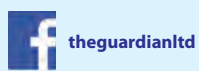




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Pope Francis, the Head of the world Catholic Church, Bishop of Rome and Sovereign of the Vatican City State, exchanges greetings with President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the Vatican yesterday. Photo: Agencies

## Japan donates to UNHCR \$0.36m

By Getrude Mbago

JAPAN has donated \$360,000 (900m/-) to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for the provision of safe shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene for recently arriving Congolese refugees in Kigoma Region.

Misawa Yasushi, the ambassador of Japan, said at the signing event in Dar es Salaam yesterday that since early last year, more than 14,000 asylum seekers from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) have been received in Tanzania.

Praising the government for its exceptional generosity and hospitality in supporting the refugees. "Currently, more than 240,000 refugees mainly from Burundi and DR Congo are living in two refugee camps in Tanzania. In this regard I would like to commend President Samia Suluhu Hassan's administration for its significant efforts in supporting refugees," he said.

To mitigate the burden of the host country; the government of Japan has been extending humanitarian assistance for refugee operations, he said, noting that in recent years, the world has faced a number of new humanitarian crises. Citing the situation in Sudan, Ukraine and Palestine he said that as a result the need for humanitarian assistance has expanded dramatically.

"Given the scale of the overall crisis, the assistance provided by the government of Japan is very limited. However, we commit ourselves to continue to provide steady and assistance to refugee operations to the full extent possible," he stated, underlining that an emergency grant of up to \$500,000 provided last October was also based on these considerations.

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## MPs: Lowassa 'father' of ward secondary schools

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

CONSENSUS was visible among legislators yesterday on the role played by the late former premier Edward Lowassa in the setting up of ward secondary schools.

In interviews outside the debating chamber of the National Assembly, MPs were in various shades of being touched by the death of the former prime minister, and easily vibrant of the respect he earned as a visionary administrator and supervisor of development activity.

Deputy Speaker Mussa Azzan Zungu (Ilala) said Lowassa's death is a loss for all Tanzanians, recalling having met him in the Defense and Security standing committee that later became the Foreign Affairs standing committee.

He said Lowassa carried influence with ambassadors from different countries and cooperated well with them on diplomatic issues.

"I witnessed how he worked hard on establishing ward secondary schools where today many students get division one," the senior legislator noted, elaborating that Lowassa respected everyone, the youth and adults.

"There are many good things to say about him because I have been his vice-chairman of both committees," he said.

Luhaga Mpina (Kisesa) said the nation has lost a hero. He remembers him for many things including his ability in managing government activities.

"When something was planned to be done, Lowassa had the ability to manage

and monitor it when he was a legislator, a minister and when he was prime minister," he stated/.

He similarly underlined his experience when the government started the construction of ward secondary schools in 2006 where, as premier, he ensured that leaders at all levels were involved in implementing the project.

Lowassa was adamant that government plans must be well-managed and implemented, especially in the education sector, the MP affirmed, crediting the success of building ward level secondary schools. "You cannot hesitate to compliment Lowassa who pioneered the idea," he declared.

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## TCRA hits fraudsters, shuts 21,788 simcards

By Guardian Reporter

UPWARDS of 21,788 simcards have been blacklisted and deactivated from making and receiving phone calls due to various reasons, including involvement multiple dubious acts including online criminal activities, for the last three months.

Dr Jabir Bakari, the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) director general, said in delivering an overview of TCRA activities for the past year in Dar es Salaam yesterday said that trend of phone fraud incidents are on steady decrease.

Such incidents dropped from 23,328 blacklisted simcards in July

to September 2023 to 21,788 phone lines from October to December, implying a reduction of 1,540 phone lines caught in acts of fraud.

A technical term, SIM card is an integrated circuit intended to securely store an international mobile subscriber identity number and its related key, thus a secured identity module attached to connecting with a particular service provider.

Phone scams noticed as of December 2023 had Rukwa Region leading with 7,666 incidents followed by Morogoro with 7,171 incidents, with Dar es Salaam eliciting 1,717 incidents.

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Zanzibar's Tourism and Antiquities minister, Mudrick Ramadhan Soraga (3rd-L), Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister Riziki Pembe Juma (2nd-L), Oryx Gas Tanzania managing director Benoit Araman (L) and Oryx Gas head of sales, Shabani Fundi (R, in white shirt), present one of 1,000 cooking gas cylinders free to a representative of entrepreneurs at Unguja's Maisara grounds yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



# Pope Francis, meets Samia, in first talks at state level

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By Guardian Reporter

POPE Francis received President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the Vatican yesterday for their first meeting.

The Holy See press office said in a statement that the discussions were cordial and highlighted existing good relations between Tanzania and the Holy See.

The talks focused on the important role that the Catholic Church plays in the country in favour of the population, especially in the charitable, educational and healthcare spheres, the statement indicated.

Following the private audience with the Pope, President Samia met with Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin, accompanied by Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the secretary for relations with states and international organisations.

The two sides discussed the challenges that Tanzania faces in the social context, along with the regional situation in Africa and various international current affairs, the statement indicated.

Both parties expressed their mutual wish for an ever greater commitment to the promotion of peace, it elaborated.

With a delegation that includes representatives from Tanzania's Catholic Church associations and missions, including youth, men, and women, the president was expected to hold a wider audience with the pope on the second day of the visit.

Data by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation lists the Catholic Church in Tanzania as operating 240 pre-primary schools, 147 primary schools and 244 secondary schools.

It also operates five technical colleges, five universities; five teacher training institutions and two university centres attached to the St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT).

The colleges have a total of 31,000 students, while there are 473 health institutions, which the church says is an array of institutions intended to serve the whole person, physically and spiritually.

Observers say that there is a strong relationship between schools operated by the Catholic Church and the spread of evangelization pursued by the Mother Church starting from the third quarter of the 19th century.

Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister January Makamba said in earlier remarks that the visit is expected



Former President Jakaya Kikwete signs condolence book at the Dar es Salaam residence of late former prime minister Edward Lowassa yesterday accompanied by his wife, Salma Kikwete. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

# TCRA hits fraudsters, shuts 21,788 simcards

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Mbeya had 1,549 such incidents, Tabora far below with 590 and Songwe chalking up 328 incidents. Other regions had scattered fraud incidents with Mtwara recording 22 incidents, North Pemba with five and South Pemba registering six incidents of attempted fraud.

TCRA had registered greater success in monitoring such incidents, identifying external fraudulent phone calls, he said, affirming that appropriate mitigation measures were being taken, pulling down the number of reported incidences.

One such method is the prevention of stolen, lost or damaged

phones from being used, or phones without proper standards, sub-standard or counterfeit phone handsets, he said.

TCRA mitigation measures enabled identifying and deactivating duplicate international mobile equipment identity (IMEI) numbers associated with fraudulent activities, and those reported

as lost or stolen, he said.

The regulatory body has made efforts to raise awareness on safer and proper use of mobile phone services to ensure users are shielded from online scammers, he asserted.

"TCRA underscored the importance for the public to exercise vigilance and report any suspi-

cious text messages or calls they receive," he said, pointing especially at the need to report suspicious phone numbers to 15040, toll free number, by short messages (SMS).

Regulatory measures, including sanctions against culprits, will be implemented based on these reports, he added.

# MPs: Lowassa 'father' of ward secondary schools

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The late ex-premier will also be remembered for his powerful speeches he used to deliver in National Assembly, especially when adjourning parliamentary sessions, he remarked.

David Mathayo (Same West) said when became a member of the CCM National Executive Committee in 1997, Lowassa was a senior member and thus had an opportunity to draw experience from him.

He recalled working with the late Lowassa as deputy minister for Industry and Trade and later as deputy minister for Agriculture, similarly reverting to the ward secondary schools theme as they were being established in 2006/07. Ministers and deputy ministers were required to visit their respective areas all over the country to supervise the numerous construction projects for the schools, he said, specifying that Lowassa pioneered the teacher training crash programme which helped subsequent recruitment of teachers in the new schools.

"Lowassa struggled to increase the number of teachers in secondary schools and made sure that there were learning tools and laboratories," the MP emphasized.

Mariam Kisangi (Special Seats, Dar es Salaam) said that being in the House for 15 years had enabled her to participate in various legislative activities with the late premier.

Dar es Salaam was among regions that had poor provision of learning space, with the former premier solving the challenge of lack of classes as usual with sharply thought out strategies.

Saashisha Mafuwe (Hai) said the late Lowassa will be remembered as an unwavering leader with logical leadership decisions.

"I would really like to live to his age and even more than his age if I'm still in politics," he added.



Japan's Ambassador to Tanzania, Yasushi Misawa (R), and the UNHCR Representative in Tanzania, Mahoua Parums, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend shortly after signing a new partnership agreement of US\$360,000 for the provision of safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), shelter and other essential items to refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo seeking sanctuary in Kigoma Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# MCC wins praise for picking Tanzania among beneficiaries

By Guardian Reporter

FINANCE minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has thanked the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) for choosing Tanzania among beneficiary countries of the allocated grants aimed to support policy and institutional reforms for economic growth.

Dr Nchemba made the remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday when he met and held talks with the MCC delegation led by its chief executive officer, Chidi Blyeden.

The Minister told the delegation that Tanzania has made great strides in managing its economy, good governance issues, human rights and democracy thus implementing to a large extent the criteria set by the organization so that the country can benefit from the programme.

He thanked MCC for its contribution to the country's development citing that the MCC project implemented in the country

for five years from 2008 to 2013 enabled Tanzania to get \$698 million which were directed in the water, transport and energy projects.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts to strengthen democracy, freedom of speech, media freedom and allowing political activities including rallies has led to the restoration of the MCC programme in the country," he said.

In her remarks, Blyeden hailed Tanzania for making a major step to strengthening good governance, democracy and human rights under President Samia, something which has enabled MCC to restore cooperation.

According to her, MCC experts continue with discussion with the government's experts in order to fast-track implementation of the programme which will later help the United States (US) to restore the MCC-Compact with an aim to support Tanzania mega strategic pro-

jects.

In December 2023, the MCC board selected Tanzania and the Philippines, as its partners in preparing the threshold programmes that will focus on policy and institutional reforms that can help reduce poverty and stimulate economic growth.

The MCC board took the decision after Tanzania and the Philippines showed renewed commitment to advancing important reforms that are important in order to strengthen democratic governance, protect human rights and fight corruption.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation is an independent U.S. government agency working to reduce global poverty through economic growth. Created in 2004, MCC provides time-limited grants and assistance to countries that meet rigorous standards for good governance, fighting corruption and respecting democratic rights.

# Japan donates to UNHCR \$0.36m

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Mahoua Parums, the UNHCR country representative, thanked the people of Japan for their valuable and timely contribution to assisting people caught up in the DRC emergency.

It is enabling the agency to assure the physical protection and provision of essential items for the new arrivals to live in a dignified way even in displacement.

She said Tanzania has harboured refugees for decades and has remained a peaceful hub for thousands of refugees from nearby states, noting that the

UNHCR and various other agencies appreciate this commitment to provide decades' long safe harbour for populations forced to flee their countries.

"UNHCR Tanzania is however facing a funding challenge and it requires \$8m to respond to the DRC emergency," she stated, appealing to global agencies and private donors to support efforts to ensure refugees obtain essential needs.

UNHCR and the government work hand in hand with various partners in supporting the new arrivals with emergency shelter, supplying tents, blankets, sleeping mats, and acute daily needs like soap and mosquito nets.

"In emergencies, access to shelter, water, sanitation outlays and hygiene facilities is paramount to reducing mortality and morbidity, enhancing refugees' protection, dignity, and quality of life," the representative added.

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# Z'bar in clean energy drive to mitigate climate change

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR government has embarked on a clean energy promotion campaign to economically empower women entrepreneurs and help them tackle climate change and conserve the environment.

Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga, Zanzibar Minister for Tourism and Heritage made the statement yesterday when addressing delegates at a function to receive 1000 gas cylinders and stoves donated by Oryx Gas Tanzania Limited (OGTL). The gas cylinders and stoves will be distributed to women entrepreneurs especially those involved in the food vending business.

“We commend President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi for spearheading efforts to ensure availability of clean energy for cooking. The President is doing all these to conserve the environment but also empower women as they will be able to prepare food in a fast and convenient manner,” said the minister noting the country has set a target to ensure by 2032, 80 percent of Tanzanians would be using clean energy for cooking.

He said in a few weeks to come, women entrepreneurs in Pemba will also receive the gas cylinders. He also applauded the energy company for being in the forefront in promoting clean energy for cooking in Zanzibar.

“This partnership has resulted in the construction of the first LPG terminal in the archipelago which will be fully commissioned before the end of first quarter of 2024. It is a commitment from Oryx Gas Tanzania and TP to the citizens of the archipelago.”

He said President Mwinyi's vision together with the boldness of Oryx energies and its partner, will allow making LPG supply sustainable and more affordable in Zanzibar and Pemba. He said the availability of clean energy also supports the development of the tourism industry.

“Clean energy in cooking will contribute to fighting against pollution in town with future buses equipped with LPG engines which will also have significant savings versus traditional fuels for vehicles. We are proud to contribute to the long-term development of the archipelago,” he added.

Araman said that Oryx started trading LPG in Zanzibar and Pemba in 2016, noting since then, Zanzibar has been a key source of inspiration for Oryx to consider further investments on the islands and above all the signing of a long term partnership agreement with the successful Zanzibari Group TP, which has become a 30 percent shareholder of Oryx Gas Tanzania.

Benoit Araman, OGTL Managing Director said: “Efforts by OGTL complement the government initiatives towards empowering Isle residents. This kind of cooperation is commendable as it would ultimately reduce people's dependency on forest as a source of energy,” he remarked, noting the move is also geared at ensuring children especially girls have enough time for studies instead of going to look for wood.

The government has in three years provided loans amounting to 27bn/- under its empowerment program, he said, adding that more than 26000 people including entrepreneurs have benefitted.



Traders gather at a wholesale mixed-goods shop in Mwanza city yesterday in anxious wait for sugar, which has proved an especially scarce commodity across Tanzania in recent months. Photo: Correspondent Vitus Audax

## 1.8bn/- to refurbish feeder roads damaged by rains in Ubungo MC

By Guardian Reporter

UBUNGO Municipal Council in Dar es Salaam has set aside 1.8bn/- for the rehabilitation of feeder roads which have been destroyed by the ongoing rains.

The roads are those which are not served by the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) and Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS).

District Commissioner Hashim Komba said over the weekend that they are in the initial stages of determining maintenance costs for damaged roads before

the work to renovate them commences.

Earlier, a statement issued by the district's communication department noted that the allocated funds will be sent to the ward and soon to restore communication of the damaged roads.

“We appeal for the citizens to continue to be patient as we are taking the efforts to improve the damaged infrastructure, we hope that soon things will be better and residents will start enjoying smooth road transport in the streets,” the statement noted.

Apart from the efforts, the municipality is also in the process of preparing the 2024/25 budget where improvement of road infrastructure is among its priorities, especially those that will be damaged by the on-going rains.

The municipality also plans to come up with a special campaign aimed to fast-track construction and improvements of impassable roads in streets to help stimulate economic activities and bring development to the people.

According to the statement, the campaign will engage different stakeholders including citizens and experts from TARURA.

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			2. sabrina Iddy Gulam-Tanzanian	10
			3. unalloted shares	20

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Members of Parliament observe a minute's silence in the National Assembly debating chamber in Dodoma city yesterday in mourning for former prime minister Edward Lowassa. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

## Mzumbe University plants over 20,000 trees around its campus

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MZUMBE University has started implementing President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directive to plant more than 20,000 trees around the higher learning institutions to bring back its biodiversity.

Speaking over the weekend during the launching of the campaign where 3,000 trees were planted around the campus located at Changarawe village in Morogoro region, Vice Chancellor for Mzumbe University Prof William Mwegoha said the aim of the campaign was to make the area green.

Prof Mwegoha said in the beginning 20,000 will be

planted in Morogoro, others in Mbeya campus and another in Dar es Salaam.

"We as Mzumbe have started the exercise by planting 3,000 trees, and will go up to 20,000 trees," he said.

The VC said President Samia directed that institutions must embark on tree planting to save the degraded environment.


Fredinand Matangalu, Changarawe Village chairman said that they will cooperate with the university to ensure that they protect the newly planted trees from livestock and people who do agriculture so that the trees can flourish.


"We as village which hosts Mzumbe University will en-

sure that these trees grow for the intended goals because this college has been participating in various developmental matters," he said.

A second year student studying the environment course, Halima Mzingo, said that the tree planting campaign should be sustainable in order to be able to bring back natural vegetation as well as fight environmental degradation in Morogoro region.

She advised the community to consider the importance of planting trees and taking care of them in various areas of Morogoro region in order to support the availability of rain that will help in agricultural activities and combat climate change.





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## REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

**BUL-RFQ-24-01-03 - PURCHASE OF ATLAS COPCO BD3500+ ZERO PURGE DRYER**

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:

**Dryer type and specifications: BD3500+ Zero Purge**

Product definition	
Model	BD 3500+
Pressure dewpoint (Lowest achievable)	-40 °C
Cooling mode	Zero purge
Cooling loop	Open loop
Working pressure	14.5 bar
Reference conditions	
Compressed air inlet pressure	12.5 bar(g)
Compressed air inlet temperature	35 °C
Inlet relative humidity of compressed air	100%
Pressure dewpoint	-40 °C
Ambient pressure	1 bar(a)
Ambient temperature	25 °C
Ambient relative humidity	60%
Limitations	
Maximum compressed air inlet pressure	14.5 bar(g)
Minimum compressed air inlet pressure	4.5 bar(g)
Maximum compressed air inlet temperature	45 °C
Minimum compressed air inlet temperature	1 °C
Maximum ambient temperature	40 °C
Minimum ambient temperature	1 °C
Maximum ambient dew-point	25 °C
Maximum altitude (above sea level)	1000 m
Minimum volumetric inlet flow	350 l/s
Performance data*1	
Inlet volumetric flow rate *2*3	3891 l/s
Pressure drop across dryer	0.2 bar
Half cycle time	4 h
Blower heating time	2.75 + 0.25 h
Blower cooling time	1 h
Installed total power	178 kW
Installed blower power	22 kW

**Special requirements:**  
It is necessary to adhere to the technical data that has been listed.

**Key documents**

- Clear and detailed Quotation.
- Company registration documents, i.e., Certificate of incorporation, business license, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
- BRELA detailed search document 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 the dealership as required.
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## UNIDO to team up with TIB to improve bioenergy sector

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Tanzania Development Bank (TIB) are set to provide a significant grant of \$899,000 (2.2bn/-) to support entrepreneurial initiatives in Tanzania's bioenergy sector.

A statement availed yesterday said that a ceremonial event featuring a dummy cheque presentation is scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam, along with the launch of a stakeholder capacity-building workshop focused on Bioenergy and Bioethanol.

The workshop is expected to attract around 70 participants encompassing government officials, private sector leaders, development partners, and prospective beneficiaries. "This marks the commencement of a comprehensive program aimed at fostering a sustainable bioenergy market in Tanzania. This initiative aligns with the country's Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) and is supported by a consortium of partners, including the Ministry of Energy, the Vice President's Office-Division of Environment, the EU, GEF, UN-

CDF, and others," the statement noted.

It further stated that the grants will facilitate the development of bioenergy projects, particularly those converting agro-waste to energy and promoting bioethanol as an alternative cooking fuel.

TIB Development Bank, in collaboration with the Rural Energy Agency (REA) and UNIDO, has reviewed several applications for the Bioenergy Incentive Fund (BIF), resulting in the selection of various enterprises for the grant. Recipients include the Bagamoyo Sugar Limited Consumer's Choice Limited, Multiplex System, TPC, Zanzibar Sugar Limited, Bagamoyo Sugar Limited, Manyara Sugar Limited, JV Biotech Limited, Sundry Merchants, Hanny G.

Investment for the amounts allocated to them through TIB Development Bank will receive their awards during the upcoming workshop.

