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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 impasse.

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, 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 dispatch.

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

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Mbowe hearing: Drama as Judge Luvanda steps down

By Guardian Reporter



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) and his three co-defendants. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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 Kibatata.

There was heavy deployment of security officers at the High Court as Mbowe and co-accused 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 Kisumu 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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NEMC slaps 3.3bn/- fine on firm over EIA permits

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

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

various regions without obtaining an 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 fuel 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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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 initiatives.

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 self-employment.

"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

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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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blast several filling stations and attempting to harm former Hai District Commissioner, Lengai ole Sabaya.

Mbowe was arrested last month in Mwanza before opening a 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 that 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 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

with the government of Tanzania 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 Borchini, 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 construction. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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less privileged families," he further noted.

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 centre 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

victim to militia assaults ranges between \$10,000 and \$20,000 at present, it further noted, pointing out that some drivers even got 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, it added.

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.

Presenting suggestions of 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 advices.

The committee also suggested for public education on the importance of 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.

Ziwani MP, Suleiman Ramadhan Suleiman (CCM) said the law must also include a section that will force citizens to assist firefighters with fire

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 19 seeks to empower the Commissioner-General of the Force to make orders for the general governance of the force.



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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 firms.

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

Bashe said that following 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 buying.

He said that so far CRDB bank 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 Correspondent

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

By Getrude Mbago

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed all 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 2025.

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.

He said that services that will 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 (TRA).

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 others.

"In order to ensure that this 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 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 jobs 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

by the government to improve efficiency, increase the scope of services and achieve major digital goals.

According to him, the first phase of implementation will involve eleven regions including Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Mwanza, Kigoma, Arusha, Mbeya, Mjini Magharibi Unjua, 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 one-stop centres' project is divided into three phases where the first phase begins September 2021- December 2022 in which 10 regions will get the centres.

"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 said.

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

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 TaESA—an executive agency under the Prime Minister's Office Labour, Employment, Youth and People with Disability. The state agency is also responsible for preparation of the

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 stations.

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.



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Tanzania Christian Medical Association president Dr Bwire Chirangi addresses the body's 84th annual general meeting in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

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 non-governmental 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.

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

Six Arusha water officials in court charged with fraud

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 Koya.

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

jointly conspired, through the AUWSA 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 Procurement 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

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.

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

Construction of second phase of TAEC lab nearly complete

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

The ongoing project, which upon its completion is expected to gobble up to 10.4 billion/-, direct funded by 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 interview to The Guardian yesterday, 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

professional food storage," he observed. He added, basic processes for the 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

in the storage of the items meant for exportation.

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

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

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 fishing.

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: Vicent Tiganya

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

the residents saying the charges were exorbitant to them.

He said the government intends to relieve women the burden of carrying buckets of water by bringing a huge water desalination plant for human consumption,

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 water costs 2,500/- which is very costly compared to 1,600/- per unit in Morogoro Municipality, I want

EWURA to provide me with an 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 water at 50/-."

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

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.

Justice Joaquine 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.

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 awareness.

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

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 victims," he added that, it is a 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 under the coalition.

For his part, the national coordinator for THRDC Onesmo Olungurumwa 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 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.



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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 Correspondent

Address power woes in Kigoma, Energy minister directs Tanesco

By Correspondent Adela Madyane, Kigoma

MINISTER for Energy Dr Medard Kalemani has directed the Tanzania Electricity 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

out of the five existing electricity 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 Epidemiologists' 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.

Furthermore, the efficient 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 peer-reviewed 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 region.

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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No easy answers in getting fair terms in tanzanite trade

NEW methods are being initiated to control the supply of tanzanite 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 thus its price 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 agency.

In the early 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

to worry about an account held in US dollars. Except for tradition, 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 price; 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

TOURISM shall neon the 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.

That doesn't hold back 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

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 outsourcing the maintenance or development of 'pariah' conservation areas. The most interested parties are likely to wish to get into the key destinations.

