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Eight RCs and security chiefs discuss trade flow harmony

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

EIGHT regional commissioners and several heads of security organs met here yesterday to discuss how to remove trade obstacles between Tanzania and neighbouring countries and boost border security.

Exaud Kigahe (pictured), the Deputy Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade opened the meeting that focused on security issues and trade opportunities in the southern highlands, explaining that the meeting will come up with a map on removing trade obstacles so that people conduct their activities freely.

Regional trade cooperation was still poor and the meeting was essential to find ways to rectify the situation, he said, noting that Tanzania was signatory to the borderless trade protocol.

"Since that agreement Tanzanians are allowed to engage in trade within and outside the country's borders, but still

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there are various obstacles," he pointed out.

Regional officials must create friendly environments for investment by showing existing opportunities in the regions, like port facilities at Itungi on Lake Nyasa, the Kiwira coal deposits, along with Kasanga and Karema ports on Lake Tanganyika, which are available for traders for export and imports of goods, he stated.

Southern Highlands RCs chairman Juma Homera, the host RC, said the meeting was essential to boost trade development initiatives in the zone.

Through various opportunities in trade, agriculture and infrastructures the regions can eradicate poverty among the people and benefit from investments from across the country's borders, he declared.

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SGR's two locomotives, 30 wagons set for April



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi and Germany's Ambassador to Tanzania, Regine Hess, congratulate each other in Zanzibar yesterday shortly after endorsing the renewal of development cooperation between Zanzibar and Germany. Photo: Zanzibar State House

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has procured locomotives and wagons worth \$350.29m (over 800bn/-) to be used on the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR).

Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) managing director Masanja Kadogosa told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, said the rolling stock will arrive in phases starting April, including 30 passenger wagons and two locomotives worth euro 26.6m from Germany.

Earlier, 59 coaches worth \$ 58m were procured from South Korea for longer routes, along with engines for trial runs at the Dar es Salaam-Morogoro section which is nearing completion, he said.

"The global pandemic has to a great extent caused delays, but I am informed that they will start arriving in the country by the end of April," he said.

Once the SGR is operating, private companies will be allowed to run passenger and cargo wagons and pay some fees for the use of the railway, he stated, urging

SGR construction was concurrent with renovating the meter gauge to improve its carriage capacity

investors to be prepared to join the SGR project by getting ready to procure wagons.

Last year the government set aside 11.3bn/- to buy 65 SGR wagons for trial runs which were to start towards the end of the year.

Dr Leonard Chamuriho (pictured), the former minister for Works and Transport, said at that time that the target was to ensure that operation begin as soon as the first section of the railway is completed, with preparations involve the training of drivers, technicians and signal cadres continuing, to enable them to cope with new technology.

The government had also set aside over 29.4bn/- to rebuild five locomotives and over 7.9bn/- for five shunting locomotives, with about 7.5bn/- set aside for renovating 37 coaches and 600 cargo wagons.

Purchasing was also being processed for 100 wagons at over 18.8bn/- for the meter-gauge railway, spare parts for three locomotives priced at 3bn/- and wagon coaches spare parts priced at 6.5bn/-, while other machinery was allocated 6.5bn/-.

SGR construction was concurrent with renovating the meter gauge to improve its carriage capacity, he had affirmed.



Govt unveils new measures to reduce sickle cell burden

By Henry Mwangonde

THE screening of infants during vaccinations along with the counselling and testing of couples before marriage are among measures being taken by the Ministry of Health to help reduce the burden of sickle cell occurrences at birth, the government has stated.

Health ministry permanent secretary Prof Abel Makubi said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the measures are aimed at increasing early screening and preventing sickle cell incidence among children at birth, so as to ease the burden of the disease.

These measures will be included in the non-communicable diseases policy so as to reduce new sickle cell cases from the

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current 11,000 per year, with Tanzania fifth in the sickle cell burden in Africa, he stated.

He was addressing the 7th wide dissemination symposium on the disease at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), where he said awareness of sickle cell risks needs to be raised via school based programmes.

"Tanzania is overburdened by the disease. We need to have special programmes with an integrated approach to cut the vicious cycle and contain the disease," he declared, underlining that current approach of screening of newborns faces the frequent problem of home deliveries.

Dr Julieth Jonathan of the Sickle-cell Pan African Research Consortium (SPARCO)

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Stakeholders scan NEC report on 2020 election

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has reiterated the commitment to cooperate with different stakeholders in the review of electoral laws and process, saying that scheduled polls will be better than previous ones.

Several stakeholder groups have started debating the report by the National Electoral Commission (NEC) on the 2020 General Election, to suggest improvements in what



the report recommends, and sketch out other proposals.

Dr John Jingu (pictured), the permanent secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, said in a speech read on his behalf that the government is working hard to ensure that shortfalls noticed in the last elections are sorted out.

Invited as chief guest at a workshop organized by the Tanzania Peace, Legal Aid and Justice Centre (PLAJC) bringing together different election stakeholders, he stressed the need for people to positively debate the NEC report and provide recommendations.

He urged public officials and election stakeholders to prepare for the coming

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Barrick president and CEO Mark Bristow (L) briefs Minerals minister Dr Doto Biteko (2nd-L), Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) Innocent Bashungwa (3rd-L) and Shinyanga regional commissioner Sophia Mjema (in headscarf) at Bulyanhulu gold mine in Shinyanga Region yesterday on an underground electronic mining plant. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Stakeholders scan NEC report on 2020 election

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elections to be credible and trusted by members of the public and respected internationally.

"The government has put in place several strategies to improve elections by reviewing the various laws, policies, regulations and guidelines applicable for organising elections," he said.

Dr Jingu hailed PLAJC for organizing the workshop, saying the NGO has responded to President Samia's call for polls education and provided a platform for different stakeholders to air their views on the report.

"I commend PLAJC for the helpful gesture aimed at contributing to improving electoral laws and processes in line with appeal made by the president," he said.

Letitia Petro, the PLAJC board chairperson, earlier noted that the center is among stakeholders that have opted to heed the president's call to debate the report, identify successes and shortfalls, along with providing recommendations.

She hailed government efforts to have conducted the last elections using own resources entirely, and was continuing efforts to bring about a conducive environment for non-governmental organisations to operate freely.

The meeting was intended to make an analysis of the strengths and gaps of the electoral legal framework with intent to improving future elections and inclusive democracy. It would propose recommendations on strengthening the electoral legal framework, along with formulating comprehensive mechanisms for legal reforms on election management, she stated.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan received the report back in August, where she expressed fears that recruiting election officials in district councils and financial empowerment of civil society organisations (CSOs) providing civic education add up to a considerable

expenditure burden for organising the polls.

"Let us leave the matter to be debated by stakeholders and then see what the government can do," she stated, taking up the report's recommendations as 'genuine,' explaining that more education should be imparted to increase the number of women vying for political posts.

Women need to raise their confidence level and political parties show trust on women so as to increase the number of those turning out to vie for elected posts, she stated.

"We should also prepare ourselves for increased use of information and communication technology (ICT) in election processes in alignment with global demand, enable the participation of more Tanzanians," the president had asserted.

Electoral laws should be reviewed to prevent denying citizens the right to contest for leadership positions, she stated. Scores of leadership aspirants were disqualified in the past polls for minor mistakes made when filling their nomination forms, the president had remarked.



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project said the goal is to ensure that 70 percent of sickle cell patients receive standardised care and treatment. There is need to extend prescription of hydroxyl-urea (HU) in referral hospitals across the country, she stated.

The public authorities must capitalise on experiences gained from tuberculosis and HIV/Aids screening and treatment protocols, as well as regarding neglected tropical diseases programmes, she said.

Govt unveils new measures to reduce sickle cell burden

MUHAS Vice Chancellor Prof Andrea Pembe said the facility conducts sickle cell research since 2004, enabling the inclusion of the disease in the national policy on NCDs.

"Now the task is to have data on the number of patients across the country but also intensify screening

and create awareness to break the vicious cycle by ensuring that almost the whole country was aware of the challenges the disease poses," he elaborated. Every year more than 11,000 children are born with sickle cell disease countrywide, with hydroxyl-urea as the drug that has the potential to prevent a significant portion of fatalities arising out of disease and prevent various sickle cell disabilities.

The drug is delivered as simple oral medication, with more than 30 years of evidence showing that it is effective and safe, but it is not readily available, affordable and accessible to patients, he added.

SCI: Tanzania has half of world lions

By Guardian Reporter

SAFARI Club International (SCI) president Sven Lindquist has named Tanzania as home to half of all lions in the world.

SCI president was speaking at the ongoing 50th conference of tourist hunters in Las Vegas, USA.

He said he praises Tanzania for its great efforts on conservation that has resulted in having many of the wildlife.

The natural Resources and Tourism Minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro has stressed that half of the world's lions are in Tanzania due to the government's great efforts in wildlife conservation.

He said the strengthening of the wildlife conservation, especially in regard to grass eating wildlife was

among the reason for Tanzania to have such a large number of lions due to the ever availability of food for the predators.

He explained that lions eat grass eating animals that have been in great abundance due to the availability of grass, as well as better management in conservation.

Dr Ndumbaro stressed that Tanzania still has a large number of lions because the government has been in the forefront in strengthening conservation activities by allocating the ministry adequate budget for conducting various operations against poaching.

He added that the government has succeeded to curb poaching by 90 per cent and stressed that it expects to completely eradicate the problem by 2025.



Contractors Registration Board vice chairman Joseph Tango (C) has a quick word with chairperson Consolatha Ngimbwa (L) in Dodoma city yesterday shortly after she opened a meeting attended by Tanzanian contractors. They are with CRB deputy registrar David Jere. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Community health workers told to provide broad range of primary health care services

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Health ministry has called on experts at Mbeya zonal referral hospital to provide outreach health services to empower health workers at regional and district hospitals to improve health services thereby reducing referrals cases.

The remarks were given here on Tuesday this week by the deputy Minister for health, Dr Seif Shekilaghe during his visit the Hospital to inspect development work of Maternity building at Meta Hospital.

Dr Shekilaghe said in order to simplify the provision of health services in the country all medical experts at Mbeya Zonal Referral Hospital should learn how to provide health services through the

outreach system to reduce referral cases.

He said the system will also will assist to reduce patients' congestion at hospitals as well as reducing queues for people seeking treatment.

Meanwhile Dr Shekilaghe praised development work of the maternity building complex at Meta Hospital and called on the contractor to complete the project before April 30 this year.

He said so far the complex was 92 per cent complete and that its completion will cater for a big number of pregnant women on other maternity patients from various areas of the southern Highlands Zone including Katavi, Rukwa, Mbeya, Iringa, Ruvuma, Njombe and Songwe regions.

Wanted: Community action to fight child marriage in Shinyanga Region

By Guardian Correspondent,

Shinyanga

THE 1971 Law of Marriages Act is an obstacle for girl students in Shinyanga region to realise their lifetime dreams.

The pupils have been dropping out of school because of marriage.

The Law allows a student under 14 years of age to get married from parents' consent, and 15 years, the situation that has seen some of students joining Form I this year in Shinyanga district being prevented by their parents to do so with the aim of marrying them away for pride price that mostly include livestock.

The remarks were made here

on Tuesday by Brighton Rutajama, Coordinator of Police Gender Desk in Shinyanga District at a meeting called by Women Elderly Advocacy and Development Organization (WEADO) in Shinyanga Region, when introducing the project for the eradication of gender based violence and child abuse in Masengwa ward in the District.

He said the law is supposed to be amended as quickly as possible in order to eradicate the challenge involving girl students being discontinued with their education by their parents in order to get livestock as bride price.

"Just recently in Pandagichiza Ward in the District a girl student who passed to join Form I, was

prevented by her father to go to school, wanting her to be married so that he gets livestock for dowry, but fortunately the girl fled to the Ward Executive to report, and she is now in class," he said. "After we received the report, we went to the village but the parent had fled to the unknown and we have filed a case against him for threatening to kill, as he had threatened to kill the girl if she did not agree to get married. There are so many similar incidents which we are not being informed of," he added.

For his part, Masengwa Ward Executive Hussein Majaliwa said the problem regarding parents marrying away their daughters through child marriages especially

for those who passed to join Form I is hardcore, as in the same ward two other girls were prevented by their parents to join Form I.

Shinyanga District Community Development Officer Joram Magana said the conflict in the 1971 law in protection of the girls has been a thorn that spur gender based violence and continue the practice of marrying away school girls.

For her part, Salome Shangari from WEADO said the project they were implementing in the Ward is sponsored by Women Fund Tanzania (WFT) valued at 12.4bn/- and is bent on education to the community to desist from acts of gender based violence and child abuse.



The Guardian newspaper managing editor Wallace Mauggo pictured yesterday taking teachers and students from Dar es Salaam's Genesis Schools through the basics of newspaper production. The briefing took place in The Guardian Limited newsroom in the city. The delegation was on an educational tour of the newspaper publishing firm made chiefly because the schools are lining themselves up to produce a "professionally done" school magazine. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Development projects must include tree-planting - govt

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Dr Selemani Jafo has directed municipal authorities implementing various development projects to merge the same with tree planting for beautification and curbing the impact of climate change.

The minister issued the directive yesterday in Iringa Municipality during his visit to inspect the ongoing construction of an abattoir if it was in compliance with the Environment Act of 2004.

He said municipal authorities should work with government institutions such as schools to plant trees in public institutions to turn them green and carbon captors. "Public institutions should set the example in tree-planting; involve students so that they understand the importance conserving and protecting the environment at young age," he said.

Dr Jafo expressed concern over the incompleteness of the project, saying the situation could lead to the environment continuing to be polluted due to arbitrary slaughter and sewage disposal in human settlements.

Jafo was however satisfied with the design of the sewage system that continues to be built along with the abattoir and said that it meets environmental criteria including treating the sewage.

Iringa Municipal Economist Herbert Bilia said the project was launched in 2008 for implementation but was suspended in 2015 due to financial constraints.

Bilia noted that the project worth 1bn/- is implemented through local revenue, the central government and development partners, adding that it was revived in 2019 and was due to

be completed by the end of December this year.

The economist added that the expectation of the municipality and the region is to see the contractor completes the project on time so that the people can start getting services.

In addition, during the visit, Minister Jafo launched a tree planting campaign for students of schools and colleges popularly known as 'Soma na Mti' in Iringa Region.

He led a tree planting exercise for students, teachers and various government officials including Iringa District Commissioner Mohamed Moyo where he encouraged the students to plant individual trees for each student to preserve the environment and combat the effects of climate change.

Earlier on, Minister Jafo visited Mbeya City tree nursery and advised councils to use and empower young people and women in establishing the nurseries for planting in various parts of the country.

He advised councils to expand the scope of their budgets and enable these groups to grow seedlings to help solve the challenge of seedling shortage saying that will help preserve the environment and at that time they will be getting jobs through the seedling business which they will sell to institutions and even other councils.

The minister added that it is good to have cities planted with trees especially fruit trees a step that will help in the whole issue of environmental conservation and nutrition at that time to get fruit.

Minister Jafo visited Magufuli English Medium Primary School in Mbeya where he launched a tree planting campaign for school and higher learning institutions.

While at the school he planted trees with the students while congratulating them on being able to plant trees as one of the steps to implement the Government's instructions for planting trees.

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

VP consoles Zanka family

THE Vice President, Dr Philip Mipango yesterday visited the family of five people who were brutally killed at Zanka village, Bahi district in Dodoma region, issuing a seven-day ultimatum for regional police to ensure murderers were arrested.

The police force should present the report to President Samia Suluhu Hassan once the investigation is completed.

During the visit, the vice president relayed the president's condolence message to the family with a message to the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Simon Sirro to ensure such killings do not happen again in the country.

The VP said the Head of State expressed shock at the recent wave of killings, mostly by close family members, stating that Tanzania is a peaceful country, thus such deaths cannot be tolerated.

Quoting the president, Dr Mipango said, "As leaders we cannot accept to lead a country where such killings are order of the day and I urge IGP to use the intelligence unit to reveal people behind such motive".

According to the vice president, President Samia was dismayed by the

fact that in some cases police and other security officer are either directly involved or widely mentioned in such killing, citing recent cases in Moshi, Mbeya and Mtwara.

Early this month reports emerged from Moshi municipality that a lady known by the name Wendy killed her biological mother over inheritance while Police in Mbeya reported that TPDF Mussa Ndonde (31) 'stabbed, killed father' while seven police officers have been charged with the death of Mussa Hamisi Hamisi, a twenty-five-year-old businessman who was beaten to death on Jan. 5 for allegedly demanding his money in Mtwara.

Dr Mipango also called on the Bahi District Commissioner, Mwanahamisi Mgunda to convene a meeting with the villagers in effort to help get to the bottom of the matter and strengthen security in the area.

Five people from the same family in Zanka village, Dodoma have been killed by unknown assailants last week.

According to the one of the relatives, Noah Kapande a husband, wife, two

children and one grandchild all from the same family were brutally killed.

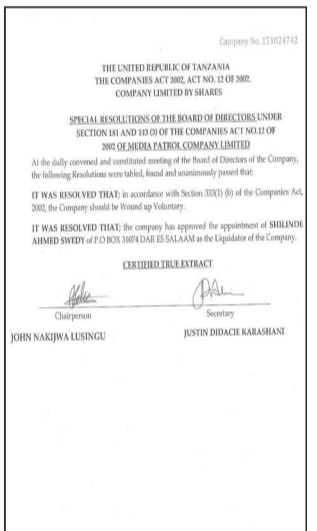
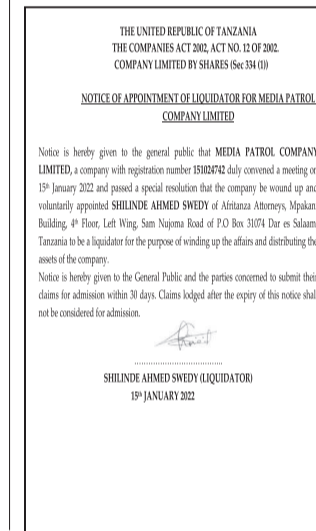
Kapande said the bodies were discovered on Saturday January 22 2022 at 4 pm by children who had gone graze cattle near the house of the deceased.

Dodoma Regional Commissioner, Anthony Mtaka, accompanied by the regional defense and security committee and relatives to give cooperation so that murderers can be identified.

"This incident might be done in collaboration with residents of this area and not a person from far. No one can come from far and kill five people of the same family without having enough information," he said.

Mtaka has also instructed the regional security agencies to visit the area and conduct an investigation on the incident, saying the perpetrators must be found.

For his part, Dodoma Regional Police Commander, Onesmo Lyanga said the bodies were taken for postmortem to find out how the five were killed.



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(ALL AMOUNTS IN TZS)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Year to Date Cumulative Group	Previous Quarter Group	Previous Year Cumulative Group	Current Quarter Company	Current Quarter Subsidiary
ASSETS					
Non Current Assets	31st Dec 2021	30th Sept. 2021	31st Dec 2020	31st Dec 2021	31st Dec 2021
Property and equipment	149,661,901	159,297,135	172,693,803	135,146,756	14,515,145
Non-current prepayment	2,819,584,220	2,819,584,220	2,819,584,220	2,819,584,220	-
Intangible asset	177,345,131	198,328,595	53,729,365	170,399,353	6,945,778
Leasehold land	221,000,238	221,000,238	190,021,238	221,000,238	-
Deferred tax asset	8,204,309	8,204,309	4,743,517	-	8,204,309
Loan to DSE SACCOS	199,815,296	227,032,815	143,189,916	199,815,296	-
Investment in Subsidiary	-	-	-	227,867,476	-
	<u>3,575,611,095</u>	<u>3,406,414,498</u>	<u>3,383,962,059</u>	<u>3,773,813,339</u>	<u>29,665,232</u>
Current Assets					
Trade receivables	919,590,520	1,015,475,117	2,841,582,063	666,009,338	252,581,182
Prepayment & Other Receivables	1,702,381,446	1,483,517,125	1,569,793,832	1,594,165,141	108,216,305
Investment in Government Securities	9,555,905,500	9,555,905,500	4,899,095,416	9,555,905,500	-
Bank Deposits	13,332,220,618	12,804,129,882	15,303,835,133	12,363,514,792	968,705,827
Cash and cash equivalents	141,096,163	111,404,626	211,921,769	63,656,925	77,439,237
	<u>25,650,194,247</u>	<u>25,177,485,065</u>	<u>24,826,228,213</u>	<u>24,243,251,696</u>	<u>1,406,942,550</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	29,225,805,343	28,583,879,563	28,210,190,272	28,017,065,036	1,436,607,782
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES					
Shareholders' Funds					
Ordinary Share Capital DSE	9,529,608,000	9,529,608,000	9,529,608,000	9,529,608,000	-
Share Premium DSE	1,850,374,351	1,850,374,351	1,850,374,351	1,850,374,351	-
Ordinary Share Capital to Subsidiary	-	-	-	-	227,867,476
Retained Earnings	14,466,010,968	13,324,432,437	13,359,923,681	13,687,334,145	778,676,822
Car Loan Fund	35,000,000	35,000,000	35,000,000	35,000,000	-
Revaluation Reserve	200,169,000	200,169,000	151,655,000	200,169,000	-
Total Shareholders Funds	26,081,162,319	24,939,583,788	24,926,561,032	25,302,485,496	1,006,544,298
Non-Current Liabilities					
Capital Grants	1,259,404,533	1,290,826,604	1,047,590,756	1,259,404,533	-
Current Liabilities					
Contract Liabilities	1,375,661,793	1,415,187,671	916,234,379	945,598,309	430,063,484
Current Income Tax	-	-	93,558,660	-	-
Trade Creditors and Other Payables	509,576,697	938,281,500	1,226,245,445	509,576,697	-
Total Current Liabilities	1,885,238,491	2,353,469,171	2,236,038,484	1,455,175,007	430,063,484
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	29,225,805,343	28,583,879,563	28,210,190,272	28,017,065,036	1,436,607,782

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021
(AMOUNT IN TZS)

	Current Quarter Group	Previous Quarter Group	Year to Date Cumulative Group	Previous Year's Quarter Group	Year to Date Cumulative Group	Current Quarter Company	Current Quarter Subsidiary
	31st December 2021	30th September 2021	31st December 2021	31st December 2020	31st December 2020	31st December 2021	31st December 2021
Revenue							
Listing Fees	897,010,420	1,054,040,457	3,630,375,901	911,686,944	3,512,983,000	897,010,420	-
Transaction Fees	190,792,065	221,230,876	758,565,423	1,320,781,495	2,087,001,228	190,792,065	-
Registry & CSD Fees	401,125,426	301,729,033	1,130,544,301	938,002,000	1,894,839,000	-	401,125,426
Investment Income	750,838,995	784,751,834	2,866,853,148	654,591,991	2,416,186,000	719,273,067	31,565,928
Other Revenue	116,200,603	67,928,698	278,194,139	286,472,684	341,755,772	151,613,971	-
Total	2,355,967,509	2,429,680,898	8,664,532,913	4,091,525,114	10,052,765,000	1,958,689,523	432,691,354
Total Revenue	2,355,967,509	2,429,680,898	8,664,532,913	4,091,525,114	10,052,765,000	1,958,689,523	432,691,354
Operating Costs							
Staff Costs	773,718,783	791,859,872	3,148,639,973	759,666,303	2,984,246,000	604,168,261	204,963,890
Administrative Expenses	183,209,690	206,664,783	721,503,245	141,690,563	626,821,383	151,142,115	32,067,575
Operating Expenses	222,265,569	233,162,830	827,324,800	921,656,543	1,634,636,617	98,890,033	123,375,535
Total Expenses	1,179,194,042	1,231,687,485	4,697,468,018	1,823,015,409	5,245,704,000	854,200,409	360,407,001
Profit Before Tax	1,176,773,467	1,197,993,413	3,967,064,895	2,268,509,705	4,807,061,000	1,104,489,114	72,284,353
Tax Provision	21,685,306	-	28,291,967	142,754,329	168,016,000	-	21,685,306
Profit After Tax	1,155,088,161	1,197,993,413	3,938,772,928	2,125,755,376	4,639,045,000	1,104,489,114	50,599,047
Basic Earning Per Share	48	50	165	89	195		
Diluted Earning Per Share	48	50	165	89	195		

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW
(COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)
AS OF 31ST DECEMBER 2021
(AMOUNT IN TZS)

	Current Quarter (Group)	Current Quarter (Company)	Current Quarter (Subsidiary)
	31st Dec 2021	31st Dec 2021	31st Dec 2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before Tax	1,176,773,467	1,104,489,114	72,284,353
Adjustments :			
Interest received	(750,484,995)	(719,273,067)	(31,211,928)
Current Tax	(28,291,967)	-	(28,291,967)
Depreciation and Ammortization of Intangible Assets	31,383,664	26,443,766	4,939,898
Operating Cashflows Before Changes in Working Capital Items	429,380,169	411,659,813	17,720,356
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Receivable	96,884,597	145,384,822	(48,500,225)
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments and other receivables	(238,864,321)	(251,751,196)	12,886,875
Increase/(Decrease) in short term deposits	(528,090,736)	(500,000,000)	(28,090,736)
Increase/(Decrease) in Longterm deposits	-	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Loan to DSE Saccos	27,217,519	27,217,519	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Grants	(31,456,444)	(31,456,444)	-
Increase/(Decrease) in contract liabilities	(469,589,361)	(391,559,363)	(78,029,998)
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade Payables and other payables	1,358,681	(91,898,932)	93,257,613
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(713,159,896)	(682,403,781)	(30,756,115)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest Earned	750,484,995	719,273,067	31,211,928
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	(7,633,561)	(6,470,000)	(1,163,561)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	742,851,434	712,803,067	30,048,367
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	-	-	-
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	29,691,536	30,399,284	(707,748)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	111,404,623	33,257,640	78,146,984
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	141,096,163	63,656,925	77,439,237

Signed By

Moremi Marwa
Chief Executive OfficerLucas Sinkala
Head of FinanceMecklaud Edson
Chief Internal Auditor

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NEMC commends North Mara Gold mining for environmental management

By Guardian Correspondent, Mara

THE National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) has commended the North Mara Gold Mining for conserving the environment.