The event will highlight the opportunities presented by the BIF and detail the project's roll-out of bioethanol cook stoves and fuel. Discussions will cover the application process, eligibility, and evaluation criteria for prospective projects.





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## REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

**BUL-RFQ-24-01-04 - Supply of Volvo L90H and L120H Wheel Loaders**

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**Wheel Loader Specifications: Volvo L90H**

- L90H H-series (Volvo L90H Wheel Loader complete with attachments & Low-profile cab).

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- L120H H-series (Volvo L120H Wheel Loader complete with attachments & Low-profile cab).

**NOTE: All additional specifications will be provided to the pre-qualified vendors.**

**Key documents:**

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For and on behalf of BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED





Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa presents a trophy to Barrick Gold Tanzania communication officer Neema Ndossi (2nd-R) and Barrick North Mara Mine human resources officer Eric Wambura (R) in appreciation of the mine's contribution to the achievements registered by the Lake Victoria Basin initiatives. This was at the opening of a forum for water stakeholders held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is Water minister Jumaa Aweso. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## ACT calls for creation of Presidential Commission to address land conflicts

By Guardian Reporter

THE opposition ACT-Wazalendo has suggested the need for the establishment of a Presidential Commission to review village and game reserve boundaries to address land-related conflicts in the country.

Zitto Kabwe (pictured), party leader made the suggestion yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking at the National Executive Committee Meeting.

He said that land conflicts and border disputes between conservation areas and villages need to be addressed saying if left unchecked could cause significant harm to the nation.

"We have encountered complaints from farmers against pastoralists invading their land, even leading to killings. Similarly, in pastoralist areas, we have heard complaints from citizens about their livestock being confiscated by officials from various conservation authorities such as Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) agency and the Ngorongoro Conservation Authority (NCA)," he said.

He noted: "Conflicts of this nature have spread throughout our country, and if not addressed, may lead to civil strife and jeopardise our national stability. We have seen and heard complaints from people of Mbarali, Ngorongoro, Kagerankanda, and Kalelani in Kigoma, and massive invasion of livestock in the districts of Kilwa, Nachingwea, Tunduru, and Liwale."

"We have proposed a commission



like the one in 1991 that dealt with land issues, famously known as the Prof. Issa Shivji Commission."

Zitto tasked the government to ensure that citizens can afford their livelihoods by devising, enacting, and implementing policies that ensure that essential commodities such as food, clothing, and transportation are not a burden to citizens.

"Our party continues to call on the government to fulfil its obligation by increasing agricultural productivity by improving farmer's access to inputs, for example, natural gas, in running machinery and vehicles to reduce the use of fuels like petrol and diesel.

"This has been a persistent challenge and a thorn in our nation's flesh because the government does not focus its policies on building an economy that generates many decent jobs."

## NHIF urged to increase efficiency and creativity

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Parliamentary Committee on Health and HIV/AIDS has tasked the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) to increase efficiency and creativity and reach the public with more educative programmes about

the importance of joining the fund.

Stansilaus Nyongo, chairman of the committee made the call here at the weekend after he received the fund's operation status report.

According to him, the public need to be told frequently on the importance of health insurance and what

they will benefit by joining the fund.

"By doing so, we will attract more people to join NHIF and this will strengthen the capacity of the Fund to serve people with quality services thus reducing disease burden," he said.

Committee's vice chair, Dr Faus-

tine Ndugulile urged NHIF leadership and the Ministry of Health to conduct studies on the operation of the Fund in order to gain knowledge on how best to operate when the Universal Health Insurance law comes into effect.

In November last year, the Parlia-

ment enacted the Universal Health Insurance Law (UHI) and was later signed by President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, giving the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) a power to manage the operation of the insurance.

The new UHI scheme requires

citizens to pay a fee depending on their income, with special measures to finance care for 15.8 million Tanzanians (26 per cent of the population) who are unable to pay. These measures will include taxes on fizzy drinks, alcohol, cosmetics, gambling, and certain electronic transactions,



### Employment Opportunity

#### Job Title: Downstream Assistant Maintenance Supervisor

PanAfrican Energy Tanzania (PAET) is the leading integrated energy company in Tanzania, developing and supplying natural gas for the power, manufacturing, and transportation sectors in the country.

A wholly owned subsidiary of Orca Energy Group Inc, PAET has been in the Tanzanian market since 2001 where it has been operating the Songo Songo natural gas field. PanAfrican Energy has a commitment to the development and efficient use of Tanzania's natural gas resources. PAET is committed to working with key players to help alleviate Tanzania's energy shortages and to partner in the development of the country's energy resources.

PanAfrican Energy is currently recruiting a Downstream Assistant Maintenance Supervisor responsible for planning, executing and implementing maintenance and operation activities in various locations within the downstream gas distribution network including Piped Natural Gas (PNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) covering both the High Pressure (HP) and Low Pressure (LP) regimes.

#### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting to the Downstream Operations Manager, the successful candidate will:

- Coordinate and supervise all maintenance functions necessary to ensure the efficient and reliable operation of the natural gas distribution network.
- Support the Implementation of maintenance procedures and plans to ensure optimum efficiency in gas outage planning.
- Align the downstream maintenance functions with equipment capabilities, customer demands, personnel requirements.
- He/ She will be responsible on implementing computerized maintenance management program including routine, unplanned, preventive, and predictive maintenance programs.
- He/she will be coordinating mechanical, electrical and instrumentation maintenance activities with the rest of the downstream technicians
- Maintaining needed spare parts in coordination with the downstream storekeeper and other maintenance and operation personnel
- Responding to customer emergency calls in a timely manner.
- Carrying out monthly commercial meter reading for all customer delivery points
- Actively supporting compliance with all applicable local and international standards, environmental regulations as well as company policies and procedures.
- Drafting and filing daily operations report of the downstream department
- Reviewing Pressure Reduction Stations (PRS) inspection reports and raise any shortcomings at the customer delivery points to the department line manager.
- Carry out any other function as instructed by the supervisor.

#### QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Minimum Diploma in Mechanical Engineering or equivalent
- Not less than five (5) years of demonstrated working experience.
- Ability to supervise field activities and manage contractors to deliver cost effective operations.
- Excellent analytical and problem solving skills.
- Ability to ensuring work is performed in compliance with service quality, health and safety.
- Independent, well organised, and able to communicate effectively and clearly.
- Ability to work independently with minimum supervision.
- Flexible and able to work under pressure.
- Interpersonal skills such as teamwork and ready to help colleagues.

If you believe you have the required qualifications, send your application to HR Department, or email it to [HR@panafricanenergy.com](mailto:HR@panafricanenergy.com) This should reach the above address not later than 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

The Human Resources Manager  
PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited  
Oyster Plaza, 5th Floor, Haile Selassie Street  
PO Box 80139  
Dar es Salaam  
or  
[HR@panafricanenergy.com](mailto:HR@panafricanenergy.com)



### CONSULTANCY FOR THE REVIEW AND PREPARATION OF NEW TANZANIA MORTGAGE REFINANCE COMPANY LIMITED STRATEGIC PLAN COVERING YEARS 2025 TO 2029

Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Limited (TMRC) is a private sector company which was incorporated in January 2010 and started operations in January 2011 to implement the Housing Finance Project (HFP) on the development of the mortgage market in Tanzania. Currently, TMRC has 19 shareholders.

TMRC is a secondary market lender providing liquidity to Primary Mortgage Lenders (PML) through the extension of long-term loans to PMLs. TMRC is licensed and regulated by the Bank of Tanzania (BOT) as a non-deposit taking institution. TMRC is also regulated by the Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) as a corporate bonds' issuer.

The Current TMRC 2020 -2024 Strategic Plan (SP) will expire in December 2024. TMRC has set aside funds for the review of its current SP and preparation of the new SP covering 2025 - 2029 period. The consultant shall be engaged in March 2024 to undertake the assignment and is expected to present the first draft to the Board of Directors in May 2024. Upon receiving the input from stakeholders including the Board, the consultant is expected to present the final report to the Board in August 2024.

TMRC hereby invites consulting firms with relevant experience and would like to bid for the assignment. Interested bidders may contact TMRC through contacts below for Terms of Reference (TOR) of the assignment and additional information (if any). The Proposal should reach TMRC on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 latest.

On submission of the Proposal, the company will be required to pay non-refundable fee of TZS 130,000 to be paid at the following Bank account:

#### TZS Account details:

Name of the account holder: Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Ltd  
Bank Name: NMB Bank Plc  
Branch: Bank House  
Account Number: 20110072980  
SWIFT: NMIBTZTZ

For more information Contact:

Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Limited, 15th Floor, Golden Jubilee Towers, Ohio Street P.O Box 7539  
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Mobile: +255754269119  
Email: [Procurement@tmrc.co.tz](mailto:Procurement@tmrc.co.tz)





## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR SECURITY SERVICES, GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying service providers for the provision of Security Services. Therefore, inviting eligible and interested service providers to submit expressions of interest as detailed below. The number of security personnel required is estimated to be 600.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS SERVICE. SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO THE ANGGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

#### Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01826	PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES

### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>17%</b>
Company Profile and updated organogram	1%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	1%
Copy of Current Business license	1%
Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	1%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of company memorandum and article of association	2%
Current NSSF Compliance Clearance Certificate	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	5%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION AND TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>8%</b>
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years (1%), At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding the supplier's credit position. If any.(1%), All bank statements of the applicant's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date (0.5%) and A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds. (0.5%)	3%
Provide Insurance evidence for Cash in Transit services.	
Provide Insurance evidence for General Liability and Third-Party Insurance - USD5,000,000 – Must include Defamation and wrongful arrest in the insurance.	5%
Provide Insurance evidence for Automobile and truck liability insurance - USD5,000,000	
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Workers' compensation fund certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>6%</b>
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance & disciplinary Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
Recruitment policy/Procedure	1%
Vetting Policy/Procedure	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's industrial/organisation clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2.5%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2.5%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01826)</b>	<b>59%</b>
Possession of valid security service license from ministry of home affairs.	10%
Must have formal quality rating system from recognized quality assessment institutions, such as PSC-1, ISO 18788 Certifications	9%
Professional corporate image in terms of Uniforms for personnel	3%
Possession of licensed firearms (5%) and at least 20 standby firearms – (5%).	10%
Present training policy and or procedure on basic security (3%), gun handling (3%), Rapid Response (3%) and VIP protection (3%).	12%
Operational experience in integrated solutions and innovative use of technology.	5%
Must be signatory to the VPSHR or International Code of Conduct for Private Security Providers by United Nations or recognized agents of the United Nations. (Certification or Registration acceptance letter)	10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

III. Interested companies must submit their Expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting (GGME01826 – PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES) on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to the Company, which states the full name, address, telephone, and e-mail address of the company, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline why the company is of interest to work with, what the prospective company has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

IV. All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the Company's Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) without copying any individual from the company (Geita Gold Mining Limited). Submissions must not be later than 8:30 AM on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions must not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple emails.

V. Shortlisted Candidates will be notified within forty-five (45) calendar days from the submission deadline. Candidates not contacted within the forty-five (45) calendar days should consider themselves unsuccessful.

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## Exercise integrity, professionalism, Nderiananga tells new NEEC board

By Guardian Reporter

THE new board of directors of the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) has been tasked to exercise integrity and professionalism in an effort to build an inclusive economy.

Ummu Nderiananga, deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs and Coordination) made the call in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during the inauguration NEEC new board.

Nderiananga said so far the NEEC was doing a good job but called on the new board to up the bar further through innovation.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan's government trusts that you will perform. I believe that through working together with the NEEC management, you will achieve much more," she said.

The board, she said, was duty bound to coming up with candid directives that would show the NEEC management what is to be done to further Tanzania's economic empowerment initiatives.

Chaired by Prof Aurelia Kamuzora, the new board will be in office for three years.

NEEC executive secretary, Bengi Issa assured the new board that her management will cooperate with it [the new board] in all matters that are meant to up the involvement of Tanzanians in various economic undertakings.

She said that NEEC management team will cooperate with its board in ensuring that Tanzanians in the special group category [women, youths, the elderly and those with physical disabilities] get actively engaged in all economic undertakings including in public procurement.

"As NEEC, we currently coordinate

a total of 72 empowerment funds. This number involves 62 government-owned empowerment funds while ten are owned by other institutions which we are bound to receiving their operational updates," she said.

In its empowerment initiatives, the NEEC also conducts training programmes to various groups on how they can utilize the government's existing systems and also on how they can formalize their business ventures.

The outgoing NEEC chairman, Prof Lucian Msambichaka urged the new board to build a teamwork spirit while abiding by the policies, laws and regulations governing their work. Established under the Empowerment Act No 16 of 2004, the NEEC spearheads economic empowerment initiatives in Tanzania through coordinating, facilitating and monitoring.



Industry and Trade deputy minister Exaud Kigahe (R) and permanent secretary Dr Hashil Abdallah (C) attend a Meeting of the East African Community Sectoral Council of Ministers on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment in Arusha city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## CMO calls for concerted efforts to curtail epilepsy

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

CONCERTED efforts are highly needed to address epilepsy in the community and stop discrimination against people affected with the disease, which in most cases is being associated with myths particularly in low-income countries.

Prof. Tumaini Nagu, Chief Medical Officer made the statement yesterday at the International Epilepsy Day 2024 conference held at Muhimbili National Hospital and organized by Tanzania Epilepsy Association (TEA).

Prof. Naku said that despite scientific evidence that epilepsy is a disease it is still associated with myths related to supernatural causes which include, possession by evil spirits, divine or sacred disease in particularly the low and middle-income countries.

"These factors result in poor health seeking behaviors, affects growth and developmental milestones of children and quality of life patients where by some are not allowed to attend school or be allowed to play with other children and during a seizure they are left unattended. Discrimination of employment or marriage also leaves a lot to be desired," said Prof. Nagu.

Prof. Nagu said that Epilepsy is a disease and those affected deserve to receive treatment and should not be discriminated against rather than assisted to leave quality of life as much as possible.

"We still need more advocacy campaigns on creating more awareness about this disease in various platforms that it's curable and preventable therefore people should visit hospitals" said Prof. Nagu.

She said that epilepsy affects about 50 million people worldwide and approximately six million new cases are diagnosed each year, making Epilepsy one of the most common neurological diseases globally.

"In our country, epilepsy prevalence is on average 20 to 37 per 1,000 people. This means over one million people living with epilepsy (PWE) in Tanzania. Furthermore, it is estimated that, the death rate for people with epilepsy is three times that of the general population in developed countries," added Prof. Nagu.

She said some factors for the high prevalence of epilepsy in the country is a high frequency of preventable causes including intrapartum complications, childhood infections and complicated childhood febrile seizures of which are age is highest in those aged 20-29 and another peak after 50 years, reflecting the large burden upon the economically productive age group where by both genders are equally affected.

She said that the theme for International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) for the International Epilepsy Day 2024 is "My Epilepsy journey" and the country has stretched its journey to "The past, present and future of epilepsy in Tanzania".

## 'Create better environment to lure girls into science subjects'

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

EDUCATION, Science and Technology minister, Prof Adolf Mkenda has called for the need to improve the learning environment to encourage girls to develop interest in science subjects.

Prof Mkenda made the call in Arusha over the weekend during the International Day for Women and Girls in Science.

He noted that the number of girls and women taking science subjects is still low, calling upon stakeholders in collaboration with the government to address this challenge practically.

"We need to do anything possible to ensure that more girls opt for science subjects or courses and we must promote those scientist women as a testimony to encourage girls to study science," he said.

According to him, there are still great employment opportunities in science fields so girls and boys have to opt for the subjects.

"We are currently reviewing the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy so that it gives us the direction as a country in this area," he said.

President of the Tanzania Nuclear Women Unit, Prof Najat Mohamed, who is also an expert in nuclear physics, called upon all stakeholders in collaboration with the government to empower girls to achieve their dreams.

Prof Najat urged teachers to inspire girls to acquire leadership positions and while at home they should also be given chances to speak as part of building their confidence.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, James Mdoe said the day started to be celebrated in the country at the national level in 2021.

He said as part of activities to celebrate the day, the Ministry visited primary and secondary schools to encourage women and girls to study science and to participate fully in the development of the country.

Mdoe said that about 10,000 secondary school students and 1,000 primary school students in nine regions were visited.

Jovian Mley from the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) said the development of science needs to go together with the training of the general public and young female pupils in primary and secondary schools.





**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST –  
PREQUALIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE  
PROVISION OF INTERNET SERVICES,  
GEITA GOLD MINE LIMITED.**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying Service Providers for the provision of internet services and is, therefore, inviting eligible and interested Service Providers to submit expressions of interest as detailed below.

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**Scope of Service:**

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01814	PROVISION OF INTERNET SERVICES- MCHAURU VILLAGE

**II. INFORMATION REQUIRED**

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>20%</b>
Company Profile and updated organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application for annual return.	2%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN Certificate	3%
Copy of company's Memorandum and Article of Association	2%
Current NSSF Compliance Clearance Certificate	3%
Compliance with Mining Act - Approved Local Content Plan.	4%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION AND TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding the supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the applicant's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance Certificate	1.5%
Workers' compensation fund Certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental Policy	1%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	2%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01814)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Proof of registration with Regulatory Authority (TCRA) with license to import and install Electronic Communication Equipment. Submit proof of registration certificate.	10%
Certificate of class 1 Specialist Contractor in Telecommunications and ICT registered with CRB with at least five (5) years' experience in supply, installation, and maintenance of wireless services, Submit proof of registration certificate.	5%
Proof of successful provision of similar services in remote areas or complex environments such as mining, construction, or camp. Submit at least two copies of contract or completion certificate).	15%
Submit Data Privacy Policy to ensure data is not disclosed.	5%
Proof of a valid operating license as an ISP (Internet services Provider)	5%
Submit topology details clearly indicating the source of all backbone lines and capacity along with connectivity media.	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

III. Interested companies must submit their Expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting **'PROVISION OF INTERNET SERVICES - MCHAURU VILLAGE (GGME01814) on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to the Company, which states the full name, address, telephone, and e-mail address of the company, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline why the company is of interest to work with, what the prospective company has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the company.

IV. All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the Company Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) without copying any individual from the Company (Geita Gold Mining Limited). Submissions must not be later than **8.30 AM on 1st March 2024**. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions must not exceed 150MB per email. **In case the size of the email exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple emails.**

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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST –  
PREQUALIFICATION FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY  
OF CONDITION MONITORING TOOLS  
TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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

The Company is in the process of procuring various Condition Monitoring tools and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expressions of Interest for the supply of these tools as detailed below.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

**Scope of Supply:**

REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
GGME01764	SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF CONDITION MONITORING TOOLS

**II. INFORMATION REQUIRED**

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>20%</b>
Company Profile and updated organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license	2%
Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	3%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of company memorandum and article of association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	5%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Supplier's audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Supplier's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Workers' compensation fund certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Prove of a. above where applicable)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01764)</b>	<b>60%</b>
All tools should have calibration certificates.	10%
Provide after-sale services/ assistance. e.g., the tool calibration and usage guidance.	20%
Provide tool warranty and not less than 1 year.	10%
Provide authorized dealership letters of all condition monitoring tools	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

III. Interested Companies must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting **GGME01764 – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONDITION MONITORING TOOLS on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL**. Interested companies must also provide full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the company, name of the principal contact and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline why the company is of interest to work with, what the prospective company has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

IV. All LOIs and support documentation (in PDF format) must be submitted to the Company's Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) without copying any individual from the Company (Geita Gold Mining Limited). Submissions must not be later than **8:30AM 1st March 2024**. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 150MB per email. **In case the size of the email exceeds 150MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.**

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## Well used, e-procurement can uplift transparency, cut waste

POLICY makers in the Regional Administration and Local Governments ministerial "wing" of the President's Office are determined to oversee the modernisation of procurement in district councils or municipal administration.

The modality would entail the use of facilities in the National e-Procurement System of Tanzania (NeST).

NeST is described as an electronic system designed to facilitate various aspects of procurement - e-registration, e-tendering, e-contract management, e-cataloguing, e-auctions, etc., within the public service.

