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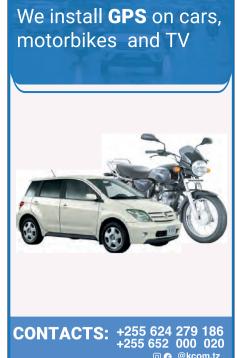
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'Use army patrol to escort truckers into South Sudan'

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

WAYS must be found to create units of armed forces to escort cargo trucks venturing into troubled South Sudan, the East African Business Council (EABC) has declared.

The regional private sector body has advised the EAC Secretariat to convene the Sectoral Council on Interstate Security to consider deploying a regional joint armed patrol for escorting and protecting truck drivers, to end the truck border crossing

The EABC condemned the harassment and killing of a number of truck drivers traversing into the country in the past few weeks, which touched off a strike by Ugandan drivers delivering goods to South Sudan,l despite that it is part of the East African Community.

"A joint regional armed patrol is a quick solution to guarantee peace and security for truck drivers, business people and their properties. This will facilitate transportation of essential goods amid the COVID-19 pandemic," the council said in a

Back in April, the EABC praised South Sudanese authorities as well as their Ugandan counterparts for moving to escort truck drivers, and it is now urging Interstate Security ministers to adopt a regional monitoring mechanism.

Such a unit would analyse and monitor progress or emerging issues on trade and security in the region and especially on the volatile border points between the two countries, the dispatch elaborated.

"Peace and security are prerequisites to social and economic development in the region. Insecurity increases the cost and time of transporting goods, risks people's lives, obstructs border-crossing on trade and negatively impacts the competitiveness of the EAC bloc," the statement intoned.

Insecurity along the Nimule/Elegu border TURN TO PAGE 2

Mbowe hearing: Drama as Judge Luvanda steps down



Freeman Mbowe (C), national Chairman of the opposition Chadema, is escorted by Prisons officers from the Corruption and Economic Crimes Division of the High Court in Dar es Salaam yesterday after the judge withdrew from the case facing him (Mbowe)

NEMC slaps 3.3bn/- fine on firm over EIA permits

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) has imposed a 3.3bn/- fine on Lake Oil Co. for establishing fuel stations in

various regions without obtaining am Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) certification.

The council has instructed Lake Oil to pay the fine within 14 days or it will order the shut-down of its 66 fuels stations

scattered all over the country, citing the

relevant legal provisions. NEMC Director General Dr Samuel Gwamaka told reporters yesterday that the council reached the decision following

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By Guardian Reporter

A High Court judge handling a terrorism case involving Chadema national chairman Freeman Mbowe and three others has offered to step down from hearing the case.

Judge Elinaza Luvanda of the Corruption and Economic Crimes Division of the High Court created a dramatic situation yesterday as he withdrew from the case after the fourth accused, Mbowe, told the court that he and his three co-defendants had no faith that the judge would do justice to their case.

Mbowe and three others are facing economic sabotage case No. 16/2021 with six charges including terrorism, with the case being brought up for hearing yesterday, but now adjourned until a new judge is assigned.

On Friday, the High Court division started hearing the terrorism-related offences and economic sabotage case facing the opposition party's chairman, and three others.

The proceedings started with continuing the preliminary hearing (PH) of objections filed by the defendants through a panel of lawyers, led by advocate Peter Kibatala.

There was heavy deployment of security officers at the High Court as Mbowe and coaccused were brought to court, facing Judge Elinaza Luvanda.

In the objection, the defendants claim that the indictment has legal defects along with other matters claiming that the Terrorism Act upon which the accusations are based does not specify ingredients for construing terrorism offenses.

They also held that the prosecution has not complied with the mandatory provisions of the terrorism legislation for linking the defendants with any such acts.

Already the prosecution, led by senior state counsel Robert Kidando, begun responding to the defense arguments in its objection, presented to the court on Wednesday, September 1, as the prosecution is built on a panel of five state attorneys.

The charge sheet earlier presented at the Kisutu resident magistrate's court last month and is now with the High Court for hearing, the four are facing six counts of financing terrorism and terrorism conspiracy.

They are accused of conspiring to

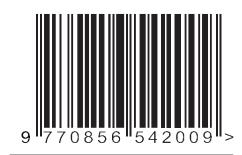
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PM launches NMB scholarship rollout

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has commended NMB Bank Plc for being instrumental in community giving and a shining star of supporting state development initiatives, including health and education

The premier made the remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday when launching the NMB



Foundation and inauguration of the bank's 'Nuru Yangu' scholarship and mentorship program seeks to maximize the lender's positive impact on society and enhance national philanthropic causes.

The bank has elevated its corporate citizenship status by launching a not-for-profit foundation to help drive its social investment agenda and champion socio-economic prosperity, officials said.

The premier said the high school and university scholarship grants complement efforts of the government for quality education whereas apprenticeship opportunities are a boon in creating a skilled work force for the labour market, along with promoting selfemployment.

"This initiative has full support of the government as it gives access to quality education and increase the higher education loans portfolio, especially for students from

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna unveil plaque in Dar es Salaam yesterday to launch NMB Foundation. Witnessing the event are Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children deputy minister Mwanaidi Ali Khamis (L) and the bank's board chairman, Dr Edwin Mhede. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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attempting to harm former Hai District Commissioner, Lengai ole Sabaya.

Mbowe was arrested last month in Mwanza before opening a blast several filling stations and conference to push up demands for constitutional reforms, later taken to court to face terrorism-related offenses

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scores of public complaints in areas where the fuel stations were built.

"We are continuing with investigations on other fuel station owners and those who will be found to have built fuel stations without EIA certificates will be fined. That is in accordance with the laws, as we have discovered that fuel stations have been mushrooming everywhere. We cannot continue reminding owners thereof of their responsibilities as we have done so much already," he declared.

He gave seven days to owners of fuel stations built without EIA certificates to report to NEMC offices to explain why steps should not be taken against them.

It is 17 years since the current environmental legislation was enacted and NEMC has been imparting education in various ways. But many owners of fuel stations ignored these instructions, so the time to act has arrived, he further stated.

"There are about 3,000 petrol stations around the country but only 600 have registered environmental impact assessment. To build petrol

stations without EIA is dangerous to the people in the area in case of emergency, so we cannot tolerate this anymore," he emphasised.

"Everyone sees how fuel stations mushrooming everywhere, and NEMC has been wondering why the owners don't report to NEMC offices to register and obtain EIA,". the director noted.

He said regulations requires that the distance between one fuel station and another should not be less than 200 metres to avoid fire emergencies, but fuel station builders have not been adhering to this requirement, he pointed out.

Many fuel station owners build their stations and then go about seeking EIA certificates, and quite often seeking to bribe the concerned officials, he charged, noting also that people living close to where a fuel station is built have the right to be involved in raising awareness on what to do in case of a fire emergency..

Requiring thst residents be involved when issuing EIA permits is meant to enable them know about the health hazards they have to live with, he added.



Italy's Ambassador to Tanzania, Marco Lombardi (2nd-L) speaks at a meeting with Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children ministry officials led by Permanent Secretary Prof Abel Makubi in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has identified priority areas that would benefit from projects in the health sector from the three years of the Italian government sponsorship.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children Prof Abel Makubi named the priorities yesterday in Dar es Salaam during his talks with doctors from Italy. He said the priorities include training for health workers in regional, zonal and national hospitals in general, purchase of modern medical equipment and construction and refurbishment of the zonal and national hospitals.

"Other priorities are the establishing and developing

Govt identifies health priorities to benefit from Italy sponsorship

cooperation in health between with the government of Tanzania Tanzania and Italy and continuing the war against the Covid-19 pandemic as well as educating the public on the importance of vaccination," he said.

For his part, the Italian Ambassador to Tanzania His Excellence Marco Lombardi praised the Italian development corporation for setting aside euro 1,250,000 assistance towards the country's health sector. "Italy-Tanzania cooperation is of many years and is strong, I would like to assure you that Italy will continue cooperating in the health sector as well as other sectors for the interest of both sides,' said Ambassador Lombardi.

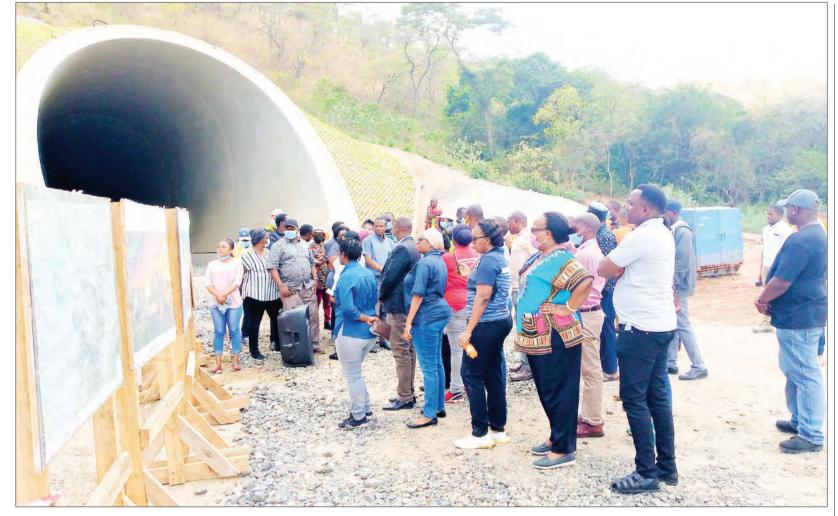
Dr Davide Bonechi from Italy's International Health Centre, said through their plan to improve and strengthen the health sector in this part of Africa, apart from Tanzania, other countries to benefit from the plan include Kenya and Uganda.

"Our aim is to strengthen the health sector in general as well as empowering health experts to fight against various diseases inflicting the human kind," said Dr Bonechi.

On September 3 this year, a delegation of health experts from Italy arrived in the country for a special visit to assess and comprehend Tanzania's health needs and priorities in the country's hospitals.

The delegation was led by Dr Davide Bonechi, Dr Giulia Dagliana, and Dr Beatrice Borchi, all from Italy's International Health Centre.

The Tanzania government has been receiving doctors and other experts of human medicines from Italy as part of the cooperation in the health services sector.



Staff from the Public Service Management and Good Governance wing of the President's Office view drawings of Standard Gauge Railways yesterday moments before being shown around a tunnel during their tour of the Kilosa District stretch of the Standard Gauge Railway, which is undergoing

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less privileged families," he further

Other entities need to emulate NMB in contributing towards nation building efforts, as top-notch creative units like the new social investment arm raise the range of corporate social responsibility support and effectiveness, he urged.

NMB chief executive officer Ruth Zaipuna said that the initiative was a developmental endeavour that makes NMB the most socially responsible business entity countrywide.

"Since its inception, NMB Bank has always strived to be a more responsible bank, whose operations create a positive imprint in the society...Today's launch of the NMB

Foundation is therefore a testament of the bank's evolving CSR journey," she explained.

NMB has over the past ten years spent more than 12bn/- on community support initiatives and charitable projects reaching out to over five million people, she stated, noting that CSR investments have benefitted nearly 1,400 schools through in-kind support, including donations of over 83,000 desks and 1,200 computers.

Over 600 health facilities were aided with medical equipment and drug supplies, along with providing capacity building and financial literacy training to over 82,000 social program beneficiaries, with the lender spending over 500m/up to now to help victims of natural calamities, she added.

More than 16,000 tonnes of maize may sit unsold in Ludewa district

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

MORE than 16,000 tonnes of maize in Ludewa District, Njombe Region may remain unsold if the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) winds up buying the cereal after purchasing only 1,000 tonnes.

This was revealed here at the weekend by Ludewa Member of Parliament Joseph Kamonga following his visit maize buying centre at Mlangali Village and listened to various complaints from farmers who came to sell their crops.

"Apart from food, we have 17,000 tonnes surplus of maize, but NFRA has only bought 1,000 tonnes, hence the rest is in danger to remain unsold," said Kamonga.

Kamonga said the main reason to visit the centred on many complaints from his constituents while he was attending parliament sessions in Dodoma.

"in regard the price, the maize id bought at 430/- per kilo, initially many farmers were happy when they heard the price would be 500/-kilo, but later the price was changed, the move that caused many complaints, had the government issued indicative price for maize in each area would have reduced these complaints," said Kamonga.

He added that farmers have had the inconvenience of having to travel long distances, some up to 78 kms to take their maize to the buying centre at Mlangali, while originally the district had three buying centres.

However, the MP said farmers have huge trust in NFRA in regard to purchase of their maize and pledged to deal with the challenges that emerged to help them.

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route to Juba has stalled movement by around 1056 trucks, stranded at the Elegu border post. Part of the problem is that this immobility risks intensifying the spread of COVID-19 among the border communities as well as the truckers, it stated.

A stranded truck incurs losses of more than \$1,000 each day, while releasing trucks and drivers falling it added.

victim to militia assaults ranges between \$10.000 and \$20.000 at present, it further noted, pointing out that some drivers even get killed. In 2019, South Sudan exported

goods worth \$6.8m and imported \$225.9m worth of goods from EAC Partner States. Intra-regional exports grew by 0.6 percent in 2019 to \$3.2bn, from \$2.8bn a year earlier,

Parliament endorses Fire and Rescue Force Amendment bill

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament have endorsed the Fire and Rescue Force (Amendment) Bill, 2021 advising the government to fast track land formalisation and surveying to facilitate rescue activities and enable firefighters to quickly access the buildings during fire incidences.

suggestions Presenting the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security Committee on the proposed Bill for the Fire and Rescue Force (Amendment) Act, 2021 in the National Assembly yesterday, chairman Mussa Zungu said the move would mainly reduce the effects caused by fire outbreaks.

Zungu said although the law insists on those constructing buildings that are twelve meters above the level of the street or ground surface to consult the Fire and Rescue Force, it should also make it a mandate for all the buildings which requires permit from President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government to submit their building plans to the force for professional

The committee also suggested for public education on the importance protecting fire hydrants equipment.

Zungu said the decision to allow firefighters to carry and use weapons when executing their duties would control theft during fire outbreaks specifically at market and other congested areas.

Suleiman (CCM) said the law must citizens to assist firefighters with fire governance of the force.

hydrants especially water.

Namtumbo legislator, Vita Kawawa (CCM), urged the government to allocate more funds for the Fire and Rescue Force in order to increase efficiency, human resources and fire hydrants equipment.

Earlier, Home Affairs Minister George Simbachawene said the Bill which was endorsed by the House also seeks to enhance the security of Fire and Rescue Force infrastructures and personnel.

The Bill proposes amendment of section 22 of the Act by compelling an owner or operator to provide fire safety protection in a building of twelve meters above the level of the street or ground surface aiming to widen the scope of fire safety protection in buildings.

Amendments are also proposed in section 27 to provide compensation for firefighters and voluntary firefighters injured or those dying in the cause of provision of fire and rescue services.

Once amended, the law will enhance the penalty and ensure that it is up-to-date and deters the commission of the approved offence.

Section 14 is proposed to be amended so as to distinguish the appointing authority for senior officers and other officers of the force to make better provision regarding their appointment, promotion, confirmation and other administrative matters.

The amendment in Section Ziwani MP, Suleiman Ramadhan 19 seeks to empower the Commissioner-General of the Force also include a section that will force to make orders for the general



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Govt sells 350 tonnes of tobacco in foreign markets

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

AGRICULTURE deputy minister Hussein Bashe said yesterday that a total of 350 tonnes of tobacco produced in the 2020/2021 agricultural season have been sold to international markets.

According to him some 100 tonnes have been exported to Poland, Romania (200 tonnes) and Turkey (50 tonnes).

"We have managed to secure international markets for our tobacco; efforts are ongoing to find foreign buyers in China and South Korea. We are also consulting the management of Tanzania Leaf Tobacco Company Limited (TLTC) for the firm to start buying tobacco from Tanzania," said Bashe, adding the ministry will this month meet with TLTC officials.

He said tobacco selling through foreign companies have dropped to 42,000 tonnes in the previous season, adding the production of

tobacco through contract farming entered between farmers and local purchasing companies has resulted in increased production whereas a total of 68,571 tonnes of tobacco have been produced.

He added that in the 2020/2021 agricultural season, a total of nine companies have been licensed to buy tobacco from farmers, among them, seven are locally registered

"Most local companies have been facing challenges including lack of enough capital; the thing that contributes to delays in payments," he said.

increased fertilizer prices, the government has reviewed tobacco prices whereas a kilo will now be sold at US \$ 1.65 from the previous US \$ 1.4. He said farmers who have sold their tobacco to Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies (AMCOS) in Tabora Region between May and July this year will be paid

before the coming agricultural season.

"To ensure farmers are paid on time, we have come up with new regulations, whereas not tobacco are exported before farmers receive their money," he noted.

Bashe said the government is now working to empower local companies to buy tobacco as the business has been dominated by foreign firms for many years. He said the government had in May this year brought together local tobacco buying companies and financial institutions including banks to see how they can be assisted with capital to fully participate in tobacco

has agreed to provide loans to two tobacco buying companies-Mo Green International and Magefa Growers Limited. He said the government continues to look for funding sources for local firms to ensure timely payments to farmers.



Public Service Social Security Fund director general Hosea Kashimba (2nd-L, gesturing) briefs Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa at the inauguration of the Tanzania Postal Corporation's One-Stop Service Centre. The ceremony was held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Corre

PM urges government institutions to make use of one-stop centres system

By Getrude Mbago

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed all service-based government institutions to ensure they join the newly launched one stop centres system so as to facilitate provision of services.

Implemented by the Tanzania Posts Corporation (TPC), the One-Stop Centre is a new facilitation mechanism which brings relevant government agencies to provide efficient and transparent services to the public under a single roof.

He wanted the entities to ensure that they join the system before the end of 2022 so as to enable the public to access multiple government services at one door.

The Prime Minister made the directive in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the official launch of the 49.5bn/- Five-year One-Stop Service Centres Project which is set to be implemented in all regions until

He also launched a new 'One Stop Centre' at the TPC's office in Dar es Salaam where the public can start accessing various services provided by several government institutions.

be available in the one stop centres include those provided by the Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA), National Identification Authority (NIDA), Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA) and the Tanzania Revenue Authority

Others will be the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF), National health insurance Fund (NHIF), immigration and other services provided by various councils

Majaliwa named some of the entities that are required to join the system as the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) and Land Unit among

"In order to ensure that this by the government to improve important project succeeds and produces intended outcomes, we should jointly work together by taking important measures which will help improve efficiency.

He said that by 2025, Tanzanians and other people will be able to access multiple government services at once and at low cost.

Majaliwa said the government is well committed to having vibrant, modernized and technology-driven services so as to facilitate achieving its development goals and achieve its industrialization drive.

The prime minister wanted the supervising ministry to invest in research and innovation so as to further ensure that the project produces positive impacts by addressing challenges facing the public in accessing government services.

"You should also ensure that institutions' systems are integrated, but all government institutions, ministries and agencies should now start using TPC to transport their cargos and parcels," he said.

The Prime Minister also warned leaders and staff who will be serving He said that services that will the public under the new initiative to refrain from bureaucracy and corruption.

> Majaliwa said the government will assess the performance of all heads of government entities that offer services to the public through this launched project.

> He reminded Tanzanians to continue taking precautionary measures against Covid-19.

> He also urged the public to go and get their jabs so as to improve the body's immune system, assuring them that all vaccines brought in the country are safe.

He said a research conducted in 2019 found that majority of citizens spent a lot of time and expenses to access government services.

Minister for Communication and Information Technology, Dr Faustine Ndugulile said the launch of the initiative was among strategies efficiency, increase the scope of services and achieve major digital

According to him, the first phase

of implementation will involve eleven regions including Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Mwanza, Kigoma, Arusha, Mbeya, Mjini Magharibi Unguja, Lindi, Tanga, Morogoro and Chakechake.

> According to him, in the beginning, there will be multiple windows at the centres but later on, they will embark on a single-window after all the systems are integrated.

The minister said that the government mulls to improve the corporation and enable it to compete commercially for the country's development.

He said the ministry supervises closely digital transformation within TPC as well as ICT, security networks thus making the best in Africa after Mauritius

Macrice Mbodo, TPC Acting Postmaster General said the onestop centres' project is divided into three phases where the first phase begins September 2021- December 2022 in which 10 regions will get the

"In phase II that will begin in January 2023 - June 2024, we will include 17 regions of Coastal, Iringa, Rukwa, Ruvuma, Kilimanjaro, Tabora, Mara, Katavi, Geita, Songwe, Manyara, Simiyu, Kagera, Shinyanga and Njombe," he explained.

Sifundo Chief Moyo, Secretary General of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU hailed Tanzania for taking the huge step to digitize its services.

"This move shows how the Tanzania government is committed to transforming post services in the country, something which will further accelerate development," he

He said that PAPU will continue working and supporting Tanzania and other countries in Africa to have improved and innovative postal services.