North Mara Gold Mining is owned by Twiga Minerals Corporation (TMC) is a private, limited-liability company in partnership with the government and Barrick Gold.

NEMC Director Dr Samuel Gwamaka made the remarks yesterday when he visited the mining site to inspect implementation of government directives concerning environment conservation.

Dr Gwamaka said North Mara has managed to preserve the environment within few years since it took over the mining site adding that environment pollution in the area was a great challenge to nearby communities.

He said earlier mining activities posed a great danger to human being and other living organism but currently the situation is promising.

"We are happy to see the mining has invested heavily in modern plant of around cubic meter 40,000 to filter waste water. This is a good news and it is encouraging to see the environment is safe," said Dr Gwamaka

Either he said there are 12,000 cubic meter of water which have been filtered and are safe for other human consumption to the surrounding communities.

He said previously there was a waste water dam with the capacity to reserve seven million cubic meter of waste water; the thing that was a big

threat to the environment, human being and other living organism.

According to him, the mine has managed to reduce the amount of waste to 800,000 cubic meters.

"We are optimistic that if these efforts continue as we witness today the environment pollution will be a history in this area. I urge the management to continue with this spirit," said Dr Gwamaka.

Redempta Samuel, who is the Director of Law Enforcement Unit under NEMC, said their tour intended to inspect how the mining implement different directives imposed by the council.

"I wish to commend the management because they have implemented all of our directives concerning environment conservation. Since Barrick Gold took over this mining site there are tremendous changes concerning environmental management and they have put in place a big plant to filter waste water that are produced from their mining activities," she said.

We are optimistic that if these efforts continue as we witness today the environment pollution will be a history in this area



Arusha city council lawyer Mary Mwita speaks with Standard II pupils at Moshono primary school in Arusha region on the country's efforts to address violence against children during the law week opening anniversary yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Cynthia Mwiilelezi

Residents complain of illegal dumping

By Guardian Reporter

RESIDENTS of Goba ward in Ubungo Municipality have complained of illegal dumping in the area.

According to one of the residents at Mwanambilimbi Street located in ward, the illegal dumping has been a major problem since June last year and until October last year and efforts had been taken by the residents to address the problem and inform the local government authorities but did not bear fruit.

"The smell coming from the waste dump has been causing us a lot of trouble. We can no longer enjoy the fresh air within the vicinity of our compounds. We even took major steps to address this to the responsible ward authorities but no action has been taken to the stop trucks from dumping the waste. As a matter of fact, who on earth gave the garbage trucks clearance to dump the waste," said one of the residents, Sofia Chacha.

Alphonse Mbelwa, who lives in the same street said that, he and other residents made efforts to address the problem and inform the Mtaa Chairman named, Mustafa on the

matter, however, the later continually claimed to have dealt with the problem and was surprised as to why the truck persisted in dumping the waste.

"We made several efforts to inform the matter to the Mtaa Chairperson called Mustafa as well as the member of the Mtaa Management, called Muinami, however, both have been giving different responses. Muinami claims to have already informed the chairman and measures have been taken to deal with the issue. But when we face the chairman for further enquiry as to why the trucks have not stopped coming, he claims that he is also surprised why we tell him its happening, claiming he has already stopped the trucks," he said.

Mbelwa added that after consistent complaints, the trucks stopped coming during the daytime and started operating during the night.

"We complained to the local authorities and the trucks stopped coming during the day. However, we were surprised to see them coming to dump waste during the night. One my neighbors spotted two garbage trucks making passage to the dumpsite during the night and to her surprise the vehicles had government registration numbers," he said.

Mbelwa also highlighted that he had identified and individual known by the nickname Tall who had been seen at the dumpsite several times.

"I saw and identified a man at the dumpsite who goes by the name 'Tall'. I had an opportunity to talk him and ask about the waste dump and he claimed to have a clearance letter which authorized the dumping of waste. Something like this is very controversial because what we know the local government authorities claimed to have banned the garbage trucks but still we see them here. So, we ask ourselves this, are there some officials who are in cahoots with these people?" Mbelwa questioned.

The Guardian made efforts to reach the local authorities however, one of the leaders of the area who requested anonymity admitted to have known the problem and the complaints from the residents. He added that a tender advert had been issued for bidding of local contractors who have the necessary manpower and equipment to apply for the tender as means of having the local government authorities address the problem. The reporters also tried to call the Ward Executive Officer who claimed to have travelled but after other several attempts to call again, the officer did not respond to the calls.

MATERNITY AFRICA
NGO REGISTRATION NUMBER OONGO/R2/000524
STATEMENT OF FUNDS

Resources raised by Maternity Africa between 1st July 2021 to 31st December 2021

According to the regulation 13 (A) of the NGO ACT CAP:56

The names of the stake holders who rendered funds to Maternity Africa are CCBRT, Gould Family Foundation, Impact Foundation, James and Henrietta Rodgers, Segal Family Foundation, Impact Foundation, The Fulmer Charitable trust, Barbara May Foundation, Fistula Foundation.

The total amount of funds raised for the said period is TZS 538,588,860.49

This fund was rendered to support the ongoing operational activities of Maternity Africa.

For more details about Maternity Africa, Please refer to the organization website www.maternityafrica.org



Acting manager debt management and tax payment Frank Mwaselela makes a presentation at the auditors and accountants meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

One officer in mineral trader saga kills himself

By Correspondent Abdallah Bakari, Mtwara

ONE of eight police officers accused of murdering a mineral dealer here and stealing the victim's 33.7m/- killed himself inside a police cell, it has been established.

Mtwara Regional Police Commander ASP Mark Njera told reporters here yesterday that Inspector Gryson Mahembe took his own life on the night of January 22nd, 2022 at Mtwara Central Police Station.

He was apprehended alongside other officers for allegedly conspiring and killing Mussa Hamisi (25) and taking his money.

"Yes, we had an incident where Inspector Gryson Mahembe hanged himself while under police detention...he used mop towel to hang himself to death," Njera said.

He said that the other seven police officers were brought before Mtwara Resident Magistrate's Court on Tuesday and charged with murder of Hamisi who was resident of Ruponda village in Nachingwea District in Lindi Region.

"Hamisi came to Mtwara Central Police Station to collect his money, some 33,748,980/- which police officers had taken from his house earlier during an inspection but he was never seen again until it later emerged that he was killed," he said.

According to him, the accused police officers allegedly assassinated Hamisi on

January 5 this year and dumped his body at Hiari village in Mtwara District.

He named the police officers who were brought before court as Gilbert Kalanje who was serving as OCCID Mtwara District, Charles Onyango (OCS) Mtwara Central Police and Nicholas Kisinza head of Intelligence unit in Mtwara Region

Others are John Msuya, Medical Officer in-charge of police dispensary, Marco Mbuta, Shirazi Mkupa and Salimu Mbalu.

The RPC added that the case is still under investigation.

"I knew nothing about this until relatives of murdered Hamisi came to my office for assistance upon disappearance of their beloved son. After our investigation we finally revealed the truth," he said.

"As police commander of the region I do warn all police officers to adhere to the force's code of conduct. Police station should be a safe place...I call upon citizen to remain calm as the law takes its course."



Yes, we had an incident where Inspector Gryson Mahembe hanged himself while under police detention...

Minister calls upon local contractors to establish joint ventures to secure projects

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole, Dodoma

LOCAL contractors have been urged to form strong companies that can compete with foreign construction firms in big projects.

The call was made yesterday in Dodoma by chairperson of the Contractors Registration Board (CRB), Eng Consolata Ngimbwa, when opening three days training for local contractors on construction pre contract practices.

She said most of the big foreign construction firms have joined their resources and skills which enable them to meet the criteria required in big projects such as the Standard Gauge Railways (SGR) and Julius Nyerere Hydro power Project (JNHPP)

"Joint ventures seem to be the new tradition to us; but our counterparts from outside the country have been doing this for many years. We must change and avoid selfishness because in coming years this will be a mandatory and no one will be able to win tender without joint venture," she insisted

Eng Ngimbwa urged them to embrace transparency when going for joint ventures (JVS), saying, experience shows that most contractors fail to get joint ventures over lack of transparency, resulting in conflicts during the project implementation.

"I know that sometimes there are challenges in JVs but there are some of us who have tried and they are moving smoothly. What is needed is transparency and trust among the two parties. You should consider failures as challenges, this will make you stronger," she said

She commended the government for availing many construction projects and urged local contractors to take chance and implement the project in a manner that will attract government and other private clients to work with them.

She said currently there have been many construction projects that are advertised in different media like classroom's and road constructions which is good news to local contractors.

She said contractors only need to be careful when filling tender documents through Tanzania Electronic Procurement Systems (TANePS).

Deputy CRB Registrar, Eng David Jere, challenged contractors to ensure timely payment of their annual fees because it is mandatory, insisting those who fail to pay the fees will face stern measures.

He said CRB introduced the Contractors Assistance Fund (CAF) to help local contractors to access fund to start the project and urge them to request for membership so that they can benefit.

He urged local contractors who benefited from the fund to ensure they pay back the loans for other local contractors to be able to access the funds.

KCB BANK

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Issued pursuant to regulations 7 and 8 of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Disclosures) Regulations, 2014

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021 (AMOUNTS IN MILLION TSHS.)			
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-21	Previous Quarter 30-Sep-21	
A ASSETS			
1 Cash	19,491	16,380	
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	42,194	71,830	
3 Investments in Governments Securities	167,332	149,384	
4 Balances with other Banks Financial Institutions	31,953	32,533	
5 Cheques and Items for Clearing	-	-	
6 Interbranch Floats Items	-	-	
7 Bills Negotiated	-	-	
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptance	-	-	
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	76,467	79,030	
10 Investments in Other Securities	-	-	
11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Probable Losses)	458,869	433,618	
12 Other Assets	21,894	20,598	
13 Equity Investments	-	-	
14 Underwriting Accounts	-	-	
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	10,466	10,809	
16 Right of Use of Assets	7,411	8,210	
17 TOTAL ASSETS	836,277	822,392	
B LIABILITIES			
18 Deposits from other Banks and Financial Institutions	131,255	143,414	
19 Customer Deposits	555,781	537,536	
20 Cash Letters of Credit	1,629	659	
21 Special Deposit	-	-	
22 Payment orders/transfer payable	-	-	
23 Bankers' Cheques and Drafts Issued	283	18	
24 Accrued Taxes and Expenses Payable	4,953	5,035	
25 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-	
26 Interbranch Float Items	-	-	
27 Unearned Income and Other Deferred Charges	4,079	3,743	
28 Other Liabilities	4,704	3,941	
29 Lease Liabilities	8,781	9,555	
30 Borrowings	10,161	10,211	
31 TOTAL LIABILITIES	721,626	714,112	
32 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	114,651	108,280	
C CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
33 Paid-up Share Capital	62,670	62,670	
34 Capital Reserves	31,245	30,444	
35 Retained Earnings	15,648	11,154	
36 Profit/(Loss) Account	5,088	3,812	
37 Other Capital Accounts	-	-	
38 Minority Interest	-	-	
39 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	114,651	108,280	
40 Contingent Liabilities	88,691	75,385	
41 Non Performing Loans and Overdrafts	12,712	13,463	
42 Allowance for Probable Losses	10,426	8,466	
43 Other Non Performing Assets	539	215	
D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:			
(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	13.71%	13.17%	
(ii) Non Performing Loans to Total Gross Loans	2.71%	3.04%	
(iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	68.15%	64.86%	
(iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets	54.87%	52.73%	
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	84.02%	80.50%	
(vi) Deposits Growth	1.04%	13.51%	
(vii) Assets Growth	1.69%	10.85%	

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (AMOUNTS IN MILLION OF TSHS.)				
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-21	Comparative Quarter 31-Dec-20	Current Year Cumulative 31-Dec-21	Comparative Year Cumulative 31-Dec-20
1 Interest Income	20,329	17,979	74,413	67,793
2 Interest Expense	7,103	6,213	25,889	24,210
3 Net Interest Income	13,226	11,464	48,524	43,583
4 Bad Debts Written Off	-	-	-	-
5 Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	4,829	3,916	15,172	15,360
6 Non-Interest Income	5,158	4,017	22,952	17,650
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealing and Translation gains/(Loss)	1,619	1,174	7,489	6,701
6.2 Fees and Commissions	2,441	2,625	10,189	10,060
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other Operating Income	1,098	218	5,274	889
7 Non-Interest Expense	7,065	9,288	33,734	35,191
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	4,387	4,151	16,426	16,519
7.2 Fees and Commission	-	-	-	-
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	2,678	5,137	17,308	18,672
8 Operating Income/(Loss)	6,490	2,297	22,570	10,482
9 Income Tax Provision	1,976	1,806	6,922	6,036
10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	4,494	491	15,648	4,476
11 Other Comprehensive Income (Itemize)	1,876	(230)	972	4,938
11.1 Net gain on Available for Sale Financial Assets (Net of Tax)	1,876	(230)	972	4,938
12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	6,370	261	16,620	9,514
13 Number of Employees	259	270	269	270
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	29	3	25	7
15 Number of Branches	14	14	14	14
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	2.31%	0.29%	2.01%	0.88%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	16.90%	2.09%	14.71%	4.97%
(iii) Non Interest Expenses to Gross Income	38.43%	59.92%	47.20%	57.47%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	8.31%	8.44%	7.63%	8.02%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (AMOUNTS IN MILLION OF TSHS.)				
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-2021	Previous Quarter 30-Sep-2021	Current Year Cumulative 31-Dec-2021	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 31-Dec-2020
I. Cash Flow From Operating Activities				
Net income/(loss)	6,490	5,418	22,570	10,482
Adjustment for non-cash items				
Impairment charge on loans and advances	4,829	3,867	15,172	15,360
Depreciation & Amortisation	783	791	2,713	2,221
Profit on disposal of items of property and equipment	(7)	-	(13)	(12)
Net change in Loans and Advances	(27,400)	(30,679)	(59,857)	(28,798)
Gain/(loss) on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
Net change in Deposits	7,056	81,105	106,468	77,589
Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	(17,948)	(14,697)	(47,255)	(10,290)
Net change in Statutory Minimum Reserve	(2,723)	(1,954)	(5,919)	(1,009)
Net change in Other Liabilities	508	(952)	(2,285)	1,556
Net change in Other Assets	(697)	3,823	3,326	8,371
Tax Paid	(1,316)	(1,316)	(6,808)	(5,679)
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(30,427)	45,366	28,112	69,991
II. Cash flow from investing activities:				
Dividend received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(530)	(467)	(7,277)	(1,410)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	7	-	22	12
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Others (T/Bonds, Bills & Repos)	-	-	-	-
III. Cash flow from financing activities	(523)	(467)	(7,255)	(1,398)
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-
Payment of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	(50)	(3,547)	(7,175)	(7,196)
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided/used by financing activities	(50)	(3,547)	(7,175)	(7,196)
IV. Cash and Cash equivalents				
Net increase/(decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(30,999)	41,352	13,482	61,397
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter	168,032	126,680	123,352	68,174
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Quarter	137,033	168,032	137,034	129,571

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021 (AMOUNTS IN MILLION OF TSHS.)							
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Available for sale reserve	Total
Current Quarter							
Balance as at the beginning of the Quarter	62,670	-	41,799	2,087	-	1,725	108,281
Profit for the year	-	-	4,674	-	-	-	4,674
Change in fair value of government securities at FVOCI (Net of Tax)	-	-	-	-	-	1,876	1,876
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Release in Deferred tax on IFRS 9 day 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	600	(600)	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current period	62,670	-	46,893	1,487	-	3,601	114,651
Previous Quarter							
Balance as at the beginning of the Quarter	62,670	-	35,547	4,819	-	1,297	104,333
Profit for the year	-	-	3,520	-	-	-	3,520
Change in fair value of government securities at FVOCI (Net of Tax)	-	-	-	-	-	428	428
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Release in Deferred tax on IFRS 9 day 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	2,732	(2,732)	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the previous period	62,670	-	41,799	2,087	-	1,725	108,281

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021		
In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8)		
Name and Title	Signature	Date
COSMAS T. KIMARIO MANAGING DIRECTOR	Signed	24.01.2022
WILLIS MBATIA HEAD OF FINANCE	Signed	24.01.2022
MARGRETH GEORGE HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT	Signed	24.01.2022

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name	Signature	Date
MR. JOHN ULANGA - BOARD CHAIRMAN	Signed	24.01.2022
MS. FATUMA CHILLO - BOARD MEMBER	Signed	24.01.2022



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Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) managing director, who also chairman of the National Investment Promotion Committee (NIPC), Dr Maduhu Kazi (C) speaks at the meeting that involved heads of institutions making One Stop Facilitation Centre to discuss better ways of investment to attract investors and traders in the country. The meeting was held at the Prime Minister's Office in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TIC invites Burundians to investing in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) yesterday welcomed investors from Burundi to invest in Tanzania, saying investment opportunities abound in agriculture, industry and other sectors awaiting prospective Burundians investors to exploit.

Speaking to reporters after he visited a multi-million dollar organic fertiliser factory being built at Nala, in Dodoma Region, the TIC Executive Director, Dr Maduhu Kazi, said President Samia Hassan visited Burundi last year and the establishment of the factory was an expected result of her visit to the neighbouring country. The factory is owned by Intracom Limited and its registration number is 20214355.

"Our hope is that the Intracom Limited will be our good ambassadors in engaging Burundian investors to come and invest in Tanzania," he told launch that included Burundian dignitaries.

Dr Kazi said upon completion, in 2024, the factory will produce 600,000 tonnes fertiliser annually, and Intracom Limited will have invested 180,000 million US dollars.

As of yesterday, the project had been implemented by 52 percent, and is expected to buy animal droppings from smallholder livestock keepers countrywide.

Ten years in operation, the DG said, Intracom Limited will help Tanzania save 3.5 billion US dollars that would be spent on importing fertilizers. The company will create 3000 direct jobs and 1500 indirect jobs, he said.

Dr Kazi said 100 percent of the factory's raw materials will be locally obtained -- mostly animal droppings and phosphate, further explaining that the factory will use latest technology that will be introduced to Tanzanian workers.

The project is expected to benefit agriculture, trade and transportation sectors, he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Kazi yesterday chaired here a meeting of heads of the 12-institution National Investment Facilitation Centre (NIFC), the so-called one-stop facilitation centre that works with the TIC in serving prospective investors in cutting red-tape and loosening investment and business procedures and practices.

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board says in FY 2022 it had licensed three firms out of nine that had applied for importing and distribution of alcoholic drinks in Zanzibar according to the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act (No. 9 of 2020)

The Board's Chairman, Khamis Haji said the firms were picked after they satisfied the set criteria according to section 33(1) of the Act.

He added that the person to be issued with the licensee should be

Zanzibar Liquor Board licensed 3 firms to import liquor in 2022

a Zanzibari, tax payer, and should have a warehouse to store the liquor including a vehicle for distribution, and added that Section 33(2) of the same Act prohibits any unlicensed person to import into the Isles alcoholic drinks and offenders, upon

conviction face two years in jail and 3m/- fine including forfeiture of the drinks.

He said according to the Act, firms not licensed to import liquor will still conduct their businesses by buying liquor from firms that have

been licensed for this financial year.

He also called on defence, security and legal organs to oversee the law especially in ports areas and airports to control unauthorized imports.

He named the firms that have been licensed to import liquor as

Zanzibar Maritime and Mercantile (ZMM), Scoch Store Limited and One Stop Company that had satisfied the conditions including payment of 30m/- license fee and 5m- inspection fee.

In regard to bar licences, he said

the Board has made inspection to 67 bars in Unguja North, Unguja South and Urban West Regions before issuance of licences.

He added that Section 28(k) of the same Act had set a condition for bars to be more than 1,000 metres away from areas with basic social services including schools, health centres, mosques, churches, madrassas, markets or bus stations. He said after inspections the Board from January 29 this year will sit to go through the inspection reports and all bars that have been a nuisance for the community will not be licensed.



EAST AFRICAN
CRUDE OIL
PIPELINE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF TEMPORARY FLY-CAMP FACILITIES FOR EACOP REFERENCE NO. 0010007422

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing the establishment and management of temporary camp facilities to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project. The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

EACOP is seeking the services of a suitably experienced CONTRACTOR to establish and manage temporary fly-camps along the Pipeline Corridor to support the land acquisition process. Fly-Camp establishment and management will encompass as a minimum:

- Securing suitable and accessible locations to establish fly-camps.
- The provision of tented accommodation for between 30-50 people.
- The provision of sanitation (cleaning, laundry, sewage, showers, toilets etc) services for 30-50 people, ensuring a secure division of male/female facilities.
- The provision of catering services providing a minimum three meals a day, with midday meals provided as either sit-down or take-away. All meal preparation will follow the highest standard and appreciation of cultural requirements.
- The provision of health, safety and security services including physical security, fire prevention and management, and on-site medical treatment/stabilisation facilities.
- Management system to allow for booking of places in the fly-camp for EACOP teams.
- Management of all types of waste generated through fly-camp activities.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration and current business license.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Proof of registration with Occupation Safety and Health Authority - OSHA.
- Application for registration with the EVWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Petroleum Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Proof of experience in the establishment and management of fly-camps for industrial activities in Tanzania.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 9th February 2022. Email subject should be 0010007422.

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



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF THIRD-PARTY LEGAL SERVICES PIPELINE LAND ACQUISITION FOR EACOP REFERENCE NO.0010007423

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing third party legal advisory services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

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

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

EACOP is seeking the services of a suitably qualified law firm to provide advice and assistance to Project-Affected Persons (PAPs) during the Pipeline land acquisition process. The required advice and assistance will focus mainly on the entitlement briefings, compensation agreement (EBCA) process and for a period of 3 months after compensation payments have been made. The CONTRACTOR will establish temporary help desks in villages affected by Pipeline land acquisition and make available suitably qualified and registered advisors. These advisors will be knowledgeable in the Tanzania land acquisition legislation and associated processes. These advisory services will be provided free to PAPs.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Law firms expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration including current business license.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Registration or Application for registration with the EVWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Petroleum Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Proof of current Practicing Certificates.

Firms which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 9th February 2022. Email subject should be 0010007423

Note: The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified law firms. Only prequalified law firms will receive, subject to signing of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.