The state of adopting the method is somewhat perplexing, as shifting to such a system ought to be statutory if it is a matter of policy - with enforcement then following. This distinction was lacking in reported remarks from the PO-RALG minister of state in what appears to have been a promotional event. It was, to be precise, an award presentation ceremony organised by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA).

The minister appealed to other district leaderships to take a leaf from Kwimba District Council in Mwanza Region, which emerged the best in adopting the use of the new system.

It is not quite clear whether it was facilitation or mere temperament that hindered others from adopting the system - or whether it is that PPRA and the ministry are studying NeST use first. Even if the latter view of things was factually correct, it would not lead to an appeal to learn using NeST.

This is essentially in that the point in the system is not to ease work in district and municipal councils but to trim losses often resulting from sabotage or corruption. If this aspect of things counts for considerable lack of will to adopt the new system, a stream of appeals will not do where regulatory prerogatives would.

It all implies that PPRA and PO-

RALG ought to first determine how far the required outlays are within reach in the various districts. At that point it would then become mandatory, not something to be promoted but enforced. For PPRA to set out NeST as a tool to enhance transparency, accountability and value for money, where public institutions are sure to increase efficiency by investing in electronic systems could have understandably raised eyebrows.

Indeed, it could have been taken for an advisory from an expert panel, literally for the benefit of the districts themselves. Those targeted could look at policy loopholes to figure out how much more time they could wait, procrastinate, before eventually having to adopt the system, and we believe PPRA knows this.

While one may be asked for evidence in making certain suggestions in a routine manner, it is plausible to suggest that PPRA and PO-RALG are moving cautiously aware that it might not be much to the liking of the targeted entities. Unlike enforcing the use of electronic fiscal devices at fuel filling stations, for instance, here there are issues related to 'proximity' with major upcoming political development.

In a word, the idea is not bad but administrators will likely have to move carefully and perhaps move to institute regulatory premises for NeST at a most appropriate time.

Top officials at the ceremony commended Kwimba District for a job well done in adopting and making effective use of e-procurement, a rural administrative entity overtaking better-placed urban accounting units.

However, maybe they ought to have thought a bit harder and longer of the likely fallout from regulatory instruction, and thus enforcement.

We believe that they too are fully aware that e-procurement can uplift transparency and cut waste but only on condition that it is put to good use.

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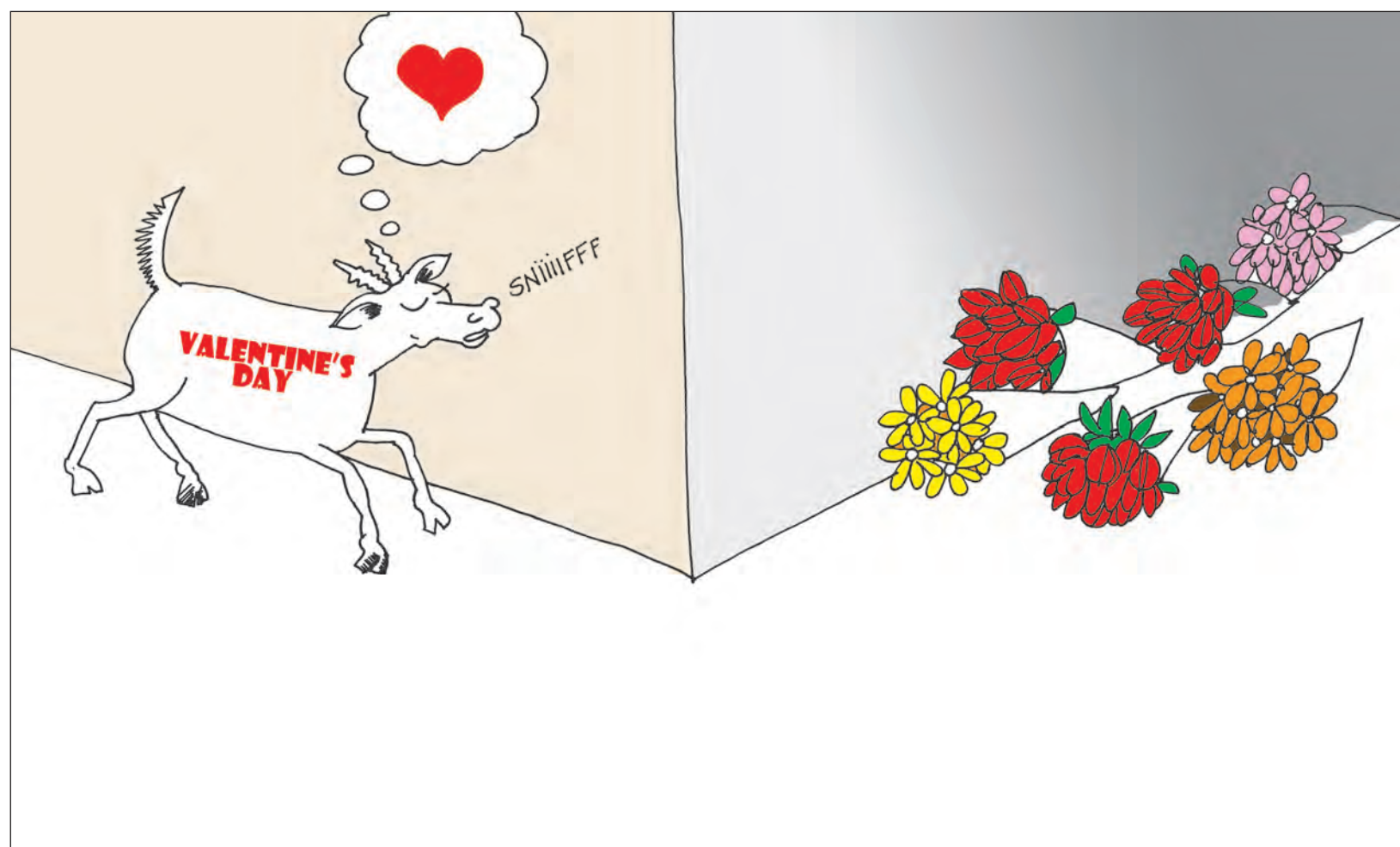
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## Death, exhaustion and suspicion: Journalists on horrors of Gaza (1)

By Special Correspondent

EVERY DAY since October 7, 2023 AFP's team of journalists in Gaza has been risking their lives to cover a war that has shaken the world. They have all had to flee their homes, working without respite in the shadow of death in a territory they are not allowed to leave.

Here the eight staff still in Gaza tell of the horrors they have witnessed, the threat of becoming targets themselves, and their determination to document this relentless conflict.

Most had covered half a dozen wars before October 7 and, as Gazans, had lived with the privations and travel restrictions of the blockade for 17 years. They were used to having to visit the morgues to count the dead and the endless funerals. But their lives changed forever when 1,160 people - mostly civilians - were killed in the unprecedented attack by Hamas militants on Israel, according to an AFP count based on official Israeli figures.

"I was outside around six in the morning when I heard explosions that seemed to be coming from everywhere. We were trying to work out if they were Israeli bombardments or Hamas firing rockets," recalled Adel Zaanoun, who has been an AFP journalist in Gaza for 30 years.

He narrated: "I called all my AFP colleagues to meet up in the office... On the road I rang all the spokesmen of Hamas and Islamic Jihad. They said they didn't know anything. Finally one of them said that the 'Qassam Brigades (Hamas' armed wing) were going to put out a statement'. A little later a communiqué from their chief Mohammed Deif announced that 'Operation Al-Aqsa Flood' had started."

More than four months on, the Gaza Strip has been devastated, with the humanitarian situation there catastrophic. Israel, which has vowed to wipe out Hamas, has been pummeling the territory, with the Palestinian death toll now at more than 27,800, according to the Hamas-run health ministry.

### Nothing left but rubble

When humanly possible, AFP's reporters, photographers and video journalists rush to the scene of every new strike.

And every time, beyond the danger of a secondary strike that might kill them, they are faced with the pain, anguish and sometimes the anger of survivors. The horror of mutilated bodies, often of small children, has to be witnessed, described, photographed or filmed.

"If the internet is working, journalists exchange information on the location of the latest strikes on WhatsApp. If the network is down we try to follow the sound and once we are in the area



Al Jazeera's Wael Dahdouh (second from right) mourning the death of his journalist son Hamza Dahdouh, on 8 January 2024. Photograph: Mahmud Bassam/SIPA/Rex/Shutterstock

people guide us," said Mohammed Abed, an AFP photographer in Gaza for 24 years.

But getting around is not easy. With nearly two million people displaced, most now sheltering in Rafah, "there are traffic jams everywhere", he said. "You have to weave your way through the waves of the displaced, through tents and stalls set up in the middle of the road. Whole districts have been razed with nothing left but rubble," noted Abed.

Meanwhile, Zaanoun said that one litre of petrol can cost US\$45, adding: "So sometimes we would rather walk for an hour than take a car, because we don't know if we will get petrol tomorrow when there could be a more important journey to make."

The news and images gathered on the ground are sent to AFP's editors based in Nicosia in Cyprus, the agency's Middle East headquarters, where they are verified before being sent out to media across the world.

Our boundlessly inventive technician, Ahmed Eissa, found solar panels to recharge cameras and computers and ingenious work-arounds for power and internet cuts. He did so amid so much danger and destruction.

### Watching 'Gaza disappear'

Determined as they are, there is no hiding the exhaustion. "We have been working 24/7 for four months," said Zaanoun.

He elaborates: "But we must because what we are watching is Gaza disappearing in front of us. Its homes, its historic heritage is being destroyed, its people are dying; everything is going up in smoke under the Israeli strikes. Nowhere is safe... I have seen children going out under the bombs to rummage through bins in the hope of finding a bit of bread. Their lips were cracked; you could see they had not drunk any water in

a long time..."

Mai Yaghi too has had to face down exhaustion and a sense of powerlessness. When some cast doubt on the Hamas health ministry toll of the number of Gazans killed, Yaghi - an AFP reporter in Gaza for 16 years - went around the hospitals herself to investigate. She got officials to show her the computer system where the victims are counted: in one column those killed in the war, in the other those from natural causes.

She narrated: "Because of our work, we see more horrors than anyone else. It is our duty to recount the suffering of people. But when you immerse yourself in it, you realise how enormous it is for us as well, and how powerless we are."

Zaanoun said that when the war started, the AFP team hoped that it wouldn't last long and that life would go on despite all, as it had during past conflicts.

But very quickly "the horror and the danger took over: the strikes from the air, the sea and the land intensified. We had never seen it like this before."

It became particularly difficult to work when Israeli forces ordered the entire population in the north of the Strip including Gaza City, where almost all AFP journalists lived, to move south.

Not only had the journalists to abandon their homes on October 13, but they had also to leave the AFP office, one of the rare international media bureaus in Gaza.

Three weeks later came another bitter blow when the office - a second home for many - was badly damaged in a strike. Shortly later, the camera on the bureau's balcony, which had been transmitting live images since the start of the war to the world's media, stopped working.

'Colleagues dying in front of you' Since Israel placed the Gaza Strip

under a "total siege" on October 9, AFP journalists in Gaza have been cut off. Unlike during some previous conflicts there, no colleagues from Jerusalem or other AFP bureaus across the world have been able to come to back them up. Even calling colleagues in Jerusalem, with whom they always work closely, has become difficult.

Not a single AFP journalist has been allowed to leave Gaza despite numerous appeals to the Israeli authorities, and they feel caught in a trap.

Their fears have not been helped by the number of Gazan journalists already killed in strikes. So far 85 journalists and media professionals have been confirmed dead, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) in their latest toll to February 7.

"One day, there was a strike that claimed the lives of several colleagues, not far from me," said Zaanoun, adding: "Imagine your friends, your colleagues, dying in front of you. Imagine being woken up by the noise of an enormous bombardment, seeing human remains flying in every direction, the tent over your head collapsing and a tonne of dust and sand falling on you."

"We all know that, at any moment, it could be one of us," Zaanoun said, adding: "Our families know it too. They are panicking. When the telephone works, our wives and our children call us all the time to ask where we are, and what we are doing. They tell us not to be away from them for too long, to be careful. Because they know that wherever we go we are heading to the heart of death and they hope we will survive."

Since the Israeli army told AFP they cannot "guarantee the security" of the agency's journalists in Gaza, all feel under threat.

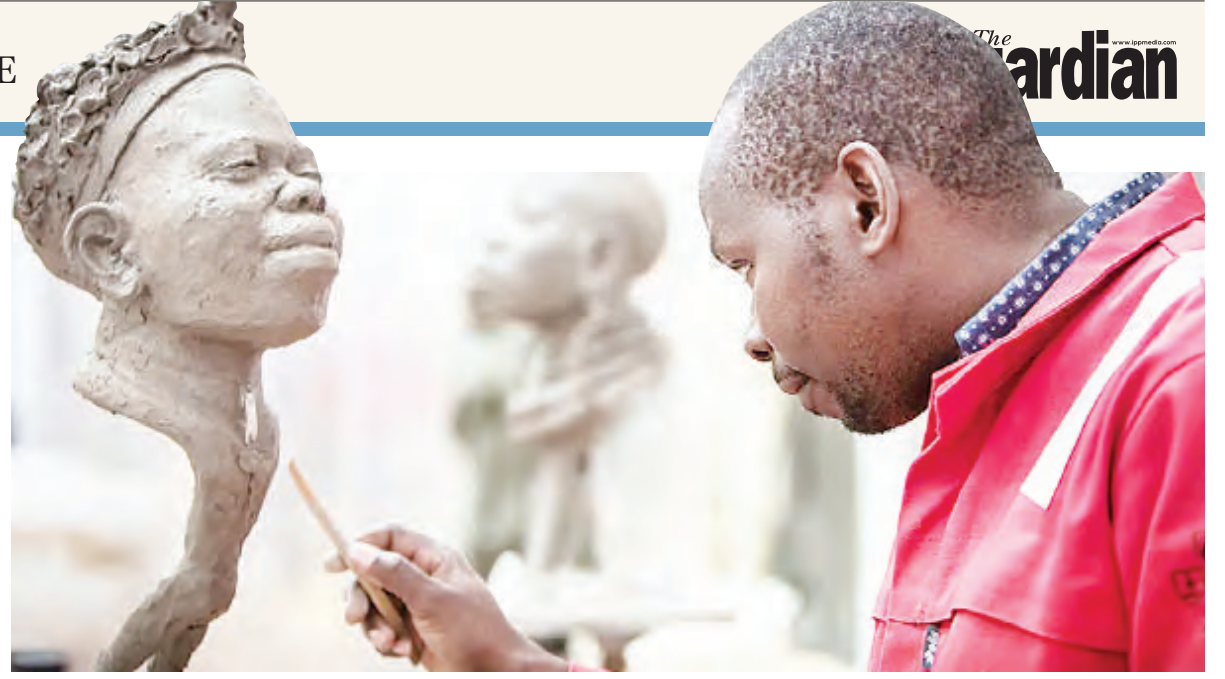
"Wearing a flak jacket with 'PRESS' on it doesn't protect you. We risk being killed at any moment," said photographer Abed.

Yahya Hassouna, an AFP video journalist in Gaza since 2009, remembers one strike in October in Gaza City: "Residents of a building had been warned that it would be bombed. We set ourselves up with other video journalists under the porch on the building opposite. A few minutes later, it was our building that was targeted. Three of my colleagues were killed."

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# Peter Oloya: The Ugandan LRA child soldier who moulded a new future in art



Peter Oloya at work in 2019

By Penny Dale

**T**HE joy former child soldier Peter Oloya finds in sculpture was first sparked while hunting for clay with his grandmother in northern Uganda - an area that became infamous for the terrifying raids led by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebel group.

"My grandmother showed me where clay is, what type of clay to be used and why," says the Ugandan artist, who grew up in the village of Lemo Bongolewic in the district of Kitgum.

This was in the early 1980s before much of the population was herded into camps to save them from the attacks and abductions.

Oloya and his late grandmother, Helen Atoo Ocula, would often follow grazing cows as they made a beeline for moist spots under groves of certain large trees.

There was particular clay called 'punu' in Oloya's Acholi language. It was adored by the cows for its minerals - and by Oloya's grandmother because it was

perfect for the pots she made for cooking and to store water.

A young Oloya was mesmerised and inspired by how his grandmother's hands transformed the clay into beautiful pots.

He was especially enthralled by the designs she made on the pots using small tools. "It was only much later when I turned to art as a profession that I realised how artistic she was," he says.

Oloya is now one of Uganda's best-known sculptors - and a leading sculpture gallery in London is hosting an exhibition of his work this month.

He is also respected because he survived the horrors of being kidnapped as a child by the LRA, led by Joseph Kony, who is wanted by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Many LRA fighters were abducted as children into the ranks of the rebel group

The artist is most famous for his Crowned Crane, a bronze sculpture of the national bird and a gift in 2007 from Uganda to the late Brit-

ish monarch Queen Elizabeth II.

Among African football fans, he is also well-known for making the coveted trophy for the BBC's African Footballer of the Year award, for a decade from 2009.

Oloya currently paints and works mostly in bronze, marble and wood - but his artistic roots lie in the clay he collected with his grandmother from riverbeds in a valley near his village home.

"Pottery is very sculptural, and clay has been part of me since childhood," Oloya tells the BBC.

As a child, Oloya was sometimes mocked for making pottery with his grandmother - because it is seen by his Acholi culture as an occupation for girls and women.

But Oloya could not resist walking by an ant-hill without scooping some of the fresh, soft clay from it and creating a ball for a slingshot or something else from it.

"Whenever I see it, I intuitively pick up clay and try to make something out of it - for fun, for entertainment," he says.

His first sculpture

came out another of his passions - listening to the radio. His father, a police officer based in the capital, Kampala, had sent one home. It had lights on it, which turned from green to yellow to red depending on the volume.

"I loved it so much and, as a child, I used to wonder how little people got in there to talk," Oloya says.

He modelled a radio out of clay, digging out little holes for the indicator lights. He filled them with fireflies, which glow in the dark.

A Peter Oloya artwork, which features a traditional bride mask adorned with keypads of old mobile phones. Image source, Steve Russell Studios

But his childhood was marred by years of conflict in northern Uganda, as government forces battled the LRA fighters, who are notorious for killings, raping and abducting children to be either fighters or sex slaves.

Like hundreds of thousands of people, Oloya was forced out of his home into an internally displaced camp (IDP) set up by the government.

And then, when he was 11, he was abducted by the LRA when his family had ventured back to their garden to harvest sesame seeds to make into a nutritious paste as there were not enough food rations in the camp.

He was beaten up, separated from his mother and with other captive boys taken deep into the bush.

They kept moving around to avoid government troops, the rebels forcing their captives to become boy soldiers.

During that time, Oloya turned to his beloved clay as therapy to ease the horrors he was facing - something he still finds hard to talk about.

He would dig out clumps of clay from the many termite mounds that littered the bush where he was being held.

"I suddenly realised I was doing art, even there in the bush," he says.

For months he thought his mother was dead until a new abductee told him that she was alive - and that is when he de-

cidated he needed to get away.

Oloya managed to escape after 18 months. And art became his refuge.

In 2004, he graduated from Makerere School of Fine Art - paying his way by DJing at night and selling toys that he had been making since he was a child.

Oloya believes in the power of art to change people's lives.

After graduating from art school, he returned to the IDP camps in northern Uganda to give art lessons, nurture talent and also put on exhibitions in Kampala.

Profits from any art sales were shared out.

The camps are now closed and people in northern Uganda have been able to return home. But his community-based organisation still operates - and he is setting up a museum of Acholi art and culture in his village.

For his first international solo exhibition at London's Pangolin Gallery, Oloya has created a new body of work that focuses once again on

themes that most interest him: the concept of beauty, the play between modernity and culture, and the environment and climate.

Fault is a bronze piece made from the impression of cracked earth. Unless you look carefully, you might miss the small, flailing human figure that has fallen into one of the cracks - or fault lines.

Oloya's message is blunt: "Climate change, global warming - it's our fault and it's killing us."

"We have to stop thinking of the planet as Mother Earth, which is there to just provide for us," Oloya says.