Govt to enter into agreements with some foreign countries to facilitate employment

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

THE government has initiated a process to enter into agreements with some foreign countries to facilitate employment opportunities for Tanzanian youth in the particular countries.

However, the government has called upon Tanzanian youth securing jobs in foreign countries to make sure they report to Tanzanian embassies in respective countries to get a quick help when they experience difficulties.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Deputy Minister, Amb Mbarouk Nasser Mbarouk made the statement in the National Assembly yesterday when responding to a question by Shaurimoyo Member of Parliament Ali Juma Mohamed (CCM).

The legislator asked the government strategies to supervise job contracts for Tanzanian youth responsible for preparation of the

working abroad.

He said the government is responsible for supervision of job contracts for Tanzanian youth working in foreign countries as well as ensuring a conducive working environment.

'We have a special arrangement for issuance of employment permits to Tanzania youth intending to work in foreign countries. All procedures are managed by the Tanzania Employment Services Agency (TaESA), Zanzibar Labour Commission and our embassies in respective countries," said Ambassador Mbarouk.

He said the procedures among other things directs each of workers to have an official employment agent who is recognized by TaESAan executive agency under the Prime Minister's Office Labour, Employment, Youth and People with Disability. The state agency is also job contracts. The job contracts must be written in a simple language and translated in Kiswahili, he added.

The Deputy Minister informed the legislators that despite the good arrangements, some Tanzania youth securing jobs in foreign countries have been violating the laid down procedures which includes failure to introduce at Tanzanian embassies as soon as they arrive at working

Following the challenges, he said, the government has made it a mandatory for foreign employment agencies to have contract agreement with local employment agencies.

Data from the Prime Minister's office indicates that in between 2016 and June 2021, registered employment agencies in the country have succeeded to connect a total of 10,554 youth with job opportunities abroad. The agencies have also provided employment and career counseling to 39,273 youth.

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at qeita.eoi@angloqoldashanti.com not later than 0830 A.M 20TH September 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Labour for crane maintenance and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below service.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
NUMBER	
GGME01123	PROVISION OF LABOUR FOR CRANE MAINTANANCE
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1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%)	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the	370
contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be	
listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above)	
where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01123)	75%
Proof of having experience on wire rope inspection and replacement if required (full experience)	10%
Proof of experience on repairs and provide report	10%
Proof of having experience on Hydraulic Pressure test and maintenance	10%
Proof of having experience on Auto rigger Adjustments and repairs	10%
Proof of having experience on Cranes and rigging equipment Safety	10%
inspection	
Multi skilled Crane technician both electrical and Mechanical	10%
Proof of having experience on cranes' braking system inspection	10%
Proof of having experience on different types crane	15%
Grove crane	
2. Telex crane	
3. Tadano crane	
4. Crawler cranes	
Total	100%



Tanzania Christian Medical Association president Dr Bwire Chirangi addresses the body's 84th annual general meeting in Dodoma city

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

SIX Arusha Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (AUWSA) officials have appeared in court for abuse of office and conspiracy to fraudulently obtain 5.3bn/-.

Among the six who appeared before Arusha resident magistrates Court is the former AUWSA managing director, Ruth

Other accused includes the Managing Director of Kiure engineering Ltd, Omari Kiure, Arusha residents Benedict Kitigwa, James Mwambona, Steven Msenga, Godfrey Macha and Juma, all AUWSA employees.

Arusha PCCB prosecutor, Violet Machali alleged in court presided before Resident Magistrate Herieth Mtenga that the accused are alleged to have committed the economic sabotage offence under the economic sabotage Act and fraudulently obtained 5.310,823,214/-.

She claimed that in the third offence for all the accused, between December 2017 and October 2018 in Arusha City they

Six Arusha water officials in court charged with fraud

Zonal Project to obtain unentitled benefits from Kiure Engineering Ltd, without following procurement procedures.

In the second count regarding abuse of office on Eng Ruth Koya alone, the prosecutor alleged that as a public servant, she illegally facilitated Kiure Engineering Ltd to obtain the contract to build AUWSA zonal offices without following procedures.

In so doing, she claimed that the firm fraudulently obtained 5.3bn/-, contrary to Section 36(50) of the Public Procurements Act of 2012.

The PCCB prosecutor further alleged that in the third and fourth counts against the first, second, third and fifth accused (i.e Ruth Koya, Benedict Kitigwa, James

jointly conspired, through the AUWSA Mwambona, Steven Msenga and Godfrey Macha respectively), between December 2017 and October 2018 they abused their offices by enabling Kiure Engineering Ltd to fraudulently obtain 5.3bn/-.

> After the PCCB prosecutor read the charges, she told the court the state had no objection to bail on all the accused, if the court sees it fit for them to get bail.

> Thereafter magistrate mtenga said the bail was open for all the accused and that each should have two sureties, including one public servant with an identity card and an introduction letter from employer, and should sign a 20m/- bond.

> The accused, jointly defended by Advocate Robert Rogati, satisfied bail conditions and their case will come up for mention on September 9 this year.

Govt, stakeholders urged to make infrastructure in public and private institutions more friendly to PWDs

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

THE government and other stakeholders have been challenged to improve infrastructures in public and private institutions to be friendlier for the people with physical disabilities including those who are affected by the Spinal Cord injuries.

Songambele Initiative Organisation managing director Fastina Urassa made the call here over the weekend during the climax of the special marathon dubbed 'Songambele Marathon 2021'.

Organised by the Moshi-based initiative, the event was meant to create awareness on Spinal Cord Injury as well as raising funds for donating wheelchairs, walkers and other assistive devices for the needy people in Kilimanjaro region.

Fastina said that most of the infrastructures in most public and private institutions are not friendly to the people with physical disabilities.

"Today is the climax of the series of activities we did as Songambele Initiative organisation meant to create awareness on spinal cord injury as well as collecting funds to support people in need with physical disabilities who cannot afford to buy assistive devices such as wheelchairs and walkers, among many others, and to mark the World Spinal Cord Injury Day which is observed on September 5, every year with the intention of increasing awareness for persons with a spinal cord injury (SCI)," she explained. She added that most marathons are for leisure and prestige but this one intends to raise funds for donating wheelchairs, walkers and other assistive devices for the needy people in Kilimanjaro region.

"As you witness today, we are celebrating the International Day for the Spinal Cord Injury whereby the International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS) picked 5 September as 'World Spinal Cord Injury Day', with the intention of increasing awareness for persons with a spinal cord injury (SCI) by supporting our fellows with physical disabilities to have assistive devices for them," she enlightened.

Urassa further explained, there is a big challenge of including people with disabilities (PwDs) on the lack of assistive devices due to the bad infrastructure as well as awareness on

menstrual hygiene and reproductive health as most of the community members thought that, PWDs don't have feelings like body abled people.

"In most cases this special group is forgotten and equipments like sanitary towels that are provided to them don't suit them accordingly." Urassa further explained.

She added that, the complications faced by women and girls with disabilities are in most cases doubled due to factors such as inability to afford sanitary towels that are expensive considering their little income and even worse to those that are unemployed or with pressure sores due sitting for long periods of time.

"However through platforms such as these education has been spread and therefore measures are being taken to combat the problems for the betterment of everyone in the society," she pointed out.

Speaking during the event that took place on September 5, this year at Uhuru park area, in Moshi Municipality, the coordinator of the Special Marathon, Abdullah Munisi explained that, the core aim of the Marathon is to collect funds to donate wheelchairs, walkers and other assistive devices to the people with different physical disabilities, a move that aims at supporting them to become autonomous.

"The event went together with a series of activities including creating awareness on spinal cord injuries, sports events, drama, poetry, and fashion show, among many others, meant also to commemorate International Spinal Cord Injury Day that is observed on September 5, every year," he further explained.

He added that, Songambele Initiative organisation has initiated such a special run, a move that aims at fundraising funds themselves instead of depending on donor funds as the world economy has been affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

The event was graced by the Moshi Municipal Council Sports Officer, Korona Kagwe, representatives from various public and private sectors including nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) working in Kilimanjaro region, chairman of the Moshi Municipal Athletes Society Addi Massawe, Kibo Sports Club Director, Daniel Mvungi and other public members.

Ву Guardian

Correspondent, Dodoma

CONSTRUCTION of the second phase of a new laboratory complex for the Tanzania Atomic Commission Energy (TAEC) is currently at the finishing levels.

The ongoing project, which upon completion is expected to gobble up to 10.4 billion/-, direct funded the government is expected to play a major role to upscale the country's capacity on atomic issues.

However upon its completion, the facility is expected to serve the East and Central African countries.

Giving an exclusive to The interview vesterday. Guardian TAEC's Senior Researcher, Simon Mdoe, said construction of the ultramodern four storey lab which commenced in September 2019 is at 87 per cent to completion.

"The mega project is currently at encouraging levels and the modern facility is expected to serve the East and Central African countries," he expressed.

He further added the state-owned commission was also implementing another key project to construct a 20bn/- worth food storage center, gearing to enable the country to adopt a high technology to conserve food through nuclear technology.

"The modern facility, now at its preliminary stages at Mbezi Luis in Dar es Salaam is projected to play a vital role in expanding and modernizing the country's capacity in

Construction of second phase of TAEC lab nearly complete

He added, basic processes for the exportation. project have already been finalized and the centre upon its completion is projected to expand the country's ability to export foods and other agricultural products abroad at recommended quality.

He observed that Tanzania was exposed to diverse and important external markets for food crop items, but it was disconcerting to learn that only 10 percent of the country's capacity is being exported due to low technologies

professional food storage," he observed. in the storage of the items meant for

He expressed that nuclear technology was vital for the development of the industrial economy in Tanzania, but unveiled that use of the vital technology was still low, just at 40 percent.

Tanzania adopted nuclear technology in 1978, but started to use it from the 1990s, at low ebb. He said nuclear technology plays paramount roles in different sectors, including health, water, mining and industrial, as well as in electricity power generation.

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Legislator launches online platform to sensitise public on development issues

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

Member SPECIAL Seats of Parliament through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Neema Lugangira has established an online content dubbed "Maendeleo Podcast" to reach more Tanzanians in various

Speaking here yesterday soon after the platform launch, the MP said through the content, various experts and stakeholders would be able to discuss and impart knowledge to the community on various issues affecting them.

"I have decided to start the Podcast to strengthen the understanding of people on development areas that need to be publicized and given priority," she said and added:

"In so doing I believe the podcast will be providing opportunities to experts and other leaders

to educate the community and enable them understand issues of development."

She mentioned some of the issues that would be discussed as including nutrition, women and development, involvement of women in the extraction industry for example in oil, natural gas and minerals, farming, livestock keeping and

She said in addition, members of the public knowing about development issues through the online voice content can also understand the great work being done by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

"Being the first MP to establish the Podcast, I expect to make it different whereby my programmes will be uploaded twice a month, and I will be preparing discussion via the social media by bringing together various experts," she added.



One of the technicians installing solar-powered road traffic lights in Shinyanga municipality briefs Shinyanga regional commissioner Dr Philemon Sengati (L, foreground) yesterday on what the work involves. Photo

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MINISTER for Water, Jumaa Awesso has instructed the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Agency (EWURA) Manager for Morogoro Region to investigate water consumption charges set by Gairo Water and Sanitation Authority (GARUWASA) to its water consumers amounting to 50/- per 20-litre bucketful of water.

The minister issued the instructions at Gairo yesterday as he was speaking at a public rally after he had received complaints from

EWURA directed to investigate high charges for water in Gairo

were exorbitant to them.

He said the government intends to relieve women the burden

the residents saying the charges hence it would be unacceptable to ignore these efforts.

"The 50/- charge for a bucket of water is the same as saying a unit of carrying buckets of water by of water costs 2,500/- which is very bringing a huge water desalination costly compared to 1,600/- per unit plant for human consumption, in Morogoro Municipality, I want

explanation," he said.

Earlier, GARUWASA manager, Eng David Kaswa said the charges are caused by high operational costs in running the water treatment plant that consumes electricity that costs

20m/- each month compared to its income that ranges between 34m/to 40m/- per month.

He added: "we have about 600 customers and collect up to 40m/per month during dry seasons while in rainy season we collect only 30m/-

, and that is why we sell a bucket of

Gairo Member of Parliament Ahmed Shabiby said apart from high water charges, the water source itself is deficient to serve the big number of people of the area and pleaded with the minister to seek other water sources.

He said there are water wells in various areas that can serve as supplementary water supply to the residents, thus the government should look into the issue of finding other water sources, including nearby rivers.

Hanang district commissioner Janeth Mayanja (in white t-shirt) welcomes Grumet Fund members from the Serengeti National Park as they embarked on a promotional tour of Mount Hanang at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

CHRAGG, THRDC to partner in GBV fight

By Alima Nkwong, HMC

THE Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) has vowed to strengthen collaboration with the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) in the fight against the rapid increase of Gender Based Violence (GBV) through creating

According to the commissioner for the CHRAGG Nyanda Shuli research revealed that the rate of GBV cases in the country has been under the coalition.

elevated due to inadequate gender based education.

"Working with THRDC through the 200 members of the coalition will help to increase education so that people can be aware of their rights to avoid falling pivotal opportunity for people to collaborate with the coalition because the work of human rights protection and human rights promotion is done by a host of many other organisations who are

For his part, the national coordinator for THRDC Onesmo Olengurumwa noted that they have agreed to use members of the coalition to come up with new mechanisms to see how to effectively address issues related victims," he added that, it is a to GBV which seems to be very high in some coastal parts in Zanzibar and some parts of central Tanzania.

> "GBV especially on children is very high so we hope to develop sophisticated ways via our members to combat this human rights

violation," he intoned.

He therefore urged members of the coalition to judiciously make use of the community media outlets besides other platforms and empower local communities about human rights, especially children rights.

"Members should use different platforms to educate citizens on their rights including children rights because most are forced to early marriages which are against the laws and ignorance," he cautioned.

Tajwa makes plea to women human rights defenders to address public litigation cases

By Alima Nkwong, HMC

THE Tanzania Women Judges Association (TAJWA) chairperson Justice Joaquine De Mello has called on women human rights defenders to partake in public litigation cases which are an effective means of the protection of human rights.

Iustice Ioaquine made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking at the capacity building training organized by the Tanzania human rights defenders Coalition (THRDC).

She stated that number of women engaged in PIL cases are few compared to male lawyers.

"According to statistics up to March this year there are 3055 women advocates who are registered, but amongst those the number of female lawyers participating in PIL are still few," she said, mentioning that the same situation applies in the East Africa Court of Justice and African commission of peoples and human rights.

She explained that this is because of the negative attitudes towards female lawyers, traditional and cultural.

"We all know the importance of women and the capacity she has in building a better society," she mentioned, insisting that especially in the legal field where the best work is done by female lawyers and magistrates.

Joaquine emphasized that their organization is ready to mentor women lawyers on human rights and PIL while calling on all female lawyers to learn from those few colleagues who have been showing a high level of knowledge and ability dealing with those cases regardless of the challenges they are facing.

"It is true that public interest

cases are the most effective ways towards the ending of human rights violations that affect the public at large," she said.

THRDC official, Remmy Lema noted that the training was organized with the objective to equip female lawyers for enhanced protection of enjoyment of freedoms and rights through national and regional courts.

According to Judge Lilian Mongella, female lawyers can do better in PIL cases as they have proven to be the best in other matters, groundbreaking court decisions like that of the 2016 Rebecca Gyumi.

Report says that the recent enactment of the written laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act No 3 of 2020 which abolish PIL in Tanzania unless the complaint has personally been affected also contributes to the reason for women shying away from PIL cases.

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Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima (L, foreground) greets people waiting for medical attention at Sukamahela Dispensary in Manyoni District, Singida Region, yesterday. Photo: Guardian Corresponder

Address power woes in Kigoma, Energy minister directs Tanesco

By Correspondent Adela Madyane, out of the five existing electricity

MINISTER for Energy Dr Medard Kalemani has directed the Tanzania Supply Company (Tanesco) in Kigoma Region to swiftly address power blackouts facing the western part of the country.

Dr Kalemani made the directives here yesterday when he toured the region and was briefed that two transformers were not working, hence causing serious problems to residents.

"Few days ago, I received information that there are electricity challenges in Kigoma I had to travel all the way to Kigoma to find out the reason as the government had announced there should be no electricity rationing," said Kalemani.

Dr Kalemani said he has ordered two transformers, one from Ngara district in Kagera Region and another

from Loliondo in Ngorongoro District in Arusha Region to increase power and ensure people have access to electricity 24 hours a day.

The minister asked the Tanesco leadership in the region to prepare a report on why legal actions should not be taken against them for giving him false information that all the transformers were working where in reality only three were operational.

Tanesco Kigoma Regional Manager, Jafar Mpina said the region is currently not in short of electricity poles and called for new customers who need electricity to come to the office and receive timely services.

Head of Bangwe power station's production department, Philemon Mkumbo said that after addition of another transformer there will be an increase of 10 megawatts which will be enough for the people of Kigoma Ujiji Municipality whose current demand is 8 megawatts in which they produce per day. 6.2 megawatts while solar power (solar) generates 1.7 megawatts.

Epidemiologists' efforts to prevent epidemic diseases seen paying off

By Correspondent James Kandoya

OVER 100 studies conducted by epidemiologists in the country have contributed to control and prevention of emerging epidemic diseases such as cholera, measles, anthrax and recently coronavirus.

Tanzania Field and Laboratory Epidemiologist's Association (Tanflea) publicity committee member Dr Ally Hussein said this over the weekend in the training to journalists to build their capacity ahead of the World Field Epidemiology Day scheduled for September 7 this week in the country's capital city -Dodoma.

He said that through Tanzania Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Programme (TFELTP), the association had invested in epidemiological capacity building in the country adding that the program concentrated on hands-on training to attain skills and competencies geared towards addressing public health challenges.

the efficient Furthermore, communication of crucial information has improved, and the responsible ministry now utilizes evidence-based methods to establish health priority. "We train field epidemiologists, giving them the necessary skills to collect, analyze, and interpret data and contribute to evidence-based decisions." he said.

"Our alumni and residents have been able to detect and respond to a number of outbreaks, emergencies, and threats in several parts of the country. They have also disseminated research findings in local and international conferences and meetings, as well as in peerreviewed journals," he added.

According to Dr Hussein, the database of research has established a strong public health surveillance system in the country as well as conducting studies that reflect the diversity of public health issues.

For his part, the TanFlea President Dr Elibariki Mwakapeje said that Tanzania will for the first time on Tuesday this week join other countries to celebrate the World Field Epidemiology and Laboratory day. He said the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr Dorothy Gwajima is expected to grace this year's ceremony that will be held in Dodoma city.

Dr Mwakapeje said to date, there are over 150 alumni adding that as of 2019, trainees have conducted six outbreak investigations and one disaster assessment in Kagera

The World Field Epidemiology Day is a global movement to recognize and raise awareness of the vital role of field epidemiologists in protecting the health of populations, thus advancing global health security, and to advocate for increased investment in field of epidemiology training, research, and professionals.

The day was important because John Snow took his findings from his now-famous investigation of the Broad Street cholera outbreak to local officials, leading them to take action and remove the handle of the offending water pump.

However, the past year has brought unprecedented visibility to the work of field epidemiologists as the world has fought COVID-19. but this visibility has not always resulted in understanding the importance of field epidemiology, nor in the increased support needed to strengthen public health systems around the globe to better detect and respond to outbreaks.

