum that brought together members of the Water Stewardship in Africa to discuss water security.

The three-day forum that commenced yesterday to October 27, is an opportunity for WWF and Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev) market leads, in-country teams, governmental stakeholders and partners to share knowledge, foster thought leadership and drive water stewardship in local communities. Leads from both AB InBev and WWF will engage on the existing projects at various phases of implementation in Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Mozambique.

Dr Ngusaru said the private sector including all commercial companies have a role to play in environmental and water resources protection and that this is high time they should extend their support by investing in programmes to protect nature.

He said companies doing business have to focus on giving back through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by ensuring that the environment is protected and investing heavily in supporting efforts to protect water sources.

Dr Ngusaru said early this year, AB InBev through Tanzania Breweries Ltd (TBL) issued a total of \$600,000 (about 1.4bn/-

) to finance the implementation of a bankable nature solution project.

The three-year project, which is implemented collaboratively by WWF and Wami/Ruvu Basin Water Board (WRBWB), focuses on protecting Ruvu River and improving water quality and quantity supplied to Dar es Salaam.

"Water is life, without water there is indeed no life. Water contributes to the national economy significantly. It is therefore crucial that the management of freshwater resources is taken seriously by the government, key stakeholders and all water users," he said.

Andre Fourie, global sustainability vice president at ABInBev, said: "Tanzania has abundant water resources in terms of a number of lakes, rivers and wetlands, but some communities do not

have reliable access to clean drinking water. The equitable and universal provision of safe, affordable water and ecosystem restoration is one of the sustainable development goals, and underpins our partnership with the WWF and collaboration with local stakeholders on how we can have a sustainable, positive impact in this regard."

The partnership between AB InBev and WWF has now been in place for four years globally and this is the first time that the partnership is forged in Tanzania. The partnership is driven by a shared ambition to measurably improve water quality and quantity in identified high-risk sites by 2025.

He noted that the Dar es Salaam Water Security Project, focuses on improving water quality and quantity as well as protecting watershed biodiversity in the city of Dar es Salaam and satellite towns through bankable nature-

based solutions, particularly in the Msimbazi, Mzinga and Ruvu river sub-catchments.

Jose Moran, TBL managing director, said "We thank WWF and the government who are both essential partners for their contribution towards ensuring that the water stewardship activities are a success."

He added that these partnerships not only help to safeguard all water sources in Tanzania but are also key to us building resilience in the face of climate change which, climate scientists tell us, is likely to bring with it more severe droughts in the future."

Eric Oyare, Blue Heart of Africa Initiative Leader at WWF, said it is an opportune time to bring together partners from across the partnership to share successes of work.

"We will also seek to explore in detail and maximize learning from common themes such as invasive non-native species, developing bankable nature-based solutions and mobilising community action and citizen science," he said.



World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Country director Dr Amani Ngusaru (R) and Tanzania Breweries Ltd managing director Jose Daniel Moran Ramirez have a quick word in Dar es Salaam on Monday. It was shortly after a briefing for the media and stakeholders on the holding of a three-day water stewardship workshop where players in the sector are to discuss the best ways to boost water availability and security in Africa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Indonesian envoy urges students to hold model simulation on UN

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

INDONESIA'S Ambassador to Tanzania, Tri Yogo Jatmiko, has urged students to hold a United Nations model simulation when celebrating UN Day.

Speaking during commemoration of the UN day at Aga Khan Primary School in Dar es Salaam on Monday, the Ambassador said there are many ways to celebrate the day while congratulating the United Nations for its 77th anniversary.

Model United Nations often referred to as model UN or MUN is an extracurricular most commonly known for high school students but also available to middle school students and college.

He said Model UN is a simulation of UN organisations such as UN General Assembly, UN Security Council, UNICEF and others.

"UN model simulation reinforces what

students learn in the classroom from their teachers, at conferences through UN model simulation they will learn also from each other," he said. He said the simulation does not replace the classroom, it complements the classroom.

Through this simulation you will get experience that will give you a full taste of the complexity of international relations, he said. He congratulated Aga Khan Schools in Tanzania for holding the UN model simulation to celebrate UN day.

Ambassador Jatmiko also praised students who participated in the important activity looking to learn more about politics, current events, or international relations and for students who want to improve their public speaking or debate skills as well as negotiation skills.

According to him, there is no other global organization with the legitimacy convening power and normative impact

of the United Nations.

He asked students to internalise what they learn in class and deliver the information in various ways.

He said the information can be delivered through speeches, collaboration and resolutions.

Board Chairman of Aga Khan Schools in Tanzania, Shabir Abji, thanked the Indonesia envoy for taking part in the UN day celebration.

He said the 77 years of the UN gives a message of hope, solving conflicts so that people live happy lives.

In 1945, representatives of 50 countries met in San Francisco at the United Nations Conference on International Organisation to draw up the United Nations Charter.

The United Nations officially came into existence on 24 October 1945, when the charter had been ratified by a majority of signatories.

Minister praises work on waste water treatment facility project

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

AGRICULTURE minister Hussein Bashe, who is also Nzega Member of Parliament, has expressed his satisfaction with the pace of the implementation of the wastewater treatment facility Project for Nzega Town, Tabora Region under the supervision of Nzega Urban and Water Sanitation Authority (NZUWASA) costing 2bn/-.

Addressing government officials at members of the public at the project site in Uchama Ward, he said to a large extent the value for money commensurate with the project work that has been completed at 90 per cent.

He said the project will have great benefits in preserving the environment in Nzega Town with farmers expected to benefit from fertiliser that will be produced from the wastewater.

"This is a big project in this town and will help in environmental destruction

including the eruption of an infectious disease due to poor wastewater management," he said.

He added that after the completion of the project, they will embark on the wastewater drainage system to the wastewater facility to do away with the need to frequently empty waste septic tanks from residential areas using wastewater trucks.

NZUWASA Director, Eng Athuman Kilundumya said the cost for the project is 2bn/- while the actual cost is more than 1.5bn/-.

He said the project, which started in April this year will be implemented in 12 months and now it has reached 90 per cent, and added that after completion it will be the second such project in the country after Kahama Town.

CCM chairman for Nzega District, Maganga Sengerema praised the project's supervision under NZUWASA as well as for other water projects in Nzega Town.




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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

BUL-RFQ-22-10-02 – PURCHASE OF SOFT STARTERS

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine ("the Company"), a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Quotes from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

Soft Starter Material Stock Code and specifications:

- 2 X CONTROL MODULE FOR HRVS-DN2.3-13.8KV 230V S/C SMV-CM06523003
- 2 X EPT-RX ELECT POTENTIAL TRANSF RECEIVER FOR 2.3-13.8KV SYST S/C SMV-HTRAF540964A
- 2 X EPT TX 6.6KV ELECTRONIC POTENTIAL S/C SMV-TRAF540962
- 2 X 6600V SOFT STARTER 300A SUSA STACK 288-320A 6.6KV SUSA S/C SMV-STAC18066320009
- 2 X MPS3000 MOTOR PROTECTION RELAY S/C SMV-MPSV83300124
- 2 X VACUUM CONT JCZ5-7.2KV/D-400 D400A-4-220VAC/DC WHITE S/C SMV-CNT72D400220VAC
- 6 X TRAF540981 ROUND CURRENT TRANSFORMER FOR HRVSDN 6.6KV 140A/2 S/C SMV-TRAF540981
- 6 X FUSE 315A 7-2KV 292MM S/C SMV-HCAB810290
- 2 X CONT606412 HYUNDAI UVC D/O VCU 7.2KV 400A, 220VAC 292MM S/C SMV-VACUWUX16_6/4
- 3 X SWITCHED-MODE POWER SUPPLY BOARD FOR HRVSDN-300A 6600V-230-230-S

Type Designation		HRVS-DN
Serial Number		3124-12
Year of Manufacture		2012
Applicable Standard		IEC 62271-200
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Rated Power Frequency Withstand Voltage	Ud	20 KV
Rated Lightning Impulse Withstand Voltage	Up	60 KV
Rated Current	Ir	300 A
Service Current	In	300 A
Main Busbars Rated Short-Time Withstand Current	Ik	31.5 KA /1s
Main Busbars Rated Peak Withstand Current	Ip	63 KA
Accessibility Type		A(F,L,R)
Service Continuity		LSC1
Protection Degree – Enclosure		IP 32
Protection Degree – Internal Partition		IP 2X
Control Voltage		230VAC
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Key documents

- Clear and detailed Quotation
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business license, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
- A written statement indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018;
- Applicable certification, accreditation, affiliated registrations, and letter of dealership as required;
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Key Dates

- Last date to submit quotes: **02nd November 2022**

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited




REQUEST FOR TENDER

Civil and Earthworks for TSF Closure Stage 1

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Minister posing the right questions on Kinapa fires

EVEN as the rescue teams reported success in fighting off fire on 'Mt Kili' higher policy examiners have expressed worries on the regular fires on the spectacular mountain climbing zone. Reports said that rescue teams from various institutions had been successful in fighting off fire on 'Mt Kili' most of the fire that for two days ravaged an expansive area with key mountain climbing routes in the Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA). It was a back breaking job by local standards as it called into place reinforcements altogether numbering nearly 500 personnel combating the flames from different points. The pain is, why is fire outbreak an annual event?

At least two cabinet ministers have been involved in the sorting out the matter, Dr Pindi Chana who holds the tourism portfolio and her colleague, Dr Selemani Jafo, who is inter alia charged with the environment. The zone of the blaze was like other years a particularly sensitive area, as climbers usually make a short hike through the dense mountain rainforest from Millennium Camp (3,950 meters) to Mweka Gate (1,640 meters) after reaching the peak at 5895 meters. Reports said the fire threatened both the transit camp and other installations.

The basic explanation was that the fire that broke out during the weekend started at the Karanga rest camp and moved fast towards Barranco camp, damaging a wide area of natural forest. In all, the post-midnight fire damaged 0.4 per cent of KINAPA area, spread over 1,712 square kilometres, on the basis of one minister, speaking on the spot. At most efforts were at a late stage being directed at a deep ravine at Karanga area where the flames proved

adamant.

It was from the environment portion of the gathered stakeholders, at cabinet level, that questions were posed that need answers. The responsible minister has instructed environment experts to make an assessment of the outbreak and determine the cause of the fire, and why the KINAPA area suffers fire outbreaks in a regular way. That the situation was returning to normal and people going on with their tourism activities wasn't enough to close the matter, was the message.

A top conservation executive unveiled a database illustrating the frequency and extent of damage from periodic fires at the mountain climbing zone. A database indicates that in fiscal 2015/16 a total of 49.13 hectares of the park area was ravaged by fire, falling to 17 hectares the following year, multiplying the damage to spread over 82 hectares in 2017/18. The fire outbreak in 2018/19 took the damage to 72.3 hectares and this year it has been stopped at 22.05 hectares. It takes the impression of a predictable accident, which is worrisome.

The summation on fire-related damage wasn't devastating as at any rate fire doesn't actually destroy a patch of land, while it may indeed disturb the flora and fauna. A total of 242.48 hectares of forest area was vastly damaged by fire in the five years to 2020, explained from improper beekeeping practices, plus poaching and farming. Still, the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) said in his 2020/21 national audit report that the 2020 fire occasioned a loss of 1.2bn/. It affirmed that the conservation authorities lack the capability, equipment or readiness to fight such disasters, despite repeated fires. Is this a careful design?

Gender stakeholders will succeed in uplifting women - not altering culture

THERE is a big gender festival taking place in Dar es Salaam, led by the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) and Coady Institute, an international non-governmental organisation. The two organisations have teamed up for a six-day workshop on gender justice strengthening in Tanzania.

The main body of the work is tied to TGNP's Feminist Advocacy for Gender Justice (FAGJ) programme for 2019/2024 which targets women's empowerment and sensitization on gender issues. Are there new issues or just familiar tracks?

The practical purposes of the workshop, with upwards of 25 participants from a number of countries and numerous local organisations is billed to seek to build strength in women's organisations, push 'theoretical and practical foundations of feminist advocacy.' Knowing the breadth of familiarity with these issues, is a six day jamboree for theory and labouring over experiences from all sides not perhaps a bit extravagant? Each country has its particular parameters of culture, and the idea that feminism can argue the whole world to a specific text is not realistic, and more needs to be done on available opportunities, less advocacy.

It is partly for this reason that Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa was in the past few weeks asking NGOs to reconcile their programmes with government priorities.

A weakness in that direction is evident in this jamboree, when officials say that it 'focuses on supporting feminists to advance gender justice in a broad range of sectors, and in particular through ongoing projects and partnerships with the Coady Institute.' Not of empowerment but advocacy, whereas anyone familiar with what TGNP and others have been doing ought to know that capacity

per se isn't at issue unless it refers to headline feminism, etc.

Looking at the list of important participants from abroad, one gets the picture of the range of social and economic problems that they face, and is hard put to believe that what they need is a good dose of feminism. Some of us believe that what the late Mwalimu Nyerere said in his opening remarks to 'Socialism and Rural Development' early in 1967 suffices on the matter, that traditional African society, while basically socialist, had two substantial drawbacks. One was the collective poverty it was immersed in, and another was the inferior position of women in society. Mwalimu was no feminist; he pursued positive emancipation by elevating women's expectations while respecting culture, etc.

That kind of outlook or projection is in substance or measure more helpful than undisguised feminism, which can only be put to use by a narrow portion of women who have the wherewithal to pursue all their book rights, whatever the practical implications.

Most women are not in a position to exercise 'the right of refusal' in conjugal issues even if they have complaints, as family stability is something a woman must labour to preserve. 'Theoretical feminism' opens up dreamy lands of self-governing and socially emancipated women, whereas the most important issue is to enable millions of women to conduct urban farming to ensure proper nutrition for their children, not learn to rebel from households.

Indeed the countries that sent delegations to the jamboree, those developing like ourselves, can scarcely apply 'theoretical feminism' at home but rather seek to empower women with seed capital, technology, energy sources and even sheer motivation. They will move out of poverty, gain much more domestic liberty.



World Food Day 2022 call to action as 828m people go hungry

By Special Correspondent

WORLD Food Day is celebrated on October 16, 2022 every year. This year's theme is: Leave NO ONE behind. It showcased better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life.

In this year alone, the global impact of compounding crises demonstrates, more than ever, why food scarcity must be addressed internationally and how there must be a shift in the food and agricultural systems.

October 16 is World Food Day, and this year it seems crucial to take stock of the causes and consequences of global food insecurity. Food insecurity has already been of greater concern in recent years due to the global COVID-19 pandemic disrupting our interconnected governance, trade, welfare, and humanitarian aid systems. This year has seen a continuation of those disruptions exacerbated by the ongoing pandemic and increasing challenges brought on by climate and environment-induced disasters, conflict, and rising prices.

The impact could not be more obvious. Findings from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) show that over 40 per cent of the world population - or 3.1 billion people - cannot afford a healthy diet and that 828 million people are hungry. Rising food prices across crops in meats, cereals, and oils have disrupted the Food Price

By Franck Bafeli

THE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Mali, Abdoulaye Diop, took part in the United Nations Security Council, on October 18, devoted to the quarterly report of the Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres, on the situation in Mali, covering the period from June 3 to September 19, 2022.

Abdoulaye Diop addressed many topics in his speech, such as the progress towards the country's return to constitutional order, the Algiers process, the security situation, the question of human rights.

However, the Minister of Foreign Affairs has given the utmost attention to the complaint filed by the Government of Mali with the UN Security Council two months ago, on August 15, 2022, with a request to hold an emergency meeting. This complaint relates to repeated violations of Malian airspace by the French forces, the sharing of information, the delivery of weapons for the benefit of criminal

Index, which has been declining for six months.

The increase in food insecurity and its impact on global hunger has been observed worldwide. But between certain regions, there are clear disparities. Africa has been bearing the greater burden of food insecurity. A new report from the FAO reveals that in 2021, 20.2 per cent, or one-fifth of the total population, went hungry. The next highest rate is Asia, with 9.1 per cent. A disparity that wide should be more than enough to raise the alarm.

This food insecurity has also resulted in micronutrient deficiencies, such as zinc, iron, vitamin A, vitamin B, folate, and vitamin D. While at first unnoticeable, these deficiencies can lead to long-term losses in health and cognitive development. This would be fatal, especially to young children still developing and still needing proper nutrition.

Researchers from the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) conducted an analysis of the global prevalence of micronutrient deficiencies in preschool-aged children and non-pregnant women of reproductive age. Its findings suggested that over half of the preschoolers and two-thirds of the women in the study reported a deficiency in either iron, zinc, or folate.