Habib African Bank Limited
Dar es Salaam

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Issued pursuant to regulations 7 and 8 of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Disclosures) Regulations, 2014.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31.12.2021
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Quarter 31.12.2021	Previous Quarter 30.09.2021
A. ASSETS		
1. Cash	5,686	7,266
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania	26,306	33,327
3. Investment in Government Securities	72,428	75,285
4. Balances with other banks and financial institutions	28,515	25,944
5. Cheques and items for Clearing	39	115
6. Interbranch float items	147	139
7. Bills negotiated	2,219	2,168
8. Customer liability on acceptances	10,144	2,663
9. Interbank loans receivable	0	0
10. Investment in Other Securities	0	0
11. Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable Losses)	148,938	141,376
12. Other Assets	5,518	5,368
13. Equity Investments	0	0
14. Underwriting accounts	0	0
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	751	810
16. TOTAL ASSETS	300,691	294,463
B. LIABILITIES		
17. Deposits from other Banks and financial institutions	0	0
18. Customer deposits	237,431	240,254
19. Cash Letters of Credit	0	0
20. Special deposits	4,043	3,401
21. Payment orders/transfers payable	0	0
22. Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	113	69
23. Accrued taxes and expenses payable	5,438	5,323
24. Acceptances outstanding	10,144	2,663
25. Inter branch float items	134	134
26. Unearned income and other deferred charges	0	0
27. Other liabilities	3,886	4,255
28. Borrowings	0	0
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES	261,188	256,099
30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)(16 minus 29)	39,503	38,364
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31. Paid up share capital	2,600	2,600
32. Capital reserves	285	259
33. Retained earnings	27,623	26,959
34. Profit (Loss) account	1,917	778
35. Other capital accounts	7,077	7,767
36. Minority Interest	0	0
37. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	39,503	38,364
38. Contingent liabilities	61,987	60,854
39. Non performing loans and advances	12,107	12,969
40. Allowances for probable losses	155	(279)
41. Other non performing assets	0	0
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i). Shareholders Funds to total assets	13.14%	13.03%
(ii). Non performing loans to total gross loans	7.90%	8.89%
(iii). Gross loans and advances to total deposits	63.49%	59.88%
(iv). Loans and advances to total assets	50.99%	49.55%
(v). Earning Assets to Total Assets	83.10%	82.39%
(vi). Deposits Growth	-0.90%	-1.47%
(vii). Assets growth	2.12%	-1.34%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31.12.2021
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Quarter 31.12.2021	Comparative Quarter (Previous Year) 31.12.2020	Current Year Cumulative 31.12.2021	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 31.12.2020
1. Interest Income	5,554	5,263	21,611	21,608
2. Interest Expense	(3,342)	(3,211)	(13,299)	(12,527)
3. Net Interest Income (minus 2)	2,211	2,052	8,312	9,081
4. Bad Debts Written Off	0	0	0	0
5. Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	155	128	(223)	(27)
6. Non-Interest Income	1,411	1,109	4,745	4,189
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	300	212	981	1,017
6.2 Fees and Commissions	537	318	1,632	1,134
6.3 Dividend Income	0	0	0	0
6.4 Other Operating Income	574	579	2,133	2,038
7. Non Interest Expenses:	(2,532)	(2,582)	(10,107)	(10,212)
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(1,507)	(1,486)	(6,106)	(6,146)
7.2 Fees and Commission	(55)	(84)	(235)	(303)
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(970)	(1,011)	(3,765)	(3,763)
8. Operating Income/(Loss)	1,244	707	2,727	3,031
9. Income Tax Provision	(105)	210	(810)	(960)
10. Net Income (Loss) After Income Tax	1,139	917	1,917	2,071
11. Other Comprehensive Income (Items)	0	0	0	0
12. Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year	1,139	917	1,917	2,071
13. Number of Employees	86	89	86	89
14. Basic Earning Per Share	438	353	737	796
15. Number of Branches	4	4	4	4
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	1.52%	1.34%	0.65%	0.71%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	11.69%	9.82%	5.04%	5.42%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	36.36%	40.52%	38.35%	39.59%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	3.68%	3.72%	3.47%	4.15%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31.12.2021
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current quarter 31.12.2021	Previous quarter 30.09.2021	Current Year Cumulative 31.12.2021	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 31.12.2020
I. Cash flow from operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	1,244	424	2,727	2,947
Adjustment for:				
Impairment/Amortization	93	82	361	419
Gain/loss on sale of Assets	(7,563)	0	(7,563)	11,268
Net change in deposits	(2,182)	(3,625)	(2,759)	11,851
Net change in Short-Term Negotiable Securities	10,155	38,573	13,131	24,369
Net change in Other Liabilities	(210)	(210)	(10)	126
Net change in Other Assets	65	299	(1,498)	1,734
Tax paid	(105)	(105)	(810)	(1,124)
Others (Specify)	0	0	0	15
Net cash provided/used by operating activities	1,499	32,568	(885)	51,424
II. Cash flow from investing activities:				
Dividend Received	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(9)	(31)	(263)	(168)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Sale Non-Dealing Securities	0	0	0	0
Others (Specify)	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided/used by investing activities	(9)	(31)	(263)	(168)
III. Cash flow from financing activities:				
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	0	0	0	0
Payment of Cash Dividends	0	0	0	(2,300)
Net change in Other Borrowings	0	(1,000)	0	0
Others (Specify)	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided/used by financing activities	0	(1,000)	0	(2,300)
IV. Cash and cash equivalents:				
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,491	31,529	(1,088)	48,956
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter/Year	83,804	52,278	86,363	37,407
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter/Year	85,295	83,804	85,295	86,363

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31.12.2021

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements.

Name and Title	Signature	Date
S. S HASAN RIZVI (Managing Director)		14.01.2022
EPHRAIM MKONDE (Finance Manager)		14.01.2022
SHAIBU GWANDI (Asst. Internal Auditor)		14.01.2022

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name	Signature	Date
1. ZAIN HABIB		14.01.2022
2. VAZIR A BUKHARI		14.01.2022

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31.12.2021
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Other Reserve	Total
Current Year 2021							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	30,849	3,816	0	321	37,586
Profit for the year	-	-	1,917	-	-	-	1,917
Transfer from/to Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(3,262)	3,262	-	-	-
Transfer to/from Other reserve	-	-	36	-	-	(36)	-
Balance as at the end of the year 2021	2,600	-	29,541	7,077	0	285	39,503
Previous Year 2020							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	31,644	3,715	0	262	38,221
Difference in Right of use and lease liability as at 01.01.2020	-	-	(102)	-	-	-	(102)
Profit for the year	-	-	2,038	-	-	-	2,038
Dividend paid	-	-	(2,300)	-	0	-	(2,300)
Transfer to statutory Reserve	-	-	(100)	100	-	-	-
Transfer to other Reserve	-	-	(59)	-	-	59	-
Tax paid for prior years	-	-	(271)	-	-	-	(271)
Balance as at the end of the year 2020	2,600	-	30,849	3,816	0	321	37,586

DISCLOSURES MADE UNDER REGULATION 11 OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS, 2014
MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES (GHARAMA ZA HUDUMA ZETU)

NAME OF PRODUCT/ SERVICES	CHARGE/FEE	FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES	CHARGE/FEE
SAVING ACCOUNTS		Inwards foreign transfers - customers	US\$ 20.00
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-LCY	TZS 13,200.00 half-yearly	LC Opening commission (cash covered)	1.75% per quarter
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-USD	US \$ 14.50 half-yearly	LC Opening commission (no cash covered)	2.00% per quarter
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-GBP	GBP 10.00 half-yearly	LC Advising commission (Inward/Export)	US\$ 200.00
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-EUR	EURO 10.00 half-yearly	Foreign Document Bills for Collection (Inward & Outward)	1.2% of LC Value commission 2.00% per qrt + swift charge US\$ 70.0
Temporary Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page	LC Acceptance commission	
Temporary Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page	LC Payment/Settlement commission	1.2% per quarter+\$120
Interim Statement-LCY	Tsh.2,000.00 per page	LC Amendments	US\$ 75.00 + US \$70.00 Swift
Interim Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page	Special clearance-LCY	Not applicable
Withdrawal Charges- FCY	Maximum 1.20% of the amount	Special clearance-FCY	Not applicable
Withdrawal Charges below TZS 5 MIL-LCY	No such Charges	Outward Foreign Bankers Cheque (OFBC)	Not applicable
Withdrawal Charges above TZS 5 mil-LCY	0.06% of the amount	Treasury bill bid charges	Tsh. 100,000.00 per bid
Cash deposit Charge	FCY-small denomination 5%	LG issuance	1.50% to 2.00% per quarter
Savings Card/Passbook	No such Charges	Export letter of credit confirmation	Tzs 25,000
Passbook/Card replacement	No such Charges	Bankers Cheques	
Closing Account-LCY	Tsh. 25,000.00	For US Dollars	US\$ 30.00 per bankers cheques
Closing Account-FCY	US\$ 25.00	For Tanzanian shillings	cheques
Dormant account activation-LCY	TZS 15,000.00	US\$ bankers cheques cancellation	US\$ 15.00 per bankers cheques
Dormant account activation-FCY	US\$ 15.00	Shillings bankers cheques cancellation	Tsh. 15,000.00 per bankers cheques
CURRENT ACCOUNTS (PERSONAL)		Return Cheques	
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-LCY	TZS 35,000.00 monthly	Cheque return unpaid-LCY	US\$ 50.00 per cheques
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-USD	US \$ 35.00 monthly	Cheque return unpaid-FCY	Tsh. 50,000.00 per cheques
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-GBP	GBP 25 monthly	Indicative Tzs Rates	
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-EUR	EURO 25 monthly		Lowest Highest
Temporary Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page	TIME DEPOSITS	
Temporary Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page	a) 1-Month	2.00% 3.00%
Temporarily/Unauthorized Overdraft	27% p.a	b) 3-Months	3.00% 5.00%
Interim Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.0 per page	c) 6-Months	4.00% 6.00%
Interim Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page	d) 9-Months	6.00% 8.00%
Withdrawal Charges below TZS 5 MIL-LCY	No such Charges	e) 12-Months	8.00% 11.00%
Withdrawal Charges above TZS 5 mil-LCY	0.06% of the excess amount	LENDING RATE	
Cash deposit charges	FCY-small denomination 5%	a) Base lending rate	
Closing account-LCY	TZS 30,000.00	b) short-term (up to one year)	10.00% 27.25%
Closing account-FCY	US\$ 30.00	c) medium term (2 to 3 years)	5.00% 18.00%
Bank Drafts	US\$ 35.00	b) short-term (up to one year)	N/A N/A
Bank Draft cancellation charge	US\$ 60.00	c) medium term (2 to 3 years)	N/A N/A
Cheque book-LCY	Tzs 35,000	Indicative Usd Rates	
Cheque book-FCY	US\$ 35.00		Lowest Highest
Cash payment to 3rd party	No such Charges	TIME DEPOSITS	
Cash deposit charge	No such Charges	a) 1-Month	
Bulk cash deposit	No such Charges	b) 3-Months	1.00% 1.50%
Bulk cash withdrawal	No such Charges	c) 6-Months	1.50% 2.50%
Stop Payment orders	TZS 20,000.00	d) 9-Months	N/A N/A
Standing orders (within bank)	TZS 2,500.00	e) 12-Months	3.00% 4.00%
Standing orders (to other bank)	TZS 5,000.00	LENDING RATE	
Certificate of balance/Balance confirmation	Tsh. 30,000.00 , US\$ 30.00 Per certificate	a) Base lending rate	
Letter of introduction-FCY	TZS 25,000.00	b) short-term (up to one year)	1.50% 13.50%
Salary handling	TZS 10,000.00	c) medium term (2 to 3 years)	5.00% 8.50%
School fees deposits	No such Charges	b) short-term (up to one year)	N/A N/A
TFA collection	No such Charges	c) medium term (2 to 3 years)	N/A N/A
Safe custody charges	No such Charges	Foreign Remittance Charges	
Safe custody access fees	No such Charges		Telex / Swift Commission Total (USD)
TISS transfers	TZS 10,000.00	LCY To FCY	70.00 NIL 70.00
Dormant account activation-LCY	TZS 25,000.00	Fcy to Fcy (USD or Equiv)	
Dormant account activation-FCY	US\$ 25.00		
Retrieval of Old document more than a year	TZS 50,000.00	Up to 10,000	50.00 50.00 100.00
EFT charges		From 10,001 to 25,000	50.00 100.00 150.00
Incoming EFT	Tzs 1,500	From 25,001 to 50,000	50.00 150.00 200.00
Outgoing EFT	Tzs 1,000	From 50,001 to 100,000	50.00 175.00 225.00
Clearing charges	Tzs 1,000 per cheque	From 100,001 to 250,000	50.00 250.00 300.00

Please note that the above charges may vary at the discretion of the management approval

We, the undersigned have examined the above information and hereby declare that the information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and information.

Name	Designation	Signature	Date
S.S Hasan Rizvi	Managing Director		14.01.2022
Ephraim Mkonde	Finance Manager		14.01.202

Sanitation, hygiene: Where do we stand?

WATERAID is an international non-governmental organisation, focused on water, sanitation and hygiene. It was set up in 1981 as a response to the UN International Drinking Water decade (1981-1990). As of 2018, it was operating in 34 countries.

The organisation was first established by the UK water industry on 21 July 1981 as a charitable trust at their main office premises in London, and established first projects in Zambia and Sri Lanka. In 2010, it became a federation, comprising members in the United Kingdom, USA, Australia, Japan, Sweden, Canada and India, and regional offices and country programmes in 27 countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Activities involve providing people with clean water, safe sanitation and hygiene behaviour change, and advocacy with governments and water utilities. Its income has moved from £1 million per annum in 1987 to £113 million in 2018-19.

According to WaterAid's regional communications manager - East Africa, Elizabeth Mwambulukutu, the overall goal of the campaign is to accelerate action and progress towards everyone's access to hygiene services by catalysing changes in the attitudes, policies and practice of country and donor governments, global institutions, and private sector on hand hygiene and WASH in HCFs as key enablers for improved health outcomes.

She said in a statement that the campaign will drive progress towards increased and sustained prioritisation of, and investment

in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for public health and resilience through the narrative framing of 'hygiene for health'.

"The campaign focuses on WASH in health care facilities and hand hygiene for all in all settings. Hygiene is protection, for communities, health workers and patients. Without it, we cannot defeat COVID19 or future health crises," Mwambulukutu said, adding:

"This will be done during the side event under the theme "Water, sanitation and hygiene in healthcare facilities and pandemic preparedness and response".

Olutayo Bankole-Bolawole, WaterAid East Africa regional director, said WaterAid looks forward to the major global health conference and welcomes the fact that water, sanitation and hygiene are clearly recognised as central to the main issues on the agenda.

"At the Global Healthcare Summit, WaterAid will share experiences in integrating WASH in health care facilities, generate discussions on inclusive pandemic response with partners and launch the Hygiene for Health Campaign," Bankole-Bolawole.

WaterAid will also advocate better integration of water, sanitation, and hygiene into the health sector in numerous sessions covering universal health care, integrating digital technologies in the health sector as well as reproductive, maternal, new-born, child, and adolescent health.

The Global Healthcare Summit hosted by the Rwandan Ministry of Health last year was facilitated by Be Still Investments.

Africa calls for revival of fishing communities

AFRICAN leaders and policymakers have called for strategies to harness the potential of the blue economy to achieve sustainable development.

The call came at a high-level conference hosted by the government of Mozambique last year. The theme was Investing in Ocean Health is Securing the Planet's Future.

Mozambique President Filipe Nyusi hosted the event, attended by Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, ministers from other countries and leading policymakers from Africa.

African Development Bank Group President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina delivered a virtual message during the opening ceremony, highlighting the potential of blue economy initiatives.

"The continent has maritime zones that stretch 13 million square kilometers, encompassing territorial seas and continental shelves that also stretch up to 6.5 million kilometers. And 38 African countries are coastal," he said.

Adesina said there was an urgent need to revive the livelihoods of fishing communities.

"This can be achieved by governments and the private sector prioritising enabling policies, and providing access to modern fishing fleets, cold storage and processing facilities, and investing in infrastructure and climate advisory services to support climate-smart fishing practices."

Leila Mokaddem, the Director General for the Bank's Southern Africa Region, represented President Adesina in person at the event. She said the Bank would continue to help Mozambique unlock its blue economy potential in the post-pandemic era by supporting

regional approaches to coastal resilience and transboundary fisheries management in the Mozambique Channel and Indian Ocean region through the Southern African Development Community Secretariat.

Mozambique has the third-longest coastline in Africa, with enormous coastal resources that contribute significantly to the economy, including marine parks that provide social and economic benefits for about half the population.

Mokaddem, who led the African Development Bank delegation at the conference, said the Bank was also co-financing one of the largest private sector investments, worth over \$5 billion, in regional infrastructure development, through the construction of a rail corridor and the deep water Nacala port to facilitate maritime trade and market access.

The Bank team, which included Cesar Augusto Mba Abogo, Country Manager for Mozambique, reinforced the Bank's commitment to building resilience against climate disasters in Mozambique, one of the 10 countries in the world most vulnerable to climate change. Within this scope, Mokaddem held bilateral meetings with the Minister of the Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries, Augusta Maita, to discuss strategic cooperation to develop the blue economy.

Mozambique Minister of Economy and Finance, Adriano Maleiane, acknowledged the Bank's role in Mozambique:

"The African Development Bank is one of the principal strategic partners of Mozambique in the development of infrastructure projects and in the context of the development of blue economy initiatives."

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By Yushau A. Shuaib

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Beyond his active involvement in politics and the business world, Alhaji Bashir Tofa, who died on January 3 at the age of 74, was a consummate writer, publisher and a general perfectionist, whose edifice in Kano city remains one of the finest mansions ever built in the emirate, since the 1980s.

As a teenager in the '80s, I always desired passing by the magnificent and sprawling mansion, which has been continuously retouched to perfection till date, at the Gandun Alhashu district of Kano.

As a writer, Tofa's articles on the socio-economic and political development of Nigeria had appeared in the then major national dailies in the '70s, including New Nigerian, Daily Times, Nigerian Tribune, The Sketch, and the vernacular tabloid, Gaskiya Tafi Kwabo.

Beyond his journalistic interventions, he was a wordsmith extraordinaire who authored several books and short stories on contemporary issues in both English and Hausa languages. As a deeply religious person, he also set up the Bureau for Islamic Propagation (BIP), which helped to unite Muslims and promoted interfaith dialogues with non-Muslims towards peaceful coexistence.

During my university days in the late 80s, I admired his literary contributions, which were the source of attraction that led me to seek an internship in his media conglomerate that published Pen and Alkalami newspapers, and whose offices were situated within a tall building along the Post Office Road in Kano.

It was in this media outfit that I met the manager, Mallam Garba Yusuf, who introduced me to the art of media marketing and Mallam Magaji Galadima, under whose tutelage I was groomed into the vocation of investigative journalism and copy editing for production and publication.

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Bashir Tofa: The publisher with the finest mansion



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While Garba Yusuf later rose to become a highly influential commissioner in the cabinet of Governor Ibrahim Shekarau, back in the day he was a painstaking worker who always ensured that the editorial team met the production deadlines that made the newspapers available on the newsstands every Friday.

On his part, Magaji Galadima, who later became the pioneer Director-General of the Kano Geographic Information Systems (KANGIS) and currently holds the traditional title of Kachallan Kano in the Emirate, was a very thorough editor who ran a fine comb through our news reports and feature articles for factual accuracy and fidelity to the house style.

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Even as the Bashir Tofa ethos was very strict, he still gave the two most

senior management staff, who were responsible for the publications, the freedom to manage the newspapers in an independent manner. And although I was just an intern then, I was afforded the opportunity of occasionally going out on marketing drives for advert placements and the commissioning of special reports, alongside my main duty of pursuing investigative stories.

It was during that early phase of my experience in journalism that I met Jarman Kano, Alhaji Adamu Dankabo; Talban Kano, Alhaji Garba A.D. Inuwa; and respected businessman, Mallam Sabiu Bako.

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While no attempt was made by the publisher or my editors to restrain

me from concluding that piece of investigative journalism, the ensuing story was not only published in the Pen, but also in the Alkalami, the Hausa version of the newspaper.

Apart from the team and leadership building attributes of delegating responsibilities to his staff, also because he travelled abroad often, Alhaji Bashir Tofa was equally a very generous Muslim, especially in the provision of scholarships to students and payment for the health care of indigent people. As an intern, I was placed on a generous monthly allowance and my final year research project in the university in 1992, was funded by his company.

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In addition to that, Tofa recruited dozens of tailors annually to sew clothing in large quantities for the masses in communities surrounding him and also for the needy for festive seasons.

Born to a Kanuri family in Kano on June 20, 1947, the late Bashir Tofa attended the City of London College, before he started a business and later joined politics. He was the Financial Secretary of the ruling National Party of Nigeria (NPN) during the Secondary Republic. At the resumption of political activities in the country during the early 1990s, Tofa joined the then National Republican Congress (NRC), and rose to become its presidential candidate at the June 1993 election, which he however lost to his rival, Chief Moshood Kashimawo Olawale Abiola. The official results were never fully released by the Babangida government.

Alhaji Bashir Tofa was a noteworthy businessman, oil trader, industrialist, politician, author, activist, journalist and a strong contender during what has been declared as the freest presidential election in Nigerian history in 1993. He died in the early morning of January 3 after battling health issues that had kept him in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital in Kano.

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Time to stop New Year resolutions that never see light of day

As the New Year sets in, new resolutions are also set. To 'lose weight', 'stop procrastinating', 'develop my career' and so forth. But what if, after years of failed attempts at goal setting, you decide that all you want out of the New Year is to be happy?

What if having a flat belly and being more productive are just by-products of happiness? What if everything falls into place precisely because you're not setting yourself boundaries for success and measuring your joy in terms of their achievement? No more ambitious bullet point lists written in journals with fancy pens simply because they symbolise one getting their life together.

No more sticking quotes to your bedroom wall, only for the memo to lose its stickiness three weeks later and fall. Finally, but most importantly, no more conflating happiness with achieving empty resolutions.

Your one goal for the next year ought to be happiness. From the outset, this must look like an enormous goal which requires a lifelong commitment—well it is, hence should be your only new year's resolution and you will never be setting any other again.

Being happy should always be a dream to look forward to. Wake up every day, show up and work towards achieving this dream.

Depression is one of the most common mental illnesses of the 21st century not because it's 'fashionable' to be depressed, but because it takes so much commitment to overcome it. You don't just wake up one morning cured and ready to begin a new life of sunshine and rainbows.

Sleep just acts as a short break in a conscious awareness of misery. Depression and sleep are entwined as sleep is one of the few breaks we can have from our own minds.

Happiness for me is being able to think freely. To have the freedom to let myself do the things I want to do without self-doubt. To go on walks and listen to music

To exercise with the sole purpose of improving health and fitness instead



of hoping to burn off the spoonful of ice cream you binge-ate at 12am. To go on dates, rather than coming up with excuses of deadlines and pre-made plans while you tell yourself that being tied down and attached to someone isn't healthy.

The pressure of a new year every January can be very vague. Each and every year, the phrase 'New Year, New Me' sweeps social media. And every January, we see an influx of people admitting they've failed their resolutions just a few days in.

People vow to hit the gym as soon as the festive season is over. They promise to eat healthily, to quit smoking, and to read more. Weeks in and they've made excuses not to go to the gym, eaten a whole chicken after a heavy night out, and watched far too much Netflix to have time to open a book.

I believe it's about time we quit

this whole idea that a new year makes you a different person. Because let's face it, the only thing that really changes is the date.

For some people, all they want to do is put the year behind them and focus on the next one. But we seem to have this idea that going into a new year immediately eliminates all the bad that happened the year prior. It doesn't. We make all these plans to start our 'new' selves, and we punish ourselves for not keeping to those plans as we fall back into the same ways of the year before. It's about time we stopped focusing on the calendar and time limits altogether.

It actually sounds silly to give yourself a time limit to change. It piles on pressure to start right away and make drastic decisions.

But the 'New Year, New Me' pressure means we tell ourselves off for it, and make ourselves feel guilty. This in turn, only hinders

our efforts in keeping to resolutions in the long-run. Because let's face it, most of us have thought 'What's the point?' when breaking one so early on. Let's stop it with the resolutions, and focus on bettering ourselves in the long-run, not just when the date on the calendar fits.

Give yourself time to focus on what you want for yourself. Think about how you're going to go about things - whether you're going to put yourself straight into a health routine, or whether you're going

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to do things gradually.

Setting unattainable goals helps nobody, just start smaller. You also don't need to become a total bookworm to enjoy reading - do it when it suits you, and when you really have time to enjoy a good story.

This is the only way we're able to actually change our lifestyles and stick to it

- knowing that there's no rush, that you have time and that you're not a failure if it takes you longer than you thought.

So let's stop the 'New Year, New Me', and focus on just the 'New Me'. This phrase is all about becoming who you aspire to be—and no timescale to beat!

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Job Opportunity – Database/BI Developer

Location: Dar es Salaam
Application deadline: February 10, 2022
Start date: April 1, 2022

Background:

The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) is engaged in a five-year Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Tanzania (CDC-Tanzania) to provide strategic information and health information systems (HIS) technical assistance to the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC) as well as the United States' President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and their implementing partners (IPs). We are recruiting an individual through our affiliated international NGO 'Global Programs' to serve as a Database/BI Developer.

