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As we continue to work towards improving efficiency in the sector, we are confident we will score above 90 percent

By Getrude Mbago

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) to heighten security in airports and ensure that they are not used as an alley to pass illegal goods including drugs.

Opening an aviation stakeholder meeting as part of commemorating 20 years of establishing the agency in 2003, the premier instructed the Higher Education Students' Loans Board (HESLB) to look for ways of creating a special package for aviation students' loan beneficiaries.

Preventing the entry of illegal goods will retain the country's good reputation, he said.

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Foreign tourists move to board their planes at Mtemere Airstrip in the Nyerere National Park ready for take-off to Zanzibar after a day-long game drive in the park at the weekend. The park, formerly the northern part of Selous Game Reserve, is reckoned as the largest in Tanzania and also one of the world's largest wildlife sanctuaries and national parks. Photo: Correspondent Marc Nkwame

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Zanzibar registers 17 blue economy projects in 3 yrs

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR authorities' fishing sector projects have increased from one project to 17 with a total value of 337.5bn/- in the past three years.

Dr Suleiman Aboud Jumbe, the Blue Economy and Fisheries permanent secretary, made this observation here yesterday when briefing journalists about the three years of blue economy

initiatives since President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi launched the programme upon taking office late 2020.

The value of projects stood at 10bn/- when the programme was being launched in the islands, he said, noting that the projects cover marine resources subsectors like the fishing industry, seaweed, aquaculture and seafood processing industries.

There are also projects for the con-

struction of markets and restaurants, marine conservation, research, agriculture plus oil and gas research, he stated.

Blue economy initiatives promote creativity and set priorities like providing entrepreneurs with tools helping startups and thus creating employment, raising the value of marine habitats, accessing capital and markets as well

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'Vital climate mitigation technology underfunded'

Increased investment in countering climate change in East Africa is vital as the region is currently experiencing severe environmental degradation and extreme weather events

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

INVESTORS are choosing digital applications and solar power solutions over

crucial water and temperature technologies that could protect East Africa from the impacts of climate change, a new study asserts.

Allan Kamau, managing director of Weber Shandwick (East Africa), which conducted the research jointly with African Venture Philanthropy Alliance and Geopoll, made this observation in an online summary distributed to the media yesterday.

He said the study focused on Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia, facing financial distress and limited capacity for adaptation, highlighting challenges in mitigation and adaptation programmes.

Digital and solar power preferences relate to a policy vacuum and incentives for investors relating to the severity or urgency of the climate crisis in East Africa, he stated, pointing at the absence of reliable information on the returns

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TV subscribers up by 300,000 in three months

By Guardian Reporter

THE number of subscribers in the country rose from 3.3 million in June 2023 to 3.6 million last month, the regulator has declared.

Dr Jabiri Bakari, the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) director-general, said in a statement yesterday that the rise was occasioned by increases in the section of the population using television services.

"There were 3.6m decoders on air by September compared to 3.3m active decoders registered in June, with 1.7m being digital terrestrial television (DTT) and 1.8m used for satellite television, he said.

Dar es Salaam leads with nearly 1.4m decoders followed distantly by Arusha at 287,908 decoders, Mwanza having 282,779 such equipment and Mbeya with 229,570 registered decoders, with Songwe Region the lowest at 1,818 decoders, he said.

Meanwhile, the number of registered television stations decreased from 343 in June to 309 in September, while the number of registered radio stations increased from 228 in June 2023 to 239 in September, he said.

Rising TV subscriptions indicate the healthy growth of the broadcasting sector, he said, noting that this increase was due to the growing use of mobile phones and computers for television viewing.

Daudi Mkwela, a Zanzibar-based broadcasting expert, said there was also popular interest in entertaining content that is now widely available, citing Bongo Flava music and the local premier league.

The growth of broadcasting offers opportunities for television service providers to improve their content to meet customer

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underlining the need to strengthen the capacities of airports to detect and intercept drugs in particular.

International airports worldwide are investing in strong control systems to bar the use of such airports as a conduit for drugs, he said, urging transport stakeholders to comply with various laws and regulations governing national, regional and international air transport. Safety must be the number one priority, he declared.

He was affirmative that despite some challenges Tanzania was doing well in airspace safety, ranked fourth in Africa for robust aviation security that assures safety of aircraft operations and visitors entering the country, just behind Nigeria, Kenya and the Ivory Coast.

Investments done by the government in the aviation sector made airspace safer and attracted various international airlines to fly here, thus increasing revenues, he said, pointing out that a recent assessment by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) gave 86.9 percent in aviation security, apart from the ranking.

The country's performance in the aviation sector rose from 37.8 percent in the 2013 audit, 64.4 percent in 2017 to 69.04 in 2019, in which case ICAO provided a \$1m grant for improving airspace management capabilities, he explained.

Tanzania has recorded passenger traffic increase, from 1.5m in 2003 to 4.6m in 2022/2023, he said, acknowledging the validity of presentations that aviation training expenses were too high, thus needing HESLB to put a special package for such students.

Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa had earlier said Tanzania had what it took to score above 86

percent, expressing confidence that it will surpass 90 percent in the next ICAO assessment.

"As we continue to work towards improving efficiency in the sector, we are confident we will score above 90 percent," he said, while director general, Hamza Johari said in the past 20 years the sector has recorded a number of achievements, arising from robust efforts of the government and stakeholders.

"Apart from providing efficient and timely air transport, the aviation industry has been a big catalyst in the development of various sectors including trade, agriculture, mining, health and tourism," he stated.

Within 10 years of TCAA's existence, it was tendered by ICAO and received 37.8 percent ranking, placing Tanzania among countries that are unsafe for air travel, but in the past 10 years things have changed as Tanzania is now doing well in periodic assessments, he asserted.

Government efforts had enabled the country's aviation fleet to rise to 13 and with improved airport standards, while TCAA intends to uplift the Civil Aviation Training Centre with better equipment to enhance competence among its trainees, he added.



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needs, with other stakeholders associating the growth of television broadcasting with improved entertainment and sports content, he said.

The growth of television broadcasting has been reinforced by the increase in quality entertainment and sports like football, boxing, dramas and Bongo Flava music, sparking greater interest in watching television and listening to radio broadcasts, the analyst noted.

Priscus Silayo, a public relations specialist, said the DTT market share has the highest number of subscribers, led by Star Media (StarTimes) has the highest number of utilized decoders, followed by Azam. This growth is a positive sign

that our country is moving forward

Yahya Mohammed, a lecturer in mass communication, said the growth of the broadcasting sector is a positive sign for the country's economy and society. "It provides opportunities for businesses and individuals, and helps to keep the public informed and entertained," he declared.

TCRA was established in 2003 by merging the Tanzania Broadcasting Commission (TBC) and the Tanzania Communications Commission (TCC), as regulatory authority responsible for regulating the communications sector, in the telecom, internet, broadcasting, postal and courier services. The agency publishes sector performance reports on a quarterly basis.

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and risks associated with climate-related investments in the sub-region.

"It was clear throughout our research for this report that investment opportunities and tools exist, but that communication and knowledge sharing remain critical to accelerate their uptake in climate engagement across Africa," he stated.

The summary affirms that last year, Africa's annual climate finance needs amounted to \$277bn, surpassing total aid spending at \$204bn by donor partnerships worldwide.

However, foreign direct investment into developing countries reached \$1.4trn, demonstrating the potential of private investment to contribute significantly to climate finance, it asserts.

In the past three years, East Africa has suffered severe drought, the largest locust swarms for generations, flooding and surging human, animal and crop diseases, pushing over 60m people into poverty, starvation and disease with the visibly higher temperatures.

The researchers say the sectors most impacted by climate change are agriculture, health and infra-

structure, while the study identified high-impact technologies such as low-cost nets for capturing water supplies from the air.

There are also new soil additives that retain long-term soil moisture, road surfaces made from recycled plastic wastes to prevent road damage and paints and surfaces that reduce heat in homes.

As the world prepares for the COP28 climate conference this November, which has emphasised the need for adaptation funding for Africa, research indicates that private investors are focused on reducing Africa's carbon footprint.

On the other hand, innovations for mitigating the adverse effects of climate change - such as rising temperatures, water scarcity and extreme weather conditions - are primarily reliant on piecemeal funding from philanthropists, highlighting a gap in systematic investment towards climate adaptation in Africa," the report noted.

Increased investment in countering climate change in East Africa is vital as the region is currently experiencing severe environmental degradation and extreme weather events, it added.



Members of Parliament pictured in Dodoma city yesterday congratulating National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson on her recent election in the Angolan capital, Luanda, as Inter Parliamentary Union President. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Police in Mbeya 'holding' eleven Ethiopian migrants

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

ELEVEN Ethiopians have been arrested in Mbeya Region while being transported to Malawi without permits to enter the country.

Mbeya Regional Police Commander Benjamin Kuzaga said the people were arrested on October 27 this year, at Igawa area in Mbarali district along the Tanzania-Zambia Highway (TANZAM).

RPC Kuzaga named the people as Mulatoto Amdado, Nugushi Handibal, Auloso Segea, Takatary Mwanjiso, Goodso Bekere, Lamborn Ondose, Ndale Kermah, Kibiruh

Tamrah, Tafasah Alarm, Mestin Tafay and Chalu Ababa.

He said the suspects were being transported using a small car with registration numbers T732 CRB Toyota Mark X, which was being driven by Frank Makunde (38) a resident of Makambako, Njombe Region.

"This driver has been arrested and further legal measures are being taken, but we are also monitoring to identify other transporters as well as the owner of this car that was used to transport these people," he said. He asked citizens to stop engaging in human trafficking, explaining: "this is against the law

and that if they are caught, they will be taken to strict legal measures, including being brought to court and imprisoned."

Kuzaga said that according to the law, any vehicle used to transport illegal immigrants must be nationalized and he emphasized that the vehicle used to transport those people will be nationalized by the government.

The Police chief said that the Ethiopians sneaked into the country through the porous border between Tanzania and Kenya.

"These Ethiopian nationals travelled from Nairobi and Mombasa

then entered Tanzania through Tanga. We have arrested 63 and we are searching for 40 who are still on the run," he said.

Tanzania has been identified as the main entry route for Eastern African illegal immigrants who smuggle themselves into countries in Southern Africa in search of economic opportunity.

The final stops for immigrants from the Horn of Africa are Mozambique, Namibia, and Botswana.

Tanzanian prisons house 4,419 illegal immigrants, whose upkeep costs the government roughly 5.8 billion/- (\$2.5 million) yearly.



Didacus Mwewa (L), head of training at the Dar es Salaam-based Civil Aviation Training Centre, briefs Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa at the centre's pavilion during celebrations to mark the 20th anniversary of the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority held in the city yesterday. Right is Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa. Photo: PMO

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as exports of marine products, he explained.

"When the eighth phase government came into office, fish production stood at 38,107 tonnes, fetching 205.4bn/- per year but now catches stand at 61,794 tonnes priced at 391.37bn/- in yearly earnings," he said, a historic increase.

The fishing sector in Zanzibar, now contributes 6.32 percent to national income (GDP) from 4.5 percent back in 2020, he stated, hailing the pursuit of economic reform by targeting the fishing sector as central to the blue economy plan. Expectations are that 50,000 small fishermen in the islands would benefit from that initiative, he said.

Deep-sea fishing has also taken a turn with initiatives in tandem with

the union authorities, with 100 such licenses issued to foreign and local vessels, boosting the country's tuna fishing exports at 4000 tons per year, he pointed out.

Tanzania has returned to the International Tuna Fishing Commission of the Indian Ocean, where it has asked for greater allocation of the fishing quota in line with the pace of blue economy projects, he said.

Tanzania has already entered into partnerships with international fishing companies, he said, citing Albacora SA of Spain, which has given Zanzibar two ice making machines worth \$100,000 and other equipment already installed in the Isles.

The government, in building the capacity of fishermen, has removed them from individual fishing and brought them into group fishing

as venture capital projects, providing them with interest-free loans to put their hands in deep sea fishing. They are learning to use equipment such as boats, machines and safety equipment at sea, he elaborated.

Fishermen have already been handed 577 boats to benefit 50,000 fishermen fishing every day via a project to strengthen the fishing industry in Zanzibar, he further noted.

The project funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is billed to purchase four fishing vessels, the first such vessel set to cost 5bn/-, he said.

A fishing vessel has been purchased by ZanFresh Co. linked with the Zanzibar Fisheries Co. (ZAFICO) and it is being inspected before delivery, the ministerial executive noted.

ZAFICO already operates two

fishing vessels, he said, citing MV Sehewa and has a joint venture arrangement with an international company to conduct deep-sea fishing in territorial waters.

A reliable market for fishermen is the modern market costing \$14m in Malindi area, providing services to upwards of 43,000 people at once including fishermen, brokers, sellers, vendors, shippers and fish carriers.

Market operators are installing cold plants capable of storing 200 tonnes of fish at one time, along with an ice plant, he said.

The president has been strengthening the fishing industry after disbanding the fisheries department and creating a blue economy replacement to manage the fishing industry after coming into office, he added.



Transport ministry permanent secretary Prof Godius Kahyarara (R) has a word with the honorary chairman of Hunan Xi Yue Culture Media Co Ltd and Hunan Xi Yue International Trading Co Ltd, Janson Huang, on the sidelines of a business forum held recently in Lusaka, Zambia, and attended by President Samia Suluhu Hassan. The companies expressed interest in investing in flower farming in Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Farmers from various villages nationwide benefiting from a new technology system

By Correspondent Aisia Rweyemamu, Arusha

FARMERS from various villages nationwide are benefiting from a new technology system dubbed 'Jambo Maisha Digital Platforms' that has helped to fill the gap of extension officers, resulting in democratisation of agricultural information and improved harvests. Jambo Maisha is a digital platform that aims to improve access to information and offers easily accessible skills development programs in areas such as agribusiness, peace building, human rights, and financial literacy through a member-based online system efficiently reaching a wide audience.

The platform, supported by Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), registers community members and ensures real-time information access in remote areas via SMS or smartphone applications. Testifying on how the digital platform has assisted them, one of the farmers from Hai District in Kilimanjaro Region, Kanaeli Mushi explained that through the platform many farmers have been reached and have access to agricultural and climate change information.

Mushi added that before the system, the officers used to make house to house visits to provide agricultural information to farmers whereby a limited number of farmers were reached.

"With Jambo Maisha Platform, some 100 households and more than 850 individuals have been reached and benefited within a short time," said Mushi.

Godlisten Patrick, also a farmer from Kilimanjaro Region, said the platform has succeeded in mobilising many youth who have been empowered with skills and knowledge of how to practice modern agriculture without being affected by climate change.

Hamida Ramadan from Zanzibar (Pemba), a beneficiary of the platform, said within

one month she has been able to train 126 farmers in smart and innovative agriculture methods, making them more sustainable against climate change.

The farmers were speaking during the Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) week that took place in Arusha recently for purposes of bringing together civil society organisations, policymakers, technologists, and stakeholders to exchange ideas, experiences, and knowledge on leveraging technology for positive societal impact in Tanzania.

The theme for this year's event was 'Explore the Transformative Power of Tech and Society in Tanzania, Tech X Society: Then, Now and Beyond'.

Speaking during the CSO Week, at a session called 'Climate Smart digital tools for agriculture and market access to small holder farmers' that was

hosted by NCA, Piusi Ngirwa from the Anglican Diocese in Morogoro Region said the digital platform has filled the long existing gap of extension officers who farmers were previously relying on to provide them with agricultural information.

Ngirwa added that during that time most farmers could not access agricultural information because the number of extension officers was small and they were not able to reach farmers in some parts of the country due to its geographical position.

He said the platform has brought democratisation of agricultural information and technology which is also increasing people's understanding on how to practice modern agriculture and share their practices to come up with the content that suits their environment. "The system has

increased social inclusion and helped various groups in the society including people with disabilities, youth and the elderly to effectively join production activities", said Ngirwa.

Oscar Italazyo from NCA said the goal of Climate Smart Economic Empowerment (CSEE) is to enable people to lift themselves out of poverty while building communities' resilience through micro-investment and next level investments.

Oscar said with the CSEE programme, NCA Tanzania aims to increase income to small scale producers and service providers, ensure climate resilient production and service systems are in place.

Under the CSEE programme, more than 600 small holder farmers have been linked to output markets. Out of the number, 24, 924 are youth.

'Plans afoot to create collaborative efforts to have stroke-ready centre at Muhimbili'

By Correspondent James Kandoya

PLANS are underway to create collaborative efforts to initiate the first stroke-ready centre at Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) Mloganzila branch. The mortality rate is now approximately 30 per cent.

Dr Asha Mahita, the head of referral services abroad in the Ministry for Health said that over the weekend during the 14th neurology regional teaching course in sub-Saharan Africa at MNH Mloganzila.

She said training was under the theme: "Brain Health Across the Life Span" and brought together neurologists from Spain, Senegal, Uganda, Kenya, Niger, South Africa and Togo to mention just a few.

She said the World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates that every 40 seconds someone has a stroke, and every 3.5 seconds someone dies of stroke worldwide.

Cerebral vascular diseases like stroke for instance, are a leading cause of death worldwide and permanent debility adding that in Tanzania for instance,

"We hope to make great strides in the treatment of stroke in Tanzania, as there are plans in place to create a collaborative effort to initiate the first stroke-ready center.

"Currently, there are over 1 million patients with epilepsy in Tanzania. This high prevalence of epilepsy is due to a high prevalence of intracranial infections of bacterial or viral origin, perinatal brain damage and head injuries and brain tumour," she said.

According to her, the government struggles for six

measures including fostering scientific research and scholarship in the field of neuroscience and providing a platform for the exchange of ideas and information among neuroscience professionals in Tanzania and beyond.

"Consequently, a large burden of neurological infections also befalls our people. With better diagnostic and treatment facilities, there is a significant improvement in the rates of these infectious diseases but a huge gap still remains," she states.

She said the life expectancy has increased from 46 years to 67 years adding the longevity has led to another problem.

"We need to be prepared for diseases like Parkinson's disease and dementia with these improvements in longevity," she noted.

She hinted that Tanzania is one of the hardest hit countries in sub-Saharan Africa, due to lack of proper expertise and training on how to manage these patients.

Currently, there are only 14 neurologists in the whole country of 62 million people, where out of these, 11 are adult neurologists, and 3 are Paediatric Neurologists.

Chairman of the Tanzania Neuroscience Association (TNA) Prof William Matuja said that The vision of the Tanzania Neuroscience Association (TNA) is to become a leading organization in Africa that fosters the development of neuroscience research and education in Tanzania.

He said that TNA seeks to enhance public awareness and understanding of the brain and nervous system and their role in human health and disease.



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SALE OF USED VEHICLE TOYOTA LAND CRUISER GXR V8

Lot#	Make	Model	Year	Reg. Number
01	Toyota L/Cruiser S/Wagon	1VD04 Diesel Engine	2015	T208CD142

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Contact Person: Resource Management Officer

Closing date: **November 17th, 2023** at 10:00 hours

Opening Bids: All Bids will be opened in public on November 15th, 2023 at 11:30 hours in the World Bank, Conference Room on 1st floor, plot 50 Mirambo Street. All bidders or their authorized representatives must attend.

Minimum Bid Price: For Vehicle is **Tshs. 65,912,050.00**

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TMA wishes to invite interested qualified and reputable consultants to participate in the following tender:

- Consultancy services of a customs information systems expert [Tender Number: PRQ20230309]
- Consultancy for technical assistance for programme management support to the east African community secretariat to implement the East African payment settlement system project [Tender Number: PRQ20230375]

Tender documents can be obtained at <https://www.trademarkafrica.com/procurement/> All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarkafrica.com.

The closing date for the submissions is on or before 22 November 2023 on or before 4.00 p.m. (Kenya Time).

Interested and qualified firms/consortiums MUST submit proposals via the emails indicated in the respective tender documents. The maximum size of each email with attachments should not exceed 5 MB.

TMA cannot answer any query relating to this tender 7 days or less prior to the submission deadline.



Letshego Faidika Bank

QUARTERLY REPORT AS PER SEPT 30, 2023

REPORT OF CONDITION OF BANK ISSUED PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS 7 AND 8 OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS 2014



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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH SEPT 2023

	Current Quarter 30-Sep-23 TZS '000	Previous Quarter 30-Jun-23 TZS '000
A. ASSETS		
1 Cash	864,188	544,629
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	4,030,914	581,330
3 Investment in Government securities	0	0
4 Balances with other banks	5,411,678	7,366,790
5 Cheques and items for clearing	3,094	2,785
6 Inter branch float items	0	0
7 Bills negotiated	0	0
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	0	0
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	0	0
10 Investments in other securities	0	0
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances for probable losses)	72,741,952	12,884,885
12 Other assets	23,168,109	12,268,341
13 Equity Investments	0	0
14 Underwriting accounts	0	0
15 Property, plant and equipment(net)	1,784,729	839,811
TOTAL ASSETS	108,004,664	34,488,572
B. LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits from other banks	0	0
18 Customer Deposits	9,309,865	8,517,225
19 Cash letters of credit	0	0
20 Special deposits	0	0
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	0	0
22 Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	0	0
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	116,048	121,906
24 Acceptances outstanding	0	0
25 Interbranch floats items	0	0
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	0	0
27 Other liabilities	72,721,934	1,282,481
28 Borrowings	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	82,147,846	9,921,613
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	25,856,818	24,566,960
C. CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
31 Paid up share capital	57,088,892	57,088,892
32 Capital Reserves	783,314	783,314
33 Retained earnings	(31,842,822)	(31,842,822)
34 Profit/(Loss) account	(172,566)	(1,462,425)
35 Other capital accounts	0	0
36 Minority Interest	0	0
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	25,856,818	24,566,960
38 Contingent liabilities	0	0
39 Non Performing Loans & Advances	14,768,676	8,179,591
40 Allowances for probable losses	8,988,008	5,902,354
41 Other non performing assets	0	0
D. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
i Shareholders funds to total assets	24%	71%
ii Non performing loans to total gross loans	18%	44%
iii Gross loans and advances to total deposits	878%	221%
iv Loans and advances to total assets	67%	37%
v Earning Assets to Total Assets	72%	59%
vi Deposits Growth	9%	-13%
vii Assets growth	213%	1%

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used a 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)

Signed by:

Baraka Munisi Chief Executive Officer 30-Oct-23

Isaac Chaha Ag. Head of Finance 30-Oct-23

Kashid Sendoro Internal Auditor 30-Oct-23

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.