Regionally, the majority of the children and women lived in east Asia and the Pacific, south Asia, or sub-Saharan Africa. While the report acknowledged its limitations,

and in how rarely the rate of deficiency is quantified and the absence of a global standard rate at the time of the study, as GAIN executive director Dr Lawrence Haddad has noted, one might observe the troubling implications for a wider demographic.

"Once we factor in males and other age groups, such as schoolchildren and the elderly, these numbers imply that our current global suggestion that two billion people suffer from hidden hunger is a gross underestimation," he said.

In the context of Africa and the Sahel region, local governments' capacity to respond to the food crisis have been limited or difficult to implement in the face of conflict within the region and in neighboring countries. Even international intervention from groups like FAO and World Food Programme (WFP) have had to work with limited resources and funding. In February, it was reported that within the last three years in the Sahel, the number of people dealing with starvation increased dramatically and dangerously, from 3.6 to 10.5 million.

Forced displacement caused by conflict in the region also impacts food security, as more than 5 million people live in forced displacement from Burkina Faso to the Lake Chad Basin area.

But what is perhaps more pressing, and more devastating, is the impact of climate change or environment-induced disasters on food security. The Sahel region in

particular is susceptible to extreme weather conditions such as heavy rains and floods, and the Horn of Africa is suffering from a historic drought this year. Looking at other regions, the recent floods that devastated Pakistan destroyed over \$70 billion USD worth in rice crops. This has also led to a rise in rice prices in the international market from other major rice exporters such as India, Thailand, and Viet Nam. Meanwhile, sub-Saharan Africa is heavily dependent on rice imports. It is an example of how connected the world is, and how we are dependent on each other to help meet that most basic and essential need: food.

With all these crises piling onto one another, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. But it also makes the theme of World Food Day even more pertinent. It is why this year's theme feels more like a call to action: leave no one behind. These challenges will persist and only further overwhelm the global community unless we are united in our efforts to mitigate food insecurity. We are undeniably and inextricably dependent on each other to meet our needs for food, health, and security. "Leave no one behind" is a simplified reminder and approach, to a problem with complex parts and overlapping problems.

This call to action will only ring true when greater systematic changes are implemented in the food systems, and when this is revisited frequently rather than left for the next big natural disaster.

The UN Security Council's silence on Mali's complaint filed against France is perplexing

organizations.

At the Security Council, Abdoulaye Diop said he was perplexed by the silence of the Secretary-General's report on the referral to the Security Council by Mali on August 15, 2022, concerning the attempts at destabilization and the repeated violations of the airspace by French troops. The Minister of Mali underlined that these extremely serious acts of aggression should not remain without follow-up.

"The Government of Mali renews its request for a specific meeting of the Security Council, which will give it the opportunity to present concrete evidence of acts of duplicity, espionage and destabilization by France against Mali", said Minister Diop, emphasizing that the people of Mali expect the Security Council to assume its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.

The French ambassador to the UN, Nicolas de Rivièrè, rejected

these accusations. So, Abdoulaye Diop invited France to be the bearer of the convocation of a meeting of the Security Council, if it is so sure of its innocence: "Now that France has taken the floor to deny the accusations, I hope that it carries the convening of a meeting so that Mali can give its evidence". The Security Council's silence on Mali's complaint raises many questions and misunderstandings not only among the authorities and people of Mali, but among the entire African continent.

Another important topic that Abdoulaye Diop touched on in his speech was the UN peacekeeping mission in Mali. He said that there is no desire to restrict the movements of MINUSMA but rather a desire to assert Mali's sovereignty over its territory. Minister Diop invited the UN mission "to cooperate fully with the Malian side, with a view to the effectiveness of our joint actions on the ground". The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mali explained that the Malian Government

had to take certain measures for national security considerations, following the arrival, without legal basis, of foreign forces presenting themselves under the banner of the United Nations. He also specified that the suspension of rotations that followed was only temporary, it was immediately lifted following the establishment of a permanent high-level consultation framework between the Government and MINUSMA.

Thus, the impressive speech of Malian Foreign Minister Abdoulaye Diop made it clear that Mali has no problem with MINUSMA and that the Malian side is ready for cooperation, subject to respect for the country's sovereignty. This speech also showed the determination of the authorities of Mali, and of the Malian people, to go all the way with regard to the complaint against France, submitted to the Security Council. But, really, why, two months later, the Malian complaint remains unanswered.

Books: Silent best friends that can make you happy and very wealthy



HERE is this touching story of a lady traveling on a public transport with her 10-year-old child. The lady was busy reading as other passengers did mostly nothing. What stood out was the fact that like mother, the child's face was also partially buried into a book suitable for his age.

"Sorry for disturbing you, madam, but how did you convince your child read like this," a perplexed lady in the next seat asked. "My dear, I didn't invest anything, children just imitate what people around them do," the mother replied. Long silence followed after that response.

Reading is a very good habit that one needs to develop in life. Good books can inform you, enlighten you and lead you in the right direction. There is no better companion than a good book. Reading is important because it is good for your overall wellbeing. Once you start reading, you experience a whole new world.

When you start loving reading, you eventually get addicted to it. This fantastic addiction does not have any bad side effects. Reading develops language skills and vocabulary. Reading books is also a way to relax and reduce stress. It is important to read a good book at least for a few minutes each day to stretch the brain muscles for healthy functioning.

Books really should be your best friends as you can rely on them when you are bored, upset, depressed, lonely or annoyed. They will accompany you anytime you want them and enhance your mood. Good books always guide you to the correct path in life.

Most importantly, true knowledge that can transform lives is hidden in books. All of the science, innovation, technology, vocational skills and artificial intelligence is hidden in books. Through learning by reading, you can use the knowledge to make money and actually earn a fortune.

So, only positive effects of book reading are really blessings for everyone. Reading improves one's positive ability, excessive knowledge around the world, enhances creative ability by increasing knowledge; it improves communication skills, reduces stress, gives analytical skill and improves great pleasures by reducing boredom.

The habit of reading is one of the best qualities one can possess. It is great pleasure to sit in a quiet place and enjoy reading. Experts recommend reading on a daily basis for at least 30 minutes. But in the digital era, we are losing the interest of reading books. We are addicted to electronic gadgets more than books. Online reading is also good but not everyone has the access of digital world.

To revive the dying culture of book reading amid the growing adoption of digital technologies, many organizations are trying to motivate people to read books which contain true knowledge that can transform lives.

There are initiatives such as readers cafés, some street libraries, book stalls in bus stops, and book collections in salons. Reading earlier confined to only

a few bookstores and libraries. But nowadays people frequent cafes for their leisure. So, this kind of combined idea both meals or a drink and access to books is really awesome.

For instance, there is this Soma Book Café situated along Regent Estate in Dar es Salaam. Soma is a Kiswahili word for read and this means there is a library in the café which makes it among favourite eateries for both book land food lovers in the city.

It was established in 2008 as an alternative public place for leisure, culture, and learning. Housing a bookshop,

a coffee and a snack bar in a garden lounge; it is a hub for socializing, self-study, group discussions, book launches, art and cultural shows, literary and intellectual discourse and hosts clubs as well as classes for creative writing, poetry, chess, scrabble, yoga, dance and many more.

A gender activist and former University of Dar es Salaam literature student Demere Kitunga teamed up with some volunteers from the Dar es Salaam International Academy and Blooming Africa for the street library project.

She took the plan to the Kinondoni

Municipal Mayor for support and other local authorities in an initiative meant to promote reading culture. Communities around the facility have started to benefit from the initiative but Kitunga says it is still a long way to go.

She argues that unlike popular thinking, book reading is not only for the rich who have money to join big libraries. "The whole idea of taking books to the streets and reading them with people from poor backgrounds is to dispel such wrong perceptions," she says.

This kind of book lover's novel idea to promote reading habit really needs to not only be supported but replicated in other parts of the country. Tanzania's literacy rate has been up and down since independence. But in the past decades, there have been worrying trends of book apathy among Tanzanians.

"We have to make sure that the society falls in love with reading. Our aim is to instill in them transformative ideas through books, drama and poetry," she says.

Six months since the launch of the street library project, she says it has not been easy to convince the public to find time for books. "You tell a person about what you are up to, and they look at you as if you just landed from the moon. It's not been easy to call them for a book reading session but I believe it will change with time", she says.

The campaigner is set to host a concert to mobilize people and promote the street library. "There is this notion that Tanzanians do not have a reading culture; I'm certain that this will change once such libraries are made available all over the country," she says.



Pressing Issues

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The fight for free media has been long and tough but not all has been lost

FOR several years now, media stakeholders in the country have been using various means to push for the reform of hostile media laws. Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) has been using litigation, among other means, as a tool to advocate for these desired changes. OUR CORRESPONDENT PETER NYANJE met with MCT Executive Secretary Kajubi Mukanga (pictured) who elaborates on how litigation has helped in the push for media law reforms. Here are the excerpts:



Q. What informed MCT to use litigation as advocacy tool to reinforce the fight for better media laws?

A. This strategy has its roots in an advice by retired Justice Thomas Mihayo, who later on became president of the Council. Often, when I told him about the challenges of legal framework in the country, he would always ask me 'why can't we take the problematic piece of legislation to the court?'

Following his persistence on the issue, we started strategizing on how to use litigation as a means of advocacy but also as a means of pressure and as a way of expressing stakeholders' needs. That is how we started using litigation as one of advocacy tools.

Q. What is the experience you've got from the first case you were involved in?

A. We got involved in litigation in various levels. First, as party to the case as litigants together with other stakeholders; we also supported other parties which had filed cases which relate to violation of freedom of expression and access to information.

The first major case which we were involved directly in is the reference we filed at the East African Court of Justice in 2017 where we challenged a total of 18 sections of the Media Services Act (MSA).

We went to the court because we believed that those sections were against some articles of the East African Community (EAC) Treaty on the issues of democracy, freedom of expression and rule of law.

Sections of the law we challenged in-

clude sections 7, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21. We also challenged sections 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40 as well as sections 50, 52, 53, 54, 58 and 59.

We believed that those sections infringed article 6(d) and 8(1) (c) of the EAC Treaty on the aspects of freedom of expression and access to information.

We asked the court to issue an order to respondent, the Attorney General of the United Republic of Tanzania, to cease application of the Act and repeal or amend the noted sections.

We filed this case alongside Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) and Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC).

At the same time, we were supporting Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC) and Hali Halisi Publishers who had filed a constitutional case at the High Court, Mwanza Registry. They were also challenging the constitutionality of the sections in the same law.

But there was little success as far as the merit of the Mwanza case was concerned as it was thrown out on technicalities. The High Court ruled that there were options which the litigants could have used to attain their constitutional rights.

Our partners, UTPC, appealed before three judges seeking review but the three judges said it was ill advised to send the appeal to them. They noted that the case was to be sent to the Court of Appeal.

But when the appeal was filed at the Appellate Court, it was also thrown out on technicalities with the apex court noting that it was time barred.

So, it was a mixed hand of experience. On one side at EACJ we got decision in our favour while in Mwanza, the case was thrown out on technicalities. So, the arguments on this case were not even heard by the court.

But I am listing this case as achievement as well because though our arguments were not heard, it provided us with invaluable experience on how to go about when dealing with these issues. I believe that this experience will help us in the future.

Q. Apart from these two cases can you take us, briefly, through the other case which MCT was involved in?

A. There is another case we filed at the High Court Mtwara Registry challenging the online content regulations of 2018 of the EPOCA that is Electronic and Postal Communications Act.

We challenged the regulations for being in violation of the Constitution, article 18 of Constitution to be specific. In this case we kind of won half and lost half.

But after the first ruling of the case, the government amended the regulations and we commended ourselves for being a push to the government to amend the regulations.

We appealed but the appeal was

rendered nugatory because by then the government had already amended the regulations which we were challenging. We also sought judicial review of the 2020 Regulations.

We were also involved in defending Mwanahalisi when the newspaper was banned in March and Raia Mwema when it was also banned for 90 days. This case has not ended, it is at the appeal stage now.

We also supported individual journalists who were charged. For example, in Mwanza, there were three journalists, Manga Msalaba, Christopher Gamaina and Zephania Mandia who were charged with armed robbery and sentenced to 30 years imprisonment.

After these journalists were sentenced, we got information that the charges were dubious and trumped up so we sent lawyers and appealed the case. After the appeal, the government decided to drop all the charges and the journalists were released.

Earlier, the journalists had detected misdeeds somewhere and when they went to investigate, they were arrested and taken to court for alleged armed and sentenced to 30 years each. When we appealed, the Judge set aside the ruling noting that the case was not properly handled by the lower court and he ordered retrial. During the retrial, the government decided to drop the charges and the journalists were set free.

Presently, we have a case at the East African Court of Justice where we are challenging the impugned sections of Media Services Act which were used to suspend Uhuru newspaper in March and Raia Mwema in April. We are suing the government for contempt of the court as the same sections were rendered bad by the court which also ordered that they should be amended, yet the government still uses the same to punish media organisations.

Q. What are the achievements of this form of advocacy?

A. It is difficult to directly say that the achievements in the push for better media laws are purely and totally based on litigation efforts. But definitely you can deduce that there is big contribution by litigation efforts.

For example, despite the fact that the government did not start immediately amendments of the MSA after the East African Court of Justice Decision, however, we see attempts to make good section which were impugned by the court. So, you see that somehow the government has seen the logic and reasoning behind our arguments.

If you look at online content as well, you will notice that whenever we file against certain section of the law, amendments are done. You could see that there is contribution through litigation because those sections which were referred are being corrected.

And in the cases such as of Manga Msalaba and his colleagues who were already condemned to 30 years in

prison in trumped up charges, such success is resounding.

Another form of achievement came through the case we filed at the East African Court of Justice which delivered its ruling in 2019. The court ruled that 16 of the 18 sections we disputed were unconstitutional.

These sections involve issues such as rights and obligation of media houses, journalists' accreditation board, accreditation of journalists, issuance of press cards, defamation and offences and penalties. As it stands, it is illegal for the government to use these sections of the law as they have been invalidated by the court.

Q. What is the response of stakeholders on using litigation as means of advocating for media-friendly laws?

A. There is mixed response in the sense that although they are appreciating and supporting the efforts to litigate, sometimes media outlets, a media company or a media house, in our opinion, sometimes these people are wary of taking the government to court.

There is an incident, I think in 2020 where some media houses were fined for doing their job. We convened a meeting with them and discussed the issue and offered help to challenge the penalty in court but they told us that rather than antagonising the government they were ready to pay the fine.

Q. What should be done to deal with such situations?

A: I don't know exactly. What we are doing is talking to stakeholders, making pitch for litigation as advocacy tool because going to court when they are not treated fairly is their constitutional and democratic right. We will continue with campaign to sensitize stakeholders to stand up for their rights.

But the good thing is that we have now noted that the tone from the very top, the tone from the top person, the President, has changed tremendously. Relations between the government and media are improving and there are some incidents to denote that situation such as the government readiness to amend the media laws as well as reinstatement of licences of four newspapers which were banned. Media Services Act is not up for review. So, we can say the situation is changing for better.

Q. After noting all these ups and downs of litigation as advocacy tool, what is the way forward?

A: The way forward is we are now in the process of strategising for what we are going to do in the next five years.

But definitely we are going to appraise our advocacy methods to see whether we need to change some of the modalities and methods we are using or not. As I have said, the situation now is different from before; therefore, there is a need to reassess our advocacy to make it more effective in accordance with the prevailing time.

HARARE

African Union outspoken on international sanctions on Zimbabwe but silent on human rights abuses

THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) designated 25 October as a day for solidarity against sanctions imposed on Zimbabwe by the European Union (EU), United States (US) and United Kingdom (UK) nearly 20 years ago. The targeted sanctions were applied in response to human rights violations, government policies and actions that impede democracy, rule of law and respect for human and property rights.

In Zimbabwe, the day will be marked by pomp and ceremony and an all-night music concert to protest against the economic hardship caused by the sanctions.

A month ago, the US updated its sanctions list on Zimbabwe. It added Police Deputy Commissioner-General Stephen Mutamba and removed 11 others deemed to no longer threaten democracy and human rights in the country. On the list were individuals who died or were removed from government, like Olivia Muchena, who was fired from her ministerial post in 2014.

SADC's anti-sanctions day follows a major show of solidarity by the African Union (AU) and African leaders at the United Nations General Assembly in September. SADC chair and Democratic Republic of the Congo president Félix Tshisekedi and other regional heads of state spoke out against the Zimbabwe sanctions. In his capacity as AU chair, Senegal's president Macky Sall led the continent's call for their removal. What Africa's leaders didn't proffer, however, was an alternative.