This is a full-time position with an initial contract through September 2022 and the possibility of extension subject to continued funding. The position is expected to start on April 1, 2022.

Main duties and responsibilities:

Under the supervision of the Health Information Systems Director, the Database/BI Developer shall support UCSF with its data needs by developing and maintaining databases, reports, queries, and other software to support its projects and programmes.

The Database/BI developer is expected to design databases to meet the needs for specific projects while maintaining database design standards.

Some projects will require the developer to import data from existing data sources into a UCSF-managed database, sometimes with data transformation. Therefore, proficiency in SQL and scripting languages is critical. Another critical task for the BI Developer will be to visualize project data on dashboards, often with data transformation and analysis.

As an integral part of the Global Programs Tanzania office, the Database/BI developer may be expected to meet with stakeholders, funders, and government officials, and draw up requirements based on their needs.

Specific responsibilities include:

The incumbent will:

- Map out the conceptual design for a planned database that is to contain large health-related datasets
- Design, develop and implement ETL programs to load various databases on a continuous and ongoing basis into a master database for analysis
- Develop efficient queries, views, indexed views, and other database objects to facilitate querying, reporting, and analysis
- Recommend where appropriate and subsequently develop a data warehouse
- Design and develop dashboards, charts and reports using PowerBI and SQL Server Reporting Services
- Further refine the physical design to meet system storage requirements
- Maintain data standards, including adherence to the Data Protection Act
- Write database documentation, including data standards, procedures and definitions for the data dictionary (metadata)
- Ensure that data storage and archiving procedures are functioning correctly
- Communicate regularly with technical, applications, and operational staff to ensure database integrity and security
- Commission and install new applications and customize existing applications in order to make them fit for purpose
- Any other duties or tasks within the scope of the role as directed by management

Experience, skills, and minimum required qualifications:

An appropriate degree in computer science, information systems, or software engineering with a focus on database development or business intelligence with three years' experience – or at least six years of demonstrable experience in database development, backend development or business intelligence. A Master's degree in computer science, software engineering, Health Informatics, or Information Systems Management is an added advantage

- At least three years demonstrable experience in one DBMS, either SQL Server or PostgreSQL
- Demonstrable experience in working with databases and SQL, including writing complex SQL queries
- Demonstrated experience in business intelligence tools like and using Power BI, Tableau bi
- Certification in a popular DBMS is considered a major advantage
- Experience with one or more of the following domains are considered advantages:
 - Software development using Java or Python
 - Epidemiology and OR (Bio)statistics
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Working in the health sector especially in HIV related services
- Linux
- Azure data studio
- Demonstrable skills in enterprise application integration
- Ability to work successfully in a team
- Fluent in written and spoken English and Swahili

Other desired skills/qualities:

- Excellent skills in critical thinking and analysis
- Excellent organizational and oral/written communication skills
- Ability to work independently and manage various tasks under tight deadlines
- The incumbent must be willing to liaise and collaborate with other staff, and train them in the design, development, and maintenance of databases and dashboards

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed in the minimum requirements above with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

All applications must include the following:

- A current CV with names and telephone numbers for at least 2 referees
- Copies of academic and professional certificates

Applications and supporting documents should be sent via e-mail to info.tanzania@ucglobalprograms.org and must be received by February 10, 2022.

NOTE: Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIALIST UNDERGROUND MAGNETIC LOCATOR EQUIPMENT FOR EACOP REFERENCE NO. 0010007415

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in the provision of specialist underground magnetic locator equipment to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project. The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

- The supply of Schonstedt brand, GA-72Cd model, underground magnetic locators in Tanzania.
- The supply of EBINGER brand, UPEX® 740 M model, large loop metal locator.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of Registration including Business License.
- Proof of agency / authorised reseller and authorised repair services availability in country.
- References of similar provision of equipment.
- Proof of sufficient financial solvency.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **9th February 2022** by 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT) should be **0010007415**.

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

Youth have the capacity to transform state of leprosy, says Yohei Sasakawa

Nairobi, Kenya

Yohei Sasakawa said the youth have the power to change the world, and their participation in removing the stigma and myths about leprosy is crucial to the campaign to end the disease.

Sasakawa, the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, was speaking at a webinar held in the run-up to World Leprosy Day on January 30. He engaged youth from Africa, Asia, and Latin America in an online discussion dubbed 'Raising Awareness about Leprosy - Role of Youth'.

"The history of the world is changed by young people. The spirit of young people is essential in the fight against leprosy. Speak out and let the world understand leprosy better. Use online tools at your disposal to tell the world not to forget leprosy," Sasakawa told participants.

"The younger generation has joined our efforts. Our goal is to hear from you, work with you and take action with you towards a day when there will be zero stigma and discrimination against those affected by leprosy."

At the heart of discussions were highlights from three regional forums, stimulating conversations about leprosy and its related challenges and efforts to build collaboration and networks to combat an ancient disease at risk of being forgotten.

The webinar was organized against the backdrop of the global 'Don't Forget Leprosy' campaign by the Sasakawa Leprosy Initiative. The initiative strategically links the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, Sasakawa Health Foundation, and the Nippon Foundation towards achieving a leprosy-free world.

Stigmatized, forced to migrate, denial of education, abandonment of children affected by leprosy, and women finding marriage partners - were highlighted in the discussions. Leprosy is even recognized as grounds for divorce in some countries.

These were only a few of the many challenges faced by those affected by the disease, speakers said.

"We need collective efforts to address the disease itself and, at the same time, the rampant stigma associated with leprosy. Today, the second generation of those affected by leprosy still find difficulties getting a job because of the stigma," Sasakawa said.

He said efforts to address leprosy are two-pronged, engaging global and well-respected figures and grassroots actors for community-level engagement.

Participants heard that youths learning about leprosy and sharing that it is curable could accelerate progress towards a world free from medical and social problems related to leprosy.

Youth participation could significantly help dispel myths rooted during the many centuries in which leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was incurable.

The online discussion followed three preparatory regional youth forums held in December 2021 and January 2022. The engagement was in anticipation of a Global Youth Forum on the theme, 'Don't Forget Leprosy', organized by the Sasakawa Leprosy Initiative slated for March 2022.

Dr Michael Chen from HANDA, China, told participants how the first Asia Youth Forum engaged young people in a virtual



Alice Cruz-UN, Special Rapporteur on eliminating discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members, told the youth that their participation was crucial to removing legal discrimination. Her young son Leo asked the global audience not to forget leprosy. Credit: Joyce Chimbi/IPS

meeting to discuss the reduction of stigma and discrimination faced by people affected by leprosy.

He said six Asian countries, including Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, and Nepal, participated. Discussions included the need to engage the younger generation in a world free of stigma and discrimination.

Similarly, Marcos Costa, from Morhan in Brazil, spoke of the first Latin American and Caribbean Virtual Meeting of young people affected by leprosy, their family members, and supporters.

The meeting, he said, sought to engage young people and their families

in a dialogue centered on the challenges faced by those affected by the disease and to explore policy solutions to the problem.

"In Brazil, it is reported that many new leprosy cases were not diagnosed in 2020 because of COVID-19. The pandemic has compounded challenges facing young people as many of them are unemployed due to the stigma attached to people affected by leprosy," he said.

Likewise, Tadesse Tesfaye from ENAPAL in Ethiopia summarized discussions during the first-ever Africa Youth Forum, with attendance from nine African countries, including Kenya, Niger, and Mozambique.

Tesfaye said the forum explored "how stigma and discrimination manifest upon persons affected by leprosy and their families and the need to build national, regional and international alliances to address social and medical challenges related to the disease."

Within this context, Alice Cruz, the UN Special Rapporteur on eliminating discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members, reminded the younger generation that leprosy was also a political factor and their voices were needed.

She called for diversity, new faces, ideas, innovations, and the engage-

ment of young people and families affected by leprosy.

Cruz stressed that young people's contribution to enforcing the human rights of people affected by leprosy should be encouraged. Their contribution was crucial to reforming more than 150 laws and regulations in various parts of the world that discriminate against persons affected by leprosy.

Her young son, Leo, finalized her address calling for a world free of all forms of discrimination and one where leprosy was not forgotten.

Chen and Costa further drummed support for the engagement of young people especially through social media to raise awareness of leprosy and challenge long-standing stereotypes.

"We need to cultivate the potential of young people, provide sufficient funding to young people, and a supportive platform for young people to learn, grow, communicate and solve problems," Chen said.

Dr Takahiro Nanri, the Sasakawa Health Foundation executive director, moderated a session between the Goodwill Ambassador and young participants, including Costa, Rahul Mahato from ATMA Swabhimani in India, and Joshua Mamane from IDEA in Niger, who are also from families affected by leprosy.

The discussion stressed the need to engage young people in the fight against leprosy actively.

Sasakawa said youth participation would usher in a new and much-awaited era in global and grassroots efforts to fully tackle leprosy as medical, public health, and human rights issues.



Yohei Sasakawa, the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, told youth from Africa, Asia, and Latin America that they had the means to change perceptions about leprosy. They were educated and knew how to use social media to benefit leprosy-affected communities. Credit: Joyce Chimbi/IPS

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THRDC urges parties in Ngorongoro land conflicts to resolve amicably

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) has called on the parties to resolve the issue of Ngorongoro district in Arusha region amicably for the benefits of both parties.

In its report on the state of human rights advocacy on the land conflict in Ngorongoro district issued yesterday, THRDC urged the government to ensure it regulates and acts practically the fundamentals of human rights as enshrined in the international conventions that Tanzania has signed.

THRDC National Coordinator, Onesmo Ole Ngurumwa said that security agencies should recognize the right to freedom of expression and associations is recognized in accordance with the Tanzanian constitution and so they have a responsibility to protect those rights when citizens meet to discuss on how to resolve the Ngorongoro land dispute to their grievances reach out to the country's top leaders.

"We request President Samia Suluhu Hassan to give them a chance and listen to the people of Ngorongoro to hear the arguments and finally work to end this long-running conflict," he said in a statement.

He said the government should suspend its plan to take over village lands and instead settle down with citizens and seek a solution that will be accepted by all parties. He said transfer of citizens should be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country and international agreements.

"Conflicts between the people of Ngorongoro District and conservatives should undergo permanent settlement. We recommend for an arbitrator who has no interest in either party," he said.

On the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance, Ole Ngurumwa appealed to CHRAGG to conduct an investigation about citizens' complaints and take appropriate action to prevent human rights violations in Ngorongoro District.

"The commission should continue to urge the government on the implementation of the decisions of courts issued years ago on the rights of citizens to own their land," he said.

In Tanzania, the East African Court imposed a ban on the government not deporting citizens, not destroying property, arresting or harassing the people in the Ngorongoro area until court decisions are released.

THRDC also called on human rights defenders and those responsible for to defend the rights of pastoralists to continue defending the rights of citizens in Ngorongoro and other parts of the country without fear of following the procedures legally since these are their constitutional and legal obligations

It also called on members of the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Network in Ngorongoro and Arusha to continue monitoring the issue of Ngorongoro land dispute and report all the challenges and make efforts to bring citizens and government leaders together for a discussion.

"The media should closely monitor the development of human rights and the resolution of the Ngorongoro land dispute and report these without any bias and following the principles of their profession," Ole Ngurumwa said. The human rights defenders, CSOs and media should continue to encourage dialogue between government and citizens to resolve conflict as they have been doing for years back.

It also called to the people of Ngorongoro District to continue using their constitutional right to express their views to the government so that they can be acted upon without fear and following the laws of the land.

"The people of Ngorongoro should also continue to work with human rights defenders and government institutions in solving existing challenges and finding solutions," he said.

Oloolosokwan Ward Councillor, Yohana Moloimet was quoted saying that villagers linked the RC's visit with an impending final decision from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on final plans for 1,500 square kilometers of land that the pastoralist community uses, but it belongs to the game controlled zone, a conservation area.

Recently, Arusha Regional Commissioner, John Mongella visited the Loliondo Game Controlled Area to inspect newly erected beacons around Loliondo division.

The RC did not address residents on the issue, but the visit was seen as a follow up to the work of a special team sent by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in 2016 to examine the situation as conflicts came up with a hunting firm operating in the area, they said.

The status quo being maintained at present dates to 2013 when then Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda went to Loliondo, visited all the villages and directed that plans to annex 1500 square kilometers of land should be halted.

Loliondo Division is home to over 70,000 residents, holding an estimated 784,000 head of livestock reportedly within 116 square kilometers of land.

Kijoro Kakea, a Special Seats Councillor in the district stated that children are harassed when grazing cattle in the 1500 square kilometers annex and sometimes cattle are confiscated.

"This is a good idea but on the other hand, we have come to the conclusion that the Maasai pastoralists are good conservationists themselves, and can thus still take good care of Loliondo," he remarked at a public meeting.

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REPORT OF CONDITION ON BANK PURSUANT TO SECTION 32(3) OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ACT, 2006

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021 (Amounts in million of shillings)		
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-2021	Previous Quarter 30-Sep-21
A. ASSETS		
1 Cash	845	837
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	1,146	1,316
3 Investments in Government Securities	-	-
4 Balances with Other Banks and Financial Institution	4,806	1,131
5 Cheques and Items for Clearing	3	2
6 Interbranch Suspense (NET)	-	-
7 Bills Negotiated	-	-
8 Customers Liabilities for Acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank Loan Receivables	-	-
10 Investment in Other Securities	-	-
11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Probable Losses)	20,791	23,541
12 Other Assets	2,007	1,494
13 Equity Investments	-	-
14 Underwriting Account	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	1,369	1,526
16 TOTAL ASSETS	30,968	29,845
B. LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits From Other Banks and Financial Institution	2,437	2,125
18 Customer Deposits	7,674	7,025
19 Cash Letter of Credit	-	-
20 Special Deposits	-	-
21 Payment Orders/Transfers Payable	-	-
22 Bankers' Cheques and Drafts Issued	-	-
23 Accrued Taxes and Expenses Payable	299	401
24 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25 Interbranch Float Items	-	-
26 Unearned Income and Other Deferred Charges	-	-
27 Other Liabilities	(87)	(87)
28 Borrowings (Subordinated Debts)	5,200	5,200
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,524	14,664
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)	15,444	15,182
C. CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
31 Paid-up Share Capital	47,831	45,877
32 Regulatory Reserves	-	-
33 Prior Year Retained Earnings	(28,202)	(28,202)
34 Profit (Loss) Account	(4,185)	(2,493)
35 Other Capital Account	-	-
36 Minority Interest	-	-
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	15,444	15,182
D. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
(i) Shareholders' Funds to Total Assets	50%	51%
(ii) Non-performing Loans & Advances to Gross Loans	25.6%	20.7%
(iii) Gross Loans and Advance to Total Deposits	258%	247%
(iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets	86%	86%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	81%	81%
(vi) Deposit Growth	11%	-18%
(vii) Assets Growth	4%	-8%

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021 (Amounts in million of shillings)				
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-2021	Comp. Quarter 30-Sep-2021	Cumul. current year 31-Dec-2021	Cumul. Comp. year(YTD) 31-Dec-2020
1 Interest Income	1,092	1,335	5,175	6,576
2 Interest Expenses	(401)	(302)	(1,546)	(1,724)
3 Net Interest Income	691	1,033	3,629	4,852
4 Bad Debts Written Off	47	(462)	(51)	(1,213)
5 Provision For Bad and Doubtful Debts	(727)	(11)	(510)	1,029
6 Non-Interest Income	81	168	747	1,073
6.1 Foreign Exchange Profit(Loss)	(3)	(2)	(7)	(11)
6.2 Fees and Commissions	65	112	560	832
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other Operating Income	19	57	194	252
7 Non-Interest Expenses	(1,785)	(1,762)	(7,465)	(7,986)
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(968)	(968)	(4,029)	(4,548)
7.2 Fees and Commission	-	-	-	-
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(817)	(794)	(3,436)	(3,437)
8 Operating Income/Loss	(1,692)	(1,035)	(4,150)	(2,244)
9 Income Tax Provision	-	(14)	(41)	(46)
10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	(1,692)	(1,049)	(4,191)	(2,291)
11 Number of Employees	83	83	83	135
12 Basic Earnings Per Share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13 Diluted Earnings Per Share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14 Number of Branches	5	5	5	5
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	-9%	-3%	-6%	0%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	-11%	-6%	-11%	-1%
(iii) Non-Interest Expenses to Gross Income	152%	117%	152%	128%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	2%	3%	2%	2%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021 (Amounts in million of shillings)						
Current year 2021	Share Capital	Preference Share Capital	General Risk Reserve	Regulatory Reserve	Accumulated Loss	Total
Balances at the beginning of the year	36,487	8,520	-	-	(28,202)	16,805
1 Issue of share capital - non cumulative preference	1,955	-	-	-	-	1,955
2 Transfer to general Provision reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Transfer to specific provision	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 IFRS 9 adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(4,185)	(4,185)
7 Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current period	38,442	8,520	-	-	(32,387)	14,575
Previous Year 2020						
Balances at the beginning of the year	29,937	8,520	-	-	(25,579)	12,878
1 Issue of share capital - non cumulative preference	6,550	-	-	-	-	6,550
2 Transfer to general Provision reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Transfer to specific provision	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 IFRS 9 adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(2,623)	(2,623)
7 Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the previous period	36,487	8,520	-	-	(28,202)	16,805

We, the undersigned have examined the information above and hereby declare that the information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and information.

Signed by: **Signature** **Date**

Omar S. Msangi
Ag. Managing Director
27/01/2022

Lydia Machangu
Ag. Head of Finance
27/01/2022

Rashid Sendoro
Head of Internal Auditor
27/01/2022

We, the under-named, non-executive members of the board of directors, attest to the correctness of the prepared statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief have been prepared in conformance with the instructions and are true and correct.

Signature **Date**

Simon Jengo
Chairman
27/01/2022

Noel Sangiwa
Director
27/01/2022

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021 (Amounts in million of shillings)				
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-21	Previous Quarter 30-Sep-21	Current Year Cumulative 31-Dec-21	Cumul. Comp. year(YTD) 31-Dec-20
Profit/(Loss) before tax	(1,692)	(1,035)	(4,191)	(2,247)
Adjustment for Non-Cash Items				
-Net Impairment Change on Loans and Advances	679	473	1,060	1,723
-Depreciation and Amortisation	112	189	312	444
-Profit/Loss on Disposal of Items of Property and Equipment	(7)	-	(7)	-
Cash Flow from Operating Activities before Changes Working Capital Items	(907)	(372)	(2,826)	(80)
-Net Change in Loans and Advances	2,070	2,497	6,570	(4,412)
-Gain/(loss) on Sales of Assets	-	-	-	-
-Net Change in Deposits	961	(1,988)	(3,685)	3,720
-Net Change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	-	-	-	-
-Net Change in Statutory Minimum Reserve	-	-	-	-
-Net Change in Other Liabilities	(200)	(560)	(1,702)	(727)
-Net Change in Other Assets	(513)	21	134	271
-Tax Paid	-	(14)	(41)	(31)
-Others	-	-	-	-
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operating Activities	1,412	(416)	(1,550)	(1,280)
II. Cash Flow from Investing Activities				
Dividend Received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Non Current Assets	150	37	(115)	(515)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Other Redemption/(Investment) in financial assets	-	-	-	-
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	150	37	(115)	(515)
III. Cash Flow from Financing Activities				
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	2,606
Proceeds from Issuance of Long-Term Debt	-	-	(1,500)	(4,000)
Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	1,955	870	2,825	6,600
Payment of Cash Dividends	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Other Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	1,955	870	1,325	5,206
Others				
Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,516	490	(340)	3,431
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter/Year	3,285	2,784	7,141	3,710
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Quarter/Year	6,801	3,285	6,801	7,141

MINIMUM DISCLOSURES OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES

SR	PRODUCT/SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	(TZS)	(USD)	4. CHECKS TRANSACTIONS
1	DEPOSIT PRODUCTS				Cash transfer
1.1	CURRENT ACCOUNT (Savings Account)	Opening amount (paid only)			Check cashed
		Company, medium term	10,000	0.00	Check paid to customer of the bank/merchant
		Subsidiary	5,000	0.00	Check without over the counter
		Overdraft/advance	5,000	0.00	Stop payment on cheque
		Interbank/transfer	5,000	0.00	Returned cheque to bank of issue
		Interest on (VREB)	Same as market	NA	Bank
		Maintenance			Bank to bank of other net
		Monthly			Bank
		Company, medium term	5,000	0.00	Securities
		Subsidiary	5,000	0.00	Stop payment on cheque
		Overdraft/advance	5,000	0.00	Stop payment on cheque
		Interbank/transfer	5,000	0.00	Company, medium term
		Minimum operating balance	5,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Company, medium term	10,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Subsidiary	5,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Overdraft/advance	5,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Interbank/transfer	5,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Minimum interest bearing	5,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Company, medium term	10,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Subsidiary	5,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Overdraft/advance	5,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Interbank/transfer	5,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Minimum interest bearing	5,000	0.00	Subsidiary
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		Subsidiary	5,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Overdraft/advance	5,000	0.00	Subsidiary
		Interbank/transfer	5,000	0.00	Sub

Battle for Palestine: The day when David felled Goliath with a stone

UNITED NATIONS

When Israeli Ambassador Gilat Erdan made an unusual presentation before the Security Council last week displaying a large rock, which he claimed, was hurled at Israeli vehicles in the Occupied Territories, a reporter at a UN press conference asked whether Palestinians will be given the right of reply – by displaying in the Security Council chamber an Uzi sub-machine gun or a bulldozer deployed by Israeli armed forces against civilian demonstrations.

Stephane Dujarric, the UN Spokesperson, provided a diplomatically cautious response: "I'm not going to get into that... it's not for me to speak."

During a debate on January 19, Ambassador Erdan sharply criticized the "Security Council's bias, and in particular, the Council's utter disregard for Palestinian rock-throwing terrorism".

To make it clear that rocks are life-threatening weapons, Ambassador Erdan presented the Council with a rock to illustrate what was happening on the roads of Judea and Samaria and Jerusalem, asking the participants "how they would react if a similar rock were

thrown at their vehicles".

In 2021, he said, "Israelis suffered 1,775 rock attacks by Palestinian terrorists in addition to thousands of missiles, shootings, stabblings, and car ramming attacks".

But for obvious reasons the rising Palestinian body count went unmentioned – nor Israeli military attacks on civilians.

Asked for his comments, Ian Williams, President of the Foreign Press Association in New York, told IPS having no sense of perspective is career plus for any Israeli representative at the UN.

"But Erdan seems to have forgotten his claimed history. King David felled Goliath with a stone and Erdan invites legitimate comparison between the Palestinian kids and the Israeli Goliath, poor and defenseless protected only by drones, missiles, planes and tanks from the rapacious stone throwers".

Israeli ambassadors have been getting away with this risible posturing for too long, he added.

"It is time other delegates punctured their pretensions and challenged them - or just audibly hooted in derision", declared Williams, a former President of the UN Correspondents' Association (UNCA) and author of UN-told: The Real Story of the United Nations in Peace



Credit: United Nations

and War.

Dr Stephen Zunes, Professor of Politics and International Studies at the University of San Francisco, and coordinator of the program in Middle Eastern Studies, told IPS he "doesn't recall stones ever being brought into a debate (in the UN Security Council), though there have certainly been props used before" (i.e., US Secretary of State Colin Powell's vial of anthrax, when he addressed the Security Council in 2003 on information and intelligence he believed showed the possibility of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, which eventually proved false).

"What I do find interesting is that the reporter chose to

highlight the absurdity of a representative of a government engaged in a foreign belligerent occupation which has been repeatedly cited for war crimes against the besieged population - would expect to be taken seriously in claiming they were justified in their repression out of fear of rocks," said Dr Zunes, who is an authority on the politics of the UN Security Council and has written extensively on the UN's most powerful political organ.

Dr Ramzy Baroud, a Palestinian author and editor of The Palestine Chronicle, told IPS Erdan was clearly aiming at creating a distraction from the horrific events transpiring in Sheikh Jarrah and through-

out occupied East Jerusalem at the moment.

He said the Salhiya family's home was demolished January 19, rendering 15 people, mostly children, homeless. A few days earlier, a heart-wrenching event took place, when members of the Salhiya family threatened to set themselves ablaze as they agonized over the imminent loss of their family home.

"These events are being watched closely, first by Palestinians but also by people around the world. If the momentum of Israeli destruction continues, chances are we could witness another popular uprising. Erdan's spectacle at the UN on Wednesday is a desperate act of preemptive propaganda to sway members of the international community from criticizing Israel," he noted.

"Moreover, criticizing Palestinian weapons, however primitive or destructive, engages Israel in a misleading conversation that creates a moral equivalence between the occupier and the occupied, the colonialist and the colonized."