Attested by:

Simon Jengo Board Chairman 30-Oct-23

Noel Sangwa Director 30-Oct-23

Note: On 01st July 2023, Letshego Bank Tanzania Limited and Letshego Tanzania Limited(Trading under the name of Faidika Microfinance) completed the merger of the two institutions to form Letshego Faidika Bank ; the transaction was accounted for in accordance with IFRS3-Business combinations.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30 SEPT 2023

	Share Capital	Preference Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others	Total
Third Quarter ended 30 Sept 2023							
Balance as at 01.07.2023	48,568,992	8,519,900	(33,305,247)	783,314	0	0	24,566,959
Profit for the year	0.00	0.00	1,289,859	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,289,859
Other Comprehensive Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transactions with owners	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dividends Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Regulatory Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Provision Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Issued during the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance as at 30.09.2023	48,568,992	8,519,900	(32,015,388)	783,314	0	0	25,856,819
Previous Quarter ended 30 June 2023							
Balance as at 01.04.2023	44,968,992	8,519,900	(31,842,822)	783,314	0	0	22,429,385
Loss/Profit for the year	0.00	0.00	(1,462,425)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,462,425)
Other Comprehensive Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transactions with owners	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dividends Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Regulatory Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Provision Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Issued during the year	3,600,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,600,000
Balance as at the 30.06.2023	48,568,992	8,519,900	(33,305,247)	783,314	0	0	24,566,960

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPT 2023

	Current Quarter 30-Sep-23 TZS '000	Previous Quarter 30-Jun-22 TZS '000	Curr Yr P & L cumm 30-Sep-23 TZS '000	Previous Yr P & L cumm 30-Sep-22 TZS '000
1 Interest Income	5,954,669	919,004	7,518,489	2,652,253
2 Interest Expense	(56,582)	(281,022)	(235,440)	(794,090)
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	5,898,087	637,982	7,283,049	1,858,163
4 Bad debts written off	(53,270)	889	(53,270)	(20,182)
5 Impairment losses on Loans and Advances	420,251	(89,708)	874,656	(1,274,091)
6 Non Interest Income	192,923	143,869	385,673	325,539
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	(31,112)	1,165	(31,112)	47,574
6.2 Commissions and fees	224,036	113,662	416,786	247,795
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other Operating Income	-	29,042	-	30,170
7 Non Interest Expense	(5,140,843)	(1,674,690)	(8,635,386)	(5,027,124)
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(2,938,126)	(784,827)	(4,415,707)	(2,349,037)
7.2 Fees and Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.3 Other Operating expenses	(2,202,717)	(889,863)	(4,219,679)	(2,678,087)
8 Operating Profit/(Loss) before Income Tax	1,317,148	(981,658)	(145,276)	(4,137,695)
9 Income Tax Provision	(27,289)	(9,301)	(27,289)	(27,903)
10 Net Income/(Loss) after Income Tax	1,289,859	(990,959)	(172,566)	(4,165,598)
11 Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12 Total comprehensive income/(Loss) for the year	1,289,859	(990,959)	(172,566)	(4,165,598)
13 Number of Employees	62	77	62	81
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	26.56	0.04	(3.55)	0.04
15 Number of Branches	5	5	5	5
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on average total assets	1.81%	-3.00%	-0.24%	-14.00%
(ii) Return on average shareholders funds	5.12%	-6.00%	-0.68%	-26.00%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	83.43%	158.00%	109.34%	169.00%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earnings/Assets	23.97%	1.00%	29.60%	1.00%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPT 2023

	Current Quarter 30-Sep-23 TZS '000	Previous Quarter 30-Jun-23 TZS '000	Current Yr Cumulative 30-Sep-23 TZS '000	Previous Yr Cumulative 30-Sep-22 TZS '000
I Cash Flow from Operating Activities :				
Net (loss)/Income	1,317,148	(464,129)	(145,276)	(4,137,695)
Adjustments for non cash items :				
-Gain/loss on Sale of Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-Depreciation of property and equipment	331,859	235,298	801,673	59,200
-Amortization of Refurbishment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-Expected credit loss IFRS 9	(420,251)	(342,118)	(652,417)	1,274,091
-Loan written off	53,270	0	53,270	-
-Amortization of Intangible assets	0	0	0	0
- Change in Statutory minimum reserve (SMR)	5,495	(570,949)	52,079	(2,804,404)
-Net change in loans and advances	(59,857,067)	201,949	(59,282,220)	4,618,000
-Net change in other assets	(10,899,767)	(2,339,690)	(12,537,215)	(391,925)
-Net change in deposits	792,639	(1,282,058)	(336,333)	(593,000)
-Net change in placement with other bank	-	-	-	-
-Net change in other liabilities	71,433,594	(187,613)	71,425,554	731,000
Net cash flows(used) from operating activities	1,474,894	(3,607,411)	(678,136)	4,364,075
-Tax paid	(9,301)	(9,301)	(27,903)	(28,000)
Net cash flows(used) from operating activities	2,747,619	(4,187,661)	(648,790)	1,531,670
II Cash Flow from Investing Activities				
Dividend Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(91,460)	0.00	(126,992)	(21,833)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Purchase of Intangible assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Purchases of Non Dealing securities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Proceeds from sale of Non-Dealing Securities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(91,460)	-	(126,992)	(21,833)
III Cash Flow from Financing Activities				
Repayment of Long term Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2,106,000)
Proceeds from issuance of long term debts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Proceeds from issuance of paid up capital	0.00	3,600,000	3,600,000	5,658,000
Payment of Cash Dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net change in other borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	0.00	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,552,000
IV Cash and Cash equivalents				
Net increase (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	2,645,170	(587,661)	2,824,218	5,061,838
Cash & equivalents, beginning of quarter	7,886,145	8,473,805	7,886,145	6,801,032
Cash & equivalents, end of quarter	10,531,315	7,886,145	10,710,363	11,862,870



LETSHEGO FAIDIKA BANK CHARGES AND FEES FOR 2023

Charge Type	Product / Service	TZS	USD	
Minimum Opening Balance	LetsGo Flexi- Business Account	50,000	N/A	
	LetsGo Flexi Dunduliza Account	20,000	N/A	
	LetsGo Flexi- Group Account	50,000	N/A	
	LetsGo Flexi- KIDS Account	20,000	N/A	
	LetsGo Personal Account	20,000	20	
	LetsGo Business Account	100,000	100	
	LetsGo Mjasiriamali Account (Entrepreneur)	15,000	N/A	
LetsGo Mstaafu Account	5,000	N/A		
Minimum Operating Balance	LetsGo Flexi- Business Account	30,000	N/A	
	LetsGo Flexi Dunduliza Account	5,000	N/A	
	LetsGo Flexi- Group Account	20,000	N/A	
	LetsGo Flexi- KIDS Account	5,000	N/A	
	LetsGo Personal Account	5,000	10	
	LetsGo Business Account	50,000	50	
	LetsGo Mjasiriamali Account (Entrepreneur)	5,000	N/A	
LetsGo Mstaafu Account	5,000	N/A		
Monthly Maintenance Fee	LetsGo Flexi- Business Account	2,000	2	
	LetsGo Flexi Dunduliza Account	1,000	1	
	LetsGo Flexi- Group Account	free	2	
	LetsGo Flexi- KIDS Account	free	2	
	LetsGo Personal Account	3,000	2	
	LetsGo Business Account	8,000	8	
	LetsGo Mjasiriamali Account (Entrepreneur)	2,000	2	
LetsGo Mstaafu Account	1,000	N/A		
Account Closing Fee	Saving accounts	5,000	5	
	current accounts	10,000	10	
Balance Enquiry Fee	Umoja ATMs	300	N/A	
	Other Local Banks ATMs (Within the country)	700	N/A	
	Other Bank ATMs outside the country	2,000	N/A	
	LetsGo Mobile	300	N/A	
	LetsGo Wakala	300	N/A	
	Mini Statement Umoja ATMs	300	N/A	
	Mini Statement Other Local Banks ATMs (Within the country)	700	N/A	
Account Statements Fee	Mini Statement Other Bank ATMs outside the country	2,000	N/A	
	Mini Statement LetsGo Mobile	300	N/A	
	Mini Statement LetsGo Wakala	300	N/A	
	Statement at the Branch (per page)	1,000	N/A	
Monthly E-Statement	Free	Free		
Cash Withdraw ATM and Over the Counter	ATM Withdrawal at Umoja ATMs	1000 - 99,000 = 1,500 100,000 - 400,000 = 1,700	N/A	
	ATM Withdrawal at other Domestic banks	3,500	N/A	
	ATM Withdrawal outside Tanzania	5,000	N/A	
	Teller Withdrawal up to TZS 500,000 (For Flexi Accounts)	3,000	3	
	Teller Withdrawal above TZS 500,000 (For Flexi Accounts)	3,000 plus 0.15% of excess Amount Max charge: 50,000	\$3 plus 0.15% of excess Amount Max charge: \$100	
	Teller Withdrawal - excess of third time in a month (For Flexi Accounts)	8,000	8	
	Teller Withdrawal up to TZS 500,000 (For LetsGo Accounts)	3,000	3	
	Teller Withdrawal above TZS 500,000 (For LetsGo Accounts)	3,000 plus 0.15% of excess Amount Max charge: 50,000	\$3 plus 0.15% of excess Amount Max charge: \$100	
	Cash Deposit Wakala	TZS 1,000 - 5,999,999	Free	
	Cash Withdraw Wakala	From: TZS 1,000 - 4,999	400	N/A
From: TZS 5,000 - 9,999		700	N/A	
From: TZS 10,000 - 19,999		1,200	N/A	
From: TZS 20,000 - 39,999		1,500	N/A	
From: TZS 40,000 - 49,999		1,800	N/A	
From: TZS 50,000 - 99,999		2,200	N/A	
From: TZS 100,000 - 199,999		3,500	N/A	
From: TZS 200,000 - 299,999		4,700	N/A	
From: TZS 300,000 - 399,999		5,800	N/A	
From: TZS 400,000 - 599,999		6,300	N/A	
From: TZS 600,000 - 799,999		6,500	N/A	
From: TZS 800,000 - 999,999		7,000	N/A	
From: TZS 1,000,000 - 1,999,999		7,200	N/A	
From: TZS 2,000,000 - 2,999,999		7,500	N/A	
From: TZS 3,000,000 - 3,999,999		8,000	N/A	
From: TZS 4,000,000 - 4,999,999	9,500	N/A		
From: TZS 5,000,000 - 5,999,999	9,800	N/A		
Card Fee	Visa Card Issuance	15,000	TZS equivalent	
	Visa Card Replacement	15,000	TZS equivalent	
	Visa Card Annual Maintenance Fee	6,000	TZS equivalent	
	Umoja Card Issuance	10,000	TZS equivalent	
	Umoja Card Replacement	10,000	TZS equivalent	
Money Transfer	Umoja Card Annual Maintenance Fee	Free	Free	
	Teller Money Transfer (intra-bank same customer)	-	-	
	Teller Money Transfer (intra-bank different customers)	-	-	
	Alternative Channels Money Transfer (intra-bank same customer)	300 + Government Levy	TZS equivalent	
	Alternative Channels Money Transfer (intra-bank different customers)	300 + Government Levy	TZS equivalent	
	Money Transfer (Umoja Banks)	1,300	TZS equivalent	
	Money Transfer (TSS)	10,000	TZS equivalent	
	Money Transfer (Western Union)	From TZS 6,500	TZS equivalent	
	Money Transfer (TT)	USD 65	USD 65	
	All Incoming Transfers	Free	Free	
Money Transfer TIPS	100 - 4,999 = 600 5,000 - 49,999 = 1,000 50,000 - 299,999 = 2,200 300,000 - 499,999 = 3,400 500,000 - 1,000,000 = 3,900 1,000,001 - 2,000,000 = 4,900 2,000,001 - 5,000,000 = 5,000	N/A	N/A	
	From Letshego Bank Account to other FSPs	N/A	N/A	
Bank to Wallet	From Bank to Mobile	1,300	N/A	
	Processing Fee	1% to 2%	N/A	
Loan Fee	Late Fees	0.15% of the arrears amount	N/A	
	Early Closure Fees	0.03	N/A	
	Interest Rates	Deposit Product / Service	TZS	
Deposit Products	Flexi Dunduliza	0-499,999 = 0% 500,000-5,000,000 = 2.5% 5,000,001-20,000,000 = 3.0% 20,000,001-100,000,000 = 5.0% 100,000,001-200,000,000 = 6.0% 200,000,001-300,000,000 = 7.0% Above 300,000,000 = 10%	N/A	N/A
	Flexi Corporate, Flexi Mstaafu, Flexi Group, Flexi Kids	1.5%	N/A	
	LetsGo personal, LetsGo Business and LetsGo Mjasiriamali	1%	N/A	
	Loan Products	MSE- loans	TZS 2mil<SME <=TZS 50mil-36% TZS 51mil<SME <=TZS 100mil-30.0% TZS 101mil<SME <=TZS 200mil-26.4% TZS 201mil<SME <=TZS 350mil-22.2%	N/A
Personal Lending	IPF	14%	N/A	
	Personal Lending	26.40%	N/A	
	Information Search, Auditor Confirmation and Certificate of Balance Fee	For information up to past 12 months	30,000	TZS equivalent
Loan Processing Fee	For information of 1 - 3 past years	70,000	TZS equivalent	
	For information of over 3 years	100,000	TZS equivalent	
	Certificate of Balance	20,000	TZS equivalent	
	Confirmation to Auditors	30,000	TZS equivalent	
	CCTV Photo searching charges	40,000	TZS equivalent	
Processing fee for loans	Processing fee for loans below 50M	2.5%	N/A	
	Processing fee for loans Above 50M but less than 200M	2.0%	N/A	
	Processing fee for loans 200M and above	1.5%	N/A	
	Credit life Insurance	1%	N/A	

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

UNDER REGULATIONS 9(5) and (6) OF THE CAPITAL MARKETS AND SECURITIES (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITIONS, TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS) REGULATIONS, 2006 (THE "REGULATIONS")



SCANCEN INTERNATIONAL DA
(Incorporated in Norway)
(Registration Number 943 513 716)
("Scancem")

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF TANGA CEMENT PLC [APPROVED BY THE CAPITAL MARKETS AND SECURITIES AUTHORITY]

Conditional Voluntary Offer by Scancem International DA ("Scancem" or "Acquirer") to shareholders of Tanga Cement PLC ("Tanga Cement" or "Target Company") to acquire a single block of 43,504,403 ordinary shares in Tanga Cement pursuant to and in accordance with regulations 9(5), 9(6), 11(3), 15(4), 15(5) and the Fourth Schedule of the Capital Markets and Securities (Substantial Acquisitions, Takeovers and Mergers) Regulations, 2006 (the "Regulations") (hereafter referred to as the "Offer").

Transaction Details

- Acquirer:** Scancem International DA, a partnership company with registration number 943 513 716, incorporated in and under the laws of Norway.
- Size:** This offer is made by the Acquirer for the acquisition of a single block of 43,504,403 ordinary shares of the Target Company, having a nominal value of Tanzania Shilling ("TZS") 20.00 each, representing 68.33% of the issued share capital of the Target Company.
- Price/Consideration:** TZS 2,442.4 per ordinary share, subject to adjustment as detailed in paragraph 8 of this Public Announcement.
- Mode of payment:** Cash
- Tanga Cement Share Capital:** The issued and fully paid share capital of Tanga Cement is TZS 1,273,421,000, comprised of 63,671,045 ordinary shares of TZS 20 each.
- Existing Scancem stake in Tanga Cement and dealings of Scancem:** Scancem does not currently hold any shares in Tanga Cement and no director of Scancem holds any shares in Tanga Cement or has had any dealings in Tanga Cement's shares during the period beginning 6 months before the date of this Public Announcement. Further, no concert party arrangement exists between Scancem and any other person in relation to the Acquisition, and no formal or informal arrangement between Scancem and any other person exists in relation to an indemnity or option, which arrangement might be an inducement to deal or refrain from dealing in shares of Tanga Cement.
- Salient features of the Offer:** The terms of the proposed transaction are set out below:
 - Scancem intends to acquire 43,504,403 shares in Tanga Cement as a single block trade from any eligible shareholder, as agreed between the Acquirer and the eligible shareholder ("Acquisition") and through the Conditional Voluntary Offer constituted in the Offer Document ("Offer Document")
 - The purchase shall only be completed if all the ordinary shares referred to in 7(a) above are sold simultaneously in a single block.
 - Eligible shareholders should contact any of the DSE Licensed Dealing Members, authorized Investment Advisors or Scancem for a copy of the Offer Document and detailed instructions on the process.
 - The Acquisition is subject to the fulfillment or, if applicable, waiver of a number of conditions precedent (the "Conditions") on or before 16 January 2024, which is the Longstop Date. The Conditions include amongst others:
 - approval by the Fair Competition Commission of Tanzania of the Acquisition being obtained, on terms acceptable to the parties;
 - approval by the Mining Commission of Tanzania for the Acquisition being obtained, on terms acceptable to the parties;
 - approval by the shareholders of Tanga Cement for the Acquisition being obtained, by way of special resolution passed at a duly convened extraordinary shareholders' meeting as required in terms of Regulation 9(5) of the Regulations; and
 - approval by the Financial Surveillance Department of the South African Reserve Bank or, if permissible, the relevant authorised dealer, in respect of the obligations imposed upon AfriSam (South Africa) Proprietary Limited, a subsidiary of AfriSam, as guarantor in terms of the Acquisition, being obtained.

If all Conditions are fulfilled or, if applicable, waived on or before the Longstop Date, the Acquisition will become unconditional and be implemented, which is anticipated to be during the second half of 2023.

The Conditions detailed in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (v) above have already been fulfilled, but the remaining Conditions have not yet been fulfilled or waived. Shareholders of Tanga Cement are cautioned that there can be no certainty that all Conditions will be fulfilled or waived timely.

- Consideration:** The indicative purchase price payable by Scancem in terms of the Acquisition is TZS 2,442.4 per ordinary share (amounting to an aggregate consideration of TZS 106,253 million), calculated at an exchange rate of US\$ 1 / TZS2,500.53 applicable on 19 September 2023, but is subject to adjustments related to debt, working capital, other expenses and other potential adjustments post-closing of the Acquisition ("Final Acquisition Price"). It is therefore important to note that material uncertainty exists on the Final Acquisition Price.
- Firm Arrangement of Financial Resources:** Scancem has arranged all necessary funds to implement the Acquisition. The proposed transaction is financed through various sources including internally generated cash flows and reserves. Scancem has confirmed the source and availability of funds for the proposed transaction, and attendant arrangements for the same.
- Objects and Purpose of the Acquisition:** To ensure that Tanga Cement is and remains a profitable and healthy company which is able to produce more cement, enabling further growth of the Tanzanian economy through infrastructure, commercial and private projects. In Tanzania, Heidelberg Materials has a long-standing presence through its subsidiary Tanzania Portland Cement Public Limited Company, which was established in 1966. Heidelberg Materials plans to continue to deploy its global experience and technical expertise as a leading international cement producer to grow its Tanzanian cement operations. Furthermore, Heidelberg Materials is committed to invest and develop the cement industry by increasing Tanzanian cement capacity and production. Accordingly, Scancem wishes to increase its shareholding structure in Tanga Cement in line with its stated objectives.
- Timetable:** The Acquisition will be implemented immediately once all Conditions are fulfilled (or, if applicable, waived). This will be as soon as possible following publication of this Public Announcement.
 - The date for determining the names of shareholders to whom the Offer Document will be delivered is the date of first publication of this Public Announcement, 31 October 2023.
 - The dates of the opening and closing of the Acquisition Offer are:
 - Opening Date: 31 October 2023; and
 - Closing Date: 21 November 2023.
 - The manner in which and date by which the eligible shareholder must confirm its acceptance of the Offer is detailed in the Offer Document.
 - The date by which payment will be paid to the eligible shareholder by Scancem in respect of the Offer is as agreed between the Acquirer and the eligible shareholder.
- Statutory Approvals:** Tanga Cement operates in the cement manufacturing sector. The status of relevant regulatory approvals is as follows:
 - The Fair Competition Commission in Tanzania ("FCC") approved the Acquisition without conditions;
 - The Tanzanian Mining Commission has approved the Acquisition;
 - the parties undertake to register the transfer of the ordinary shares at the BRELA, in accordance with the Companies Act No.12 of 2002.
- Type of Transaction:** The Capital Markets and Securities Authority of Tanzania ("CMSA"), has approved the proposed transaction to be executed on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange as a pre-arranged transaction.
- Competitive Bid:** This is not a competitive bid.
- General Offer:** If the Acquisition becomes unconditional and is implemented, it will provide Scancem with control of Tanga cement. After the Final Acquisition Price has been determined and as required in terms of General Principle 2 of the Regulations, Scancem will make an offer to acquire the remaining shares in Tanga Cement at the Final Acquisition Price, which general offer will be subject to regulation by the CMSA.

About Scancem

Scancem is a Norwegian partnership company founded in 1986 and is located in Oslo, Norway, with registration number 943 513 716 and registered address c/o Heidelberg Materials Norway AS, Lilleakerveien 2A, 0283 Oslo, Norway. The partners are two Norwegian limited liability companies, both ultimately owned 100% by Heidelberg Materials. Scancem is part of the lumber and other construction materials merchant wholesalers industry and produces and distributes cement.

NEMC cautions land developers on beaches

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE National Environmental Management Council (NEMC), has warned people who invade the beach's shores and build permanent structures without having an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) certificate.

Rose Mtui, NEMC manager of environmental researchers issued the warning yesterday in Dar es Salaam when opening the international regional training workshop on shoreline changes management for coastal municipalities' officials of beaches in the countries of the western Indian Ocean.

Rose said the beaches have been suffering the effects of erosion due to climate change and the effects of human activities even though they are prohibited by law. "There is an Environmental Law that prohibits the construction of permanent buildings on the beaches, especially within 60 meters, so this training will give light to the people who work in planning, especially when land officers issue permits to follow the law," said Rose.

She said that although NEMC has been conducting frequent operations to remove people who build permanent buildings on the beaches, the situation has been repeating frequently, especially in the city of Dar es Salaam.