"Instead, we need to think of the planet as a distressed child, who is asking to be carried, who is asking for our help."

Another striking piece - which is different to his usual work - is a woman's traditional dress that Oloya has made from bark cloth. Attached to the bodice are old mobile phone keyboards.

Oloya uses them as symbols of modernity and plastic waste from outside Africa, which

contrast vividly with the organic bark cloth that comes from inside the continent.

"Much of our environment in Africa is not made in Africa. It is brought in and is rotting in Africa," says the artist.

"But I put the dead phones on the dress to give people hope - we can recycle things, we can reuse things."

Oloya also explores the theme of modernity in a series of different sized and shaped gourds, the woody fruit of the calabash trees.

He has burnt on to the surface of the gourds African decorative patterns.

At first glance they look like the calabash used in many villages to store milk, oil or water. But on closer inspection, you can also see the logos of the giant global corporations that now dominate the drinks market in most African countries.

"I love art," Oloya says "because it has given me another language - to spark conversations."

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# Fashioning of a circular future for traditional and alternative leather



A woman is laying leather out to dry in Bangladesh. Photo: United Nations/JN Women

By Glenn Scherer

THE practice of turning animal skins into wearable goods dates back thousands of years. But until recently this global fashion industry largely followed a linear “take-make-waste” production model, with unsustainable tanning through finishing processes dependent on chromium salts and other polluting toxins, and requiring massive amounts of water.

Today, as the industry edges slowly toward circular principles, traditional leather products are being forced to compete with all manner of synthetics (some fossil fuel-derived), and others biobased (derived from sources as diverse as cacti and bananas, but often requiring plastic additives to achieve traditional leather’s durability).

No matter: leather in all its forms remains a growth industry. In 2023, it was valued at \$460 billion globally, and expected to hit \$700 billion in worth by 2030 as demand surges and the range of synthetic alternatives expands.

Against this booming backdrop, critics argue that using skins provided by the global livestock industry is responsible for a litany of environmental supply chain problems, starting on ranches, moving through tanneries, and extending to leather’s end of life.

Still, experts hold out hope that innovative circular solutions could create a far more sustainable traditional leather industry. Meanwhile, all manner of alternatives could lessen environmental harm, though these substitutes could come with their own cost, scaling, technical and environmental conundrums.

## The limits of traditional leather’s circularity claims

Leather advocates contend that products derived from livestock skins are inherently circular, turning meat industry “waste” into a valuable fashion commodity. Industry representatives even point to tanning as one of the oldest examples of “upcycling,” or creative reuse, a pillar of the circular economy. Without leather production, they argue, many thousands of unused tons of hide would end up in landfills or incinerated.

“The majority of life-cycle assessment studies on leather production and use assume

“This assumption has swayed [views of] the overall environmental performance of leather because you are basically saying ‘if I didn’t use it, it goes into landfill.’”

positive impact mainly because you are finding a reuse for a material that is often a by-product of animal breeding,” notes Shahin Rahimifard, an industrial engineer and professor at the U.K.’s Loughborough University. “This assumption has swayed [views of] the overall environmental performance of leather because you are basically saying ‘if I didn’t use it, it goes into landfill.’”

Others argue that the meat and leather industries are inherently linked at the hip, that leather should be seen as a “co-product” of the meat industry – sharing in the mutual responsibility for environmental harm.

Aynur Mammadova, a researcher at Italy’s University of Padova, points out that the narrative portraying the leather industry as circular and sustainable ignores its links to environmental harm all along the fashion supply chain. This includes potential deforestation in cattle-ranching hotspots such as the Amazon, methane release during cattle rearing, heavy resource use and high levels of waste, serious pollution of water and air, along with animal welfare concerns. In her view, “every company that uses leather should understand the supply chain, where it comes from, and mitigate the risks.”

“The leather industry is as toxic to the planet as it is cruel to animals,” according to Yvonne Taylor, vice president of corporate projects at PETA, the animal rights NGO. Shaping skins into leather relies on the use of harmful chemicals, toxic mineral salts, and other harmful substances, she adds. “Tannery runoff contains large quantities of pollutants such as lime sludge, sulphides and acids.”

“Leather is not a ‘by product’ or ‘leftover’ of the meat industry, but a \$100-billion industry in itself; it exists because of demand, not due to [meat industry] waste [reuse] concerns,” Taylor says.

Others believe the industry as a whole gets a hard rap and emphasize how it is changing. “Like many other industries, leather is an input-intensive industry. It does require a lot of chemicals, water, and energy,” says Fernando Bellese, WWF’s senior director of beef and leather supply chains. “If you’re not managing those things well it can lead to water pollution, air pollution, and so on.”

But he adds that not all producers follow polluting prac-

ices, and progress is being made in reducing impacts across some company supply chains. “If you look at the leading companies nowadays, they are very modern. They have high technology in terms of wastewater treatment, in terms of chemical management,” says Bellese.

There are “gradients of maturity” within the industry,” agrees Kim Sena, with Leather Naturally, an industry group. He points out that leather is far more durable than other fashion materials, slowing down textile consumption and disposal rates, if used wisely.

“But we have to think about other issues,” he agrees, such as animal welfare, cattle impacts, and leather-processing pollution.

## Leather’s circular solutions

Implementing circular practices during production can reduce leather’s environmental burden, according to experts. Recovering, reusing and reducing waste is a first step, says Marika Gargano, a researcher at Italy’s University of Naples Federico II, whose work focuses on finding natural and biobased solutions within leather production.

A next step is “returning to original tanning methods,” using vegetable tanning instead of chrome-based tanning. A recent study, notes that while both techniques have impacts, circular-based vegetable tanning (also dubbed green tanning), achieves “substantial impact reductions” of toxins and released CO<sub>2</sub>, while saving water.

However, significant barriers, especially involving cost, are impeding implementation of these sustainable solutions globally. Traditional leather is primarily produced in China, Brazil, Russia, India, Italy, South Korea, Argentina, and the U.S., all with varying levels of industrial sophistication, financial access, and environmental regulatory standards.

Likewise, “The concept of re-

using, repairing, refurbishing and recycling leather products to extend their life cycles has not been well-established in developing countries.”

In Paul’s view, a range of industry actions will be required globally to address its large environmental footprint. Alongside needed circular solutions, these include treating wastewater efficiently, minimizing toxic chemical use, and developing “error-proof” management sys-

tems. Other experts emphasize a need for transparency and traceability to cattle ranches to address possible deforestation.

“The overall system should be monitored and audited as per local and international environmental regulations,” Paul wrote in an email. And that “is not a one-time task. The industry should work endlessly to protect the environment.”

## Leading by example

The Scottish Leather Group is one company aiming to clean up leather’s environmental image through its own example. The firm claims that its products have the lowest carbon footprint of any leather manufactured anywhere, achieved through a suite of circular production solutions developed over recent decades.

The company started with a desire to minimize waste, and to utilize all of the leather it sourced in a variety of final products, says Warren Bowden, head of innovation and sustainability at the company. “Historically,” he says leather production has used “a linear approach ... with roughly 90 percent of the hide weight never ending up as leather.”

The Scottish Leather Group aims at using everything – not only making leather, but also recovering unused raw material to be sold as biofuels or other products, rather than sending it as waste to a landfill. Anything that’s not “recoverable saleable commodities” the firm uses as fuel in its leather factory, displacing fossil fuels, says Bowden. “That’s a massive piece in terms of reducing the carbon intensity of the product.”

The company has also engineered an innovative waste recovery system, taking back leather seats it has sold to airlines, for example, then shredding and burning them to “create the energy for the next set of [manufactured] leather seats,” he explains. Though this energy recovery scheme is still relatively small scale, Bowden says the company ultimately plans to recover used leather to be refashioned into other materials. “All that leather must go somewhere. And for me, there’s a massive opportunity to recover it, take it back and do something more interesting with it. That’s where ... the future is.”

Such solutions have so far enabled the company to slash its landfilled waste by nearly 80 percent. The goal, notes Bowden, is to reduce that to

zero by 2025. Similarly, water use in manufacturing is down thanks to a treatment system that cycles used water back into production. That has slashed the need for water drawn from a private Scottish loch. “We found that by treating [water] to the point you could recycle it, you could significantly reduce the amount you’re actually drawing,” he says.

## Leather alternatives and the trouble with plastics

While some long-established leather companies aim to reduce impacts and go circular, other firms and researchers are innovating to produce alternative fashion materials.

Jinali Mody, founder of the startup Banofi, for example, sees a sustainable alternative to leather in the millions of tons of banana waste produced in India each year. Her company purchases banana waste directly from smallholder farmers and fashions it into leather-like materials.

“We source our waste directly from the farmers and we provide them with additional income for their waste,” she says. “These farmers typically would dump [the banana waste] or burn it.”

Currently, Banofi’s products consist of around 60 percent banana crop waste, 20 percent other “natural components,” and around 20 percent synthetic additives, including recycled plastics.

“We’re extending the life of waste,” Mody says, noting that at the laboratory scale, the firm’s product has proven to be 100 percent circular because after its initial use, it can be reworked into harder materials, such as book covers.

According to Mody, her firm’s banana leather outperforms both bovine and “vegan” leathers derived entirely from plastics such as PVC. In addition, Banofi requires vastly less water, and achieves roughly a 90% carbon reduction compared to animal and plastic-derived leather, while emitting no toxic waste during production, according to the company.

## The future of leather

Steeped in history, the leather industry is changing fast, say analysts. But its future is advancing in several directions at once, as some manufacturers bet that synthetic materials or plastic-free biobased materials will come to the fore, while others see big opportunities for a cleaner, nonpolluting and toxic-free hide-based leather industry.

In the end, all this diversity may triumph. “I do think we need many materials, we don’t only need leather,” to achieve sustainability says WWF’s Bellese. “What doesn’t make sense to me is to discuss not using leather while we are still raising cattle.”

In his view, innovating with new materials is necessary. At the same time, the traditional leather industry needs to focus on raising cattle responsibly, replacing and reducing chemical use, limiting water utilization, introducing more renewables, and ensuring effective wastewater treatment. “There are solutions [already available] for all those things,” he adds.

Some experts are cautious about exclusively backing leather alternatives because in the attempt to avoid traditional leather production environmental pitfalls, makers may exacerbate other problems. “I have a positive opinion about these [alternative leather] developments, as long as they are not fossil-fuel based,” says researcher Mammadova. “Material origin is important, but so are the processes and the chemicals we use in producing leather, and thinking about end of life is essential if we’re aiming for circularity.”



# African coffee-producing countries urged to add value to coffee export

By Special Correspondent, Addis Ababa

WHILE specialty coffee from Africa is gaining popularity among consumers across the world, officials of the African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA) have urged African coffee traders to boost value-added coffee export, and cease export of unprocessed coffee to the international market.

The remark came during the 20th African Fine Coffees Conference and Exhibition and the First African Coffee Week that took place from Feb. 6 to 10 in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, with the aim of advocating the export of value-added coffee from Africa.

The event has brought together more than 800 regional and international coffee roasters, traders, producers, buyers and professionals to discuss policies, sustainability, access to finance and international market regarding coffee industry.

Amir Hamza, chairperson of the AFCA, said coffee exporting African countries need to concentrate on value addition and apply better marketing strategies to boost their earnings



People make coffee during the 20th African Fine Coffees Conference and Exhibition and the First African Coffee Week in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

from the coffee export.

"The biggest problem Africa is facing is poor marketing approaches and export of unprocessed coffee, something the AFCA is trying to solve. Africa has the best coffees, but they are not marketed as they should be," Hamza said.

He encouraged African coffee exporting companies to intensify trade promotions, broaden markets while

concentrating on quality raising and processing to meet the demands of importing markets and to establish brands for sustainable exports.

"After the green beans are exported from Africa, they will be blended and roasted by companies outside the continent, particularly by those companies in Europe and the United States and then they will be sold in the Middle and Far East as coffee products from other origins," he said.

According to data obtained from AFCA, coffee exports from Africa were valued at over 3.6 billion U.S. dollars in 2022. Ethiopia was the leading exporter, earning around \$1.5 billion, followed by Uganda with an export value of nearly \$813 million during the same year.

The chairperson urged the coffee industry in Africa to shift

its focus to improving product quality and aligning with market

taste trends, especially in the major coffee consumption markets, which account for around half of global coffee imports, including the EU and the US.

Hamza said the expanding inter-Africa trade would give one of the best opportunities for African coffee producing countries to fetch better income

from their coffee exports in the coming years.

According to AFCA, non-coffee producing African countries such as Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Algeria and Morocco as well as Nigeria and South Africa will be the most important destinations for the coffee market in Africa.

Speaking about forthcoming European Union's Deforestation Regulations (EUDR), a move

that threatens a significant portion of coffee exports to the economic bloc, Hamza said Africa imports more volume of coffee than it exports and he believes that the regulation would little affect Africa's coffee export.

AFCA's Executive Director Gilbert Gatali said that the majority of coffee growers in Africa are not getting the right price for their products due to poor marketing

strategies and agricultural practices.

"Coffee growers in Africa lack the necessary knowledge and technology to produce high quality coffee," said the executive director, encouraging traders in the continent to collaborate and establish production chains, making it more feasible to adopt modern technology and promote the shift from raw to processed coffee export.

He further said Africa's coffee production and export have been influenced by rising inflation, geopolitical impacts and increasing fertilizer costs, urging coffee exporting companies to closely monitor the market for suitable business and production strategies.

Gatali urged coffee buyers and governments to support farmers in increasing their knowledge and skills of coffee agronomical practices besides helping them get the right prices for their products at the international market.

"Climate change, access to inputs, intermediaries which negatively affect the final income of coffee growers, low volume yields and access to market remain to be challenges for coffee producing countries in Africa," he added.

## PANAMA

DELEGATES from around the world gathered in Panama City for the tenth conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

It was the first in-person COP since 2018, with earlier meetings held remotely because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although in the past 20 years tobacco prevalence among adults has declined, the WHO FCTC chief warned of the dangers the industry poses for the environment.

"The lands used for tobacco cultivation are lands that cannot be quickly reconverted to be used again because tobacco, on the one hand, is very demanding in terms of soil nutrients, but it also requires the intensive use of pesticides, so tobacco is really very polluting," Dr. Blanco Marquizo alerted.

WHO warned last year that many countries facing food security issues were also big tobacco growing economies.

Some 8 million people die each year from tobacco use worldwide.

The latest global tobacco report estimates that there are at least 37 million children aged 13-15 currently using some form of tobacco, with alarming levels of e-cigarette use among adolescents in some countries.

"Tobacco consumption is an addiction. Tobacco has nicotine, which is a highly addictive



## WHO meeting on tobacco ends with emphasis on environmental protection

product, as addictive as illegal drugs, and the fact that its legal doesn't make it any less addictive," Dr. Adriana Blanco Marquizo said.

Most people who smoke started smoking in their teens, when you're not yet quite ready to make decisions that are going to affect you later on, that will last a lifetime."

The conference decided to strengthen the article of the framework focused on the protection of the environment and the health of all people.

Another important decision was taken to strengthen guidelines on cross-border tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, and the depiction of tobacco in the entertainment media.

In addition, two expert groups were estab-

lished - one to work on forward-looking tobacco control measures and the other to focus on liability.

Other decisions adopted by COPIO were related to the promotion of human rights through the WHO FCTC as well as strengthening the WHO FCTC Investment Fund.

The Parties also agreed to extend by five years the mandate of the Global Strategy to Accelerate Tobacco Control 2019-2025: Advancing sustainable development through the implementation of the WHO FCTC 2019-2025, so that it fully aligns with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

COPIO also adopted the Panama Declaration, which draws attention to the fundamental and irreconcilable con-

flict between the interests of the tobacco industry and the interests of public health.

During the five-day summit which ended on Saturday, representatives from 142 parties tackled a range of issues including the regulation of tobacco advertising.

Reports have it that nicotine contained in tobacco is highly addictive and tobacco use is a major risk factor for cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, over 20 different types or subtypes of cancer, and many other debilitating health conditions. Every year, more than 8 million people die from tobacco use. Most tobacco-related deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries, which are often targets of intensive tobacco industry interference and marketing.



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# Livelihoods at stake with Lake Victoria's papyrus swamps now well under pressure

By Patrick Newcombe

As the sun rises over the wetlands on the shores of Lake Victoria, papyrus harvesters set out into the swamps to harvest stalks of papyrus. At the docks, fishermen returning from a night's work haul their boats onto the shore. The deep, ringing song of the papyrus gonolek (*Laniarius mufumbiri*) and the hooting of the blue-headed coucal (*Centropus monachus*) drift out from the reeds.

The calls of birds and men, and the fish and reeds piled high, appear to be signs of a flourishing ecosystem. These papyrus swamps, which form on the edges of Lake Victoria and other lakes and rivers in the region, are a haven for range-restricted birds and cichlid fish populations that have survived the introduction of commercially-valuable fish like Nile perch (*Lates niloticus*).

A range of factors, including potential overharvesting of papyrus (*Cyperus papyrus*) and the conversion of the swamps for agriculture and construction, threaten this remarkable ecosystem. Many coastal residents who rely on the swamps for their livelihoods have begun to voice concerns about the ecosystem's future.

## An ecosystem that supports livelihoods

Dickson Omondiwao has worked in the papyrus swamps of Kenya's Kisumu county since 1985. Each morning he ventures into the swamps to harvest a large bundle of papyrus. In the afternoons, he starts weaving and typically makes three mats per day, each of which takes 200 stalks, he estimates. A middleman buys them from him to sell at a market in Kisumu, he says. The mats are used for many things, often in wall construction.

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ter just beyond the swamps, others cast nets into the lake. They fish for silver cyprinid (*Rastrineobola argentea*), catfish, tilapia and Nile perch – a harvest that includes introduced species that have thrived in the lake.

During the heat of the day, sand harvesters emerge from the papyrus swamps into the open lake. They climb into the water, often chest- or neck-deep, and fill their boats with sand. Then, using a wooden pole, they push their boats back along the channels.

Riding low, laden with hundreds of kilograms of sand, the boats are unloaded at a site where the owners await. Trucks from Kisumu pull up along the rutted dirt road, and more workers shovel the sand into the truck beds, so it can be hauled away for construction in the city. According to one boat owner, "This is our gold that God has given us."

At dusk, Emmanuelle Frederick Makokha swings his net through the air several times before casting it outward, so that weights on the end of the net sink down, pulling fish into the net; his cousin pilots the wooden boat. They say they fish in the evenings, often past dark.

As night falls, other fishermen eat their evening meals on the shore, before climbing into their boats, three or four people per vessel. Many will spend the whole night on the lake, laying out nets held afloat by strings of buoys that stretch hundreds of meters.

At dawn, they bring their boats to shore next to the papyrus swamps at Dunga Beach, where restaurant owners, merchants and others looking to buy fresh fish meet them.

Pringle's research finds that, since then, Lake Victoria's fishing economy has become more commercial, favouring those who can afford more expensive fishing gear and the cost of Nile perch sold at market value.

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Oginga Toya and his family display some of the products they have made from papyrus, with uncut reeds looming in the background. Photo: Patrick Newcombe.

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One of the most striking birds here, the papyrus gonolek, occurs deep in the reeds, occasionally venturing out to the edges. BirdLife International describes the gonolek as "confined to papyrus *Cyperus papyrus* swamps and beds, in meandering river valleys and along lake-shores." The BirdLife assessment suggests the brightly colored species is in "moderately rapid population decline owing to the on-going conversion and degradation of its wetland habitats."

Papyrus swamps also offer habitat for the vulnerable papy-

rus yellow warbler (*Calamanastides gracilirostris*), which can be found in Dunga Swamp, a major papyrus swamp near Kisumu. BirdLife International includes natural resource use as a cause of deterioration of the Dunga Swamp Important Bird Area.

As well as providing habitat for fish and bird life, papyrus swamps rapidly take up nutrients and retain sediment, reducing their flow into lakes. Research published in the journal *Wetlands Ecology & Management* shows that in the right conditions, *C. papyrus* allows the development of significant detritus and peat deposits – storing carbon. Conversion to agriculture or development risks undermining these ecosystem services as well as biodiversity loss.