Whether Palestinians use a stone, a gun or a clenched fist to resist and to defend themselves, Dr Baroud argued, their resistance is morally and legally justifiable. Israel, on the other hand, like all other military occupiers and colonialists, has neither a moral nor a legal argument to justify its oppression of Palestinians, the destruction of their homes and the killing of their

children.

"Judging by the growing solidarity with Palestinians at all fronts, it is clear that Erdan's sorry display is another exercise of political futility," he declared.

Meanwhile, the overwhelming Israeli firepower that continues to be unleashed on Palestinian militant groups in the long-standing battle in the Occupied Territories is perhaps reminiscent of the Algerian war of independence (1954-1962) when France, the colonial power, used its vastly superior military strength to strike back at the insurgents with brutal ferocity.

While France was accused of using its air force to napalm civilians in the countryside, the Algerians were accused of using handmade bombs hidden in women's handbags and left surreptitiously in cafes, restaurants and public places frequented by French nationals living in occupied territory.

In one of the memorable scenes in the 1967 cinematic classic "The Battle of Algiers," which re-created Algeria's war of independence against France, a handcuffed leader of the National Liberation Front (NLF), Ben M'Hidi, is brought before a group of highly-partisan French journalists for interrogation.

One of the journalists asks M'Hidi: "Don't you think it is a bit cowardly to use women's handbags and baskets to carry explosive devices that kill so many innocent people [in cafes and night clubs]?"

Responding with equal bluntness, the Algerian insurgent retorts: "And doesn't it seem to you even more cowardly to drop napalm bombs on unarmed villages on a thousand times more innocent victims?"

"Of course, if we had your fighter planes, it would be a lot easier for us," he adds. "Give us your bombers, and you can have our handbags and baskets."

Like the Algerian insurgents, Palestinian militants were not fighting on a level battle field - as the Israeli military keeps unleashing its massive firepower on a virtually defenseless population in the Occupied Territories.

On the looks of it, it was not a level battle field but an uneven killing field.

"Perhaps it would be

interesting to see the roles reversed: the Palestinians with American fighter planes and battle tanks and the Israelis with homemade rockets," says one Arab diplomat, striking a parallel with the Algerian insurgency.

Besides F-16 fighter planes, the Israelis also used a wide array of U.S. weaponry, including Apache helicopters, M60 battle tanks, armored personnel carriers and heavy artillery. Israel's prodigious military strength and its economic stability were attributed largely to unlimited US assistance and political support from American politicians.

In a statement released January 21, the Institute for Middle East Understanding (IMEU) said news in occupied East Jerusalem is rapidly escalating following Israeli police demolishing a Palestinian family's home in Sheikh Jarrah on January 18 at around 3 AM local time. Along with demolishing the Salhiya family's home, Israeli police arrested and beat several members of the family, including a 9-year-old-girl. Israel has even banned the family from returning to the neighborhood for 30 days.

Several members of Congress have spoken out against the recent home demolition in Sheikh Jarrah. Congresswoman Marie Newman tweeted, "15 Palestinians were left homeless after Israeli police evicted them in the middle of the night and demolished their homes in Sheikh Jarrah. This is one of more than 1,000 evictions or demolitions in the area since 2016. This must end."

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortez expressed her dismay about Israel's ongoing human rights abuses, including the recent killing of 80-year-old US Palestinian citizen Omar Abdalmajed Assad, who was arbitrarily detained, beaten and, according to eyewitness, left unresponsive by Israeli soldiers while driving to his home in the occupied West Bank.

This article contains extracts from a newly-released book on the United Nations titled "No Comment - and Don't Quote Me on That." The link follows: <https://www.rodericgrigson.com/no-comment-by-thalif-deen/>

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WORD-FIT

In this Puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

3 letters
4 letters
5 letters
6 letters
7 letters
8 letters
9 letters

RAT, EAT, BYE
MERE, MENU, OSLO, OMAN, REIN
HATE, MEED, ORES, BULL,
AMPERE, RACHIS, DINER, NOBLE
BUCKET, PLENARY, SOMALIA, TEASED
BROWSER, BULGARE, OMADHAUN
EMINENCE, DYNAMITE
CALAMITY,

CROSSWORD

1 the sixth day of the week
6 bring about or perform
7 Country of a thousand hills
10 tala
11 quite, gentle and submissive
13 Togo's Capital
15 fever marked by severe internal bleeding
17 ethnic group in Chembra district
19 move towards the land
20 hinnies
22 a light meal
23 a narrow passage of water connecting two seas
24 a stiff bristle growing from the ear or flower of barley and rye

Down:
1 a public meeting place and market square
2 angry
3 an illicit drinking place in India
4 man's wide brimmed hat
5 cannabis
8 without clothes
9 let someone do something
12 remove from a place of danger to a safer place
14 alkene
16 legal prohibitions
18 Russia's Capital
21 energy, style and enthusiasm
22 a pigsty

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MONDAY TIME PROGRAMME	TUESDAY TIME PROGRAMME	WEDNESDAY TIME PROGRAMME	THURSDAY TIME PROGRAMME	FRIDAY TIME PROGRAMME	SATURDAY TIME PROGRAMME	SUNDAY TIME PROGRAMME
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Dr Biteko showers praises on the Barrick management as mines join Tier One group

By The Banker Reporter

SINCE taking over management of Bulyanhulu and North Mara gold mines while at moribund status in 2019, Barrick Gold Corporation's management has been commended for taking the local mines closer to the elite club of Tier One Gold Asset.

A Tier One Gold Asset is an asset with a reserve potential to deliver a minimum 10-year life, annual production of at least 500,000 ounces of gold and total cash costs per ounce over the mine life that are in the lower half of the industry cost curve.

Minister for Minerals, Dr Dotto Biteko said mid this week after Barrick Gold CEO and President, Mark Bristow unveiled that the two mines delivered a combined over 500,000 ounces of gold

production last year, that significant changes have been noticed since Acacia Mining Plc's demise in 2019. One of the world's largest miners, BHP recently announced that it will invest US\$50 million in Kabanga Nickel project.

"Barrick is now our model foreign investor showcasing success in Tanzania's mining sector which has attracted other big mining companies," Dr Biteko said saying that because of the agreement made with the government in 2019, gold production has significantly increased both at North Mara and Bulyanhulu.

He showered praises on Barrick's President and CEO, Mark Bristow describing him as one of the most outstanding chief executives to have dealt with. "If I am told to rank the CEOs that I have personally worked with, I would say that Mark is the best," Dr Biteko not-



Minerals minister, Dr Dotto Biketo speaks at Bulyanhulu gold mine during presentation of last year's result for Barrick Gold Corporation. Centre is Barrick Gold CEO and president Mark Bristow and Shinyanga regional commissioner, Sophia Mjema. Photo courtesy of Twiga Minerals.

ed while pledging continued support from the state.

He urged Bristow to invest more and expand the mines in Kahama and Tarime districts because there is still huge potential to be exploited. "We want Tanzanians to benefit from these mines after our agreement in 2019," he noted.

The government and Barrick jointly own Twiga Minerals Corporation which was

formed soon after Acacia was abolished. Treasury has 16 percent of the company while Barrick owns the rest of the shares.

Presenting last year's results, Bristow said improved production at Bulyanhulu and North Mara mines has taken them within-guidance performance with both mines retaining their ISO 45001 safety and ISO 14001 environmental accreditations.

He said North Mara is on track to become a fully integrated mine with the planned commissioning of the Nyabirama pit during the current quarter and the scheduled commencement of the Nyabigena pit in the third quarter of 2022.

Bristow further noted that as for Bulyanhulu, it has been re-established as a world-class, low-cost, long-life underground mine as it

achieved steady state production on the successful ramp-up of its mining and metallurgical operations in December 2021.

Barrick has increased its footprint around Bulyanhulu through the acquisition of six highly prospective licences bordering the mine, and its exploration teams are also looking elsewhere in Tanzania for new opportunities.

"The mines also continued to recruit and upskill local people. Tanzanian nationals now account for 96 percent of their workforce, with 41 percent drawn from the surrounding villages," he said adding that the company is also strengthening partnerships with local suppliers.

Since Barrick re-entered Tanzania in 2019, it has spent more than US\$1.8 billion in taxes, salaries and payments to local businesses. It has also invested US\$6.7 million in community education, health and infrastructure projects. Referring to Barrick's recently published Human Rights Report, Bristow said the environmental and other issues it had inherited from the mines' previous operators had been or were being settled.

Standard Chartered CEO: 'Noose is tightening' on corporate climate change accountability

LONDON

Standard Chartered chief executive Bill Winters said the noose is tightening on the private sector to ensure it is accountable for its efforts to combat climate change. Mr Winters told a virtual session at The World Economic Forum that while the private sector is "clearly stepping up", with more commitments to net zero now on the table, the key to success will be the accountability of those commitments. "It's tightening the noose on all of us," Mr Winters said.

"There's no shortage of net-zero commitments at this point, although there's clearly more that we could do. But the key is the ongoing accountability and the accountability is going to come from the stakeholders for the private sector companies ... the asset managers and the people who fund the asset managers, pension funds, insurance companies." Standard Chartered pledged in October to remove or help transform its most polluting customers by the end of the decade under plans to make its loan book net zero by 2050.

The London-based bank, which has faced calls from some shareholders to match its green pledges with action, said it aims to reduce the coal mining emissions it funds by 85 per cent by 2030 and will only provide services to clients who depend on thermal coal for less than 5 per cent of their revenue by that date. Standard Chartered, which caters mostly to emerging markets and Asia, also aims to lend \$300 billion to ensure firms can tackle financial barriers to the transition.

The announcement came in the run-up to the Cop 26 environment summit in Glasgow, when banks were facing growing pressure from climate activists to stop lending to companies that show no intention of transforming their operations to be compatible with global agreements to slow rising temperatures. On Friday, Mr Winters said the ultimate key to success will be removing "the excuses that people like me, corporate CEOs, the excuses that we can deploy to explain why we're not quite there".

"If [we] can remove the excuses, step up the accountability, refocus on consistent measurement, I think the private sector can contribute its fair share," he said. Mr Winters was also one of the engineers of the \$130 trillion "wall of capital" pledged by a coalition of banks, insurers and asset managers at Cop26.

UK based fin-tech poised for Rwandan marketing debut

WASHINGTON

KIGALI

Nala, a UK based mobile money transfer targeting Africans worldwide, could be planning its debut in Rwanda in coming days.

Doing Business understands that Fin-tech, which was founded by a Tanzanian entrepreneur has been conducting tests in Rwanda. The fin-tech runs a mobile money application that allows users to make transactions without an internet connection.

NALA co-founder Benjamin Fernandes last week announced on social media that they had run their first successful test in Rwanda. The firm supports transfers between The UK and US to

countries including Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya and Ghana. The ongoing tests could see Rwanda become their next market.

The firm is seeking to tap into the growing remittances and international payments market by creating a money transfer platform that uses USSD technology, it is not dependent on internet availability. This is in direct response to the cost of mobile data in some parts of the continent Africa.

The interest by the firm comes at a time when Rwanda's fin-tech sector has been expanding with a number of firms such as SAVE, a platform by Exuus Ltd which facilitates saving groups through an open and user-friendly saving groups

ledger handling.

Another fin-tech, Uplus Mutual Partners (U+) allows people from all walks of life to connect on the platform to contribute and save for whatever causes they may be involved in. Last year, Chipper Cash, a Jeff Bezos funded Fin-tech company that facilitates cross border payment and cash transfers debuted in Rwanda.

MTN Rwanda also in 2021 set up its FinTech subsidiary, Mobile Money Rwanda Ltd, in a move that is likely to intensify competition in the financial system. Doing Business also gathers that a number of international players have since made formal applications for licenses to debut the local market.



NALA co-founder, Benjamin Fernandes.

Remittance inflows to Rwanda for 2021 were estimated at around \$246 million after a drop to \$241 million in 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the latest World Bank's migration and development analysis show. An opportunity for financial technology firms in the space is that despite the rise of remittances, the cost remains

somewhat high.

For instance, the cost of sending \$200 across international borders continued to be high, averaging 6.4 per cent of the amount transferred in the first quarter of 2021, according to the World Bank's Remittance Prices Worldwide Database. This is more than double the Sustainable Development Goal target of

3 per cent by 2030.

The analysis also shows that it is most expensive to send money to Sub-Saharan Africa (8 per cent) and lowest in South Asia (4.6 per cent). Costs tend to be higher when remittances are sent through banks than through digital channels or through money transmitters offering cash-to-cash services.

KCB plans yet another Tanzania buyout bid

NAIROBI

KCB Group is still open to pursuing another bank buyout in Tanzania after dropping its bid to acquire BancABC Tanzania from London-based Atlas Mara Limited.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed firm has been looking to scale up its operations in Tanzania where it already runs KCB Bank Tanzania, a fully-owned subsidiary. Chief executive Joshua Oigara said the bank will from

July be resuming talks on possible acquisition targets in the country that is one of Kenya's major trading partners in the region.

"We are always looking for opportunities. So in Tanzania definitely," Mr Oigara said. "We had a final conversation with BancABC in December. Our focus largely today is on other countries. Tanzania is something we will come back to perhaps in the second half of this year."

KCB and Atlas Mara called off the proposed transaction in December, citing regulatory hurdles. The Kenyan banking multinational had sought to make a full buyout of the Tanzanian lender for cash consideration based on the target company's book value.

The proposed Tanzanian deal fell apart after KCB successfully acquired a 62.06 percent stake in Rwanda's Banque Populaire du Rwanda Plc (BPR) in August from

Atlas Mara. A consolidation of BPR and KCB Bank Rwanda is set to double the Kenyan multinational's market share, making it the second largest bank in that country. Mr Oigara said KCB expects to complete the buyout of BPR's minority shareholders by June.

"We had offered all the minority shareholders to purchase their shares and that conversation is going on at the moment. By the time we come to June, those willing to sell their

shares will be able to and those willing to remain will remain," he said.

KCB is among the country's big banks that are expanding aggressively in the region, seeking diversification and growth in neighbouring countries. The home-grown lenders, however, still get most of their earnings from the local market but their foreign subsidiaries' contribution to consolidated earnings has been on the rise.



KCB Group CEO Joshua Oigara.

Dr Nchemba salutes departing Airtel CEO for 122 billion/- payment to Treasury in 2yrs

By The Banker Reporter

AIRTEL Tanzania Limited's outgoing CEO, George Mathen has been commended for improving performance of the telecommunications company which paid Treasury over 122bn/- in taxes, dividend and other statutory payments in the past two years.

Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said mid this week when he met with Mathen and his successor, Dinesh Balsingh in Dodoma that the telco which Treasury co-owns with India's Bharti Airtel, improved its performance significantly.

"The payments enabled the government to invest in social projects which are important to change people's lives as directed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan," Dr Nchemba said while noting that President Samia has directed that money earned by Treasury from various investments be used productively.

He also commended the telco for improving delivery of services in the market which has made its products and services which saw Airtel move from third to second position in mobile phone communication in the market. Vodacom Tanzania Plc is the market leader.

The Finance Minister urged the telco and other private companies to contribute towards improving the budget's 2022/23 budget as a taskforce collecting views is already on the ground. "Make suggestions at how best should the tax structure be so that you can operate profitably,"



Minister of finance and economic planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (R) talking to Airtel Tanzania Limited's outgoing managing director, George Mathen (2nd R) and his successor, Dinesh Balsingh (C) when the delegation paid him a courtesy call in Dodoma city mid this week. Left is Airtel corporate affairs director, Beatrice Singano. Photo courtesy of Airtel.

Dr Nchemba advised.

Briefing the minister on Airtel's latest performance, Mathen said during his two and a half years stay at the telco, he paid Treasury dividend, taxes and other statutory payments worth billions of shillings despite the challenging coronavirus outbreak.

"We paid 42bn/- as dividend because Treasury has shares at Airtel, 44bn/- was paid after transferring

ownership of communication towers while another 34bn/- is fees paid by the new towers operator who pays 1bn/- a month since April 2019," he revealed.

Seconding her boss, Airtel's Director of Corporate Affairs, Beatrice Singano commended the government for putting place a conducive investment environment which has encouraged the telco to boost its presence in the local

market.

Singano said because of the conducive working environment, Airtel has been making profit and paying dividend to Treasury. "We have seen how the government of President Samia Suluhu Hassan is investing heavily in improving the infrastructure including education with construction of classrooms," she said.

New Africa cross-border payments system designed to increase trade

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Africa's new cross-border payment system: the Pan-African Payment and Settlement System (PAPSS) - a key pillar of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) - is now live. This follows a successful pilot in the West African Monetary Zone.

The new system will enable real-time cross-border payments without having to settle by means of US or European banks, saving the continent about \$5bn in offshore clearance and transaction costs, says the African Export-Import Bank, which is behind the project. Lower transaction costs should help boost trade, a positive for Africa's FX market.

In his presentation, PAPSS CEO Mr. Mike Ogbalu emphasised that the payment system is not designed to compete with or replace existing payment systems, but to facilitate the connectivity level that brings all payment systems together into one network that is interoperable, efficient and affordable.

"PAPSS is designed to make our currencies regain value to domesticate intra-Africa payments in this

journey towards African prosperity, while providing the super-highway which connects others to reach every part of this continent as we seek to create the Africa that we want," Ogbalu said. PAPSS is the brainchild of Afreximbank, Africa's pre-eminent trade finance institution, whose mission includes stimulating the expansion, diversification and development of African trade.

According to Afreximbank, PAPSS provides the solution to the disconnected and fragmented nature of payment and settlement systems that have long impeded intra-African trade. Prior to PAPSS, over 80% of African cross-border payment transactions originating from African banks had to be routed offshore for clearing and settlement using international banking relationships. That posed multiple challenges, ranging from payment delays to operational inefficiencies and compliance concerns for the disparate regional payment systems.

Ghana President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo complimented Afreximbank and AfCFTA Secretari-

at for the establishment of the payment system citing PAPSS as a major leap in releasing the continent from overdependence on external players and factors in achieving a long yearned-for acceleration in intra-continental trade and investment.

"This launch is a result of many months of hard work, resolve and commitment towards achieving set objectives for the growth of the continent in trade. All central banks in Africa must now join up and ensure seamless transfer of funds deploying this most practical and important African solution to an African problem," said President Nana Akufo-Addo. He commented on the pan African significance of Ghana hosting the event as a harbinger of the hard-won struggle for economic self-determination following the political de-colonisation of the continent over 60 years ago.

Prof. Benedict Oramah, president and chairman of the Board of Directors of Afreximbank, said in his remarks: "We are eager to build upon the African Continental Free Trade Area's creation of a single market

throughout Africa, and PAPSS provides the state-of-the-art financial market infrastructure connecting African markets to each other. This enables instant cross-border payments in respective local African currencies for cross-border trade.

Afreximbank as the main settlement agent for PAPSS, provides settlement guarantees on the payment system and overdraft facilities to all settlement agents, in partnership with Africa's participating central banks.

"PAPSS will effectively eliminate Africa's financial borders, formalise and integrate Africa's payment systems, and play a major role in facilitating and accelerating the huge AfCFTA-induced growth curve in intra-African trade."



PAPSS CEO, Mike Ogbalu.

BANKING & FINANCE

Ghana's OZÉ secures \$3m to expand digital recordkeeping and financial services for Africa

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OZÉ, the fintech startup which provides digital recordkeeping tools with embedded finance products to MSMEs across West Africa, announces it has raised \$3m via a pre-Series A round led by major venture capital fund, Speedinvest. Savannah Capital, Cathay AfricInvest Innovation Fund.

OZÉ, which now has a client base of more than 125,000 business owners, will use the funds to expand the capabilities of its platform and increase access to affordable finance in Ghana and Nigeria through its partnerships with well-known commercial banks.

The team will continue to utilize deep on-the-ground networks to understand and build solutions for the micro and macro challenges faced by the 100 million-plus small businesses across West Africa. Traditionally these businesses have operated as brick-and-mortar enterprises running on pen-and-paper.

Now, as they look to build online presences, demand for technology and financial products able to digitize businesses is increasing. As co-Founder and COO of OZÉ, Dave Emmett, adds, "the last decade has seen a huge transformation in the digitization of business. Accelerated by the pandemic, we are now seeing an even greater demand for solutions to financial challenges like accepting payments, understanding cash positions, and securing loans to increase stock for busy periods."

The OZÉ platform is unique in Africa in that it provides tools for business owners to understand and improve their performance as well as access to capital to fuel growth. Business owners use the platform to record transactions, stay on top of receivables, get paid by their customers, access business coaching, and can apply for a loan right in the app.

Competition in this space is limited. Other platforms offer single services, but OZÉ's holistic approach fosters real growth; 97% of business owners using the platform run businesses that are growing, profitable, or both.

It also provides OZÉ with a proprietary data set of performance and behavioral data giving the company a competitive advantage in understanding and scoring a company's credit risk. Financial institutions partner with OZÉ to provide small business loans. OZÉ's methods and relationship to business owners means that loans made through the platform can be collateral-free, larger, and paid back over a longer period without increasing risk.

Last year saw the number of monthly active users on the OZÉ platform grow by 1200%. The number of loans granted increased by 200% quarter-on-quarter from Q3 to Q4 of 2021. The synergy OZÉ creates between business owners and banks creates real confidence in the West African economy; business owners are able to access the finance they need, and banks have seen stability in repayment rates thanks to more accurate digital recordkeeping.

South African banks expect breakthrough blockchain year

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South African banks are looking to increase their investments in blockchain and distributed ledger technologies this year. The financial institutions told ITWeb that while they are still experimenting with these technologies, in 2022 they will explore new use cases.

The banks note blockchain holds the promise of bringing greater efficiency and transparency to the banking industry, and by investing in blockchain technologies, they will be able to bring more innovation to the market.

However, they note that as with any emerging technology, one of the biggest challenges is on the regulatory front. A

recent Deloitte study reveals more than 95% of respondents surveyed affirmed they would make some level of investment in blockchain or distributed ledger technology.

In an e-mail interview, Absa says it invests significantly in a range of democratized computing technologies, including distributed ledger technologies (one of which is blockchain), several of which will promote financial inclusion by providing greater access to banking services.

"In particular, Absa continues to invest significantly in technology and innovation in the payment space, where we have pushed the boundaries in the past. Several concepts are currently in development in the area of distributed ledger, including

blockchain technology, and we are working with the best minds in this space to bring new products and services to life as we look to become a more digitally-powered business."

Absa became a member of the Hyperledger Foundation this month to expand its knowledge and network in the global distributed ledger community, and broaden its understanding of the use of the technology in the financial services sector.

Hyperledger builds enterprise blockchain ecosystems through global, open source collaboration. Absa also notes it is at the forefront of the development of self-sovereign digital identity, which incorporates distributed ledger technology.

In an interview with ITWeb, Ian

Putter, blockchain lead at Standard Bank Group, says the financial institution has seen several use cases of the emerging technology, including cross-border payments, remittances and electronic fund transfers.

"We are working on scaling a lot of initiatives that we started last year and try to use them a lot wider. We are also looking at new opportunities. So definitely, we are going to increase our investments in blockchain, distributed ledger technologies and similar technologies, given the work that we have done over the years." On the challenges of implementing these technologies, Putter says initially people needed to comprehend or understand the technology.



Ian Putter, blockchain lead at Standard Bank Group.

The sustainability of 'influencer marketing' in a low-budget marketing era

By Godwin Jaha Semuny

TOWARDS the end of last year, I was fortunate to attend and give keynote speeches to aspiring marketers and students from several colleges across the country. We touched base on several aspects of marketing, predominantly; the evolution of marketing from art to science—data at the heart of marketing decisions.

One exciting topic took center stage; the growing trend of marketers' over-dependence on influencers and brand ambassadors to push the brand message. I sensed remorse fear in their minds that the "influencers," who are mainly banking only on their online popularity, were invading the marketing profession—crossing the lines.

What's the point of a college marketing degree when one can easily

and a marketing role based on popularity? They probed me. As if I was a Sensei with all the answers. Today, I choose to speak about marketing influencers. I am deliberately ignoring the crossing the line part. Because hiring a marketing influencer is a marketing decision.

The truth is, as an old-school marketer, sometimes I also struggle to come up with meaningful justifications to these particular investments. Factors such as the scandalous personal lives of influencers, lack of authenticity, and difficulties quantifying the investment return impeded my decisions.

The concept of influencer marketing and a brand ambassador; third-party people hired to promote brands to affect sales is not new. It is old as the marketing profession itself. Michael Jordan, arguably the best human being to grace the basketball court, promoted eve-

rything from his own Air Jordans Gatorade drinks to fragrances.