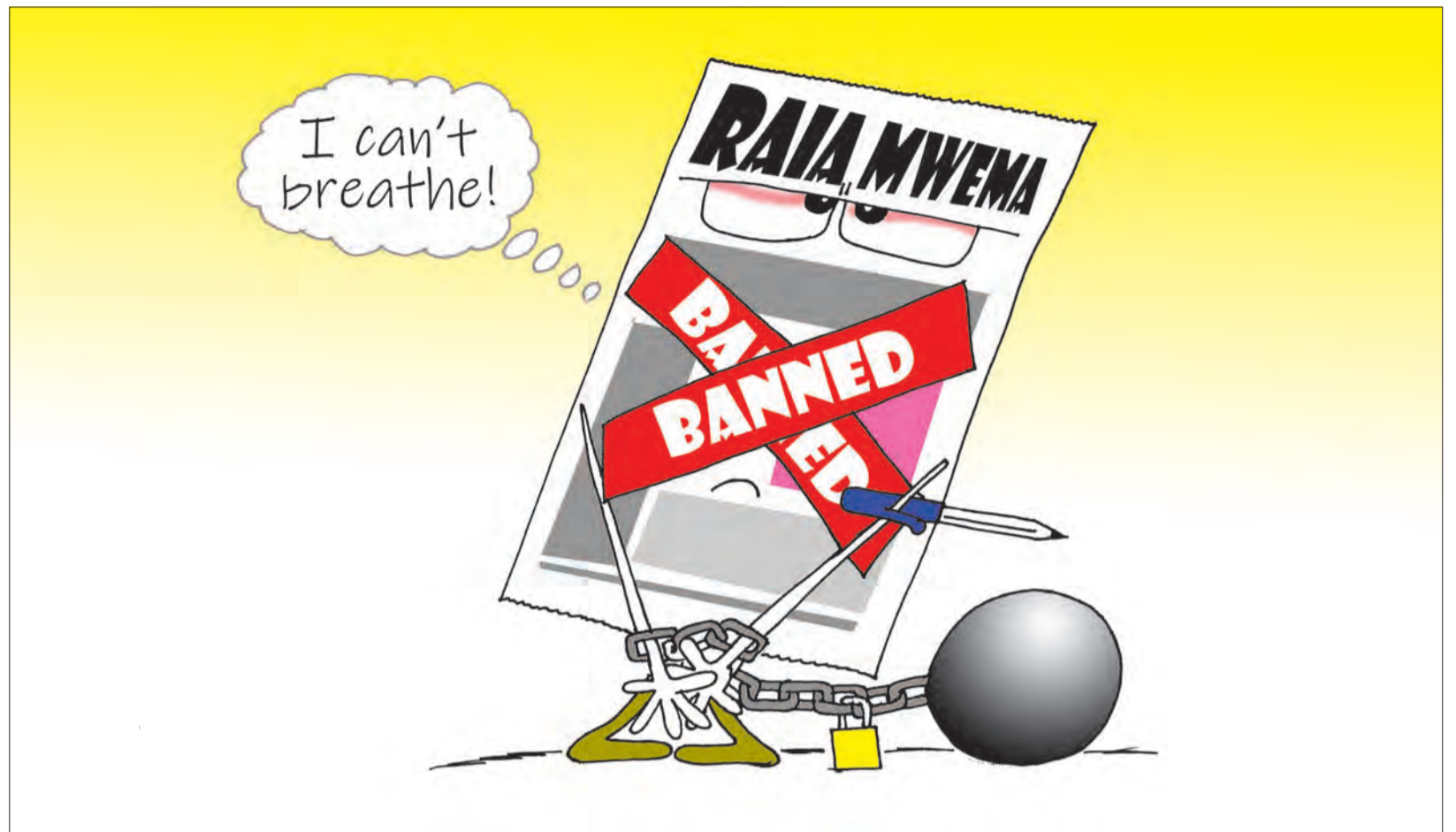
For instance even at the time of the Cape Verde ministerial meeting, the Tanzanian delegation led by minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro did not have a big agenda to push, other than to get Tanzania elected to the UNWTO Program and Budget Committee. With greater openness to the private sector in several key conservation 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.

Just putting up notices in glossy magazines may not do much good. We tend to think that our voices are sufficient to attract people to destinations, where it is testimony and tailored services which matter, as well as tapping into markets that foreign agencies know, not ourselves.