"There are people who get permits from other institutions before getting an EIA permit from NEMC and we have been monitoring those we give permits to and if we see that they have violated the permit instructions, we have been taking measures," he said.

Head of the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Technologies from University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Dr Sijali Pamba, said that due to climate change, many beaches have been eroding and endangering

property and infrastructures that is dependent on the implementation of blue economy vision.

He said beach erosion takes a long time to happen but without doing an assessment and checking them regularly has been causing a big impact on various beaches.

He said the conference unites three countries in the Indian Ocean region so that all those countries speak the same language about each other's responsibilities and share experience on the best way to manage beaches so that they are not damaged.

"As we move towards a blue economy where many tourist hotels will be built now without having a good procedure to manage our beaches, we may find ourselves endangering this infrastructure that will help to implement the vision of the blue economy," he said.

"The main goal of this conference is to awaken the land planners not to forget the sea area, especially on the beaches they should see that it is their daily part to look and plan because these days everyone does what he wants," he said.

Executive Secretary of Western Indian Marine Sciences Association (WIOMSA), Arthu Tuda, said the sea beaches have been changing many times due to climate change and human activities.

"It is important that we consider the best use of our beaches which have been facing constant challenges such as big waves from the sea, sometimes we hear Tsunamis and the sea has many things so when we do economic activities we should consider the safety of the beaches," he said

"As we move towards a blue economy where many tourist hotels will be built now without having a good procedure to manage our beaches, we may find ourselves endangering this infrastructure that will help to implement the vision of the blue economy"

Regional agencies in Dar to empower SMEs with skills to defend against cyber threats

By Guardian Reporter

IN concerted efforts to bolster the resilience of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and fortify the digital economy, the East African regional bodies met in Dar es Salaam to chart out ways to address cybersecurity hiccups.

The three-day sensitisation workshop was designed to equip business owners with the skills needed to secure their information, defend against financial losses, and combat gender-based vulnerabilities. The programme aimed to address the pressing needs for heightened cybersecurity awareness, particularly among women and youth entrepreneurs.

The organisations that organised the workshop include the East African Business Council (EABC) and the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), in collaboration with EAC-GIZ, East African Women in Business Platform (EAWiBP), and Serensic Africa.

Tanzania has solidified its position as a digital hub in East Africa, thanks to a supportive government framework encouraging investments in the digital economy while ensuring protection against cyber-attacks.

Zephania Shaidi, EABC representative, said that Tanzania currently ranks among the nations with robust digital connectivity in East Africa, with mobile phone subscriptions surpassing the number of adult citizens, and mobile internet access reaching nearly 46% of the 42 million mobile phone users.

However, with the rapid proliferation of technology, the scope of cyber threats has widened, affecting individuals and businesses alike. Small business owners in Tanzania, in particular, grapple with the challenges of safeguarding their vital online information due to

a lack of knowledge and resources.

Shaidi expressed his profound appreciation to EAC-GIZ through the dSkills@EA project and Serensic Africa for their invaluable support. He also extended gratitude to the EABC National Focal Point, TPSF, and EAWiBP for their pivotal role in mobilising participants.

The workshop brought together an impressive assembly of government officials, private sector representatives, and SME leaders, who all agreed on the pressing need for heightened cybersecurity awareness.

Dr Moses Mwasaga, ICT commission director general emphasized the importance of leveraging government infrastructure for innovation among Tanzanian youth to stimulate digital economic growth.

John Kalisa, EABC CEO expressed appreciation for the collaborative efforts with GIZ EAC and advocated for a more flexible approach to loan requirements for young innovators. He stressed the necessity of government support to combat cybersecurity threats that affect SMEs, women, and youth, emphasizing that cybersecurity is a shared responsibility.

Lilian Akot from GIZ-EAC reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing the digital skills of SMEs, young women, and youth to enhance their employability and competitiveness.

Ester Mengi, a facilitator, called for government backing to foster innovation among youth and women, thus mitigating cyber threats. She also introduced a new solution for detecting cybersecurity threats for SMEs, named Askari.

The EABC team commends the unwavering commitment of all involved in this transformative workshop and anticipates a brighter, more secure future for Tanzania's digital landscape.



It's toasting time at an event held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during 280th anniversary celebrations hosted by a firm based in the city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Parents in southern regions demand DNA evidence on children

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

THE Government Chemist Laboratory Authority (GCLA) in the southern highlands receives 10 to 15 requests per month from parents who want to test deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) to determine the relationship between father and children.

Rashidi Mjema, GCLA senior technician unveiled this over the weekend when speaking here at the just-ended Fourth National Exhibition of Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO).

He said that more people are coming to the lab for DNA testing and men are the most victims

as they want to know if they are the true biological father of the children.

"Now we come to the DNA of father-child relationships, which many need, I mean knowing the biological father of the child," said Mjema.

Mjema said that the service is not only for identifying the father of the child but it is a good technology that also identifies criminals in various incidents including robbery.

"By collaborating with the police force and other law enforcement agencies, this laboratory is the only one to use this technology and solve various cases," he said.

He said: "The process is simple; the

client will be required to go through social welfare or to a recognized lawyer or to the court. Once he comes with a letter, we will create a payment number for him which is 300,000/- for the father, mother and child. We will take biological specimens and the customer will have to wait approximately 21 to 30 working days. We will give his answers, and that is the procedure that we use for those who have the challenge of knowing the legitimacy of the child's father," the lab technician said.

Ruben Sendelema, GCLA chemist, suggested the need for farmers to properly dry their crops to get rid of aflatoxin contamination—

the challenge of posing a threat to human and animal health and trade in the region.

He described aflatoxin as a naturally occurring toxin produced by the fungus *Aspergillus flavus* that are found on agricultural crops such as maize and ground nuts. Aflatoxin-producing fungi can contaminate crops in the field, at harvest, and during storage.

He said the fungus can be recognized by a gray-green or yellow-green mold growing on corn kernels in the field or in storage. Plant stress due to drought, heat or insect damage during fungus growth usually increases aflatoxin levels.



Tembo Nickel CEO Benedict Busunzu (C) presents a report on the firm's operations and progress during a mineral refining and supply chain panel discussion at the just-ended Tanzania Mining Investment Forum held in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Swiss-based foundation to help 'Tanga Yetu' programme more

By Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

THE Switzerland-based Foundation Botnar has pledged to provide more financial help to boost various social projects conducted under Tanga Yetu initiative.

Zur Oren, Foundation Botnar's partnership coordinator made the pledge last week in Tanga city during an international workshop which was organised by Tanga city Council about 'Our City initiative' themed: 'Our City'.

The Foundation Botnar's key initiatives that aim to support selected cities around the world with a special focus on coordinated programs that help leverage skills of young people.

Among the core activities which the organisation is funding is the digital technologies and artificial intelligence (AI) that aims to improve health and wellbeing of young people living in urban centres.

In Tanzania, a philanthropic foundation based in Basel, Switzerland chose to work with Tanga city Council in May 2018 and provides a range of funding opportunities for the intended youth groups because the city conducts the same initiative dubbed

'Tanga Yetu'.

The 'Tanga Yetu' initiative is meant to transform Tanga City into a genuinely youth-friendly city through a partnership with the City Council, private sectors, and NGOs to enable research and innovative projects that fit within its strategic focus.

Last week's visit by its members in Tanga city was carried out in cooperation with other members in countries where the organisation is helping to raise the standards of living for youths. The countries are Ecuador, Romania, Columbia, Ghana, Kenya and France.

Oren said: "Since the firms' engagement with city council five years ago, it has so far injected about US\$ 14 million (35.1bn/-) to help part of the ongoing social projects conducted under Tanga Yetu initiative.

In the period under review, the organization has coordinated about 17 projects that leverage digital technologies and transform them into places where young people are centered.

Among the inspiring project sites the organisation is proud of is the learning laboratory centre of Science, Technology on Engineering and Mathematics

known in short as STEM park where youths are trained free of charge how to practice various devices for ICT technologies.

The head teacher of the centre Max George told delegates who visited the site last week that, "since it started in November 2020, his centre has produced more than 30,000 youths who have acquired in-house training and attained hands-on skills in different capacities".

Other projects the organisation is helping funding are related to farming and poultry keeping activities involving agriculture and fisheries networks as well as donation of desks in both primary and secondary schools.

The TangaYetu project and its overarching approach and working principle implemented various health checks in schools across Tanga and tried to explore health determinants of children in the school environment, such as the food they are eating, and the amount of exercise they undertake.

In his opening speech, Tanga Regional Commissioner Waziri Kindamba who was the guest of honour thanked the initiatives being undertaken by the development partner for their invaluable support

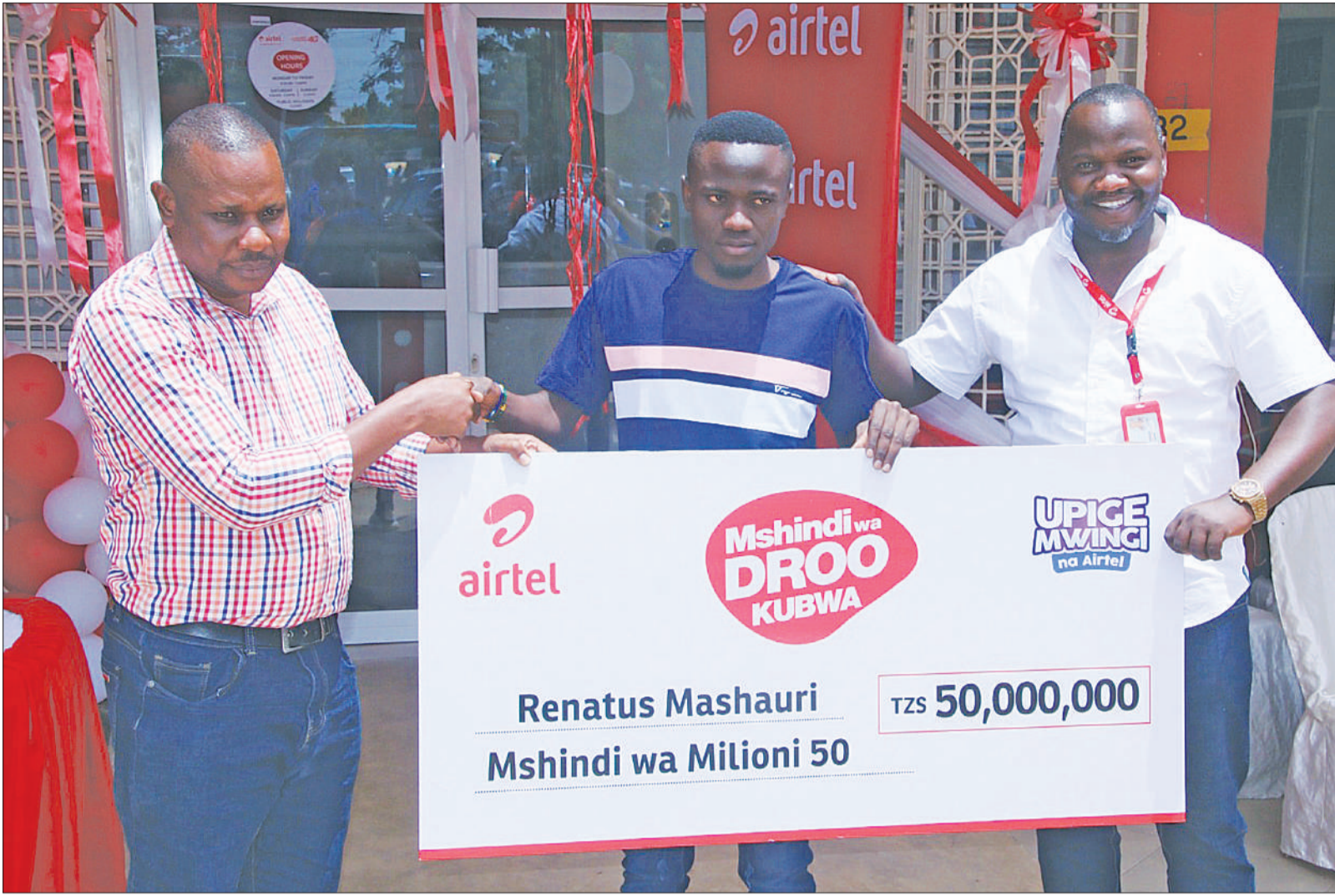
in tackling critical development issues. He also extended his sincere gratitude to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for creating a conducive environment for the investors to join the government efforts towards improving the well-being of its citizens.

The RC encouraged the Tanga city Council to sustain this programme, as there are still numerous young individuals who would enormously profit from acquiring these valuable skills.

The initiative which is being implemented within the national development strategies, has so far reached half of the young people in the city.

More than half of the world's population lives in cities. By 2050, this will have increased to two thirds, and as more people move to cities for a better life, millions of young people are growing up in environments that struggle to meet their needs.

Despite increased commitments made by global and local actors in line with Sustainable Development Goal 11, the majority of the world's urban development fails to address the problems caused by inadequate infrastructure, urban poverty, and social exclusion.



Airtel Tanzania Lake Zone business manager Brighton Majaliwa (L) and his Shinyanga counterpart, George Michael (R), present a dummy cheque for 50m/- to the grand winner of the firm's Upige Mwingi promotion, Shinyanga resident Renatus Mashauri, at a function held in Shinyanga municipality at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

200+ teachers, leaders and stakeholders from across country to address new education and training policy

By Getrude Mbagu

OVER 200 teachers, leaders and stakeholders from across the country are meeting in Dar es Salaam for two days to discuss the best way to address and implement effectively all changes for the new education and training policy.

The policy which has been reviewed is expected to commence in January 2024, where children in primary and secondary schools will start receiving essential vocational education with an aim to facilitate production of competitive graduates to serve in various sectors.

Speaking during the opening of the meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Prof Caroline Nombo said that the meeting will share experiences about the changes and implications of the policy as well as teacher education curriculum.

"As we are currently making major revamp and improvements of our education curriculum, it is important for teachers and stakeholders to be groomed on the new changes for better provision of education to children," she said.

She said that the major objective of the policy and curriculum is to

ensure that the country produces competent experts who will help to bring transformation in various areas as per changes in technology and science.

She noted that said the provision of vocational education in primary and secondary schools intends to groom learners into being able to navigate in the highly competitive labor market.

"We have conducted a massive review of our curriculum in primary, secondary, training colleges and university to ensure that we produce graduates who will be able to initiate various innovative projects as per skills attained, this will greatly push the country's development as well as addressing employment crisis," Prof Nombo said.

The PS explained that the quality of teachers is a fundamental factor in the success of any education system.

"To prepare teachers of the same high quality at all levels, we must recognise the shared principles and practices that make a great teacher. Thus, I urge this meeting to explore and share the best practices of preparing quality teachers at all levels as means to prepare yourselves to implement the new teacher education curriculum," she noted.

On the implementation of the Teachers Education Support Project (TESP) which is supported by the government of Canada, Prof Nombo said that the initiative has started to produce positive outcomes in various parts by improving teachers training colleges.

"The ultimate objective of TESP is to improve basic education for girls and boys in Tanzania through strengthening human resource capacity at teachers' colleges and schools, improving teaching and learning environment through furnishing teacher colleges with teaching and learning resources and facilities," she noted.

She said TESP has made significant investments in constructing and rehabilitating college buildings, with a particular focus on enhancing library services, ICT rooms, and science laboratories in eight (8) teacher colleges namely Korogwe, Butimba, Tukuyu, Patandi, Mpwapwa, Morogoro, Dakawa, and Kasulu.

The construction of New Kabanga Teacher College with green design elements including a biogas plant, as an energy-efficient and ecologically beneficial source, has become a model green design paradigm for environmentally friendly practices," she added.

She thanked the Canadian government for extending its support to facilitate implementation of the TESP project, something which has greatly helped to transform the learning and teaching environment in various schools and colleges.

"The project also supports the fight against impacts of climate change by promoting construction of buildings that adhere to environmental protection which include encouraging clean energy use," she added.

She said President Samia Suluhu Hassan has expressed commitment to transform the education sector by facilitating a number of investments both in basic and secondary education to achieve the same.

Helen Fytche, head of cooperation at the High Commission of Canada said their government will continue to extend support in improving the education sector in the country and the project is one of the efforts they are making to support the Tanzanian government in its efforts to improve provision of quality education.

She praised Tanzania for prioritising the education sector to ensure that all children have access to education.

China calls for implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

By Mary Kadoke, Beijing

XINHUA News Agency president Fu Hua, has called upon journalists on a narrative style that shapes positive public opinion on peace and a win-win cooperation in implementing the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Hua, made the call over the weekend at the Silk and Road (Xi'an) International Communication Forum dubbed: "Promote Cultural Inheritance and Development via High quality International Communication" held in Xi'an, China.

He said this year's tenth BRI anniversary has projected a number of implemented projects between China and its partners of which media played a great role in reporting the successful part of it hence challenging them on how they should use their pen to foster cultural inheritance and economic development.

"We recently celebrated the tenth Belt and Road initiative of which President Xi Jinping announced eight practical steps to strengthen the cooperation. With all this, the media has witnessed and shared stories. Having such professional concern, I urge you to adapt a favorable story writing style that will promote peace and improve people to people connectivity among countries," he said.

"Xinhua will organize more diversity styles to enhance intellectual support. Likewise organise digital platforms in 47 countries in creating more intensified level of news agency," he added.

Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to China Ismail Musa, applauded China's media outlet initiative that has for a long time promoted and enhanced the cultural sphere in Asian countries.

"Turkey has always been a cultural sphere as today it performs as a gate to enhance relations of Asian countries of which China Media Group (CMG) through China Radio International (CRI) has always been located at the heart of this initiative," he noted.

Phinij Jarusombat, former Thai deputy Prime Minister and the President of Thai-Chinese cultural and relationship council commended Xinhua News Agency recognition on honest and choice in news.

"Xinhua has highlighted our cooperation not only in China the initiative that has created Silk Road

countries in new era in solidarity way and brought on the other hand tangible benefits to the world," he said.

"I would like to praise Chinese initiative to Silk Road as it has brought tangible benefits to the world."

Zhao Yide, secretary of the China People's Congress (CPC) Shaanxi Provincial Committee and the director of the standing committee of the Shaanxi Provincial People's Congress said the media has played an active role in introducing Xian City.

"Ninety percent of mountains is covered by forests that has made vital progress in developing green energy in Xian Province. The media has an active role in this success. Please tell the story. You can help Xian Province to extend its connection on technology and achieve BRI set goals," he said.

Giving reference on Chinese President Xi Jinping major new BRI major steps, Ji Zhengju, deputy editor in chief of the Economic Daily stressed that media sector should think on how it is going to positively inform the public on the set target so as to ease its implementation.

Xinhua News Agency was founded in 1931 and headquartered in Beijing. It is China's state news agency and largest multimedia news organization and one of the leading media institutions around the world with 31 domestic bureaus and 182 overseas bureaus across 143 countries and regions with more than 10,000 employees including over 2000 staff working outside Chinese mainland.

It has established a state-of-the-art broadcast system based on artificial intelligence (AI), big data and cloud computing. One of Xinhua's innovative offerings is the world's first AI news anchor which made its debut in 2018. It also delivers machine generated contents, satellite imagery news, VR news and 3D animations news.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) proposed by President that has drawn inspiration from the ancient Silk Road and focusing on enhancing connectivity, aims to enhance policy, infrastructure, trade, financial and people-to-people connectivity, inject new impetus into the global economy, create new opportunities for global development, and build a new platform for international economic cooperation.

Govt commends India-based Kokilaben Dhirubhai hospital

By Correspondent James Kandoya

HEALTH minister Umyy Mwalimu has commended the India based - Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani hospital for unveiling hospital coordination centre in Tanzania to facilitate patients to access specialised medical treatment abroad.

Located at Mzina Way, Oysterbay, in Dar es Salaam, the unique coordination centre will facilitate patients in accessing specialised medical treatment abroad.

Mwalimu said at the inauguration of the centre that was held over the weekend in Dar es Salaam, admitting that it goes in line with the mission of the President Samia Suluhu Hassan, to ensure that the best specialist medical services are improved in the country.

"This matter has come at the right time because the mission of our head of state is to ensure that we improve the best medical services in Tanzania. It is our expectation as government to see that after two or three years, we are going to open the same Kokilaben hospital in other cities like Mwanza or Dodoma," she said.

Tina Ambani, chairperson, of Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani hospital said that the coordination centre will facilitate patients in accessing specialised medical treatment abroad.

She said that the centre will improve the healthcare for patients in Tanzania and other countries in East Africa, including Kenya, Uganda, and Zanzibar, by facilitating easier access to advanced medical treatment.

The centre will revolutionise patient care and unveil a new era of

medical collaboration. According to her, the centre focuses on oncology; transplant surgery, including bone marrow transplants; neurology and neurosurgery, and cardiac surgery, with a special emphasis on children's heart surgery for congenital heart defects.

"The hospital coordination centre in Dar es Salaam is a significant step in our journey to bridge healthcare borders and bring our nations closer together," she said.

"We look forward to deepening our engagement with the region, sharing our expertise and insights, and paving the way for more accessible, advanced treatment for healthcare seekers," she added.

She underlined the centre's commitment to fostering a more informed and collaborative medical community in Tanzania, the inauguration also had esteemed specialists from Kokilaben hospital share their insights.

Dr Santosh Shetty, hospital CEO said: "We are committed to sharing medical knowledge and expertise. Through this new centre, we will enrich the local medical fraternity in Tanzania and surrounding regions by facilitating training and encouraging the exchange of medical knowledge."

The centre will act as a hub for the enhancement of doctor training, fostering exchange programmes and promoting knowledge transfer between medical professionals from Tanzania and India.

Hospital expert teams will actively guide and support Tanzanian healthcare practitioners, creating an ecosystem for mutual development of health sciences in the country.



Malawi's Minerals minister, Monica Chang'anamuno (L), pictured at a function held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting an award to Twiga and Barrick corporate communications officer Abella Mutiganzi (C), who received it on behalf of the company. Twiga Minerals emerged the highest contributor to government revenue and was awarded the Special Mining Licence Holder Awards (Bulyanhulu). Right is Minerals minister Antony Mavunde. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Investment forums are never too many with persisting mindset gap

ANOTHER jamboree is set to light up upper circles of government and business with an international conference on enabling environment for investments in Africa, set for Dodoma next month. One highlight of the latest event to bring numerous high flung guests into the country is that former president Jakaya Kikwete will lead discussions at the College of Business Education (VBE) which is at the centre of those arrangements. Local participation is drawn extensively from extensive representation of public institutions and private sector agencies.