Locally, the late Mzee Amri Athumani Majuto, alias King Majuto, probably the best comedian for generations, pushed everything from Komoa soaps to iodized salt to energy drinks and food products.

The apparent difference is; both Michael Jordan and the late King Majuto had outstanding careers; they were known for something. It is totally different now. Thanks to the emergency of the internet and social media, now we have modern-day

influencers who no longer need to be a celebrity or have known careers to be an influencer. One just needs to be "online famous."

One can be famous for being famous—the Kardashians family blueprint. Nowadays, people with more social media followers (regardless of how they acquire them, they can be bought) have surged in online popularity. Put it this way; you can be a celebrity on Instagram or tweeter world regarding the number of followers.

The marketing world has embraced them too.

Reports have shown that globally, brands are forecast to spend up to \$15 billion on influencer marketing by 2023, with more brands projecting to spend up to ten percent of the marketing budget.

A Kardashian family sister Kylie Jenner, also famous for being famous, charges USD986,000 (Close to TZS2Bn) per post, thanks to her 200 million global followers.

But is the strategy effective, is it sustainable? or is it another trendy thing?

When you become an influencer, you automatically become the face and voice of the brand. What-

ever you say or do in public (sometimes in private with cameras), including your personal life, will be scrutinized along with the brand you promote. Influencers ought to understand the brand's values and target markets. They need to protect its public image. This is the biggest drawback of this strategy.

The influencers/ambassadors -brand relationship automatically assumes the inherent risk level. We all can recall the extreme and expensive damage control measures that brands embark on once influencers' private lives scandals hit the front pages—trying hard to cut ties and distance themselves. Most times a little too late.

On a similar note, online audiences have become smarter and more conscious of the promoted content. They look to engage with authentic people whose authentic recommendations they can trust. While marketers and influencers look at clicks, impressions, and

conversions as benchmarks, customers look at authenticity and engagements as deal-breakers.

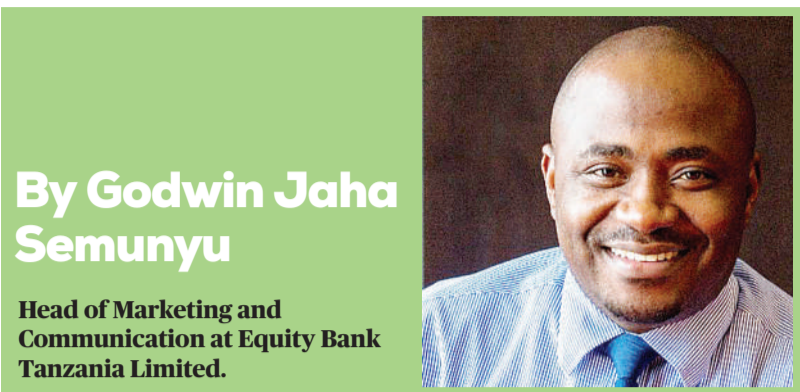
Lack of authenticity gives the impression that the product being pushed is not genuine. As a result, the brand suffers a backlash. I have had so many encounters with local brand ambassadors, only to be disappointed with how little they know about the brands they promote. With this trend, businesses risk appearing mundane and unoriginal, forcing consumers to gravitate towards taking recommendations from people in their inner circles.

There is also the problem of alienating loyal customers who have different opinions about the influencer or ambassador. Influencers with strong political or religious affiliations can quickly alienate large segments of the target audience or disconnect your brand from a wider pool of customers, for good.

With the ever-shrinking marketing budgets, brands are looking for tactics that drive measurable and robust investment returns. Obviously, with the advancement of technology, the influencers are here to stay. But does their online popularity based on the number of followers necessarily affect buying decisions, it is debatable.

Brands need to develop various influencer marketing strategies that can be sustainable, authentic, and correspond to the brand's tolerance to turbulences. It could quickly go either way, viral and support sales, or lost and forgotten in the ocean of social media crises.

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Advancing SME's growth amidst cyber-attacking

By Ajmair Riaz

THE Small and Medium Enterprise sector continues to be of essence for most of the developing countries. In Tanzania, the lucrative sector which is contributing 27 percent to gross domestic product, is growing at a fast rate and benefiting millions of people.

The existence of SMEs is not only critical in promotion of economic growth but also promotion of employment, hence improving livelihoods. The constant technological developments are catalysts to spur further advancement of the SMEs.

The growing internet penetration and use of social media is simplifying the operations of SMEs. With Tanzania being recently promoted from least developed country to lower-middle income economy by the World Bank, the future is looking bright for the SMEs' expansion.

Despite the promising future of SMEs in most of the developing countries including Tanzania, the sector is hindered by several challenges. The most known challenges include inadequate access to capital, limited entrepreneurial skills, limited networking of business, unfavourable regulatory frameworks, adoptability of technology, inadequate cyber-security and retaining valuable employees.

With the technological advancement, inadequate cyber-security is becoming an increasing threat to different enterprises including SMEs. Cyber-security refers to the protection of systems, information and process against cyber-attacks. Typically, there have been cyber-attack reports for large enterprises. However, cybercriminals tend to also target SMEs with the perception that there is less protection of information by SMEs. It is important for SMEs to uphold high stands of cyber-security not only to protect themselves but also their customers. Here are few tips that you can utilize to enhance cyber-security for SMEs:

Training and Awareness: establish and conduct regular training for the management and employees on cyber-security. Encourage a sense of shared responsibility for safeguarding the cyber assets of the enterprise; Dedicated cyber security team: Have a dedicated cyber security team to manage and implement programmes; Policies: create and maintain cyber-security policies; and Secured devices and systems: ensure the laptops and mobile phones are updated with genuine software

and anti-virus. Invest in robust anti-spyware and firewall software and configure it to update regularly.

Other tips are: Update operating systems by downloading released updates; Incident response plans: create a defined incident response plan. This plan will enable your enterprise to have proper readily available responses in the event of a cyber-attack; Secured system access: invest in secured system access to prevent unauthorised entry; Protect emails: encrypt sent emails to protect confidential information.

When receiving emails, avoid clicking links that could be harmful. You can hover your mouse on the link before clicking it, so that you can have an idea of the landing page; Double checking urgent requests for payment: cybercriminals tend to send emails that require enterprises to implement an urgent and confidential payment. It is a best practise to always call the sender of the email for verification; and Back-up files: perform regular back-ups of critical data. Backing up your files will ensure that your files are safe always even after a cyber-attack incident. The list of tips shared for supporting SMEs with enhancing cyber-security is not conclusive. It is highly recommended that SMEs constantly upskill on cyber-security.

At Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania Limited we actively support the growth of SMEs through our solutions. Straight2Bank is our fully integrated and secure internet banking platform offering a broad range of solutions across cash management, trade finance, financial management and securities services, across the markets we operate in.

The mobile solution of Straight2Bank offers our clients flexibility to check their accounts and authorise payments on the go. The Straight2Bank Access offers clients seamless integration with their preferred ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) solution. The Straight2Bank platform provides clients a single gateway for multi-bank connections.

Our Straight2Bank platform offers secured features namely data privacy, secured network, incident management, operational security, authentication, transaction checks and device profiling. As the technological advances, the SMEs can benefit greatly by uplifting high cyber-security standards.

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CBK fails to implement Uhuru cash directive three months on

NAIROBI

Commercial banks are yet to comply with a presidential directive requiring a higher limit for customer cash transaction disclosures, citing delays by the Central Bank of Kenya to issue operating guidelines.

The directive issued by President Uhuru Kenyatta last October sought to raise the threshold of suspicious cash transactions commercial banks are required to report under anti-money laundering laws to facilitate cash deals among small businesses.

Mr Kenyatta ordered the immediate raise of the reporting threshold for both deposits and withdrawals above the current Sh1 million, without saying what the new figure will be. On Tuesday, commercial banks said they were in the dark over the directive as the CBK was yet to give direction over the matter.

"I guess it is because it runs counter to the global Financial Action Task Force (FATF) guidelines on limits for cash transactions which Anti-money laundering and Anti-terrorist Financing (AML/ATF) rules set at \$10,000," said a senior banker who sought anonymity so as not to be seen to discuss the regulator's quagmire freely.

"CBK is required to issue operating guidelines to banks, but they are at a crossroads how to comply with the presidential directive while still complying



Central Bank of Kenya Governor Patrick Njoroge.

with the AML (Anti-money laundering) limits."

The President had last year noted a higher cash transaction limit "will facilitate easy transactions for MSMEs [micro, small and medium enterprises] and help the economy respond to Covid shocks." "Cash remains an important payments channel for medium, small and micro enterprises, representing 80 percent of all their transactions," Mr Kenyatta said.

The central bank has remained tight-lipped on what is causing the delay and on what the new limits will be, even as insiders say increasing the limits in an election year could open the floodgates for dirty cash to fund the August poll.

CBK Governor Patrick Njoroge said in his last update in December that the review was "being dealt with in the central bank" and that he had to make a good judgment based on several concerns. He indicated that he would communicate to the market at an appropriate time.

Chapter 231 of the Constitution says the CBK "shall not be under the direction or control of any person or authority in the exercise of its powers or the performance of its functions." Dr Njoroge had following the presidential directive admitted concerns that some banking officials were harassing businessmen over the Sh1 million cash transaction limit.

Dr Njoroge noted at the time

banks should refer to a history of regular cash transactions in flagging suspicious deals so that they don't end up subjecting customers to questions on the source and use of the cash every time they visit banking halls.

"There's 'Know Your Customer' sort of issue. It's not that they [banks] should start to know you [customer] every single time you come. No, No. There's a history," Dr Njoroge told an online press conference in December.

Kenya passed anti-money laundering legislation in 2009 and enacted several regulations in the following years, including the one that requires commercial banks to report all suspicious cash transactions above Sh1 million. Business people have complained that the cash transaction limit has hindered their ability to carry out smooth transactions.

Commercial banks started following the rules aggressively in recent years after at least five of them were hit with heavy fines by regulators for being used to transact proceeds of crime in government-related procurement deals. Other institutions, or their staff, have also been investigated on suspicions of being used to funnel cash used by Somalia-based militants, to carry out attacks against civilians in Kenya.

SSA mergers and acquisition transactions a total of US\$129.7 billion in the year 2021

JOHANNESBURG

Refinitiv this week released the 2021 investment banking analysis for the Sub-Saharan African. According to the report, an estimated US\$506.0 million worth of investment banking fees were generated in Sub-Saharan Africa during 2021, 8% less than in 2020 and the lowest annual fee total in the region since 2014.

While debt capital markets underwriting fees increased 128% to US\$150.3 million, the highest full year total since our records began in 2000, fees from equity capital markets underwriting, M&A advisory and syndicated lending all declined from 2020.

Equity fees declined 35% to US\$56.9 million, while syndicated lending fees declined 17% to US\$216.0 million. Advisory

fees earned in the region from completed M&A transactions reached US\$82.9 million, down 38% year-on-year to the lowest annual total since 2003. Fifty-five percent of all Sub-Saharan African fees were generated in South Africa during 2021, and 25% were earned from deals in the financial sector. Standard Chartered earned the most investment banking fees in the region during 2021, a total of US\$37.7 million or a 7.5% share of the total fee pool.

Mergers and acquisition

The value of announced M&A transactions with any Sub-Saharan African involvement reached US\$129.7 billion during 2021, more than four-times the value recorded during 2020 and the highest full-year total since our records began in 1980.

The high dollar-value was boosted by the Naspers/Prosus share swap in May, and Redefine Properties' offer for the remaining shares in retail property company EPP, which together were worth a more than US\$70 billion. The number of deals increased 13% from 2020 to a four-year high of 853.

M&A involving a Sub-Saharan African target reached US\$79.6 billion, again lifted by the share swap to an all-time record annual total, while the number of deals increased 21% over the previous year. In-bound deals, involving an acquirer outside of Sub-Saharan Africa, increased 164% to US\$20.1 billion, while outbound M&A reached an all-time high of US\$42.3 billion.

WORLD

UK PM Johnson must change 'culture' after party claims, Truss says

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson must change the culture of Downing Street after a series of revelations that staff partied while ordinary people were grappling with Covid-19 lockdowns, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said yesterday.

Johnson, who in 2019 won the biggest Conservative majority in more than 30 years, is braced for the publication of an official investigation into claims that there were multiple boozy Downing Street parties during lockdowns.

It was not immediately clear when the results of that investigation by Cabinet Office official Sue Gray would be pub-

lished, especially as police have opened their own investigation.

Truss, tipped as a possible future prime minister if Johnson is toppled, said Downing Street had not yet been given the findings of the Gray report, but that it would come out very soon.

Asked about the claims that Johnson and his staff had partied at the heart of the British state while ordinary people were banned from even bidding farewell to their dying relatives in person, Truss said some of the reports were concerning.

'Bring your own booze'
"There clearly needs to be a change in culture," Truss told the BBC. "We need



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson

to get the results of the report, we need to look at the results and fix the issues there are."

Asked if she had leadership ambitions, Truss said Johnson, 57, had done a great job as prime minister by delivering Brexit and responding to the Covid-19 pandemic. Truss said she was 100% supportive of Johnson.

Johnson has given a variety of explanations about the parties: first he said no rules had been broken but then he apologised to the British people for the apparent hypocrisy of such gatherings.

He has denied an allegation he

was warned that a "bring your own booze" lockdown gathering on 20 May 2020, which he says he thought was a work event, was inappropriate.

ITV reported on Monday that Johnson and his now wife Carrie had attended a surprise party of up to 30 people for his birthday in the Cabinet Room at Downing Street in June 2020, when indoor gatherings were banned.

To trigger a leadership challenge, 54 of the 359 Conservative MPs in parliament must write letters of no confidence to the chairman of the party's 1922 Committee.

West prodding regime in Kiev into direct provocations against Russia, top diplomat says

MOSCOW

WESTERN countries are goading the Ukrainian regime into committing direct incitement against Russia, the nation's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said during a plenary session of the State Duma.

"Lately, the US and its European allies who have fundamentally forgotten the culture of diplomacy, have been doubling down on their efforts to contain our country.

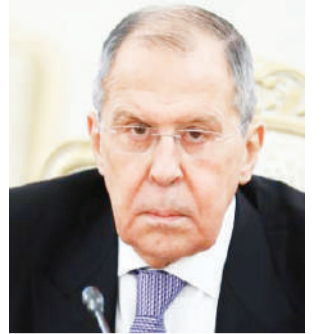
In addition to illegitimate unilateral sanctions, they are intensifying military and political pressure on Russia. It is enough to look at the increasingly provocative military drills near our borders, at the regime in Kiev being dragged into NATO's orbit, the deliveries of lethal weapons to it and it being prodded to carry out direct provocations against Russia.

So, given this background, the demands addressed to us to cease military exercises on our own soil, which we are fully and indisputably entitled to, sound particularly cynical," he stressed.

"Those with pro-Western inclinations led by the US attempt to counter the objective flow of history, seeking to secure their one-sided advantage," the Russian top diplomat added.

Lately, Ukraine and the West have been increasingly echoing claims of an alleged possible Russian "invasion" of Ukraine ever more frequently. Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov branded such information as an "empty and groundless" escalation of tensions, emphasizing that Russia does not pose a threat to anyone.

That said, he didn't exclude the possibility of provocations being whipped up in order to justify such claims and warned that attempts to resolve the problem in southeastern Ukraine through the use of force would have the most serious consequences.



Relief efforts ramping up in Tonga, more aid arrives

HUMANITARIAN aid to Tonga was ramping up after the airport was cleared of ash, making it safe for planes to land, the Red Cross said yesterday, days after a volcanic eruption and tsunami devastated the South Pacific archipelago.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said with the extra supplies its staff and volunteers are stepping up deliveries of drinking water and setting up shelters across the country's many islands.

"This disaster has shaken the people of Tonga like nothing we have seen in our lifetime," Sione Taumoeofolu, secretary general of Tonga Red Cross, said in a statement.

"The tsunami has wiped out homes and villages, but we are already rebuilding amid the ashes."

The US Agency for International Development, said the United States is providing an additional \$2.5 million in humanitarian assistance and the guided missile destroyer USS Sampson, part of a multinational effort, arrived this week to support the efforts in Tonga.

An Australian warship expected to arrive in coronavirus-free Tonga on Wednesday was to deliver aid without human contact after about two dozen cases of COVID-19 have been recorded among



In this photo provided by the Australian Defence Force, personnel unload emergency aid supplies at Tonga's Fua amotu International Airport, near Nukunono, Jan 20, 2022, after a volcano eruption. AP

the crew.

The United Nations, Red Cross and other relief agencies on the ground in Tonga have warned that a COVID-19 outbreak in the island would be catastrophic at this time.

"There is an urgent need for people

to have access to safe water sources in the days and weeks to come," Taumoeofolu said. "Ash has settled in water tanks, requiring time to settle and careful treatment before use. It has also smothered much of the country, including houses and crops."

The Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano eruption triggered a tsunami that destroyed villages and resorts and knocked out communications for the nation of about 105,000 people. Three people have been reported killed, authorities said.

Putin's meeting with Italian business is not related to situation around Ukraine – Kremlin

MOSCOW

THE meeting of Russian President Vladimir Putin with Italian business is not related to what is going on around Ukraine and any sanctions against the Russian Federation, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday.

Putin is now holding a meeting with the representa-

tives of the Italian businesses via videoconference.

"These meetings are regular, and not only with Italian [businessmen] but also with the largest businesses from other countries. This has nothing to do with the current situation, it has nothing to do with any sanctions," the Kremlin spokesman stressed.

According to him, the

meeting "should not be linked with what is going on around Ukraine any way.

Peskov dismissed the suggestion that at the meeting, Moscow wants to secure the support of one of the largest business partners in Europe against amid sanctions and the escalation of the situation around Ukraine.

"No, you can't say that. Moreover, this is a perverted

understanding of the work," the press secretary of the Russian president emphasized.

"The fact is that life goes on anyway, the interests of business do not disappear," the Kremlin spokesman said. He drew attention to the fact that foreign business "is present on the Russian market, many have plans to expand their presence."

"We appreciate this, and business representatives value it because business representatives, in this case, do not pursue any philanthropic goals, they earn money. As long as they earn money on the Russian market, it is interesting for them to have such a conversation," the Kremlin official assured.

Agencies

Fast expansion of China's courier sector mirrors vitality of Chinese economy

CHINA'S courier sector handled a total of 108.3 billion parcels last year, which represented a surge of 29.9 percent from a year earlier and accounted for over half of the parcels handled across the world, according to the State Post Bureau (SPB).

Many of these 108.3 billion parcels made arduous journeys to remote areas of China and even foreign countries.

Thanks to the hard work of couriers, packages from north China's Beijing, east China's Shanghai and south China's Guangdong province can arrive in Zhaxizom township, Tingri county, southwest China's Tibet autonomous region, which is located at an altitude of over 4,000 meters

at the foot of Mount Qomolangma, within five days.

Meanwhile, parcels sent from Shenzhen, Guangdong province, can fly across the Pacific Ocean and arrive in Los Angeles the next day.

After four years of construction, Ezhou Huahu Airport in Ezhou city, central China's Hubei province, recently completed calibration flights, which means that the first cargo airport in China is one more step closer toward official operation.

The airport is without doubt a major project in China's courier sector in recent years. It represents the first time that Chinese courier companies have expanded investment to airports, a result of the fast

development of the industry as well as consumers' high requirements for delivery timeliness.

The airport's 1.5-hour flight circle will cover 80 percent of China's population. And flights departing from the airport can reach major airports in China within one night and those in foreign countries the next day.

The annual cargo and mail throughput of Ezhou Huahu Airport is expected to reach 3.3 million tonnes by 2030.

The fast expansion of the courier sector has provided opportunities for the rapid development of the logistics equipment industry.

As express delivery business volume continues to grow, parcels can't

possibly all be sorted through manual work. The industry is in urgent need of a boost from technologies.

Wayz Intelligent Manufacturing Technology Co., Ltd., a high-tech enterprise engaging in the in-depth research on core technologies of the logistics industry, was listed on the sci-tech innovation board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange on Oct. 26, 2021, the same year when it celebrated the 5th anniversary of its founding.

By then, the company had delivered 300 sets of cross-belt sorting system. As of the end of 2021, its products had been exported to many countries and regions. The company plans to continuously

strengthen the construction of overseas market channels and expand its business to more markets.

Multinational pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca's supply base in Wuxi city, east China's Jiangsu province, has significantly improved efficiency in sending off goods by connecting its order system to SF DHL Supply Chain, a leading supply chain service provider in China.

After entrusting the comprehensive management of its high-bay warehouses to SF DHL Supply Chain, the supply base can now send off up to 20,000 to 30,000 boxes of products a day, compared with merely 2,000 to 3,000 in the past.

Chinese logistics company Suning

Logistics has taken on after-sales services of manufacturing industry. Its employees not only deliver furniture consumers purchase online to their homes, but install the furniture for them.

The fact that more and more courier companies have started to establish cooperative relations with manufacturing enterprises shows that besides providing delivery services express delivery companies are also trying to embed facilities, systems and services in the production, sale and even after-sales links of manufacturing enterprises, becoming inseparable from the production and circulation process of manufacturing. **People's Daily**

Beijing 2022 will be grand sports event that inspires the world

By Andrzej Kraśnicki

THE Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games will soon take place. I'm very delighted to go to Beijing again to witness the grand quadrennial event, and I'm fully convinced that Beijing will provide excellent services for all the participating athletes and present a wonderful Winter Olympics to the world.

The forthcoming 2022 Olympic Winter Games will mark the second time Beijing has hosted the Olympics following the 2008 Summer Olympics. It will also make Beijing a city that has hosted both the Summer and Winter Olympics.

In 2008, I took part in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games as the President of Polish Handball Association, and was deeply impressed by Beijing's preparations for the event in all aspects and the hospitality of the Chinese people.

This year, I will lead 55 Polish athletes to the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. We have taken part in the test events for the Beijing 2022 in Yanqing competition zone of the Games, and are full of confidence in the preparatory work of the 2022 Winter Olympics. We believe the Beijing 2022 will be a sports event that satisfies athletes from all over the world. It will show all the people in the world how China hosts the world's top sports event.

Ice and snow sports are very popular among the Polish people. However, due to limitations including venue and climate, there is still a long way to go for winter sports to become popular worldwide.

A leading sporting nation is built on robust mass sports. The Beijing 2022 will certainly further consolidate the foundation of winter sports in China and motivate more people to take part in ice and snow sports.

We have noticed that as China continuously unlocks the potential of its ice and snow sports industry, more and more outstanding athletes from China have participated in the Winter Olympics, which will usher in great

progress in the development of winter sports in China.

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed certain challenges to the organization of the Beijing 2022 and athletes' participation. We are currently organizing training and testing for our athletes and coaches in strict accordance with the requirements of the the Beijing 2022 Playbook that outlines COVID-19 countermeasures for the Games.

We will try our best to ensure the safety of our athletes during the Winter Olympics as well as their safe return to our country after the event.

China has achieved remarkable results in the battle against the pandemic, so we are confident about its epidemic prevention and control measures during the Games.

Olympic Games are a grand event for athletes from all over the world, and also a platform for demonstrating human solidarity and friendship. We oppose the politicization of sports and hope all the athletes who have prepared for the Beijing 2022 for years can take part in the event. I don't think the noises made by a handful of people can affect the successful holding of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

The world has gone through a lot of changes since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, yet people's enthusiasm for sports remains undiminished. The spirit of struggle and solidarity as well as the entrepreneurial spirit conveyed by sports are exactly the precious spiritual wealth mankind needs the most when faced with challenges.

The successful holding of the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games will inspire people around the world to overcome challenges brought by the pandemic and jointly create a better post-COVID world.

Since the opening of the Beijing 2022 will coincide with China's Spring Festival holiday, I would like to extend New Year wishes to the Chinese people through People's Daily.

I wish the Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games great success and all athletes participating in the event good luck.

People's Daily

IMF downgrades 2022 global growth forecast to 4.4 pct amid Omicron surge

WASHINGTON

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Tuesday projected the global economy to grow by 4.4 percent in 2022, down by 0.5 percentage point from October's forecast, according to a newly released update to its World Economic Outlook report.

Growth will slow as economies grapple with supply disruptions, higher inflation, record debt and persistent uncertainty, First Deputy Managing Director Gita Gopinath told a virtual press briefing.

"The rapid spread of the Omicron variant has led to renewed mobility restrictions in many countries and increased labor shortages," said Gopinath, who was previously the IMF's chief economist.