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By Sharmi Surianarain

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.

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 have 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 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 were 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 eligibility criteria that meant anyone 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

sapped young women's time, but 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 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

creates paid work and enables it.

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 peers.

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

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

Hakaiinde 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 and corrupt.

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

skyrocketing, 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 promises.

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.
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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

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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 ½" 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
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- 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.

Key Dates

- Last date to submit quotes September 10, 2021

North Mara Gold Mine Limited

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

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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.
- (2) Ability to demonstrate track record and evidence/references of at least 3 similar prior successful projects on any mine.
- (3) Experienced key personnel to be assigned to the project. (4) At least one Gallagher Certified Technician.
- (5) At least one SeMsy Certified Personnel.
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Expression of Interest

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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 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
2	BUL-21-08-06	Portland Cement CEM II 42.5N	

The above goods are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable pre-qualified 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

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

By Guardian Reporter



Tamwa Zanzibar director Dr Mzuri Issa

SWIL.

It also seeks to explore the role the media plays in Zanzibar politics, by looking into the way women and male politicians are covered using a gendered frame. Therefore, the coverage of male and female politicians received in selected 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 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 mediated 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 politics.

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.

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.

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

Based on national official statistics, women in 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 parliament, women 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 under-represented 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 successful, TAMWA-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 vis-a-vis female politicians' interests and concerns in Zanzibar and looking critically to improve an existing coverage of all key issues regarding



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

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- Finalize an internal and external communications strategy for PS3+.
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- assistance to government partners in communications, including through presentations, training, or technical reviews.
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- Liaise with USAD/Tanzania's Development Outreach and 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 relevant field (journalism, communications, public relations, marketing).
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- Demonstrated experience in communications or public relations, including identifying compelling stories, connecting with diverse audiences, distilling technical language into user-friendly formats, collaborating with production teams, and adhering to deadlines and short turn-around times.
- Excellent interpersonal, teamwork, organizational and mentoring skills.

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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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Email: info@thrdc.or.tz
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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.
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Below is a detailed general description of the vehicle THRDC is intending to purchase:

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Transmission type: Automatic
Drive train: 4WD
Body Type: Suburban Utility Vehicle
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Seats: 7
Color : White/Black
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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.

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Defending Human Rights is not a Crime!

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

NURSE 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.

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.



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

trauma health." 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.

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

UNDER 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.



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.

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 COVID-19 outbreaks, playing a significant role in stabilizing the economy of countries and promoting international anti-pandemic cooperation.

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.

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Ministry following up developments at privatised TAHI hotels in Ngorongoro

By Smart Money Reporter

THE 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 US\$20 million in upgrading and modernizing them.

HLL paid US\$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.

der way to establish those that have failed to implement agreed benchmarks for possible repossession.

“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.



GM maize in a farm.

Global food commodity prices rebound in August

ROME

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.

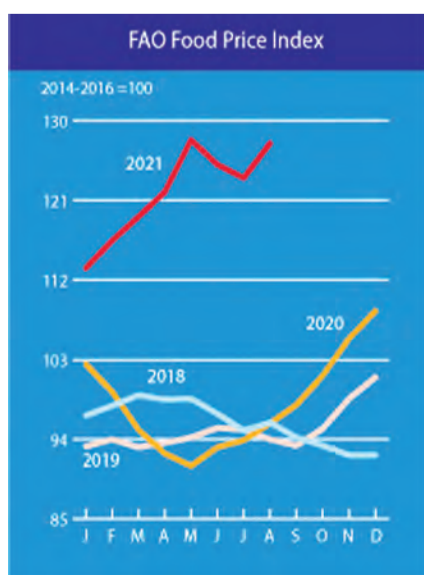
The FAO Food Price Index averaged 127.4 points in August, up 3.1% from July and 32.9% from the same month in 2020. The index tracks monthly changes in the international prices of commonly traded food commodities.

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 draw-downs 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



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.

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

DEPUTY 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

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.

The NIT was established by the Act of Parliament, No. 24 of 1982 but its history dates back to 1975, when it was initially commenced to oversee the transport sector but also undertake comprehensive training of sectoral manpower.