But research published in *Biological Conservation* has suggested that "low-intensity use of papyrus wetlands by people is compatible with the conservation of specialist bird species," especially when large areas of papyrus are protected. It adds that "conservation in tropical wetlands need not require complete exclusion of human resource use." Kenyan environmental scientist Leonard Akwany, a founder and member of the advisory board at Ecofinder Kenya, says papyrus harvesting should be "organized and planned."

Drivers of degradation and loss On the lush areas behind the papyrus swamps, farmers tend to their rice fields. Often, this is former swampland that's been drained, according to Akwany.

He says some people set the papyrus on fire to open up new areas for fishing or sand harvest-

ing. Nicholas Oginga Toya, who lives next to a papyrus swamp, also worries about this burning, which prevents him and his family from harvesting papyrus reeds. Burning could also be a precursor to longer-term agricultural conversion.

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## Red Cross to grant 108mn/- to floods victims in Hanang

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

IN response to the devastating impact of heavy rains and mudslides in Hanang District, Manyara Region, in early December 2023, the Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS), will disburse 108mn/- to supporting affected petty traders, in the recovery and revitalization of their businesses.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam to this reporter, Samwel Katamba, the Disaster Response Manager of TRCS, emphasized the society is currently incorporating the disbursement process into their financial system, utilizing the internationally recognized KOBO system.

The initiative aims to provide monthly assistance of at least 100,000/- to affected petty traders over a span of six months, with the intention of bolstering their businesses and facilitating their recovery from the incurred losses.

Beyond the immediate support for petty traders, TRCS has spent substantial funds for broader humanitarian relief efforts, totaling over 1bn/- in the country's four regions namely Dar es Salaam, Manyara, Mjini Magharibi, and Geita.

According to him, a portion of the said funds amounting to 2.7mn/- was earmarked for environmental cleanup and sanitation improvement

initiatives in the affected regions.

Additionally, TRCS has spent at least 93mn/- towards healthcare services, including disease prevention campaigns and literacy initiatives aimed at curbing the spread of illnesses.

Moreover, TRCS has also spent 709.4mn/- towards essential infrastructure development, such as the construction of houses, toilets, and water wells, essential for the long-term well-being of affected communities.

This comprehensive approach underscores TRCS's commitment to addressing both immediate needs and fostering sustainable recovery efforts in disaster-affected areas.

In alignment with its mission of providing holistic support, TRCS has extended assistance to 795 households across the namely four regions.

The aid provided encompasses essential items such as mattresses, blankets, kitchen equipment, female hygiene products, mosquito nets, water treatment supplies, and food provisions spanning six months to one year.

This multifaceted support package aims to alleviate the hardships faced by affected households and promote their resilience in the face of adversity.

Furthermore, TRCS's ongoing presence in disaster-affected regions signifies its unwavering commitment to



One of the landslides which hit parts of Hanang District

## MARKETS:

# DSE indicators gain on weekly basis, despite turnover decline



By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) market indicators gained last week when compared to the previous week, despite of decrease in turnover.

The weekly market reports show All Share Index (DSEI) and Tanzania Share Index (TSI), gained by 1.44 percent and 1.53 percent after closing at 1,764.65 and 4,381.71 points during the end of last week respectively.

The index for the Banking, Finance & Investment sector (BI) increased by 4.78 percent, reaching a closing value of 4,773.80 points.

Similarly, the Industrial & Allied (IA) sector index saw an increase of 0.12 percent, closing at 5,199.51 points. However, the Commercial Services sector experienced a slight decline of 0.08 percent, closing at 2,142.69 points.

The total market value saw a rise of 1.44 percent, reaching 14,728.54bn/-.

Similarly, the domestic market value edged up by 1.58 percent, hitting 11,606.16bn/-, after the moderate increases in the worth of both locally listed and cross-listed companies.

Top gainer was NICO, after its share price increased by 9.62 percent to 570/- at the end of last week, compared to 520/- recorded during the end of the previous week, followed by CRDB Bank Plc, which its share gained by 7.53 percent, after closing at 500/- compared to 465/- respectively.

Cross listed East African Breweries Limited (EABL) and Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) also gained during the reviewed weeks after closing 4.55 percent and 4.93 percent up at the end of last week, compared to the previous week.

The market report shows EABL share price closed at 1,840/- on Friday's close, compared to 1,760/- while JHL share price increased to 2,980/- from 2,840/-.

NMB Bank Plc, the second largest listed, in terms of market capitalization, also was on the gainers list, after its share price appreciated by 3.66 percent to 4,660/- at the end of last week, compared to 4,500/- recorded during the previous week.

DSE share price also increased by 1.1 percent, after closing at 1,820/- at the end of last week, compared to 1,800/- recorded during the previous week, followed by Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC), which its share price slightly improved by 0.93 percent to 4,340/- compared to 4,300/- respectively.

The market report shows the cross listed KCB share price declined by 4.55 percent, followed by Swissport which depreciated by 3.23 percent and TCCIA Investment Limited (TICL), which its share price declined by 2.56 percent.

However, the total market capitalization has so far declined by 1.3trn/- over the last

eleven months, while "paper wealth" of domestically listed companies increased by Itrn/- during similar period, due to gaining of share prices.

The weekly market report by Exodus Advisory Limited, members of the DSE shows total market turnover decreased by 7.96 percent to 7.3bn/- last week, compared to 7.9bn/- recorded during the previous week.

CRDB Bank Plc dominated the trading scene, accounting for 95.63 percent of all activities, mainly driven by block trades executed consistently throughout the week.

According to the DSE's daily reports, CRDB Bank Plc counter recorded the trading of 14 million shares during last week whereby the majority of shares of the largest and most profitable bank were sold by foreign investors, of which all were absorbed by local investors, ahead of dividends announcement for 2023.

All of the shares of the largest bank in terms of

total assets, traded in 433 deals through both pre-arranged block trade and normal trade at a price ranging traded between 460/- and 500/-, the daily reports show.

The market reports also show since the start of the current quarter, foreign investors have sold shares valued 15.95bn/-, which is 60.67 percent of total value of shares sold, against 1.1bn/- in buying shares, which translates into 14.8bn/- net outflows.

The amount of shares sold by foreign investors is more than twice of the amount recorded during the whole first quarter of last year.

Market analysts are expecting continuing foreign investors' exits from the DSE and other Sub-Saharan African markets due to global economic factors, although this will not affect the stability of the market due to strong local investors' absorption capacities.

In the neighbouring Kenya, foreign investors pulled out Sh178.2 million (\$1.1 million) from the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) in January, marking a fifth straight month of withdrawals and stretching a run of capital flight from the past year.

The continued foreign investor sell-offs in Kenya was linked to a disparity in returns where investments in advanced economies yield greater gains than those in emerging and frontier economies after notable interest rate increases by their respective Central Banks.

Last year, foreign investors remained net sellers at the NSE, marking Ksh21.2 billion (\$132 million) in net portfolio outflows, according to data from the Capital Markets Authority.

# Barrick grows its reserve base for third successive year

By Darren Parker

NYSE- and TSX-listed Barrick Gold has reported growth in attributable proven and probable reserves by five-million ounces before 2023 depletion, while also striving to maintain the quality of the mineral reserve base.

As such, the company's attributable proven and probable mineral reserves now stand at 77-million ounces at 1.65 g/t, compared with 76-million ounces at 1.67 g/t in 2022.

Led by the Africa and Middle East region, Barrick has managed to achieve a third consecutive year of organic gold reserve growth above yearly depletion.

The company's focus on driving geographical asset quality has allowed for the replacement of more than 140 percent of the company's gold reserve depletion since the end of 2019, adding almost 29-million ounces

of attributable proven and probable reserves or 44-million ounces of proven and probable reserves on a 100 percent basis, excluding acquisitions and divestments.

Barrick says successful drilling programmes at Lumwana, in Zambia, have driven the growth of proven and probable copper reserves by 330 000 t of copper in 2023, allowing the company to replace 124% of yearly global copper depletion at a consistent quality, effectively maintaining attributable proven and probable copper mineral reserves of 5.6-million tonnes at 0.39 percent in 2023.

Attributable measured and indicated gold resources for last year currently stand at 180-million ounces at 16 g/t, with a further 39-million ounces at 0.8 g/t of inferred resources. Attributable measured and indicated copper resources for 2023 stand at 21-million



Barrick president and CEO Mark Bristow

tonnes of copper at 0.39 percent, with a further 7.1-million tonnes of copper at 0.4% of inferred resources.

The company's mineral resources are reported in-

clusive of reserves and are based on a gold price of \$1 700/oz and an updated copper price of \$4/lb for last year.

Barrick president and CEO Mark Bristow says the com-

pany's strategy of investing in organic growth through exploration and mineral resource management has created real value through discovery and development, rather than relying on increases in commodity prices to provide value to high-premium mergers and acquisitions.

"For our industry to help build a better world, we have to invest in our own future by creating value through exploration, leveraging our capital infrastructure base by replacing the ounces that we mine, which in turn enables us to provide multigenerational investment in our communities, developing local service provider partnerships and investing in improving our operating environments," he says.

Barrick mineral resource management and evaluation executive Simon Botoms adds that the company's reserves, at a price of

\$1 300/oz for gold and \$3/lb for copper, demonstrate the quality differentiation of the company's assets.

"Barrick's core focus on geologically driven asset management not only underpins the company's reserve replacement record, but is also key in unlocking the embedded organic growth portfolio to increase the production profile to approximately 6.5-million gold-equivalent ounces a year by the end of this decade, as both the Reko Diq [project, in Pakistan,] and the Lumwana super pit expansion project are on track to complete their respective feasibility studies by the end of 2024," he says.

The Africa and Middle East region replaced 165% of the regional 2023 gold reserve depletion, led by Loulo-Gounkoto, in Mali, with extensions of the high-grade Yalea orebody, delivering a 1.1-million-ounce increase in attributable

proven and probable reserves before depletion.

Bulyanhulu, in Tanzania, also delivered strong results through the extension of Reef 1 and Reef 2 near-surface mineralisation, with updated feasibility studies supporting an additional surface decline access portal for each reef, adding 900 000 oz to attributable proven and probable reserves.

At Kibali, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the ongoing conversion drilling in the 11 000 lode in KCD underground combined with the conversion of some satellite pit resources delivered a 470 000 oz increase in attributable proven and probable reserves before depletion.

The Lumwana copper mineral reserve base also grew by 6 percent year-on-year, net of depletion, as a result of ongoing conversion drilling in the Malundwe pit.



# Augmented marketing with Apple's Vision Pro

APPLE Vision Pro was launched on February 2, 2024 in the United States. The Vision Pro is an augmented and mixed reality headset that was developed by Apple. It was initially announced on June 5, 2023 at Apple's Developer Conference.

Pre-orders started on January 19, 2024. However, the worldwide launch has yet to be confirmed. This is Apple's third major product category since the release of the Apple watch in 2015 and the iPhone in 2007.

Apple will market the Vision Pro as an augmented reality device whereby the digital media is integrated with the real world. Users will be able to interact with it via motion gestures, eye tracking, and speech rec-

ognition.

On the 28th of September 2023, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg launched the new Ray-Ban smart glasses at the Meta Connect 2023 event. The competition is getting fierce and these tech firms need to deliver or be driven out of the market.

Immersive advertising, the traditional advertising approach always fell short of fully engrossing and captivating consumers. The endless augmented world provided by Apple's Vision Pro through the apps and its content will enable marketers to create content with an interactive mindset, while also providing that x-factor interactive experience.

The multi-dimensional user interface that is con-

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trolled by the user's body movements. Such as their hands, eyes, and voice, offers a futuristic experience that will appeal in their marketing campaigns.

Like Meta's Ray -Ban's imagine a situation where customers may engage with virtual models, visually learn of a product from various viewpoints, or totally immerse themselves in a brand's journey. Here marketers can break free from

the constraints of conventional digital advertising and develop remarkable experiences that will have a lasting effect on customers.

Marketing implications, here marketers have a chance to rethink their plans and design successful marketing campaigns.

The devices let businesses build stronger relationships with their target market. Marketers promise to their customers is that experience that deeply con-

nects with the brand in this immersed world. Storytelling, product presentations, and brand experiences may now take on new shapes. Thanks to the seamless integration of the digital and physical worlds.

Apple Vision Pro and the Meta Ray-Bans herald a new age in computing with the power to fundamentally altering the marketing environment.

That will enable marketers to build immersive and interactive experiences that capture and engage consumers in novel ways by seamlessly fusing digital information with the real world. These devices will undoubtedly rewrite the norms of marketing and usher in a new era of immersive brand experiences.

Let's delve deep into

some potential marketing benefits of the Vision Pro. Immersive Product Demos that will provide life-like 3D product demonstrations that will enable customers to virtually interact with products at pre-purchase. Virtual Reality (VR) Advertising that creates interactive advertisements. The adverts in a virtual space will foster a higher level of engagement.

Remote Collaboration, video calling capabilities that will bring marketing teams together with their clients in a shared virtual space. This could enrich brainstorming sessions, product development, and marketing material creation.

Consumer Research, one can conduct surveys and focus groups discussions,

resulting in engaging experiences for participants and rich insightful data for analysis. Virtual Event Marketing that will host immersive virtual events like product launches or conferences, which will be beneficial specially during this age of Covid 19.

A Personalized Customer Journeys that will craft a unique experience. Customers can go on a journey through a virtual store, engage with products and receive personalized recommendations. Other benefits also include; Training and Education, Social Media Engagement, Influencer Marketing, Virtual Showrooms etc.

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## Katoro Gold takes steps to reinvigorate its business

By Tasneem Bulbulia

KATORO Gold, which holds mining assets in Africa, has secured new financing and is implementing business and development changes, along with board changes, to reinvigorate the company.

Katoro's current project in Tanzania portfolio comprises the Imweru gold project, a majority interest in the Haneti nickel/platinum group metals/copper/gold/lithium/rare earth element project.

Financing was by way of a broker-led placing and subscription with new and existing shareholders to support business development, raising £750 000 through the issue of 750-million shares.

The financing is conditional only on admission to trading on Aim, which is expected to become effective on February 16.

Each financing share will have an attaching warrant to subscribe for a further new ordinary share. In total, should all the financing warrants be exercised, this would raise an additional £1.5-million for the company.

Alongside the financing, the company has settled invoices amounting to £38 305 due to shareholder Kibo Energy through the issue of 38.3-million ordinary shares.

The services related to administrative support provided to Katoro by Kibo Energy.

Kibo Energy holds 96.1-million Katoro shares on which Kibo has committed to a hard lock-in of its current shareholding in the company for a minimum period of 12 months.



Louis Coetsee, Executive Chairman, Katoro Gold

Further, to support the retention of key non-board team members the company has created a pool of 25-million options to acquire new ordinary shares on the same terms as the financing warrants. These options will be allocated to members of the team following the appointment of a new board of directors.

Louis Coetsee, current executive chairperson, will step down from the board and from employment with the company, with effect from the appointment of two new directors, following appropriate market due diligence.

He will, however, continue to consult for the company after his resignation to assist with transitional administration, including

project management, financial accounting and audit matters, until July 31.

It is expected that the two new directors will assume the roles of nonexecutive chairperson and CEO, with further information on this expected to follow.

Louis Scheepers and Lukas Marthinus (Tinus) Maree have agreed to continue to serve as nonexecutive directors with the company for a minimum of six months from February 12.

The board changes are aimed at finding ways to maximise value from existing interests and to secure new cost-effective opportunities globally, with a focus on critical minerals, including uranium.

## Infobip to help businesses boost conversions through WhatsApp

KAMPALA

Infobip has announced that is now empowering businesses to design and implement end-to-end customer purchase journeys directly within WhatsApp.

Using the latest features in the WhatsApp Business Platform with Infobip, businesses can build pathways for customers to complete tasks and make purchases without leaving the app, improving the experience, and increasing conversions.

Ben Lewis, Vice President of Marketing & Growth at Infobip, emphasized the importance of meeting customer expectations for more engaging and conversational experiences.

He stated, "By removing the need to jump between different apps and websites, one-to-one purchase journeys in the WhatsApp Business Platform with Infobip help create value for businesses and their customers.

With our enhanced professional services offering, we can help brands easily integrate Flows and Payments into their existing workflows and payment gateways."

Previously, businesses on WhatsApp had to divert customers to external websites, support services, or payment gateways for information retrieval, contacting agents, and completing purchases.

Such fragmented customer journeys introduced friction, inconsistency, and increased instances of cart abandonment.

With the introduction of WhatsApp Flows and Payments, businesses can now design flexible, personalized, and streamlined end-to-end purchase journeys.

Customers can seamlessly book services or finalize purchases within the WhatsApp chat thread, resulting in heightened customer satisfaction,

improved experiences, and increased retention and conversions.

Use cases encompass lead generation, product recommendations, appointment scheduling, order management, and in-thread payments.

This initiative aligns with Infobip's broader strategy to empower businesses in constructing cohesive conversational customer journeys.

The company's professional services offer comprehensive support, including building data flows, developing and creating custom use cases, and monitoring performance.

This effort follows Infobip's recent launch of click-to-chat advanced analytics, a solution combining Facebook or Instagram ads with WhatsApp, Messenger, or Instagram direct messaging to enhance conversions and maximize return on ad spend.



Acting Tanga Port manager Peter Millanzi (L) briefs Transport ministry Permanent Secretary Prof Godius Kihyarara (R) at the port recently. Photo by Correspondent Cheji Bakari

## Govt strives to improve railway corridor from Tanga sea port

By Correspondent Cheji

Bakari Tanga

TRANSPORTATION ministry's permanent secretary, Professor Godius Kihyarara stated that, the sixth phase government has already disbursed fund for maintaining and improving Standard Meter Gauge railway connecting Tanga port to northern zone regions and Ruvu junction with aims at easing cargo hauling from Tanga and Dar es Salaam ports to northern Tanzania and neighboring countries.

He also said the plans aiming to decongest the Dar es Salaam main seaport.

Prof Kihyarara made that revelation after paid visit to that port to witness the recent port's improvement works done by Chinese through the funding from the government, which has now completed by hundred percent.

He said the plan is to con-

nect railway network to northern zone regions with length of 435-kilometres from Tanga port to Moshi and Arusha regions.

He explained that according to economic potential, the project has already executed and expected to be completed within short time.

"The money has already disbursed and project has already executed, once the project completed will help easing and increasing speed for cargoes hauling," said Kihyarara.

He continued stated that, despite the improvements, business people and freight forwarders have not been using Tanga port effectively according to cargoes clearing statistics which shows has the capacity of handling 3 million metric tons annually but records showing its usage is below the capacity.

He further stated that not only the government had improved Tanga port

because of being one of the cash crops growing region, but also due to its geographical potential in helping in decongesting the Dar es Salaam Port.

"Once the improvement of Tanga-Arusha and Ruvu junction railway connection is completed, it will help the freight train moving into 70 to 80 kilometer per hour speed, hence minimize timely of reaching cargoes to customers".

Earlier, Acting Tanga port manager, Peter Millanzi explained to PS Kihyarara that the investment at Tanga port had helped to open economical the port and region by handling many mega ship at docking areas in compared to previously.

"More large ships have been saved at anchoring areas and cargoes were pulled by barges, a move that caused the delays of ships and caused double handling charges for business people," he said.

For his part, Zanzibar Transportation, Communication permanent secretary Khalifa Khamis Rajabu who accompanied Prof. Kihyarara stated that the objective of coming and organizing the meeting is to improve cooperation between Zanzibar and Tanzania mainland seaport aimed at serving Tanzanians.



# Zimbabwe takes full control of state miner

HARARE

ZIMBABWE'S state sovereign wealth fund has now acquired all of state mining company Kuvimba Mining House Ltd., in a bid to end speculation about its ownership.

Kuvimba holds some of Zimbabwe's best mining assets, which were once owned by a company controlled by US- and UK-sanctioned tycoon Kudakwashe Tagwirei, an adviser to Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa. The government has never given details of how they came to fall under its control other than to say they were acquired for an undisclosed amount.