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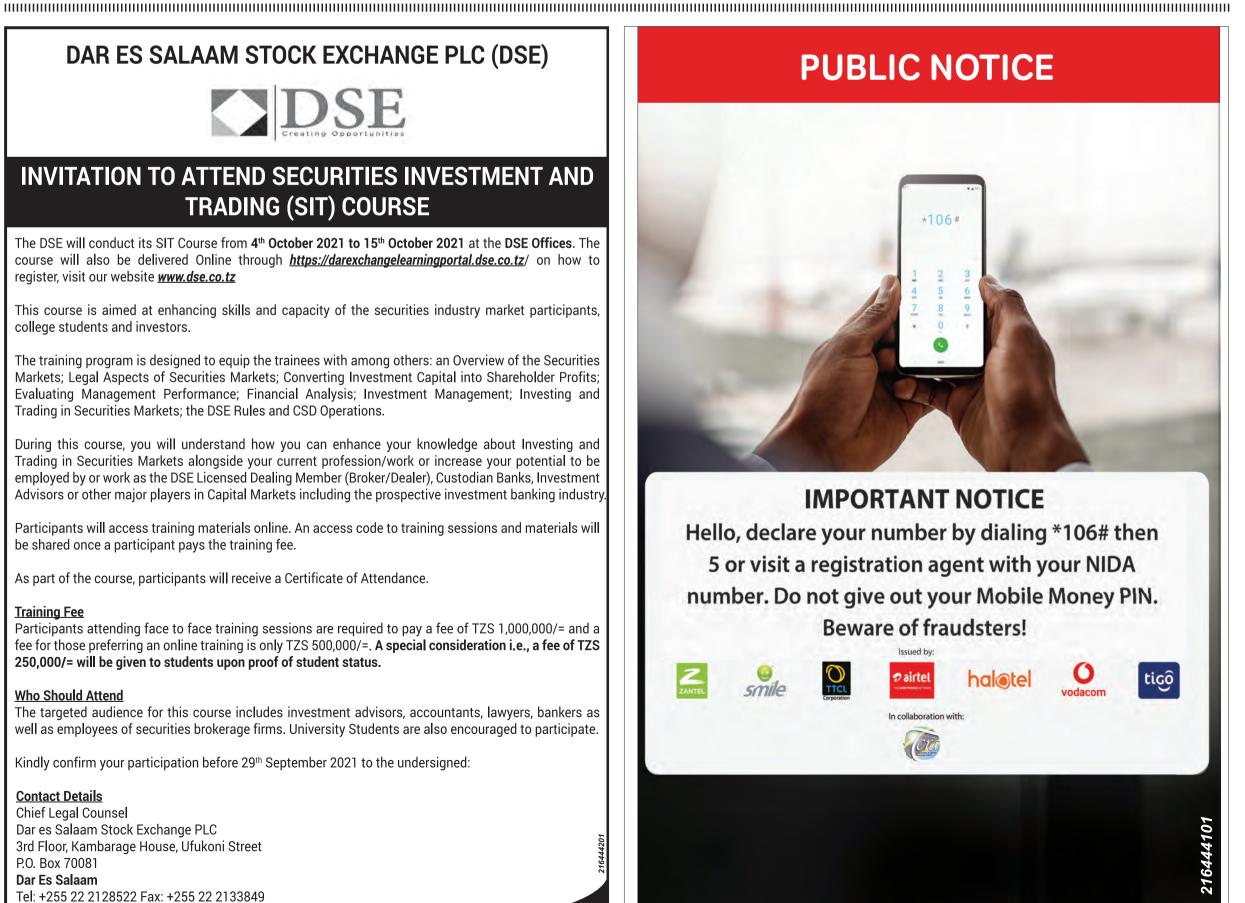
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No easy answers in getting fair terms in tanzanite trade

gemstones and boost its value and pricing in international markets, which have some legroom to put into effect but don't promise much. President Samia Suluhu Hassan was lately urging on restraints on offloading tanzanite mined at Mirerani in Manyara region, wishing that dealers take control of supplying the rare mineral in the market, so as to boost its demand and thusits prce in international markets. Quite reasonable, but the agency is unreliable.

The idea of restraining producers of first buyers (dealers) not to offload produce into the market is not just a sound idea for minerals but also for grain trade, and virtually any other commodity so long as the supplier has a grip on the market. Tanzania has a grip on the market as a sole supplier but does not have an agent who can actually hold the minerals to either follow or as some may wish, dictate prices in the world market. Even with a walled compound at Mirerani, there is no single buyer whose interest is to hoard the minerals until there are better prices; past experience doesn't augur well to create such

In the earl7y 1990s even gold was being wholly purchased by the central bank, and soon people were pushing fake gold into its faults, definitely with inside knowledge, and the state dropped the business. There are similarities between the gold trade at that time and tanzanite trade at present, and to his credit, fifth phase president the late Dr John Magufuli once wondered if we can't keep our reserves in actual gold mined in Tanzania, not having

EW methods are being to worry about an account held initiated to control the in US dollars. Except for tradition, supply of tanzanite there is no reason why tanzanite or diamonds would not play the same role, but we need revenues rather quickly.

If the country, or rather the central bank would have problems hoarding gold, tanzanite or diamonds too wait for better days in the market - as the global market could just ignore that source and continue with business. as if sanctions had been imposed upon us - individual businessmen are at a greater disadvantage to try and hoard the item. The first impediment is the need for cash for other purposes just as it is the case for the central bank, while another is playing the game of someone else - you keep your supplies and he gets a better prices; you bring it back, the price level goes back to normal. As they say, 'work done zero.'

When it comes to individual agents or for that matter miners, the logic of competition works in that sphere as well, along with another understated dimension, opportunity cost in hoarding gemstones, as security risks are heightened if rascals learn that gemstones worth millions of dollars are stashed in a private residence or office. Only banks or probably the central bank can be said to be equipped for such purposes, in which case appealing to dealers or miners (the bigger ones like Tanzanite One for instance) is risky, if salivating. And since we also enjoy low market prices in smart phones etc, let's not be tempted.

We pay too much attention to natural resources instead of reforming land ownership, invite vast amounts of capital, to purchase manufacturing entities to make Tanzania not just a hub for the region, but the Near East as well.

Hosting Africa WTO jamboree good for our tourism industry

limelight in the country and across the region as preparations start for hosting global tourism investors wishing to attend the 65th UNWTO Commission for Africa Meeting in Arusha late next year. all roads will be leading to Arusha when global investors in the travel and tourism industry along with ministers of tourism from African Union member states are expected to turn up. Yet for many such events there is a preemptive note of caution these days, that if everything goes well, or as planned.

The reason is that while we debate about Covid-19 inoculation, other countries are rolling out a third jab campaign as newer variants of the coronavirus get trickier. While the world is still smarting from the Delta variant apparently noticed in India at midyear, medical reports flashing cable news networks late last week were talking about a new strain C-12 that has been singled in South Africa and is said to be more virulent than the Delta variant. Many important events are held in video conference these days.

doesn't hold back That preparations altogether for the 65th United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Commission for Africa Meeting 2022, which Tanzania has been chosen to host in October next year. Affirmations from the Tanzanian Embassy in Paris report that endorsing Tanzania's application to host the 65th session was passed during the recently held 64th meeting of the UNWTO commission for Africa held in Sal Island of Cabo Verde, at the start of this month. Indeed, it can also be said that our newly rediscovered openness to international business and regional cooperation, plus the rising stature of the country's tourism

OURISM shall neon the attractions in world markets, make Tanzania above average candidate for the meet.

In that case, whether or not a total of 54 tourism ministers from African Union member states will be around, to exchange ideas with global stakeholders (vaccination passports now being used more widely) what matters is our own preparedness. For decades we have seen such events merely in terms of what is called 'conference tourism,' but we are learning that business tourism is more paying and lasting in memory and achievement.

We have for instance started to seek investors in conservation, where we still need to discuss if we are offering the right products, by out sourcing the maintenance or development of 'pariah' conservation areas. The most interested parties are likely to wish to get into the key destinations.

For instance even at the time of the Cape Verde ministerial meeting, the Tanzanian delegation led by minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro did not have a big agenda to push, other than to get Tanzania elected to the UNWTO Program and Budget Committee.. With greater openness to the private sector in several key conservation areas it could orchestrate new conservation financing with clear accountability, for instance what to do about elephant overpopulation in various areas. Indeed, only when we have numerous foreign stakeholders on our hunting areas and game parks can the dream of two million overseas tourists by the year 2025 or slightly later be realised.

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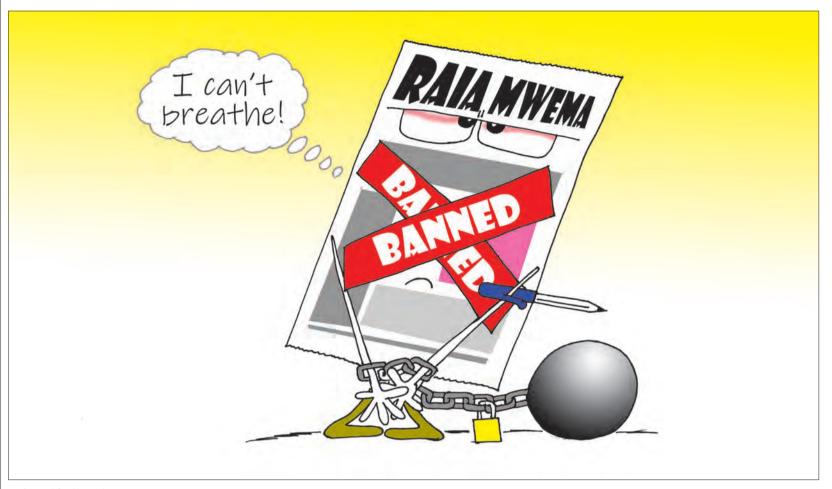
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By Sharmi Surianarain

Obuild resilience in young women's employment, we must help them get resilient jobs. This means focusing employment interventions on growth sectors that already employ large numbers of women and dismantling the barriers that lock women out of other well-paid, secure sectors of the economy.

Eighteen months into the COVID-19 pandemic, where do young women stand? While governments and societies often say they are protecting their women and children in crisis, the Covid-19 pandemic has revealed that our systems are often designed to do exactly the opposite. Triply disadvantaged, women been the most exposed, the least protected, and the overwhelming bearers of extra burdens.

First, women have borne the brunt of pandemic-related job losses, in part because of the types of jobs they hold - informal, temporary and insecure. Large numbers work in community, social and personal services, wholesale and retail, and in private homes, all of which have been deeply affected by the crisis. As the economy opens back up, the data shows that young women are returning in even greater concentrations to the same key industries for employment. Without structural incentives that push women towards less precarious roles, women are in danger of "building back worse" - to even greater volatility in employment.

On top of this, the systems designed to offer income protection

Employment intervention: How to keep young women from being left way behind did not sufficiently "catch" women sapped young women's time, but creates paid work and enables it.

as they were falling out of the labour market. Given that women shouldered the brunt of job losses, you might expect they would be the majority of recipients of government grants for the unemployed during this period.

Yet. women underrepresented as recipients of both the unemployment insurance fund (UIF) and of the Covid-19 Social Relief Distress Grant (SRD). Because of the nature of their work, many women weren't even registered in the UIF system.

And while the Covid grant did not require UIF registration, it too ended up excluding women because of the claiming a child support grant (95 pc of whom are women) could not apply– akin to refusing someone a life jacket because her child already has one. As a result, two-thirds of those who received the SRD grant in June 2020 were men, even though two-thirds of those who lost employment between February and April 2020 were women.

Cut off from work and shut out of income support, tens of thousands of desperate young women found themselves at home with young children or siblings, shouldering the burden of caring for and feeding them. The gender imbalance in unpaid care work is not unique to South Africa. The extra burden of childcare and demands of homeschooling disproportionately

also reduced access to digital devices, which are particularly vital to job-seeking, online education, and informally-earned household income.

As a result of these intersecting factors, women's return to the workforce lags behind men. The latest data shows that while men's employment in South Africa has returned to pre-pandemic levels, women's employment remains 8% lower. Without action, this lag threatens to wipe out years of efforts to level the economic playing field for women.

What can be done? The government, civil society and eligibility criteria that meant anyone the private sector have started to recognise and respond to women's triple-bind and there are positive signals among the data: stimulus spending has had a positive impact on women, at least 59% of recipients in programmes that created jobs were for women, and at 97 pc for youth. For every R1 spent on the government's employment stimulus programme, 69c were used to benefit women.

The eligibility criteria for the SRD grant is also expected to include caregivers, when the programme is extended this year. And as schools and daycare programmes reopen and attendance bounces back almost to pre-pandemic levels, the early childhood sector is being reappraised as a form of investable economic infrastructure that both

These are positive developments, but they are not enough: to build resilience in young women's employment, we must help them get resilient jobs. This means focusing employment interventions on growth sectors that already employ large numbers of women and dismantling the barriers that lock women out of other well-paid, secure sectors of the economy. One example is Harambee's partnership with CallForce and Vumatel in Soweto, creating township-based work-from-home opportunities for women in global business services.

We already know how to do this: we've seen that when sectors intentionally organise themselves to do so, they can create jobs and fill them with young people. A case in point: the plumbing sector, where the industry is establishing new qualification pathways and lower barriers to women. The result: more than 50% of the enrollees in these new programmes are women, and employers report that they perform as well as or better than their male

We have spent much of Women's Month celebrating the pioneers of women's access to education, freedom of movement and decent work. As it draws to a close, we must remain alert to the pandemic's risk in jeopardising those gains, and we must recommit to programmes and policies proven to accelerate women's economic equality.

The three major challenges facing Zambia's president

By Neo Simutanyi

RESIDENT Hichilema (left) of Zambia with his newly-appointed Finance Minister Situmbeko Musokotwane. Credit: Hakainde Hichilema.

Hakainde Hichilema's recent landslide victory in Zambia confounded expectations that ruling parties will always be able to successfully manipulate elections. The opposition leader didn't just defeat the incumbent but won with 59% to Edgar Lungu's 38.7%.

It is easy to assume that this outcome was the result of a supremely effective campaign by the opposition United Party for National Development (UPND). But the vote was perhaps more a reflection of other factors. After ten years in government, the majority of people had become disgruntled with the Patriotic Front (PF), which had come to be seen as ineffective

The government had left the economy in a dire state, with debt

unemployment high, and the cost of living rising. And President Lungu had become increasingly unpopular, including by running for a third term, and picking a similarly unliked running mate in Nkandu Luo.

These factors drove a high voter turnout of 71% as Zambians, including many first-time voters, went to the ballot box on 12 August to vote for change in both areas perceived to be UPND and PF strongholds. In his acceptance speech, Hichilema assured the nation that he would bring such change as he repeated his campaign promises to grow the economy, create jobs, restore respect for the rule of law, improve investor confidence and fix the mining sector. On 24 August, he was sworn-in as Zambia's seventh president.

President Hichilema faces three key challenges in fulfilling his

The first is to assemble a strong team of ministers to steer the functions of state and superintend over various ministries. He has

vowed to appoint a lean cabinet, but one that is representative of all Zambia's ten provinces. This is taking longer to do than expected. So far, just one cabinet minister the minister of finance - has been appointed, raising concerns as to whether it is constitutional for a single minister to function without a cabinet. Hichilema's challenge is compounded by the fact that he is also reducing the size of the cabinet from the previous 30 ministers in order to save public funds.

The main difficulty facing Hichilema is in balancing the myriad of competing interests that helped him come to power. Within the UPND alone, he has to contend with four factions: the founding members known as the Anderson Mazoka faction; the group that has supported his leadership since 2006; the former members of the Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD) party that have backed his presidential bids since 2015; and the eight smaller parties that joined the opposition alliance ahead of the 2021 elections.

As it is, there is already a perception the MMD grouping has an upper hand, as the vice president and the minister of finance come from that faction. In addition to these groups, there are women and youth, who believe they were decisive in the UPND's victory and ought to be well represented.

The second challenge arises from the state of the public institutions he inherits. In his inaugural address, Hichilema promised to restore the rule of law and the protection of human rights, both of which had been eroded to a point that Zambian citizens lived in fear.

To achieve this, he has granted law enforcement and investigative agencies autonomy to discharge their functions without the requirement of presidential oversight or approval. This is a promising move, but given their decay over many years, there will be an urgent need for institutional reform to ensure these institutions play their rightful role in preserving the rights of citizens and enforcing the law.







REQUEST FOR TENDER UNDERGROUND DIAMOND CORE DRILLING

North Mara Gold Mine, 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 Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified and qualified parties to provide the following services:

Underground and Surface Diamond Core Drilling

Pre-qualification criteria

- (1) At least 10-years' drilling experience in the mining industry.
- (2) Ability to demonstrate track record and evidence/references for at least 3 similar prior successful projects on any mine.
- (3) At least 5-years underground drilling experience in the mining industry. (4) Experienced key personnel to be assigned to the project.
- (5) Proven HSE record over the past 5 years.
- (6) Proven ability to be able to capitalise first life, Tier One OEM drilling and support equipment.
- (7) Ability to demonstrate provision of a minimum of 5 underground drill rigs and 5 surface drill rigs for the intended scope of work.
- (8) Proven ability to successfully provide and complete underground grouting operations.

Expression of interest

If your company meets the pre-qualification criteria and would like to be considered to receive the invitation to tender (ITT), an expression of interest (EOI) including your company profile and evidence of compliance with pre-qualification criteria may be submitted to nm.proposal@barrick.com.

Applicants must quote the reference "Diamond Core Drilling" in the subject line of the email.

Key Dates

Last date to submit EOI

September 10, 2021

North Mara Gold Mine Limited





REQUEST FOR QUOTATION 18,000Lt Fuel Bowser

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Iveco Trakker complete with tank and accessories

- 1 x 18000Lt mild steel tank segmented into tree +-6000Lt compartments c/w Fulcrum covers and access stairway with fold-down hand-railing
- 65mm dry break bottom fill valve
- Pneumatic emergency bottom shut-off valves
- Domex 700 Sub frame
- Platform for the hose reels, meter and filter bank
- Work lights at the rear of the vehicle, which will be switched on from inside the cabin
- Twin LED strobe lights fitted to cabin switched from inside the cabin

Hydraulic drive system

- Complete hydraulic drive system with, 175Lt hydraulic tank
- Suction strainer
- PTO pump
- System pressure relieve valve
- Return filter and all related piping

Fuel dispensing function

- -+250Lpm Diesel dispensing function complete with hydraulically driven, diesel pump.
- 1 1/2" spring retractable hose reel complete with 15m, 1 1/2" R1 Hose
- A250 dispensing nozzle which will be situated at the side of the vehicle.
- 2" Mechanical vane meter with totalizer and resettable trip meter with pulse meter output for the fuel management system
- Burkert solenoid valve for fuel management system (Burkert Type 6281)
- Donaldson filtration HMK25 complete with two bulk fuel filter, spin-on, Donaldson Blue

Ancillary equipment

- Earth Reel
- Reflective tape to SABS. (Yellow sides, Red rear, White front of the vehicle)
- HAZCHEM signage.
- Hazmat DANGEROUS GOODS spill kit.
- Document holder in cab.
- Galvanised brackets and placards.
- 3 x No smoking, No naked flame, No cell phone.
- Orange diamond in front of cab including bracket.
- Signage and Labelling
- Chock blocks with mounting brackets
- Mud flaps
- 2.5Kg fire extinguisher and bracket in CAB
- Two x 9Kg ABC type fire extinguishers and transport brackets on sides of vehicle
- · Reverse Buzzer

Submission of Quotes

Please submit your quotes via email to nm.proposal@barrick.com. The reference "Fuel Bowser" must be quoted in the subject line of the email.

NB: The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit a quote through this advertisement.

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· Last date to submit quotes September 10, 2021

North Mara Gold Mine Limited





REQUEST FOR TENDER

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF CLEAR VU FENCE, GALLAGHER ELECTRIC FENCE AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

North Mara Gold Mine, is 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 Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified and qualified parties to provide the following services:

Supply and Install Clear VU Fence, Electric Fences and Surveillance **Cameras for Gena Pit**

Pre-qualification Criteria

- (1) At least 4-years' experience in the supply and installation of electric fence equipment in the mining industry.
- Ability to demonstrate track record and evidence/references of at least 3 similar prior successful projects on any mine. Experienced key personnel to be assigned to the project. (4) At least one Gallagher
- Certified Technician. At least one SeMsy Certified Personnel.
- Atleast one certified personnel in Babylon System.

Expression of Interest

If your company meets the pre-qualification criteria and would like to be considered to receive the invitation to tender (ITT), an expression of interest (EOI) including your company profile and evidence of compliance with pre-qualification criteria may be submitted to nm.proposal@barrick.com.

Applicants must quote the reference "Supply and Installation of Clear Vu Fence, Gallagher Electric Fence and Surveillance System" in the subject line of your email.

Key Dates

Last date to submit EOI

September 10, 2021

North Mara Gold Mine Limited



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BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest from qualifying parties

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited (BGML) is a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation. Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Site is located 45km south of Lake Victoria, in the Kahama District of Shinyanga Region, northern Tanzania. There are road accesses to the mine from Mwanza, 127km to the northeast and from the town of Kahama, 84km to the south

BGML, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable, experienced and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the below goods/service packages.

No.	Reference no.	Description of goods to be procured		Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-21-08-05	Portland Cement CEM I 42.5N	i.	Company profile with proven experience in cement manufacturing.
			ii.	Relevant licences/consents/permits/government
2	BUL-21-08-06	Portland Cement CEM II 42.5N		approvals;
			iii.	Local ownership percentage (Local Content);
			iv.	Quality;
			v.	Cost of the goods;
			vi.	Lead time;
			vii.	Guarantee/Warranty time frames;
			viii.	Price Competitiveness; and
			ix.	Proven ability to supply large volumes on a daily basis

The above goods are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable prequalified and experienced manufactures of the above specified goods shall be invited to receive the tender documents. Please submit an "Expression of Interest" (EOI) on your company's letterhead If your company qualify as per the pre-qualification criteria together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Company profile(s) with tracked experience in cement manufacturing;
- · Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business licence, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.; Summary of Court proceedings (pending and completed), Court Judgements and/or insolvency / bankruptcy proceedings, if any, during the last 3 years;
- A written statement indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018; Applicable certification, accreditation and affiliated registrations as required;
- Indicate the above Reference number and description on your Expression of interest submission;
- Bulyanhulu and TCL Services Limited reserve the right to invite any other supplier/s which did not submit an EOI submission; TCL Services Limited acts as the procurement partner for Bulyanhulu and will manage the purchase process between the chosen supplier and Bulyanhulu;
- TCL Services Limited will be responsible for the execution and implementation of the procurement process with shortlisted companies.