The AU's response seems to contradict its position on particular types of sanctions. The continental body isn't opposed to targeted sanctions per se – indeed, the AU imposes such sanctions on its member states. Instead, the AU is against comprehensive economic sanctions. Those issued against Zimbabwe are targeted, which suggests this wave of support is more about anti-imperialist and Pan-African narratives pushed by Zimbabwe's government than facts.

The US maintains two sets of sanctions on Zimbabwe. One targets "specially designated nationals" who undermine democratic processes. The directives prohibit any American citizen or entity from having commercial dealings with such people or entities. The second set of sanctions – which aren't in force – direct any US citizen in a position of influence in international financial institutions to block credit to Zimbabwe.

While African governments have united in denouncing the sanctions, they've been mum on the wanton rights abuses, weaponisation of the law and violence unleashed on Zimbabwe's opposition and political activists. Does that mean Africa condones these actions? Where is the brutalised citizen to seek recourse?

Current mechanisms provide little assistance. Onerous procedures make it difficult for citizens to access the African Court of Justice and Human Rights to report state abuses. Closer to home, the SADC Tribunal is all but defunct after Zimbabwe put up a spirited diplomatic offensive against it. The Zimbabwean government is dexterous at such moves.

The targeted sanctions are more or less symbolic; a blunt instrument to enforce behaviour change. For most individuals on the US sanctions list, the prospect of travelling to the US has always been remote, so banning them is of little import. However, sanctions can be a deterrent



Zimbabweans participate in an anti-sanctions protest in Harare on 25 October 2019. The Zimbabwean government organised countrywide anti-sanctions marches to protest against economic sanctions imposed by the EU and the US. (Photo: EPA-EFE / Aaron Ufumeli)

to some risk-averse investors.

Institute for Security Studies research in 2019 and 2020 found that investors were put off by the high-risk premium placed on the country because of the targeted US sanctions. And numerous international banks have cut ties with Zimbabwean banks because of the onerous task of complying with US Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) regulations. OFAC monitors sanctions adherence and penalises any US company or individual who does business with a sanctioned individual, entity or country.

Most companies in the US, Canada and Europe would rather avoid doing business with Zimbabwean companies because of the cumbersome process of checking if entities are related to a sanctioned person or company. The risk of being caught on the wrong side by OFAC is high. Many companies in Zimbabwe have gone under or are operating at a suboptimal level – unable to procure goods and services from Europe, Canada, Australia, the US and UK.

The listing of companies such as Chemplex Holdings and Zimbabwe Fertilizer Company harmed food production as it affected the availability and affordability of fertiliser. The businesses were added because their ownership structure included the Industrial Development Corporation of Zimbabwe – an entity under sanctions. All this affects ordinary citizens, not least because some international financial institutions won't process transactions involving Zimbabwe.

However, to blame all Zimbabwe's economic ills on sanctions is disingenuous and untrue. The country's inability to borrow money

from international financial institutions has more to do with bad debt than sanctions. By 2000, way before the sanctions, the World Bank had suspended lending to Zimbabwe. In 2001, after multiple defaults, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) declared the country ineligible to access its resources. A few years later, the IMF started procedures for compulsory withdrawal from Zimbabwe.

But are the targeted sanctions having their intended effect? Although president Emmerson Mnangagwa's administration has made inroads on protecting property rights, sanctions have largely failed to improve democratic behaviour among the ruling elites. Human rights violations persist, and political freedoms have been severely curtailed. In September, one of Zimbabwe's foremost prolific writers, Tsitsi Dangarembga, was convicted of "inciting" public violence after being arrested for simply holding a placard stating "We want better. Reform our institutions."

The political and electoral playing field also remains deeply flawed. The road to the 2023 elections is already littered with violence as the ruling party makes good on its threats to silence the opposition.

What can be done? While targeted sanctions have helped maintain pressure on the Zimbabwean government, a different approach that involves SADC and the AU is required.

Currently, the AU imposes sanctions on regimes that came to power through coups but does little to prevent situations that lead to coups or unconstitutional changes of government. The

continental body should consider sanctions to prevent human rights violations, electoral processes and actions that stifle democracy.

This wouldn't mean lifting the current sanctions against Zimbabwe. Rather, complementary processes are needed that encourage behaviour change and enable the US, EU and UK to lift sanctions eventually. This could be via the African Peer Review Mechanism or SADC's troika of three states responsible for regional peace and security. Given the principle of subsidiarity that gives regions the first bite at the cherry, SADC rather than the AU is the crucial player in this case.

What is not an option is the unconditional lifting of sanctions without concessions from the Zimbabwean government or an AU/SADC initiative to guarantee the protection of human rights.

DM

ROME WITH Italy's newly installed government facing pressing domestic priorities, analysts do not expect immediate changes to the country's foreign policy line.

Observers told Xinhua that Giorgia Meloni (pictured), who was sworn in as the country's prime minister on Saturday, will likely have her hands too full with challenges like rising prices, energy supplies, slowing economic growth or overall political stability.

"There are some Euroskeptical and pro-Russian elements in her coalition, but I expect Meloni to be cautious when it comes to foreign policy," Riccardo Puglisi, a professor

Italy's foreign policy set to stay course



of public economics at the University of Pavia, told Xinhua.

"There are only so many issues a new government can

take on." Gian Franco Gallo, a po-

litical affairs analyst with ABS Securities in Milan, agreed.

"The new Meloni government has to prove it can make progress on key domestic topics like energy prices and jobs," he told Xinhua. "If it doesn't, that will create division within her coalition and if that happens then all the government's priorities will be out of reach."

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine has had a dramatic impact on Italy, which at the start had been the Europe Union's (EU) second-largest importer of Russian natural gas.

The conflict's impact on energy prices and supply chains has had a ripple effect across

Italy's economy to the point that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) this month slashed its economic growth estimates for the country to a negative 0.2 percent next year compared to estimates of a positive 0.7 percent growth from July and 1.7 percent from April.

Alfred Kammer, director of the European Department at the IMF, told Italian newspaper La Repubblica that the new government should largely follow through on the energy policies set by the previous Mario Draghi-led government, which were based on finding new, non-Russian sources of energy and developing renewable sources.

In his interview with the newspaper, he said that Meloni should use public finance

to soften the economic blow from high energy prices felt by energy-intensive industries and poor families.

"We need targeted and temporary aid only for the people most impacted by the energy and economic crisis," Kammer said.

But experts noted that Meloni might be limited on that front by a campaign pledge not to champion economic policies that would add to Italy's already massive public debt.

According to the country's National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT), the government debt to gross domestic product (GDP) ratio was 150.3 percent at the end of 2021, one of the highest rates in the world among industrialized economies.

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'Work harder to hold leadership positions'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

YOUNG women have been challenged to work hard to win leadership positions.

Speaking at the weekend to mark the International Day of the Girl Child themed: "Our time is now-our rights-our future" TAMWA-Zanzibar director Dr Mzuri Issa said the celebration is closely linked to the implementation of 'strengthen women in leadership (SWIL)', a four-year project (2020-2023), which is under the auspices of the Norwegian embassy in Tanzania.

The project is being implemented by Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA-Zanzibar) in collaboration with Pemba environment, gender, and advocacy organisation (PEGAO), and Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA).

The event brought on board a number of human rights defenders, clerics, politicians, development partners, parents, guardians, entrepreneurs, primary, secondary and universities' students.

They said that it's high time for young women to remain confident and must know that young women are able to do everything the same as their male counterparts.

Kjetil Schie, Norwegian embassy in Tanzania minister counsellor tasked various human rights defenders to continue empowering girls and women so that they can able take charge in various decision making bodies.

"Improve gender equality whereby women are the same as men. I urge young women to be constructive and don't be intimidated,"

he said.

Shufaa Said, a member of TAMWA-Zanzibar governing committee called on girls in all social settings to come together in addressing challenges that inhibits them to become future leaders'

"Let's use this platform to support each other and reach where we want to be," Shufaa said.

Dr Mzuri Issa described the event as key for empowering young women as it creates a platform for girls to express their views on how they address challenges that thwart their initiatives.

"The day is key for girls as it makes them raise their voice and finally realise their dreams," she said, noting that the move is in line with the journey towards achieving the 50/50 ratio in every sphere of life by 2025.

"Using this similar gathering we can unlock systems that derail women's emancipation so that they can understand the role of girls in the society," Dr Mzuri said.

According to her, today's girls are overwhelmed with the number of changes caused by development of science and technology, which wasn't the case in the past.

She also suggested the need for gender activists to give young girls stable and secure position in the organisation, beyond the unseen walls of gender discrimination. "As much I know, these aspects are barriers, enablers, strengths and weaknesses of women's leadership," she said,

She however commended the Norwegian embassy in Tanzania to support the initiatives to take women to the higher altitudes in



TAMWA-Zanzibar director Dr Mzuri Issa speaks at the celebration to mark International Day of the Girl Child in Isles over the weekend.

Zanzibar through SWIL project, which opens opportunities for women in Isles to participate in all democratic processes.

Project comes to open new opportunities for women in Zanzibar to participate in all democratic processes.

Asya Said Mohamed, Zanzibar fighting against youth challenges organization (ZAFAYCO) tasked political parties to come up with strategies that will bring in women decision making levels. "Currently, many political parties have no strategies that incorporate women in their structures, this denies women from getting into leadership positions," she said.

Faida Mohamed Shaibu, Zanzibar-based entrepreneurs encouraged youth women to venture into entrepreneurial activities if they want to get self-employment and refrain from relying

on white-collar jobs, which aren't there.

Faida stated that getting into entrepreneurship will solve the unemployment challenge that is currently tormenting many graduates.

"But, the only solution is for youth to explore those opportunities available in the country," she said, tasking the government to create a better environment that will make youth be safely employed.

The International Day of the Girl is annually celebrated on October 11, which focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights.

Ikanka village residents given go-ahead to remain in Mt Rungwe forest reserve area

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has given a go ahead for residents of Ikanka homestead, Itumba village in Ileje district to continue staying in Mt Rungwe Forest Reserve in Songwe region.

The decision now makes the Nkanka homestead with its 105 households to be officially recognised being inside the Forest Reserve area.

The decision also resolved the conflict over land use in the Mugombezi Forest Reserve in Nyimbii village, Mlowo-Ilengo Ward, Mbozi district in Songwe region.

Announcing the decision, the Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Dr Angelina

Mabula said part of the reserve area totalling 278 acres will be portioned off and will remain to the residents from the 414 acres.

Dr Mabula cautioned the villagers who have been permitted to remain in the area not to expand their area, saying after resolving the conflict over land use in all areas of the Reserve area, these areas need to be

protected.

Dr Mabula who was addressing with Ikanva villagers on Monday as chairman of the eight-member ministerial sectoral committee, instructed that farming activities near water sources should be abandoned to rescue them.

The Committee members also stressed on the need for environmental protection in-

cluding preparations for land use in regard to all portioned off areas.

For her part, Deputy water minister, Maryprisca Mahundi told Nkanka villagers that after being allowed to remain in the area they should make sure they take care of water sources and avoid all activities that could destroy the sources..

Khamis Hamza Chilo, deputy minister in the Vice President's Office (Union Affairs and Environment) urged the villages to plant trees in the area.

Deputy Agriculture Minister, Anthony Mavunde and his Livestock and Fisheries counterpart, Abdallah Ulega explained on the importance for the portioned off areas to

be surveyed and categorised areas for farming, livestock keeping and fishing to avoid creating more conflicts.

So far the eight-member ministerial sectoral committee has visited 19 regions out of 26 and has submitted its recommendations to the Cabinet and continues with its visit in Mbeya, Iringa, Njombe and Ruvuma regions.

WFP out to assist 20 pct of Zimbabwe's 3.8 million hunger-stricken population

HARARE

THE World Food Programme (WFP) has said it would only provide food aid to 20 per cent of Zimbabwe's 3.8 million hunger-stricken population.

Zimbabwe is among 20 countries deemed to be hunger hotspots following drought-induced poor harvests in the 2021-22 farming season.

The WFP says at the peak of the lean season, some families might be forced to skip meals, while others will have to sell livestock or other possessions to buy food. Said WFP in a statement:

While United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Zimbabwe is supporting the lean season response, it has also pledged an additional US\$9 million towards WFP's food assistance for assets programme in 2023," WFP said in a statement.

"We will provide life-saving food in exchange for work on community assets like community gardens and dams. At the peak of the lean season, 3.8 million Zimbabweans will be food insecure. Climate change is one of the factors contributing to food insecurity. In order to get food, many will have to sell their livestock. While others will have to skip meals, this has negative effects on young children. Through the support from USAID, WFP will reach about 20 percent of those affected. Assistance will reduce the risk of further sliding into food insecurity," read the WFP statement.

The WFP statement comes as USAID warned against the politicisation of food aid.

USAID which has so far donated \$36 million worth of food to vulnerable rural communities said it would assist the WFP to provide assistance to about 700 000 people in eight districts that include Bikita, Buhera, Chivi, Hwedza, Mangwe, Mt Darwin, Mudzi and Nkayi.

USAID Director for humanitarian assistance and resilience, Marialice Ariens said they would work closely with the government to ensure that food reaches underprivileged people.

Last week, the cabinet said grain stocks at the Grain Marketing



Tanzania to despatch more Kiswahili experts to Uganda

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

TANZANIA has said it is sending Kiswahili experts to Uganda as part of a strategy to promote the language in the country.

This follows a July Cabinet decision to adopt Kiswahili as an official language and make it compulsory subject in primary and secondary schools.

A number of Ugandans still hardly speak the language even though it is widely spoken in some of the East African countries.

"The government of Tanzania is committed to supporting Uganda in promoting the learning and use of the Kiswahili language including providing experts to help teach the language," Lawrence Stergomena, Tanzania's

minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, said.

She made the remarks recently at a dinner in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, during the commemoration of Uganda's 60th Independence anniversary.

The dinner was organised by the Uganda High Commission in Dar-es-Salaam and attended by high-profile dignitaries from both countries and business

communities.

In 2017, Uganda National Curriculum Development Centre finalised the secondary school curriculum where Kiswahili was introduced as a compulsory subject alongside English.

Stergomena also lauded the strong relations built between the two countries through joint infrastructure projects such as the East African Crude Oil Pipeline.

Uganda's High commissioner to Tanzania, ambassador Fred Mwesigye, hailed the bilateral relationship, saying it has promoted key developments in both countries.

However, he emphasised the necessity for unity in both countries to foster economic growth.

"There is a need for Africa to integrate both politically and economically so as to become

one big market which would be the best formula for creating a framework of guaranteeing the security and prosperity of our people," Ambassador Mwesigye said.

Kiswahili, mainly spoken in the East African region, is a fusion of the dialect born of Bantu and Arabic languages, has earned its place of pride as one of the world's top 10 most spoken languages and

Africa's most widely used native lingua. It enjoys official status in Kenya, Tanzania and now Uganda.

It is also widely spoken in parts of DR Congo, Rwanda and Burundi. It became the first African language, which is spoken by more than 200 million people, to be honoured by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

Halotel Tanzania tops with higher internet downloading speed

By Guardian Reporter

HALOTEL Tanzania has emerged on top of the list among median mobile telecommunication services providers with the highest internet downloading speed, the third quarter speed test market analysis by Ookla, the global leader in network intelligence and connectivity insights has shown.

This is the third quarter in row, Halotel Tanzania, which is commemorating its seven years of its establishment in Tanzania, is edging other mobile telecommunication companies.

According to the report, Halotel Tanzania internet downloading speed is 17.12 Megabyte per second, edging Vodacom Tanzania with 14.42 Megabyte

per second, Airtel with 10.24 Megabyte per second, TTCL with 6.14 Megabyte per second and Tigo has 5.37 Megabyte per second.

The Halotel Tanzania speed is also higher than the national average downloading speed of 11.86 Megabyte per second and average downloading speed of fixed broadband of 11.79 Megabyte per second (Mbps) and more than half of the global speed of 33.17Mbps.

During the first quarter report findings, Halotel was leading with median downloading speed of 17.84Mbps, followed by Vodacom with 12.09Mbps and Airtel was third with 10.60Mbps.

Ookla speed test report for the second quarter of this year shows Halotel had a downloading speed of 17.12

Mbps, followed by Vodacom and Airtel with downloading speeds of 14.42Mbps and 10.24Mbps respectively.

In measuring the consistency of each operator's performance, the third quarter market analysis report shows Halotel is also on the lead with 79.9 percent, followed by Vodacom with 76.1 percent, Airtel Tanzania with 73.2 percent, Tigo with 48.9 percent and TTCL with 42.8 percent.

Halotel also had the highest Consistency Score during the first quarter of this year with 80.1 percent, ahead of second-placed Vodacom on 72.1 percent. This score shows the percentage of speed test results that achieved a minimum 5Mbit/s download and 1Mbit/s upload speed.