Kuvimba was, in 2021, said by the government to be 65 percent state-owned with 35 percent of it being held by private investors, later described as a management consortium.

Mutapa Investment Fund, the sovereign wealth fund, initially took over the 65



percent held by the government and has now bought the rest, said Simba Chinyemba, Kuvimba's chief executive officer.

"The speculation was unhelpful and the fact that that speculation did not die out despite us presenting the evidence of the structure of

Kuvimba" complicated its dealing, Chinyemba said in an interview in Cape Town on Thursday. "If there are questions about your share-

holding then potential investors would want to think a little bit deeper about investing."

Chinyemba said he was

one of the beneficiaries of the buyout and that Tagwirei had never benefited from its operations, which include nickel and gold

mines and lithium and platinum deposits. He wouldn't disclose the amount paid for the 35 percent or when the transaction was completed, but said it was "very fresh."

In 2021 Bloomberg reported on a trove of emails, documents and WhatsApp messages that delineated the links between Tagwirei and his company, Sotic International Ltd., and the Financial Times and The Sentry followed with reports giving details of the relationship later that year.

Kuvimba said at the time it planned to hold an initial public offering. Its assets include Darwendale, Zimbabwe's biggest platinum deposit, that was previously partly owned by Russian investors.

Tagwirei, known in Zimbabwe as "Queen Bee" because of his political and economic influence, was sanctioned by the US in 2020 for alleged corruption and the UK followed suit in 2021.

## Oil slips after rally last week on Middle East, tight supply

LONDON

Oil prices slipped on Monday as investors indulged in some profit-taking after both benchmarks ended last week about 6 percent higher on Middle East tensions and as refining outages squeezed refined products markets.

Brent crude futures were down 82 cents, or about 1 percent, at \$81.37 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures slipped 74 cents, also about 1 percent, to \$76.1 a barrel at 1022 GMT.

Last week, the major forces underlying the rally were the persistent threats to shipping in the Red Sea, Ukrainian strikes on Russian refineries and U.S. refinery maintenance, Tamas Varga of oil broker PVM told Reuters.

This has led to scarce availability of products, particularly in the middle of the barrel, he said.

"These factors have not subsided yet - and for this reason, I believe that what we see at the moment is only a retracement."

Logistics disruptions in the Red Sea continued on Monday, with Yemen-based Houthis saying they had targeted a cargo ship in the Red Sea, which they claimed was American.

Shipping trackers said the Marshall Islands-flagged ship was Greek-owned.

The Houthis have targeted shipping with drones and missiles since November in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza. The United States has led retaliatory strikes on Houthi missile sites since January.

The Houthis have since said they will target ships not just connected to Israel, but also the U.S. and Britain.

In other supply news, Saudi Arabia's energy minister on Monday said the Kingdom has plenty of spare oil production capacity, after the world's biggest oil exporter announced last month that it would scale back its long-term capacity expansion plans.

In terms of non-OPEC production, however, a potential uptick in U.S. production

emerged, with U.S. energy firms increasing oil and natural gas rigs to their highest since mid-December.

Still, demand concerns fester.

A US Federal Reserve official said she had no interest in recommending an interest rate cut, adding to the chorus on further reining in inflation. Higher interest rates slow economic growth, dampening oil demand.

US inflation data is expected on Tuesday, while British inflation data and euro zone GDP should land on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, France's TotalEnergies CEO Patrick Pouyanne said he does not see peak oil demand in the numbers, adding "we should exit debate about peak oil demand, be serious, and invest".

Paris-based oil forecaster the International Energy Agency (IEA), which represents industrialised countries, predicts oil demand will peak by 2030, undercutting the rationale for investment.



Frankfurt Stock Exchange

## European stocks push higher on coattails of S&P

LONDON

EUROPEAN stocks edged up after the S&P 500 closed at a new record high Friday amid optimism over eventual Federal Reserve interest-rate cuts and as investors look forward to a crucial update on US inflation.

Rates-sensitive real estate stocks led broad gains across almost every industry group in Europe. Shares in Italian luxury brand Tod SpA shares rose as much as 18 percent after the founding family said it had enlisted buyout firm L Catterton in a new attempt to take the company private.

US equity futures clung to narrow ranges after the S&P 500 closed above 5,000 for the first time on Friday, driven by a renewed rally in big tech companies.

Treasuries and the dollar were steady after wrapping up a sixth week of gains, the longest winning streak since early September.

Tuesday's inflation report

is the key event of the week for markets as traders look for clues on the timing of a first Fed rate cut. The annual US inflation rate is forecast to have dropped to 2.9 percent in January from 3.4 percent the prior month, according to consensus estimates of economists surveyed by Bloomberg. That would be the first reading below 3 percent since March 2021.

"The January CPI numbers are expected to be softening compared to December, but with Fed officials sticking to a cautious script lately, it is hard to think this week's CPI will change the recent messaging," said Paul Mackel, the head of global FX research at HSBC Bank Plc. "One would think that many within the Fed would be in favor of a strong dollar to help the disinflation process."

Swaps markets suggest the Fed will carry out just four rate cuts in 2024, down from seven forecast at the end of last year, and only slightly more than the three penciled in by policymakers.

ers. "Market pricing is trying to encourage central banks to get going and start cutting rates. Arguably, the market has been overexuberant in its encouragement recently," Iain Stealey, international chief investment officer for fixed income at J.P. Morgan Asset Management, wrote in a note to clients. "Employment has remained strong, purchasing managers' surveys are healthy and economic growth is robust."

In Asia Monday, trading levels were muted with a swath of markets shut for Lunar New Year holidays. Equities in Australia, New Zealand, India and the Philippines drifted lower amid a lack of leads in the region. Markets including Japan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea were all closed.

The yen held near a two-month low reached on Friday following comments from central bankers that the Bank of Japan will take its time raising rates. Japan's currency has weakened against all its Group-of-10 peers this year.

In commodities, oil prices fell following last week's advance Iran's foreign minister said the war in Gaza may be moving closer to a diplomatic solution.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

## Private equity returns plunge to global financial crisis levels

By Swetha Gopinath &amp; Kat Hidalgo

PRIVATE equity funds last year returned the lowest amount of cash to their investors since the financial crisis 15 years ago, according to Raymond James Financial Inc., hampering buyout firms in their efforts to launch new investment vehicles.

Distributions to so-called limited partners totaled 11.2 percent of funds' net asset value, the lowest since 2009 and well below the

25 percent median figure across the last 25 years, according to the investment bank.

Higher borrowing costs, volatile markets and economic uncertainty have made it more difficult for private equity firms to exit their existing investments through sales or initial public offerings. This in turn has hampered their ability to return capital to pension and sovereign wealth funds, besides other key investors, meaning once-reliable clients are struggling to find cash to allocate

new money to the asset class.

"The cash flow math at the investor level is broken," Sunaina Sinha Haldea, global head of private capital advisory at Raymond James, said in an interview. Because investors aren't getting money back from their existing holdings, they're hampered in their ability to put money to work in new funds or re-top existing investments, she said.

The median holding period for a buyout firm asset is now 5.6 years, according to Raymond

James, wider than the industry norm of about 4 years.

The impact on fundraising is already visible: The median time to raise a new fund is now 21 months, compared with about 18 months just a couple of years ago, according to the bank's research. And the number of new funds raised last year dropped 29 percent.

"This is the worst-ever fundraising market, worse than even during the global financial crisis," Haldea said, adding that distribu-

tions will only likely improve in 2025 as the "tidal wave" of deal-making forecast for this year is yet to be seen.

Still, the aggregate capital raised last year by buyout funds reached a record \$500 billion, up 51 percent from 2022, driven by the biggest funds, Raymond James said.

A glut of fundraising in 2021 is also weighing on investors' ability to commit to new funds, especially as the go-to private equity pitch of outsized returns is faltering.

For years, pension funds could count on their returns from the asset class outpacing that of public markets.

Now, with global stock indexes booming once again and the private capital industry grappling with structural shifts, that math isn't as straightforward.

Many institutional investors "are full to the gills from the 2021 private markets fundraising glut," Jeff Boswell, head of alternative credit at money manager Ninety One, said in an interview.



# Report: Israel frees 2 hostages, over 100 killed in Gaza's Rafah



This handout picture released by the Syrian Presidency's Telegram channel shows Syria's President Bashar al-Assad (right) meeting Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian in Damascus on Sunday. AFP

## Syria's Assad warns of worsening crisis amid US attacks in Mideast

DAMASCUS

SYRIAN President Bashar al-Assad on Sunday expressed concerns that Washington's attacks in different parts of the Middle East threaten to expand the conflict in the region, the state news agency SANA reported.

In a meeting with visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian in Syrian capital Damascus, Assad criticized the United States for its approach to the ongoing Israeli military campaign in the Gaza Strip.

He expressed concerns about Washington's ongoing provision of "lethal weapons" to Israel and its military operations in various parts of the Middle East, saying they pose a risk of escalating the conflict.

During the meeting, Assad highlighted the need for offering maximum support to the Palestinian people, commending their resilience during the recent Israeli attacks on Gaza.

Assad also discussed with Amir-Abdollahian the Israeli attacks on Syrian territories and the overall regional developments, according to SANA.

They stressed the importance for international institutions, particularly the UN Security Council, to take immediate action to halt the looming Israeli

assault in Rafah, the southernmost Gazan city currently sheltering more than half of the displaced Palestinians in the enclave.

Also on Sunday, Syrian Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad reiterated that Syria's top priority is to defy the presence of any unauthorized foreign forces on its territory.

At a joint press conference with his Iranian counterpart Amir-Abdollahian in Damascus, Mekdad said it is a priority of the Syrian leadership to end the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

Another top task is to "liberate" occupied territories in eastern Syria from American forces and those in northern Syria from the Turks, he noted.

On Israel's repeated attacks on Syria and the repercussions of such actions, Mekdad said "Syria has fought several wars against the racist Zionist entity and is fully prepared to engage in any other wars in which Syria determines when, where, and how."

For his part, Amir-Abdollahian said Tehran condemns the "illegal presence" of foreign parties in parts of Syrian territory.

He noted that Iran's military advisors will continue to support Syria despite recent reports about a possible withdrawal of Iran's military advisors in the wake of repeated Israeli attacks on their positions.

The minister also revealed that he conveyed an invitation from Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to visit Iran.

Agencies

## EAM Jaishankar meets ASEAN Secy General Kao Kim Hourn in Delhi

NEW DELHI

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar yesterday met ASEAN Secretary General, Kao Kim Hourn in Delhi.

The two leaders, as they met, discussed connectivity, food security and trade.

In a post on social media platform X, the EAM wrote, "Pleased to meet Secretary General Dr. Kao Kim Hourn of ASEAN today morning." "Discussed taking forward our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Our agenda focused on connectivity, food security and trade," he added.

ASEAN Secretary-General Kao Kim Hourn arrived in Delhi on Sunday evening, kicking off his

five-day visit to India.

This is Kao Kim Hourn's first official visit to India since assuming office in January 2023, spanning from February 11 to 15.

In a post on X, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) official spokesperson, Randhir Jaiswal, stated, "A warm welcome to @ASEAN\_Secretary-General @hourn\_kao on his first official visit to India. An opportunity to further strengthen the India-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership."

Students from ASEAN Member States pursue higher education at the University under ASEAN-India cooperation projects. Nalanda University also leads the ASEAN-India Network of Universities (AINU), according to MEA.

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GAZA/JERUSALEM

THE death toll in the Israeli army's heavy strikes on the southern city of Rafah and surrounding areas of the Gaza Strip exceeded 100 yesterday, with hundreds of injuries, including women and children, reported the official Palestinian news agency Wafa.

About 40 airstrikes on the Rafah area in the early hours of Monday were conducted by the Israeli army, with intensive ground shelling, according to the report.

The Israeli army said it rescued two hostages after a special forces operation in Rafah. The two were then hospitalized and "in good medical condition".

Israel conducted "a series of strikes on terror targets" in southern Gaza yesterday, the Israeli army said in a statement earlier.

On Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Joe Biden discussed the ongoing efforts to free hostages held in Gaza and to facilitate more aid into the Palestinian enclave over the phone.

An Israeli government official told Xinhua that



A smoke plume erupts during Israeli bombardment over Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on Sunday. AFP

the conversation focused on the hostages, approximately 100 of them are still in Gaza after being kidnapped during Hamas's attack on Oct 7, 2023.

Additionally, the two leaders discussed Israel's declared plan to launch a ground offensive in Rafah, as well as the facilitation of more aid into Gaza.

According to a readout released by the White House, Biden told Netanyahu that Israel should not proceed with a military campaign in Rafah without a plan that ensures the safety of the about one million people sheltering there.

Biden reaffirmed the "shared goal to see Hamas defeated", according to the statement. He also called for urgent steps to increase the humanitarian assistance to civilians in Gaza.

## 'People keen to listen to PM Modi's vision'

ABU DHABI

THE Indian ambassador to the UAE, Sunjay Sudhir, said that people are keen to listen to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision and his vision of 'Viksit Bharat' in the 'Ahlan Modi' event set to be held on February 13.

During his visit to the UAE, PM Modi will address the Indian diaspora at the 'Ahlan Modi' event on February 13. Sunjay Sudhir said that they had to close the registration as soon as the number of people who could attend the event reached 65,000, as they could not accommodate more people.

In an interview with ANI, Sunjay Sudhir said, "The UAE is home to about 3.5 million Indians, which is the largest number of Indian nationals anywhere in the world. Wherever the Indian diaspora is, they're always very keen to listen firsthand to Prime Minister Modi. And we can just see their enthusiasm here, because when we opened the registrations for Ahlan Modi. We had to actually close the registration as soon as the mark touched 65,000 because we could not accommodate anymore."

"So, people are so keen to listen to the Prime Minister's vision and his vision of Viksit Bharat's vision of where India is going. What are the policy changes happening in India, the Amrit Kaal, as we often talk about? So there's a lot of enthusiasm in the Indian community to listen to the leader," he added.

Earlier in December, PM Modi launched 'Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth'. Viksit Bharat @2047 is the vision to make India a developed nation by 2047, the 100th year of independence, according to Ministry of



Information and Broadcasting press release.

The vision encompasses various aspects of development, including economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability, and good governance.

Speaking about PM Modi's upcoming visit to the UAE, he said, "Well, I think we're keeping our fingers crossed. Our preparations are going pretty well, both on the logistics front as well as on the substantive front. It is quite an elaborate visit, if you look at it, because this visit will take the prime minister to both Abu Dhabi and Dubai. He'll have bilateral meetings with President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, as well as with the Vice President, Ruler of Dubai, the Prime Minister, and Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid in Dubai."

Sunjay Sudhir stated that PM Modi will also address the World Government Summit in Dubai. He further stated that PM Modi will be addressing the Indian community in Abu Dhabi and will inaugurate BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi.

He further said, "On the substantive side, you'll see once the visit starts that there are a lot of very significant documents that will be signed and exchanged, including some treaties, some agreements,

some MoUs, and a couple of them I can share with you. One is the bilateral investment treaty; another very interesting one is an MoU on national archives, because that is something that will help us further rediscover our shared heritage, our shared history."

The Indian envoy recalled PM Modi's first visit to the UAE in 2015, which he stressed was the first visit of PM Modi after a gap of 34 years. He said that the ties between India and the UAE have grown very well and noted that the two nations signed the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in 2022.

Asked how the upcoming visit of PM Modi will enhance bilateral ties between the two nations, he responded, "PM Modi's visit in 2015 was the first visit of an Indian Prime Minister after a gap of 34 years. And since then, the visit, which is going to happen less than 48 hours from now, would actually be his 7th visit. So this speaks of how accelerated our relations have been in the last 19 years."

"In 2017, we signed a comprehensive strategic partnership agreement. And I think, in all dimensions, this relationship has grown very well. We signed the CEPA in 2022. Within less than two years of that, we are going to sign a bilateral investment treaty, and that will make the UAE the only country with which India has both a CEPA as well as a bilateral investment treaty. And then, if you look at other areas like FinTech, just about two weeks ago, the UAE launched its own Jeevan credit and debit card and that card is entirely based on India's tried and tested robust Rupay debit and credit card stack," he added.

ANI

## Kremlin Spokesman reveals main goal of Putin's interview for Carlson

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin's interview for Tucker Carlson was addressed not to US authorities, but to a wide audience of people in the West, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

In a conversation with TASS, he disclosed what exactly the Kremlin considers the main result of this interview and assessed the level of attacks on Russian IT systems during the past two years.

On millions of views

- In the first 24 hours, the interview was viewed for over 150 million times on the X platform alone. But a wide interest of the audience does not mean support, the Kremlin notes. "The most important thing for us is to make our president heard. If he is heard, then more people will wonder whether he is right or not. At least they will think."

- It is difficult for Russia to stand against the US "in terms of propaganda," because the "Anglo-Saxons own all largest broadcasters, all main newspapers in one way or another." In these circumstances, the interview for Carlson "is a very good opportunity" to convey Moscow's position to the people.

On relations with US

- The US authorities are "well aware of Putin's key messages" even without the interview, Peskov noted. "They are well aware of what he thinks. It is not an issue of knowledge, but an issue of desire. A desire to do something to enter the negotiations track. We see no such desire and political will [in the US] so far."

On attacks on Kremlin website, other systems

- Peskov was unable to tell if the interview sparked special attention of hackers to the Kremlin official website, where the interview was published soon after it was published on Carlson's own resources. "There are dozens of attacks on the Kremlin website every day. Everyday throughout the year. Sometimes, there are strong DDoS attacks, and sometimes, there are attacks that aim to seize control over the website and so on. Therefore, our agencies work around the clock, ensuring proper security and integrity of the website."

- The Kremlin also finds it difficult to assess whether external attack on Russia's IT and other systems have increased ahead of the presidential elections. "This is because the attempts to breach our various systems, both in the Internet and in other areas, have been at the maximum level for the past two years; I simply cannot differentiate if this is connected to the elections or not. They [attempts] do not stop."

Putin's interview for Tucker Carlson was published on February 9. A significant portion of the two-hour-long conversation was dedicated to the Ukrainian conflict, Russia's relations with the US, NATO and the West in general. Previously, the journalist said that he already tried to have an interview with Putin one year earlier, but US authorities prohibited it.



ADDIS ABABA

WHILE specialty coffee from Africa is gaining popularity among consumers across the world, officials of the African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA) have urged African coffee traders to boost value-added coffee export, and cease export of unprocessed coffee to the international market.

The remark came during the 20th African Fine Coffees Conference and Exhibition and the First African Coffee Week that took place from

Feb. 6 to 10 in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, with the aim of advocating the export of value-added coffee from Africa.

The event has brought together more than 800 regional and international coffee roasters, traders, producers, buyers and professionals to discuss policies, sustainability, access to finance and international market regarding coffee industry.

Amir Hamza, chairperson of the AFCA, said coffee exporting African countries need to concentrate on value

## African coffee producing countries urged to add value to coffee export

addition and apply better marketing strategies to boost their earnings from the coffee export.

"The biggest problem Africa is facing is poor marketing approaches and export of unprocessed coffee, something the AFCA is trying to solve. Africa has the best coffees, but they are not marketed as they should be," Hamza told Xinhua in an interview.

He encouraged African coffee exporting companies to intensify trade promotions,

broaden markets while concentrating on quality raising and processing to meet the demands of importing markets and to establish brands for sustainable exports.

"After the green beans are exported from Africa, they will be blended and roasted by companies outside the continent, particularly by those companies in Europe and the United States and then they will be sold in the Middle and Far East as coffee products from other ori-

gins," he said.

According to data obtained from AFCA, coffee exports from Africa were valued at over 3.6 billion U.S. dollars in 2022.

Ethiopia was the leading exporter, earning around 1.5 billion U.S. dollars, followed by Uganda with an export value of nearly 813 million U.S. dollar during the same year. The chairperson urged the coffee industry in Africa to shift its focus to improving product quality and align-

ing with market taste trends, especially in the major coffee consumption markets, which account for around half of global coffee imports, including the EU and the U.S. Hamza said the expanding inter-Africa trade would give one of the best opportunities for African coffee producing countries to fetch better income from their coffee exports in the coming years.