Kindly send your response by email to bulytender@barrick.com by latest close of business on the 10th September 2021. Any responses received after this date will not be considered. Please quote reference number in the subject line of your email.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of Bulyanhulu and TCL Services Limited.

For and on behalf of BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED

Taliban's quest for legitimacy – and a seat at the United Nations

UNITED NATIONS

HEN the Taliban captured power back in 1996, one of its first political acts was to hang the ousted Afghan President Mohammed Najibullah in Ariana Square

The newly-installed government played a triple role: judge, jury and hangman, all three rolled into one.

Fast forward to August 15, when the Taliban, in its second coming, assumed power ousting the US-supported government of Ashraf Ghani, a former official of the World Bank, armed with a doctorate in anthropology from one of the most prestigious Ivy League educational institutions: Columbia University.

In a Facebook posting, Ghani said he fled to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) seeking safe haven because he "was going to be hanged" by the Taliban.

If that did happen, the Taliban would have earned the dubious distinction of being the only government in the world to hang two presidents. But mercifully, it

Ghani, however, denied that he had bolted from the presidential palace lugging several suitcases with millions of dollars pilfered from the country's treasury.

Meanwhile, when the Taliban ruled Afghanistan during 1996-2001, only three countries recognized its legitimacy: Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and UAE.

But now 20 years later, the first four countries most likely to provide legitimacy to a Taliban government may include China and Russia (two permanent members of the Security Council), along with Iran and Pakistan, while others could follow. At a meeting of the 15-member Security Council on

August 30, a resolution condemning the "deplorable" terrorist attack on the Kabul airport, was backed by 13 countries, with two abstentions: China and Russia. But since they didn't exercise their vetoes, the resolution was adopted 13-2.

Predictably, Taliban has now pledged a new era and a promise to cooperate with the Americans, perhaps as part of a strategy to gain international legitimacy- and eventually a seat in the UN General Assembly, a seat now held by the ousted Ghani government.

Still, its sordid past-including public floggings and executions, enforced disappearances and violations of basic civil liberties-may come back to haunt the Tali-

Dr. Simon Adams, Executive Director of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), told IPS there is no evidence that Taliban version 2.0 will be any different from the original Taliban, despite their attempts to convince the world that this time around they will be more user-friendly.

For decades, he pointed out, the Taliban have been responsible for war crimes, and when they last ruled Afghanistan, they perpetrated crimes against humanity.

Last time they were in government, Taliban forces systematically persecuted the country's vulnerable Hazara minority and stripped millions of women and girls of their universal human rights. The Taliban have not changed, he argued.

Beyond the glare of TV cameras and press conferences, Taliban fighters are already carrying out summary executions and evidence has already emerged of a recent massacre of Hazara men, said Dr Adams.

As an armed extremist group, as perpetrators of atrocities and as a state power, the Taliban stand in direct opposition to everything that the United Nations stands for.

"They belong in handcuffs, not sitting in the UN General Assembly hall", he declared.

James M. Dorsey, Senior Fellow at the National University of Singapore's Middle East Institute, told IPS there is no doubt that the Taliban will claim Afghanistan's UN seat once they form a government.

They cannot do so before that. In terms of the International Criminal Court (ICC), there is equally no doubt that the Taliban have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity.

"The problem is they are in good company: China, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, just to name a few".

"Why the Taliban and not also others?, asked Dorsey, author of the syndicated column and blog, The Turbulent World of Middle East Soccer

Asked why the US wants to deal with a Taliban government that is not legally recognized by Washington, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken said the US has been "engaged with the Taliban for some time diplomatically going back years in efforts, to try to advance a peaceful settlement of the conflict in Afghanistan".

"Going forward, we will judge our engagement with any Taliban-led govern-



UN Secretary-General António Guterres briefs an emergency Security Council meeting on the situation in Afghanistan. "The world is watching. We cannot and must not abandon the people of Afghanistan," he implored. Credit: UN Photo/Manuel Elías

ment in Afghanistan based on one simple proposition: our interests, and does it help us advance them or not?".

"If engagement with the government can advance the enduring interests we will have in counterterrorism, the enduring interest we'll have in trying to help the Afghan people who need humanitarian assistance, in the enduring interest we have in seeing that the rights of all Afghans, especially women and girls, are upheld, then we'll do it,' said Blinken, leaving the door open for a political relationship with the Taliban government.

He said if a future Taliban government upholds the basic rights of the Afghan people, if it makes good on its commitments to ensure that Afghanistan can-

not be used as a launching pad for terrorist attacks "directed against us and our allies and partners, and in the first instance, if it makes good on its commitments to allow people who want to leave Afghanistan to leave, that's a government we can work with"

"If it doesn't, we will make sure that we use every appropriate tool at our disposal to isolate that government, and as I said before, Afghanistan will be a pariah," he declared.

Samir Sanbar, a former UN Assistant Secretary-General, who served under five different secretaries-generals, told IPS: "I do not recall (the former) Taliban government seeking recognition or claiming a seat during the 1996 General Assembly session, attended by U.S. President Bill Clinton".

But he did remember the former Permanent Representative of Afghanistan seeking a U.N. job.

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"If the Taliban decides to claim the Afghan seat, the UN's Credentials Committee will have to review that claim".

Sanbar said the Taliban delegation would also need U.S. visas to visit New York, which would require the blessings of the Biden administration.

He also pointed that the UAE may not recognize the current Taliban, as it did in 1996, because it is now hosting the ousted Afghan President Ashraf Ghani.

Sanbar said it will be interesting to watch what happens at the upcoming 76th session of the General Assembly which opens on September 21. **IPS**

Cameroon looks to traditional medicine to fight coronavirus spread

YAOUNDE

about COVID-19 patients with traditional medicine since coronavirus pandemic broke out in Cameroon last year.

Days after the outbreak, his colleague was infected with COVID-19."We watched helplessly how he was about dying in our presence," said the 51-year-old cardiologist and research-

Mfopou thought of his dream and set out to look for a herbal solution to heal his colleague. Later, he found a local plant called thymus vulgaris. The plant contains molecules and antiretroviral drugs that moderate the immune system.

The doctor, who already

then processed them mechanically to obtain concentrated powder. He then administered the solution on his colleague orally in form of tea with antibiotics as complement.

"Three days after he was cured, his temperature dropped and the fever stopped," Mfopou told Xinhua at his medical facility in Yaounde where patients now come to consult and take the treatment.

Mfopou named the drug Corocur, which means coronavirus cure.In May, National Medical Commission which is responsible for examining applications for the approval of pharmaceutical products in Cameroon, tested and declared

has two patents for inven- Corocur fit to be used to tions, extracted the leaves ward off the coronavirus ULOGE Yiagnigni and branches of the plants, pandemic which has so far Mfopou has a re- dried them in good condi- killed more than 1,350 and dream tion to kill bacteria and infected some 84,210 in the Central African nation.

> The product will be in use for a period of three years, according to the country's Ministry of Public health. "It is (Corocur) effective for more than 97.3 percent. It is both preventive and curative. We have treated more than 2,000 patients since April 2020," said Mfoupou.

> Among those treated with the traditional medicine is David Kuate who was infected with COVID-19 and almost lost his life.

"After two days (of taking Corocur) the fever reduced and on the third day I was in good shape completely. Corocur is a special adjuvant and we are very pleased that this discovery was done in Cameroon,"



A health worker wearing protective equipment, disinfects a member of medical staff amid the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), at an hospital in Douala, Cameroon, File

said the 33-year-old health

Corocur is among four such traditional medicines approved by the Cameroonian government and are already on the national list of essential drugs and sold in shops to treat coronavi-

Cameroon wants to promote the use of the traditional medicine, which has long played a role for

might cure other diseases

indigenous communities that like cancer and HIV that do not have a solution

proval, said Salihou Sadou, Director of Pharmacy, Medicine and Laboratories in the Ministry of Public Health. He said, combining herbal medicine with conven-

Its scientists test the heal-

throughout the country.

tional medicine has helped the country deal with the outbreak of the pandemic.

"With COVID-19, we have come to know that we can have more solutions from our indigenous sources than what is coming from abroad. Africa has a lot of plants that are still unexploited," Sadou told Xinhua.

"And we believe that with this opening, other people will be encouraged to do more research and to discover more plants that

yet."

ers' methods thoroughly In many places in Camand give them a seal of aperoon, the use of conventional medicine is still dominant, but the government is resolute to tout treating patients with alternative medicine from traditional sources. "Less than one percent of medicines from traditional sources are commercialized in Cameroon and modern medicine more than 90 percent. We are trying to invest in this course in such a way that by next year Cameroon-manufactured or local drugs will increase. We encourage all trade-practitioners to work harder," Sadou said.For Mfoupou, Corocur is a dream-come-true, but he hopes to enhance his research to make more discoveries in the medical field.

Xinhua

Rescuers pull villagers from flood waters in Xingyang city in Ching's Henan Province. TIME PROGRAMME

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Media policies' formulation key in reforming gender sensitive reporting in Z'bar, study says

By Guardian Reporter

BUILDING egalitarian societies is one of the priorities of modern democratic states and the mass media must play a unique and pivotal role in the shaping of a society where men and women would enjoy equal rights as well as raising women's political awareness is utmost important if talk goes on creation of an egalitarian society.

society is very important for being successful in all the mentioned promote and expedite the reforms in progress, or, on the contrary, it can hamper their implementation.

Based on national offi-Zanzibar public offices to a great extent remain sidelined from the structures of governance that determine political and governmental priorities.

The proportion of women politicians is lower, whereby in the women parliament, hold 37 percent. The proportion of women heads of public offices is considerably very low, standing at less than 10 percent in 2020.

These figures leave no doubt that, despite recent progress, the challenge remains where women remain underrepresented in national and local decision-making process.

In addressing these challenges, the Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA) in Zanzibar in partnership with Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA), and Pemba Environmental Gender and Advocacy Organization (PEGAO) with the support from Royal Norwegian Embassy is working on Strengthening Women in Leadership in Zanzibar' (SWIL). The project seeks to build and reinforce progress already made on gender equality and women's leadership in the Islands.

SWIL Project targets the 'leadership' development of women as individuals and as a group, to work together to address women's leadership and gender equality issues, and to enhance their leadership competence.

In making the project TAMWAsuccessful, Zanzibar carried out a comparative content analysis of the print media and broadcasting outlets coverage of Zanzibar women and male politicians.

The analysis helps TAMWA Zanzibar as well as media institutions to identify gaps in addressing SWIL's critical issues and promoting women politicians to better address their interests, concerns and course of action in line with SWIL.

It also examines how to frame certain messages relevant to media responsibilities visa-vie female politicians' interests and concerns in Zanzibar and looking critically to improve an existing coverage of all key issues regarding



Tamwa Zanzibar director Dr Mzuri Issa

It also seeks to explore the role the media plays in Zanzibar politics, by looking The media's role in into the way women and male politicians are covered using a gendered frame. Therefore, the coverage of male and female politicians received in selected spheres. The media can print, broadcasting news outlets were compared, to determine whether female politicians in Zanzibar receive equal coverage as their male counterparts, where quantity, quality and prominence are concerned.

The research analyzed the amount of cial statistics, women in coverage given to Zanzibar women versus men politicians by the local news print and broadcasting outlets in terms of quantity and quality in the period between November and December 2020.

The research expectations include gender bias in the amount and type of media coverage politicians receive is an important topic, as present-day politics is strongly mediatized and voters rely almost exclusively on the media as their source of political information.

The research established that women politicians received less coverage compared their counterparts; thus, the media plays a discriminatory coverage on women politicians. The practice hurts the electoral chances for women candidates and threatens the political length of service of sitting women politicians.

Since, very little research was done on the media's involvement in strengthening women in leadership in Zanzibar; hence the study intended to expose challenges that women in Zanzibar continue to face while striving to participate in

Given the findings of the study, the problem of media bias against women politicians in Zanzibar is noticeable and critical to consensus. Accordingly, the findings of the study provided the opportunity to make valuable contributions in addressing gender equality issue within the media. In that context, the restructuring of gender equality issue within the media is an essential part of Zanzibar's democracy and the media must play pivotal role by ensuring that female politicians are fairly represent equally.

The study recommended the need for formulation of media policies aimed at streamlining gender sensitive writing and reporting. According to the study, the media is highly patriarchal; hence there is a need to be reformed to ensure that women politicians get fair coverage as compared to men.

The study, which was sampled on two newspapers in the Indian Ocean archipelago, has revealed that little attention was given to coverage of Zanzibar women politicians.

"For a period of almost two months no story recorded that directly covered women politicians in Zanzibar," the report reads.

The report also concluded that female politicians were three times less likely to receive coverage on gender issues, health and education issues compared to their male counterparts.

Several empirical studies on media analysis had proved that male politicians by far outnumber their female counterparts and this is the main reason why the males make the news more.

Besides, the study suggests that there is media bias that increases as female candidates move up the political ladder; it is still a fairly gray area for political communications, gender and political studies.

It gives a starting point for further research by raising new questions about gendered coverage such as whether there would be a difference in male versus female issues for women who did not serve in positions that leaned one way or the other.



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BID INVITATION TO SUPPLY ONE (1) OFFICE VEHICLE

Contracting Authority: Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) Tender number: THRDC/OFFV/1/2021 (The tender number should be indicated in the application)

Tenders are to be returned in a sealed envelope marked: Bid to supply one (1) office

The National Coordinator,

Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition,

Email: info@thrdc.or.tz

P.O Box 105926, Kinondoni, Dar es Salaam.

Deadline for submission: All tenderers must submit their applications within the fifteen (15) days after the date of the advertisement. No hand delivered, emails application will be accepted, all applications should be sent through the address above. Address to be printed on the bid envelope. The tender will be opened five (5) days after the

Below is a detailed general description of the vehicle THRDC is intending to purchase:

bid deadline; however, it may be communicated otherwise by the contracting authority.

TOYOTA LAND CRUISER PRADO OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR CAR

Model code: (Please indicate in your application)

Mileage: Below 70,000 km

Year: 2004 or later Engine: 2500-3000cc

Dimension: according to a car type (please indicate in your application)

Dimension (Interior): according to a car type (please indicate in your application)

Transmission type: Automatic

Drive train: 4WD

Body Type: Suburban Utility Vehicle

Steering: Right Fuel: Petrol/Diesel

Seats: 7

Color: White/Black

Doors: 5

Riding Capacity: 5 Country of origin: Japan

All bidders should also indicate any other customers benefits accompanied with their service including comprehensive vehicle maintenance plan and time. THRDC has the right to reject any or all the bids depending on the prevailing circumstances.

The price for the requested vehicle should include all associated fees and taxes.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Director, Communications - Tanzania Public Sector Systems Strengthening Plus Activity (PS3+)

Job Description

Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania

Job Identification: 100715

Job Category: **Business Operations**

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Abt Associates, a mission-driven, global leader in research implementation program international development, seeks an communications expert to serve as Director of Communications on the USAID/Tanzania Public Sector Systems Strengthening Plus Activity (PS3+). PS3+ aims to institutionalize public systems for the for the Government of Tanzania (GOT) that respond to citizens' needs for quality services at the local level, particularly for underserved populations. The project provides technical assistance to government partners including the President's Office for Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and line ministries in mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar to enable evidence-based, inclusive planning and management services: public improved governance to promote citizen engagement and social accountability; and more efficient collection and use of financial resources. This large, complex, and integrated project works at all levels of government, across several sectors, including health, nutrition, social welfare, education, and agriculture.

The Director of Communications will report to the project Deputy Chief of Party and will lead a small team.

Key Roles and Responsibilities

- · Finalize an internal and external communications strategy for PS3+.
- Lead and oversee production and submission of deliverables and products, communications including but not limited to, success stories, technical briefs, videos, and major presentations for external audiences.
- Collaborate with technical team members to generate original written content for project technical reports, other deliverables, external and communication products and to storyboard content multimedia materials produced by external firm.
- Oversee dissemination communication products to external audiences.
- Develop protocols and mechanisms for consistent with communications key external stakeholders about project accomplishments and to respond promptly to inquiries.
 - Contribute to limited technical

- assistance government partners in communications. including through presentations, training, or technical reviews.
- Maintain databases of project documents, project, and media contacts in coordination with technical teams.
- Liaise with USAD/Tanzania's Development Outreach Communication team to agree on communication products that PS3+ will be responsible for.
- Support editing of key project documents and deliverables.

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree required, master's degree preferred in field (journalism, relevant communications, public relations, marketing).
- Minimum 10 years of work experience, including at least two international years development. Experience with USAID-funded projects preferred.
- Strong English written and verbal communication skills, including writing and editing. Fluency in Swahili required.
- Demonstrated experience communications or public relations, including identifying compelling stories, connecting with diverse audiences, distilling technical language user-friendly formats, collaborating with production teams, and adhering to deadlines and short turn-around times.
- Excellent interpersonal, teamwork, organizational and mentoring skills.

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's Degree + Twelve years of relevant experience, or Master's Degree + Ten years of relevant experience, or PhD + Seven years of relevant experience

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'Each COVID-19 surge poses a risk for healthcare workers'

'URSE Chris Prott's knees jump, his heart races, his mouth goes dry and his mind floods with dark memories when he talks about working in the Milwaukee VA Medical Center's intensive care unit (ICU) during pandemic surges.

Prott shares a struggle common to many of the military veterans for whom he has cared for years: symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Prott was among a half dozen ICU staffers who told Reuters of symptoms such as waking from nightmares bathed in sweat; flashbacks to dying patients during the pandemic's fear-filled early days; flaring anger; and panic at the sound of medical alarms. Those whose symptoms last longer than one month and are severe enough to interfere with daily life can be diagnosed with PTSD.

The surging Delta variant is heaping on fresh trauma as the United States and other nations begin to study PTSD in health workers. Data already showed that US health workers were in crisis before COVID-19.

While PTSD is associated with combat, it can arise among civilians after natural disasters, abuse or other trauma. Health workers can be reluctant to equate their experience with that of returning soldiers.

"I feel like a schmuck calling it PTSD," Prott said. "It took me a long time to be able to talk to somebody because I see guys with real PTSD. What I've got going on, it's nothing of patients under each nurse's care.

in comparison, so you feel guilty for thinking that."

Psychiatrist Dr. Bessel van der Kolk knows better.

"On the surface, a nurse at your local hospital will not look like a guy coming back from Afghanistan," said the author of The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma. "But underneath it all, we have these core neurobiology-determined functions that are

Pre-pandemic studies showed that rates of PTSD in front-line health workers varied from 10 percent to 50 percent. The suicide rate among doctors was more than twice that of the general public.

The American Medical Association (AMA) has tapped a military psychologist and the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) National Center for PTSD to help it measure the pandemic's impact.

Texas Tech University Health Science Center psychiatry resident Dr. Huseyin Bayazit and researchers in his native Turkey surveyed 1,833

Turkish health workers last autumn. The results, presented in May at an American Psychiatric Association meeting, showed a PTSD rate of 49.5 percent among nonphysicians and 36 percent for doctors. Rates of suicidal thoughts increased as workers spent more time on COVID-19 units.

Unions want to mitigate trauma by setting national rules for the number



Health care workers attend to a patient with COVID-19 as they prepare to turn the 46 year old unvaccinated patient from his stomach onto his back at the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center in Tarzana, California on Sept 2, 2021. AFP

Workers say they should not have to pay for therapy, medication, and other interventions.

The AMA and other groups want more confidentiality for doctors who seek mental health services. Most ICU staff who discussed PTSD with Reuters requested anonymity for fear of repercussions at work.

New York's Mount Sinai Health System and Chicago's Rush University System for Health provide free, confidential mental health services.

Mount Sinai's new Center for Stress, Resilience, and Personal Growth offers a military-inspired "Battle Buddies" peer-support program for nurses. A chaplain from Rush's "Road Home" program for veterans runs a "post-traumatic growth" bereavement support group for ICU nurses.

The VA system provides no-cost, short-term mental health counseling through its employee assistance program. Many local VA facilities supplement those with spiritual counseling and crisis incident response teams, a spokesperson said.

'You have to deal with it'

About 5,000 US physicians quit every two years due to burnout, said Dr. Christine Sinsky, an AMA vice president. The annual cost is about US\$4.6 billion - including lost revenue from vacancies and recruitment expenses, she said.

Hospital survey results in March led the Department of Health and Human Services to warn "staffing shortages have affected patient care, and that exhaustion and trauma have taken a toll on staff's men-

Trauma surgeon Dr. Kari Jerge volunteered to work in a Phoenix COVID-19 ward during last winter's surge. She turned down substantially more pay to return to the ICU after the Delta variant surge.