International conferences are often held in a modicum of contempt as talking shops, or where a number of people get the luxury of paid for travel, accommodation and auxiliaries just for being heard in such occasions. At the policy level, it is often presumed that conferences are a form of tourism, such that it is in the same category as luxury or entertainment, and implicitly not worth the public funds that go to oil such events. As a matter of fact things aren't that easy as policy making in each sector meets with stumbling blocks of choices already made.

A number of these impediments are anchored in the country's fundamental law, for instance the formulation that the country will be led by a policy of socialism and self-reliance/ There is ample effort to evoke the self-reliance imperative in a number of key decisions, but the underlying premise of socialism is at times for plenty of political heat raised when commercial decisions are close to being made. There is great fear that someone will be shortchanging the country, with more effort directed at how the country is being cheated, even if facts show the contrary.

Another source of policy making initiatives is international commitments, set in a hierarchy of values and obligations which aren't always easy to disentangle, as to where commitment to East Africa starts, or to Africa and to non-alignment, to traditional development partners, etc. That is why plenty of such gatherings, and even occasions where public officials travel with top national leaders to attend similar gatherings, aren't a drain on public funds. They help with often painful, now just slow evolution of mindsets, to avoid gross errors that retain far too many people in shackles of poverty, as outward-looking initiatives are too often shirked.

Far too often it is a fact that one is adamant with his or her position until such person meets a person respectable enough in his or her private viewpoint, to bring the person to an alteration of perspective on a particular issue. And when that happens it has an impact in the fellow's appreciation of other matters, as the human mind works in a conjoined manner so as to attain calm, persuasion, comfort and dignity in what one is asserting or supporting. Decisions are made within a broad based framework of convictions, not just haphazard events each with its peculiar arguments and justifications; it meets with a torrent of doubt mentally, publicly.

Then there are decisions that a conference could make out to be unwise, but as in an old literature textbook, making such an observation in a public meeting would reduce the contributor to an 'enemy of the people.' In the seclusion of a conference room, the argument can be made and people get the point. It is quite often the case.

EU working positively with Africa in the new hydropower source pact

GARNERING \$35m for hydropower sourcing at Kakono in Kagera Region is a refreshing news item we have heard of late, to produce 87.8mw of power, while that energy source is both plentiful and doubtful in the country's environment at present. The key reason for outages in the city of Dar es Salaam and elsewhere in the past month or so, and billed to stay for five months longer at the very least, is the same hydropower sources. Generation units at Kidatu in Morogoro Region and Mtera in Dodoma Region are even less reliable now than it was the case in 1992. That was the point of departure for emergency power generation by costly thermal units, eventually replaced by natural gas exploitation and processing, from 2013.

At the moment, the downstream flow whose upper reaches feed Kidatu and Mtera is housing the giant Julius Nyerere hydropower project, ten times the generation size of Kidatu power station. It was designed on the basis of traditional generating capacity of slightly over 2000MW, which implies that climate change threats were more or less left out. That isn't definitely an oversight but a proactive projection of storage capacity, as well as optimistic views of rainfall or flooding, predictability.

At the same time for the European Union to extend such support, notice needs to be taken of the wider outlook especially of the European Union Parliament in Brussels. Coalitions of political parties have roundly proposed resolutions as well organising demonstrations in various capitals against the East African crude oil pipeline project, seeking that the whole world abandons fossil fuels, especially the more noxious fuels

characterized by their black colour, namely coal and crude oil. They want all investment in crude oil extraction to stop, which is to jump the gun.

The policy outlook that Africa accepts is an energy mix, as healthy as can be achieved at the moment, where there are convergences and divergences with EU views in particular. The EU is in environmentalist terms the most forthright and most combatant alliance in the world on that score, which reflects the perils of being trapped between melting glaciers to the north and spiraling oil prices from non-European producers. Those to whom it delivers development support are by and large expected to understand this position, accommodate these concerns, etc.

Yet it is obvious that a radically militant position will not cut the ice with African countries, pushed to the limit working to uplift agriculture and stem hunger amid climate change. Thus the EU leadership skirts clear of the militancy of their EU Parliament colleagues, and works with African countries to develop a positive energy mix as in developing a new hydropower source, without a 'conditionality' of abandoning EACOP as a range of EU parliamentarians would actually demand. It gives Africa more legroom to improve its power mix strategy, for a decade or so.

There is also a noticeable presence of the French authorities in the new deal, as the country's international development agency contributed euro 288.1m (800bn/-) out of the total funds. Kagera Region is strategically positioned with central African states in the EAC. It converges with French interests and helps with regional integration, thus also a positive energy mix.

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Joining forces to tackle multifaceted security challenges in Red Sea

By Addisalem Mulat

THE Red Sea region in recent years has encountered a growing level of intricacy and unpredictability which has presented significant obstacles in maintaining security and stability. This knowledge is widely recognized in various contexts as the region grapples with a multitude of concerns that have further complicated the security environment. Among these challenges are the persistent threats of terrorism, piracy and smuggling which together contribute to the overall complexity of the situation.

Besides, the presence of extremist organizations perpetuates a sense of insecurity and poses a constant risk to the region's stability. Acts of terrorism can result in loss of life, destruction of infrastructure and psychological distress further undermining efforts to maintain security.

Safeguarding the Red Sea region requires a multi-dimensional approach that encompasses diplomatic, military, economic, and social efforts. Diplomatically, engagement and dialogue among regional stakeholders can foster trust, facilitate information sharing and enhance cooperation in combating terrorism, piracy, and smuggling. Militarily, the presence of naval forces from various countries can help deter illicit activities and provide a rapid response to incidents.

In addition to terrorism, piracy remains a pressing issue in the Red Sea region. The waters surrounding the region are strategically important for global trade making them attractive targets for pirates who aim to hijack vessels and extort ransom. The prevalence of piracy not only disrupts maritime activities but also imposes significant economic costs and poses a danger to the safety of seafarers.

By working together countries in the Red Sea region can pool their knowledge, experiences and best practices in addressing common challenges. This exchange of information enables a better understanding of the complex issues at hand leading to more informed decision-making and the identification of effective solutions. As each country brings its unique perspective to the table, regional cooperation fosters a holistic approach that takes into account the diverse realities and needs of the states.

Through regular dialogue, joint exercises and cooperative initiatives, countries in the Red Sea region can develop personal relationships and establish professional networks. This interpersonal connection is essential in fostering trust,

improving communication and cultivating a sense of shared responsibility.

By aligning their efforts and resources countries can enhance regional trade, investment and connectivity. The development of joint infrastructure projects such as ports, transport networks, and energy pipelines can lead to improved economic integration. What's more, a more stable and secure environment resulting from regional cooperation can significantly boost investor confidence and attract foreign direct investment to the region providing additional economic benefits.

In a similar vein, by embracing collaboration, countries can leverage their combined knowledge, resources, and expertise to develop comprehensive strategies and solutions. Regional cooperation fosters trust, enhances collective decision-making and promotes the sharing of best practices. Moreover, it contributes to economic prosperity, capacity building and the establishment of long-term stability.

Regional cooperation allows for the sharing of resources including financial, technical and human resources. Some challenges such as counterterrorism operations or maritime security patrols require significant investments of both financial and human capital.

The evolving security landscape in the Red Sea region is primarily shaped by the imminent danger posed by non-state actors. Dealing with this threat necessitates the establishment of strong collaborative efforts and open lines of communication among the states bordering the Red Sea and their international partners. This cooperation is crucial in order to effectively counter and mitigate the risks associated with these non-state actors.

The presence of non-state actors in the Red Sea region highlights the need for increased coordination and collaboration between the neighboring states. By working together these states can share intelligence information, exchange expertise and develop joint strategies to prevent and respond to potential threats. The exchange of intelligence and information is particularly crucial in identifying the activities, networks, and modus operandi of non-state actors enabling a proactive approach in countering their presence.

Regional cooperation provides an opportunity for countries in the Red Sea region to jointly negotiate and advocate for their shared interests on the international stage. By presenting a united front these countries can amplify their voices and increase their influence in global decision-making processes.

This collective advocacy strengthens their position and enables them to better address the root causes of the challenges they face.

Given the shared interest in maintaining security and stability, collaboration between the bordering states and international actors is essential. International partners can provide support in terms of resources, technology, training and expertise which can significantly enhance the capabilities of the regional states in combating these threats. This collaboration also fosters a sense of shared responsibility and burden-sharing among the international community.

Moreover, close cooperation and dialogue among the states bordering the Red Sea region are essential in developing a comprehensive and coordinated response to the challenges posed by non-state actors. This includes the establishment of joint border control measures, intelligence-sharing mechanisms, maritime security operations and other related aspects. Furthermore, collaboration in countering non-state actors can extend beyond traditional security measures.

It can involve diplomatic efforts to address the political, economic, and social factors that contribute to the emergence and proliferation of these actors. By promoting good governance, economic development, and social inclusion, the states can undermine the appeal of non-state actors and provide alternative pathways for marginalized communities.

Needless to say, regional cooperation fosters a sense of collective ownership and responsibility over the security and stability of the Red Sea region. Rather than tackling challenges individually countries recognize that the interconnected nature of these issues necessitates a joint effort. This shared responsibility encourages a long-term commitment to addressing challenges and contributes to sustainable solutions. It also helps avoid any potential blame game or finger-pointing between countries as they are all actively involved in finding common ground and shared solutions.

A collective effort in countering non-state actors sends a strong message of unity and determination to these groups. It demonstrates that the international community together with the states bordering the Red Sea region stands united against any threats to peace and security. This unified front acts as a deterrent and reduces the appeal and influence of non-state actors.

The threat posed by non-state actors in the Red Sea region necessitates collaborative efforts and dialogue between the states

bordering the region and their international partners. Cooperation allows for the exchange of intelligence, joint strategies and enhanced capabilities in countering these threats.

Regional cooperation is imperative to enhance security interdependence among states bordering the Red Sea as the region has become increasingly complex and unpredictable. Institute of Foreign Affairs Deputy Executive Director Mesafint said, according to information obtained from Ethiopian News Agency.

Speaking at the First Annual Regional Consultative Forum on Red Sea Security Dynamics, Mesafint Tefera said recently the security landscape of the Red Sea region has been enormously reshaped for the last few years.

This is due to various factors such as economic projections, military rivalries, competition over resources, the spread of protest movements and the potential confrontation between regional and international players, he added.

In addition to this, the deputy executive director said that there is also a looming threat from non-state actors including traffickers, pirates, cross-border criminals, extremists, and terrorists making the need for regional dialogue and cooperation crucial.

Considering the complex and unpredictable security situation in the Red Sea region, the Institute of Foreign Affairs organized the consultative forum aimed at raising awareness.

"This regional consultative forum is organized with the objectives of raising awareness about the mounting security threats the region is facing and continues to face in the near future in an assumption to effectively address them."

It also seeks to engage in discussions or regional cooperation platforms that can enhance security interdependence among states bordering the Red Sea, with the view to enhancing the influence of think tanks in shaping regional platforms and promote among them to develop innovative solutions to security challenges.

According to Mesafint, the forum is expected to produce well informed policy makers, research oriented policy and eventually shape public opinion towards peace through research, advocacy, and outreach services.

"By achieving these outcomes we can contribute to the establishment of the Red Sea region forum that is both secure and prosperous, characterized by peace and stability. We have the ability to foster an atmosphere that encourages effective governance, cooperation and inventive ideas by leveraging knowledge and collaboration."

CBE readies for international business conference, with JK heading discussions

By Guardian Correspondent

THE College of Business Education (CBE) is set to incorporate its services internationally to improve business education in the country. The aim of collaboration with international universities is to enable local investors to operate businesses and compete in international markets. The college also aims at producing experts capable of coping with current labour market demands amidst global economic changes. This goes in tandem with the highest technologies where acknowledged experts are able to promote the country's investment opportunities in agriculture, tourism, mining, energy, livestock keeping and infrastructure.

Prof. Tandil Luwoga, the CBE acting rector, has stated that the higher learning institution is set to organise an international conference, slated for November 21 and 22 at Hazina Square auditorium in the capital, Dodoma.

Hazina is an administrative ward within Dodoma Urban District, covering an area of 8.584 square kilometres (3.314 sq mi). In 2016 reports there were 7,205 people in the ward, from 9,540 in 2012, and 11,717 in 2002, adding up to 840 inhabitants per square kilometre.

The rector said the conference will bring together various stakeholders locally, within the region and farther beyond, to discuss the environment of investments and trade formation, with former president. Dr Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete leading the convention.

Government institutions, professionals from various colleges countrywide and abroad, together with stakeholders from the private sector will present research papers to participants during the conference.

They will be focusing on various challenges facing businesses so that they can be addressed, through various studies conducted by research institutions, with the rector using the opportunity to invite the Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Governments in the President's Office (PO-RALG) and its institutions to participate in the conference.

The conference which is expected to be very pro-



CBE acting rector Prof Edda Luwoga (centre) briefs journalists about the international conference expected to take place Nov 21. Left is acting deputy rector Dr Nasibu R. Mramba and right is Dr Emmanuel Munishi Director of Planning and Finance. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ductive for businesses will involve business people from Finland, Japan, China, Uganda, South Africa and others.

The conference is well organised to ensure that it addresses key challenges and successes of investments and businesses, providing answers that will help improve economic activities, so that CBE becomes a role model in helping to facilitate decision making for en-

sureing economic growth, empowering the comprehension of value chain needs from reviews presented by various experts among the conference participants.

The rector unveiled the readiness the college is demonstrating in preparing for the grand event, showing that those expected to participate are already visible, at least in part, at the college website, (www.cbe.ac.tz). It also has forms

that can be downloaded for participants to support businesses improvement efforts in the country.

It similarly lists key speakers as including Prof. Elisante Ole Gabriel, a former academic and the judiciary's chief court administrator. Others include Prof. Irmeli Mustahiti of the University of Eastern Finland, Prof. Jussi P. Laine also from the University of Eastern Finland, along with Prof. Willy Ngaka, an as-

sociate professor at Kyambogo University in Uganda.

Similarly, the rector urged veterans in sectors like agriculture, livestock or technology to take advantage of the conference to come in big numbers as their ideas can help to bring in good business via transactions or markets for various products available in the country.

The conference is premised on studies conducted by various stakeholders on how to bring about improvements in business activities, with studies conducted by experienced professionals in economic, commercial and technological issues on how to meet market needs in the current commercial environment.

The rector similarly paid homage to efforts by President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan in improving the business environment in the country to attract domestic and

foreign investors. The much acclaimed visits to various foreign countries had boosted the county's image worldwide, she said, also pointing out that agricultural sector contribution to total national output (GDP) was rising, by attracting foreign investment in the sector to make agriculture more commercial and modernised. Agricultural sector grows in tandem with the industrial sector as industries process agricultural products to add value.

CBE is a higher learning institution established in 1965, accredited by the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) to offer certificate, diploma and degree programmes in various fields of study. It has six academic departments as of 2019 which include accountancy, business administration, information technology and mathematics. It also features studies in marketing, metrology and standardisation procurement and supply management.

In 2018, Webometrics ranking placed CBE 21st rank in rankings of universities and colleges in Tanzania, while in 2019, CBE was ranked 15th but another ranking put it alongside the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology (NM-AIST) as a champion in business training.

HARARE

ZIMBABWEAN businesses have welcomed the move to extend the U.S. dollar-dominated multi-currency system by five more years until December 2030.

Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa (pictured) declared the decision to extend the use of foreign currencies in settling domestic transactions in a Statutory Instrument gazetted on Oct. 27, which overrode an earlier regulation that had set 2025 as the end period of the multi-currency system.

The 2025 deadline and recent official pronouncements on the impending return of the Zimbabwean dollar as the sole legal tender had brought uncertainty in the financial markets, leading many banks to suspend lending in foreign currency. Confederation of Zimbabwe Retailers (CZR) President Denford Mutashu said the move is expected to give businesses assurances to plan ahead.

"The financial institutions, which have cut mortgages due to uncertainties surrounding the multi-currency system can now extend long-term loans to ramp up production and stimulate economic growth," Mutashu said in a statement dated Oct. 28.

"CZR believes that through engagements with the government, policy frameworks can be changed for the betterment of the business and the economy at large and looks forward to more candid discussions with the authorities to achieve national growth," reads the statement.

Economist and member of the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Persistence Gwanyanya said the rationale is to nurture confidence whilst sup-

Zimbabwean businesses welcome extension of multi-currency system until 2030



porting increased Zimbabwe dollar usage.

"However, monetary authorities should seek to reduce U.S. dollar dominance in the multiple currency regime. MPC has already issued measures to

support this, which include further liberalization of the forex market," Gwanyanya said on X, formally Twitter.

"The approach is to incentivize the market towards Zimbabwe dollar preference. The ideal situation is for the market forces to dictate de-dollarization," Gwanyanya added.

Zimbabwe adopted a multi-currency regime in 2009 to bring stability to the economy following years of hyperinflation. The use of foreign currencies was outlawed in June 2019 with the introduction of the Zimbabwe dollar as the sole legal tender, but the policy was reversed in April 2020 following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Date: 24/10/2023

Qatar Charity/ Tanzania announces Tender for Constructing and furnishing 70 m2 Mosque.

Tender number	Tender name	Requested service	Bids submission system	Primary insurance	Closing date
QC/2023/6	Mosque projects	Construction/ Furnishing	Two envelopes	Letter of bank (2%)/ or cheque	6 th November 2023

About the tender:

It invites your respectful company specialized in this field to participate by submitting their bid, according to the following conditions:

- 1- Compliance with the specifications and conditions mentioned in the tender document.
- 2- The bid shall be submitted physically
- 3- The bid shall be for one model mosque only, but Qatar Charity is seeking to contract for more than one, based on the evaluation and capacity of the applicant. Total number to be constructed is 70 mosques.
- 4- Qatar charity is under no obligation to accept the lowest price or any offer.
- 5- The last date for submitting bids is before 12:00 on the date of 06 November 2023, and any bid received after this time will not be considered.

This announcement is considered an integral part and complement to the terms and documents of the tender.

In the event of any inquiries or comments, send an e-mail to qctanzania@qcharity.org by 2nd November sharp.

The local dollar rapidly depreciated against the U.S. dollar, with annual inflation reaching triple digits in June. According to statistics agency ZimStat, year-on-year inflation fell marginally to 17.8 percent in October from 18.4 percent recorded the previous month.

On Oct. 5, the central bank introduced a new gold-backed digital currency as an additional payment method to complement other forms of domestic transacting currencies in the economy.

"By serving as an alternative payment, the expectation is that it will probably lessen the high demand for

the U.S. dollar because currently about 85 percent of transactions in Zimbabwe are being done in U.S. dollar," economist Prosper Chitambaro has told Xinhua.

Economic analyst Zvikomborero Sibanda said policy inconsistencies might discourage the public from adopting the new gold-backed digital currency.

In addition, "we lack adequate infrastructure right now to support these advanced technologies which are key in ensuring gold production, tracking and monitoring so that we minimize chances of gold leakages and illicit trading," Sibanda told Xinhua.

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Requirement:

GIZ Invites bids from eligible and qualified bidders to submit their bids for supply of cars.

Interested candidates should request for detailed tender documents from giz-tanzania@giz.de no later than **06.11.2023**.

We'll answer your request during office hours from 8:00 to 15:00 hours local time, Monday to Friday, except public holidays.

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The GIZ is not obliged to follow any condition in nominating the supplier and has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

This tender is intended solely for Tanzanian based companies.

Ceasefire needed to prevent worse humanitarian disasters

By Huan Yuping

SINCE the outbreak of the latest round of Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the escalating situation has drawn global attention. The large-scale civilian casualties and worsening humanitarian crises are questioning the conscience of humanity.

Currently, the fighting continues and lives are still being lost, and the spillover effect is impacting regional peace and stability.

The international community generally hopes that the parties to the conflict will cease fire and return to the track of negotiation as soon as possible, so as to create opportunities for peace and prevent an even worse humanitarian disaster.

In recent days, the number of casualties resulting from the conflict has continued to rise, and the living conditions of the people in Gaza have been deteriorating.

A deadly blast at the Al-Ahli hospital in Gaza has resulted in heavy casualties. Such acts of killing and maiming innocent lives must be unanimously rejected and condemned by the international community.

Faced with a complex and extremely urgent situation, all parties must prioritize the value of life and conscience of humanity.

Military actions should not go beyond self-defense or impose collective punishment on civilians. Protecting civilians in armed conflicts is a red line defined by international humanitarian law, and the indiscriminate use of force is unacceptable.

The parties to the conflict should adhere to international law and international humanitarian law, including ensuring the safety of civilians and detainees, opening humanitarian corridors, and preventing an even worse humanitarian disaster.

The history of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict has repeatedly demonstrated that the conflict cannot be resolved with military means, and responding to violence with violence will only lead to a vicious cycle.

The parties to the conflict should exercise restraint, immediately cease fire, and seek dialogue. All relevant parties in the region should maintain calm and restraint, uphold objectivity and fairness, promote de-escalation of the conflict, and avoid greater impacts on regional and international security.

The international community should take action to oppose any actions that harm civilians, and actively encourage peace talks. United Nations, especially the UN Security Council, must shoulder its responsibility, focus on humanitarian concerns, clearly call for practical measures to a ceasefire, an end to violence, protection of civilians, and the formation of a binding international consensus.

As long as the fighting continues, it will be impossible to avoid further violations of international hu-



United Nations and Red Crescent workers prepare the aid for distribution to Palestinians at the United Nations Relief and Works Agency's warehouse in Deir Al-Balah, Gaza Strip, on Oct 23, 2023. AP

manitarian law. Without a full ceasefire, any humanitarian aid will only be a drop in the bucket.

If the current fighting in Gaza is allowed to drag on, the end result will not be a complete military victory for any side, but a wider humanitarian disaster and a more serious crisis.

Currently, the international community is expecting the UN Security Council to play a role in de-escalating the conflict and preventing humanitarian crises. However, a few major countries, while verbally emphasizing the need for the Security Council to take appropriate actions, have triggered doubts about their true intentions through their vot-

ing positions on relevant draft resolutions.