She added that while Omicron will weigh on activity in the first quarter of 2022, this effect will fade starting in the second quarter. Petya Koeva Brooks, deputy director of the IMF's Research Department, told Xinhua in a remote interview Tuesday that the IMF assumption is while there may be localized lockdowns and "things kind of flaring up," the level of hospitalizations and the number of deaths are going to be at much lower levels by the end of the year.

"Which is another way of saying that we're essentially moving to a situation where in one shape and form, we are living with the virus," Brooks said. "So when it comes to the economic impact... we expect that effect to not be as pronounced in the latter part of this year."

Brooks, however, noted that there are downside risks to the IMF's assumption regarding the pandemic. "So we cannot preclude the possibility of a new variant and then that having an implication for economic activity." Supply disruptions still weigh on activity and are contributing to higher inflation, Gopinath noted.

Supply-demand imbalances are assumed to decline over 2022 based on industry expectations of improved supply, as demand gradually rebalances from goods to services, and extraordinary policy support is withdrawn.

The IMF has revised up 2022 inflation forecasts for both advanced and emerging market and developing economies, with elevated price pressures expected to persist for longer. Assuming inflation expectations remain anchored, inflation is expected to subside in 2023.

Noting that major central banks, including the U.S. Federal Reserve, is going to "exit highly accommodated monetary policies," Gopinath told reporters that interest rates are expected to go up.

Many economists have said the U.S. Fed will likely use this week's policy meeting to pave the way for raising interest rates in March for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, making a hawkish pivot to combat surging inflation. "There is a tremendous amount of uncertainty, about how much would it go up by and how many rate hikes it would take," Gopinath said,



adding that "we would see corrections in markets." She said the hope is that this will stay "orderly," calling for well telegraphed communication from the U.S. Fed about its monetary policy path, about the reasons for taking the actions.

With interest rates rising, low-income countries, of which 60 percent are already in or at high risk of debt distress, will find it increasingly difficult to service their debts, Gopinath warned, calling for a revamp of Group of Twenty (G20) Common Framework to deliver more quickly on debt restructuring, and suspension of debt service while the restructurings are being negotiated.

According to the latest report, global trade will moderate in 2022 and 2023, in line with the overall pace of the expansion, and cross-border services trade - particularly tourism - is expected to remain subdued.

The IMF projects that global trade is on track to grow by 6.0 percent this year, down by 0.7 percentage point from October's forecast. Global trade will expand by 4.9 percent next year, the projection showed.

Noting that trade is one of the areas where recovery was "very strong" after the collapse in 2020, Gopinath said in response to a question from Xinhua that global demand has shifted more toward goods away from services since the pandemic, which also helped trigger a lot of trade.

"I think looking forward, we should keep in mind that as things normalize and as demand starts pivoting back to services away from goods... we should expect to see some slowing in the growth in trade," she said at the virtual press conference.

According to the IMF's latest projection, advanced economies are expected to grow by 3.9 percent in 2022, down by 0.6 percentage point

from October's forecast, while emerging market and developing economies are on track to grow by 4.8 percent, down by 0.3 percentage point from previous forecast.

The U.S. economy will grow by 4.0 percent this year, and the eurozone economy is expected to expand by 3.9 percent. The Chinese economy will see a growth rate of 4.8 percent in 2022, and 5.2 percent next year.

The IMF expects global growth to slow to 3.8 percent in 2023. This is 0.2 percentage point higher than in the World Economic Outlook last October and largely reflects a pick-up after current drags on growth dissipate, according to the latest report.

The IMF has repeatedly stressed the divergence in prospects across countries. "While advanced economies are projected to return to pre-pandemic trend this year, several emerging markets and developing economies are projected to have sizable output losses into the medium-term," Gopinath noted.

As of now, only 4 percent of the populations of low-income countries are fully vaccinated versus 70 percent in high-income countries, according to the multilateral lender.

There is an "urgent" need to close the 23.4-billion-U.S.-dollar financing gap for the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator, a global platform led by the World Health Organization, and to incentivize technological transfers to help speed up the diversification of global production of critical medical tools, especially in Africa, Gopinath said. At the national level, she said, policies should remain tailored to country-specific circumstances including the extent of recovery, underlying inflationary pressures and available policy space.

Gopinath noted that much work remains to ensure the losses are

contained and to reduce wide disparities in recovery prospects across countries. Policy initiatives, she said, are needed to reverse the large learning losses suffered by children, especially in developing countries. "I think one of the legacies that we are worried about and we are trying to talk more about... is to think about the educational losses that had been incurred as a result of this crisis," Brooks told Xinhua.

She said the effects are "much more pronounced" and the potential repercussions are "much worse" for many low-income emerging markets where it's not easy to have remote learning. "So the human capital aspect of this is something that I think we'll need to put in a lot of effort to reverse over the coming years," Brooks said.

On climate, a "bigger push" is needed to get to net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, with carbon pricing mechanisms, green infrastructure investment, research subsidies, and financing initiatives, Gopinath noted. "Policymakers must vigilantly monitor a broad swath of incoming economic data, prepare for contingencies, and be ready to communicate and execute policy changes at short notice," she said. "In parallel, bold, and effective international cooperation should ensure that this is the year the world escapes the grip of the pandemic."

Turkish president files criminal complaints against opposition lawmakers over 'insulting'

ANKARA

TURKISH President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has filed criminal complaints against two lawmakers of the main opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) for "insulting" him, the daily Milliyet reported on Tuesday.

Filed by Erdogan's lawyer to the chief prosecutor's office in the Turkish capital Ankara, the petition argued that the comments by the CHP lawmakers, Engin Ozkoc and Aykut Erdogan, on Te1el broadcaster on Jan. 14 "violated personal rights and reached the level of slander and insult." Their remarks

"exceeded the limits of freedom of expression," said the petition, calling for a public lawsuit. Officials from the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) also filed criminal complaints against the two CHP lawmakers. On Jan. 22, Turkish journalist Sedef Kabas was arrested for "insulting the president" with her remarks on the same show attended by Ozkoc and Erdogan. "There is a very famous proverb saying that a crowned head becomes wiser. But we see that it is not true," Kabas said on live television, adding that "a bull does not become king just by entering the palace, but the palace becomes a barn."

European countries tend to loosen COVID-19 restrictions despite raging Omicron, WHO warning

LISBON

THOUGH Europe is confronted with a rapid spread of the Omicron variant and surging COVID-19 infections, many European countries tend to relax their pandemic control measures to release social mobility.

Though mentioning "hope for stabilization" this year, Hans Kluge, the World Health Organization (WHO) regional director for Europe, warned that the pandemic is "far from over," and it is still too early to relax. Omicron is spreading at an "unprecedented speed," he said, adding that as predicted, the majority of people in need of intensive care across the region are unvaccinated.

"If 2021 was the year of vaccine production, 2022 should be the year of vaccine equity in the European region and beyond.

Many people who need the vaccine remain unvaccinated," said the WHO official, cautioning that it would drive COVID-19 transmission, prolong the pandemic and increase the likelihood of new variants.

Despite a rising number of infections and a vaccination rate

below the European Union (EU) average, Poland has shortened COVID-19 quarantine time from ten to seven days.

Polish Health Minister Adam Niedzielski said that his country is preparing to face the fifth pandemic wave driven by Omicron, with "a very dynamic increase in medical referrals."

In the Netherlands, even as new COVID-19 infections reached record highs in recent days, there have been growing calls to ease restrictions on restaurants and cultural venues. According to the Dutch restaurant and hospitality industry, restricting the sector will not achieve the goal of subduing the pandemic, but will make it increasingly difficult for restaurants and bars to sustain.

More than 50,000 protesters in Brussels rallied against the restrictions imposed by the local government to contain COVID-19. Local police have cracked down on the demonstration with water cannons and tear gas over the weekend.

Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo declared that the country "will never accept blind violence, let alone against our law enforcement agencies," according to the Belgian news

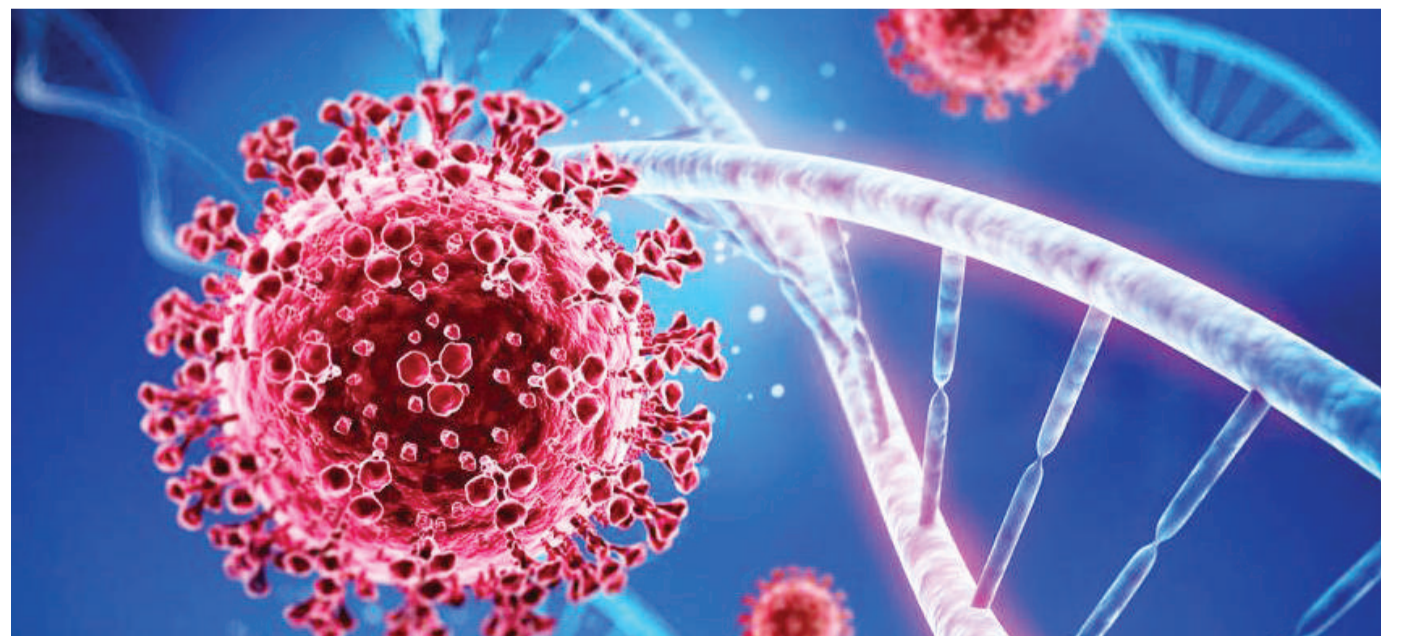
agency Belga. In Croatia, a referendum with popular signatures calls for abolishing the immunization certificate against COVID-19.

According to the proponents, the aim is to abolish discriminatory illogical confirmations of vaccination, as well as to stop citizens from being harassed and the country's healthcare system from overloading.

In Serbia, the peak of COVID-19 contagion, which occurred after New Year holidays, appears to slowly subside amid vaccination and immunity from the virus. Virologist Milanko Sekler told Serbian public broadcaster RTS that the country has come "two-thirds of the way" towards the end of the epidemic, estimating that despite a high number of infections, the situation is moving in a positive direction.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz spoke out against the loosening of pandemic control measures, as COVID-19 infections in Germany continue to rise and have reached a new record this week.

"It is certainly not appropriate to relax the rules in general in the midst of the Omicron wave. We don't need a course



correction," Scholz said. In Italy, the number of daily COVID-19 cases has been falling for six consecutive days as the country's health authorities beefed up their anti-virus measures in recent weeks, in an effort to contain the spread of the Omicron variant.

"As the World Health Organization also noted, we are approaching the peak of infections. After that, we will have to adjust our rules and our model to the new phase of the pandemic we are facing," said

Health Minister Roberto Speranza.

French Prime Minister Jean Castex announced that his government will ease certain restrictions related to COVID-19 in February, but only for those who are fully vaccinated.

"The fifth wave with the Omicron variant is not over and its impact on the healthcare system will remain high but partially manageable until mid-March," he said.

"The Omicron wave is currently receding in the UK, with

the number of cases dropping sharply in recent days and hospitalizations now following suit.

The situation provides a case for lifting restrictions," said Francois Balloux, a professor of computational systems biology and director of the Genetics Institute at University College London.

However, the expert stressed that health care should remain to avoid a rapid return to pre-pandemic behaviors, which can "lead to viral outbreaks to extremely high levels of infec-

tion" in Britain.

Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), one of the poorest countries in Europe, has been struggling to mitigate the pandemic's impacts on local economy, as the country has recently registered a record daily case number. Nearly 34.8 million U.S. dollars was provided to 24,766 small craft shops and other independent businesses to save jobs, according to the BiH Federation Government.

Xinhua

What are reasons for players' return to Premier League?

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

WHY is a good number of soccer players that won popularity in Mainland Tanzania Premier League always leave and then return to the country cheerfully.

Whether foreign or native, the footballers usually leave flamboyantly and end up making their way back within a few months.

Zambian midfielder, Clatous Chota Chama, is a latest example. The midfielder is a prominent soccer player in Tanzanian football.

He left domestic soccer big gun, Simba SC, for Morocco to play for one of the North African country's well-known sides, RS Berkane.

Every football enthusiast in Tanzania believed that Chama was going to be one of popular footballers at RS Berkane.

Six months later, Chama is back in Tanzania. His fellow footballer, winger Tuisila Kisinda, who turned out for Yanga prior to moving to RS Berkane, has continued to successfully ply his trade in the North African country.

If soccer supporters in Tanzania would have been asked to mention a footballer that would have stayed in Morocco, the supporters would probably have mentioned Chama. It has however been different.

Chama's case is a continuation of many popular footballers in the country that once left and then returned quietly, as opposed to soccer lovers' expectations.

When football fans believe that a certain player that has played in Tanzania is going to be a popular player abroad, the situation becomes different. He returns quietly.

Even in his prime, Ugandan striker, Emmanuel Okwi, was almost as good as Chama.

Soccer followers in Tanzania used to believe that the day Okwi left Simba SC, he was going to be a prominent player abroad but suddenly he was back in the country.

It was not until the off-field issues started to frustrate him that he left straight away.

Why are these popular players coming back to Tanzania? The first reason is the fondness for social life in Tanzania. There is no better country for a human being to live in than Tanzania.

Even Tanzanians living abroad will only tell you that they live there for the sake of earning money.

Tanzania has followed the principles of Socialism. Tanzanians love each other.

If an individual is prominent in Tanzania, he or she will be amazed how people love him or her in such a way that they will buy such an individual a drink when he or she is financially stable.

This is the life that Chama has been living in Tanzania. It is easier for a footballer to enjoy popularity in Tanzania than in Morocco.

When a footballer moves to another country, he starts a new life while in Tanzania, the footballer is glorified in the streets.

It takes time for a player to rise to prominence and keep on being famous outside Tanzania.

Tanzania is probably the only country where a soccer player might not need to spend his salary.

Talented footballers in Tanzania at times live comfortably off soccer followers' cash.

A football follower can be amazed at how fans are praising talented players for no apparent reason.

When a player goes abroad he finds himself compelled to live modest life of a professional footballer that he is not used to. He, in most cases, finds out he is not a fan favourite.

It is only after hard work that a footballer can at least start being a fan favourite but even if he is a fan favourite, not all fans will be fond of the footballer.

Another reason is that really makes it difficult for the soccer players to excel outside the country the competition that exists in the countries they go to.

There is stiff competition for a place in the squad, there is moreover a lot of



Simba SC midfielder, Clatous Chama.

competition in such countries' league matches.

Do soccer fanatics in Tanzania know who was forcing Chama to be restricted to RS Berkane's bench in Morocco?

Do they know such a footballer's potential? Do they know what Chama should have done to regularly make it to RS Berkane's first team?

They are questions that Tanzania players do not want to answer and, instead, rush back in the country.

In Tanzania if a footballer is popular, he will continue being prominent.

The player exercises below standard but he will make his way into his side's first XI.

The player stays up late in entertainment spots but he must play for his outfit, there is no player who does not want to enjoy this freedom.

In Tanzania a player may not cherish professionalism and will still be seen as a valuable footballer.

For example, Chama may put below par performance in a match but he may still display such skills like nutmegs, dazzles and other skillful dribbles on the pitch.

Such a showing will be enough for ordinary football fans to believe that Chama has done a great job on the pitch. In short, there is an easy life on and off the field for a soccer player in Tanzania.

It is also not surprising to see so many foreign footballers who decided to stay in Tanzania after retiring from football.

They know that Tanzanians are gentle and helpful people in the retired footballers' lives.

Another factor that makes many popular players return early to Tanzania is the lack of competition when they return home.

Football sides' leaders fail to find the soccer players' replacements as quickly as possible and always keep their focus on the players that have left.

Lack of either good midfielders or forwards has led to this. For example, Simba SC struggled to get Chama's replacement once the midfielder left for Morocco.

All of Simba SC's leaders, members and fans were on Chama. The same could be said of Yanga's leaders, members and supporters, they were focused on having Chama turn out for the club.

Today when Congolese attacker, Fiston Mayele, leaves Yanga, soccer followers will see him return to play for either the outfit or Simba SC.

Securing a worthy replacement for a famous footballer is a difficult task. With the departure of a popular footballer, a club's officials and fans continue to wish such a player make his way back to the club.

It is not surprising to see that there are many foreign players who had played for Simba SC, Yanga and Azam FC at different times make their way back to the clubs.

Zambian striker, Obrey Chirwa, for example, left Yanga for an outfit in Egypt. Azam FC recruited the attacker shortly after.

Does it mean that Azam FC could not see another competent foreign player apart from Chirwa?

Should a foreign footballer know that he is playing good football, he will be sure that he will be a regular in his club's starting lineup.

It seems Tanzania's soccer followers, particularly those backing Simba SC, are waiting for Mozambican midfielder, Jose Luis Miquissone, who is now turning out for Egypt's Al Ahly.

The fanatics' focus is on Miquissone returning to Tanzania rather than looking for another player who can competently replace him.

2021's AFCON finals provide lessons to Tanzania's football

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE 2021 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals' group stage concluded last week and now the showdown has moved to the round of 16 in search of eight teams which will progress to the quarterfinals.

Tanzania's football enthusiasts, as is the case for fellows in other African countries, are watching the finals closely despite the national team 'Taifa Stars' absence from the 33rd edition of the tournament.

Football fans in Tanzania have been watching the tournament with the intention of celebrating the teams they are interested in.

The fans are as well rooting for several footballers that play for European outfits the fanatics support.

In the run-up to the tournament there have been discussions that football stakeholders, especially those who use social media, are holding to express their views.

Among the debates are those involving the number of players playing in leagues outside their home countries and the local coaches participating in the continental showpiece compared to the number of foreign nationals mainly from Europe.

Judging by the number of native coaches, the 2021 AFCON finals have seen many local coaches taking charge of their respective countries' teams, compared to the previous editions of the finals.

Since the tournament is for Africans, it is clear that even local coaches may be keen to participate in it due to the showdown's quality.

In a coach's profile, apart from leading a national team in the World Cup finals, taking charge of a national squad in the AFCON finals is equally worthy.

The continental competition is the biggest tournament used to enhance the coaches' and players' profiles and it also becomes a measure of the strength of either the coach or player.

The size and quality of either a coach or player is always mea-



Senior national football team Taifa Stars.

sured by the size of the tournament he or she participates in and the success the coach and footballer achieves whether at the club or national level.

In this season's AFCON finals, which has brought together national teams from 24 African countries, 14 national teams are under the tutelage of indigenous tacticians and the rest have foreign coaches.

Teams with native coaches are Burkina Faso, which is coached by Kamou Malo, Cape Verde is under the tutelage of Pedro Leitão Brito 'Bubista'.

Ethiopia is coached by Wubetu Abate, Senegal is under tutelage of Aliou Cissé, Norman Mapeza is coaching Zimbabwe. Others indigenous coaches are Kaba Diawara (Guinea), Augustine Eguavoen (Nigeria), Burhan Tia (Sudan), and Baciro Candé (Guinea Bissau).

Djamel Belmadi (Algeria), Juan Obiang Bicogo (Equatorial Guinea), Mondher Kebaier (Tunisia), Mohamed Magassoub (Mali), and John Keister (Sierra Leone).

Apart from the 14 native coaches, there are 10 foreign coaches, with France leading the way with four.

The French coaches are Patrice Neveu, who coaches Gabon, Amir Abdou who coaches Comoros, Patrice Beaumelle who coaches Ivory Coast, and

Didier Gomes who coaches Mauritania.

Looking at that number it is clear there is something to learn that can be useful for the development of football, not only for Tanzania but also for Africa.

For example, when there are more local coaches, it means that there is a possibility for those coaches to guide their squads to the quarterfinals, semi-finals, and possibly final, a move which will improve their resume.

Improving the profile will boost their ability to compete in the job market against coaches from other continents especially Europe, considering in return France has proved to offer more coaches in those finals. There is moreover something that Tanzania's footballers ought to learn from the AFCON showpiece by looking at the example of just one team, Comoros.

The Comoros national team has 28 players, but none of them play in the Isles' Premier League.

This shows that there is something wrong with the Isles, which is why they lost two ties in group stage.

Comoros suffered 1-0 loss to Gabon, 2-0 loss to Morocco before cruising to a 3-2 victory over Ghana in Group C.

The team made it to the tournament's round of 16 and suffered 2-1 loss to tournament hosts, Cameroon.

It should be noted that Comoros' population does not reach even one million, while Tanzania has more than 60 million people.

Comoros' players have spread to various leagues around the world, ranging from Europe to America.

The Isles' players play in such countries as France, Serbia, Switzerland and the Americas.

Comoros' fullback, Alexis Souahy, for example, plays for Louscille City outfit in the United States.

The Isles' national side has a mixture of players who play in teams participating in leagues in various countries, with many of them playing for French clubs.

When a country has a large number of players playing in various leagues across the world, the chances of success for such country's national team are higher than a country with players playing in domestic league.

It is in this context that Tanzania's soccer outfits, as well as soccer stakeholders, are learning a lesson that is certainly logical and well thought out for the development of the game in the country.

Dar rapper seeks successful comeback

By Correspondent Saboto Kasika

AFTER more than two years of silence, prominent Tanzanian rapper, Witness Mwajaga, has said she is now preparing to return to promote Hip Hop music.

Witness, alias 'Kibonge Mwepec', said she remained silent for a while due to a health problem she had experienced.

The rapper revealed in an interview recently she has composed eight new songs.

She disclosed that her condition continues to improve and that she plans to shoot videos of her new songs.

Witness revealed: "My fans have missed my work, but let me tell you that my health is improving after three years of suffering."

"I am on my way back to music with eight new songs," she noted.

The artist stopped short of mentioning the songs, claiming that doing so would cause the deceitful artists to use the titles in the latter's songs.

"The bottom line is, my

health is already good and I'm ready to go back to singing Hipo Hop."

"I have composed eight new songs that in the next few weeks I will start recording and filming the songs' videos," she said.

Witness is one of the few female rappers who earned fame in the music industry in Tanzania due to her self-confidence and attractive body.

Apart from being a rapper, the artist has been involved in various music competitions including a talent search contest, alias 'Bongo Star Search (BSS)'.

Witness has served as one of the judges in the BSS to help unleash new generation music talents.

Before she had become the winner of a music talent search, known as 'Coca-Cola Pop Stars', the rapper, born on November 15, 1982, was nicknamed 'Bad Gear'.

She is best known for being one of the winners of the 'Coca-Cola Pop Stars' competition.

Witness was as well one of the founders of a Hip Hop music group, popularly known as 'Wakilisha'.

Musicians, Sarah Kaisi and Langa Kileo, were the other artists making the 'Wakilisha' group.

Some of popular tracks that Witness did in the group are found in the albums including 'Hoi', 'Kiswangu', 'Comedy' and 'Zero'.

The rapper also composed her own album title 'Khaya Khaya' that was made up of 10 songs.

The album was produced in Tanzania and sold in Norway under a label called Nedland Kultur.

Witness studied at Oysterbay Primary School and Independent Secondary School in Dar es Salaam.

The rapper has also worked with international organizations such as Unicef and has held meetings related to youths' issues.

She has moreover been a traditional music singer and dancer.

Witness grew up to be an ISHI peer educator, organization for training issues, mobilization, peer education and youths development in Tanzania.



Tanzanian rapper, Witness Mwajaga.

Focus on Brazil's Vinícius Júnior, Argentina's Dybala

SAO PAULO

WITH World Cup spots secured, Brazil and Argentina appear set to test players in qualifying who are beloved by fans while trying to prove themselves with national teams.