Jerge encourages others to prioritize "self-preservation," but worries about the loss of expertise. "There is infinite value in a nurse who's been working in the ICU for 20 years and just has a gut feeling when something's going wrong with a patient," she said.

Nurse Pascaline Muhindura, 40, who cares for COVID-19 patients in Kansas City, Missouri, has advocated for health worker safety since losing a co-worker to the disease early in the pandemic.

"It keeps getting worse and worse. We are heading back to that place - that woke up those emotions again," said Muhindura, who added that many employers do not offer adequate insurance coverage for therapy.

An ICU fosters the kind of camaraderie forged in battle. A group of Southern California COVID-19 nurses got matching tattoos. Health workers commiserate over crying their way home after tough shifts, support each other on social media, and push colleagues to seek help. "There is nothing wrong with feeling this way," said VA nurse Prott. "You have to deal with it though."

China continues to pursue openness, enlarge 'pie' of win-win cooperation with rest of the world

By He Yin

NDER the theme of "Towards Digital Future and Service Driven Development", the 2021 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) kicked off in Beijing on Sept. 2. The event serves as a roomy platform through which countries can collectively advance service trade, provide market opportunities and development dividends for foreign countries, and infuse more confidence and vitality into world economic recovery.

Openness and cooperation in the service sector is becoming an increasingly important driver for development. The CIFTIS, an event hosted by China to share development opportunities with the entire world, pool wisdom, and facilitate extensive cooperation, has appealed to enterprises and organizations from across the world.

In his speech at the Global Trade in Services Summit of the 2020 CIFTIS last September, Chinese President Xi Jinping suggested working together to foster an open and inclusive environment for cooperation, unleash the power of innovation in driving cooperation forward and promote mutually beneficial cooperation, demonstrating China's breadth of vision and sense of responsibility in promoting the development of service trade and making the fruits of service trade growth accessible to all.



A venue for the 2021 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), which was scheduled from Sept. 2 to 7, at the Shougang Park, Shijingshan district, Beijing.

As the world's largest comprehensive exhibition in service trade, the CIFTIS has witnessed how the global trend toward winwin cooperation has continuously gained momentum. China has held the CIFTIS seven times, attracting more and more participants from the world and providing them with a platform to pursue win-win cooperation.

This year's CIFTIS has seen more participants and greater participation of foreign companies, with over 10,000 enterprises from 153 countries and regions having registered for the event.

Participants' huge enthusiasm for the CIFTIS reflects their recognition of China's bright economic prospects and the great importance they attach to China's market opportunities. As a major global player in service trade, China saw its value added of the service sector reach 29.6 trillion yuan (\$4.58 trillion) during the first half of the year.

Through the platform of the CIFTIS, companies in the world can take the express train of China's development, capture new business opportunities in service trade, and together fuel global service trade growth, said Jose Ricardo dos Santos Luz Junior, CEO of the international branch of Brazil's Group of Corporate Leaders in China.

In recent years, a new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation has sprouted, giving impetus to digital technologies, boosting in-depth integration of industries,

and sparking the vibrant growth of service economy.

Over the past year or so, services related to such fields as telemedicine, online education, sharing platform, collaboration system, and cross-border e-commerce have been widely used amid COV-ID-19 outbreaks, playing a significant role in stabilizing the economy of countries and promoting international anti-pandemic coop-

A special section for digital services has been added to this year's CIFTIS for the first time, bringing consumers closer to products and technologies featuring service innovation, especially new services catering to digital economy.

This year's CIFTIS also includes a thematic exhibition on health services for the first time. By showcasing scientific and technological achievements made in combating the virus, the exhibition is expected to inject new impetus into global cooperation in the fight against the pandemic.

The CIFTIS has signaled China's firm determination to open its door wider to the rest of the world.

In this age of economic globalization, countries share economic interdependency and intertwined interests like never before. Xi said in his speech at the 2020 CIFTIS, noting that treating each other with sincerity and pursuing shared benefits holds the key to state-tostate relations in today's world.

By building platforms including the CIFTIS and the China International Import Expo, China aims to promote policy exchange and experience-sharing, foster diverse partnerships with foreign governments, international organizations, business associations, and enterprises, and eventually make more fruits from practical cooperation benefit people in different countries, according to Xi.

Foreign government officials and scholars believe that the CIFTIS has allowed Chinese and foreign businesspeople to talk over and seek ways to mutually beneficial cooperation, promoted the cross-border flow of production factors and helped the world enjoy the dividends of China's opening-up and that China's steps toward further opening-up have shown the world the dawn of a victory against the virus and economic recovery.

It is believed that countries participating in the 2021 CIFTIS will continuously uphold openness and cooperation, forge greater synergy in growing trade in services, seek new ways and more areas of cooperation, and look for the widest possible converging interests in development to make the "pie" of win-win cooperation bigger and bigger and boost world economic recovery and development through the platform of the 2021 CIFTIS.

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Ministry following up developments at privatised TAHI hotels in Ngorongoro

By Smart Money Reporter

HE Natural Resources and Tourism ministry has said it is following up the performance of privatised properties under Tanzania Hotel Investments Limited amidst reports that one of them has been reposed by Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority.

Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Allan Kijazi said this week that he is consulting with relevant authorities to get details. "Let me get details and will come back to you," Dr Kijazi said.

The PS who is currently accompanying President Samia Suluhu Hassan who is shooting a branding with Royal Tour of the UK, said he will provide more information relating to the subject after getting feedback from NCAA. "I am travelling with the president currently, will give you details in due course," he said over the phone on Monday.

Reports said NCAA game rangers stormed Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge last week forcefully evicting employees of the investor, Mauritius based Hotels and Lodges Limited who acquired the property through privatization in 2004.

The NCAA's decision follows allegations that HLL had in recent days failed to operate the luxury lodge inside Ngorongoro Crater which hosts high profile visitors. "Our staff and management were forcefully evicted by NCAA game wardens without any notice last week contrary to the privatization agreement signed with Parastatal Sector Reform Commission," said one of the lodge's employees.

NCAA Director General, Dr Frank Manongi did not respond to text messages nor pick his mobile phone when called this week. When HLL bought TAHI's Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge, Seronera Wildlife Lodge, Lobo Wildlife Lodge and Lake Manyara Lodge, the investor had pledged to spend U\$20 million in upgrading and modernizing them.

HLL paid U\$28 million to PSRC to acquire the state owned lodges located in the Northern tourist enclave including Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater. Treasury Registrar's spokesperson Erick Mkuti recently said an audit exercise of all privatised enterprises was un-



Dr Allan Kijazi Permanent Secretary in the Natural Resources and Tourism ministry .

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"We will know the fate of the Tahi properties once the audit exercise is done," Mkuti said while pointing out that by mid this year, the TR's office had not

received any complaints relating to HLL and its prop-

erties.

President Samia has ordered her lieutenant to refrain harassing private investors and instead be facilitators saying the country needs to attract foreign capital to speed up economic growth and development projects. "Let us be facilitators of foreign investments, my government has decided to re-engage with the international community," President Samia said when she swore-in her cabinet earlier this year. She has often repeated her statement saying her government needs to be 'predictable.'

AU crafts guidelines for GM crops, activists raise alarm

ADDIS ABABA

THE African Union is developing guidelines for the use of genetically modified (GM) crops across the continent, officials said, amid criticism from campaigners that some policies favour big business and lack adequate public input.

Despite a concerted push by donor-funded schemes to expand the use of such crops in Africa, they have not been widely adopted by the millions of small-scale farmers that make up the backbone of the agricultural sector.

Only seven countries - South Africa, Sudan, eSwatini, Ethiopia, Malawi, Nigeria and Kenya - have approved the commercial production of GM crops, mainly insect-resistant cotton, the African Union (AU) wrote in a draft report on its proposed guidelines. "While very sensitive, GMs are already in Africa, and some countries... are using it at various stages," said Peace Mutuwa of the AU's agriculture and rural development unit.

She said the guidelines were to protect consumers and countries from unwitting consumption of GM products. "The food, feed and environmental safety controversy surrounding genetic engineering technology, in particular, makes continental guidelines extremely significant," said the draft AU report seen by Reuters.

Proponents of GMOs (genetically modified organisms) hope the guidelines will improve crop yields and food security, as farmers battle the effects of climate change. Without them, they say, Africa could struggle to feed a mushrooming population expected to nearly double to 2.5 billion by 2050.

However, some anti-GMO activ-

ists dispute the view that widespread hunger can be eliminated with modified crops, which they say often trap poor farmers into a debt cycle of buying unaffordable seeds and agro-chemicals.

"This is bad for African farmers. It really is just about the corporate infiltration of African agriculture and tapping the massive untapped market," said Frances Davies of the Zambian Alliance for Agroecology and Biodiversity.

The AU did not provide a timeline for when the guidelines would be published, or details about the process. Some activists said, though, that the plans were being finalised and could be sent to a October AU summit for possible adoption. A separate set of guidelines aims to promote the harmonisation of seed regulations across the continent, including on quality and intellectual property.



Global food commodity prices rebound in August

FAO Food Price Index

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ACCORDING to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), global food commodity prices rebounded rapidly in August after two consecutive months of decline, led by strong gains in the international price quotations

for sugar, wheat and vegetable oils.

The FAO Food Price Index averaged 127.4 points in August, up 3.1% from July and 32.9% from the same month in 2020. The index tracks monthly changes in the international prices of commonly traded food commodities.

The sugar price index rose by 9.6% from July, pushed up by concerns over frost damage to crops in Brazil, the world's largest sugar exporter. The increase was mitigated by good production prospects in India and

the European Union as well as by a decline in crude oil prices and a weakening of the Brazilian real.

The vegetable oil price index increased by 6.7% in August, with international palm oil prices reverting to historic highs due to protracted concerns over below-potential production and resulting inventory drawdowns in Malaysia. Quotations for rapeseed oil and sunflower oil also rose.

The cereal price index averaged 3.4% higher in August than July. World wheat prices jumped by 8.8% due to reduced harvest expectations in several major exporting countries. Maize prices, by contrast, declined 0.9% as improved production prospects in Argentina, the European Union and Ukraine moderated the lowered production forecasts in Brazil and the United States of America. International rice

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FAO food prices line graph.

prices remained on a downward trajectory. The meat price index edged up slightly in August, as strong purchases from China supported ovine and bovine meat prices and solid import demand from East Asia and the Middle East buoyed poultry prices. Pig meat prices, by contrast, fell due to China's continued decline in purchases and weak internal demand in Europe.

The dairy price index was down marginally from July, as international quotations for milk powders declined amid a weak global import demand and seasonally rising export availabilities in Oceania, more than offsetting rising butter and cheese prices. World cereal supplies remain adequate despite lower production prospects

Global cereal production in 2021 is forecast to reach 2,788 million tonnes, up by 0.7% from the year before but below July's expectations, according to FAO's new Cereal Supply and Demand Brief, also released today.

World wheat output is now expected to contract by 0.7% to 769.5 million tonnes this year, due predominantly to the negative impact of prolonged drought conditions in North America as well as adverse weather in Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation.

Global coarse grains output is

forecast to grow by 1.3% in 2021 to 1,499 million tonnes, even as production in Brazil is expected to contract. Global rice output is seen rising by 0.9% year-on-year to reach an all-time high of 519 million tonnes, buoyed by record yields reported for Viet Nam.

FAO now projects worldwide cereal utilisation in 2021/22 to rise by 1.4% from the previous marketing year to 2 809 million tonnes, supported by a strong growth in feed use as well as higher food consumption. The July forecast for global cereal stocks by the close of seasons in 2022 has been lowered to 809 million tonnes, a 0.9% drop from opening levels.

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Transport deputy minister lauds NIT for landing quality teaching facilities



Works and Transport deputy minister Mwita Waitara (C) admires training equipment for aircraft engineers at the National Institute of Transport's main campus in Dar es Salaam last week. Right is NIT's rector, Prof Zacharia Mganilwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

By Smart Money Reporter

EPUTY Minister for Works and Transport, Mwita Waitara has applauded National Institute of Transport for investing heavily in modern technology equipment that enhances high performance in training experts of various modes of transport.

Speaking shortly after his visit to NIT premises in Dar es Salaam last week, Waitara said the equipment at NIT is of high standards and meeting international professional requirements. The Deputy Minister who was on his first visit since his appointment earlier this year, said:

"I have visited some of the institutions that are under Ministry of Works and Transport including Bandari College, TEMESA workshop and others but the National Institute of Transport is doing a great job."

He added: "With this, I urge other Institutions under the ministry to come here to get better knowledge that makes NIT prosper. What the National Institute of Transport is currently doing, must be copied by other colleges."

The Deputy Minister further said Rector

that the government's strategic projects are being implemented and the state's expectation is to see local experts trained by institutions such as NIT take charge. "We are planning to begin trials for the high-speed train from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro in November this year, we are happy to see that the National Institute of Transport is also training railway transport personnel which means we will get sufficient manpower to run our SGR trains," he added.

He noted, "Apart from that, the government is also encouraging you to train aircraft engineers and pilots to work in the growing aviation industry in which the state is investing heavily." Waitara assured NIT management that President Samia Suluhu Hassan's government will continue supporting the institute so as to fulfill its national and regional goals.

Briefing the Deputy Minister on NIT's activities, the institute's Rector Professor Zacharia Mganilwa said: "The National Institute of Transport will continue backing government's modern transport projects including SGR, ship building, oil and gas and also the blue economy."

"With these projects, we have developed programmes to cater for the expert needs such as Bachelor's degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering to support the nation's blue economy initiative," Prof Mganilwa said.

"In supporting the SGR project, we have started offering a Diploma in Electrical and Train Electrification Engineering, Diploma in Electronics, Telecommunication and Railway Signalling Engineering as well as Diploma in Mechanical Engineering with Railway Vehicles Technology," he said.

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GSM coconut cream, anchor instant yeast and royale tomato paste on display at a shop in Dar es Salaam.

GSM embarks on door to door marketing of products in Dar

By Francis Kajubi

IN easing supply of its products delivery to the market, which includes vegetables and spices, GSM Group of Companies has embarked on a campaign to take such edibles to consumers' door steps.

The 'shop-to-shop campaign,' was launched in Dar es Salaam this week and targeted supplying the city's retail traders with the products hence enabling final consumers to have easier access them.

Addressing the press during the launch, GSM Food Product Manager, Matola Saidi named the products that are as coconut cream, anchor instant yeast and royale tomato paste. Saidi said the products are readily available to retail

shops at affordable prices.
"We have decided to go for our customers at the grass root

level. We have learnt that there is a good market opportunity for the products because most consumers don't go for shopping in super markets," he said.

"This is a new way of not only reaching consumers with our products but also sending a message that our products are affordable and easily accessed. The products are well packed with identified expiry dates," Saidi added while noting that the campaign will be extended to other regions next month.

Commenting on the campaign, GSM Marketing Coordinator, Smart Deus said that a good survey had been conducted before the company decided to take its products directly to retail traders and street shops. "We are reaching out to consumers who do not shop their food products at supermarkets," Deus said while promising consumers countrywide the best edible products for their dining tables.

Kenya, Uganda locked in new sugar trade row

NAIROBI

UGANDA has protested a 79 percent cut on its scheduled sugar exports to Kenya, reigniting trade disputes between the two East African Community states. Uganda's Agriculture minister Frank Tumwebaze said Thursday his country was "not happy" with restrictions on its sugar exports to Kenya.

"We need an honest conversation about these trade restrictions from your side," he said in a tweet addressed to his Kenyan counterpart, Peter Munya. Mr Tumwebaze was reacting to a notice by the Sugar Directorate in Nairobi that traders will only be allowed to import 18,923 tonnes of sugar from Uganda, down from 90,000 tonnes that Kenya had earlier said would be shipped in from its landlocked neighbour.

Kenya's Trade Cabinet Secretary Betty Maina and her Ugandan counterpart had in April this year agreed that Uganda would export 90,000 tonnes of sugar to Kenya as soon as the verification mission on the country of origin was completed.

A deal between the two countries allowed Uganda to export surplus sugar into the country three years ago. But Nairobi delayed the implementation until late last year when the neighbouring state was allowed to ship in 20,000 tonnes of the 90,000 tonnes surplus that it had requested. The change of plans by Kenyan authorities have rubbed their Ugandan counterparts the wrong way amid threats of retaliatory action.

"Kenya imports about 450,000 tonnes of sugar. If your sugar board (trade police) allowed Uganda to export to Kenya its 150,000 tonnes still your sugar import demand would remain unmet. So nothing explains the restrictions on Uganda" Mr Tumwebaze said. "Should we also start a board to restrict or give permits to Kenyan margarine and plastics? Yes, we could check on their standards too!"

The two countries struck a deal in April to resolve the persistent trade dispute between them following a seven-day visit by Kenyan officials led by Ms Maina to Kampala. In addition to discussing non-tariff barriers (NTBs) affecting trade between the two countries, the Kenyan delegation

sought assurances that the sugar exported to Kenya was wholly produced in Uganda.

Kenyan producers argue that the commodity coming from the landlocked neighbour originates from third party countries -- a claim Kampala denies. Following the visit, the two nations signed a framework of trade co-operation and agreed that Kenya would import up to 90,000 metric tonnes of Ugandan sugar per year from July 1, 2021. The officials also agreed to abolish a 35 percent excise duty on liquid petroleum gas cylinders manufactured in Uganda.

"Kenyan authorities would immediately implement the March 2019 Joint Ministerial Commission Decision that allowed Uganda to export to Kenya, duty-free, 90,000 metric tonnes of wholly originating sugar annually," a joint communique issued after the meetings read in part.

The deal was uplifting for Ugandan sugar exporters who had previously been restricted to 11,000 metric tonnes per year allocated by the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) Council of Ministers. Official data shows that Uganda produces about 510,000 tonnes of sugar annually, of which about 360,000 are consumed locally and the rest offered to the regional export market.

In reciprocation to Kenya's concessions, Uganda committed to abolishing a 13 percent excise duty on Kenyan-manufactured juices, malted beers, and spirits with effect from July 1, 2021 and scrapping a 12 percent verification fee on pharmaceuticals manufactured in Kenya.

Uganda had introduced discriminative excise duties under the Excise Duty Amendment Act 2017. As part of the pact in April, Kampala also committed to abolishing the 20 percent excise duty on furniture and 18 percent value-added tax (VAT) on exercise books manufactured in Kenya with effect from July 1.

Additionally, Uganda undertook to abolish the 18 percent VAT charged on processed poultry meat exported from Kenya and zerorate drugs manufactured in Kenya with effect from July 1. Despite these pledges, both countries have reneged on implementing some of themtriggering intermittent disputes such as the latest one on sugar trade.



Uganda's Agriculture minister, Frank Tumwebaze

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Corporate social investment projects should involve communities at grassroots level

By Geoffrey Tusiime - TUDARCo

CORPORATE Social Responsibility (CSR) is an emerging business trend not only in Tanzania but globally. Many local and multi-national companies operating in the country have in recent years turned to CSR to boost their public image, brand reputation and social license to operate.

Unlike other legal requirements set and provided by the government, the social license to operate that ensures smooth running of the company's operations can only be attained through the company's good practices in areas where it operates. This can be through its core values, sustainability management plan and CSR policy.

CSR is a wide topic but it generally refers to sustainable business practices, thus how a company can generate profit in a socially and environmentally friendly way. Companies however mostly use the concept as a means to give back to community in most cases by channelling a certain percentage of their annual profit to invest in community projects. Their decisions to invest in CSR solely depend on their budgets, interests and commitment.

According to the 2015 Cone Communications/Ebiquity CSR Study, a staggering 91 percent of global consumers expect businesses to operate responsibly by addressing social and environmental issues. Furthermore, 84 percent say they seek out responsible products wherever possible. The study noted that 90 percent would boycott a company if they learned of its irresponsible or deceptive business practices.

Unfortunately in Tanzania, the CSR practise is not yet a legal requirement and is not binding despite having legislations such as The Extractive Industries Act of 2015, The Mining Act of 2010, The Petroleum Act of 2015 and The Environmental Management Act of 2004 that have provisions that require companies to have CSR policies.

But, CSR is mandatory in the extractive industry where mineral rights-holders are required to produce, on an annual basis, a CSR plan that must be jointly agreed-to with the relevant local government authority (in consultation with the minister responsible for local government authorities and the minister of finance and planning).

Local government authorities are also required by the act to prepare guidelines for CSR within their localities, oversee implementation and provide awareness to the public on CSR projects in their area. This is a good example that would provide fruitful results if adopted by other

Apart from the extractive sector, the responsibility of CSR in other sectors that include banking, telecom,



aviation, manufacturing etc lies in the hands of the company's board of directors who dictate on its budget and priority areas.

The decision to invest in certain CSR projects is sometimes done without adequately consulting the beneficiaries right from the grassroots level. The main aim of most companies is to increase their brand awareness in terms of positive media coverage without necessarily thinking about whether their investments are top priority for the communities or will have positive impact on them.