The recent Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA) quarterly report shows Halotel subscribers increased to 7.2 million in September from 7.02 million in July, holding 13 percent of the market share from 12 percent during the second quarter ended in June.

Halotel plans to increase its subscribers from the current seven million to 10 million by 2023.

The company this month also acquired new 2600MHz (FDD) broadband, following an auction by TCRA at a cost of \$30.169million.



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The report shows Dar es Salaam region is leading with the highest median mobile internet downloading speed with 13.90Mbps, followed by Mwanza with 13.45Mbps, Arusha with 11.29Mbps, Mbeya with 11.13Mbps and Dodoma is fifth with 7.28Mbps.

Tanzania is ranked 124th Speedtest Global Index rankings and 141st on global fixed broadband speed. The analysis shows in Kenya, Safaricom had the

fastest median download speed over mobile at 22.19 Mbps. Faiba was fastest for fixed broadband (25.66 Mbps).

The Speedtest Global Index shows China topped the list with Shanghai as the fastest city on the list for mobile with a median download speed of 158.63 Mbps, while Beijing was fastest for fixed broadband during September 2022 at 238.86 Mbps.

Mwalimu Commercial Bank creates more jobs in Q3

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed-Mwalimu Commercial Bank (MCB) created more employment opportunities for Tanzanians during the third quarter of this year, compared with similar quarter of last year.

The bank's unaudited quarterly financial statements for the third quarter of this year shows number of employees increased to 61 from 55 recorded during the third quarter of last year, in its two existing branches.

Cumulative earning per share went up to 0.5/- during the first three quarters of this year from a loss of 21/- during the first three quarters of last year while on quarterly basis, earnings per share reached 0.4/- in Q3, 2022 from 1/- in Q3, 2021.

The statement shows the bank managed to clear its 1.3bn/- cumulative losses recorded during the first three quarters of last year to a profit of 26mn/- during similar period of this year, due to increased operating income from a loss of 1.3bn/- to a profit of 32mn/-.

Cumulative interest income early doubled to 6.1bn/- during the first three quarters of this year from 3.8bn/- last year,

while cumulative net interest income went up to 3.7bn/- from 2.6bn/- amid increased interest expenses to 2.3bn/- from 1.2bn/- respectively.

Cumulative non-interest income doubled to 1.5bn/- from 766mn/- due to doubling of fees and commission, which increased from 748mn/- to 1.4bn respectively and operating which increased to 108mn/- during three quarters of this year from 17mn/- during the first three quarters of last year.

According to the statement, the bank's total assets went up to 79.68bn/- during the third quarter of this year from 75.57bn/- during the second quarter of this year due to increase in lending introduced inter branch float items.

Lending reached 57.48bn/- during the third quarter of this year from 49.23bn/- recorded during the second quarter of 2022 while inter branch float amounted 1.4bn/- during the third quarter.

Total liabilities also gained to 63.7bn/- from 59.6bn/- respectively, mainly due to increase in customer deposits to 60bn/- from 55.5bn/- respectively. This also slightly pushed up shareholders' funds to 15.96bn/- from 15.94bn/-.



Mwalimu Commercial Bank managing director Richard Makungwa

TradeMark E.A.-funded Tunduma project ready

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

EFFORTS to operationalise Tunduma border as a one-stop border post have been finalized after construction of facilities and installation of an Integrated Border Management (IBM) System that will facilitate sharing of information between Tanzania and Zambia.

The project funded by TradeMark East Africa to a tune of \$7.8 million seeks to enhance efficiency and service delivery at Tunduma border.

The Tunduma-Nakonde one stop border post is expected to boost and facilitate trade between Tanzania and Zambia as well as other member states of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

The project is implemented in coordination with other ongoing initiatives of the World Bank, JICA, USAID, the African Development Bank and the European Union.

Speaking to The Guardian, Monica Hangi, the TradeMark East Africa Country Director for Tanzania said her institution has already installed body, baggage and cargo scanners as part of its efforts to increase efficiency at the border post.



Trucks at the Tunduma border post. File photo

"We have just finalized installing a drive through cargo scanner with the capacity of accessing at least 400 trucks in just 12 hours. This is already running and we hope to commis-

sion it before the end of this year," Hangi said.

Hangi said an assessment that has been done showed that with various initiatives undertaken at Tunduma border including infrastructure, systems and scanners in place, the crossing time at the border has reduced by 79 percent.

"Ideally it was taking five and a half days for a truck with a container to cross from Nakonde on the Zambia side into Tunduma. With our interventions, it is now taking one day and at least two hours to cross into Tanzania. This kind of reduction is massive."

She added, "This means that a truck driver will be saving an average of four days at the border meaning he will be minimizing costs in terms of accommodation."

Hangi noted that the project will not only help in reducing congestion at the border but also help in increasing revenue collection for the Government.

She said TradeMark has already begun negotiations with the Government of Zambia to replicate

what has been done on the side of Tunduma for Nakonde in Zambia.

"There is an agreement that we will be sealing with the Government of Zambia since Zambia is out of the East African Community (EAC) so it needs separate negotiations. It will be within the new programs that we are developing as part of TradeMark," she said.

Commenting on the recent media reports on delays for trucks to cross the one-stop border post at Namanga, Hangi said the issue at Namanga has been building up for some time leading to very long queues at the border.

"The delays have been caused by the use of customs management systems. Border officials and agencies from Kenya have not yet received the go-ahead to use the customs management clearing system. This means a truck driver from Tanzania will process clearance from the Tanzania side but when he/she crosses to Kenya, he/she will need to start afresh since Kenya officials are not on the integrated customs management system to verify if clearance has already been done," she said.

LONDON

NEW Prime Minister Rishi Sunak (pictured) must focus on keeping London competitive as a global financial centre as he rebuilds trust in the UK, the chief executive of HSBC has said.

Noel Quinn said: "We're very pleased that there has been a decision taken on the UK Prime Minister position that now allows the markets to stabilise as you can see in the way the markets reacted yesterday, that's positive."

Sunak must keep UK economy in competition, declares HSBC

prudence.

The banking boss said Mr Sunak's Government should work with the financial sector to ensure Britain's regulatory environment remains globally competitive, while not sacrificing its reputation for

prudence.

He told Reuters: "There are some areas where I think there is potential for improvement to drive greater competition," adding that he welcomed moves to embed competitiveness into regula-

tors' objectives.

Mr Sunak, who will be formally appointed by King Charles today, has said the country is facing a "profound economic challenge" and will be tasked with restoring financial credibility following Liz

Truss's brief and disastrous tenure.

Mr Quinn's comments came after HSBC posted a \$1bn (£884m) jump in profits for the third quarter as it pulled in more income from rising interest rates.



Karagwe, Kyerwa coffee farmers to overcome low crop productivity

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

SMALLHOLDER coffee farmers in Karagwe and Kyerwa districts are expected to overcome low productivity and crop loss from climate change by transitioning from cultivated land to agroforestry, following the establishment of new initiative to support the move by Karagwe based KADERES' Peasants Development Public Limited Company (KPD PLC).

Speaking with this paper in exclusive interviews recently in Moshi during the Tanzania's Coffee Quality Competition, the Managing Director for KPD PLC, Leonard Zimbelya Kachebonaho explained that, through the project, farmers are rewarded for their sustainable change in farming practices with

increased crop yield, food security, and income diversification.

"In addition to the livelihood benefits, the environment also thrives under such an agroforestry system, resulting in healthier soils and enhanced biodiversity. The project is run by Kaderes, a non-governmental organization established 1997 with extensive experience in such projects," he explained during the interviews.

He said Kaderes does not work with a fixed number of smallholder farmers, but a constantly growing and expanding network, explaining that its mission is to empower members and communities to contribute to sustainable land use and environmental conservation by focusing on the scaling of their agro-forestry project.



Farmer harvests coffee beans

"The project is located in one of the poorest regions in Tanzania with a UNDP Human Development Indicator of 0.529. Most of the inhabitants are smallholder farmers and are living with less than \$1 a day. They have no access to pre-financing, loan or saving mechanisms let alone the carbon market," the KPD PLC boss further explained.

"These farmers couldn't have accessed affordable financing to make a shift to agro-forestry without the financial and technical support provided by Kaderes. However, to ensure a durable shift towards

agro-forestry the additional income stream coming from carbon credits is imperative."

According to Kachebonaho, with the vast number of eligible farmers and farmland the project is only at the beginning of its durable impact on the environment and its participants.

Commenting on the Kaderes Peasant Development Robusta Natural FTO, Kachebonaho explained that the product is a Tanzanian Robusta is certified Fair Trade and Organic, run by Kaderes Peasant Development PLC, a cooperative in Karagwe focused

on economic empowerment.

"KPD PLC is a Sucafina Specialty producer. We offer a diverse coffee selection and exceptional service. We are a global network of specialty coffee professionals who are, at the same time, very much part of your community," he enlightened. He further explained that, as Sucafina Specialty, they continue to help roasters to find the right coffee for any quality or budget.

From macrolot to microlot, they bring three core approaches to everything they do as a Global network, local teams where they build sustainable supply chains that meet the needs of roasters and producers, they also focused innovation by working to move the industry forward through technology, agronomy, finance and logistics, as well Shared value by drive efficiency and equity across our supply chain.

KADERES Peasants Development public limited company (KPD PLC) is the coffee export company establishment in 2007 it is engaging farmers in higher income generating activities.

KPD was founded by KADERES, but is now an independent company. KPD as a daughter company of KADERES has similar objectives and ideals including to build an effective community of empowered people managing their own lives, and to facilitate and empower the Karagwe Peasants to fight against poverty through improved agricultural and other socio-economic activities in a sustainable way."

Benchmark rates for 10, 15, 25 years bonds increase

By Guardian Reporter

INVESTORS in long term government bonds are continuing to enjoy increased earnings after the benchmark rates during the opening of this week opening, compared with the closing of last week.

The market report shows benchmark rates for long

term bonds with 10, 15, and 25 years maturities slightly went up on Monday, with exception of 20 years, compared with Friday last week, while those with two, five and seven years maturities slowed down.

Benchmark rate for 15 and 25 years maturities went up to 11.90 percent and 12.65 percent on Monday respectively,

compared with 11.50 percent and 12.38 percent recorded on Friday last week respectively.

According to the market report, benchmark rate for bonds with ten year maturity also increased to 10.58 percent on Monday with the selling rate of 10.65 percent and buying rate of 10.50 percent,

from 10.55 percent on Friday last week.

However, the benchmark yield to maturity rates of government bonds with 20 years slowed down to 11.90 percent on Monday respectively on Monday this week from 12.10 percent on Friday last week.

According to the report, the benchmark rates for five and

seven years maturity slowed to 8.15 and 9.57 percent on Monday respectively, lower than 9.20 percent and 9.60 percent recorded on Friday last week respectively.

The benchmark rate for short term bond of two years slowed to 7.70 percent with selling rate of 7.90pct and buying rate of 7.70pct on

Monday from 8 percent recorded on Friday last week.

Daily Market report by Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) shows during the opening day of the week, a total of 10.62bn recorded from six deals on 10, 20 and 25 years maturities bond.

The coupon rates included 11.44 percent for 10 years ma-

turity bond, 15.49 percent for 20 years maturity bond and 12.56 percent for 25 years bond.

During the closing day of last week, a total of 15.9bn/- recorded from ten deals for 10, 20 and 25 maturities bonds. Ten years maturity bond had two deals amounting 11bn/-.



A pump is seen at a gas station in Manhattan, New York City

Oil rises as US dollar loses against other major peers

NEW YORK

OIL prices rose on Tuesday as the US dollar eased against major peers but gains were limited by worries of slowing global fuel demand amid bearish economic data from key oil importing economies such as China.

International benchmark Brent crude futures gained 3 cents to \$93.29 per barrel by 0652 GMT, after falling 0.3% in the previous session. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures for December delivery rose 11 cents to \$84.69 per barrel, after a previous decline of 0.6%.

The greenback eased on Tuesday amid signs U.S. Federal Reserve rate hikes are putting the brakes on the world's biggest economy, while risk sentiment improved as Rishi Sunak prepared to become Britain's prime minister.

A weaker US dollar makes dollar-denominated oil less expensive for other currency holders and helps push prices higher.

However, signs of uncertain economic activity in the United States and China, the world's two biggest oil consumers, limited the increase.

"The intraday price swings aside, Brent and WTI futures are stuck in a relatively narrow band since Thursday," said Vandana Hari, founder of oil market analysis provider Vanda Insights.

Supply and demand fundamentals remain largely stable, leaving economic sentiment at the centre-stage for the oil market, Hari added.

"Much of the souring outlook on demand has already been baked in, so any

further downward pressure may be slow-acting," she said.

US business activity contracted for a fourth month in October, with manufacturers and services firms saying in a monthly S&P Global survey of purchasing managers published on Monday that client demand is falling.

That weakening could indicate that the Fed's interest rate increases to fight inflation have been working and may persuade it to slow its rate hike policies, a positive signal for fuel demand.

Also on Monday, government data showed China's crude oil imports in September were 2% lower than a year earlier, continuing a trend of lower imports at the same time it reported slowing retail sales.

US crude oil inventories are also expected to rise this week, which may limit price gains. Analysts polled by Reuters estimated on average that crude inventories rose by 200,000 barrels in the week to Oct. 21.

Analysts estimated stockpiles of gasoline fell by about 1.2 million barrels and distillate inventories, which include diesel and heating oil, were expected to have dropped by 1.1 million barrels last week.

Separately, International Energy Agency head Fatih Birol said on Tuesday the world will still need Russian oil to flow to the market despite a price cap, with between 80% to 90% an "encouraging level" to meet demand.

Many details of a price cap on Russian oil still have to be ironed out, Birol said during the Singapore International Energy Week.

AfDB gives Comoros €6mn to boost food production

By Guardian Correspondent, Moroni

THE Board of Directors of the African Development Bank Group has approved a €5.76 million grant to the Comoros to increase food production and enhance the resilience of its food system.

The move comes as the country has experienced rising food prices due to the war in Ukraine.

The grant funds will come

from the African Development Bank's Transition Support Facility, a mechanism to help fragile African states consolidate peace, build resilient institutions, stabilize their economies, and lay the foundations for inclusive growth.

Under the Emergency Agricultural Production Support Project, the grant will support intensified production of maize, potatoes, and

sweet potatoes through the use of climate resilient certified seeds and varieties.

The funding will also help boost poultry production and the supply of eggs and chicken for consumption.

Agricultural producers in the country will receive 270 tons of maize and potato seeds and 300,000 sweet potato vines. They will also receive 75 tons each of DAP binary fertilizer, NPK (ni-

trogen, phosphorus, and potassium) fertilizer and urea fertilizer, as well as phytosanitary products.

Under the project, farmers will also take delivery of four tractors and 20 power tillers. Sixteen laying and broiler houses will be built to house 160,000 day-old chicks (broiler and laying). About 10,780 producers will receive training in the production, processing and conservation

of maize, potatoes, and sweet potatoes.

Further, 3,220 poultry farmers will be trained in breeding techniques and poultry management. Lastly, the project will establish a guarantee fund for producers of agricultural inputs and feed importers.

More than 14,000 households, about 70,000 people, living on the country's three islands Grande-Comoros,

Anjouan and Mohéli - will benefit from the project. Beneficiaries are covered by a dozen rural economic development centres and 400 professional agricultural organizations, 55% of which are owned by women.

To address the impact of rising food prices resulting from the war in Ukraine, the Board of Directors of the African Development Bank Group on 20 May 2022 ap-

proved a \$1.5 billion African Emergency Food Production Facility.

It has begun providing quality seeds (wheat, rice, maize, and soybean), fertilizers and other support services to 20 million farmers across Africa.

The goal is to produce an additional 38 million tons of food over the next two years, with an estimated \$12 billion value.

Lender's bid to rescue DP Gachagua dismissed

NAIROBI

AN application from Rafiki Microfinance Bank to block the forfeiture of Sh202 million belonging to Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua to the government, pending appeal has been dismissed.

The Court of Appeal dismissed the lender's application, saying the application was unnecessary because there are safeguards in law for the preservation of the money before an appeal is determined.

Mr Gachagua was ordered to forfeit the funds by High Court judge Esther Maina in July after ruling that the Deputy President failed to explain how he made the money.

The lender wanted a temporary order blocking the Assets Recovery Agency (ARA) from seizing the money pending the conclusion of the appeal.

"In view of the foregoing, we reach the inescapable conclusion that the applicant's motion is unwarranted, having been made in disregard of section 92(6) of the Act which, in our view, provides statutory safeguards pending appeal," said Justices Kathurima M'Inoti, Imaana Laibuta, and Mwaniki Gachoka.