Vinícius Júnior has not scored in his first nine appearances for Brazil and Paulo Dybala has two goals in 31 games for Argentina. Vinícius Júnior is expected to replace Neymar for the Selecao against Ecuador and Dybala is likely to take the field in place of Lionel Messi against Chile.

Four South American nations qualify for this fall's tournament in Qatar and fifth places advances to a playoff against an Asian opponent, leaving two automatic berths still in contention. Only last-place Venezuela, with seven points, is out of contention.

Brazil leads with 35 points, followed by Argentina (29), Ecuador (23), Colombia, Peru (17), Chile, Uruguay (16) and Bolivia (15). The contenders each have four games remaining.

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ECUADOR vs. BRAZIL

Vinícius Junior's top form at Real Madrid has drawn criticism at home for Brazil coach Tite, accused of not giving the 21-year-old enough time to show his dribbling skills and quick passes. Some allege the coach has difficulties to innovate and test rising players in new roles.

Tite maintains the winger requires patience. Based on Tuesday's training session, Vinícius Junior appears likely for the starting lineup.

Midfielder Casemiro, who plays with Vinícius at Madrid, agrees with his national team boss on not rushing the youngster.

"He has been exceptional, I see him every day. I saw him grow at the club," Casemiro said. "With the national team there is a different style of playing, another period to adapt. The competition is different. The quicker he adapts, the better. But we can't forget he is just 21 years old."

Ecuador, coached by Argentinian coach Gustavo Alfaro, should clinch with four points from its remaining games.

CHILE vs. ARGENTINA

Under coach Lionel Scaloni, Argentina won last year's Copa America.

Following decent form at Juventus, the 28-year-old Dybala is expected to replace Messi in a match played at nearly 7,900 feet (2,400 meters) at Calama, in northern Chile's Atacama Desert.

Dybala also started for Argentina in November's 1-0 qualifying win at Uruguay, when Messi was recovering from a knee injury and entered in the second half.

Despite Argentina's early qualification to the World Cup, goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez said he and his teammates "are still hungry" and "not relaxed."

Hakimi: I'll test Messi, Mbappe on PSG free kicks

YAOUNDE

MOROCCO right-back Achraf Hakimi believes his decisive set-pieces at the Africa Cup of Nations could help him assert himself in the Paris Saint-Germain free-kick hierarchy when he returns to his club side after the tournament.

The full-back is currently behind Lionel Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappe in the set-piece pecking order at the Parc des Princes, but after netting two sublime free kicks in Cameroon he reckons he could make a case for more dead-ball duties in Ligue 1.

Hakimi's 70th-minute 35-yard strike took Morocco past Malawi by a final score of 2-1 in the Nations Cup round of 16 at the Stade Ahmadou Ahidjo, Yaounde on Tuesday, with Youssef En-Nesyri having earlier cancelled out Gabadinho Mhango's sublime opener.

"In Paris, we have a lot of players who can take free kicks," Hakimi told ESPN. "There's Messi, Neymar, Mbappe, I try, but it's difficult. I'll speak to them when I get back to Paris."

"Right now I'm focusing on the national team, but afterwards, we'll see what happens in Paris."

Hakimi was named Man of the Match for his scintillating role in Morocco's knockout triumph -- their first since 2004 -- having earlier netted a near-identical free kick to secure a point against Gabon in a 2-2 draw in the group stage.

"The goal against Gabon was beautiful, the best of my career, but today I was lucky too, with another goal," he continued. "I don't know which is more beautiful, I need to look at them again, but they're difficult to score from that angle."

"Sometimes I work on this kind of thing in training, and it's working -- I can do it very well -- so I'm happy when I can do this kind of shot in the game after working on it so much."

After taking responsibility for Morocco's free kicks, Hakimi now has his eyes on penalty duties for the Atlas Lions according to head coach Wahid Halilhodzic, who isn't entirely convinced that the full-back is ready to replace En-Nesyri just yet.

"After training he always wants to shoot and take free kicks," Halilhodzic added. "He's among the last there in training, always taking free kicks from both sides. 'Now he even wants penalties, but I've said to him: 'When you're taking penalties for Paris, then you can take them for us,' with Neymar, Mbappe, it [won't be easy]."

(Agencies)

Senegal and Morocco advance, concussion concern for Mané

BAFOUSSAM, Cameroon

STADIO Mané got up from a horrible clash of heads that left him dazed on the ground, possibly with a concussion, to score a goal and help put Senegal into the quarterfinals of the African Cup of Nations on Tuesday.

Senegal won 2-0 against Cape Verde, which had two players sent off in the last 16 game in Cameroon's western city of Bafoussam. The Liverpool star didn't finish the match and later was taken to the hospital, though he said on social media that he was OK.

Morocco followed Senegal into the last eight by coming from behind to beat Malawi 2-1. The Moroccan comeback was completed by a magical free kick by Paris Saint-Germain's Achraf Hakimi, who curled the ball over the wall and into the top corner for the winner in the 70th minute.

He ran across to the Morocco bench and took a bow.

The African Cup action continued a day after a crush outside the stadium



Senegal's Saïdo Mané lies on the pitch following a collision during the African Cup of Nations 2022 round of 16 match between Senegal and Cape Verde at Kouekong Stadium, Bafoussam, Cameroon, Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022. (AP Photo)

at the Cameroon-Comoros last 16 game left eight people dead and seven others in a serious condition, throwing a shadow over the continent's top soccer tournament. There had been questions about whether the day's games would go ahead. They did, after a moment's silence at both. Some players also wore black armbands.

"Eight people who died yesterday at Olembe Stadium will always be in our memory," Hakimi wrote on Twitter after his team's victory. "Football takes a back seat to-

day despite it is happy for our country after the classification to quarterfinals of Africa Nations Cup. Rest in peace."

In the Senegal-Cape Verde game, Cape Verde's second red card was dished out to goalkeeper Vozinha when he raced out of his area and tried to head a ball clear with Mané chasing it down. The players' heads clashed badly as they leaped in the air and Vozinha clearly sustained a concussion as he tried to get up afterward and ended up staggering around.

Vozinha left on a stretcher and wasn't around to see the red card referee Lahlou Benbraham held up for him.

But questions will be raised over Mané being allowed to continue after he hit the ground face first following the collision, rolled over and lay still on his back for a moment, clearly dazed, possibly with a concussion.

Mané dragged himself to his feet and scored less than 10 minutes later in the 63rd minute when a corner kick fell to him beyond the far post, and he sent a right-footed

shot in off the crossbar.

The Liverpool forward was eventually substituted in the 70th minute, clearly struggling. It was more than 15 minutes after sustaining the head knock that appeared serious enough for him to be taken off immediately.

Mané later posted a photo on Facebook of him and Vozinha together and smiling at the hospital, with the words: "Everything is good. Thank you to everyone for the messages!" The Senegal star was sitting upright in his hospital bed, with Vozinha standing alongside.

Without Mané, Senegal finished off nine-man Cape Verde with a second goal from a breakaway in injury time by Bamba Dieng.

Cape Verde was up against it from the 21st minute when Patrick Andrade was sent off for a tackle on Pape Gueye. The two red cards for Cape Verde meant seven red cards have been handed out in the first five knockout games of the African Cup. Every last 16 game has had at least one sending off.

Mané's injury again focused attention on soccer's struggle to deal ef-

fectively and safely with concussions. The issue has been high-profile in recent years, with the game criticized for allowing players to play on after having sustained dangerous head injuries.

Cape Verde goalkeeper Vozinha fought with team medics when they tried to help him off the field after the collision, insisting that he wanted to play on despite being unable to even stand properly. They eventually convinced him to walk shakily to the sidelines. The red card made certain he wouldn't be returning anyway.

Although Hakimi finished off nine-man Cape Verde with a second goal from a breakaway in injury time by Bamba Dieng, Gabadinho Mhango hammered a shot from way out in just the seventh minute. That gave the minnow a shock lead on its first appearance in the knockout stage of the African Cup.

Morocco controlled the game from then on and should have won by more goals. Youssef En-Nesyri's headed equalizer in first-half injury time and Hakimi's moment of class were enough.

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'Sirens are not unusual at AFCON': Inside the stadium disaster in Cameroon

By Ed Dove, Special to ESPN

WHEN I left my apartment in Mfandena on Monday morning to cover another day of Africa Cup of Nations action, I knew the heat would be hard to deal with. I knew there would be vibrancy. And I knew there would be ever-present drama.

But I had no idea of the things I would see and the terrified voices I would hear by the time I returned home over 13 hours later, following the most harrowing day in the tournament's history that left at least eight people dead.

The match between Cameroon and Comoros had continued in front of us in the press box while ambulances carried dozens of people to hospital, all of us inside unaware and insulated, focused on the pitch. The game, which the hosts won, was never called off or even paused despite the ongoing tragedy outside.

The main story when the day began, and indeed one of the most compelling stories in AFCON history, was the confusion and contradiction surrounding the status of the Comoros goalkeepers.

Would the tiny islanders -- ranked 132nd in the world, playing in their first Nations Cup -- really take on hosts Cameroon without a recognised stopper? If an outfield player had to start in goal, who would it be? How will he manage?

It's a testament to the horrifying scenes that unfolded as the night wore on that the spectacle on the field -- Cameroon's toil, Chaker Alhadhur's heroics in goal, Nadjim Abdou's controversial early red card -- all feel like a footnote to the darkest day in

Nations Cup history.

During the tail end of the match, rife with engrossing storylines, the true details of the crush outside, those who had lost their lives, and those who were still fighting for theirs, only dripped through via unconfirmed Twitter murmurings.

There were sirens outside, on reflection, but that's nothing unusual during AFCON matches; it would have been stranger if there hadn't been sirens.

I thought they were escorting a team bus away from the ground, or ushering some dignitary in. It's not unusual for the VIP section to fill up slightly belatedly into a contest, even less so for the VVIPs, brushing the buffet crumbs off their blazer lapels as they're ushered up their carpeted steps.

CAF president Patrice Motsepe acknowledged Tuesday that he had only arrived at the Stade d'Olembe moments before the final whistle, having been caught up in traffic.

By this point, he, better than us inside the ground, will have been more acutely aware of the ambulances transporting people away, taking victims to four separate medical facilities in the Cameroonian capital.

Yet for us inside the ground, it was just sirens, just another Nations Cup match, another Cameroon chance missed, another unlikely block by Alhadhur ... the groan of a crowd that did, upon reflection, seem slightly more bloated than the 48,000 capacity cap introduced by CAF to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

As the contest drew to a close, a greater understanding of the events

outside began to engulf me.

A security official told me, in French, that there had been pushing, shoving and jostling, but none of these words when translated to English quite convey the menace of a "stampede," of "trampling," which is how the gendarme next to him, slugging a bottle of Tangui bottled water and wiping sweat from his forehead, described what he had seen.

Those words paint a different story.

He confirmed to me that there had been a crush at the south entrance, with more people than anticipated trying to get into the ground. A barrier collapsed and those at the front fell beneath those who followed.

He confirmed there had been deaths, and that others had been taken to hospital "in order to save their lives," but at that stage the numbers were vague. Some said six, some said seven, then a statement from the Ministry of Communication confirmed on Tuesday that the number stood at eight, with seven more still in critical condition.

In the stadium's medical

centre, some three and a half hours after kickoff, the injured were still being wheeled on stretchers to waiting ambulances.

Some were young from what I could see, maybe 13 or 14 years old, lolling in and out of conscious, shoeless, hooked up to ECGs, wrapped in silver foil. They had just come to watch football, to play their own part in this fiesta of football that unites the continent.

The Red Cross medics slumped exhausted when the last of the casualties were removed from the medical room, which had originally been intended for the treatment of players injured during the course of the contest.

Some could only stare at their plates of manioc and coconut; some ate, but their eyes were elsewhere. Alhadhur's saves and Youssouf M'Changama's outrageous free kick aren't the only things that will be mentally replayed over and over in the coming days.

In the following hours, details began to emerge of those who lost their lives in the disaster: a pupil at a Catholic school, an 8-year-old boy, a local

college student, and a local magistrate among the victims.

Outside the Stade d'Olembe afterward, discarded flags and sandals were strewn on the ground near the gutters. A woman was wailing while standing at the gate, as she cried out for "my child, my child."

The show goes on of course -- it always does. But something must change this time. There is an 8-month old baby lying in a Yaounde hospital, a "survivor" of the stampede. Who takes the blame for that?

Monday's tragedy was similar to what the England FA and UEFA feared when fans swarmed police at Wembley ahead of the Euro 2020 final last year, and why the Metropolitan police commissioned an independent review to establish the causes and circumstances.

Many factors were at play to lead up to Monday's disaster; from the slower stadium entry process due to additional vaccination and COVID-19 test result checks, to the many people -- mostly without tickets -- who had come to the vicinity of the stadium to sample the atmosphere

or to try their chances at gaining entry.

"One of the injured ladies who I saw this morning came with her small son, two others came with young children," Motsepe told journalists on Tuesday, "and I'm told that some people came to be part of the atmosphere, including those who didn't have tickets."

"We accept that thousands more than what was expected arrived, and that people were allowed into stadium without being properly coordinated and governed."

Motsepe also identified a gate that hadn't been opened -- the policeman told me that people hadn't been able to enter via the east entrance -- while it may emerge that the stadium not being completely finished (they were still actively working on it on the eve of the tournament) also played a part in people being funnelled through narrow passageways to gain access to the venue.

It's a story we've seen many times before, from Accra to Ellis Park, from Port Said to Abidjan, from Oppenheimer to Antananarivo, but not at the Nations Cup, and not before a watching world like this.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



Yanga's head coach hails new midfielder

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2021's AFCON finals provide lessons to Tanzania's football

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Gunathilaka and Kusal Mendis return for Australia tour

COLOMBO

OPENER Danushka Gunathilaka returns to a Sri Lanka squad for the first time since being suspended for breaking Covid protocol.

Kusal Mendis, who had been suspended alongside him, is in the squad for the five-T20I tour of Australia as well.

There is no room, however, for wicketkeeper-batter Niroshan Dickwella, the other player whose one-year suspension was lifted earlier this month.

Bhanuka Rajapaksa, who had been part of Sri Lanka's middle order during the T20 World Cup, has also been omitted, likely due to concerns over his fitness.

Kusal Perera and Dhananjaya de Silva, who had also been in the T20 World Cup squad, have lost their places as well.

Among the uncapped players in the squad are round-arm seamer Nuwan Thushara, top order batter Janith Liyanage, and opener Kamil Mishara.

Several of these players have made it into this squad on the back of good Lanka Premier League performances.

Among seam bowlers, Thushara was one of the top three wicket-takers in the competition, claiming 12 wickets across eight matches, with an economy rate of 8.11.

Liyanage hit 108 runs at a strike rate of 120 in the four LPL matches he played, Kusal Mendis was the tournament's top run-scorer with 327 runs; and Gunathilaka had the sixth-highest run tally.

Dinesh Chandimal, who had been in Sri Lanka's squad for last year's World Cup but was dropped part-way through the tournament, is in this squad too, following an excellent LPL in which he was among the league's best finishers.

Legspinner Jeffrey Vandersay, who had a good finish to the LPL and was excellent in the ODIs against Zimbabwe in January, has also been included.

The only new player not selected on the basis of LPL performances is the 20-year-old Mishara, who did not play a match in the tournament. He has largely been picked on promise.

Elsewhere, there are few surprises. Angelo Mathews has not been picked, partly because of a hamstring injury he was struggling to recover from even during the LPL.

And Rajapaksa, who recently retired and then unretired supposedly at the behest of Sri Lanka's sports minister, on account of not being able to meet the stringent new fitness standards required to be eligible for selection.

The seam attack will be led in Australia by Dushmantha Chameera, and also include Lahiru Kumara, Chamika Karunaratne, Binura Fernando, Shiran Fernando, and Thushara. Nuwan Pradeep has not been picked.

Wanindu Hasaranga (who missed the Zimbabwe ODIs with an injury), Maheesh Theekshana, Vandersay, and Ramesh Mendis form the frontline spin contingent.

The top order will likely consist of Pathum Nissanka, Avishka Fernando, Charith Asalanka (who has been named vice-captain), and perhaps Kusal Mendis and Dinesh Chandimal. Kamindu Mendis has not made the squad.

The first T20I of the series is scheduled for February 11. The matches will be played in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne.

Sri Lanka T20I squad for Australia tour: Dasun Shanaka (capt), Charith Asalanka, Avishka Fernando, Pathum Nissanka, Danushka Gunathilaka, Kusal Mendis, Dinesh Chandimal, Chamika Karunaratne, Janith Liyanage, Kamil Mishara, Ramesh Mendis, Wanindu Hasaranga, Lahiru Kumara, Nuwan Thushara, Dushmantha Chameera, Binura Fernando, Maheesh Theekshana, Jeffrey Vandersay, Praveen Jayawickrama, and Shiran Fernando.

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By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THE Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) midfielder Chico Ushindi's move to Tanzania's Yanga has boosted hopes for the outfit's successful pursuit of this season's NBC Premier League top honour.

Ushindi was signed by Yanga during this season's mini registration window, coming from DRC soccer giant, TP Mazembe.

Yanga's head coach, Nasreddine Nabi, disclosed that despite missing midfielder, Feisal Salum, at the moment, he has high hopes of fielding Ushindi because of his reputation for playing at number 10.

Salum picked an injury when the side confronted Coastal Union in an NBC Premier League clash that took



Yanga's newly signed midfielder, Chico Ushindi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

place in Tanga on January 16.

Yanga commanded a 2-0 victory over Coastal Union in the tie that took place at Mkwakwani Stadium.

Nabi said he had trust in Ushindi's great potential as a result of getting to

know him after following the footballer since he was at TP Mazembe.

He added that Ushindi has the potential to play more than one position, so, his presence in the team gives him a great opportunity to be in his first

team.

The Tunisian tactician noted: "Ushindi adds an advantage to the team, that's due to his ability to play more than one role in the team, so I believe he will make a great contribution to the team."

"Competition will increase in the team after Ushindi's arrival, now all that is left for him is to get into the system which is an easy task, that is my responsibility," Nabi stated.

Ushindi has already played one Premier League match and one friendly for Yanga.

The midfielder was introduced as a second-half substitute in Yanga's Premier League clash against Polisi Tanzania that took place in Arusha on January 23, ending in a 1-0 win for Yanga.

Ushindi was, before the clash, a second-half substitute in Yanga's friendly fixture against Championship outfit, Mbuni FC, which took place in Arusha on January 19.

Yanga walloped Mbuni FC 2-0 in the friendly, which had midfielder, Mukoko Tonombe, converting two spot-kicks that won the duel for his outfit.

Ushindi, aged 25, is a DRC national football team player playing as either right-winger or left-winger.

The footballer is also capable of playing as a central striker.

The midfielder was one of the players making the DRC national football team that battled it out in the African Nations Championship (CHAN) that took place in Cameroon last year.

Ushindi netted the lone goal for DRC national football team in the squad's 1-0 victory over the Congo Republic in the showpiece's match that took place on January 17.

Ushindi was turning out for DRC's TP Mazembe before joining Yanga.

The footballer had made his way to TP Mazembe for the first time on January 1, 2017.

Hugo Domingo to host Lady in Red fashion show

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA'S creative events organizing company, Hugo Domingo, has expanded its wings on the runway, with the company set to host a fashion show, known as 'Lady in Red', in Dar es Salaam on February 12.

Renowned fashion designer, Mary Fernandez, said at the model casting that took place at Elements Club in the city yesterday the show will be one of a kind, ushering in the month of love that is marked by Valentine's Day.

The designer, who owns Hugo Domingo, disclosed: "This year's fashion show will be different as a lot of Tanzanians have shown a growing interest in the local designers' works."

She revealed the fashion show will feature local designers and up-and-coming models.

"Many Tanzanians are now aware of what a great platform 'Lady in Red' is for up-and-coming models and fashion designers as many success stories in the fashion industry have begun from the runway of the fashion show," Mary said.

Mary, also one of the best female fashion designers in Africa, added: "People should come in large numbers to see the brands designed by Tanzanians."

She disclosed that the show's VIP guests will get to enjoy the glamorous night at 70,000/- each if a person buys the ticket in advance.

According to Mary, if people will buy tickets at the gate, each of the tickets will cost 100,000/-.

"The event's regular seats' tickets will be sold at 20,000/- each, and, if the customer buys the ticket at the gate, each of them will be sold at 30,000/-."

Asia Idarous, the show's founder, noted: "The platform aims to connect Tanzanian designers with the ever-growing market."

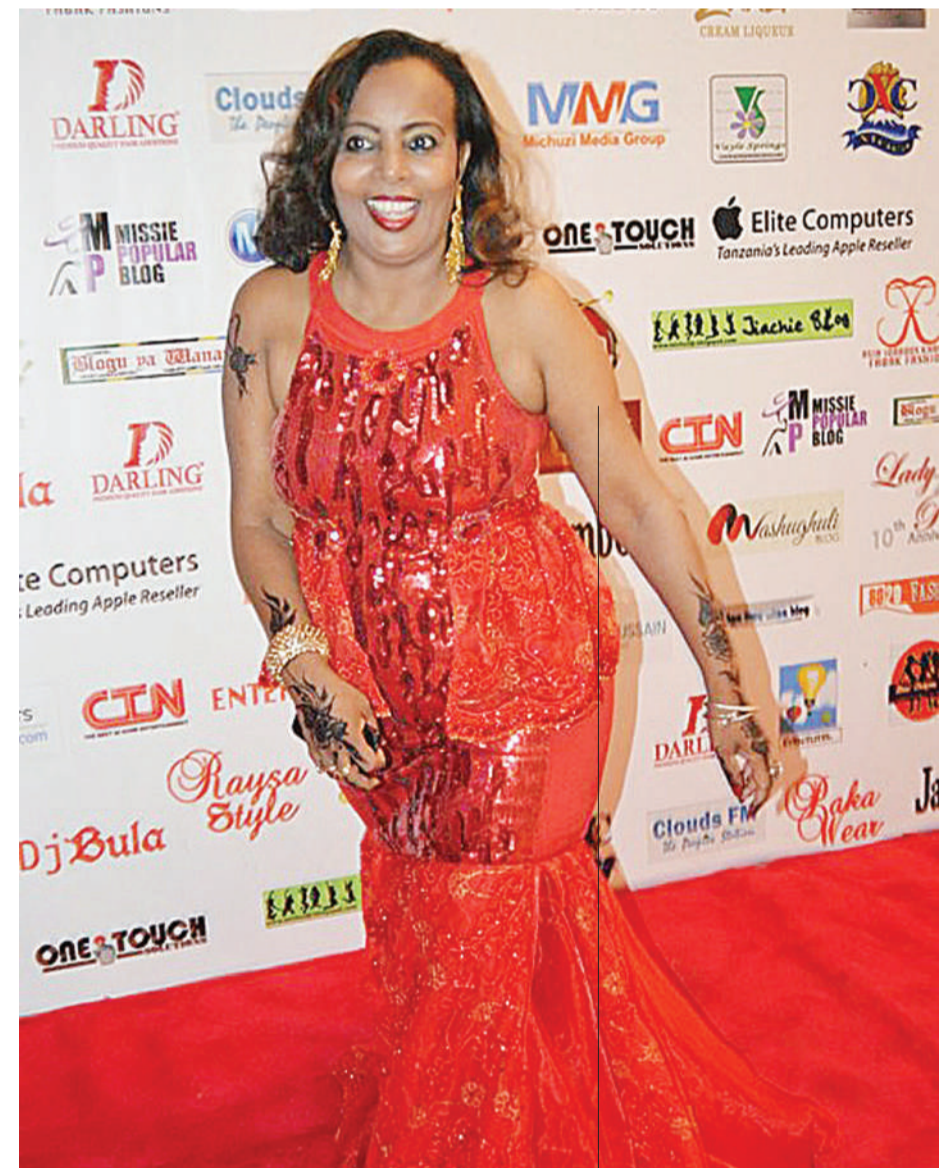
"I urge the government of our beloved President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, to continue to empower the fashion industry that is currently growing at a fast pace."

"A lot of Tanzanian designers and models are putting the country on the global fashion industry's map."

She disclosed: "The fact leaders, artists, and many other prominent people are now embracing Tanzanian designers' works and are dressed by the latter is a sign that the industry is growing and is now more acceptable."

"The goal is to ensure that one day the textile industry contributes significantly to the national income, to have more garment manufacturing industries that can produce in bulk and export," Asia added.

According to Asia, many people are employed and others are self-employed in the industry as designers, models, photographers, and other stakeholders who participate in the industry either directly or indirectly.



Tanzanian fashion designer, Asia Idarous, is among fashion industry stakeholders set to feature in a fashion show, known as 'Lady in Red', slated for next month in Dar es Salaam.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