For a CSR project to be impactful and viable, there is need for all stakeholders to anonymously agree on it in principal that helps to create the spirit of ownership of such projects including Tanzania has however created a lot of at community level. Projects implemented expectations with communities failing to draw by companies without consultation from beneficiaries end up to being a waste of funds. People's opinions are equally important before undertaking a decision to invest in any CSR project, as this, in the long run, will ensure sustainability of such projects. People should be given a chance to identify their priorities since they are dynamic.

The projects should however support and align with the Tanzania Development Vision 2025 that, among other things, advocates for high quality livelihood, a well-educated and learned society, and a strong and competitive economy among other issues. Companies as part of the government's development partners, need to ensure that their CSR investments better social services to its citizens.

From the ownership perspective however, CSR projects should be run as public private partnerships (PPPs) whereby all stakeholders should make a small contribution to invest in such projects because projects that are fully funded or sponsored by companies or international donors tend to die naturally since they lack ownership.

Monitoring and evaluation systems also need to be put in place so as to ensure accountability and ascertain if there is value for money spent on such CSR projects.

The CSR concept in many countries in Africa distinctive lines between CSR and services that ought to be provided by governments. There is need to sensitize the public on the role and responsibilities of all stakeholders in the development process right from the grassroots

All in all, the CSR concept if properly implemented can be a catalyst to enhancing sustainable development and brings along many viable advantages such as increased productivity, improved brand image and reputation but also enhances customer loyalty.

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Emerging currencies are in 'sweet spot' for carry trades again

NEW YORK

CENTRAL banks in developing nations will take center stage this week as assurances that the Federal Reserve is in no hurry to raise interest rates lay the groundwork for an extended rally in emerging-market currencies.

Policy makers in Poland, Russia, Peru and Malaysia are all due to set borrowing costs, safe in the view that U.S. rates will remain low for longer, a message that Fed Chair Jerome Powell hammered home at Jackson Hole. And it means that any hawkish turn in emerging markets could bring the carry trade back into play, supercharging gains, as was the case for the Chilean peso last week.

While the emerging-market carry trade returned just 0.5% in the first half, Bloomberg's EM Carry Index is already up almost 2% since the end of July, with high-yielding but volatile currencies such as Turkey's lira and South Africa's rand leading the charge.

"Emerging-market currencies may be in a sweet spot," said Christopher Shiells, an analyst at Informa Global Markets in London, who backs Brazil's real, Russia's ruble and the Mexican peso to outperform in the coming months.

Friday's weak U.S. employment data underscored belief that the Fed will hold rates even as it begins to scale back emergency stimulus. That would keep the cost of borrowing dollars to park in higher-returning securities low, a strategy that could serve investors particularly well given that the Fed's focus on nurturing the economic recovery will also keep a lid on the greenback.

"Powell, at least at this juncture, seems to have managed a pro-EM taper - something we never thought we would see," said James Barrineau, head of emerging-market debt at Schroder Investment. "The key thing Powell did was to forcefully separate the taper discussion from the rate hike discussion. He indicated rate hikes are probably a long way away. That has resulted in a weaker dollar which is a strong positive for EM.'

The decoupling of tapering from rates has also given a new lease of life to the currencies of early hikers like Brazil and Russia, whose outperformance had been starting to wane following aggressive gains this year. The ruble and real have been among the top performers in emerging markets since Powell's Jackson Hole speech on Aug. 27, which gave policy makers room to react to economic fundamentals rather than second-guessing the Fed.

"EM central banks have already reacted to higher inflation and raised interest rates, creating a buffer should economic growth start to surprise on the downside next year," said Anders Faergemann, a money manager at PineBridge Investments in London, who described Powell's Jackson Hole speech as a "game changer." With inflation in many developing nations close to peaking, "these countries have positive real rates already which would tend to support the exchange rates," he said.

That may be just the start. The ruble's volatility-adjusted implied yield, for example, has climbed more than 200 basis points to a 20-month high following a rate increase in July, with another expected this week. And while implied yields fell across emerging-market regions in the past month, they're already showing some recovery in Asia and Latin America.

As the carry trade roars back, investors may find yields in countries such as South Africa, Brazil and Turkey too juicy to resist, bolstering their currencies, said Michel Vernier, head of fixed-income strategy at Barclays Private Bank. Export- and commodities-linked currencies are also expected to get a boost. These are the events to look out for this week:

China's trade figures for August, due on Tuesday, will give further clues on the economy's slowdown following the release of soft purchasing managers' index gauges. Exports likely moderated due to interruptions in supply chains with the resurgence of Covid-19, according to a note from Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd.

Malaysia's central bank is likely to keep its benchmark interest rate at a record-low 1.75% on Thursday to support the economic recovery, according to a Bloomberg survey. Bank Negara Malaysia in August cut its 2021 economic growth forecast to 3%-4%. The Malaysian ringgit climbed to the highest in over two months on Monday

Cautious lending by debt-laden banks is a boon for India's growing digital credit sector

NEW DELHI

AYSHA Khatoon was eager to repay the money she had borrowed from friends and family when the administration worker from Ghaziabad in north India was in a tight spot. The answer to her credit woes came from an unexpected source: a digital lending platform.

She registered on the app of Florence Capital, which lends exclusively to women in India, and applied for a nine-month loan of 25,000 rupees (\$342). To her surprise, the approval for her application came in about

"The level of convenience is really high," says Ms Khatoon. "Plus, because I wanted a smaller amount, using an app felt like the right choice." However, such services are cheap. Ms Khatoon is paying an interest rate of 2.25 per cent a month and she does not think the rate is unreasonable.

Like Ms Khatoon, many Indians are turning to the burgeoning online lending sector to meet their credit needs. There are more than 1,200 digital lending start-ups across India, trying to grab their share of this growing market, according to data from Inc42, a focused media and information start-up-focused platform.

Fuelling the growth of the sector are factors including rapidly increasing smartphone ownership and low credit card penetration in India. There are about 120

million formally employed people in Asia's third-largest economy who do not have a credit card, according to Inc42.

Prime Minister Narendra government's push for a "digital India" has contributed to the growth of the online credit industry. Banks in the country are already struggling under the weight of high loan losses and in recent years have tended to remain cautious in terms of extending new loans. That has opened up an avenue for online credit start-ups that are also riding the wave of India's online transaction boom during the pandemic, analysts say. India's digital retail loans market is projected to reach \$1 trillion by 2024 in terms of total disbursements, according to Boston Consulting Group.

"If you put all of these building blocks together, it creates a very fertile land for lenders who are looking at consumers in whatever fashion - be it personal loans [or] business loans," says Yogi Sadana, chief executive of CASHe, which offers digital loans starting from 1,000 rupees up to 400,000 rupees to salaried professionals, used for everything from discretionary purchases to education and health care expenditure.

"India is poised at this point to be one of the leaders in terms of credit pick-up, driven by strong fundamentals on demand and consumption," he says. The rapid growth of the sector has grabbed the attention of



India digital lending graph.

technology companies such as Facebook and China's Xiaomi. Local, regional and international conglomerates have tried to establish a foothold in the niche market and grab a share as early as possible.

Facebook last month joined with online lender Indifi to launch a small business loans initiative in India, offered to companies that advertise on the social media platform. These loans range from 500,000 rupees to 5 million rupees at rates of between 17 per cent and 20 per cent.

Chinese electronics maker Xiaomi also plans to foray into loans and credit cards in India through partnerships with banks and online lenders, according to news agency Press Trust of India, which cited the company's India head, Manu Jain.

"Digital lending has, in many ways, served as an extension of the banking industry and regularised the non-formal credit infrastructure by extending

credit to the unbanked and the underbanked," says Utkarsh Sinha, managing director at Mumbai-based Bexley Advisors, a technology sector-focused boutique investment bank. The scale of the opportunity in India's digital credit sector is huge and so is the interest to invest in it.

"There is a lot of interest among the Indian and overseas investors in the growing digital lending space," says Charlie Lee, founder and global chief executive of True Balance, a platform offering digital loans in rural areas where many have never taken out credit through formal channels.

Softbank-backed True Balance has also raised \$15m last month from investors in South Korea and India, in the second round of debt funding it raised this year to add more muscle to its digital lending operations. The company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Korea's Balancehero, launched its phone app in 2016 but moved into online lending after securing a licence from the Reserve Bank of India in 2019.

Its 6.7 million loan customers to date, "are the people who are mostly gig-workers and migrant

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Former S.African president Zuma's parole sparks outrage

By Bloomberg

THE South African prison services' decision to grant former president Jacob Zuma medical parole less than two months after he was jailed for contempt of court was met with condemnation from opposition parties.

Zuma, 79, was detained on July 7 after being sentenced to 15 months in jail for defying a court order to testify at a graft inquiry. His incarceration triggered deadly riots by his supporters in the Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal provinces that left 354 people dead.

The decision to free the former president was based on a medical report, the Department of Correctional Services said in a statement on Sunday, without giving details of its contents. Inmates who are terminally ill, physically incapacitated or who are so unwell that their activity or self-care is severely limited may be considered for release, it said.

The decision "is entirely unlawful" and makes a mockery of parole rules, John Steenhuisen, the leader of the main opposition

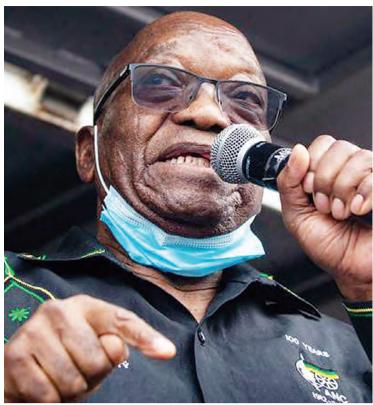
Democratic Alliance, said in a statement. "A report on the health status of any prisoner must be subject to recommendation by an independent board to confirm, in truth, that a prisoner is indeed deserving of medical parole," and that requirement hadn't been met,

Smaller opposition parties, including the Freedom Front Plus, United Democratic Movement and Congress of the People, also accused the prisons department of giving Zuma preferential treatment and undermining the criminal justice system.

Zuma's foundation welcomed his release and the decision that he should serve the remainder of his sentence under supervision at his home.

The Constitutional Court, which jailed Zuma on June 29, is considering an application to review his conviction and sentence. Should the court acquit him, his parole conditions will be dropped. It's unclear when judgment will be handed down.

The prisons department is headed by Ar-



Former South African president Jacob Zuma

thur Fraser, who served as head of the intelligence services during Zuma's tenure.

The DA laid corruption charges against Fraser in 2018, after a book by journalist Jacques Pauw revealed how he and other operatives personally benefited from a covert state security agency program that he'd established. Fraser denied wrongdoing.

Steenhuisen said he would

seek to access the parole board's record of decision to establish the criteria used to determine Zuma's eligibility for release. He also intends asking parliament's correctional services committee to summon Fraser to explain the decision.

Zuma is separately standing trial on graft charges. That case is due to resume on Sept 9.

Agencies

der Solzhenitsyn.

ments over the coming three weeks.

we are aspiring to uncover the truth".

Families of MH17 airline crash victims to speak in court

DOZENS of relatives of the 298 victims of Malaysian Airlines flight 17, shot down over rebel-held eastern Ukraine in 2014, began giving testimony yesterday at the murder trial

of four fugitive suspects accused of carrying out the attack. International investigators concluded that the passenger plane was shot down over eastern Ukraine with a missile fired by pro-Russian rebels. Moscow denies all responsibil-

"They are lying, we know they are lying and they know that we know that they are lying," Ria van der Steen, who lost her father and stepmother on the flight, told the court,

saying she was citing the late Soviet dissident writer Alexan-

Van der Steen was the first of dozens of relatives who will

Van der Steen made the remarks about lying in Russian,

"I want it to be known that I know where the responsi-

bility lies" she said, adding that "lying and falsehoods are a

familiar tactic in this game of cat and mouse through which

MH17 was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur when

it was hit by what international investigators and prosecu-

tors say was a Russian surface-to-air missile that originated

After years of collecting evidence, a team of international

investigators concluded in May 2018 that the launcher used

to fire the missile belonged to Russia's 53rd Anti-Aircraft Mis-

Three Russians and a Ukrainian citizen, all suspected of

having key roles in the separatist forces, are on trial for mur-

from a Russian base just across the Ukrainian border.

explaining that she did so "for the benefit of those who are

listening in on behalf of the Russian regime today."

be given an opportunity to speak or submit written state-

Russia, which maintains that it has not funded or supported rebels fighting Ukrainian government troops, has refused to extradite the suspects.

Military coup in Guinea condemned by UN, regional bodies

sile Brigade.

International organizations such as the United Nations (UN), the African Union (AU) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), as well as some governments condemned the military coup in Guinea on Sunday and called for release of the country's president.

Earlier on Sunday, heavy gunfire was heard in the urban commune of Kaloum, downtown Conakry, in Guinea, where the Presidential Palace and several ministerial departments are located.

In the afternoon, Guinea's Defense Ministry said in an official press release that "the Presidential Guard, supported by the defense and security forces, contained the threat and pushed back the group of insurgents."

However, later in the day, Lieutenant-Colonel Mamady Doumbouya announced on national television that his forces have arrested President Alpha Conde, and dissolved the government and national institutions.

The country's borders were closed and its constitution was declared invalid in the announcement. A video posted on social media showed that Conde was surrounded by a group of armed soldiers, but the capturing time and place of the video remain unclear.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, the European Union, the AU and ECOWAS all condemned the coup in Guinea on Sunday and demanded that the rebels release Conde. Guterres posted on twitter that "I am personally following the situation in Guinea very closely. I strongly condemn any takeover of the government by force of the gun and call for the immediate release of President Alpha Conde."

The 55-member AU also called for an immediate release of Conde in a statement. Felix Tshisekedi, president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who is also the current AU chairperson, and Moussa Faki Mahamat, the AU Commission chairperson, further called on the AU Peace and Security Council to meet urgently to examine the new situation in Guinea and to take appropriate measures in the circum-

"ECOWAS decidedly condemns this attempted coup d'etat that happened on Sunday," the community said in a statement, demanding the safe release of President Conde and other detained people. "ECOWAS also demands restoration of the constitutional order in Guinea in order to avoid using sanctions," ECOWAS said.

The Nigerian government on Sunday condemned the takeover of power by force in Guinea. "The government of Nigeria strongly condemns and rejects any unconstitutional change of government and therefore calls on those behind this coup to restore constitutional order without delay and protect all lives and property," Nigerian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esther Sunsawan said.

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell condemned in a tweet the coup in Guinea, calling on the rebels to release President Conde.

'Influx of international capital underscores attractiveness of Chinese market'

NEW YORK

MONEY from around the world is flowing into the Chinese market, a testament to its gravitational pull on investors, a recent Bloomberg report said.

According to data from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, foreign investors have increased their holdings of shares in Shanghai and Shenzhen via trading links every month since November, adding that buying in August more than doubled compared to July, "and it is a similar picture in China's bond market," Bloomberg wrote on Saturday.

that Noting China's push for "shared prosperity" could help the country maintain long-term growth, the report said some market pundits have also expressed their optimism on the future of the Chinese economy.

"We feel that the recent regulations are targeted to streamline the future structure of economic growth toward higher quality growth and more balanced growth," Chris Liu, a senior portfolio manager for China Equities at Invesco Hong Kong Ltd., was quoted as saying in the report.

\Pointing out that the



Aerial photo taken on July 1, 2021 shows boats cruise at the Victoria Bay in Hong Kong, south China. (Xinhua)

1 percent against the U.S. percent over the past three yuan has advanced about dollar in 2021 and about 6 years, Bloomberg said the

strength of China's currency is also playing a role in the attractiveness of the country's market.

Pascal Blanc, chief investment officer of Amundi SA, whose firm oversees 2.1 trillion U.S. dollars globally, also said in the report that China's recent measures to regulate the market have "opened up interesting opportunities."

Investors can take advantage of the opportunities "to increase their allocation to Chinese equities in the global portfolio," Pascal and his colleagues said in a note this month.

However, "it is too early to

discuss the issue as everything

will have to undergo a thorough

evaluation." Besides, there is a

need to ensure Russia's full par-

ticipation in major internation-

al events. "It's not up to us. It de-

pends on those who politicize

global sports," Putin explained.

Xinhua

Putin talks of Afghan disaster, plans for future at Eastern

VLADIVOSTOK

DESPITE developments in Afghanistan, the West is reluctant to stop imposing its standards on other countries, and developed countries aren't providing enough assistance to others in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic and its consequences, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at the plenary session of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) on Fri-

TASS has put together the most important and striking statements from the president's

On situation in Afghanistan

"The reality is that the Taliban movement (outlawed in Russia - TASS) now controls almost all of Afghanistan," Putin pointed out. "So, we should be guided by reality," he added.

According to him, the country's disintegration is what poses the main threat to Moscow. "Russia is not interested in a er, the same process continues

disintegrated Afghanistan. If it happens, there will be no one to talk with," Putin noted.

At the same time, in his words, the situation in Afghanistan can be described as a disaster. "It is a disaster because the Americans, who are very pragmatic people, spent over \$1.5 trillion on this campaign, and what's the result? And if we look at the number of people left in Afghanistan, who used to work for the collective West, the United States and its allies, then it will be clear that it is a humanitarian disaster, too," the Russian president stressed.

On attempts to impose de-

mocracy "If a nation needs democracy, it will end up establishing it so there is no need to do that by force," Putin emphasized. However, even after Afghanistan, the West continues to pursue the same practice. "As for Afghanistan, they say: we got there and made a lot of mistakes. Howev-



in relation to other countries. What are sanctions? They are a continuation of the same policy aimed at imposing their standards," he specified.

Still, there is hope that Western countries "will realize that acting like before and trying to civilize other nations is a failed policy."

On "global police officer"

"It is the United Nations and the UN Security Council, particularly its five permanent members, that should be responsible for maintaining global order," Putin pointed out.

On fight against pandemic

"It is mostly advanced economies that enjoy the benefits of

[COVID-19] vaccination. They produce most of the vaccines and use them to protect their own population. But very little is being done to protect humanity in the broader sense. That's bad for the producers, too, because all this boomerangs around the world," Putin stressed.

On origins of COVID-19

"Trying to determine the causes of a phenomenon is the right thing to do. However, it's not right to politicize things," Putin noted. "Those who are politicizing the issue are making huge, calamitous mistakes in the fight against the pandemic," he said.

On Olympics

"Regrettably, there have been ever fewer contenders in the world for hosting the Olympics," Putin said, adding that Russia did not rule out placing a bid to host the Games in the future. "Vladivostok is one of the likely venues," he added.

On Lavrov and Shoigu

"I do regret [letting them go]. They are doing a good job in their positions," Putin said. However, if the two ministers, who rank high on the United Russia party's electoral list, make it into the State Duma (the lower house of parliament), they will need to decide for themselves.

On relations with Ukraine

"I believe that the situation that we are currently in is completely abnormal and unnatural. Sooner or later - and it better be sooner - we will fully restore our relations with Ukraine," Putin emphasized.

Origin tracing studies into cold-chain transmission of COVID-19 necessary

COLD-CHAIN products hold vital clues to the origins of COV-ID-19, and it's very necessary to launch global studies into the cold-chain transmission of the novel coronavirus, says an epidemiologist.

Such point of view echoes with a joint WHO-China study, which says the virus can be carried long distances on coldchain products.

Some of the earliest cases detected in Wuhan in December 2019 were linked to the Huanan Seafood Market, where many shops were selling imported cold-chain products, and coincidently, investigations found that imported cold-chain products were also the sources of the viruses in the COVID-19 resurgences in Beijing, Dalian and Qingdao last year. Studies indicate that the

novel coronavirus can exist for weeks and even months in an environment with a temperature between -1 and -10, and survive for years when temperature falls to -60.

"Transmission routes of COVID-19 are diverse. It can be transmitted through physical contacts, as well as aerosols and droplets, and even contaminated matters," said Ma Huilai, director of the Chinese Field Epidemiology Training Program under the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), warning that contaminated packages of coldchain products might become a hidden route for virus transmis-

Cold-chain products are generally stored and transported in low temperature, which offers favorable conditions for the long-term existence of the novel coronavirus and constitutes a major way of transmission, Ma noted.

The COVID-19 resurgence in Qingdao last October was an example, he said. Prior to COVID-19 cases resurged in the city, there had been five months during which none COVID-19 case was reported.

According to Ma, the first two patients in Qingdao were material handlers moving cold-chain products who had no history of traveling to other provinces or hospitalization. They had no contact with foreign ship crew

members whose nucleic acid tests showed negative. The only possible scenario of infection was that they handled imported frozen gadus. Later, a high viral load was detected in samples of the gadus, and the genetic sequence of the virus carried by the two patients was identical with that on the packages of the frozen gadus.