In recent years, the international landscape and the situation in the Middle East have undergone numerous changes, with certain major countries pulling the strings in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. This has led to the gradual marginalization of the Palestinian issue, and relevant UN resolutions have not been effectively implemented.

The current Palestinian-Israeli conflict serves as a painful reminder to the international community that the Palestinian issue has always been at the core of the Middle East issue. Without a just and equitable resolution to the Palestinian issue, lasting

peace in the Middle East is unlikely to be achieved.

The Palestinian-Israeli conflict is a long-standing and complex issue, intertwined with disputes over territory, ethnicity, and religion. The difficulty in resolving the conflict lies fundamentally in the prolonged denial of the Palestinian people's right to statehood, right to existence, and right to return.

Israel has the right to statehood, and so does Palestine. The fundamental approach to addressing the Palestinian question is the implementation of the two-state solution, and promoting the establishment of the timetable and roadmap for restoring the legitimate rights of the Pales-

tinian nation. The two-state solution, recognized by the international community, is that the Palestinians have their independent state with East Jerusalem as its capital, along the borders from 1967.

The international community generally supports the resumption of negotiations between the two sides based on the principles of "land for peace," relevant UN resolutions, and the two-state solution.

Despite the differences between the two sides in terms of implementation, the two-state solution remains the only consensus-based approach to resolving the issue.

After the outbreak of the current conflict, the interna-

tional community has once again come to the profound realization that the true implementation of the two-state solution is essential for resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and bringing genuine peace to the Middle East.

Some said that any solution that deviates from the two-state solution is not feasible, and some believed that there is no alternative to the solution for resolving the issue. Some voices thought that a just and lasting resolution to the Palestinian issue could not be achieved without implementing relevant UN Security Council resolutions and establishing an independent State of Palestine.

On the issue of Palestine, China always stands on the side of peace, justice, international law, the common aspirations of most countries, and human conscience.

Currently, China is in communication with the relevant parties to prevent the escalation of conflict and humanitarian disasters, and will continue to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to the Gaza Strip through the UN and bilateral channels.

China will support all efforts conducive to the implementation of the two-state solution and seeks a comprehensive, just, and lasting resolution to the Palestinian issue, in order to achieve peaceful coexistence between Palestine and Israel. To act responsibly for peace and lives is a shared duty among all peace-loving and fair-minded nations.

In the face of ongoing conflicts and escalating humanitarian disasters, major countries, in particular, need to uphold objectivity and fairness, promote a prompt ceasefire and cessation of hostilities, and explicitly call for the implementation of the two-state solution, so as to eliminate the fertile ground for violence and play a constructive role in maintaining peace and stability in the Middle East.

People's Daily

Gazans' bell tolls amid bloodshed, bereavement, belated rescue

GAZA

NEARLY every moment of every day since the Israel-Hamas conflict broke out, the Gazan people gather to mourn their loved ones who were killed by the ongoing Israeli airstrikes that have raged in the enclave for more than 20 days.

"Since the beginning of the current 'mad war,' I have mourned more than 200 people, they were my

family members and relatives ... Women cannot stop crying over the sudden loss of their loved ones," Mohammed al-Harazin, a Gaza-based man, told Xinhua.

"Day by day, the conflict is entering a more dangerous phase. When the Israeli army said its ground forces pushed deeper toward the Gaza Strip, we feared the increasing casualties," he added. As civilian losses pile up, funerals are held in

haste with many slain being buried in mass graves due to the shortage of cemeteries, lamented al-Harazin.

Samah al-Diri, a young mother of three, decided to stay in her house with her children and husband, as "no place is safe in Gaza." "During the current Israeli aggression, I lost three of my brothers and all their kids despite their evacuation to the southern area," she said, adding "death

is surrounding us everywhere."

The Hamas-run government media office in Gaza said Israel cut off all means of communications and internet connectivity and committed indiscriminate killing in residential areas, leaving hundreds dead and wounded.

In 23 days, at least 8,005 Palestinians, including 3,342 children, 2,062 women, and 460 elderly people,

have lost their lives in the Israeli air strikes, according to the Palestinian health authorities in Gaza.

Meanwhile, more than 20,000 others were wounded, thousands of whom suffered from critical health conditions with no access to basic treatment.

The health authorities also received 1,870 reports of missing persons under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 1,020

children.

The Gaza-based al-Mezan Center for Human Rights confirmed that the death toll is higher than announced as many are still under the rubble, and there are border areas that rescue crews fail to reach.

Civil defense crews face extreme difficulties in rescue operations due to a lack of specialized capabilities, tools, and fuel to power vehicles and machinery, in

addition to repeated Israeli shelling. Rescue workers have to redirect their tasks, from spending hours trying to recover bodies to rushing to retrieve those who are still alive.

"If we know that someone is still alive, it may take hours to pull him or her out from under the rubble, but we will never leave anyone there," said Mahmoud Basal, spokesman for the Palestinian Civil Defence.

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Climate-friendly biogas becomes 'fashionable' in Tanzanian villages

By Guardian Correspondent, Ngorongoro

IN Malambo village, Ngorongoro District, Arusha Region, the lush forests and livestock that once flourished and the rivers that flowed year-long are now a distant memory. Today, gaunt thorny trees and other drought-resistant plants dot the parched landscape along dry ravines.

In this northern region of Tanzania, the bulk of residents are cattle, sheep or goat herders who for many years have depended on their livestock for a living. But with severe droughts spanning over the years, this once-thriving source of livelihood is under threat. Hundreds of farmers are losing their livestock while the prospects of shifting to crops are equally bleak.

Ngorongoro, a remote district in Arusha, is a testament to how rural communities are bearing the brunt of a changing climate that is ravaging many parts of East Africa.

"In the face of these frequent droughts, rural women in Ngorongoro have come to realize that they must mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change, or their families will also die, just like their livestock," said Maanda Ngoitiko, executive director of the Pastoral Women's Council (PWC).

UN Women partnered with PWC for a project aimed at building new skills for out-of-school pastoralist adolescent girls and young women in biogas and solar energy products, as well as in running sustainable businesses. Ngoitiko explains that in past droughts, women from Malam-

bo had to walk up to 5 km to fetch water and firewood. However, the borehole constructed with support from UN Women has made it easier to provide water to the community and their livestock.

To further build the community's resilience to climate change, UN Women partnered with PWC to help young women benefit from environmentally friendly biogas energy using cow dung. The project trained 100 adolescent girls and young women in Ngorongoro district to build small-scale biogas plants.

Biogas is an environmentally friendly fuel that is naturally produced from the decomposition of organic waste, such as cow dung. It recovers waste that would otherwise release dangerous levels of methane gas, which contributes to global warming. Biogas generation also reduces reliance on fossil fuels, saves money by treating waste on-site, and reduces pollution in landfills, among other benefits.

The project benefited five women in Malambo village by establishing a biogas learning center to disseminate knowledge about this fuel and to provide local construction services. One of the beneficiaries, 26-year-old Teresia Simon, stated that the learning center in Malambo has made using biogas for cooking "fashionable."

"The number of families opting for biogas here in Malambo is increasing and some of the attractions include how it is reducing the burden of walking to faraway places to fetch firewood - and combating deforestation," said Simon. "If all people around the world can stop cutting



Nooretet Lenchoe (R) with fellow beneficiary of the biogas project in Ngorongoro District. Photo: UN Women

down trees - which absorb carbon that causes global warming - and resort to clean energy, we can reclaim our once-beautiful environment."

The use of biogas came with other benefits in Malambo. Besides avoiding soot from their pots, which made washing dishes take longer, some users now have modern kitchens.

One of the users of a biogas stove, 32-year-old Nooretet Lenchoe, explained that her traditional low-roof kitchen wasn't compatible with

the stove.

"I am now happy to use a biogas stove in my new modern kitchen," she said. "Collecting firewood from distant places was dangerous because of wild animals that roam this area."

From the 26 cows her family owns, Lenchoe collects 20 kg of cow dung every two weeks, which she mixes with water to process the waste into biogas.

"Because biogas cooks faster than firewood, I now have more time to

focus on my small shop," she explains.

UN Women Representative for Tanzania, Hodan Addou, says time is an essential commodity for rural women.

"Here in Tanzania, we are looking at increasing support for rural women to be able to use green cook stoves as one way to improve their quality of life and to combat deforestation. We are seeing how those we are assisting are also able to spend more time running income-

generating projects and improving the well-being of their families," she says.

Addou adds that indoor air pollution caused by burning wood or similar fuels for cooking is a source of sickness and death for poor women around the world.

UN Women is part of the Global Alliance for Clean Cook Stoves, which advocates for the establishment of a global market for clean and efficient household cooking devices.

Improve special sexual offences courts infrastructure, activists urge Z'bar govt

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR government has been advised to repair and improve the infrastructure of special sexual offences courts in the islands, including facilitating the use of electronic evidence to be friendly to those who use those courts and facilitate access to justice in a better environment.

Human rights activists made the advice over the weekend when speaking during a meeting to present a report on the effectiveness of the Special Court in dealing with human rights abuse cases since its inception.

Aimed at discussing the future of children to be protected against such abuse, the meeting was organized by Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA, Zanzibar) in collaboration with the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS) and the Norwegian Em-

bassy. According to the report, despite the court showing great success in hearing cases since its inception, its infrastructure is still insufficient due to the lack of modern instruments for hearing cases, including digital systems (video conference) and the lack of special rooms to keep the children affected by such acts.

Hawra Shamte, who is a researcher of the study conducted by TAMWA, Zanzibar between June 16 and July 16, 2023 involving Shehia 57 Unguja and Pemba said: "Lack of equipment in the courts and poor infrastructure is still a challenge, for example the buildings of the Vuga Court, Mahonda, Mkojani and Wete Pemba is old and almost out of date when the thing that leads to difficulty in conducting those cases."

She also said that research

has revealed that among the successes of the presence of the court is the increase in the hearing of cases of humiliation in those courts.

"They said that this special sexual offences courts shows that these days cases of this type are taken very seriously and even the sentences given are not as small as it used to be, these days you will hear that someone is given from 20 years to 30 years in prison and there are also those who are given life imprisonment," explained Hawra.

As a result of the study, among the challenges that hinder the effectiveness of the courts are many cases involving young people aged from 14 to 18 years, the victims failing to cooperate in giving evidence, the study has advised the government to increase investigative equipment to be completed early to

avoid fickle witnesses.

"We recommend the government to provide adequate equipment to the police department to enable efficiency in conducting investigations without delay, including establishing and facilitating the use of electronic evidence in these cases," the researcher emphasized.

Zaina Salum, TAMWA Zanzibar anti-GBV project coordinator explained that the organization is conducting various researches to promote positive change on these issues.

Zaina said: "We've been working on various issues related to acts of humiliation through research and delivering them to relevant institutions and stakeholders to work on them to help the community overcome this problem."

Asha Abdi, TAMWA, Zanzibar chairperson advised the community to give children a chance to socialize with their

peers through various platforms in order to build them the ability to be assertive and confident to talk about the challenges and opportunities they face and to protect them from acts of humiliation.

She said that if children are given the same opportunity as parents to fully participate in their platforms, including children's councils starting at the Sheha level, it will build them to grow on the basis of courage and develop the ability to face various obstacles that suppress their rights.

Asha mentioned that female children lack their rights including the right to leadership due to the lack of foundations to be involved in their platforms from the initial level that make them realize their important opportunities and rights.

"Parents should allow our children, especially girls, to interact with their peers

through children's forums so that they have the opportunity to discuss their concerns and this will help them build the confidence to speak openly about their challenges," explained the chairperson.

Wilfred Ezra, who is an investigation officer from the Human Rights and Good Governance Commission, advised the community to continue to report incidents of abuse when they occur to help protect children and control the perpetrators of such acts.

Thuwaiba Ali, one of the students who participated in the meeting, asked the government to increase severe punishments for perpetrators of acts of violence so that these punishments are a warning and a threat to those who violate human rights.

"The government should impose severe punishment on those who commit acts of

humiliation to scare others to continue doing such acts because many continue to humiliate us because they know that even if they are imprisoned, they will be released because there is no severe punishment," explained the student.

Ayoub Nasser Sharif from the office of the director of prosecution praised TAMWA ZNZ for continuing to unite stakeholders to raise their voice against acts of humiliation and advised to continue to educate the community to realize the importance of going to testify in court so that the accused are taken legal action.

He asked TAMWA, Zanzibar to continue to encourage the community to come and give evidence in court when they are needed because it is true that many cases are dismissed due to lack of evidence and as we know there is no case without evidence."

PrEP puts brighter future for youth at risk of HIV infection

By Felister Peter, Mbarali

MARIAM Kawawa (33), a mother of two who works as an attendant at one of the biggest bars at Mbalizi in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region, considers herself as a hero after two years of using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to reduce the risk of acquiring HIV.

Kawawa (pictured) says being a barmaid exposes her to the virus because she comes across a number of men who want to have unprotected sex with her.

"I face a number of challenges during my work including most customers being in need of unprotected sex. I do agree because I need money to feed my two children and care of other family members," narrates Kawawa who considers herself as a hero after being able to convince more than six fellow women to start using the HIV preventive drugs.

Kawawa is among the 1,864 women and adolescent girls who receive pre-exposure prophylaxis in Utengule-Usongwé, Nsalala, Iwindi, Igale and Bonde la Songwe wards in Mbarali Rural District.

Kawawa recounted that in September 2021 she met a peer educator from Save Tanzania (SETA) who educated her on the importance of going for HIV tests as well as taking pre-exposure prophylaxis to prevent HIV infection.

"I agreed to take the HIV test and my results were negative. I started using the drugs the same month; after six months of using the drugs, I was tested for HIV and the results were negative. I now continue taking the drugs and I don't fear engaging in unprotected sex," Kawawa said as she commends the Henry Jackson Foundation Military



Research International (HJFMRI) and the U.S. government's President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) for providing the medicines for free.

Apart from having keen adherence to PrEP medications, Kawawa has inspired almost six women at the Mbalizi area to use the drugs to be safe and protect themselves from being infected with HIV.

Agnes Sanjes, peer educator from SETA in Mbalizi, Mbarali Rural District said: "We provide education to key and vulnerable populations including sex workers and adolescent girls aged between 18 and 24 years. We educate them on the importance of testing and using PrEP. Those who are diagnosed positive are referred to Mbalizi Designated District Hospital for medications which include being enrolled for antiretroviral (ARV) treatment."

Key and vulnerable populations are at a higher risk of acquiring HIV infection. In 2015, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) as part of combination prevention for people at substantial risk of acquiring HIV infection due to risky behaviors.

Data show that adolescent girls and young women account for 74 percent of new HIV infections among all adolescents in sub-Saharan Africa and nearly 1,000 of them were infected with HIV every day.

Health Minister Ummu Mwalimu was recently quoted saying that 96 percent of Tanzanians living with HIV infection are aware of their health condition and that 98 percent of people living with HIV in the country use ARVs.

According to UNAIDS, the countries of Botswana, Eswatini, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe have reached the goal of '95-95-95' targets for ending AIDS

ANC hopes to capitalise on Zuma's KZN popularity win over voters

By Queenin Masubi

THE ANC in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) hopes to boost its chances of winning elections in the province by capitalising on the popularity of former president Jacob Zuma and other party elders.

This reliance on the man who epitomises the party's descent into State Capture, patronage and corruption flies in the face of its efforts to clean up its act under President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The main reason the provincial leadership of the ANC wants Zuma as a frontman in their 2024 election campaign is because they believe no one has the political and popular clout in KZN that Zuma maintains.

Defending this position, provincial ANC spokesperson Mafika Mndebele said those who criticise Zuma do not have the same capability to campaign successfully for the ANC in KZN.

"President Zuma is the most popular figure in our province - can those people fill a hall then criticise him?" said Mndebele.

The wily 81-year-old was sentenced to 15 months in prison for contempt of court after failing to appear before the Zondo Commission. He is also facing multiple corruption charges related to the 1990s Arms Deal.

He appeared in the KwaZulu-Natal Division of the High Court in Pietermaritzburg on 26 October in yet another bid to remove Billy Downer, the lead prosecutor in this case. Various courts, including the Constitutional Court, have dismissed his previous attempts to do so.

Despite his Stalingrad tactics to avoid his day in court, Zuma's popularity among masses of followers continues unabated.

This was evident in the riots, public violence, looting and rampant destruction of lives, livelihoods and property after his imprisonment in 2021. Long before that, in 2006, he also received immense popular support despite being charged with rape - a charge of which he was acquitted.

Zuma has long mastered the art of playing the victim. It arguably fuelled his victory over Thabo Mbeki at the ANC conference in Polokwane in 2007. Before that, in 2005, Mbeki had fired Zuma as deputy president of South Africa in the wake of Schabir Shaik, his financial adviser and benefactor, being found guilty of corruption and fraud.

Despite the weight of all his court battles and the corruption allegations against him, Zuma's clout in KZN is undeniable. Before he became the president of South Africa in 2009, the ANC had not managed to get an outright majority vote in the province. It lost to the IFP in the first democratic elections in 1994, fared somewhat better in 1999, getting 39% to the IFP's almost 40%, and secured almost 47% of the vote in 2004, when the IFP had fallen to just under 37%.

With Zuma at the helm of the ANC in 2009, the party got an overwhelming 62.95% of the vote in KwaZulu-Natal. It continued to see growth in his second term as South African and ANC president, when its support rose to 64.52% in 2014.

However, in the general election in 2019, the ANC started to decline in the province and only managed to secure 54.22% of the vote.

The voting results at the national level paint a different picture. Under Nelson Mandela's leadership, the ANC had 62.65% of the vote in 1994, and it peaked at 69.69% in 2004 under Mbeki. Zuma's presidency saw the party fall back to 62.15% by 2014.

Its lowest support, however, came under Ramaphosa in 2019, when it only managed 57.50%. Many argue that this was the result of 10 years of State Capture and rampant corruption while Zuma was at the helm.

The ANC's renewal project

The ANC under Ramaphosa has recently taken a hard line against corruption and disciplined members found to be complicit in wrongdoing.

For example, secretary-general Ace Magashule was expelled from the party for, among other reasons, having been criminally charged. Members with criminal records have also been prevented from running for positions in the ANC.

Though the ANC Veterans' League is leading this "renew-



Jacob Zuma.

al" project, the party has also assembled a commission to deal with it. Ramaphosa is the chairperson and secretary-general; Fikile Mbalula is the coordinator.

But on 12 October, at a memorial service for struggle stalwart Aziz Pahad, Mbeki raised concerns about the party's failure to arrest its decline and lashed out at the slow pace of renewal.

What the polls say about KZN

According to Mndebele, the latest internal ANC polling in KwaZulu-Natal says that the party's support in the province stands at about 52%.

This is vastly different from a poll by The Brenthurst Foundation that was released last week. It put the ANC at 32%, followed by the IFP at 27%, the DA at 19% and the EFF at 15%.

Mndebele shrugged off the idea that the IFP could pose a threat to the ANC and emerge as the largest party in the province.

"We have been answering this question and the media keeps repeating it with a hope of a different outcome. The IFP is busying people [to by-elections], buying ANC councillors and, at times, working jointly with the DA for victory at ward level. But this is not possible in general elections. We are winning elections in KwaZulu-Natal," he claimed.

IFP spokesperson Mkhuleko Hlengwa views the ANC's confidence in an outright electoral victory as the stuff of dreams. "Without evidence, it remains just that - a spurious claim.

"The IFP would never be so irresponsible as to accuse another party of rigging elections without proof. This is a very serious allegation which undermines the integrity of the IEC [Electoral Commission of SA] and the electoral process.

"As the IFP, we believe it is very dangerous to make such claims, particularly those relating to election processes, without evidence to back it up.

"Further, by implication, the ANC is insinuating that the IEC is turning a blind eye to illegal activities.

"As we approach elections, we call on all media houses to report without fear or favour, remaining cognisant of their responsibility to provide news that is accurate and based on facts, not on the unsubstantiated claims of a party that is very clearly on the decline," he said.

The DA's second deputy federal chairperson, Solly Malatsi, also believes the claims by the ANC are inaccurate. "This idea that we can only win wards against the ANC

by 'combining' voters is nonsense because there are some wards that the IFP has won recently, such as in uMhlatuze, where there were no DA votes. Equally, there are wards that the DA has won against the ANC where there were no IFP votes.

"So, this claim is outrageous. It seems like the ANC just can't take by-election losses graciously. It is clearly intimidated by the impact of the ever-growing political cooperation between the DA and IFP in consolidating the opposition vote in KZN," he said.

Analyst Levy Ndou said that if there is any wrongdoing by political parties, the matter should be taken to the IEC.

"There is a lot of panic when the results of the by-elections are announced because they could appear as if they provide an indication on how political parties are going to perform in the 2024 elections.

"The claim by the ANC - it would be good if they are able to provide proof that indeed these parties have combined votes only to favour the IFP," Ndou said.

Zuma addressed supporters in the ANC's General Gizenga Mpanza Region last weekend and committed himself to campaign for the party. He also encouraged people to vote for the ANC to "defeat the beneficiaries of apartheid who want to see indigenous people forever trapped in abject poverty".

He went on to warn members against leaving the ANC to form small political parties, which he said were aiding those who want to see the collapse of the party.

"It is unwise not to vote for the ANC in next year's general elections because you are aggrieved or because you have a problem with a certain leader. This will never change anything. Instead, such a decision will reverse the gains we have

made over years of struggle for the betterment of the lives of indigenous people," Zuma said.

In a statement issued by the KZN ANC, it said an announcement would be made regarding a "programme of action" that not only includes Zuma, but also senior party members S'bu Ndebele, Zweli Mkhize, Willies Mchunu, Sipho Gcabashe, Senzo Mchunu and Mike Mabuyakhulu.

Mkhize was recently embroiled in the Digital Vibes scandal, but was never charged. He has been fighting for a review of the Special Investigating Unit report on money allegedly being siphoned from the Department of Health for the benefit of his family and associates.

ANC decline in KZN

The possibility of the ANC in KZN dipping below 50% has arisen as the IFP continues to regain its support in the province.

The ANC provincial leadership in May cited the DA's "moonshot pact" as the reason for its electoral decline in recent by-elections in a report that was presented to the party's National Working Committee (NWC).