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 discriminatory 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 zero-rate drugs manufactured in Kenya with effect from July 1. Despite these pledges, both countries have reneged on implementing some of them -- triggering intermittent disputes such as the latest one on sugar trade.



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.



Uganda's Agriculture minister, Frank Tumwebaze.

Corporate social investment projects should involve communities at grassroots level

By Geoffrey Tusime - 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 Global 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 sectors.

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 at community level. Projects implemented 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

compliment efforts by the state to provide 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 including Tanzania has however created a lot of expectations with communities failing to draw 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 level.

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

VIEWFROMTHE TOP

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 a day.

"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

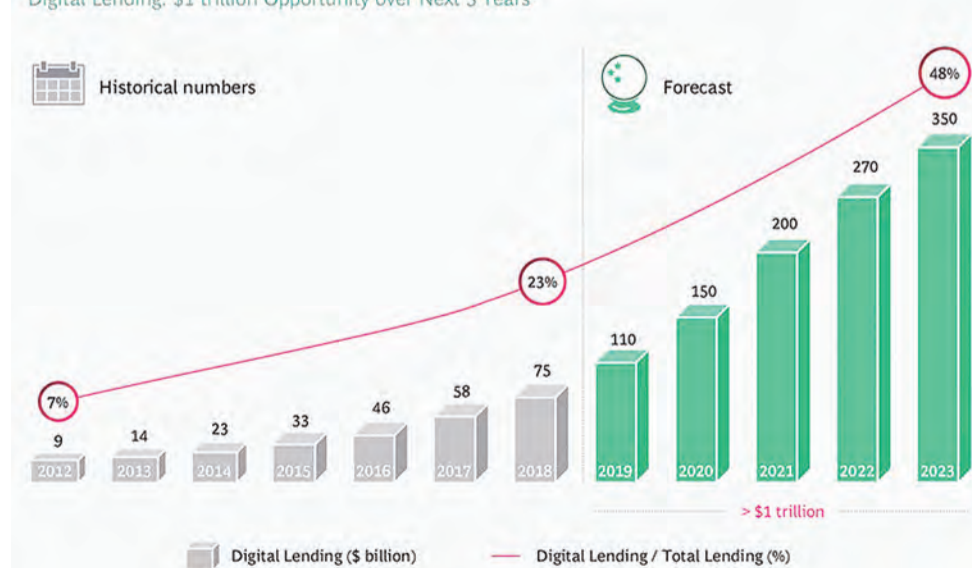
million formally employed people in Asia's third-largest economy who do not have a credit card, according to Inc42.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi 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

Digital Lending: \$1 trillion Opportunity over Next 5 Years



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

SPORT

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 Stadium in Arusha.

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 soon as possible.

"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 volleyball team has arrived in Kigali, Rwanda ready for the African Nations Championship which gets underway today and will come to a close next weekend.

Tanzania Volleyball Association (TAVA) secretary-general Alfred Selengia said the country's team made up of 15 players is in Rwanda for the championship.

The showpiece has attracted 20 countries' squads namely Burundi, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, and Mali.

Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, host Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia as well feature in the showpiece.

He expressed confidence that the team will do well at the event.

"This is the first time in many years that we are competing at the African Nations Championship, it is a tough event, but I'm confident we can do well," he said.

The official could not issue the national men's volleyball team's fixtures but promised to provide them soon.

Selengia thanked the government for its support of the team's trip to Rwanda.

The championships which are organized by the African Volleyball Confederation (CAVB) will also serve as African qualifiers for the 2022 FIVB World Championship.

The national men's volleyball team is made up of players namely Ezekiel Robson, Nassor Mohammed, Rashid Mustafa, Dismas Dick, Ramadhan Mase, Shaban Julius, Abdulrahman Yusufu, Joseph Mafuru, David Evarist, Khamis Sadala, Said Ali, Ford Edward, and Jackson Mmari.

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 outfit's Group J fixture of African Qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup against Benin, scheduled for today in the city. PHOTO: TFF

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's national soccer team, Taifa Stars, is looking forward to playing its second fixture in Group J 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 Turkey's Fenerbahce 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 Cup.

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 Qatar 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

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