The bank in an affidavit of the legal manager Helen Nyaboke said the money is a security that guaranteed several loans by third parties.

She added that ARA has been demanding the amount to be remitted and even threatened to institute contempt proceedings against the bank in case the money is not released. But the judges said the application is a plea to the court to order the State agency to obey the law.

The funds are held in four accounts with one holding Sh165 million, a second account holding Sh35 million, and the other holding Sh773,228.

All three are registered in Mr Gachagua's name while a fourth account, holding Sh1,138,142, is registered in the name of Jenne Enterprises.

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Kenyan Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

the judge said.

Justice Maina said the ARA had proved that the MP and his companies benefitted from funds yet did not deliver any goods or provided any services to the ministries or agencies, which gave tenders to him.

The court also dismissed claims by Mr Gachagua that he put the money in fixed deposit accounts and loaned to some of his companies to earn interest. The former Mathira MP claimed said he moved the funds between his savings and fixed deposit account and vice versa, to earn interest.

In July, DP Gachagua lost Sh202 mil-

lion to the State after the High Court ruled that the money held in four accounts at Rafiki Microfinance is proceeds of corruption.

Justice Esther Maina ruled that Gachagua, who by then was an MP for Mathira admitted that he received the funds from government agencies but there was no evidence that he supplied any services or goods to the government.

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China unveils measures to promote manufacturing

BEIJING

CHINESE authorities have issued a slew of measures to facilitate foreign investment in the country with a focus on the manufacturing sector.

China will optimize the investment environment and deepen the implementation of the negative list for foreign investment to transform opening-up policies into concrete projects, according to a document jointly released by the National Development and Reform Commission and five other government organs.

The document urged facilitating the entry and exit of executives, technicians, and their families of multinationals and foreign-invested firms to the country, under the premise of sound COVID-19 pandemic prevention and control.

Concerning manufacturing development, China will support the imports and exports of foreign-invested manufacturing firms and offer services and guidance on trade and customs clearance, according to the document.

Efforts will also be made to improve the structure of foreign investment. The document encouraged foreign investors to expand their footprints in fields such as sci-tech innovation, and carbon peaking and neutrality, as well as in areas with a sound foundation of industrial development in China's central, western and northeastern regions.

China's value-added industrial output, an important economic indicator, went up 6.3 percent year on year in September, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed Monday.

The industrial output is used to measure the activity of designated large enterprises with an annual business turnover of at least 20 million yuan (about 2.81 million U.S. dollars)



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Europe stocks gain, futures all steady as earnings roll in

LONDON

STOCKS in Europe gained and equity-index futures were steady as mostly positive earnings reports buoyed sentiment. Treasury yields dipped for a second day.

The Stoxx Europe 600 Index added about 0.4% at the open, led by the technology and media sectors. Software developer SAP SE added 3.5% after a third-quarter revenue beat.

Banks declined as the European Central Bank considers ways to stop lenders from profiting unduly as interest rates rise, with HSBC Holdings Plc slumping more than 5% after it reported higher-than-expected charges for possible loan losses.

UBS Group AG bucked the trend, advancing more than 3% after exceeding earnings estimates.

Futures on the S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100 fluctuated between small gains and losses after Monday's strong performance on Wall Street.

A fifth of S&P 500 companies have now posted third-quarter earnings, with more than half outperforming estimates. Microsoft Corp., Alphabet Inc., Amazon.com Inc. and Apple Inc. report this week.

Manufacturing and services data for the US underwhelmed on Monday, indicating Federal Reserve rate hikes are beginning to slow activity. Fed officials have entered a blackout period ahead of the central bank's meeting next week, where it's expected to raise rates 75 basis points. Investors are starting to speculate that the central bank may be approaching the end of its aggressive tightening campaign.

"Investors are getting more confident that inflation will soften as the consumer rethinks massive purchases," said Edward Moya, a senior markets analyst at OANDA Corp. "Fed rate-hike expectations will remain volatile, but expectations are growing that a weaker economy will let the Fed pause their tightening after the February policy meeting."

A gauge of global stocks held a small advance as Chinese stocks staged a modest rebound following Monday's historic selloff, with traders weighing cheap valuations against the prospects of more market-unfriendly policies during President Xi Jinping's third term. The offshore yuan fell to the lowest level since trading began a dozen years ago, as Xi's power grab raised concern that concentrated decision-making could weaken growth and destabilize geopolitics. The decline extended after China's central bank set the official fixing rate for the currency at the lowest level in 14 years.



ITV PGM SCHEDULE			
WEDNESDAY 26 Oct			
5:00	Igizo rpt: Uzalo	19:00	Usafiri Wako
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	19:30	Soap: I Plead Guilty
6:00	HABARI	20:00	Habari
6:40	Kumekucha	21:05	Malumbano ya hoja
7:30	HABARI	23:00	Habari
8:00	Kumekucha Michozo	23:30	The Base
8:55	Habari za saa	00:30	Al Jazeera
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo	02:00	DWTV
9:30	Soap: I Plead Guilty	FRIDAY 28 Oct	
9:55	Habari za saa	5:00	Igizo rpt: Uzalo
10:00	Watoto wetu	5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
10:25	Uchumi wetu	6:00	HABARI
10:55	Habari za saa	6:40	Kumekucha
11:55	The Base rpt	7:00	Habari
12:00	Al Jazeera	8:00	Kumekucha Michozo
12:30	Bundesliga rpt	8:55	Habari za saa
12:55	Habari za saa	9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
13:00	Dakika 45 rpt	9:30	Soap rpt: I Plead Guilty
13:55	Habari za saa	9:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Kipindi maalum: PSSSF rpt	10:00	Watoto wetu
14:15	Makala maalum: Njiti	10:30	Usafiri Wako
14:55	Meza huru	10:55	Habari za saa
16:30	Watoto Wetu	11:00	The Base rpt
17:00	The Base	11:55	Habari za saa
18:00	Jiji Letu	12:00	Al Jazeera
18:15	Igizo: Mizengwe rpt	12:30	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
18:30	DW: Afrimax rpt	12:55	Habari za saa
19:00	Jarida la wanawake	13:00	Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba rpt
19:30	Soap: I Plead Guilty	13:30	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ
20:00	Habari	13:55	Habari za saa
21:05	Albu Yako	14:00	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ
21:10	Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco	14:30	DW: Afrimax rpt
21:40	Kipindi maalum: Pesa Fasta	15:00	Meza Huru
22:00	Ripoti maalum	16:30	Watoto Wetu
22:30	Soap: Uzalo	17:00	The Base (DJ Show)
23:00	Habari	17:30	Kisiam
23:30	The Base	18:00	Jiji Letu
00:30	Al Jazeera	18:15	Igizo: Mizengwe
02:00	DWTV	18:30	Uchumi wetu
THURSDAY 27 Oct			
5:00	Igizo rpt: Uzalo	19:00	The Base rpt
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	19:30	DW: Afrimax rpt
6:00	HABARI	19:55	Habari za saa
6:40	Kumekucha	20:00	Habari
7:30	HABARI	20:30	The Base
8:00	Kumekucha michozo	21:05	Kipima Joto
8:55	Habari za saa	23:00	Habari
9:00	Kumekucha kishindo	23:30	The Base
9:30	Soap rpt: I Plead Guilty	00:30	Al Jazeera
9:55	Habari za saa	02:00	DWTV
10:00	Watoto wetu	SATURDAY 29 Oct	
10:30	Shamba lulu	5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
10:55	Habari za saa	6:00	HABARI
11:00	The Base	6:40	Kumekucha
11:55	Habari za saa	7:30	HABARI
12:00	Al Jazeera	8:00	Kumekucha
12:30	Jarida la wanawake rpt	8:55	Habari za saa
12:55	Habari za saa	9:00	Kumekucha kishindo
13:00	Shamsham za pwani rpt	9:30	Soap: I Plead Guilty
13:55	Habari za saa	9:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Kipindi maalum rpt: NSSF	10:00	Watoto wetu
14:15	Igizo rpt: Rebecca	10:30	Kipindi Maalum: FAO
14:40	Igizo: Mizengwe	10:55	Shika Bamba 5
14:55	Habari za saa	11:00	Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
15:00	Meza Huru:	11:30	Chetu ni chetu rpt
16:30	Watoto Wetu	12:00	Hawavumi lakini wamo
17:00	The Base	12:30	Usafiri Wako rpt
18:00	Jiji Letu	13:00	Jajina rpt
18:15	Jajina	13:30	Soap: I Plead Guilty rpt
18:45	Kipindi Maalum: PSSSF	14:00	Igizo: Mizengwe
		16:10	Igizo: Rebecca
		16:30	Shamsham za Pwani
		17:00	Jiji Letu
		18:00	Majishi rpt
		18:15	DW: Afrimax rpt
		18:30	Jungu Kuu
		19:00	Shika Bamba
		19:30	Habari
		20:00	Kipindi Maalum: Tatu Mzuka
		21:15	Igizo: Rebecca
		21:40	Art and Lifestyle
		22:10	ITV TOP 10
		22:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
		23:00	Soap: Uzalo rpt
		01:15	DWTV
		5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
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		7:00	Habari
		8:00	Al Jazeera
		09:00	Watoto Wetu
		10:00	Soap: I Plead Guilty rpt
		11:50	Bongo Movie rpt
		14:00	Tamania la Michezo
		15:30	Mwangaza
		16:30	ITV Top 10
		17:20	Kipindi cha kikristo
		18:00	Jiji Letu
		18:15	Majishi
		18:30	Matukio ya wiki
		19:30	Igizo: Rebecca
		20:00	Habari
		21:05	Kipindi maalum: Biko
		21:10	Kipindi maalum: Reflexology
		21:15	Igizo: Mizengwe
		21:30	Mjuzi Zaidi
		22:15	Bongo movie
		23:30	Soap: Uzalo rpt: Tanesco
		02:05	Al Jazeera
		22:00	Turning the spotlight rpt
		22:30	EcoAfrica
		23:00	Al Jazeera
		06:00	Al Jazeera
		07:00	Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
		09:00	Club 101 rpt
		11:00	Al Jazeera
		11:30	Business edition
		12:00	Out and About
		12:30	Our earth
		13:00	Telenovela rpt: Laws of love 14:00
		16:00	Series rpt: Lies that Bind
		16:30	EcoAfrica
		17:00	Dw News Africa rpt
		17:30	Meza huru
		18:00	Meza huru
		18:30	Meza huru
		19:00	Innovation
		19:30	Corunary
		20:00	Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love
		20:45	Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
		21:00	Series rpt: Lies that Bind
		21:30	Business edition rpt
		22:00	In good shape
		22:30	Meza huru
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		23:15	Al Jazeera
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		07:00	Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
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		11:30	Spots gazette
		12:00	Innovation
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		16:00	Series rpt: Lies that Bind
		16:30	Business edition rpt
		17:00	In good shape
		17:30	Meza huru
		18:00	Meza huru
		19:00	Turning the spotlight
		19:30	Tanzania yetu
		20:00	Special Pgm: South Africa Tourism Expo (Sports Activities)
		20:45	Telenovela: Laws Of love 21:30
		21:00	Capital Prime News
		22:00	Capchat rpt
		23:00	Al Jazeera
		06:00	Al Jazeera
		07:00	Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
		09:00	Club 101 rpt
		11:00	Al Jazeera
		11:30	Capchat
		12:30	Decor
		13:00	Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love 14:00
		16:00	Series rpt: Lies that Bind
		16:30	The Monday Agenda rpt
		17:30	Meza huru
		19:00	Rev
		19:30	Special Pgm: South Africa Tourism Expo (Cameraman Report)
		20:00	Albu Yako
		20:15	Local Pgm: Business Edition
		20:45	Telenovela Laws Of love 21:30
		22:00	Capital Prime News
		22:30	Malumbano ya hoja rpt
		00:00	Al Jazeera
		06:00	Al Jazeera
		09:00	Rev rpt
		09:30	Turning the Spotlight rpt

WORLD

Sunak becomes British PM after meeting King Charles III

LONDON

RISHI Sunak became Britain's new prime minister yesterday after meeting King Charles III in Buckingham Palace, where the monarch asked him to form a government after the resignation of Liz Truss.

Sunak, Britain's former chancellor of the exchequer, won the ruling Conservative Party's leadership race on Monday.

The 42-year-old Sunak is the first person of Indian origin to become British

prime minister and the youngest in the country's modern political history to hold the post.

He inherits an economy on the brink of recession, with an energy crisis, cost-of-living crisis and runaway inflation that defy any easy fix. Truss's attempt to use debt-funded tax cuts to spur economic growth failed to turn the situation around.

In her farewell speech, Truss defended her "growth plan," adding, "I'm more convinced than ever that we need to be bold and confront the challenges we



Britain's newly appointed Prime Minister Rishi Sunak waves as he poses outside to door to 10 Downing Street in central London, yesterday after delivering his first speech as prime minister. AFP

face."

"We simply cannot afford to be a low-growth country where the Government takes up an increasing share of our national wealth and where there are huge divides between different parts of our country. We need to take advantage of our Brexit freedoms

to do things differently," she said.

At press time, Sunak is delivering his first address to the nation outside 10 Downing Street on his vision and plans for Britain, and is expected to announce his cabinet members later in the day.

Xinhua

New top team of CPC seen solid for progress

SYDNEY

THE new leadership team of the Communist Party of China lay solid foundation for the country's path to modernization as the members enjoy rich governing experiences and share the same vision for the nation's future as espoused by Party chief Xi Jinping, analysts say.

The seven-member Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, with Xi as general secretary, was elected on Oct 23 at the first plenum of the 20th CPC Central Committee, a day after the Party's twice-a-decade National Congress concluded.

Colin Mackerras, professor emeritus at Griffith University in Brisbane, Queensland, and one of Australia's leading Sinologists, said Xi had put a visionary agenda to the Party's 20th Congress and "got it accepted".

Xi's vision was spelt out in his address to the Congress where he not only emphasized development, but also talked of common prosperity, reducing inequalities that still exist, and the importance of the environment, he said.

Xi "has done a great deal to uproot the corruption that was rampant when he came to office ten years ago," Mackerras told China Daily. And, "Xi put a lot of emphasis on human life and winning the war against the pandemic. I think the zero-

COVID policy will continue for a while, I suspect into next year."

Moreover, in his report and remarks, Xi reiterated China's opposition to the growing "Cold War mentality" in international diplomacy.

Xi said China resolutely opposes all forms of hegemony and power politics, opposes the Cold War mentality, opposes interfering in other countries' domestic politics, opposes double standards.

Mackerras said China does not seek hegemony and will never engage in expansion. "China's approach is peaceful, but the Americans' is not."

He noted that on the question of Taiwan, Beijing's position has not changed.

"It wants peaceful reunification but is not prepared to rule out the use of force. Unfortunately, the US is moving more and more towards wanting an 'independent' Taiwan," he said, and Washington "does not hesitate to go back on its word in dealings with other countries."

The US "wants to keep control over Taiwan. China has been very cautious up to now and I expect that to continue," Mackerras said.

James Laurenceson, director of the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney, said the next five years will be "interesting".

He told China Daily that the economy will be crucial going



Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, delivers an important speech when meeting with the media on Sunday at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing with the other six newly elected members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the 20th CPC Central Committee. (FENG YONGBIN / CHINA DAILY)

forward.

"In the medium to long term, if China gets the policy settings right, it could really kick-start economic growth again without too much trouble," he said. "I don't just mean by the way it deals with COVID... I mean with how it responds to the broader, structural challenges."

Hans Hendrichke, professor of Chinese Business and Management at the University of Sydney, said "Putting it into context, this Congress laid the ideological foundations for the Party's rule until 2049", when the nation will mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

"Priority was the long-term ideological agenda, poverty reduction, more international engagement, particularly with developing countries," he said.

He said short- and medium-term policies will come from the National People's Congress

next March, which will also nominate the new government.

"Xi Jinping has consolidated his ideological position," Hendrichke added. "In his opening speech, his economic focus was on horizontal equalization of income level between rich and poor provinces."

Hendrichke said "the best indication for future policies is the new members of the Politburo Standing Committee".

The members have deep experiences in the comparatively advanced provinces, such as Li Qiang, with leading roles in Fujian, Zhejiang and Jiangsu, said Hendrichke, and Li Xi with experience in Northwestern China, Liaoning and Shanghai, currently in Guangdong.

"To me this looks like a concentration of practical, provincial expertise. All of these new people come from the market-oriented coastal economies which fund the central government," Hendrichke said. Xinhua

BERLIN

GERMAN Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Monday vowed to provide wide-ranging assistance in rebuilding Ukraine, including aid for agriculture, the health sector and the restoration of the country's energy networks.