Between February 2022 and April 2023, the IFP won seven wards and the DA one from the ANC in the province.

The ANC's provincial structure said the party's decline from 2.5 million votes in the 2014 elections to 1.9 million in 2019 should largely be blamed on a lower voter turnout.

However, it did acknowledge the IFP's growing support in the province, despite the death of the party's founder, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, in September.

In the 2014 general election, the IFP registered its lowest support since South Africa became a democracy and was relegated to being the third-largest party in KZN.

However, it has made a strong comeback since the 2016 local government elections and, in the 2019 national election, it won back the status of being the official opposition in KZN. In the 2021 local elections, the IFP managed to maintain its upward trajectory by increasing its support.

In its report to the NWC, the KZN ANC leadership acknowledged "the challenges from other opposition parties".

"The province has seen a shift to the EFF and IFP. Most of the voters where the ANC is losing power are in the former IFP voting districts. The ANC remains strong and maintains power in its strongholds.

"The eThekweni region showed the highest drop in voter turnout and ANC support, and subsequently contributed the largest to the drop in 2019," the report said.

"The DA, Freedom Front Plus and the EFF showed positive growth in the province when comparing two general elections, 2014 and 2019. In the local government elections, the IFP showed a spike turn [sic] from negative growth to a high positive."

Whether Jacob Zuma is the man to turn back the tide of the ANC's slide in KZN remains to be seen. Analyst Sanusha Naidu is sceptical that much will come of the party's renewal project as well as its efforts to appear unified, and doesn't think Zuma will necessarily be able to turn around its fortunes in the province.

"This is kind of a reflection of where the ANC is nationally, regionally, provincially and at branch structure level.

"It seems they are trying to consolidate and trying to get back a sense of coherence, trying to shift away from the fragmentation they find themselves in internally, because it is really quite a disruptive party right now internally when you listen to the secretary-general, when you listen to the National Executive Committee. The internal implosion is evident because they are not speaking with one voice," Naidu said.

"I think it is grasping at straws as they realise that their footprint in the province has been really in a precarious situation. It has been caught in internal power struggles.

"What they are hoping for is that bringing former president Zuma will give them a good chance. It demonstrates how fluid the political architecture and dynamics are. If it's a good or bad idea? This is where it is for them. They may do well in certain parts of the province outside the metro."

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Africa unlikely to follow East Asia's manufacturing growth path - study

WASHINGTON

AFRICAN countries are less likely to follow East Asia's development model of expanding manufacturing to pull people out of poverty, according to a study that shows a declining share of factory jobs for most countries by mid-century.

The new paper released on Monday by the Center for Global Development shows there will be fewer factory workers in 2050 globally than there are now, and that even in poor countries with abundant cheap labor, manufacturing job growth will stagnate.

Currently, Africa is at the bottom of the global value chain with its share of global manufacturing at around only 1.9 percent.

In 2015, the revenue output of the manufacturing industry in Africa amounted to US\$500 billion. This figure was projected to rise to around US\$930 billion by 2025.

According to the study, China may be an exception, further expanding its share of manufacturing output among 59 countries modeled in the study to 43.8 percent in 2050 from 30 percent in 2018 and

10.5 percent in 1975.

The study's authors say that China will continue to dominate global manufacturing, moving into higher-value segments.

While this may create some space for other developing countries in Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America to move into lower-end manufacturing in low-end sectors abandoned by China, it won't be enough to replicate the transformative East Asian development model of moving from Agriculture to manufacturing.

Instead, CGD senior fellows Charles Kenny and Ranil Dissanayake say that many countries will move straight from agriculture to services, where jobs will expand rapidly, especially because of new technologies -- even in countries such as Bangladesh and Ethiopia.

"There's still a popular idea that low-income countries will progress naturally from being dominated by agriculture to manufacturing-led growth, but mounting evidence suggests that's not going to happen," said Kenny. "We think that farms are going to empty out across Africa and Asia in the coming decades, but people are likely to flood into offices and shops, not



factories."

"This doesn't mean that poor countries will never escape poverty. New technologies and the shift to services which can be easily delivered across borders can be transformative. But taking advantage of that will require

good policy and concerted efforts, and governments in developing countries need to be clear-eyed about the future of the world economy," said Ranil Dissanayake.

The study projects global growth through the year 2050 and mod-

els changes in the economies of 59 countries accounting for about three quarters of the world's GDP and population.

It projects that even for the lowest-income countries, the number of factory jobs will barely keep pace

with population growth over the next 30 years, and manufacturing is likely to remain a small part of most of these countries' economies.

Across all low-income countries, manufacturing jobs are projected to hold steady at below 8 percent of total employment, the study finds. It projects the share of manufacturing jobs in high-income countries will continue to fall, to 8.3 percent by 2050 from 11.4 percent currently.

It said that private service sector jobs will make up roughly 37 percent of global jobs by 2050, and 26 percent in today's low-income countries, up from about 12 percent currently.

The researchers also warned that as the world economy becomes even more dominated by service jobs, barriers to migration will pose just as much of a problem to growth as barriers to free exchange of goods once did.

"The world economy in 2050 is going to be even more dependent on service-sector jobs than it is today, which means we're all going to be even more dependent on migration than we are today," said Kenny. "The easiest way to ensure we live in a poorer world would be to prevent people from moving where the jobs are."

Shaanxi province: Inspiring economic progress of modern China

By Francis Kajubi, just back from Xian

IN just ten years after China had realized the new development era to its fullest, in line with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) implementation, Shaanxi province has recorded a remarkable milestone in economic development.

The province whose capital city is Xian, is unfolding the magnificent progress and inspiring China's history, legacy and lifestyle in the modern times.

According to the report by the Information Office of Shaanxi Provincial Government as at the end of December 2022, the province has achieved major transformation during the past ten years in the area of small and medium-sized enterprises among other sectors.

The report shows that Shaanxi's added-value output of industrial enterprises expanded by 7.1 percent year-on-year thus contributing to the country's status of holding a second position as the global economic giant.

The report shows that the province's added value of strategic emerging industries accounted for 12 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP), 0.9 percentage points higher than that of the previous year, a year-on-year growth of 13.1 percent, 8.8 percentage points higher than the GDP growth rate.

"Taking the new energy automobile industry as an example, Shaanxi's automobile output in 2022 reached a record high of 1.338 million, ranking the top eight in the country for the first time," reads the report.

It asserts that in 2022, the province adhered to three aspects of reform in the transformation of scientific and technological achievements to amplify the effectiveness of Qinchuangyuan, an innovation platform of the province.

A total of 75 universities and institutes in the province have carried out the reform pilot, with 38,000 scientific and technological achievements under independent management and 3,449 scientific and technological achievements successfully transformed.

"The number of small and medium-sized enterprises in science and technology has increased by more than 40 percent, and 52 new national little giant enterprises have emerged, bringing the total number to 162," reads the report.

The report states that Shaanxi has made solid progress in the promotion of the so-called '3+X project' featured agricultural industries. 3 means the vigorous development of three industries represented by the apple industry, the animal husbandry represented by the dairy goat

industry, and the facility agriculture industry represented by greenhouse cultivation. On the other hand, X means making industries with distinctive local features better and stronger in line with local conditions such as medical material, walnuts and red dates to mention a few.

The report states that at present, the 3+X projects have yielded marked results with apple and facility agriculture output value exceeding 100 billion, goat dairy products accounting for 85 percent of the domestic market share.

On the way forward, the report states, Shaanxi will focus on the goal of building a strong agricultural province, and firmly uphold its position of building modern agriculture with distinctive local features.

Based on the construction of the whole industry chain in line with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the province will strengthen the linkage among the province, cities, counties, towns and villages, making coordinated efforts in jointly building a modern rural industrial system with professional villages and strong industrial towns as the base, industrial parks as the driving force.

The other areas are establishing industrial clusters as the backbone, so as to achieve a tiered layout of the province and the coordinated advancement of different sections.

"Shaanxi will continue promoting the high-quality development of featured rural industries with the apple industry as the focus, thus laying a solid foundation for the comprehensive revitalization of the rural areas and the modernization of the agriculture sector," states the report.

Generally, during 2022 the province's coal mining and washing industry grew by 9.2 percent, heat production and supply industries grew by 11.9 percent. The added value of non-energy industries grew by 5.8 percent with 23 of the 36 industries achieving positive growth.

In particular, the equipment manufacturing industry has maintained over 10 percent rapid growth throughout the year.

The electrical machinery which accounted for the relatively large proportion had increased by 29.2 percent while the automobile manufacturing industry grew by 21.3 percent.

Situated in the geographical center of China's territory, Shaanxi enjoys a unique location by connecting the south and north of China and linking the east and west of the country.



BoT Academy, TADB launch agri-finance training programme

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) Academy and Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) have jointly launched an agri-finance training programme meant to prepare individuals with prerequisite competencies required for improving the agricultural sector through financing.

Launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the training programme will prepare competent professionals to improve financing linkages between agri-value chain actors, financing institutions and other stakeholders in the industry.

Speaking during the official launch of the programme, the TADB Managing Director Frank Nyabundege said the philosophy behind development of the programme is producing innovative, creative, and positive-minded professionals in agricultural finance.

Nyabundege noted that the program will enhance and augment the technical capacity of banking professionals to understand and assess the opportunities and risks for lending to the agriculture sector with a view to support growth of credit and investments in agriculture to smallholder farmers and agri-SMEs.

"The training program is an important step towards fortifying the technical capabilities of our partner banks. Ultimately, this initiative will contribute to the increased provision of agricultural financing solutions to the agriculture sector," he said.

BoT Deputy Governor for Financial Stability and Deepening Sauda Kassim Msemu said banks and financial institutions are critical partners to the Smallholder Farmers Credit Guarantee Scheme operated by TADB, adding that they play a key role in providing financial products and services to support growth and scaling of the agriculture sector.

However, lack of sufficient technical skills to support product design, transaction structuring and portfolio risk

management for agri-finance can act as a barrier to increased financing interventions in the agriculture sector.

"The capacity building of banking professionals to structure, screen, appraise and manage agri-finance transactions as well as building an understanding of technical, financial, commercial, policy and regulatory aspects of the agriculture sector has been identified as a key area for intervention," she elaborated.

The Bank of Tanzania Academy and TADB designed the agri-finance training programme with the goal of enhancing the competencies of banking professionals engaged in agricultural financing.

"This, in turn, will enable them to better support smallholder farmers, cooperatives, and other stakeholders in the agricultural value chain. Moreover, the program aims to nurture future trainers within the banking sector," she said.

The facilitators of the program, including those from the BoT Academy, in collaboration with experts from Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT), have conducted a comprehensive review and needs assessment, leading to the design of the training program.

Participants from 20 banks and financial institutions will embark on a one-week Fast Track (pilot) Training Programme.

Subsequently, a review process will be conducted, and necessary improvements will be implemented based on feedback received from the participants and other stakeholders.

Following the pilot phase, a full-fledged certification program, known as "The Certified Professional in Agricultural Finance (CPAF)," will be initiated.

This will be followed by a "Training of Trainers (ToT)" program to ensure the sustainability of the program and its ability to meet the demand from the supply side effectively.



Bank of Tanzania's Deputy Governor for Financial Sustainability and Deepening, Sauda Msemu (C) cuts the ribbon to launch Agri-Finance Training Program modules sponsored by Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank. Holding the modules are Frank Nyabundege, TADB's Managing Director (2nd L) and Dr Genuine Martin from Bank of Tanzania Academy. Left is TADB Director of Finance Dr Kanaaeli Nnko and right is BoT Director of Financial Sector Supervision Mussa Sadat. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

WORLD STANDARDS DAY:

Opportunity to strengthen partnership for a common vision and a better world

By Correspondent Ali Qazilbash

THE World Standards Day was commemorated recently with a call for countries to join hands in strengthening efforts to raise awareness on the importance of standards and their role in making the world a better place.

Celebrated each year on October 14, the day is an important platform for recognizing the efforts by experts worldwide in developing technical agreements (international standards) which have a significant impact on businesses, governments, and consumers worldwide by ensuring product quality, safety, promoting international trade, and protecting the environment, public health, and safety.

WSD is an important event that highlights the significance of standardization in the global economy. The theme for 2023 was 'Shared Vision for a Better World', focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to address social imbalances, develop a sustainable economy, and slow the rate of climate change by 2030.

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) recognizes and promotes standards because of their importance in boosting domestic, regional and international trade, while ensuring consumer protection and environmental sustainability.

Over the years, in line with its mandate of enhancing industrial development worldwide, UNIDO has helped many countries, including Tanzania, to integrate into the global economy by meeting regulatory and market requirements and strengthening related national capacities.

This includes the improvement of production processes, value chain development, meeting compliance requirements leading to better market access, use of renewable, clean energy and many other aspects.

This way UNIDO has helped Tanzania to improve production, quality and safety of its products, promoted MSMEs development with the aim to create more jobs, improve livelihoods through the enhancement of domestic and international commerce.

For instance, through the European Union-funded QUALITAN (Quality Standards and Compliance Programme for the United Republic of Tanzania) project, UNIDO is working to strengthen the capacity of the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) in different aspects.

These are in terms of knowledge, skills, equipment provision and outreach programme through the agency's Viwango Academy to create awareness amongst Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs), in particular, on the importance of standards, conformity assessment services linked to quality, safety, market requirements and global trade.

The QUALITAN project aims to enable TBS to support the youth and women-owned MSMEs to access internationally recognised testing, inspection and certification services, reduce the cost of compliance, both in monetary terms, and/or time delays, and facilitate market access and cross-border trade. UNIDO is doing this in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIT).

The QUALITAN project is implemented by UNIDO within the framework of the larger EU-funded BEGIN (Business Environment, Growth and Innovation)



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programme whose overall objective is to promote inclusive economic growth, employment generation and innovation, particularly among women and youth owned MSMEs, and to enhance consumer confidence and protection.

QUALITAN aims to build the capacity of TBS conformity assessment services by improving its conformity assessment services (testing, calibration, inspection, and certification). This translated to strengthening of human resources at TBS, enhancing the scope of accreditation of TBS laboratories and inspection services and certification of management systems. This will allow MSMEs to access internationally recognised compliance requirements at an affordable price and improve the efficiency of TBS in delivering conformity assessment services.

The project is also improving MSMEs' compliance to standards where TBS is supported to improve the standards development process with the ultimate goal to increase the level of compliance in Tanzania, thereby increasing market access opportunities.

Besides, through the enhancement of the TBS' Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) systems, the QUALITAN project provides modern and scalable digital transformation of TBS' standards development processes and an effective traceability of its Quick Response (QR) code/mark. In addition, the QUALITAN project supports TBS to implement a Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS), integrated with its already existing Integrated Standardisation, Quality, Metrology and Testing (ISQMT) system that will lead to a more efficient, error free delivery of TBS' testing and calibration services and facilitate in the collection, use and sharing of data with other government institutions in Tanzania, as well as the private sector.

Furthermore, TBS' project governance and outreach capacity is expected to be improved by building the capacity for outreach by designing and implementing awareness raising campaigns to reach out to TBS customers with a special focus on MSMEs and the general public.

UNIDO's focus on MSMEs is largely due to the role these enterprises play in developing economies, with because of their great potential to lift up millions of people out of poverty. MSMEs have a huge impact in the improvement of peoples' standards of living, overall economy, and job creation.

Estimates show that above 95 per cent of businesses around the world are MSMEs accounting for nearly 60 per cent of jobs in the private sector, while contributing to over 60 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and over 70 per cent of total employment in low-income countries. Such figures are undisputable and as such, support to MSMEs is a critical link towards economic growth and prosperity.

Tanzania's Development Vision 2025 highlights the MSME sector as one important contributor to the country's long-term development objectives. It is estimated that 95 per cent of the businesses in Tanzania are MSMEs contributing about 35 per cent to the country's GDP.

However, exporters particularly MSMEs from developing countries including Tanzania, face challenges to conform to requirements, more importantly, prove compliance to these requirements through internationally acceptable conformity assessment services, hence are often not able to access lucrative markets or get top price for their products.

The Government and other stakeholders have taken various measures to establish regulatory bodies, strengthen the quality infrastructure (QI), and pass policies and regulations in order to comply with international quality and standards.

UNIDO has also developed various tools to measure the QI of a country. One such tool is the index, known as Quality Infrastructure for Sustainable Development (QI4SD) Index, used to rank countries based on their quality infrastructure - which includes standardisation, accreditation, conformity assessment, metrology and policy - contribution to the People, Planet and Prosperity pillars of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

According to the latest Index, the United Republic of Tanzania is placed at the 16th position amongst sub-Saharan countries that were assessed. The country is ranked high for policy development and standardization but there is still a room to bolster its conformity assessment and accreditation services to rank even higher.

Such a tool may be used by decision makers within the walls of the Government to make informed decisions on where investment is needed to improve the overall ranking of the nation in terms of its quality infrastructure and development goals.

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Senior Lecturer Nora Kawishe said Tanzania has no problem with the present laws, but rather the challenge is the implementation of those laws of how to curb IFFs.

She has suggested that what is needed is for the country to increase efforts of collaborating with other countries that would enable them get more information about IFFs practices.

"We need to enter contracts with those countries. There should be proper systems on how to exchange information between one country and another."

According to her the reasons that lead many companies engage in IFFs are due to the fact they get their money illegitimately; through tax evasion and by sending money to countries where they entertain tax havens.

Kawishe further mentioned some of the impacts of IFFs to a nation's economy as: Loss of revenues to a country; government failure to provide social services to its people; create huge gap between the haves and have not.

According to Kawishe, IFFs refer to the movement of money that is illegally

earned, transferred, or utilized. This flow of money is in violation of laws in their origin, or during the movement or use and is therefore considered illicit.

There are various forms of IFFs. These include but not limited to: Tax avoidance, this is taking advantage of the loopholes of the law to avoid tax or to minimize tax liability.

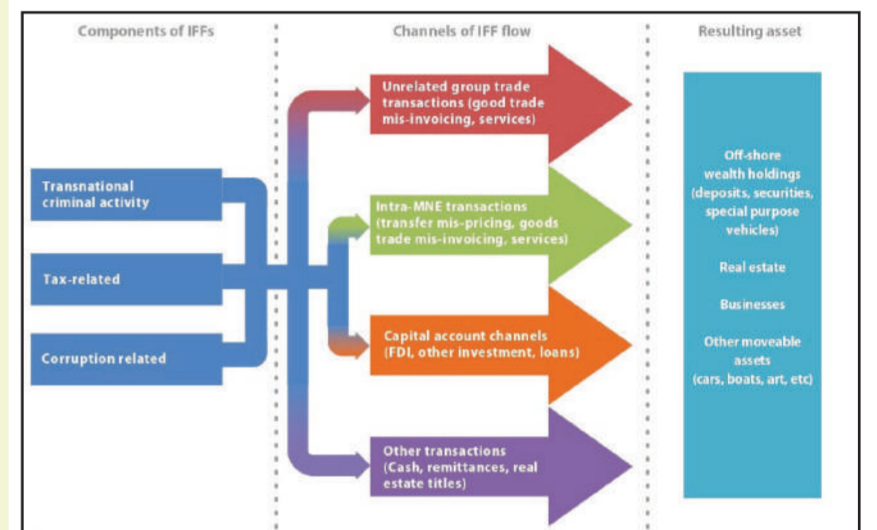
Senior Lecturer in economics, finance and research, Catholic University of Mbeya, Dr Barozi Morwa has called for the establishment of a politically exposed person law.

This is a law that exposes people in high ranking positions in both public and political positions who misuse their positions by engaging in corruption for personal gains.

According to Dr. Morwa, IFFs clearly disrupt a country's economical systems.

He further noted that tax exemption's law is passage of IFFs. "Many FDI are deceitful

Dr. Morwa claims that investors in the extractive sector usually inflate fuel prices when importing fuels in the country.



Small farmers in co-operatives to benefit from agriculture financing

By Carlos Banda

SMALL scale farmers in the country have been urged to join cooperatives in order to access loans issued by the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) easily, to transform farming from subsistence to commercial.

The call was made yesterday by TADB Acting Director of Planning, Policy and Research, Mkani Waziri during a meeting with 10 rice farmers from AMCOS Tabora-Igunga representing 970 who have received training on commercial agriculture and received tractors and combined harvesters.

The beneficiaries are scheduled to travel upcountry in an exchange visit to other regions, where they can learn from other farmers on how they have benefitted from TADB's training and financing.

Mkani stated that a large number of small-scale producers have not joined local cooperative societies which makes it difficult for the agro-lender to reach out and support them.

"The country has a lot of small-scale farmers who have not joined the cooperative societies. Last year, population census showed that more than 90 per cent of farmers are small-scale. If they join the cooperatives, it will be easy for us to support and train them, instead of individuals," he said.

Mkani noted that TADB's main objective is to see that farmers achieve the capacity to move from subsistence production to modern commercial farming in a bid to ensure Tanzania's food security is assured and to alleviate poverty through agriculture.

"Our key mission is to revolutionize the agricultural sector through transforming the sector from subsistence-based production to commercial production. Another objective is to address poverty and garner economic development, he added.

TADB has been using three approaches to ensure farmers get access to loans through the Small-holder Guarantee Scheme, Wholesale lending and Co-financing as a means to amass funds that will advance its initiatives to revolutionize Tanzania's agricultural system and productive capacity.

Speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries of the training program, Ramadhan Muna, the Chairman of the Mwamapuli Cooperative Society in Igunga, Tabora region thanked TADB for supporting farmers and commended the lender for issuing asset loans which also act as collateral unlike other financial institutions.

"On behalf of all farmers I would like to thank TADB for supporting us and I would like to also commend you for issuing asset loans which also double as collaterals unlike other banking institutions which demand loan applicants to provide other forms collaterals. I am sure since collateral is the loan itself no one incapable of paying the loan. Unless, there is poor supervision and management," said Muna. On his part, the TADB's Head of Legal Affairs, Edson Rwechungura, said the bank strives to ensure Tanzania has food security by ensuring farmers continue producing food that is why they issue loans to farmers so they can access quality incentives for production.



TADB's Head of Legal Affairs, Edson Rwechungura, (seated facing camera) and Acting Director of Planning, Policy and Research, Mkani Waziri (standing) in talks with rice farmers from AMCOS Tabora-Igunga who has received training and financing. Photo: Carlos Banda

Global efforts needed in waging war against illicit financial flows

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

The joint global effort between governments and the people is crucial in the fighting against Illicit Financial Inflow (IFF).