According to AFCA, non-coffee producing African countries such as Egypt, Su-

dan, Libya, Algeria and Morocco as well as Nigeria and South Africa will be the most important destinations for the coffee market in Africa.

Speaking about forthcoming European Union's Deforestation Regulations (EUDR), a move that threatens a significant portion of coffee exports to the economic bloc, Hamza said Africa imports more volume of coffee than it exports and he believes that the regulation would little affect Africa's coffee export.

Xinhua



# US defence giants fatten wallet amid Ukraine, Gaza conflicts

WASHINGTON

U.S. defense giants are faring well amid heavy government demand for military aid to Ukraine and Israel. Experts expect this to continue in 2024.

"The Pentagon's increased demand for goods and services from U.S. defense companies has likely improved their potential profits," William Courtney, a retired U.S. ambassador and adjunct senior fellow at the RAND Corporation, told Xinhua.

"Since most of the fight involves ground operations, U.S. and other Western producers of equipment, ammunition, and other supplies for ground forces, including ground-based air defenses such as the Patriot, may have benefitted the most," Courtney said.

The latest round of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is in its fourth month, with the death toll in Gaza exceeding 28,000 and continuing to rise. On the other side of the world is another data set. Major U.S. arms dealers recently released their financial reports for the fourth quarter and full year of 2023.

Sales of defense company Raytheon, or RTX, were close to 20 billion U.S. dollars in the fourth quarter, exceeding the third quarter and up by 10 percent compared to the same period last year.

A recently released financial report saw defense firm Lockheed Martin's fourth-quarter profits beat analysts' estimates.

The company's stock price surged at the outset of the Ukraine crisis from around the 400 dollar-per-share mark to nearly 500 dollar-per-share in less than a year and is at around 426 dollars a share at the close of trading on Friday.

Northrop Grumman stock hovered around the 400 dollar-per-share mark when the war in Ukraine broke out in February 2022. Shares surged to a high of around 545 dollars per share before dropping to 455 dollars by Friday. Still, analysts said the stocks have much upside potential.

Aerospace and defense giant Boeing said in November 2023 that it



A woman walks past damaged buildings in Gaza City, Feb. 10, 2024. Xinhua

would ramp up production capacity in its Huntsville factory for sensors used to guide Patriot missiles. The firm reported that the facility will enable Boeing to boost annual production of PAC-3 seekers by over 30 percent.

According to the Defense Post, U.S. weapons behemoth Lockheed Martin is increasing production of GMLRS, a type of GPS-guided rockets that carry 90-kilogram warheads -- from an annual 10,000 to 14,000 units.

These are heavily used in the Ukraine crisis. The excellent performances in the fourth quarter are primarily attributed to the continuous supply of weapons and ammunition provided by American military-industrial giants to Israel with the support of the government.

The Israeli Air Force uses many air-to-ground missiles produced by Raytheon, while Boeing provides Israel with a large quantity of Small Diameter Bombs, Joint Direct Attack Munitions kits, and more. Lockheed Martin also supplies Israel with "Hellfire" missiles. According to Bloomberg, just over a month after the conflict in Gaza began, around 2,000 "Hellfire" missiles were shipped from the United States to Israel.

The United States is Israel's largest military aid provider. Considering strategic interests, domestic politics and other factors, the United States has provided Israel with over 130 billion dollars in security and weapon aid since its founding in 1948, with approximately 80 percent of Israel's military equipment imports coming from the United States. In recent years, the United States has provided Israel with about 3.8 billion dollars in military aid annually.

The Biden administration recently asked Congress for additional aid to the country. Lockheed Martin, Raytheon and General Dynamics all reported record levels of unfilled orders in their financial reports, indicating strong potential for future performance growth.

While some experts don't believe defense companies drive U.S. strategy significantly, others highlighted the military-industrial complex, in which political donations, lobbying efforts, stock holdings and other interconnections form a complex chain of interests.

Over the years, senior U.S. officials and high-ranking military officers have frequently moved between the political, military and defense industry realms through a "revolving door," engaging in commercial activities upon exiting public service and assuming official positions after being involved in business, resulting in collusion between government and business and shuttle profiteering.

Several senior officials in the Biden administration have had close ties to defense contractors, with Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin being a former board member of Raytheon, Secretary of State Antony Blinken providing policy consulting for Boeing Corporation and National Intelligence Director Avril Haines serving as an advisor to Palantir Technologies, which provides artificial intelligence support to the military.

This traditional "revolving door" practice has taken on new forms recently. According to a recent report by The New York Times, over the past five years, at least 50 U.S. national security officials, including former Secretary of Defense Mark Esper and former Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy, have entered the venture capital and private equity industries after leaving office.

They regularly interact with Pentagon officials or members of Congress, lobbying to promote specific policies or increase defense spending, thereby benefiting the companies in which they have invested.

Even members of Congress benefit from regional conflicts. Two days before the escalation of the Russia-Ukraine conflict in February 2022, Republican congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene purchased shares in Lockheed Martin Corporation, after which the stock price soared.

However, on social media, Greene displayed a stance of indignation towards those who advocate for war. "War is big business to our leaders," she said. Her words and actions exposed the hypocrisy of American politicians and the true nature of the American military-industrial complex.

Following the Oct. 7 Hamas surprise attack, U.S. policy is in many ways captive to immediate Israeli reactions, and U.S. defense contractors are a subordinate part of that. Clay Ramsay, a researcher at the Center for International and Security Studies at the University of Maryland, told Xinhua.

Both congressional Democrats and Republicans agree on providing more funding for Ukraine and Israel. Still, a substantial group of House Republicans are against increasing aid to Ukraine.

Meanwhile, a growing number of Americans want less involvement in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and some even fear the United States will send troops to fight. The enormous U.S. military expenditure is a reminder of the warning issued by former U.S. President Eisenhower in the 1950s: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed." Xinhua

## Russia submits to Canada extradition request for Ukrainian SS veteran Hunka - ambassador

OTTAWA

THE Russian Embassy in Canada has submitted an extradition request for 98-year-old Ukrainian Nazi war veteran Yaroslav Hunka (Gunka), and is now waiting for the response from the Canadian Department of Justice, Russian Ambassador to Ottawa Oleg Stepanov told TASS.

"On December 19, 2023, we submitted to the foreign ministry of Canada a request by the Russian Prosecutor General's Office to extradite Yaroslav Gunka to Russia. The note says that he is under a criminal investigation by the Russian Investigative Committee, in connection with actions aimed at total elimination of an ethnic group, or, in short, genocide," the diplomat said.

Stepanov said Canada and Russia had no extradition treaty. However, the two states signed a Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in 1997.

"It is a matter of principle. In fact, Gunka himself acknowledged that he had joined SS voluntarily and, therefore, was involved in the crimes of SS Division 'Galicia.' So, a Nazi is living here. Does the Canadian justice plans to prosecute him here? That's the question," the ambassador added.

The Canadian Department of Justice said it would not comment on whether it received the request for Hunka's extradition, because such documents are deemed confidential until the court verdict is pronounced.

The department said that extradition from Canada is carried out in accordance with relevant domestic laws, international treaties and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It also emphasized that Russia and Canada have never signed an extradition treaty.

Earlier, the Russian Investigative Committee charged Hunka in absentia for genocide of civilians on the territory of Ukraine during World War II.

The investigators obtained documented confirmation about deployment locations and operations of the SS Division "Galicia," where Hunka served, from the Russian Defense Ministry's Central Archive and the National Archive of the Russian Federation.

### A Nazi in Canadian parliament

On September 22, during Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky's appearance before the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa, the audience gave two standing ovations to invited guest Yaroslav Hunka, a 98-year-old Ukrainian emigre who in 1943 had volunteered to serve in the Nazi 14th SS-Volunteer Division "Galicia."

On September 26, Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly called for the resignation of House of Commons Speaker Anthony Rota, who had introduced Hunka to the audience, praising him as a war veteran who fought "against the Russians" during World War II.

Joly called the incident "absolutely unacceptable" and "a disgrace to the House [of Commons] and to Canadians." Rota subsequently tendered his resignation. On September 27, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau formally apologized for the incident.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said that the public praise of the Nazi "epitomizes the ruling regime of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to a T," declaring that Russia does not intend to "tolerate the way Canadian liberals flirt with Nazism." Agencies

# UN chief calls for gender equality in science on international day

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Sunday emphasized the importance of gender equality in science in his message for the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, which falls on Feb. 11.

Guterres (pictured) highlighted the critical role of women and girls in scientific fields, stating that "gender equality in science is vital for building a better future for all." Despite the importance of their participation,

Guterres pointed out the significant challenges women and girls face in the scientific community.

"Unfortunately, women and girls continue to face systemic barriers and biases that prevent them from pursuing careers in science," he said. Guterres shed light on the stark disparities within the scientific community, noting,

"Today, women make up only one-third of the global scientific community," and they face considerable obstacles in terms of funding, publishing opportuni-



The secretary-general also ad-

ressed the severe educational limitations faced by women and girls in certain regions, describing it as "an act of self-harm for the societies concerned, and a terrible violation of human rights."

Guterres underscored the necessity of women and girls' involvement in science to tackle global challenges effectively. "From climate change to health to artificial intelligence, the equal participation of women and girls in scientific discovery and innovation is the only way

to ensure that science works for everyone," he said.

To bridge the gender gap in science, Guterres called for comprehensive measures, including "dismantling gender stereotypes and promoting role models that encourage girls to choose science; developing programs to support the advancement of women in science; and cultivating a working environment that nurtures the talents of all, including women members of minority communities." Xinhua

NEW DELHI

## 'Delay in election results due to lack of connectivity'

THE Russian ambassador to India, Denis Alipov, on Saturday called for urgent reforms of the United Nations and agencies under it while making a strong case for the inclusion of India as a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

"We are of the view that India as a permanent member of the Security Council could make a significant contribution to promoting balance as well as an agenda fo-

cus on the interests of the world majority, primarily the countries of the Global South," the Russian envoy said.

In an interview with the RT news agency, the Russian envoy added, "We have repeatedly indicated our support for New Delhi's candidacy. Our Indian partners have proven themselves worthy during their non-permanent membership in the UNSC in 2021-2022 and have

successfully led the Council twice.

Their G20 presidency was also a clear confirmation of their high professionalism in multilateral diplomacy and the ability to find consensus amid growing geopolitical tensions."

On the alleged polarisation at the UN, the envoy said it significantly complicates the expansion of security council, adding that the West already has an overrepresentation

at the world body.

"Polarization at the UN significantly complicates dialogue on expanding the Security Council, in which the West is already disproportionately 'overrepresented'. Against this background, we are doubtful of the vigorously promoted applications of new Western candidates," Alipov said.

"At the same time, it is widely recognized that bringing the com-

position of the UN Security Council in to line with modern realities, bearing in mind the well-founded aspirations of India and other reputable contenders from Asia, Africa and Latin America for permanent membership, is long overdue.

In this respect we value the broadest possible consensus," the Russian ambassador to India added.

Calling the growing trade ties and

economic and bilateral relations with India as "unprecedented", the Russian envoy said, "Our trade and economic cooperation has reached an unprecedented level. Russia is one of India's four main trading partners. We maintain a leading position in the supply of hydrocarbons providing more than a third of Indian imports."

"Supplies of mineral fertilizers and products of the agricultural and diamond sectors are growing.

ANI

# To make economic globalisation more open, inclusive, balanced, beneficial to all

SOME pessimism about economic globalization has emerged in recent years due to rising protectionism, increasing blockages in global industrial and supply chains, and weakness of international trade. This has led some to proclaim the "golden age" of economic globalization is over.

While concerns about challenges facing the world economy are understandable, such outright pessimism is unnecessary. Economic globalization remains the trend of the times. Despite many counter currents and dangerous shoals, its overall direction has never changed and will not change.

To grasp the development trend of economic globaliza-

tion, it is important to start from the objective laws of historical development.

Historically, economic globalization is an objective requirement of social productive force development and an inevitable result of technological progress, rather than something artificially created by certain people or countries. Technological and industrial revolutions have greatly reduced the costs of global transportation of goods, information dissemination, and human mobility, providing a profound material and technological foundation for economic globalization.

The deepening development of economic globalization has provided a powerful impetus for the progress of hu-

man society. Statistics show that from 1992 to 2022, global GDP rose from around \$25 trillion to around \$101 trillion, and per capita GDP increased from \$4,659 to \$12,647.

From 1992 to 2019, the share of global trade in global GDP grew from 40.15 percent to 56.33 percent. The proportion of the global population living in poverty dropped from 36.5 percent to 8.5 percent, and life expectancy increased from 65.6 years to 73.4 years.

The setbacks in economic globalization in recent years were mainly due to policy shifts in some countries. International institutions see the rise of protectionism as a serious risk to global economic recovery.

The International Monetary Fund warned that if economic fragmentation continues unchecked, it could reduce global GDP by 7 percent - roughly equivalent to the combined size of the French and German economies.

Economic globalization is a "double-edged sword." Bridging the equity deficit is an important issue all sides need to face.

Problems are not to be feared; the key is finding solutions. To steer economic globalization on a steady course that delivers long-term benefits and better well-being to people of all nations, the international community should join hands in championing an inclusive economic globalization that benefits all.

Economic globalization should be beneficial to all, aligning with the universal aspirations of countries around the world, especially developing ones.

It should effectively address imbalances in development between and within countries resulting from global resource allocation. Development should be both full and balanced, fostering globalization that enables all countries, particularly developing ones, to accelerate growth.

With interdependence prevalent today, nations must develop themselves while also considering how to advance in sync with the world. It is important to make the pie of economic globalization bigger together and share it fairly, so

different countries and people of different social groups can all participate in and benefit from socioeconomic progress, achieving mutual benefit, win-win outcomes, and shared prosperity.

Economic globalization should be inclusive, supporting countries in pursuing development paths suiting their national conditions, while jointly creating common development for all humanity. All forms of unilateralism and protectionism must be opposed, along with discriminatory and exclusionary standards and rules.

Trade and investment liberalization and facilitation should be promoted to maintain stable and unimpeded global industrial and supply

chains. All sides should show mutual understanding and accommodation, addressing each other's concerns, in order to resolve structural issues hindering healthy global economic growth. This will sustain the vitality and momentum of the world economy.

Looking ahead, economic globalization remains an inevitable path forward and an irreversible trend of the times for human society. The international community should join hands to make economic globalization more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial to all, injecting inexhaustible momentum into the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

People's Daily



# Hats off to Yanga for priceless contributions to local football

By Correspondent  
Lloyd Elipokea

**E**IGHTY-NINE years ago, one of the country's most storied clubs, Young Africans SC was set up and at the time, little did anyone know that the Jangwani Street side would go on to clinch seemingly endless pieces of silverware on the home front.

Indeed, ever since coming into existence, Young Africans SC, popularly known as Yanga, has held sway over local football and their supremacy has only been successfully challenged by Simba SC over the course of the last 89 years.

Irrefutably, it is an undeniable fact that Yanga would not be the colossus it is today if it were not for the stiff opposition that it has constantly faced from their bitter rivals Simba SC.

In an effort to gain outright dominance on the local football scene, Yanga and Simba have continually pushed each other to achieve ever more illustrious feats of football brilliance.

However, let us remain laser-focused on Yanga and all the plaudits they rightly deserve for their impressive longevity and resounding success in local football.

Unmistakably, Yanga has established itself as one of the greatest football outfits in East Africa and it is hoped that the club can continue being



Simba Queens player (L) and Yanga Princess player fight for the ball during their Women's Premier League match at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently. The match ended tied 1-1. PHOTO: JUMANNE JUMA

such an outstanding success story in the years to come.

Let us now reflect on the star-studded realm of American basketball whose top tier league, the NBA, is universally regarded as being the best in the world.

Indeed, the current dazzling African-American hoops stars of the NBA like Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James, Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry, and the Los Angeles Clippers' Kawhi Leonard, among many others, are an immense source of inspiration for many

youngsters on the continent due to their otherworldly skills and fabulous mastery of the sport.

At this juncture, it should be noted that a few of our African sons who are plying their trade in the NBA are also bowling over die-hard fans with their vast repertoire of skills.

One such bright African star is the Bucks' Nigerian-born Greek superstar Giannis Antetokounmpo.

Renowned for his towering height, Giannis has such magical ball handling skills which is rare for a basketball player of

his height.

Another African basketball great who has been perennially earning rave reviews for his classy displays is the Philadelphia 76ers' tall, imposing Cameroonian center Joel Embiid.

Indeed, just a few weeks ago, Embiid hogged all of the headlines after sensationally notching up a staggering 70 points in a single NBA encounter.

Alas, Embiid suffered a knee injury on January 30, this year which is an unfortunate mishap that could imperil the 76ers' hopes in the upcoming

NBA Playoffs, which are due to begin in approximately nine weeks.

Still, despite the aforesaid setback for the 76ers, one thing is crystal clear: the NBA has captured the imagination of countless basketball fans on the African continent.

Thus, it is hoped that a few of the youngsters on the continent who are keen basketball enthusiasts will one day follow in the footsteps of their African heroes like Embiid, Antetokounmpo and Ha-keem Olajuwon, who was a precursor of present-day African icons in the NBA.

# USAID partners with government to score a win for public health during Afcon

By Guardian Correspondent

THE United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Breakthrough ACTION project has teamed up with the government to leverage the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) for community watch parties aimed at integrating the excitement of games into community gatherings, thereby amplifying essential health awareness and services.

It works closely with the Ministry of Health, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and MultiChoice Tanzania in engaging the entire community, providing a platform to come together, celebrate and passionately cheer for their favourite teams.

Building on the success of the kick-off event in Temeke Municipal Council during the clash between Tanzania's Taifa Stars and the Morocco national team, the initiative has now reached new heights with the second community-level watch party in Kibiti District, aligning perfectly with the AFCON games.

Beyond entertaining football enthusiasts, the event strategically promoted healthy behaviours, delivering crucial prevention messages and providing essential health information and services.

The initiative showcased a unique and innovative approach to public health, using the excitement of football to score big on community well-being. Attendees had access to services such as COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, routine immunization vaccines, health checks including HIV counselling, testing, and prevention services.

Speaking at the opening of the watch party, Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Minister of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, said: "The collaboration between USAID and the government exemplifies the strength of partnerships in advancing public health initiatives."

He said by joining forces with USAID Breakthrough ACTION, the impact will be beyond expected results, thus building healthier communities.

"The 'Timu Chanjwa' campaign is a testament to our shared com-

mitment to vaccine advocacy and strengthening immunization strategies," he said, underscoring the importance of vaccines against diseases and the integration of HIV prevention and treatment services at community events.

Craig Hart, USAID Mission Director said in a statement that the collaboration underscores commitment to advancing public health and building resilient communities.

"By harnessing the excitement of AFCON, we aim to create a lasting impact on health awareness and services. Together with our partners, we take pride in spearheading this transformative initiative that aligns with our mission to enhance the well-being of people in Tanzania," he remarked.

With the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations offering a unique opportunity to reach millions across the continent, Breakthrough ACTION's multimedia campaign, 'Timu Chanjwa,' seized this excitement, emphasizing a robust social norm for the COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccinations across life stages.

Beyond TV commercials, radio spots, and a dynamic social media presence, the project has strategically organized community watch parties around the games to champion COVID-19 vaccination and encourage routine immunizations. Health services, including HIV counselling, testing, and prevention, are seamlessly integrated into these events.

Designed as a unique fusion of entertainment and critical health services, the event engages the entire community, providing a platform to come together, celebrate, and passionately cheer for their favorite teams.

On-site health services shine a spotlight on USAID's commitment to supporting government efforts for increased vaccine uptake, harmonized with immunization strategies in mainland Tanzania.

This multifaceted campaign not only celebrates the spirit of football but serves as a dynamic platform to promote public health within local communities. It underscores the importance of routine immunizations and HIV prevention and treatment services during the AFCON tournaments.