"Together with our partners, we will support Ukraine as long as necessary," Scholz said at the opening of a German-Ukrainian Business Forum in Berlin. The restoration of the country will be "a generational task," he said.

Rebuilding Ukraine will cost

German chancellor vows to help rebuild Ukraine

\$349 billion, according to an analysis released last month by the World Bank, the European Union and the Ukrainian government.

This figure is equivalent to one and a half times Ukraine's gross domestic product before the start of the conflict with Russia.

"Ukraine's needs for recovery and reconstruction are massive -- and growing," said World Bank President David Malpass earlier this month.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal has



estimated that the cost of reconstruction in the country will be as much as \$750 billion.

Scholz promised that German companies will invest

in Ukraine, emphasizing that "whoever invests in the reconstruction of Ukraine today invests in a future EU member state."

Ukraine has been a recognized candidate for membership of the EU since June, and Scholz reiterated Germany's support for its accession. "I am very serious about this commitment, with all that it entails," he said.

In the meantime, Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz on Monday told his Ukrainian counterpart Oleksii Reznikov

that Israel won't provide weapons to Ukraine.

The two ministers talked over the phone and "held a positive discussion," the Israeli defense ministry said in a statement.

Gantz said Israel will not provide weapons systems, citing "the operational limitations" faced by Israel.

However, Gantz offered to help Ukraine in developing an alert system. The ministers agreed "to conduct professional dialogue in order to assist Ukraine in the development of a civilian early warning system," the ministry said.

Diplomat comments inconnection with information about Kiev's plans to stage a dirty bomb provocation

MOSCOW

ALARMING information from reliable sources indicate that Kiev is preparing a provocation with the use of an explosive device filled with radioactive substances, aka "dirty bomb." Nothing could cause greater concern.

The purpose of this heinous provocation is clear - to accuse Russia of using a weapon of mass destruction. The Ukrainian authorities and their Western handlers hope that it will lead to a broad anti-Russian campaign, undermine Moscow's credibility in the eyes of its partners and lead to our country's isolation in the international arena.

According to our sources, the Ukrainian side has already begun to implement the plan. In particular, the Vostochny Ore Mining and Processing Plant in the town of Zholtiye Vody and the Institute for Nuclear Research in Kiev have been tasked with making the bomb. We cannot rule out the possibility of some Western countries helping Ukraine fulfil this goal.

Reportedly, they are holding talks with Ukraine on supplying the dirty bomb components to it. According to information obtained by Russia, Kiev is planning to detonate the bomb by disguising it as an unauthorised burst of a low-yield Russian nuclear bomb with enriched uranium.

In this context, we would like to note Vladimir Zelensky's irresponsible remarks at the Munich Conference in February about Kiev's aspiration to obtain nuclear weapons, which would create actual risks for Russia and international security.

The issue concerns potentially revising Ukraine's non-nuclear status, which would mean an attempt to get hold of nuclear weapons to the detriment of the NPT regime. Given Kiev's recent statements about the need for "pre-emptive nuclear strikes" by NATO against Russia, this is absolutely unacceptable and untenable. Moreover, calls to detonate a dirty bomb in Moscow have already been making the rounds on the

Ukrainian internet lately. Instructions on how to assemble one were even posted.

By all indications, Ukraine is trying to play out a scenario similar to the provocation in Bucha when they attempted to groundlessly accuse us of civilian deaths. Despite our repeated requests, including to the UN Secretary-General, to provide the victims' personal data and information about the circumstances that led to their deaths, we still haven't received an answer.

We demand that the Kiev authorities and their Western handlers stop taking actions that are leading the world towards nuclear catastrophe and threatening innocent civilian lives. It would be reckless to ignore Russia's warnings in this regard. It is dangerous to push things towards escalation. The West should not be measuring the width of the red line. Agencis

Zimbabwean media urged to take editorial stance against Western sanctions

HARARE

THE Zimbabwean media should take an editorial stance against the Western sanctions on Zimbabwe and help expose ways through which Zimbabweans have been affected by the embargo, a cabinet minister said on Monday.

Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services Minister Monica Mutsvangwa said it was time for Zimbabwean journalists to repel the propaganda from the West that seeks to divide and cause disunity among Zimbabweans.

The minister was speaking at the inaugural edition of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) anti-sanctions summit held in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, which brought together Zimbabweans and media players to discuss ways of ring-fencing the sector against the punitive effects of the more than two-decades-old sanctions.

"The media has a special role to inform and educate the nation on the misinformation and disinformation peddled by the West and its allies that these sanctions are targeted at a few individuals," Mutsvangwa said. "The media must unmask this big lie and expose the reality on the ground that the sanctions are choking. The lies are meant to turn us against each other and derail the development agenda."

The summit was held on the eve of the SADC anti-sanctions day held on Oct. 25 each year since 2020. The anti-sanctions day was set aside by SADC for member states to stand in solidarity with Zimbabwe and collectively call for the unconditional lifting of the embargo imposed more than two decades ago.

Mutsvangwa applauded SADC for championing a collective resentment of the sanctions, and said Zimbabwe is grateful to the African Union and all countries that joined forces at the United Nations General Assembly in September "to crusade an anti-sanctions hymn condemning these unruly

China willing to work with the international community to promote equality, mutual learning, dialogue, and inclusiveness among civilisations

XI Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, stressed the significance of promoting exchanges and mutual learning in the report he delivered to the 20th CPC National Congress.

Stressing that human society faces unprecedented challenges, Xi called upon all countries to hold dear humanity's shared values of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy, and freedom, and promote mutual understanding and forge closer bonds with other peoples.

He urged closer communication and dialogue between different civilizations so as to increase mutual understanding and mutual recognition. "All countries should respect different countries' and peoples' exploration of their own develop-

ment paths, remove civilization misunderstandings through cultural exchanges, avoid civilization clashes by learning from each other, and replace civilization supremacy with coexistence of civilizations", he added.

Diversity is what defines our world and makes human civilization fascinating. All civilizations are rooted in their unique cultural environment. Each embodies the wisdom and vision of a country or nation, and each is valuable for being unique.

The attitude towards different civilizations concerns the progress of human civilization and the peaceful development of the world.

Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, Xi has made a series of important proposals on

exchanges and mutual learning to build a harmonious world and advance human progress.

He said China is willing to work with the international community to promote equality, mutual learning, dialogue, and inclusiveness among civilizations, which demonstrated the unique and charming wisdom of China and its broad-mindedness.

Having gone through over 5,000 years of vicissitudes, the Chinese civilization has always kept to its original root. As the unique cultural identity of the Chinese nation, it contains some most profound pursuits of the Chinese nation and provides it with abundant nourishment for existence and development.

China, in the new era, is experiencing the

greatest and most unique practical innovation in human history.

The CPC has led the people in pioneering a uniquely Chinese path to modernization, creating a new model for human advancement. Besides, China, pursuing a better future shared by all people around the world, champions the common values of humanity and the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind.

The country calls on the world to enhance exchanges and mutual learning, and strengthen popular support for jointly building a community with a shared future for mankind.

China believes countries need to respect each other and treat each other as equals, uphold

the beauty of each civilization and the diversity of civilizations in the world, stay open and inclusive, draw on each other's strengths, advance with the times and stress innovation-driven development.

International analysts commented that China, championing the peaceful coexistence of civilizations, has become a catalyst for global exchanges.

Though born on the soil of China, the Chinese civilization has come to its present form through constant exchanges and mutual learning with other civilizations.

New British PM unveiled amid economic challenges, political chaos

LONDON

RISHI Sunak, Britain's former chancellor of the exchequer, has won the ruling Conservative Party's leadership contest. He will replace Liz Truss yesterday as the British prime minister, the third this year, at a time of economic challenges and political turbulence.

FIRST INDIAN-ORIGIN PM

Sunak, 42, is the first person of Indian origin to become the British prime minister. He is also the youngest prime minister in the country's modern political history.

Sunak was declared winner by the Tory backbench 1922 Committee shortly after the deadline on Monday afternoon when he emerged as the only contender who secured the required backing of at least 100 lawmakers.

Another contender, Penny Mordaunt, leader of the House of Commons, failed to garner enough votes. Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson withdrew from the contest on Sunday despite the backing of 102 Tory lawmakers he claimed to have secured.

Johnson said it was "simply not the right time" for him to stand for the leadership race as "you can't govern effectively unless you have a united party in Parliament."

The leadership race was launched when Truss announced her resignation on Thursday after a little over six weeks in office. Her economic blueprint, the "mini-budget," was blamed for causing market turmoil and tanking the Conservative Party's poll rating. Monday's victory was second time lucky for Sunak.

In his first shot at the top job this summer, he lost to Truss in the head-to-head stage of the Tory leadership race, triggered then by scandal-hit Johnson's resignation.

"PROFOUND ECONOMIC CHALLENGE"

Sunak inherits an economy that is on the brink of recession as a combination of energy crisis, cost-of-living crisis and runaway inflation defies any easy fix. Britain's inflation rose by 10.1 percent in September as food costs keep rising.

The squeeze on public spending has aggravated problems in key public services such as the National Health Service. British households have also been warned that they will face electricity blackouts this winter due to gas shortages.

His predecessor's solution of using debt-funded tax cuts to spur economic growth failed to turn the situation around. Truss's economic strategy plunged the British pound to a 37-year low against the U.S. dollar, while pushing up the cost of government borrowing and mortgage rates.

In his first public address as the Tory leader, Sunak admitted that Britain is facing "a profound economic challenge." "Sunak won't set himself on fire the way Liz Truss did because he's a more competent manager and a more savvy politician. However, he's facing a very uphill task," Professor Iain Begg from the London School of Economics and Political Science told Xinhua.

"The big challenge for Sunak is that he has to manage a series of complicated problems against a very



After being invited to form a government by King Charles, Sunak became the UK's 57th prime minister

inauspicious fiscal background. He can't spend his way out of trouble the way he did (in the early months of the pandemic) when he was the chancellor," Begg said.

"Now it's much more difficult because interest rates are rising, which means the cost of householders are going up. There is pressure on the public finances because of the previous rounds of public expenditure, so he'll be walking various tightropes simultaneously," he added.

LAST CHANCE SALOON

The frequent change of occupant at 10 Downing Street and a lack of effective policies to solve economic and social woes have drained the British public's patience.

"Britain's standing in the world is going to be adversely affected by what's happened over the last few months ... Chang-

ing prime ministers, changing ministers, making decisions and unmaking decisions, all of this just looks terribly bad internationally.

It's not a serious form of government," Begg said. The opposition parties, including the Labour Party, the Liberal Democrats and the Scottish National Party, have renewed their calls for a general election, arguing that the general public should have a say over who leads the country instead of letting a handful of Tory party members call the shots.

A new polling by YouGov published hours after Sunak's victory has found that a majority of people -- 56 percent -- believe he should call an early general election.

In his address on Monday, Sunak also made a strong case for stability and unity as the seemingly endless drama in

Westminster risks derailing the future of not only the Conservative Party but the whole country.

"We now need stability and unity. And I will make it my utmost priority to bring our party and our country together," Sunak said. Sunak will officially become the new prime minister on Tuesday after meeting King Charles III in Buckingham Palace where the monarch will invite him to form a government. His first address to the nation outside 10 Downing Street later in the day on his vision and plans for Britain will offer a clue as to whether he can turn the tide.

"The Conservatives are in what we call last chance saloon. If they don't make Rishi Sunak premiership work, they are going to be slitting their own throats," Begg said.

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WHO stresses vaccines as flu season ramps up, COVID lurks

COPENHAGEN

VACCINATION continues to be one of the most effective tools in combating both influenza and COVID-19, and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe urges all those eligible to get their influenza and COVID-19 booster shots as soon as possible.

"With COVID-19 and seasonal influenza co-circulating, the health of vulnerable people -- including the elderly, the immunocompromised, pregnant women and newborns -- is at greater risk," said WHO Regional Director Dr. Hans Kluge said at a press conference here on Monday.

Since early Sept, regional cases of COVID-19 have tripled, according to WHO Europe, and in the second week of Oct, the European Region accounted for nearly 60 percent of new global cases and 42 percent of new global deaths.

"This is not a time to relax," Kluge said. "In the past month, we have also seen an early spike in seasonal influenza cases, leading now to increased positivity in patients hospitalized with severe acute respiratory infections."

However, according to Kluge, the surge has not led to either the previously seen levels of severe disease, as deaths and intensive care unit admissions have only seen minor increases, or to the crippling effects previously seen on economic or social life.

"We must continue to do our utmost to prevent infections, protect the vulnerable and prepare our health systems to manage multiple threats," he said.

On the occasion of World Polio Day (Oct 24), which also marks twenty years of keeping the WHO European Region free of indigenous wild polio, Kluge noted a parallel since the region was declared polio-free in 2002.

"Vaccines are safe and vaccines work. For polio, as for COVID-19 and influenza, vaccines can and do save lives. The other main policy responses for COVID-19 are continued surveillance and securing access to antivirals for at-risk populations."

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China to make greater contributions to human progress

THE report delivered by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, on behalf of the 19th CPC Central Committee, to the 20th CPC National Congress, is seen by the international community as sign of China keeping pursuing its dreams and win-win cooperation with the rest of the world.

It is believed that the 20th CPC National Congress not only is significant to China, but also places important impacts on the rest of the world.

Foreign media organizations reported that Chinese modernization will shed light on other countries, and the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, which has been once again highlighted in Xi's report this time, is crucial to global development. They said the congress offers important political guidance for China's development on the country's journey toward greater prosperity, and draws a new blueprint for a better future to be jointly created by the Chinese people and the people in the rest of the world.

The world has further recognized that China's development is a great cause that advances human progress. Since socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era in 2012, the cause of the Party and the country has scored historic achievements and gone through historic changes. The success jointly created by the CPC and the Chinese people has a far-reaching impact on the world.

From multiple perspectives, the international community analyzed China's remarkable achievements made in the new era, to learn the country's experiences in overcoming development challenges and realizing vitalization.

Foreign media organizations



The 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China opens at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Oct. 16, 2022. File photo

said that the CPC, with a responsible attitude, has led the country to achieve sustainable development, which demonstrates its political vision and wisdom. They believe socialism with Chinese characteristics and the Chinese governance system are a role model in seeking happiness for the people. Facts prove that, the cause of the CPC benefits not only the Chinese people, but also the world at large.

The Russian International Affairs Council said in an article published on its website that China's economic miracle sets a good example for the countries that are still in search of their own development paths.

The global attention received by the congress indicated that the international community has further enhanced its confidence in China building itself into a modern socialist country in all respects.

China today is more than the country itself; it is very much a part of the world. The report delivered at the 20th CPC National Congress planned the development targets and major policies of the Party and the country in the next five years and even a longer period of time to come, and announced to advance

the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization.

The international community said that the decisions made at the congress have displayed a clear vision for China's next-phase development, and the CPC will keep leading the Chinese people to march forward along the path to happiness and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. It is believed that China is more confident now in creating even bigger miracles. China, on a new journey to build itself into a modern socialist country in all respects, is expected to create certainty and stability for the fast-changing world and expand the areas of mutually beneficial cooperation between itself and other countries.

The international community has further recognized China's firm determination to build a community with a shared future for mankind. Changes of the world, of our times and of history are unfolding today in ways like never before. The world has once again stood at a crossroads, with its future course dependent on the choices of people of all countries.

Stressing that the world is grappling with unprecedented challenges, Xi said the CPC has consistently called on the people of the world to grasp and shape the future and destiny of humanity.

"When all countries pursue the cause of common good, we can live in harmony, engage in cooperation for mutual benefit and join hands to create a brighter future for the world," he added.

China is always committed to the purpose of its foreign policy of safeguarding world peace and promoting common development, and to building a community with a shared future for mankind, which fully mirrors the Party's broad mind and sense of responsibility.

The international observers said the 20th CPC National Congress will guide China to keep safeguarding world peace and make the international order more just, and unite all progressive forces around the world to cope with major issues such as the wealth gap and climate change.

It is believed that the CPC will lead China toward another milestone and keep contributing to world peace, progress and prosperity. Building a community with a shared future for mankind is a greater vision that benefits the world with the Chinese Dream.

The CPC strives for both the wellbeing of the Chinese people and progress of the entire mankind. On the new journey ahead, the Party will keep expanding its global vision, obtain a keen understanding of the trends of human progress, and actively respond to the concerns of the people from all countries, so as to contribute to solving the common issues facing mankind. It will learn from all outstanding civilizations with a broad mind to build a better world.