In the first half of 2020, a number of enterprises around the world engaged in businesses relevant to cold-chain products reported COVID-19 cases. These cases repeatedly proved

that the virus can be carried long distances on cold-chain products. Therefore, the COV-ID-19 cases in Wuhan's Huanan seafood market were very likely caused by imported cold-chain products.

The expert team that conducted the joint WHO-China study launched an investigation into the imported coldchain products at the Huanan seafood market and markets in downtown Wuhan. According to Liu Jun, a researcher with the CDC and a member of the expert team, the ratio of

infections at the shops selling imported cold-chain products was much higher than that at other shops, and the infection risk at these shops was 3.3 times higher.

All the earliest three patients at the Huanan seafood market were directly engaged in businesses relevant to imported cold-chain products, and 16 of the 21 shops where the novel coronavirus was sampled sold imported cold-chain products or were engaged in relevant businesses.

People's Daily

Taliban say international flights from Kabul to start soon

THE Taliban said international flights from Afghanistan will resume shortly as Qatar and Turkey help restart operations at Kabul airport and the group has complete control over the country with the last pocket of resistance in the north now defeated.

"Domestic flights have already started and we're waiting to hear when we can start overseas flights," Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahed said at a press conference in Kabul. "We plan to start overseas flights very soon."

Restarting international flights and allowing safe passage to Afghans who wish to leave the country is key to the Taliban gaining international legitimacy. The other pledges from the militant group that the international community will watch out for are to allow women to work within the confines of Shariah law, and to prevent their land being used for terror activities.

Mujahed addressed a wide range of subjects at Monday's press conference but gave no details on when the group would announce their new government.

"There have been some technical issues that delayed the formation of the new government," he said. "The issues will be resolved and we will soon then announce the government."

The Taliban have said they will be announcing their new 'inclusive' government soon. Their Supreme Leader Haibatullah Akhundzada will head any governing council and his deputy leader Abdul Ghani Baradar will likely be in charge of the daily functioning of the government, a member of the Taliban Cultural Commission, Bilal Karimi, said last week.

The militant group has invited officials from Turkey, Russia, Iran, Pakistan and Qatar to participate in the ceremony that will welcome the new government, Afghan television channel 1TVNewsAF, reported citing Al Jazeera.

While all of those countries have extended varying degrees of support to the Taliban, on Monday Iran pushed back against the group's capture of the northern Panjshir valley.

for Iran's foreign ministry, criti-



Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahed speaks during a press conference in Kabul yesterday. The Taliban said that any insurgency against their rule would be "hit hard", after earlier saying they had captured the Panjshir Valley, the last pocket of resistance. AFP

cized the Taliban for blockading the region and cutting off food, water and electricity supplies and urged the group to abide by both international law and its own promises to the Afghan people.

Pakistan's military spy chief, Faiz Hameed, arrived in Kabul Saeed Khatibzadeh, spokesman over the weekend to meet with the Taliban leaders to discuss se-

curity, border issues and government formation.

The UN undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs Martin Griffiths also met with Baradar in Kabul over the weekend and promised that the international agency would continue to provide humanitarian aid to Afghanistan.

Mujahed also said in Monday's

press conference that the Taliban's victory over the northern Panjshir province has cemented the group's complete control over Afghanistan and former vicepresident Amrullah Saleh, one of the main leaders of the Panjshir resistance, may have fled to Tajikistan.

Afghanistan's trade and economy were slowly returning to normal after the last of the US troops left the country on Aug 31 and the Afghani currency is "under control and stable", said Mujahed.

Technical teams from Qatar and Turkey are working to resume operations for the Kabul airport where the departing US troops had destroyed the radar system, while domestic flights have started and the plan is to start overseas flights very soon, according to the Taliban spokesman.

The Taliban said Afghanistan shouldn't rely on foreigners to rebuild the country, especially those who were occupiers, and the US-trained Afghan forces have been invited to join the Taliban fighters, he added.

Xinhua

Somalia again delays parliamentary, presidential elections

MOGADISHU

SOMALIA'S electoral body has again delayed the start of indirect parliamentary and presidential elections which were due to start in September and October respectively.

The Federal Electoral Commission (FET) in a revised election timetable released on Saturday evening said ongoing Upper House elections will be concluded on September 18.

The FET said parliamentary or Lower House elections will begin on October 1 and end on November 20, thus delaying the previously scheduled Oct. 10 presidential election. The schedule for the Upper House was earlier set for July 25, and the Lower House was to begin between August 10 and September 10.

The incumbent Mohamed Farmajo has been in office since the February 2017 election and his term expired on February 8, plunging the country into the political crisis after the four-year term of parliament ended on December 27, 2020.

Prime Minister Mohamed Roble, who was tasked by the presidency with organizing the elections, has held a series of meetings with stakeholders on the electoral calendar to come up with amicable dates for the delayed elections. The electoral body did not provide reasons for the postponement of the presidential and parliamentary elections.

Xinhua

Diplomat reminds US, Ukraine that Russia is not a party to Minsk agreements

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has stressed that Russia is not a party to the Minsk agreements and urged the US Embassy in Moscow to inform the US diplomatic mission in Kiev

Zakharova was commenting on reports saying that the US Embassy in Ukraine had called on Russia to fully honor its commitments under the Minsk accords. "I did not know that the US Embassy in Ukraine also performed the functions of the American diplomatic mission in Russia. Is that how they are optimizing or what?" she wrote on her Telegram

"As long as we do not know anything about that, I urge the US Em-

bassy in Russia to tell the US Embassy in Ukraine that Russia is not a party to the Minsk agreements. At the same time, the Package of Measures is mandatory for the parties to the intra-Ukrainian conflict: Kiev, Donetsk and Lugansk," she stressed.

Zakharova noted that the Minsk Package of Measures made no mention of any obligations by Russia, but specified the parties to the conflict, which are the Ukrainian authorities and Ukraine's armed forces on the one hand and the representatives of certain districts of the Donetsk and Lugansk regions and their militias on the other, do have such obligations.

She recalled that Russia, Germany and France (that are the Normandy Four members, along with Ukraine) had pledged to urge the parties to fulfill their obligations. "Russia is doing its part of the work properly.

It has been harder for France and Germany to do that recently, given that Kiev said directly and indirectly that the Minsk agreements were irrelevant. The sabotage of its direct commitments enshrined in the UN Security Council's decision by the Kiev regime has shifted from a virtually tacit phase to a demonstratively practical one," the diplomat wrote.

Iranian president says open to 'useful' talks on lifting sanctions

TEHRAN

IRANIAN President Ebrahim Raisi said on Sunday that Iran is ready for "useful" talks aiming at ending sanctions against Iran in

a telephone talk with his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron.

"We do not oppose useful negotiations, but the plan and result of negotiations must be the lifting of sanctions against Iran," he said in his second conversation with Macron within a month, as quoted by the Iranian presidency's official website.

Besides the nuclear issue, the independence of Iran and France in their policies is a "valuable reserve" that may be used to establish "balanced, strong and stable" ties between the two countries, Raisi told the French president.

Concerning the current situation in Afghanistan, the Iranian president said the US and NATO policy of military intervention has failed, and 20 years of occupation have had no benefit for the Afghan people.

"In the current situation, everyone must help form an inclusive government with the participation of all groups" in the country and let the Afghan people decide their own destiny, he added.

Regarding Lebanon, Raisi expressed Iran's support for the formation of a strong government that can ensure and protect the rights of the Lebanese.

The Iranian president said Iran would not withhold any humanitarian aid to Lebanon, and voiced Tehran's readiness to cooperate with France for the

For his part, Macron stressed the need to review the ties between France and Iran, and expressed Paris' interest in developing its relations with Teh-

Macron mentioned the Afghan refugees in Iran as well as the problems caused by their presence, and emphasized the need for the assistance of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Concerning the situation in Lebanon, the French

president expressed France's readiness to cooperate with Iran, along with Hezbollah to help create a strong and efficient government in the country. Macron also voiced hope that the Vienna talks aiming to revive the 2015 nuclear agreement could

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Japan's Kono tops polls for premier before ruling party vote



Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga (right) listens to a question during a news conference at the prime minister's office in Tokyo on Aug 25, 2021. AFP

TOKYO

Taro Kono was the favorite male candidates: Seiko Noda to become Japan's next lead- and Sanae Takaichi with 4.4 er in two major public opin- percent and 4 percent, reion polls as the ruling party spectively. prepares to choose a succeshide Suga later this month.

most appropriate person to cent. take over, scoring almost 32 percent in a survey by Ky- last week when Suga anodo News carried out Sept nounced he was abandon-4-5, with 37 percent of ruling ing plans to run for another Liberal Democratic Party term as leader of the LDP as supporters picking him. his support rate plummeted He was followed by former and criticism mounted over Defense Minister Shigeru his pandemic management. Ishiba at 26.6 percent and The party's new leader is viranother former Foreign tually guaranteed to become Minister Fumio Kishida with the next prime minister, due

18.8 percent.

Fourth and fifth places FORMER Foreign Minister were taken by potential fe-

A separate poll by the Yosor to Prime Minister Yoshi- miuri newspaper carried out on the same dates put the top Kono came top in the me-three candidates in the same dia polls over the weekend order, with Kono, the governasking who would be the ment's vaccine czar, at 23 per-

The race was thrown open

to the ruling coalition's dominance in parliament.

The public doesn't get a say in the choice of party leader, who will be selected in a Sept 29 vote among LDP lawmakers and rank-and-file party members. While horse trading among the party's powerful parliamentary factions often determines the result, the party must also bear in mind a general election that must be held by late November.

While Suga's support had slumped, other parties have largely failed to attract the interest of voters. The Yomiuri poll found support for the main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan at less than 10 percent, compared with 36 percent for the LDP.

Agencies

CLIMATE change is not only having a significant physical impact on Pacific Island countries but is also threatening one of their main industries and a major source of food, fisheries.

resume with the presence of Iran.

Research shows climate change is altering the migratory pattern of many species of fish, including tuna, the lifeblood for many Pacific Island

Protecting marine ecosystems and fisheries from climate change has become a major priority among many countries, big and small, globally. But one of the problems has been trying to determine how marine ecosystems function.

Now a team of researchers from

Australia, the United States, Europe and Canada say they may be a step closer to solving the problem.

In a paper published recently, the researchers said that while marine ecosystem models are the key tool to understanding how climate change is affecting the world's food web and fisheries, the processes that drive the marine ecosystem's response to climate change

may differ widely. The uncertainty could be causing models to underestimate future climate change impacts on the world's marine ecosystems, they say.

Ryan Heneghan, a biological oceanographer at the Queensland University of Technology, joined forces with 23 other researchers representing marine ecosystem modeling experts around the world to produce what is now being considered a milestone paper for marine climate change impact projections.

Their findings, titled "Disentangling diverse responses to climate change among global marine ecosystem models", were published in the journal Progress in Oceanography.

Climate effects on fish species remain unclear

"Global warming is already driving significant changes in the structure of marine ecosystems across the world's oceans," Heneghan said.

The models used in the study showed that climate change will cause the world's

marine animal biomass to decline. But the modeling does not give a clear picture of the nature of these declines across the world's oceans this century.

Millions of people depend on the world's oceans for food and incomes.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said in its recent report on global warming that at least 83 percent of the world's oceans will "very likely" warm further this

That being the case, "it is essential we find a way to be more accurate" in the modeling, Heneghan said.

It is widely acknowledged that as climate change warms the waters of the Pacific and Indian oceans, some tuna will be forced to migrate to the high seas, away from the jurisdiction of any country.

The changes will affect three key tuna species, skipjack, yellowfin, and bigeye.

Pacific countries such as the Cook Islands and territories such as Tokelau charge foreign fishing operators to access their waters, and heavily depend on this revenue. The latest research suggests that movement of tuna stocks could cause a fall of up to 17 percent in annual government revenue to some of the small island

Essentials needed

This loss will hurt these developing economies, which need fisheries revenue to maintain essential services such as hospitals, roads and schools. More broadly, the experience of Pacific Island states also bodes ill for global climate justice.

SPORT

Biashara United skipper says hungry for silverware



Biashara United skipper, Abdulmajid Mangalo.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

BIASHARA United of Mara has been a force to reckon with in 2020/21 Mainland Premier League under skipper Abdulmajid Mangalo.

His virtuosity has seen the outfit finish fourth in the 2020/21 Mainland Premier League and earned the side a place in the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup.

Biashara got the chance after notching 50 points in their 34 games played, so they will join Azam FC to represent Tanzania in the tournament.

Mangalo was further one of the footballers making the national U-23 team that won this season's East Africa U-23 Challenge Cup in Ethiopia.

The exploits made him one of the most sought-after defenders by the biggest

clubs in the country.

Mangalo has managed to unravel a lot about his participation in soccer and the Ethiopia showpiece to the point of bringing home top honour.

Q: What is your verdict about last

A: "It was great with a lot of challenges. It was competitive. But for me, I enjoyed it because at least we were able to achieve the success that we had planned for the team.

"As captain, I had set my goals as well as my teammates' that if we fail to finish in third place then we should go for the fourth place that will enable us to qualify for the CAF Confederation Cup tournament next season, and we thank God that our goal has been achieved."

Q: How do you describe your first chance after the national U-23 team call-up?

A: "I enjoyed the opportunity I got as was the case for everyone who competed, every player has a desire to be in this squad."

"My first call up clearly shows that the work I do on the pitch earned me a deserved call, I enjoyed it and I believe this is just the beginning."

Q: What does the medal you won at your CECAFA U-23 Championship add to your journey?

A: "It's one of the first honour I've ever had so I wish I could see myself win more in the coming years."

"Getting this medal has made me realize that everything with dedication and effort if you need it is possible. This has been like a catalyst for me to get more than trophies."

Q: Has the nation U-23 squad call-up added value to you as a player?

A: "For me, it is an honour that I have been part of history because being called and going there to achieve success is a good memory and value that I have been given the honour in my work and my life in general."

"The unity that we have shown in our squad has made it possible for us to achieve our goal of bringing home success."

Q: How does the experience you have had there help you as a team captain?

A: "First of all I like the challenges I faced there, they have built me up a lot. Meeting with different players who are captaining their clubs is something that I would like to impart to my club more next season, passing the experience back to my team."

"On playing style, the difference is there but not much, from how the ball is played there and how we play the league here at home to the players."

Q: What were personal and collective challenges you faced in Ethiopia at the CECAFA U-23 tournament, as well as in your captaincy?

A: "The biggest challenge was the weather, it wasn't very friendly to us. The kind of a pitch too wasn't friendly."

"If I get the chance to continue as captain then I have a lot to teach my teammates from the challenges I faced so that we can achieve the goals we will have set for ourselves at the start of the season."

Q: You didn't get a chance to play regularly in the first team in the CECAFA U-23 Championship, what was the problem?

A: "I'm happy with the opportunity I got, it wasn't a problem. I think it was just one match I didn't play. Although every player was important it only depends on the coach's needs."

"With the accuracy of his choice, he believed me to be an extra man to add strength when we get results or when matches are tough. The coach put me in place to put more defense so we could get the results we needed."

Q: What role did playing these games gives you in the international arena?

A: "The main thing I believe is that the Ball is the same. What's more, following the teacher's instructions that you need to do at the moment, is the image that will lead you to do what you intend to do."

"So I think nothing has changed much, let alone the environment. Except I believe that the image of the ball is the same due to the drawing system set by the respective teacher.

Q: What difference did you see in assuming the national team's captaincy?

A: "There is a difference but not so much. In the instructions and the system is the most important thing. Every player has to play in the position set by the coach."

The Biashara United skipper and his teammates are scheduled to travel to Djibouti to confront FC Dikhil of Djibouti in CAF Confederation Cup's preliminary round's first leg set for between September 10-12.

Should Biashara United manage to post good results in their two preliminary games, they are expected to face winners of other preliminary stage fixtures between Hay Al-Wadi of Sudan and Ahli Tripoli of Libya.



As captain, I had set my goals as well as my teammates' that if we fail to finish in third place then we should go for the fourth place that will enable us to qualify for the CAF Confederation Cup tournament next season, and we thank God that our goal has been achieved

SPORTS

The Taifa Stars do just enough to remain in the hunt for World Cup

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipoked

PLAYING away from home would present deeply treacherous terrain for any team to successfully navigate.

Despite this, though, the Taifa Stars ably proved to be up to the task in their 2022 World Cup qualifier against DR Congo on the latter's home turf where the Stars impressively came away from their tough tussle with a hard-earned draw

Indeed, although the Stars failed to grab the full three points that were enticingly on offer, it still has to be acknowledged that facing DR Congo in their backyard would be a herculean task for any continental team, not just Tanzania, to successfully negotiate.

Bearing that in mind, earning a 1-1 sharing of the spoils with their foes still amounts to an admirably creditable result for the Taifa Stars.

With a coveted berth in next year's Qatar World Cup at stake, the Taifa Stars have served fair notice to all comers that they will not roll over so easily for any opponent, no matter how fearsome that opponent may seem on paper.

What is of the essence now is how the Taifa Stars will go about locking horns with Madagascar in their second World Cup qualifier, which, thankfully, shall be played at home here in Dar es Salaam today.

Naturally, after coming through the daunting challenge of facing DR Congo mostly unscathed, the Taifa Stars will be largely expected to make light work of Madagascar in this week's key qualifier.

After all, the prospect of facing Madagascar has hardly left any team in Africa positively quaking in their boots for numberless years now.

Having said that though, this shouldn't mean that the Taifa Stars should be swooning with overconfidence as they



Senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' players shape up for African Qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup's match against the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) side, which took place in Lubumbashi on September 2. PHOTO: TFF

ready themselves to take on Madagascar here on home soil.

As has been seen in yesteryear during top billing football competitions, sometimes the idea of an underdog taking down a veritable giant a peg or two is not such a farfetched one often all

A brilliant case in point of this was Senegal's jawslackening 1-0 conquest of France in the 2002 World Cup opener, which electrified an elated continent.

Thus, one hopes that the Taifa Stars will remember not to fall prey to overconfidence as that would be tantamount to shooting themselves self-destructively in the foot.

Moving on, the iconic
Portuguese football player
par excellence Cristiano
Ronaldo has been hogging
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ready themselves to take a lot of sporting headlines of late for positive reasons.

Firstly, it emerged early last week that the Portuguese maestro with the Midas Touch would be leaving Juventus to return to the club where his epic and inspirational football journey began: Manchester United.

But, the icing on the cake surely came last weekend when the deadly Portuguese forward whose scent for goal has now become the stuff of legend, shattered the world record for international goals by taking his tally to a whopping 111 goals, thereby eclipsing Ali Daei of Iran, who was the previous holder of the former world record.

Dear Reader, you may be scratching your head in complete bafflement wondering just how Ronaldo's glittering football exertions are germane to football here on our home patch.

overwhelmingly exemplary example for all players in Tanzania to emulate.

Granted, Ronaldo is inherently endowed with one-of-a-

Well, Ronaldo's inimitable football career serves as an

kind and enviable football gifts.

However, talent alone maketh not a man. Indeed, in ad-

dition to his obvious natural talent, Ronaldo has also become renowned for his hard work, discipline, and utter devotion to perfecting his craft.

So, then, it seems vividly clear that if all Tanzanian players strove to emulate Ronaldo's impeccable dedication, it would automatically augur well for our football future as a country.

Premier League Board to penalize outfits that will not promote top flight

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THE Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) Chief Executive officer, Almasi Kasongo, has said that next season the board plans to further promote the Mainland Premier League by placing 39 posters on venues, which will host the league's clashes.

Kasongo warned any of the top flight sides, which will defy this order, will face penalties.

The TPLB leader disclosed such posters

will allow the clubs to promote the league and the sides.

He noted the TPLB will present four posters, Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) is set to hand over four, the home team should have its 10 posters, and the main sponsors should have 12 posters.

Other posters to be on the field, including five posters from sponsors, Azam Media, and KCB Bank that will place four posters. Speaking to reporters at a seminar organized by his office in Dar es Salaam last weekend, Kasongo said last

season many teams did not comply with the order but this year it is imperative that any team that violates the rules will face penalties.

The official revealed: "Advertising adds value to the team so all teams should advertise properly, this is under the rules of the Mainland Premier League, and if the team refuses it will face penalties."

"I want to remind all clubs because the code was signed so anyone who refuses will face punishment under the law," Kasongo added.



Sailors compete at this year's Laser Open Championship, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Dar Yacht Club sailor wins Laser Open Championship

By Guardian Reporter

IMAMU Said of the Dar es Salaam Yacht Club has emerged the winner of the annual sailing competition, known as the 'Laser Open', after beating other 38 sailors in the showdown, which took place in the city last weekend.

Said posted a total of nine points to defeat the 38 players who participated in the tournament organized by Dar Yacht Club and sanctioned by the Tanzania Sailing Association (TSAA).

The competition featured three clubs namely Dar Yacht Club, Msasani, and Kigamboni.