This advice was observed recently by Tax Network Africa's Policy Advisor Francis Kairu, during insightful discussion on addressing IFFs through X space organized by Policy Forum.

He said that it was difficult to make businesses in a single country without involving other countries.

"For instance you cannot export goods from Tanzania to other countries, like China or any other country without collaborating with other traders," he said.

Thus, the systems that are used to send money from within the country to those countries, through either banks or mobiles, are sometimes used in transacting illicit finance.

Kairu mentioned other ways that can be used for IFFs are such as: Through exporting minerals like gold; money obtained through

corruption; commercial tax evasion, trade mis-invoices and abusive transfer pricing; through investing in other countries and criminal activities.

He said that there is a globe cartel or syndicate that deals with IFFs from developing countries to developed countries.

For example he said: "It is amazing you find UAE countries have much gold while they don't have mines."

Trademarks used by some organizations making businesses in the country can also be used to transfer IFFs, because they are registered in foreign countries, he explained.

Other ways that are used for IFFs are: Double taxation agreement, technology and under-declaration.

He said that IFFs are common in Africa because of porous and slackness laws.

"Enough is enough, we need to get rid of the contracts we have entered with our former colonizers so as to address IFFs," he added.

For her part, St Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT) Assistant

GLOBAL MARKETS

Stocks muted by Middle East conflict, central bank meetings

SYDNEY

ASIAN share markets were mixed on Monday as Israel's push into Gaza stirred fears of a wider conflict ahead of central bank meetings in the United States, Britain and Japan, the latter of which might see a policy tightening.

The earnings season also continues with Apple, Airbnb, McDonald's, Moderna and Eli Lilly & Co among the many reporting this week. Results so far have been underwhelming, contributing to the S&P 500's retreat into correction territory.

"The price action is bad as SPX could not defend a key 4,200 level; risk is it heads to the 200-week moving average of 3,941 before a trading rally," BofA analysts said.

S&P 500 futures did edge up 0.4 percent on Monday to 4,153.5, while Nasdaq futures added 0.5 percent. EUROSTOXX 50 futures slipped 0.1 percent and FTSE futures gained 0.2 percent.

Risk appetite was dulled by Israel's push to surround Gaza's main city in a self-declared "second phase" of a three-week war against Iranian-backed Hamas militants.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan eased 0.04 percent, having hit a one-year low last week. Chinese blue chips firmed 0.6 percent.

China Evergrande Group's shares fell as much as 23 percent in the morning session, though later trimmed losses to 5 percent after Hong Kong's High Court adjourned a request to wind up the embattled property developer.

Japan's Nikkei fell 0.95 percent amid speculation the Bank of Japan (BOJ) might tweak its yield curve control (YCC) policy after its two-day policy meeting wraps up on Tuesday.

Many analysts expect the central bank will lift its inflation forecast to 2.0 percent, but are unsure whether it will finally abandon YCC in the face of market pressure on bonds.

"Remaining uncertainty about the wage outlook, combined with stresses in global bond markets could prompt the BOJ to err on the side of caution, making our view that YCC will be scrapped a very close call," said analysts at Barclays.

"The BOJ could still opt to revise policy but less drastically, perhaps by raising the ceiling for 10-year yields as it did in July."

Yields are already at their highest since 2013 at 0.89 percent and abandoning YCC altogether would likely add to pressure on global markets already bruised by a vicious sell-off in US Treasuries.

FED ALL DONE?

Yields on 10-year Treasuries stood at 4.8751 percent on Monday, having climbed 30 basis points so far this month and touched 16-year peaks at 5.021 percent.

Sentiment will be tested further this week when Treasury announces its refunding plans, with more increases likely. NatWest Markets expects \$885 billion of marketable borrowing in the fourth quarter and \$700 billion in the following quarter.

The sharp rise in market borrowing costs has convinced analysts the Federal Reserve will stand pat at its policy meeting this week, with futures implying a full chance of rates staying at 5.25-5.5 percent.

The market has also priced in 165 basis points of easing for 2024, starting around mid-year.

"The Fed appears to have coalesced around the view that the recent tightening in financial conditions led by higher long-term interest rates has made another hike unnecessary," said analysts at Goldman Sachs, who estimated the rise in yields was the equivalent of 100 basis points of rate increases.

"The story of the year so far has been that economic reacceleration has not prevented further labor market rebalancing and progress in the inflation fight," they added. "We expect this to continue in coming months."

Bolt creates incentive programme for drivers

By Guardian Correspondent

BOLT has introduced a driver incentive program aimed at boosting driver engagement and empowering its driver community.

This new initiative underscores Bolt's unwavering commitment to recognising and celebrating the exceptional contributions of its drivers and boda boda riders.

As part of this rewarding initiative, Bolt launched an eight-week campaign called 'Drive for a Prize,' which commenced in early August and ran until the end of September.

Throughout this campaign, drivers and boda boda riders have been accumulating points for each completed trip, hours spent online, accepted and completed trips, and high driver ratings.

Over the course of two months, this campaign is set to reward more than 200 drivers and riders.

The 'Drive for a Prize' campaign concluded with an awards event at the Driver Engagement Centre in Dar es Salaam on 30 Maji Maji Street, where Bolt honored 56 outstanding drivers and riders. The rewards included Smart TVs, smartphones, shopping vouchers, and fuel vouchers.

Takura Malaba, Regional Manager East and Southern Africa said: "At Bolt, we recognise and appreciate that our drivers and riders are at the center of our business achievements. The intro-

duction of our Driver Incentive Program stands as a testament to this core belief. This program is dedicated to honoring and expressing our gratitude for the unwavering commitment, hard work, and exceptional service consistently delivered by our top-performing drivers and riders."

Drivers who consistently demonstrate excellence in their service will be eligible for monthly and quarterly rewards and exclusive benefits, including fuel vouchers, phones, shopping vouchers, and home appliances.

Bolt will also facilitate driver meet-ups and events such as family fun days and sporting activities, fostering a sense of community among its drivers and giving them opportunities to connect and share experiences.

As part of its ongoing commitment to strengthening driver relations and meeting drivers' expectations regarding issue handling, Bolt launched its Driver Engagement Center in June, situated on 30 Maji Maji Street.

Access to the center is by appointment basis, ensuring the efficient and seamless management of driver concerns.

The launch significantly reinforced the array of benefits available to drivers, encompassing enhanced support, streamlined communication channels, training access, community-building initiatives, efficient issue resolution, driver recognition, and bolstered brand positivity.



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Deputy Prime Minister and minister for energy Dr Dotto Biteko (R) listens to Tanzania Mineral Dealers Association (Tamida) Osman Abdulsattar Tharia (2nd L) during the just ended Tanzania Mining Investment Forum in Dar es Salaam. Left is the Sab Gold's managing director Abbas Bandali. Photo: Miraji Msala

NMB launches new edition of rewards campaign

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

NMB Bank has launched the 5th edition of its flagship rewards campaign seeking to reward the bank's customers for their unwavering loyalty, trust and commitment.

During the bank's three months campaign that climaxes on January 25, 2024, NMB Bank customers will win over 350mn/- in cash prizes, fully paid fun trips to attend full moon parties at Kendwa Rocks in Zanzibar and fully paid trips to Cape Town, South Africa for winner of the grand finale.

Speaking during the launch of the campaign held in Tanga at the weekend, the NMB Head of Card Business Philbert Casimir

said the campaign not only aligns with Tanzania's goal of becoming a cashless economy, but is a critical step in accelerating financial inclusion.

"This campaign advocates for the use of digital payments that have proved to be more convenient, quick and secure. With a wider variety of payment options for NMB Bank consumers available at their fingertips, I strongly encourage our customers to switch to the use NMB MasterCard when paying for goods or services through Point of Sales (POS), QR Code or Internet purchase so as to stand a chance of winning cash and fully paid trips during the campaign," Casimir said.

He noted that promotion will have weekly draws where 100 lucky winners will walk away with 100,000/- each, monthly draws where 30 lucky winners will walk away with 500,000/- each, 10 lucky winners who will win fully paid trips to attend full moon parties at Kendwa Rock in Zanzibar.

"We want to reward our customers who have been key in our journey to build a cashless society," he added.

The Tanga Regional Commissioner Waziri Kindamba during the event lauded NMB Bank for its efforts to accelerate Tanzania's financial inclusion drive through provision of various digital payment solutions across the country.

VIEW FROM THE TOP



Bolt Operations Manager Munira Ruhwanya (L) poses with the one of the winners of the drive for a prize campaign. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Insignia Limited CEO Mike Fischer (2nd R) cuts ribbon to open the company's store in Dodoma. Right is the head of sales and business, Navdisha Sharma as other members of staff look on. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

Paint maker opens store in Dodoma city

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

IN a bid to exploit opportunities in increased real estate and infrastructure development, Insignia Limited, has opened the new paint store in Dodoma city.

Speaking during the launch of a store, which includes paints for home decoration, Mike Fischer, the company CEO stated that they have decided to invest in the region through the construction sector to support the government, the private sector and the public in the rapid development of the capital city.

"The growth of many cities worldwide is attributed to the construction of excellent and modern infrastructure that

beautifies these cities and attracts investments," he said.

"Since the government relocated to Dodoma, we have witnessed the rapid growth of this city due to the construction of modern government buildings, public institutions, local and international organization offices, as well as the construction of quality housing for citizens."

He said the company has decided to invest in Dodoma to continue making this city even more beautiful and attractive by providing high-quality, affordable products to serve the citizens, government, and institutions.

"This will contribute to further developing our city and making

it one of the most beautiful cities globally," he added.

Navdisha Sharma, the Head of Sales and Business, stated that the construction sector in Dodoma now has a partner who will provide nearly all its requirements for high-quality paints produced in the country.

"We urge you to utilize the significant investment we have made in Dodoma to further boost the construction sector and achieve positive outcomes," he said.

Adam Kefa, Head of Marketing, said they have plans to open more large stores in various regions in the country to provide excellent services to the citizens, who are significant partners in

the products produced by the company.

That's why the company has a policy of giving back to the community by providing assistance whenever possible.



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WORLD



US has 'absolutely no intention' of sending troops to Israel or Gaza - Kamala Harris

DELAWARE

UNITED STATES Vice President Kamala Harris stressed that Washington has "absolutely no intention" of sending troops to Israel or Gaza amid the ongoing conflict, CNN reported on Sunday.

"We have absolutely no intention, nor do we have any plans, to send combat troops into Israel or Gaza, period," Harris said in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" that aired on Sunday when asked about the potential for US troops to be drawn into a war in the region.

Harris (pictured), who has been engaged in discussions and phone conversations concerning the Middle East crisis, expressed full support for the government's plans. Harris said that she supports Israel's right to defend itself while also advocating for the protection of civilians, as reported by CNN. "By most estimates, at least 1,400 Israelis are dead. Israel, without any question, has a right to defend itself," she said.

"That being said, it is very important that there be no conflation between Hamas and the Palestinians. The Palestinians deserve equal measures of safety and security, self-determination and dignity, and we have been very clear that the rules of war must be adhered to and that there be humanitarian aid that flows," CNN quoted Harris as saying.

Earlier on Sunday, US President Joe Biden spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and discussed the developments in Gaza.

Biden reiterated that Israel has every right to defend its citizens from terrorism. The two leaders discussed ongoing efforts to locate and secure the release of hostages. Biden underscored the need to immediately and significantly increase the flow of humanitarian assistance to meet the needs of civilians in Gaza.

Amid concerns about the conflict spreading beyond Gaza, Harris also repeated Biden's warnings to Iran not to get involved.

"Don't," she said. "One word. Pretty straightforward."

Regarding questions about the possibility of President Biden not completing his term and who might replace him, Harris stated that she wouldn't engage in "hypotheticals" and affirmed her focus on the job at hand. "I'm not going to engage in that hypothetical because Joe Biden is very much alive and running for re-elections," she said.

"I hear from a lot of different people, a lot of different things. But let me just tell you, I'm focused on the job. I truly am. Our democracy is on the line. ... And I, frankly, in my head do not have time for parlour games when we have a president who is running for re-election. That's it," Harris added. **ANI**

Somalia approves 1-bltn-USD budget for 2024

MOGADISHU

THE Somali cabinet has approved a 1.03-billion-U.S.-dollar budget for fiscal year 2024 to finance various development projects in the country.

Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre said the budget, which was approved by the cabinet during an extraordinary meeting held in the national capital of Mogadishu on Saturday night, will boost security, social services, and debt relief.

"The government's budget this year has reached more than 1 billion dollars, which has come from the domestic revenue that has increased by more than 20 percent, and it focuses on national security and the development of social services," Abdi said in a statement released Saturday.

The budget will be introduced before the parliament for consideration.

The prime minister, who chaired the cabinet meeting, said the budget reflects the needs and circumstances of the country, adding that more funding will be realized after the country receives debt relief in December and be able to provide more services to Somali citizens.

Somalia is expected to receive full debt relief from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other lenders in December, following significant reforms to improve domestic revenue collection and transparency in public finance management.

Laura Jaramillo, who led the IMF staff that met with Somalia's finance minister and the governor of the Central Bank of Somalia in September, said despite the challenge, Somalia has met almost all the conditions to qualify for full debt relief.

Events in Makhachkala were largely provoked from outside - Kremlin

MOSCOW

THE events at Makhachkala airport were largely a result of outside interference, including external information influence, Russian Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov has told the media.

"It is well known and obvious that yesterday's events around Makhachkala airport were largely a result of external interference, including information influence from outside," he said.

Peskov (pictured) noted that against the background of television footage showing the horrors of what was happening in the Gaza Strip - the deaths of civilians, children, elderly people and medics - "it is very easy for the ill-wishers to take advantage of the situation for provocations and instigation."



Peskov pointed out that Russian President Vladimir Putin had always paid and continued to pay unflag-

ging attention to these issues.

"Last week alone he held a thorough discussion with the leaders of Russia's confessions, where this topic was also discussed," Peskov recalled.

On October 29, mass unrest broke out at Makhachkala airport over the arrival of a regular flight from Tel Aviv amid the soaring tensions in the Middle East.

A crowd of several hundred entered the airport building and the airfield. Later they were driven back by police.

According to the latest data, more than 20 people, including police officers, were injured and 60 rioters were detained.

The Dagestani authorities and clergy condemned the incident as a provocation. **Agencies**

ICC prosecutor: Impeding aid to Gaza may be a crime

CAIRO/AMMAN

IMPEDING relief supplies to Gaza's population may constitute a crime under the International Criminal Court's (ICC) jurisdiction, the court's top prosecutor told a news conference in Egypt on Sunday.

Karim Khan (pictured) also said Israel must make "discernable efforts, without further delay to make sure civilians receive basic foods, medicine".

Aid supplies to Gaza have been minimal since Israel began bombarding the densely populated Palestinian enclave in response to a deadly attack by its ruling militant group Hamas on Oct 7.

Israeli officials have said that food, water and medicines have been coming in through the Egyptian border and that it expected the quantities to rise.

United Nations officials have said the aid supplies are limited and do not correspond to the huge need on the ground.

In an unannounced visit, the ICC prosecutor went to the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and Gaza earlier in the day and posted a video statement from his location on X social media.

Khan said he was not able to get into Gaza but hopes to visit the Gaza strip and Israel while he is in the region.

The court has been investigating in the occupied Palestinian territories since 2021, looking into possible war crimes and crimes against humanity there from 2014 onwards.

Israel, which is not a member of the ICC, has previously rejected the court's jurisdiction and does not formally engage with its investigations.

Khan has previously said that the ICC has jurisdiction over alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity during both the Oct 7 Hamas attack in Israel and in the territory of Gaza.

Also on Sunday, thousands of Gaza residents broke into UN warehouses, grabbing flour and other essential items in a sign they had reached "breaking point", the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine Refugees in the Near East said.

One of the warehouses, located in Deir al-Balah in central Gaza, is where UNRWA stores supplies delivered by humanitarian convoys crossing into Gaza from Egypt.

Footage from Khan Younis in southern Gaza showed men frantically carrying boxes and large bags out of a warehouse, hoisting them onto their



shoulders or loading them onto their bicycles.

UNRWA's director of communications Juliette Touma said the organization had been forced to reduce the scale of its humanitarian operation in the densely populated enclave because it could not distribute fuel to some medical facilities. She said UNRWA had not received any additional supplies on Sunday.

"We are asking for a standard and regular flow of humanitarian supplies, including fuel, and an increase in the number of trucks on these convoys," said Touma.

UNRWA has said its ability to help people in Gaza has been completely stretched by air strikes that have killed dozens of its staff and restricted the movement of supplies.

"Fifty-nine colleagues at UNRWA were killed during the war," Touma said.

Meanwhile, Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi and US President Joe Biden on Sunday agreed on the need to increase aid sustainably to Gaza.

During a phone conversation, the two presidents agreed that the aid should enter Gaza in a tangible, effective, and sustainable manner and in quantities that meet the humanitarian needs of the Gazan people, according to a statement from the Egyptian presidency.

Al-Sisi stressed Egypt's firm position of rejecting the policies of collective punishment and forced displacement, reiterating that Egypt will never allow the displacement of the Palestinians from Gaza to Egyptian territories.

For his part, Biden confirmed that the US rejects the displacement of the Palestinians outside their lands, expressing appreciation for the positive role Egypt has played in addressing this crisis.

They also touched on prospects for joint cooperation to mobilize international efforts toward reviving the peace process, with the aim of implementing the two-state solution and establishing a

Palestinian state.

Additionally, Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi on Sunday called on the international community to work together immediately to deliver urgent humanitarian aid to Gaza.

Safadi made the remarks in the capital Amman during separate meetings with his visiting Cypriot counterpart Constantinos Kombos and Belgian counterpart Hadja Lahbib, where they discussed efforts to halt the escalation in Gaza, according to a statement from his ministry.

During the meetings, the Jordanian minister warned against the spillover of the ongoing conflict in Gaza, condemning Israel's attacks as a clear violation of international law.

He stressed the importance of building upon a recent resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, calling for the cessation of hostilities and protection of civilians while upholding legal and humanitarian obligations.

Safadi reiterated that only a just and lasting peace based on the two-state solution would ensure security and peace for both the Palestinians and Israelis.

He denounced the killing of civilians on both sides, stressing upholding universal humanitarian values and respecting the lives of civilians. **Xinhua**

Musk speaks to Israeli security chief on providing Internet in Gaza

Tel Aviv

TESLA CEO and 'X' owner Elon Musk spoke to Israeli security agency Shin Bet's head Ronen Bar about providing internet in the war-torn Gaza via Starlink satellite network, Israel-based tech news website, mobile.mako reported.

This development came a day after Musk's announcement of providing internet access created an uproar.

"Starlink will support connectivity to internationally recognized aid organizations in Gaza," Musk posted on X on Saturday.

After sparking controversy, Elon (pictured) Musk contacted Ronen Bar, the chief of Shin Bet, within the last 24 hours. During their conversation, Musk emphasised his support for Israel and asserted that the connection would be "only for humanitarian purposes."

"We are not so naive. Per my post, no Starlink terminal has attempted to connect from Gaza. If one does, we will take extraordinary measures to confirm that it is used 'only' for purely humanitarian reasons. Moreover, we will do a security check with both the US and Israeli governments before turning on even a single terminal," Musk added in a subsequent post.

He further stated his intention to conduct security checks in coordination with both the US and Israeli governments before activating any terminals for his Starlink satellite network.

The head of Shin Bet firmly conveyed that Israel would not permit any misuse of this communication channel by terrorist elements in Gaza, mobile.mako reported

Furthermore, Musk stayed in touch with officials in Netanyahu's office, whom he had met about a month ago in the United States.

In his conversation with them, he emphasised that he is "not in a hurry to activate satellite communication in Gaza," and asserted that if this were to happen, it would be subject to American supervision and the oversight of the Israeli security establishment.

Earlier, Israeli Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi criticised Musk's idea of providing internet access in Gaza.

"Israel will use all means at its disposal to fight this. HAMAS will use it for terrorist activities. There is no doubt about it, we know it, and Musk knows it. HAMAS is ISIS," Karhi wrote, adding, "Perhaps Musk would be willing to condition it with the release of our abducted babies, sons, daughters, elderly people. All of them! By then, my office will cut any ties with Starlink." **ANI**



Asian Para Games mirrors Hangzhou's achievements in barrier-free environment

CREATING a barrier-free environment is crucial for safeguarding the rights and interests of people with disabilities. It aims to guarantee their equal and convenient participation in various social activities.

The 4th Asian Para Games, hosted in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province, demonstrated its exceptional commitment to providing comprehensive accessibility for individuals with disabilities. It showcased its professional standards and attentive service by offering a wide range

of barrier-free facilities both in and outside competition venues, including barrier-free ramps, barrier-free elevators, and barrier-free restrooms.

"The venue is great. We can move freely here," said Chinese female wheelchair basketball player Huang Xiaolian, referring to the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Center Stadium.

The needs of competitors and spectators of the Asian Para Games have been fully taken into consideration during the construction of the stadium, said

Zhu Yizhi with the team operating the stadium.

After the Hangzhou Asian Games concluded, the stadium was soon converted to get ready for the Asian Para Games. To better facilitate wheelchair basketball players, the stadium was renovated to improve accessibility, adding ramps and modifying the locker rooms to appropriate heights, Zhu said.

It is learned that the Asian Para Games in Hangzhou has 19 competition venues distributed in eight competition zones, and

17 of them are converted from the Asian Games venues.

Barrier-free facilities can be found everywhere in the competition venues, including elevators with Braille buttons, accessible restrooms with voice guides and designated rest areas for guide dogs.

"From the entrances to functional areas of the venues, we have built a comprehensive and safe barrier-free environment," said Chen Weiqiang, the chief spokesperson of the Hangzhou Asian Para Games.

In the restaurants of the Asian Para Games Village, high and low handrails have been installed along the walls, and Braille signs are posted. The height of the serving area has been adjusted so wheelchair users can easily access their meals. Additionally, the dishes ready for pickup are pre-plated, making it convenient for athletes to take them.

To provide a more comfortable living environment for athletes, the village has offered approximately 1,100 barrier-free beds. There are also various

service areas in the village such as wheelchair charging stations and assistive device maintenance centers.