People's Daily

As Sunak takes reins, Moscow sees 'no hopes' for better ties with UK, says Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIA does not see any "preconditions, grounds, or hope" for building more constructive relations with Great Britain in the foreseeable future, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said yesterday, commenting on the appointment of Rishi Sunak as the UK's new prime minister.

"No, at present, we do not see any preconditions, grounds or hopes for some positive shifts in the foreseeable future," the Russian presidential spokesman said, commenting on the prospects of warmer relations between the two countries with the appointment of the UK's new premier.

Meanwhile, Russia is maintaining its openness and readiness for discussing the most complex issues at the negotiating table but not to the detriment of its national interests, Peskov emphasized.

Sunak was announced as the UK Conservative Party's new leader on Monday after his two rivals, British ex-PM Boris Johnson and leader of the House of Commons Penny

Mordaunt said that they would not run for the post of head of the government.

As British media outlets reported, neither Johnson nor Mordaunt appeared to be gaining the required 100 votes of Conservative MPs to get to the next round of the parliamentary voting.

Sunak became the first UK premier appointed by British King Charles III who ascended to the throne after the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II.

The ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer entered 10 Downing Street, replacing Liz Truss, who on October 20 had announced that she would quit after her botched economic policy had fueled further discontent among her party members.

She had occupied the top post of the nation's PM for just 45 days, the shortest tenure on record in Britain's history.

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Russian Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov

SPORT



Obrey Chirwa

Chirwa gives Ihefu SC followers hope

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

IHEFU SC goal-getter Obrey Chirwa has told the outfit's supporters that the squad's players are fighting to continue making the followers happy.

The Mbeya outfit came up against Singida Big Stars FC in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash at Liti Stadium in Singida two days back and conceded a 1-0 defeat.

Kagera Sugar went down 2-1 to Singida Big Stars FC in the seventh-round match of NBC Premier League held several days back and the latter moved to seventh position in the league standings with 11 points.

Ihefu SC went into the tie against Singida Big Stars FC whilst sitting 14th after posting five points from seven games.

Both Singida Big Stars FC and Ihefu SC secured promotion to the domestic top flight hence the duel between the clubs was almost like a derby.

Mbarali-based Ihefu SC started the 2022/23 NBC Premier League season poorly having

lost the first three matches before opting for a change of coach and bringing in experienced gaffer Juma Mwambusi.

In the club's ties which ended in a loss, the club suffered a 3-1 loss to Mtibwa Sugar 3-1, conceded a 2-1 defeat to KMC FC, suffered a 1-0 loss to Namungo FC and recorded a similar loss to Ruvu Shooting.

Ihefu SC forced a draw in the match against Tanzania Prisons which ended in a 1-1 draw, and the former then settled for similar results when it came up against Mbeya City FC.

The poor performance compelled the club's owners to make minor changes in the outfit's technical bench by hiring former Mbeya City FC head coach Mwambusi to head the team, working with assistant coach Zubeir Katwila.

Mwambusi that had several years back worked as an assistant to Dutch gaffer Hans Pluijm at Yanga, had seen the side command an unbeaten run in 18 top-flight matches.

The tactician asked Ihefu SC's leadership to be patient as the squad will begin posting good results in coming Premier League ties.

have made the trip to Dar es Salaam are fit and ready for the encounter," he said.

The two teams have played eight NBC Premier League games, with Geita Gold FC now positioned ninth with 10 points, recording victory in two matches, a draw in four, and a loss in two.

Geita Gold FC beat Namungo FC 2-1, edged Polisi Tanzania 1-0, went down 3-0 to Simba SC, and lost 1-0 to Dodoma Jiji FC.

Kagera Sugar drew 1-1 with Geita Gold FC, and the latter thereafter had a similar scoreline when it took on Singida Big Stars FC, then forced a 0-0 draw with Coastal Union and a 1-1 draw with Azam FC.

After honouring the Ruvu Shooting game, Geita Gold FC will take part in five ties, locking horns with Yanga, and KMC FC, before travelling to Mbeya to face Prisons, Mbeya City FC, and Ihefu SC.

Ruvu Shooting sits eighth with 10 points, having notched a victory in three outings, conceded defeat in four matches, and posted a draw in one tie.

Ruvu Shooting won 1-0 against Ihefu SC, beat Coastal Union 2-1 at home in Coast Region, and garnered a 1-0 win over Polisi Tanzania.

The squad managed a 0-0 draw with KMC FC, suffered a 2-1 loss to Yanga and had similar results against Kagera Sugar, went down 1-0 to Namungo FC, and lost 2-1 to Mtibwa Sugar.

In Ruvu Shooting's coming ties, the club is to entertain Mbeya City FC, and Prisons, and participate in away games against Azam FC, Simba SC, and Singida Big Stars.

SPORTS

Entertaining Dar es Salaam derby ends in a stalemate

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AFTER a characteristically tense and highly touted build-up, the 'Dar es Salaam derby' between the country's two football behemoths Simba SC and Yanga ultimately ended in a hugely entertaining 1-1 stalemate.

Indeed, heading into the blockbuster encounter Simba SC was sitting prettily atop the league standings but the margin of the squad's lead was distinctly razor-thin.

With both teams having amassed the same number of points, Simba SC was ahead of Yanga only under having a better goal difference than the latter.

Thus, with that being the state of affairs going into the enormously hyped-up clash, the match itself didn't disappoint although, in the end, it turned out to be a positively scintillating low-scoring affair.

Eager to seize the game by the scruff of its neck Simba SC drew first blood by taking the lead in the initial stages of the league encounter.

However, if Simba SC expected Yanga to be mere pushovers once the former had assumed the lead they were rudely awakened towards the end of the first half when the Jangwani Street side got the leveler via a superbly struck free-kick.

Try as they might, neither side was able to grab the much sought-after winner in a second half that was a captivating spell of top-notch football.

In the wake of their 1-1 sharing of the spoils, there is no change to the positions of both teams on the league table with Simba SC still in first place ahead of Yanga on goals difference.

Indeed, with both Yanga and Simba SC being neck and neck in the earnest race for the league title this season, football fans on the home front must be



Simba SC midfielder Clatous Chama (L) and his teammate Moses Phiri (3rd L) tussle for the ball with Yanga's players as the clubs faced each other in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash held in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

doubtlessly hoping that the battle for top honours in the league between these two clubs goes right down to the wire. Let us switch our focus now to women's youth football where the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in India is presently entering the home stretch.

Sadly though, our Serengeti Girls are no longer part of the proceedings as they were disappointingly knocked out of the immensely esteemed competition following a heartbreaking 3-0 loss to Colombia in the quarterfinals late last week.

Despite coming undone against Colombia in the tourney's last eight, the Serengeti Girls have every right to hold their heads up high with immense pride as they managed to advance to the quarterfinals even though they were making their debut at the prestigious football championship.

One weakness of the team, however, that urgently needs strengthening is the team's discipline, which badly let them down.

For example, the Serengeti Girls had a player given marching orders in the team's morale-sapping 4-0 loss to Japan in their opening encounter of the competition.

Unbelievably, the Serengeti Girls had another player dismissed in their 2-1 triumph against France, and in a disturbing trend that beggared belief the team was

again reduced to nine players in their humbling 3-0 loss to Colombia in the quarterfinals of the global showpiece event.

Indeed, one wonders whether the Serengeti Girls might have gained a better result against Colombia if they had had no player sent off at all.

Nevertheless, as it is often said, there is no use crying over spilled milk. And, at this point, it should be reiterated that regardless of how things unfolded, the Serengeti Girls deserve to be lavished with praise for their amazingly impeccable debut at the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup this year.

TFF calls for more investment in women's football

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) says for women's football to develop in the country there is a need for more investment in the sector.

Wallace Karia, TFF president, said so in Dar es Salaam last weekend at a function for welcoming the national U-17 women's soccer side, Serengeti Girls, which took part in the ongoing FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in India.

The team which was making its maiden participation in the U-17 Women's World Cup was eliminated by Colombia in the quarterfinals, having suffered a 3-0 loss to the South Americans.

The TFF president said Serengeti Girls have shown that with good investment and support anything can happen in football.

Karia thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan and the government for its commitment to promoting women's football.

He, however, said the country has abundant football talent but it has not been exposed as there are not many platforms.

"Serengeti Girls have shown the world that with support and good investment anything can be achieved, TFF is very delighted with the exploits showcased by our team," the official revealed.

"More importantly, I should thank our President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her support to the team, when she was Vice President of the country, she invited the team, and we had a discussion with her to see how the national women's football team can do well in international events," the TFF president noted.

Karia pointed out: "We come up with our programs, we planned that our national women's teams should qualify for top events, she fully supported our plan, and now Serengeti Girls have reached the quarterfinals of the U-17 Women's World Cup."

"For us now to reach great heights in women's football, we need well structures for youth development, we are now asking companies, organizations, and individuals to support



Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) president Wallace Karia.

us," he said.

Tanzania, as is the case with many other African countries, has been doing all it can to develop, promote, and improve women's football.

Some countries are better organized in promoting women's football as part of social amenities, sports facilities are available to the population to enable the development of female players.

Other countries also have well-organized women's teams and leagues that are played across such countries.

However, the common problem in many African countries is the lack of expertise to develop female players from the grassroots especially in schools, nurturing the talent, and creating a platform by coordinating strong women's leagues.

Ye dropped by talent agency, documentary on him scrapped

NEW YORK

A COMPLETED documentary about the rapper formerly known as Kanye West has been shelved amid his recent slew of antisemitic remarks.

MRC studio executives Modi Wiczky, Asif Satchu and Scott Tenley announced in a memo Monday: "We cannot support any content that amplifies his platform."

Ye was recently restricted from posting on Twitter and Instagram over antisemitic posts that the social networks said violated their policies. He has also suggested slavery was a choice and called the COVID-19 vaccine the "mark of the beast." Earlier this month, Ye was criticized for wearing a "White Lives Matter" T-shirt to the showing of his latest collection at Paris Fashion Week.

Wiczky and Satchu are co-founders and co-CEOs of MRC Entertainment. Tenley is the chief business officer. Shelving the documentary comes just days after the French fashion house Balenciaga cut ties with Ye, according to Women's Wear Daily.

In their lengthy memo, Wiczky, Satchu and Tenley reach deep into the history of antisemitism.

"Kanye is a producer and sampler of music. Last week he sampled and remixed a classic tune that has charted for over 3000 years – the lie that Jews are evil and conspire to control the world for their own gain. This song was performed acapella in the time of the Pharaohs, Babylon and Rome, went acoustic with The Spanish Inquisition and Russia's Pale of Settlement, and Hitler took the song electric. Kanye has now helped mainstream it in the modern era," they wrote.

Ye's talent agency, CAA, has dropped him as well. That news Monday and the scrapped documentary comes after UTA CEO Jeremy Zimmer condemned Ye in a companywide memo denouncing antisemitism. Ye was briefly a client but returned to CAA after a year.

Others in Hollywood, including Ye's estranged wife, Kim Kardashian, and other members of her family, have also condemned antisemitism. Demonstrators on a Los Angeles overpass Saturday unfurled a banner praising Ye.

Tunisia coach Kadri wants World Cup advancement for 1st time

By JEROME PUGMIRE

TUNISIA coach Jalel Kadri calls it his "personal ambition" to get his team into the knockout stages of the World Cup for the first time.

He won the Kirin Cup in June, but hinted he could quit if Tunisia fails to get out of the group stage in Qatar.

"It's my personal ambition. If we don't get through, I will not have succeeded in my mission, despite how tough the task is," Kadri said. "We want to make our dream come true and get through to the knockout round at the sixth time of asking."

Good luck getting out Group D, though.

Tunisia faces defending champion France – which boasts a fearsome attack of Kylian Mbappe and Ballon d'Or winner Karim Benzema – and European Championship semifinalist Denmark, along with Australia.

"We're very realistic. Nevertheless, I will pass on to the players a message of optimism and ambition, even though I know the mission is difficult," Kadri said. "The most important thing is to know how to cope with the difficult moments in a game."

There could be plenty of those given France's attack and the great teamwork that knits together a Danish team that pushed host England hard in the Euro 2020 semifinals.

The Tunisians have never been past the group stage in five World Cup appearances. There have been only two wins – the first against Mexico in 1978 and then against Panama four years ago in Russia.

Whabi Khazri, who scored against Panama and added another goal in the 2018 tournament, will again be the main attacking threat. He has scored 24 international goals.

Seifeddine Jaziri has a decent international record of 10 goals in 28

matches and operates affectively at center forward, while attacking midfielder Saif-Eddine Khaoui is starting to fulfill his promise at 27 years old.

Khaoui was rated highly when he broke into the Marseille team six years ago, but his form drifted off after he was loaned out to lesser-known clubs. The versatile midfielder has found consistency again with French club Clermont, with two goals and two assists this season.

The Carthage Eagles open against Croatia on Nov. 22 before facing Australia four days later and then France on Nov. 30.

At least Tunisia has prepared the hard way, taking on five-time World Cup champion Brazil in a friendly last month in Paris.

Hopes soared when the Carthage Eagles drew level at 1-1, but they ended up losing 5-1.

"(We must) decide on a strategy that is clear and rectify our errors, whether they are individual or collective," said Kadri, who was promoted from assistant coach in January after Tunisia fired Mondher Kebaier. "Especially on a tactical level, in terms of our positional play and our phases of play, notably in defense."

The way Neymar and Richarlison pulled apart Tunisia's defense does not bode well, considering the team will have to deal with the pace of Mbappe, the guile of Benzema and the craft of Antoine Griezmann. Then there's the physicality, aerial threat and link-up play of Olivier Giroud.

"Against a team of this level, whether it's Brazil or France, you can never leave them any space," Kadri said. "You have to maintain your concentration. You must stay attentive and reduce the space available as much as possible."

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Ukrainian club urges FIFA to remove Iran from World Cup

GENEVA

UKRAINE's top soccer club on Monday urged FIFA to remove Iran from the World Cup because of the country's alleged military support to the Russian invasion.

Shakhtar Donetsk chief executive Sergei Palkin accused Iran of "direct participation in terrorist attacks on Ukrainians," suggesting his own country's team should play in Qatar instead as a replacement.

"This will be a fair decision that should draw the attention of the whole world to a regime that kills its best people and helps kill Ukrainians," Palkin said in a statement one day before his team plays at Celtic in the Champions League.

The White House said Thursday that the U.S. has evidence that Iranian troops are "directly engaged on the ground" in Crimea supporting Russian drone attacks on Ukraine's infrastructure and civilian population. And the head of Ukraine's intelligence service, Kyrylo Budanov, said in a published interview on Monday that Russian forces had used about 330 Iranian-built "Shahed" drones as of Saturday – and that more had been ordered.

Russia and Iran have both denied that the drones used were Iranian-built.

Iran plays in the second game of the World Cup, on Nov. 21 against England, and then faces Wales and the United States in Group B. Wales qualified by beating Ukraine in the playoffs in June in a game that was delayed from March by the war.

FIFA did not immediately respond to a request for comment. However, if an Asian team was suspended there would be no precedent for FIFA to replace it with a European team at the World Cup.

Soccer's world body does not typically suspend member federations because of military decisions by a national government, though Yugoslavia was barred from trying to qualify for the 1994 World Cup after United Nations sanctions were imposed during the war in the Balkans.

FIFA has suspended Russian teams following its invasion of Ukraine, which barred Russia from playing in the World Cup qualifying playoffs in March. FIFA cited risks to the security and integrity of its competitions, and Russia's scheduled opponent Poland had refused to play that game.

FIFA is also resisting calls this month from Iranian fan groups to suspend the national team during a national crackdown on street protests in support of women's rights and because of a long-time policy stopping women from freely attending games in soccer and other sports.

FIFA normally only suspends national teams when the country's government is judged to have interfered in the independent running of the national soccer federation.

Five Asian confederation teams advanced to the World Cup to join host Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates was the next best in qualifying. The UAE lost a regional playoff in June to Australia ahead of the intercontinental playoffs.

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France looks to Mbappé and Benzema to win a 3rd World Cup

PARIS

KYLIAN Mbappé helped France win the World Cup four years ago, becoming a superstar in the process. This time, the tournament could serve as a welcome escape from the pressures of Paris Saint-Germain, and also a chance to play in his favorite position.

For Karim Benzema, it's an opportunity to showcase the talent that led him to winning the prestigious Ballon d'Or at nearly 35 years old.

Their paths to Qatar have greatly diverged.

When the 19-year-old Mbappé scored in the World Cup final four years ago, he was the youngest player since Pelé in 1958 to score in the deciding match. Benzema was nowhere close to Moscow at the time because the Real Madrid forward was exiled from the national team.

Although they played together at last year's European Championship, Benzema was only just coming back with Les Bleus and things didn't quite click between them.