The plan was also to feature clubs from Kenya and Uganda, but due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the sailors have failed to feature in the competition. Imamu who competed in the Class 4.7 category scored one point in the first race, second, fourth, fifth,

and seventh and later scoring two points in the third race and three points in the sixth stage to clinch the title. Hamis Mohamed was the second winner in the competition through the 4.7 class of Dar Yacht Club.

The second-placed sailor scored 18 points while the third place went to Halife Mpondi (24 points) of Kigamboni Club through Laser Standard. Vedastus Alphonse, who garnered 26 points through

placed winner was Mussa Mpondi.

Speaking immediately after the competition, Said said that the competition was very tough due to the

Laser Radial, settled for fourth place, and the fifth-

opposition from other competitors. He said organizers under Dar Yacht Club honorary secretary, Anna Nyimbo, have done a commendable

job to stage and promote the competition.
Said, who has won the title for the third year in a row, noted: "The competition was very exciting and it is a milestone of the game in the country."

Anna said that they are pleased with the standards of the players of the game, which has come about thanks to intensive training.

"We have been running the training of young

sailors for a long time and we have managed to find good players who have also been able to represent the country internationally," Anna revealed. Philimon Nasari, TSAA

Chairman, said their goal is to see younger Tanzanians learn and get a chance to represent the country in international competitions. "So far there are young people who have competed in international competitions such in Africa and the World. The awareness has been great

awareness has been great and we believe we will achieve our goal," Nasari stated.

Guardian

Subs steal show from Aubameyang and Salah in dramatic draw

CAIRO

MOSTAFA Mohamed scored in the final minute to snatch a 1-1 World Cup Group F qualifying draw for 10-man Egypt in Gabon on Sunday after Jim Allevinah had put the dominant hosts ahead.

Billed as a showdown between high-profile English Premier League forwards Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang of Gabon and Mohamed Salah of Egypt, the stars had to take back seats as two substitutes netted.

All the drama came in the final 19 minutes in Franceville, starting with a red card for Egypt midfielder Omar Gaber after being yellowcarded twice.

Allevinah put Gabon ahead two minutes later, beating goalkeeper Mohamed el Shenawy from inside the box after the visitors failed to clear a free-kick.

Egypt coach Hossam el Badry reacted to falling behind by introducing Mohamed 13 minutes from time and the Galatasaray forward nodded in a dramatic equaliser after his chip was parried.

Salah missed a win over Angola last Wednesday because Egypt is on the United Kingdom coronavirus "red list" and he would have been forced to quarantine for 10 days on his return had he gone to Cairo.

Meanwhile, Namibia went top of Group H with a surprise 1-0 away victory over Togo thanks to a spectacular second-half goal by Elmo Kambindu.

After coming off the bench in a 1-1 draw with Congo Brazzaville three days ago, Kambindu was promoted to the starting line-up by coach Bobby Samaria for the match in Lome.

The change paid off eight minutes into the second half when Kambindu scored with a bicycle kick after Deon Hotto floated a freekick into a crowded goalmouth.

Namibia have four points from two matches, one more than Sadio Mane-inspired Senegal, who will regain first place if they avoid losing in rouf told AFP in Rabat. Congo on Monday.

Togo are pointless under recently hired Portuguese coach Paulo Duarte after also losing in Senegal, and are all but out of the running to finish first and secure a place in the final qualifying round.

Rwanda and Kenya, who drew 1-1 in Kigali, are other countries with little hope of being among the 10 group winners after the sixth and final round of mini-league matches in November.

Kenya have two points and Rwanda one after two matches each in Group E while leaders Mali, who have three points, play in Uganda on Monday.

When Rwanda goalkeeper Emery Mvuyekure fumbled a low cross, Michael Olunga hammered the ball into the net on nine minutes for the visitors.

The lead lasted 11 minutes before a header from centre-back Abdul Rwatubyaye struck a fellow Rwandan and landed in the Kenvan net.

Qatar-based Olunga was a constant threat, but could not score again to secure the victory Kenya desperately needed after being held by Uganda in Nairobi on Thursday.

A Group D showdown in Abidjan between the Ivory Coast and Cameroon, countries who have qualified for the World Cup 10 times between them, is the highlight of a six-fixture schedule on Monday.

There should have been seven matches, but the Group I clash between Guinea and Morocco was called off on Sunday because of a "volatile political and security situation in Conakry", according to CAF.

Guinean special forces head Colonel Mamady Doumbouya said soldiers had seized power, dissolved the constitution of the mineral-rich but impoverished country, and detained President Alpha Conte.

The Moroccan delegation managed to stay "safe" at a Conakry hotel before later departing the country to head home, national football federation official Mohamed Mak-

Brazil-Argentina fiasco shows lack of proper planning amid ongoing pandemic

By Tim Vickery, South America Correspondent

ONE of world football's great moments, Brazil vs. Argentina, descended into pure farce in Sao Paulo on Sunday when the game was suspended after just four minutes after officials from Brazil's health authority walked onto

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The incident proves that the big problem hovering over these rounds of World Cup qualification was not the conflict between Europe's clubs and South America's national teams. True, tension between them always exists.

"The referee and the match official will take a report to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee and they will decide what steps to take," said a statement issued by CONMEBOL.

But the latest strains are only the sub-product of the wider question - the difficulties of ploughing ahead with a full calendar in the midst of a global pandemic.

Problems were all but inevitable once the decision was taken to go ahead with the Copa America in June and July -- an extra Copa, the second extra Copa since 2016 and the fourth Copa since 2015. Players and coaches around the continent, especially in Brazil, made it clear that they were playing the Copa under protest.

There were two justifications for their discontent. One was the pandemic. The other was the perception that the time would be better used catching up on World Cup qualifiers, which were behind schedule. Playing the Copa left the continent with 12 rounds of qualifiers still to fit in before the end of March - and only four rounds of FIFA dates in which to play

With two games per round, there was still a deficit of four games. FIFA twice came to South America's aid. An extra FIFA date was established at the end of January. And the dates in September and October were extended to three games, meaning that the players would not arrive in time to play for their clubs at the weekend.

This was one source of conflict with



the European clubs. The other was the be a problem. Anvisa were aware of surprised as anyone when officials quarantine restrictions in effect in the United Kingdom - and also in Brazil. Whether such restrictions are still necessary is a moot point, especially in the case of those who have been fully vaccinated. But these are rules. And they clearly trump any authority that football can come up with - although this has come as something of a surprise in South America.

The Argentina squad contains four Premier League players - the Tottenham Hotspur pair of Cristian Romero and Giovani Lo Celso plus the Aston Villa duo Emiliano Martinez and Emiliano Buendia. The squad arrived in Brazil on Friday morning after the 3-1 win away to Venezuela on Thursday.

Just as Brazil is on the UK's "red list," the reverse is also true. Non-Brazilians who have been in the U.K. in the past 14 days need to go into quarantine. According to a statement from the Anvisa health authority, these four players did not declare to the local immigration authorities that they had been in the UK in the previous two weeks.

It was clear on Saturday, the eve of the game, that there was going to

the presence of four Argentines who should have been in quarantine.

How had this situation developed? Football has existed in a bubble in South America. There are still severe restrictions on the travel of private citizens inside the continent. The border between Brazil and Argentina is closed, for example. But football has been given a pass. Even when the pandemic was out of control, with 4,000 a day dying in Brazil alone, international club matches were going ahead.

There have been occasional problems - team delegations forced to sleep in airports, or matches switched to a neutral country. But the game has gone on. Special dispensations were given in order for the Copa America to go ahead in Brazil. But, on this occasion, the pass did

not extend to those who had recently been in the U.K. It was widely expected that a compromise would be reached in this situation. It would all blow over. with the four players perhaps having to undergo an interrogation at Sao Paulo airport after the match.

Brazil's FA declared themselves as

from Anvisa entered the field and put a stop to the game. Down on the pitch there was talk at the time of a deal whereby the England-based Argentina players would be substituted at halftime and could then be taken to the

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It is unlikely that Argentina would have agreed to such a deal, and it came across as a desperate attempt to buy time and negotiate further to save the

It is unclear why this time a deal could not be agreed with the Brazilian government, who were so keen for the Copa to go ahead at a time when the pandemic was far more severe than now. Everyone involved in the game seemed to count on such an outcome.

There was little or no added health risk from the players completing the game and then heading to the airport. But the Anvisa officials were upholding the rules, and always relying on a last-minute reprieve is a gamble that can go wrong. It might do football no harm to recognise that there are limits to its power and influence.

Italy set new unbeaten record as Germany thump Armenia

LONDON

ITALY broke the world record for the longest unbeaten run in international football with a goalless draw at Switzerland on Sunday, while Germany got their World Cup qualifying campaign back on track by thrashing Armenia 6-0.

European champions Italy should have taken all three points, but Swiss goalkeeper Yann Sommer saved Jorginho's second-half

"The ball didn't want to go into the goal," Italian coach Roberto Mancini told RAI.

"We had too many chances today not to win the match... We have to be more clinical and more precise."

The draw, however, extended Mancini's side's unbeaten run to 36 matches, breaking the previous mark they shared with Brazil and

The Azzurri remain top of Group C, four points above Switzerland who have two games in hand.

Italy are bidding to banish the memories of their shock failure to qualify for the 2018 World Cup.

The group winners automatically reach next year's finals in Qatar, with the runners-up heading into the play-offs.

The Germans brushed off the cobwebs of their underwhelming 2-0 win over Liechtenstein in Hansi Flick's first match in charge by thrashing previous leaders Armenia to go top of Group J.

Bayern Munich winger Serge Gnabry scored twice in the first 15 minutes.

Timo Werner set up Marco Reus, who was recalled by Flick, to put the result beyond doubt before netting himself to complete a dominant opening 45 minutes.

The home crowd in Stuttgart were given a fifth goal to cheer by Jonas Hofmann early in the second period, before the four-time world win.

champions added further gloss in added time through 19-year-old debutant Karim Adeyemi.

They now lead Armenia by two points, with Romania a point further back after beating Liechten-

A shock home loss to North Macedonia earlier this year had put Germany's qualification in danger. - England cruise at Wembley -

A much-changed England laboured for long periods before seeing off Andorra 4-0 in their first match at Wembley since their Euro 2020 final defeat by Italy on penal-

Jesse Lingard, who missed out on Gareth Southgate's Euro squad, put the hosts ahead in the 18th minute, but a second goal did not arrive until substitute Harry Kane's penalty 18 minutes from time.

England, for whom Southgate made 11 changes, did enjoy a late goal spree as Lingard netted a second and Bukayo Saka marked his birthday by finding the net.

That goal brought loud cheers from the crowd at Wembley -where Saka missed the decisive penalty in the shootout against the Italians in July.

"He (Saka) got a fabulous reception, before and during the game," Southgate told ITV. "You can see how popular he is with the rest of the team as well."

England have won all five of their matches in Group I and visit Poland, who they lead by five points, on Wednesday.

Robert Lewandowski scored twice and Adam Buksa grabbed a hat-trick as the second-placed Poles hammered San Marino 7-1.

Spain, who are in danger of not qualifying automatically, thrashed Georgia 4-0 in Badajoz.

First-half goals from Jose Gaya, Carlos Soler and Ferran Torres ensured they would bounce back from their loss to Sweden with a

Guinea-Morocco qualifier off after coup d'etat

MOROCCO's national team have been evacuated from the Guinean capital Conakry and their World Cup qualifier against Guinea has been postponed because of a coup d'etat in the West African country.

The Morocco camp boarded a plane after CAF released a statement confirming that the game will not take place.

Morocco goalkeeper Anas Zniti (pictured), who is with the team in Conakry, has corroborated to ESPN that the squad are doing well, although they have witnessed the deteriorating security situation in the city, with midfielder Sofyan Amrabat sharing footage of military forces on the streets in his Instagram story.

The Morocco team have been told to remain inside their residence for the time being, and to stay away from windows and doorways.

"The current political and security situation in Guinea is quite volatile and is being closely monitored by FIFA and CAF," the Confederation of African Football said in a statement.

"To ensure the safety and security of all players and to protect all match officials, FIFA and CAF have decided to postpone the FIFA World Cup 2022 qualifying match Guinea vs. Morocco, which had scheduled to be hosted in Conakry, Guinea, on Monday Sept. 6. Rescheduling information will be made available at a later date."

Morocco trained in Guinea on Saturday shortly before the reported coup d'etat began, with hours of gunfire being heard in Conakry -- in the vicinity of the presidential palace -- according to the BBC.

Before the postponement was announced, Morocco coach Vahid Halilhodzic told French newspaper L'Equipe: "We're at the hotel, gunshots can be heard nearby all day.



We're waiting for permission to leave for the airport but we're stranded for now.

"A plane is waiting for us, but we are not allowed to leave. And to get to the airport, it takes between 45 minutes to an hour. When you hear gunshots outside, safety is not 100% guaranteed."

He added: "I was told there was a possibility that the game would be played in Morocco, but I don't know. For now we're stuck there, let's see how it goes. We wait. I hope we get back to Morocco before the end of the day."

While Guinea's defence minister has said that the coup d'etat has not been successful, the fate of President Alpha

Conde remains uncertain. ESPN have seen verified images from the Guinean capital which depict corpses on the city's streets.

A statement sent to ESPN issued by the "National Front for the Defence of the Constitution" -- the coalition of parties opposing the ongoing presidency -- has confirmed that the president has been detained.

Residents in the district of Kaloum have been told to remain indoors, while the military are still present in the streets and have taken control of the country's land and air borders.

This prompted Air Senegal, which

Europe-based players to Conakry, to cancel Sunday's proposed flights out of the Guinean capital. The decision may raise concerns about the ability of Liverpool's Naby Keita -- among others -- to return to Europe.

Morocco travelled to the country on a special chartered jet.

The four Cameroonian match officials designated to oversee Monday's fixture are also still in the country, with African football's governing body yet to confirm how they will exit the country.

Achraf Hakimi of Paris Saint-Germain, Benfica's Adel Taarabt, Wolves defender Romain Saiss and Sevilla duo Yassine Bounou and Youssef En-Nesyri are some of the high-profile players currently in the Morocco camp.

Information Reuters was included in this report.

by David Chikoko



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Brazil-Argentina fiasco shows lack of proper planning amid ongoing pandemic



The Permanent Secretary of the Embassy of the State of Qatar in Tanzania, Hamad Al Dosori (L), speaks to The Guardian Limited newspapers' sports journalists during his visit to the company's offices in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on (R) is The Guardian newspaper's Managing Editor, Wallace Maugo, and the embassy's journalist, Ali Elsadiq. PHOTO: SELEMANI MPOCHI

Yanga now rules out participating in international friendly encounters

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

YANGA has ruled out the possibility of playing an international friendly match in preparation for this weekend's CAF Champions League preliminary round's clash against Rivers United of Nigeria, which will take place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Last weekend it was reported that Yanga will play an international friendly against Tusker FC of Kenya at Sheikh Abeid Karume Stadi-

But speaking yesterday, Yanga information officer, Hassan Bumbuli, said the team will not travel to Arusha to participate in the friendly and, instead, will play a friendly match with a local club tomorrow.

"The team will remain in Dar es Salaam and concentrate on its preparations for the match against Rivers United of Nigeria, if possible we will, on Wednesday, face Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC in a friendly match," he said.

He also said Yanga's technical panel is praying that all players who are with their respective countries' teams in World Cup qualifiers, finish their assignments without injuries and report for camp as

"It is our wish that the players who are with their respective national teams report for the club's camp as soon as they finish their national teams' duties, this will help the technical panel to prepare well for our encounter against Rivers United of Nigeria," he said.

Some of Yanga players who are with their countries' national teams include Mali's shot-stopper Djigui Diarra and Ugandan midfielder Khalid Aucho.

Others are Faisal Salum, Bakari Mwamnyeto, Dickson Job that are with Tanzania's Taifa Stars which will lock horns with Madagascar in Tuesday's tie at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Azam FC and Biashara United who are playing in the CAF Confederation Cup preliminary round at the end of this week also said they are not considering playing international friendlies.

"The team will continue to intensify training for this weekend's CAF Confederation Cup tie, we will not play any international friendly," Azam FC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Abdulkarim Amin noted. Although the international friendly matches help the teams to

gauge their readiness for the competitions, with less than three days before CAF games, outfits can have meaningful friendlies.

National volleyball team jets into Rwanda

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's national men's volley- ria, host Rwanda, South ball team has arrived in Kigali, Rwanda Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, ready for the African Nations Champia and Zambia as well feature onship which gets underway today and in the showpiece. will come to a close next weekend.

Tanzania Volleyball Association dence that the team will (TAVA) secretary-general Alfred Selen- do well at the event. gia said the country's team made up of 15 players is in Rwanda for the champi- many years that we are

The showpiece has attracted 20 coun- Nations Championship, it tries' squads namely Burundi, Burkina is a tough event, but I'm Faso, Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic confident we can do well," of Congo (DRC), Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, and Mali.



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Ally Mohammed from Police Zanzibar is the squad's head coach, assisted by Nassor Shariff from Dar es Salaam's Jeshi Stars.

Taifa Stars seeks three points as Mbwana Samatta returns



Senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' player, Erasto Nyoni, speaks to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's national soccer team, Taifa Stars, is looking forward to playing its second fixture in Group of African Qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup against Madagascar at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam today.

The second game in Group J brings together the two nations that are looking for their first group victory.

Playing away in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Tanzania drew 1-1 with the former's senior national team.

Madagascar will be reeling from a 1-0 defeat at home against Benin in the opening clash.

A win for Taifa Stars on Tuesday will take them to four points which will be an added advantage as they do not want to let this World Cup qualifying opportunity fade away.

Striker, Simon Msuva, scored Taifa Stars' goal in the 1-1 draw with DRC, the speedy forward will be responsible for adding edge to today's game. The Tanzania squad received a boost due to the return of the squad's captain, Mbwana Samatta, who missed the first game as he was in Belgium to complete his loan move from Turkev's Fenerbançe to Royal Antwerp FC.

He is therefore set to retain the captain's armband from the team's veteran defender, Erasto Nyoni, who took the commanding role during Taifa Stars match against DRC at TP Mazembe Stadium in Lubumbashi.

In his recent remarks, Taifa Stars' head coach Kim Poulsen said the next match against Madagascar will be different but insisted that they will use well the five days of preparations to claim positive results.

"I hope the fans will turn up to support the team and this is the x-factor that we get supporters to be behind the team and I am sure we can put up a brilliant performance," Poulsen noted.

Commenting on the past match versus DRC, Poulsen narrated that it was a tough away game playing against the highest-ranking side in their group with most of their players turning out for outfits in Europe.

Poulsen revealed: "I was very satisfied with the way we played. I think at the beginning of the game, they did not have much respect for Taifa Stars but when the match moved on, they started to give us respect."

"We made one mistake and they scored...I liked the way my players responded because, after the goal, we started to play much better and create nice chances. After ten minutes, the score was 1-1," Poulsen pointed out.

Before entering the group stage, Tanzania started the initial stage of the qualifiers, which brought together the lowest teams in the FIFA standards.

Taifa Stars played against Burundi national team and in both matches, the two were locked to 1-1 draw and went to the penalty shootout, which ended with Tanzania edging Burundi out.

Qatar ready to support Tanzania football followers' trip for 2022 World Cup

By Pauline Lugaziya, SJMC

THE Embassy of the State of Qatar in Tanzania has pledged to work with Tanzanian sports associations to support and facilitate soccer followers' travel procedures for flights to Qatar to watch the 2022 World

Speaking during his visit to The Guardian Limited in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the first Permanent Secretary of the Embassy of the State of Qatar in Tanzania, Hamad Al Dosori, welcomed as many Tanzanians as possible to his country to watch the 2022 World Cup.

Dosori's visit geared towards issuing The Guardian and Nipashe newspapers' sports journalists with details on his country's hosting of the World Cup.

Embassy of the State of Qatar official stated he wishes there will be a good number of soccer enthusiasts traveling to Qatar to watch the showpiece.

Dosori promised that Qatar will be there to support them.

He pointed out Tanzanians will be presented with information concerning the 2022 World Cup.

He also elucidated that knows Tanzanian people as sports enthusiasts, therefore, the Embassy of the State of Qatar would like to forever strengthen the bilateral relations that Tanzania has with Qatar.

He pointed out: "Qatar will donate as many COVID-19 vaccines as possible for all Tanzanians who would wish to attend the World Cup."

"We will also support them with all the information they need while they are there."

During his visit to The Guardian Limited newspapers' offices, Dosori moreover stated that he wishes national team 'Taifa Stars' post good results in the squad's Tuesday fixture against Madagascar in African Qualifiers for 2022 World Cup at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Dosori promised that after the World Cup, Qatar will coordinate with Tanzania's government and responsible authorities to provide the necessary facilities that are needed for different sports including soccer.

He further The Guardian Limited newspapers for being some of the most trusted print media outlets in the country.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