Lapex Properties Managing Director, Thom Mukondya (C), addresses a press conference on his company issuing land prizes to Tanzanian winners participating in the forthcoming Kilimanjaro Premium Lager International Marathon in the event held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Others from left are the Lapex Properties Marketing Manager, Shakila Hante and the Kilimanjaro Marathon Events Manager, David Marealle. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

# Lapex Properties announces land incentives for Kili Marathon winners

By Guardian Correspondent

LAPEX Properties have announced land prizes as incentives for the first male and female Tanzanians in the 42km Kilimanjaro Premium Lager International Marathon 2024 race.

The prize is being given in collaboration with the main sponsor of the 42 km race and the Kilimanjaro International Marathon organisers.

This comes barely two weeks before the prestigious event which attracts more than 11,000 runners and an equal number of participants

from more than 56 countries worldwide.

Speaking during a press conference to announce the incentive, the Lapex Properties Managing Director, Thom Mukondya, said as experts and consultants they decided to join the Kilimanjaro Marathon family as it is a big event that brings together different people hence a good avenue for them to market their activities.

"We believe that the event attracts a lot of young people who we want to encourage to own land and follow the right procedures in acquiring it plus other

properties like houses," he said, adding that most young people get into land disputes partly due to acquiring land without consulting.

He said the two pieces of land measuring 500 square metres each are located at Kimbiji area in Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam and are worth Tsh six million each.

"These will go to the first male and female Tanzanians in the 42km race and we will process all the documentation for them once the organisers confirm the winners. Then we will officially hand over the pieces of land to them," he said.

He said they will also be part of the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager International Marathon People's Expo that will take place for four days consecutively at the Moshi Cooperative University (MoCU) grounds from Thursday, February 22-25, where different exhibitors will be displaying their goods and services ahead of the Marathon on February 25 in Moshi.

"We will be there to raise awareness on procedures that people should follow before buying land and why they should seek professional advice," he said.

He said other Lapex Properties activities include land surveying, processing title deeds, and buying and selling land and houses.

On his part, the Kilimanjaro International Marathon Events Manager, David Marealle, thanked Lapex Properties for the initiative and added that it will boost the participants to do well in the Marathon and win the land prize.

"We thank Lapex and hope that this will go a long way to encourage participation in the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager International Marathon 42km race," he said.



Enthusiastic football fans from various parts of Kibiti District closely follow AFCON watch parties, a collaborative venture between the government, USAID Breakthrough ACTION and MultiChoice TZ Ltd. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT



## Ivory Coast AFCON triumph 'more than a fairytale' for coach Emerse Fae

ABIDJAN

IVORY Coast coach Emerse Fae toasted his team of "miracle survivors" after the host country completed one of the greatest turnarounds in major tournament history to win the Africa Cup of Nations by beating Nigeria 2-1 in Sunday's final.

"It is more than a fairytale. I am struggling to take it all in," Fae said after Ivory Coast recovered from behind at half-time at the Ebimpe Olympic Stadium to win thanks to goals by Franck Kessie and Sebastien Haller.

"When I think about all we have been through, we are miracle survivors. We never gave up and we managed to come back from so many tough blows."

Sunday's victory before an official attendance of over 57,000 in Abidjan allowed the Elephants to win their third continental title.

They are the first host country to win the Cup of Nations since Egypt in 2006, and yet they very nearly went out in the group stage.

The Ivorians lost 1-0 to Nigeria in their second match before losing 4-0 to Equatorial Guinea, their heaviest-ever home defeat.

That made them the first AFCON hosts in 40 years to lose two group games and cost coach Jean-Louis Gasset his job.

However, they squeezed into the last 16 as the last of the four best third-placed teams, with former player Fae taking over on an interim basis.

Ivory Coast beat holders Senegal on penalties in the last 16 after equalising late in normal time. They beat Mali 2-1 in the quarter-finals with a winner in extra time, having been reduced to 10 men in the first half and trailing into the 90th minute. That was followed by a 1-0 victory against the Democratic Republic of Congo in the semi-finals, before another comeback win in the final.

"All our games were difficult. We kept having to come from behind and we really had to draw on all our physical and mental reserves," observed Fae, who turned 40 on the day he became coach.

"I can't properly express my joy. It is massive. I dreamed of winning the AFCON as a player and didn't manage it," added Fae, who played in the side beaten by Egypt in the 2006 final.

"Now I have had the opportunity as a coach, albeit in strange circumstances. I took over when we were not even sure of getting out of our group. It was a strange birthday but thankfully we got a second chance and grabbed it."

The story of Haller's own tournament was remarkable too, with the Borussia Dortmund striker scoring the winner in the semi-final and the final.

He was almost substituted moments before turning in Simon Adingra's cross for the clinching goal in the final.

AFP

# Haller hits winner as Ivory Coast beat Nigeria to take AFCON title



Ivory Coast's forward #22 Sebastien Haller shoots but fails to score during the Africa Cup of Nations (CAN) 2024 final football match between Ivory Coast and Nigeria at Alassane Ouattara Olympic Stadium in Ebimpe, Abidjan on February 11, 2024. Agencies

ABIDJAN

SEBASTIEN Haller scored a dramatic late winner as hosts Ivory Coast fought back to beat Victor Osimhen's Nigeria 2-1 in Sunday's Africa Cup of Nations final and complete the most remarkable of major tournament turnarounds by claiming their third continental title.

Nigeria looked set to repeat their 1-0 victory over the Ivorians here at the Ebimpe Olympic Stadium during the group stage when captain William Troost-Ekong -- who had netted a penalty to decide that first meeting -- rose to head in the opener late in the first half.

However, Franck Kessie equalised just after the hour mark and Haller turned in Simon Adingra's cross in the 81st minute to spark wild celebrations among the sea of orange in the Abidjan stands.

Ivory Coast's success sees them add this year's title to those claimed in 1992 and 2015, while this win also allows them to join Nigeria on three Cup of Nations triumphs overall.

Spearheaded by reigning African player of the year Osimhen, the Nigerians had looked the most formidable team in the competition over the last month.

But Ivory Coast's sense of destiny was simply too overpower-

ing, as they became the first host country to win the AFCON since 2006.

Didier Drogba captained the Elephants team that lost on penalties to Egypt in Cairo in that final 18 years ago, while this time he was among the spectators to witness a stunning victory for his country.

"It is greater than a fairytale," said coach Emerse Fae, who took over a stricken team mid-tournament.

"I am struggling to take it all in. When I think about all we have been through, the difficult moments, moments when we were behind, when we came back in the last minute of games. We are miracle survivors."

It is an incredible

achievement for a side that was on the brink of elimination in the group stage after losing 4-0 to Equatorial Guinea on January 22.

That was their heaviest ever home defeat and the Ivorians then parted company with coach Jean-Louis Gasset, replacing him with Fae, a teammate of Drogba's in 2006.

They then began a remarkable turnaround which saw them oust holders Senegal on penalties, beat Mali with a last-gasp goal in extra time, and edge out DR Congo with a Haller goal in the last four.

Their supporters packed out the stadium to its 60,000 capacity, with many fans having to watch from vantage

points on stairways.

Anyone wanting to dampen the excitement levels might have pointed out that Cup of Nations finals tend to be low-scoring affairs.

There were just 10 goals scored in the last 11 finals, five of which were decided on penalties after a 0-0 stalemate.

Indeed, Ivory Coast's four previous final appearances had all ended goalless before going to penalties, two of which they had won.

This looked set to be another nervy, low-scoring affair with chances few and far between early on.

However the home side then had a great chance on 34 minutes when Kessie found Ad-

ingra on the left and his shot was turned away by Nigerian goalkeeper Stanley Nwabali.

That proved crucial as Nigeria went ahead just four minutes later when Ademola Lookman's corner from the left was touched on and Troost-Ekong headed in from the edge of the six-yard area.

Earlier in the tournament the Ivorians would have crumbled in such a scenario, but they deserve great credit for regrouping and throwing everything at Nigeria.

Max-Alain Gradel's netbound shot was blocked in front of the line by Calvin Bassey five minutes after the restart, before Nwabali turned an Odilon Kossonou long-range pile-driver around the post on 62 minutes.

They drew level from the corner which followed that, as Kessie -- whose late penalty had rescued the hosts against Senegal in the last 16 -- appeared at the back post to head into the net.

It seemed inevitable that a second Ivory Coast goal would follow and it duly did with nine minutes of the 90 left as Haller got his studs to Adingra's cross and diverted the ball into the far corner.

Behind for the first time since their opening match, Nigeria could not react, and Ivory Coast held on for victory.

"Ivory Coast were better than us today," admitted Nigeria coach Jose Peseiro. "I am sad, my team is sad, but for me they did the maximum, each one. Sometimes you want to do something but you cannot do it."

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# Africa Cup of Nations: A to Z of dramatic tournament

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A GOAL glut, shocks galore, a Moroccan red-carded twice, an astonishing comeback by hosts Ivory Coast to win Sunday's final after two group losses. The 2024 Africa Cup of Nations had it all.

Here, AFP Sport recalls alphabetically some of the drama from a 24-nation tournament regarded by many observers as the most exciting since the event debuted in 1957 in Sudan with just three teams.

**A** Quarter-finalists Angola were a revelation under coach Pedro Goncalves, winning three matches in a row having failed to achieve more than one victory at a time in eight previous appearances.

**B** AFCON-winning coach Djamel Belmadi was fired after Algeria flopped, with a loss to minnows Mauritania leading to a first-round exit for the Riyad Mahrez-captained side.

**C** Champions Ivory Coast started the fi-

nal with three players based in Saudi Arabia, two each in England, Germany and Turkey, and one each in France and Italy.

**D** Democratic Republic of Congo coach Sebastien Desabre set a minimum target of a quarter-finals place and went one stage further with a hard-working team well led by centre-back Chancel Mbemba.

**E** Energy-sapping conditions forced water breaks in each half of matches, with many kicking off in 36 degrees Celsius (97 Fahrenheit) heat and high humidity.

**F** Former international Emerse Fae replaced sacked Ivory Coast coach Jean-Louis Gasset after the group stage without ever having been in charge of a senior team and guided them to the title.

**G** A record 119 goals for a 24-team AFCON tournament were scored in the Ivory Coast -- 17 more than in Egypt five years ago -- at an average of 2.28 per match.

**H** Paris Saint-Germain star Achraf Hakimi missed a penalty as shock 2022 World Cup semi-finalists Morocco bowed out in the round of 16 after a 2-0 defeat by South Africa.

**I** A hamstring injury midway through a second-round group match against Ghana forced Egypt talisman Mohamed Salah out of the tournament. Without him, the Pharaohs made a last-16 exit.

**J** A private jet took Manchester United goalkeeper Andre Onana to the AFCON, but Cameroon coach Rigobert Song was not impressed by his late arrival and used him only once in four matches.

**K** West Ham star Mohammed Kudus could not prevent a second straight disastrous campaign by Ghana, whose first-round departure led to former Premier League manager Chris Hughton being axed.

**L** Ademola Lookman played a key role as eventual runners-up Ni-

geria reached an eighth AFCON final, scoring twice against Cameroon and the winner against Angola in knockout matches.

**M** Sadio Mane and Senegal made an ultimately disappointing title defence. After a perfect three-win group record, they lost a last-16 tie on penalties to resurgent Ivory Coast.

**N** Emilio Nsue, a 34-year-old who plays in the Spanish third division, scored a hat-trick against Guinea-Bissau, the first at an AFCON since Moroccan Soufiane Allouadi in 2008.

**O** Reigning African Player of the Year Victor Osimhen may have scored only once for runners-up Nigeria, but his work rate in searing heat and constant harrying of defenders won rave reviews.

**P** Some Premier League players, including Yves Bissouma of Mali and Dango Ouattara of Burkina Faso, did not have the expected impact due to illness and injury.

**Q** Despite a humiliating 4-0 defeat by Equatorial Guinea, Ivory Coast supporters queued from 0400 for tickets to watch the last-16 clash with Senegal in Yamoussoukro.

**R** Moroccan Sofyan Amrabat was red-carded twice against South Africa -- firstly after two yellow cards then, following a VAR review, he was shown a straight red for a last-defender foul.

**S** South Africa, whose starting line-ups included nine local-based players, exceeded expectations under Belgian coach Hugo Broos by finishing third.

**T** Former champions Tunisia were among the biggest disappointments as they failed to win and scored only once, leading to coach Jalel Kadri quitting after a first-round exit.

**U** There were many upsets with seven of the FIFA top 10-ranked African teams -- Morocco, Senegal, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Cameroon, Burkina Faso -- failing to reach the quarter-finals.

**V** Rui Vitoria of Egypt

was among seven coaches sacked for poor results or controversial comments. Under the Portuguese, the Pharaohs failed to win any of four group and knockout matches.

**W** South Africa goalkeeper Ronwen Williams broke Cape Verde hearts by saving four of their five kicks in a penalty shootout after a goalless quarter-final.

**X** Several Ivory Coast players, including Seko Fofana, Franck Kessie, Oumar Diakite and Sebastien Haller twice, shared the x-factor role

during an amazing recovery to win the tournament.

**Y** Reigning African Young Player of the Year Lamine Camara scored a superb goal as Senegal kicked off with a 3-0 win over the Gambia, but he made little subsequent impact.

**Z** Back at the AFCON after three consecutive failed qualifying campaigns, Avram Grant-coached Zambia failed to sparkle and two points was not enough to take them beyond the first round.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





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## Mobile phone company donates 300 pairs of shoes to promote soccer

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Tecno mobile phone company, in collaboration with Airtel, has donated 300 pairs of shoes to the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), through its president, Wallace Karia, to promote youth football in the country.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam recently, Tecno's Relations Manager, Cleophas Njovu, said that their main aim is to support the continuous efforts of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr Samia Suluhu, and the football federation under its president to promote and to create a friendly environment for the sports sector in the country.

"It helps to bring out many talents of sportsmen in the street from the grassroots level. This is the beginning because we have plans to help more in youth football," he said.

On his part, the special ambassador of the 'Busti Kipaji' campaign, Burton Mwemba (Mwijaku), said that Tecno's vision and efforts to contribute to the development of the sports sector will help to make it one of the most popular and exciting sectors in the country.

"Up until now, Busti Kipaji campaign has helped and will continue to help to nurture talents and Tecno intends to hand over 700 pairs of shoes," he said.

TFF president Karia thanked the mobile phone company and explained that such patriotic measures promote the sports industry in the country and bring out great talents that later turn out to be of great help to the nation as a whole. He also asked other companies to come forward to help the youth teams.

"The help has come at the right time when the youth teams are preparing for the World and African competitions.

"I will work with Tecno to make sure they benefit from the support they give to the youth through their 'Busti Kipaji' campaign," he said.



# Miguel Gamondi lauds Yanga's brilliant first half of season



Young Africans captain and defender Bakari Mwamnyeto (R) battles for the ball with a Tanzania Prisons forward during their NBC Premier League match at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya on Sunday. Young Africans won 2-1. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YOUNG AFRICANS

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

MIGUEL Gamondi hailed Young Africans' first half of the NBC Premier League season as brilliant following their hard-fought victory over hosts Tanzania Prisons which moved them eight points clear at the summit.

The reigning champions ran out 2-1 winners following first-half strikes from Clement Mzize and Pacome Zouzoua.

The win moved Young Africans to the top of the table with 40 points from their opening 15 games of the campaign.

Second-placed Azam can only end up with 35 points if they win their game in hand while the third-placed



Simba can cut the gap to four points if they win their two games in hand.

At the halfway point of

the NBC Premier League campaign, Young Africans also carry the best defensive record, having conceded

just eight goals from their 15 league fixtures.

After the meeting with Tanzania Prisons on Sun-

day, Gamondi discussed his side's progress and more at his post-match press conference.

"I am happy with the results. Three points that are very important for us. We played a wonderful first half. We created chances and deserved to come with maybe four goals.

"We started the second well but we made a mistake with a long ball. I want to see the red card action again because the players told me it was Bakari Mwamnyeto who made a foul and not Metacha.

"Honestly, I did not see well but I think it is a little bit harsh to get a red card. From that, the other team was logically encouraged and created a little bit of space, especially from the side. We put three central defenders to block the side and we managed well.

"I am very happy because we finished the first round on top of the log. We won three games in a row which is important. And don't forget it is five games in fifteen days, it is hard for the players," he said.

Gamondi, who worked as an assistant coach at Wydad and Mamelodi Sundowns before taking the reins at Jangwani, will now take his side to face KMC in their first games of the second half of the campaign on Saturday.

## Sebastien Haller caps return from cancer with 2023 Afcon trophy for Ivory Coast

By Piers Edwards

SHORTLY after he scored the goal that secured one of the most unlikely Africa Cup of Nations title wins for Ivory Coast, Sebastien Haller was doing a television interview which he had to stop as he broke down in tears.

Having put on a brave face for so long, this was the moment when his torturous two-year journey to the Elephants' tumultuous triumph really hit home and emotions understandably overwhelmed him.

For it was just over a year ago that the striker showed he had won his biggest contest yet, when he returned to football six months after overcoming testicular cancer.

And now here he was, pitch-side in Abidjan's Alassane Ouattara Stadium, witnessing the fevered celebrations after his goal gave the Elephants a 2-1 win over Nigeria and a third Nations Cup title.

"We dreamed of this moment so many times," Haller said.

"We hoped to get to this point and once again the match wasn't an easy one. The joyous scenes we see now, what's happening in the country, they deserve it too. I really hope it does a lot of people good."

His winning goal, a brilliant flicked finish from Simon Adingra's cross, came just four days after Haller had also proved to be the matchwinner in the semi-final win over DR Congo.

"I am so happy for Haller," former Ivory Coast international Kolo Toure, once of Arsenal and Manchester City, said on BBC Three.

"He went through a tough time but he did unbelievably for the team. He is a humble man, and he works hard for

the team. He is just someone who wants to help his team-mates. I am so happy he scored that goal - it is fantastic for him and for the country."

But, in many ways, it was also amazing that he was even on the pitch - as he referenced in a news conference on the eve of the final.

"The last 18 months have been challenging for me and my family," the 29-year-old said on Saturday. "Given what has happened over the last few months, it's great to be here in front of you."

While it was improbable that an Ivorian should be talking about contesting the final given the fact that the team were on the brink of a group-stage exit, only to squeeze through into the knockout round as a best third-placed side, it was even more so that it should be Haller.

It was in early February 2023 that Haller scored his first goal for Borussia Dortmund to wild ac-

claim, as he was buried beneath a sea of yellow-clad team-mates.

The goal came eight months after he had signed for the German club, but the outpouring of emotion was all about his recovery from testicular cancer, which he had been diagnosed with in July 2022 - just two weeks after joining Dortmund.

"Of course, you realise it is something really serious that is happening, that a lot of things can change," Haller told BBC Sport last year. "But the urologist helped me not to be scared. He said I could heal well. I

took all his words for granted."

After two surgeries and various rounds of chemotherapy, Haller returned to full training in early January 2023, making his debut later that month before scoring against Freiburg, in one of those strange coincidences, on World Cancer Day itself.

Fast forward to this January and injury, albeit much milder, was again preventing the former West Ham and Eintracht Frankfurt forward from featuring for the Ivorians as they hosted the delayed 2023 Nations Cup.

After damaging his ankle on 19 December, Haller was not fit enough to make the squad for the Elephants' first three

games.

But that paved the way for his return as the conquering hero given their calamitous group stage, in which they lost twice, including a heaviest ever home - and Nations Cup finals - defeat when losing 4-0 to Equatorial Guinea.

Ivory Coast sacked coach Jean-Louis Gasset but then progressed to the last 16 just hours later as Zambia failed to get the result needed to finish above the West Africans as a best third-placed side.

"After the big defeat against Equatorial Guinea, we had no choice," Haller said. "We've come back from a long way. There were words, moments, which were not easy for the players, staff and everybody [but] which were necessary."

And, after the team had scored just twice in the group stage, the return of Haller was ever more important.

This, after all, was a man who became the second player after Cristiano Ronaldo to score in all six Champions League group games in 2021-22 for Dutch side Ajax, before eclipsing the Portuguese to become the fastest player to reach 10 Champions League goals in history.

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