They've since shown how effective they are in tandem – sharing six goals in one World Cup qualifying win that France coach Didier Deschamps called "a beautiful night of soccer."

Benzema is second all-time on Madrid's scoring list behind Cristiano Ronaldo with 329 goals.

Mbappé, expected to break Edinson Cavani's PSG record of 200 this season, already has 28 goals for France. Benzema has 37, with 10 in his past 16 internationals.

They will form the most lethal attack in Qatar. Especially if Mbappé has the freedom he craves away from the frustration of playing center forward for PSG.

He'd much rather peel off a target man like Olivier Giroud, thereby using his pace and skill to attack from deep or wide.

"I have much more freedom (with France). The coach (Deschamps) knows there is a No. 9 like Olivier (Giroud) who takes care of the defenders so I can run around, move into space, ask for the ball," Mbappé said in September, after Giroud set him up for a goal in a Nations League win over Austria. "With Paris it's different, that doesn't happen, I'm asked to play as a pivot (central striker)."

After a 0-0 draw with Reims ear-



FILE – France's Karim Benzema, left, challenges for the ball with Denmark's Victor Nelsson during the UEFA Nations League soccer match between France and Denmark at the Stade de France in Saint Denis near Paris, France, Friday, June 3, 2022. (AP Photo)

lier this month, Mbappé took his frustrations online by posting a sarcastic-looking hashtag entitled #pivotgang on Instagram. A "pivot" is the French soccer term for a central striker who also operates as a link player with his back to goal, like Giroud does and Mbappé doesn't want to.

Giroud needs two goals to equal Thierry Henry's national record of 51. But Deschamps might prefer Antoine Griezmann, now that he's back in form with Atletico Madrid.

STRESSFUL TIMES

Mbappé has had other things on his mind, too, recently denying he's unhappy at PSG and that he's pushing for a move to Real Madrid – which has twice failed to sign him.

He's also had to deal with allegations from French investigative media Mediapart claiming that PSG hired an external company to create fake Twitter accounts in a bid to denigrate media perceived as hostile to the club. Mediapart claimed former PSG midfielder Adrien

Rabiot was targeted along with Mbappé – after reports in 2019 that Mbappé wanted to join Madrid.

So getting back to business with France at the World Cup could be a relief for Mbappé. However, he has a point to prove after flopping at last year's European Championship.

Although Benzema had four goals and Griezmann netted once, Mbappé didn't score and missed the decisive penalty when France got knocked out by Switzerland in the round of 16.

ALARM BELLS

France should take that loss to Switzerland as a healthy warning sign.

Not since Brazil lost the 1998 final to France has the defending World Cup champion come close to retaining the title. Of the next five champions, four failed to reach the knockout stage and three were last in their group – including France in 2002.

France should be in the running for first place in Group D, along with Euro 2020 semifinalist Den-

mark. Australia and Tunisia are also in the group.

INJURY WOES

Deschamps has an attack that's the envy of world soccer and two fine goalkeepers in veteran Hugo Lloris and Mike Maignan.

But Deschamps has significant injury problems to major players in defense and midfield.

Central defender Raphael Varane is doubtful after leaving the field in tears with an apparent knee injury when playing for Manchester United in the Premier League.

Fellow World Cup winner Paul Pogba has not played since April, and only has just returned to training with Juventus following knee surgery. It gives him little time to be ready.

Pogba has also been mired in an extortion scandal involving his older brother that could generate more unwelcome headlines.

N'Golo Kanté was another key part of France's World Cup success. But the Chelsea midfielder is out for several months after surgery on a hamstring injury.

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Qatar's residents squeezed as World Cup rental demand soars

DOHA, Qatar

WHERE here to sleep? It's among the biggest questions facing fans traveling to tiny Qatar for the World Cup amid a feverish rush for rooms in Doha. Some will sleep on cruise ships. Others will camp in the desert. Others will fly in from Dubai and elsewhere.

But in the run-up to the world's biggest sporting event in the world's smallest host country, the struggle for housing is hardly limited to tourists. Qatar's real estate frenzy has sent rents skyrocketing and priced long-term residents out of their own homes, leaving many in the lurch.

"Landlords are taking full advantage of the situation and there's nothing in place to support the people who already live here," said Mariam, a 30-year-old British resident whose landlord refused to renew her annual contract in September, then quadrupled her monthly rent – from 5,000 Qatari riyals (some \$1,370) to 20,000 riyals (\$5,490). Unable to afford the increase, she had no choice but to move out and is now staying at a friend's place. "It's really demoralizing," she said, giving only her first name for fear of reprisals, like other renters interviewed in the autocratic nation. Others spoke on the condition of anonymity for the same reason.

Residents in the country, where expats outnumber locals nine to one, say the surging demand and shortage of rooms ahead of the World Cup has empowered landlords to raise rents by over 40% in many cases on short notice, forcing tenants to pack up and face an uncertain future.

The Qatari government acknowledged the "increased demand for accommodation" and encouraged tenants who believe they have been wronged to file a complaint with the government's rental disputes committee.

Some 1.2 million fans are expected to descend next month on the Gulf Arab



FILE – A count down clock is displayed at the seafloor in Doha, Qatar, Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Qatar's residents squeezed as World Cup rental demand soars. (AP Photo)

sheikhdom, which has never before hosted an event on the scale of the World Cup. Local organizers have sought to dispel fears of an accommodation crisis, pointing out that Qatar has set aside 130,000 rooms, available through the official website. The rooms, which are in hotels, resorts, specially built housing and three cruise ships at the port, start at around \$80, they say, although it's not clear how many low-budget options there are.

A price ceiling applies to 80% of the rooms, the government said in a statement to The Associated Press. It did not respond to questions about whether and how the cap has been implemented, and the ceiling – which is about \$780 for a five-star resort room – can go higher, depending on the room's amenities.

Many long-term occupants in hotels and apartments say they're being driven out to make room for players, staffers and fans.

"You're committed to either staying and paying the extra or leaving and not knowing whether you're going to have anywhere to live," said a British teacher whose landlord hiked his rent by 44%. The teacher sold all his furniture and is now

crashing at a friend's place, worried sick about his future.

Other renters renewing their leases reported signs appearing on their apartments marking the buildings as "chosen by the government to host the 2022 World Cup guests and events."

The notice, seen by the AP, orders tenants to vacate so the building can be handed over for maintenance ahead of the tournament.

Local organizers have signed a deal with French hospitality company Accor to set aside some 45,000 rooms for fans. Omar al-Jaber, the executive director of housing at Qatar's Supreme Committee of Delivery and Legacy, said the government played no role in contract terminations affecting long-term tenants. "To be honest with you, we are not controlling what happens in the market," he told the AP.

A 48-year-old French pilates instructor said that when she signed her lease a year ago, her landlord promised he wouldn't kick her out during the World Cup.

Yet just days before her lease renewal, she got a devastating message: Her landlord couldn't rent her the place for "personal reasons." The next day, her friend saw her room advertised on Airbnb for nearly \$600 more a month than she had paid.

AP

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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This year's Zanzibar Blue Economy Athletics Club Championship's Organizing Committee Chairman Abdallah Idrissa Majura (L) hands over some equipment for the race to Zanzibar Amateur Athletics Association (ZAAA) vice-chairman Makame Mshimba Mbarouk at Amaan Stadium in the Isles yesterday. The championship is expected to take place at the venue from November 4-6 as the commemoration of two years of Zanzibar President Hussein Ali Mwinyi's leadership. PHOTO: COURTESY OF ZANZIBAR LEO NEWSPAPER

Athletes set for Zanzibar Blue Economy Athletics Club Championship

By Guardian Correspondent

THE 2022 Zanzibar Blue Economy Athletics Club Championship has been slated for November 4-6, with the Isles' athletes lining up for the showdown battling it out in 20 games at Amaan Stadium in Unguja.

The showdown will be one of the celebrations for the second anniversary of Zanzibar's President Hussein Ali Mwinyi's term.

The showdown's Organizing Committee Chairman Abdallah Idrissa Majura disclosed yesterday this year's event as well seeks to implement the Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) manifesto targeting to promote the Blue Economy and sports in the Isles.

Majura pointed out the committee had planned to again organize a marathon this year, as was last year, but the committee failed to organize the race due to a lack of sponsors for meeting the event's budget.

He said that the main reason that he thinks has contributed to the failure to get sponsors to complete the budget is due to many banks having their marathons.

He said that many of the banks that were asked to sponsor the Isles' marathon replied that they have allotted the budgets to their respective races and noted that the institutions are moreover doing fundraising for the races.

"Until we decided to organize the 2022 Zanzibar Blue Economy Club Championship, we had collected only 6, 600,000/- out of a budget amounting to 77,000,000/-, whereby Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) had donated 5,000,000/-, Jitegemeo Holdings Company Limited presented 1m/- while Workers Compensation Fund (WCF) gave us 600, 000/-," Majura said.

He said the amount equaled 8.57 percent which is little compared to the time left before hosting the race.

Majura said after discussing with the Zanzibar Amateur Athletics Association (ZAAA), his committee decided to prepare a new budget totaling 38,000,000/- for organizing the showdown bringing together clubs from Unguja and Pemba.

"In the second budget we have up to today collected only 20,000,000/- equal to 52.632 percent, so we are asking those who got our requests and have not replied to use the remaining time to contribute so that we can host the championship with the efficiency we have determined," he stressed.

He mentioned institutions which contributed as the Public Service Social Security Fund which contributed 5,000,000/-, Bimaco insurance company which donated 3,000,000/-, Higher Education Credit Board which contributed 2,500,000/-, National Social Security Fund which donated 2,000,000/-, Zanzibar Electricity Corporation (ZECO) that donated 1,000,000/- and Ballack Safari Company that donated 400,000/-.

Majura pointed out he was disappointed with the failure of some institutions in Zanzibar to contribute because only ZECO contributed out of the six that got requests.

The official noted: "Last year we only sent applications to People's Bank of Zanzibar and the institution donated 10, 000,000/-, this year we have increased the scope of applications, yet in many places, we have not got contributions."

He moreover expressed regard to media outlets, namely Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, Chanel Ten, Azam Media, and AM24 FM 98.5 Zanzibar that will broadcast the showdown to bring about enthusiasm for the showdown and attract people to come out in large numbers to Amaan Stadium to watch the event.

He called on government institutions and private companies in Zanzibar to allocate a budget for sports because they are one of the ways for raising the standards of players in the Isles.

"I ask private institutions and companies not to ignore sports because it is impossible for all people to love football," he said.

All set for Miss and Mister Deaf World pageant

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE government says the finals of this year's Miss and Mister Deaf World pageant to be hosted by Tanzania will help to promote the country's tourist attractions.

Miss and Mister Deaf World pageant finals have been slated to take place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

The pageant that will take place at Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) Hall is the first to be held in Africa, with more than 16 countries from all continents of the world taking part in the finals.

Emmanuel Ishengoma, Director of Arts Promotion in the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports said this is a great honour to the country.

"We are delighted to be the first African country to host the Miss and Mister Deaf World pageant, this will help to promote the country and its tourist attractions, it also shows that Tanzania is seriously incorporating inclusiveness in all disciplines," he said.

Ishengoma said the country was awarded the right to host the world event after it successfully hosted the last year's Africa Miss and Mister Deaf pageant.

"Last year we hosted the Miss and Mister Deaf Africa pageant, it was very successful as the government supported it, this impressed the organizers of the Miss and Mister Deaf World and they agreed to give us this opportunity and, on top of that, Tanzania houses the Africa headquarters of the Deaf Arts and Culture organization whose director is Habibu Mrope," he said.

He issued the statement when some contestants for the pageant and their leaders visited some of Dar es Salaam's tourist attractions.

Mrope said the motto of the pageant is 'empowering today's deaf women and men', revealing they expect more countries to compete in the pageant and mentioned the countries whose participants have already arrived in the country as Australia, France, Germany, South Africa, Poland, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Uganda.

"We expect more than 16 countries to take part in the finals, the pageant will not only be about beauty but also involve other aspects, we expect all countries to be in the country before Saturday, the day of the finals," he said.

Miss and Mister Deaf World is an international beauty pageant that crowns young female deaf 'Miss Deaf World' while young male deaf emerges 'Mister Deaf World' and is a platform for contestants to demonstrate not only their unique talents, intellect, and beauty but also their overall personal humanitarian goals.

The winners become the ambassadors of the deaf community and voices of male and female deaf persons around the world.

Winners will revolutionize the working world as deaf career women and men, to speak out against stereotypes that no deaf persons should tolerate as well as help illustrate the inner beauty of deaf women and men.

The winners will also visit places to speak about a variety of topics to promote education and awareness of the deaf community's rights.

Yanga in pursuit of 2022/23 NBC Premier League top position



Yanga's players warm up a few minutes before confronting Simba SC in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League match which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last Sunday and ended in a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THIS season's NBC Premier League defending champion Young Africans SC will have the chance to go to the top of the table when the outfit hosts fourth-placed KMC FC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam in the evening, kick-off at 1900.

Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, claimed the squad's second draw of the season when it held Simba SC to a 1-1 draw in the city on Sunday- with a first-half stoppage time goal from Stephane Aziz Ki cancelling Simba SC's Augustine Okrah opener.

The result left Yanga on level points with leaders Simba SC and in a position where a victory will push the former into pole position.

The home team's dangermen are striker Fiston Mayele, who has scored three times this season and will be looking to catch up with leading goal scorer Reliants Lusajo of Namungo FC who is on five goals.

Midfielder Feisal Salum is another player whom Yanga will be hoping to witness the footballer find form as he looked off the boil against Simba SC and Al Hilal SC.

KMC FC claimed a second straight victory with a 2-1 home win over Azam FC on Friday.

Goals from George Makanga and Steven Nzigamasabo saw KMC FC claim the victory and move to 13 points from eight matches.

In an interview ahead of the match, KMC FC media officer Christina Mwangala said: "We have prepared well though we have had only one to do so. We played a tough game on Friday, we had a day off for recovery before returning to the training pitch to prepare for this game."

The official pointed out: "We are up against Yanga, we understand they are the defending champions and have also not lost in the league this season, we respect them but we are ready to face them. All our players are fit and motivated for the match."

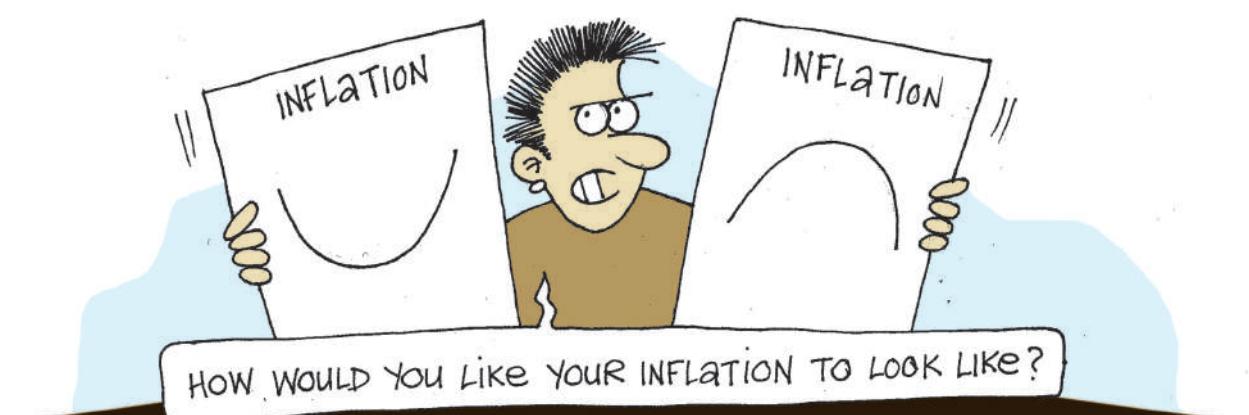
The danger-man for KMC FC is forward Matheo Anthony who has so far scored four league goals, while new signings Nzigamasabo and George Makanga sit with two goals apiece.

In head-to-head stats, Yanga and KMC FC have met in eight league matches since the 2017/18 season.

Yanga has claimed five wins compared to one notched by KMC FC, while two games have ended in a draw.

The Jangwani Street side has won two of their four home league matches in the rivalry, settling for two draws in the process.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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13:55 Donao Za Michezo
14:00 Bongo Hits
15:00 Funguka
15:30 Mpera Mpera
15:55 Donao Za Michezo
16:00 Zote Kuntu
16:30 #HASHTAG
17:00 SSELEKT
17:55 Kusasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Bongo Hits
19:00 EATV SAA 1
20:00 DADAZ (R)
21:30 Mid Week Movie
22:30 Zote Kuntu
23:00 KURASA
23:05 EATV SAA 1

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