Inside the athletes' rooms, multiple emergency call buttons are installed, along with collision protection strips, rounded-edge furniture, and barrier-free bathrooms, ensuring a safer and more comfortable living environment.

In the bedrooms, adjustable beds are provided to facilitate athletes in getting on and off the beds. Besides, for athletes who

require assistance in their daily activities, the Asian Para Games Village has provided companion beds.

The barrier-free environment in Hangzhou is continuously improving, not only in terms of the Asian Para Games facilities, but also throughout the city.

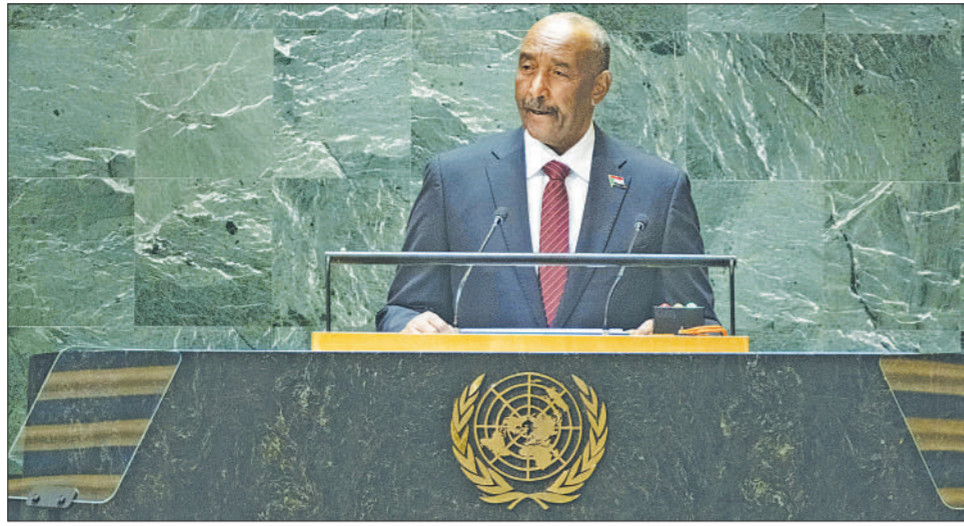
"The society is becoming more and more friendly towards people with disabilities, and I feel very happy about it," said a Hangzhou resident surnamed Zhang. **People's Daily**

Sudan army chief: Military won't intervene in politics in future

KHARTOUM

THE Sudanese army will not be a party to any political process in the future or intervene in running the country's independent transitional government, said Chairman of Sudan's Transitional Sovereign Council and General Commander of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, on Sunday.

Al-Burhan made the remarks when receiving the Swiss Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa Sylvain Astier in Port Sudan, the capital city of the Red Sea State in eastern Sudan, the sovereign council said in a statement.



Abdel-Fattah Al-Burhan Abdelrahman Al-Burhan, President of the Transitional Sovereign Council of Sudan, addresses the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Sept 21, 2023. AP

The meeting reviewed the importance of forming a government of independents to manage the transitional period prior to conducting general elections, the statement said.

The meeting further reviewed internal and external efforts to end the war in Sudan, the humanitarian conditions, and means to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid to those in need, it noted.

Deadly clashes have been going on between the SAF and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Khartoum and other areas since April 15, killing up to 9,000 people, forcing more than 5.6 million out of their homes and leaving 25 million in need of aid, said UN Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Martin Griffiths in a statement on Oct 15. **Agencies**

COP28 chief urges fairer climate financing for Global South

BEIJING

AHEAD of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, COP28 President-Designate Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber called for a fairer deal on climate financing for the Global South.

"The entire international financial system must be modernized to make climate finance more available, accessible and affordable to the Global South," Al Jaber said in a recent interview with Xinhua.

COP28 is scheduled to be held in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), from Nov 30 to Dec 12.

Al Jaber, also UAE minister of industry and advanced technology, said the COP28 Presidency is focused on delivering an inclusive process that brings everyone together to take concrete steps to address climate change and meet the ambitions set out in the 2015 Paris Agreement.

The COP28 Presidency has developed its Action Plan with four key pillars: fast-tracking a just and orderly energy transition, fixing climate finance, focusing on people, nature, lives and livelihoods, and underpinning everything with full inclusivity, according to Al Jaber.

"It is our belief that all stakeholders must be heard to reach a consensus," he said. "We want everyone who comes to COP28 to come with a mindset of positivity, hope, action and solidarity to translate the Paris Agreement into a practical plan and realistic roadmap that the whole world can follow."

Speaking of China's role in the global fight against climate change, Al Jaber said China is a global leader in renewable energy expansion and is the powerhouse that has the ability to triple renewable power generation globally. "China is key in the decarbonization of the energy we use today," he said.

According to his observation, 56 percent of China's overseas energy investment in participating countries of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in the first half of 2023 went into renewable energy such as solar, wind, or hydropower projects.

In practice, China's endeavor in the BRI has shifted to supporting the green economy: not only did energy-related investments become greener, but Chinese companies significantly expanded interests in metals related to the energy transition, such as lithium, and invested in manufacturing in green industries, such as batteries, Al-Jaber added.



Sultan Al Jaber, COP28 President-Designate and UAE's Special Envoy for Climate Change, talks during the Climate Future Week at Museum of the Future in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Saturday, Sept 30, 2023. File photo

More than three-quarters of the world's solar panels, around 60 percent of the world's wind turbines, and three-quarters of the lithium-ion batteries on this planet come from China. "China is not just making what the world needs for the energy transition, its industrial strength is also driving down costs for every nation," he said.

"The UAE and China maintain

a robust partnership, and I am confident that this will continue to grow and strengthen," Al Jaber said. "In practical terms, China and the UAE can work together to boost innovation in high-end, cross-cutting technologies."

Meanwhile, the COP28 Presidency and two renewable energy organisations on Monday urged governments to triple renewable energy capacity by 2030 as part

of efforts to stop global warming exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Countries hope to strike a deal on the increase in capacity at the latest round of global climate negotiations set to get under way in Dubai in late November, which will focus on the gaps in the implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement that established the 1.5 C ceiling.

Renewable energy capacity needs "to reach more than 11,000 GW" by 2030, the COP28 presidency, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the Global Renewables Alliance said in a joint report.

Most major economies are already on board with that goal. Group of 20 nations, among them China, the United States and India, agreed in September to pursue efforts to triple global renewable energy capacity by 2030.

Without rapid action to cut CO2 emissions, scientists say Earth will cross the 1.5 C threshold in the coming decade, unleashing far more severe climate change effects on people, wildlife and ecosystems.

The report also called for doubling energy efficiency, urging targets with specific time frames, strong regulatory frameworks, financial incentives and awareness campaigns.

World of Coffee Dubai 2024 to shape more sustainable future for industry

DUBAI

THE World of Coffee Dubai 2024 is set to boost the sustainability of the coffee industry, promote eco-friendly and responsible agricultural practices, and ensure the continuity of the coffee supply chain by merging the collaborative efforts of traders, farmers, manufacturers, and consumers.

The exhibition, which will be held from 21st to 23rd January 2024, will bring together a diverse community of coffee enthusiasts, experts, and industry leaders from across the globe, attributing to its status as one of the largest and most important international exhibitions focusing on the coffee industry.

The global event is organised by DXB Live, the integrated event management and experiential agency of the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC).

The third edition of the exhibition symbolises the remarkable growth in the coffee market in the region, offering an important platform to shed light on the latest innovations, sustainable practices, and solutions in coffee cultivation, production, and distribution. It is in response to the surging demand for certified sustainable coffee production, as its market is anticipated to expand by 15 to 20 percent during the remaining months of 2023.

The exhibition will emphasise sustainable practices in the coffee industry, focusing on eco-friendly packaging like biodegradable and recyclable coffee bags, carbon-neutral coffee production using renewable energy and advanced waste management, and reducing waste during production with methods such as advanced drying, optimised supply chains, organic farming, and pesticide substitution.

The World of Coffee Dubai will empower coffee farmers and workers by guiding sustainable farming practices and essential resources using source verification programmes. This exhibition will also address the sustainable coffee movement's role in conserving water resources, as the coffee sector is a significant water consumer and aims to enhance coffee quality, positively impacting market value. **ANI**

Defence Minister Gallant says ground war in Gaza linked to freeing hostages

TEL AVIV

ON Sunday, Israel's Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant met with the families of Israelis who were kidnapped by the Hamas terrorist organization to Gaza, as well as families of other missing persons.

Minister Gallant (pictured) held an open discussion with the family members, answered their questions and discussed the measures being taken to return the hostages and locate missing persons.

"I have two goals," Gallant told them, "returning those who were kidnapped and winning this war. All the rest is less important right now."

"We have gathered the best people from all branches of the defense establishment, for this specific mission. You have all seen who Hamas is - there is nothing more important than returning the hostages and eradicating Hamas."

"Our activities on the ground are linked to the efforts to return the hostages," added Gallant. "If Hamas does not feel military pressure, nothing will move forward. They seek the collapse of Israeli society from within, and are using the hostages in a brutal manner. The military operation is intended, among other things, to increase the chance of returning our people."

Meanwhile, the Israeli military ground operations inside Gaza continued through the night, with the Israel Defense Forces saying soldiers killed "dozens" of terrorists who had barricaded themselves inside buildings and tunnels and tried to attack troops.

The IDF said that in one incident, a drone struck a building belonging to Hamas with more than 20 of the terror group's operatives inside.

Also overnight, an Israeli fighter jet struck an anti-tank missile launching post in the area of Al-Azhar University in the northern area of the Strip.

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Zimbabwe's parliament moves to new building

HARARE

ZIMBABWE'S parliament announced Sunday that it is relocating from the colonial-era building in the central business district (CBD) to a new, modern building that was funded and built by China in Mount Hampden on the outskirts of the capital Harare.

"The new parliament (building) is a magnificent and imposing edifice that symbolizes the enduring cultural heritage, abiding values, hopes, aspirations and achievements of the Zimbabwean people," the parliament said in a statement Sunday. The relocation process is expected



to take approximately two weeks beginning on Oct. 30, it said, adding that some parliament services will be temporarily interrupted or delayed during the

relocation process.

"However, we will strive to ensure that critical services continue to be provided through our personnel stationed either at

the CBD or the new parliament building offices," it added.

The new parliament building, which was funded and built by China through a grant, was delivered on Thursday to Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa, who subsequently handed it over to the speaker of parliament, according to the statement.

The relocation marks the end of an era for Zimbabwe's parliament in the old building that was constructed in the late 19th century by Zimbabwe's colonial rulers.

With a capacity to accommodate about 100 legislators, the old building had become too

small for the more than 350 legislators and support staff.

The new parliament building gives an architectural nod to the country's famous ancient ruins, the Great Zimbabwe, and has the capacity to accommodate 1,000 people.

The six-story building also has extra facilities for conferences with 15 committee rooms and 600 rooms including offices for VIPs.

The Zimbabwean government has announced that it will host the 44th Ordinary Summit of Southern African Development Community Heads of State and Government at the new parliament building next year.

Chinese foreign minister meets US biz community members

WASHINGTON

CHINESE Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Saturday invited the US business community to grab the new opportunities from China's high-quality growth and high-level opening up and contribute to the improvement of China-US ties.

Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, made the remarks during a meeting with representatives of US business community and other sectors in Washington.

China is ready to work with the US side to truly follow through on the important consensus reached between the two heads of state, and take concrete actions to expand the positive agenda of bilateral relations and reduce the negative agenda, Wang said.

He urged both sides to work together to clear the way and overcome impediments in order for the two heads of state to meet in San Francisco.

Wang also discussed the context of his visit to the United States and recent communication between China and the United States, noting that the main theme of his visit is "returning to

Bali" and "leading to San Francisco".

Noting that with improving business climate and rising degree of innovation, China is opening wider to the rest of the world, Wang said that a series of major steps declared by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation have brought important benefits to promoting international cooperation and strengthening China-US economic and trade exchanges.

China appreciates the US business community for overcoming turbulences in bilateral relations and remaining steadfast in advancing the China-US friendship, Wang said.

The driving force for mutually beneficial cooperation between China and the United States is strong, the foundation remains solid, and the space remains broad, said Wang, urging the US business community to give full play to the role of economic and trade cooperation as the "ballast" and foster public support and social foundation for friendly relations between the two countries.

Participants of the meeting called it encouraging that the dialogue and exchanges at various levels between the



Wang Yi (3rd-R), a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chinese foreign minister, speaks during a meeting with representatives of US business community and other sectors in Washington, DC, the United States on Saturday. XINHUA

United States and China are gradually resuming, adding that the two sides' interests are closely intertwined and a strong US-China relationship is crucial to the success of both countries.

The US business community attaches great importance to China's transition to high-quality development, has full confidence in the Chinese market, and supports the two governments to take effective measures to facilitate personnel exchanges, they said.

They also looked forward to expanding bilateral cooperation in economy and trade, science and technology, innovation and climate change, so as to bring more benefits to their people.

Wang also briefed about the prospects of China's economic development and the positive steps the country has taken in areas including market access and intellectual property protection.

The meeting was jointly hosted by the US-China Business Council, the National Committee on United States-China Relations and the US Chamber of Commerce.

Xinhua

SPORT



Kilimanjaro Queens cricket outfit's Swaumu Godfrey (R) receives the Player of the Match award from a cricket stakeholder once the squad confronted Mount Meru Queens in this season's Tanzania Women's Cricket Premier League clash that took place at Leaders Club ground in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Kilimanjaro Queens thrash Mount Meru Queens

By Guardian Reporter

SWAUMU Godfrey showcased her batting virtuosity as Kilimanjaro Queens defeated Mount Meru Queens by 46 runs in a 2023 Tanzania Women's Cricket Premier League duel last Friday.

It was the fourth victory to have been recorded by Kilimanjaro Queens as the side sought to prove it is still one of the serious contenders for the tournament's top honour.

The duel, which took place at Leaders Club ground in Dar es Salaam, witnessed Kilimanjaro Queens posting 134/7 in 20 once they went in to bat first.

Except for Swaumu Deo, who faced an early exit, the remainder of Kilimanjaro Queens' top-order players were in good form and their showing played a pivotal role in the side's acquisition of the total.

Swaumu, deployed at number four, was sent back after executing two knocks, as she was caught by Mount Meru Queens' Monica Pascal from Zena Hassan's delivery.

Opener Swaumu was the batter with the most runs when the batting squad took the crease, in which the cricketer ended with 54 runs.

Her efforts to extend her stay at the crease were foiled by Mount Meru Queens' Farida Amiry, as the bowler trapped the former for leg before wicket to leave Kilimanjaro Queens six runs short of triple digits after 11.6 overs.

The fellow opener, Fatuma Omary, and the other top-order performers, Nasra Hamza and Zuhura Masudi, also ended with two-digit figures, as Fatuma registered 19 runs, Nasra and Zuhura scored 14 runs and 10 runs respectively.

Maimuna Fikiri made her way back whilst being five runs short of two digits, as her efforts to boost her team's score were curtailed by Mount Meru Queens' Zena.

Mwanaidi Mohamed had Kilimanjaro Queens piling more runs after the cricketer posted 16

runs not out and forged a solid partnership with Halima Ramadhan (two runs not out) to see to it the batting squad amasses a better score.

Zena made her way back with the best bowling statistics for Mount Meru Queens, taking 3-16 and a 4.00 economy rate in her four-over spell.

Mount Meru Queens' bowling unit members, Mwapwani Ally, Farida Amiry, and Monica registered a wicket each in their bowling stints.

Chasing 135 runs to come out victorious turned out to be a tall order for Mount Meru Queens, given they were surprisingly skittled for 88 runs in 19.2 overs.

Gertrude Mushi and Monica were by far the batters that managed to withstand Kilimanjaro Queens' bowling attack for several overs to end with two digits.

Gertrude notched 14 runs before being dismissed by Mariam Hussein, having seen Mount Meru Queens record 33 runs after 7.5 overs.

Monica- stepping in after the early exits of Malizia Salum and Aisha Mohamed- ended with 10 runs. Aisha ended two runs of two digits.

Jenipher Gabriel fought to bring stability in the innings with solid knocks which had the performer posting 29 runs for Mount Meru Queens.

The middle-order batter propelled Mount Meru Queens to 80 runs after 16.6 overs when she made her way back, and Farida sought to improve her squad's total after the cricketer posted 12 runs.

Jenipher's dismissal seemingly spelled doom for the batting squad, considering the remainder of the batters could hardly contain Kilimanjaro Queens.

Swaumu orchestrated a successful plan by Kilimanjaro Queens to foil Mount Meru Queens' chase, ending her bowling stint with two wickets as was the case for teammates Maimuna Fikiri, Nasra, and Fatuma.

Shime happy with Twiga Stars' readiness for African Women's Olympic Qualifiers

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's senior national women's soccer team 'Twiga Stars' head coach, Bakari Shime is optimistic about his players' readiness to qualify for the third round of the 2024 CAF Women's Olympic Qualifiers.

"Twiga Stars' will face Botswana in the rematch of the second round at the National Stadium in Gaborone on Tuesday.

The Tanzania squad garnered a 2-0 win over Botswana in the first leg played at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last week.

Foreign-based forwards- Turkey's Besiktas winger Oppa Clement and Sweden's BK Häcken striker Aisha Masaka- scored for Twiga Stars.

The Tanzania squad has already touched down in Gaborone and will have a few training sessions before playing the rematch.

Shime noted he expects strong opposition from Botswana in the second leg game as was the case in the first leg game, because their opponents have a good team and will have their local support on Tuesday.

"I expect great plays, especially more attacking play by our opponents, now that they will be at home, we saw that when we played them in Dar es Salaam," Shime noted.

"I am sure they are going to play their hearts out quickly and see what they can get, so far we are working greatly on that and I have planned to ensure that we continue to win," Shime disclosed.

The tactician pointed out: "I am optimistic over my charges, especially on their readiness to write more history in the women's soccer internationally after achieving success in recent years."

Shime revealed: "The goal is to ensure that we move forward in the process of competing for a spot in the Olympic Games. I have great faith that my players will fight, but what we need from Tanzanians is to continue to be with us in prayers and support."

Twiga Stars will assess defender, Fatuma Issa, to find out how she responds to training ahead of their match against The Mares, while midfielder Anastazia Katunzi has been cleared to be fit.

The Tanzania team qualified for the second round of the Olympic qualifiers unopposed after Congo Brazzaville withdrew from the qualifiers' first round.

In the third round, four teams will qualify for the final fourth phase, where two teams will qualify to represent CAF in the 2024 Summer Olympics to be staged in France.

The overall winner of the second-round duel between Twiga Stars and The Mares of Botswana will face the aggregate winner of the second-round encounter between South Africa and DR Congo.

South Africa played a 1-1 draw against DR Congo at Stade des Martyrs de la Pentecôte, Kinshasa last week and the two sides will today face each other in the rematch at Orlando Stadium, Johannesburg.

SPORTS

Tanzania should boldly aim to seal a spot at 2026 World Cup

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

DESPITE being a nation chock-full of avid football enthusiasts, it is regrettably saddening that Tanzania has never graced the football World Cup in her history.

Indeed, each time the World Cup comes around, our country can only observe the sublime football that is so typical of the World Cup from the sidelines.

After missing out again on the World Cup in Qatar last year, our country is now dreaming of featuring at the 2026 World Cup but, to get there, we will have to successfully navigate our way through a decidedly tricky Group E of the 2026 World Cup qualifiers.

Without a shadow of a doubt, certainly, sealing a spot at the next World Cup will neither be a piece of cake nor a walk in the park for our national football team, the Taifa Stars.

And, just in case you are still in the dark, Dear Reader, Group E consists of lightweights Eritrea, perennial titans Morocco, perpetual contenders Zambia, Congo-Brazzaville, and Niger, who are minnows at least on paper.

Nevertheless, despite the lethal threats that some teams in Group E will pose to our World Cup ambitions, this writer would still like to state that we should head into the qualifiers with boldness instead of quaking in our boots.

After all, as Simba SC and Yanga have amply demonstrated in recent seasons on the do-or-die continental football stage, our players can hold their own with the crème de la crème of African football.

So, despite the obvious perils awaiting us when the 2026 World Cup qualifiers kick off on November 14, we should head into battle with a steely resolve to emerge victorious and banish all trepidation from our hearts.

Let us now turn our attention to the Rugby World Cup which came to a cliff-



Footballers making Tanzania's senior national football team are pictured participating in drills in Egypt recently to shape up for qualifiers for the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations slated for January 13-February 11, 2024, in Ivory Coast. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

hanger of a climax last Saturday, with the Springboks (South Africa's nickname) edging the mighty All Blacks (New Zealand) 12-11 in what was a tense and spine-tingling affair. Indeed, the ferociously competitive final was a fitting end to a drama-filled competition that had certainly delivered loads of thrilling excitement for the sport's teeming fans.

And, at the heart of the action-packed championship were the Springboks and the All Blacks, who are indisputably the two premier sides in international rugby. Compared to the Springboks, the All Blacks enjoyed an easier path to the final of the 'Holy Grail' of international rugby.

After ousting pre-World Cup favorites Ireland in the quarterfinals, the All Blacks took on those plucky underdogs, Argentina, in the semi-finals.

Sadly though, for all Argentinians who had been hoping for a seismic upset, the All Blacks tore the South Americans to shreds 44-6 in a completely one-sided encounter to progress to the World Cup final.

As for fellow World Cup finalists South Africa, their path to the high-stakes final was fraught with nearly insurmountable obstacles.

Incredibly, the Springboks defeated the hosts France 29-28 in a slim victory and then unbelievably replicated that same margin of victory by beating England 16-15 in a

pulse-racing semi-final.

That result then set up a titanic showdown in the final between the sport's two greatest juggernauts, the All Blacks and the Springboks.

And, in what was an epic rugby contest that went right down to the wire, the Springboks finally prevailed 12-11 to secure their fourth Rugby World Cup, which is a monumental first in the history of the sport.

Hopefully, then, other countries on the continent will be able to draw some inspiration from the Springboks' praiseworthy displays and go on to become formidable rugby powerhouses themselves.



Various groups of young and old people engage in jogging which took place at Tandale Kwa Mtogole in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

Jogging outfits urged to fight sextortion

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

JOGGING groups in Tanzania have been asked to actively participate in the fight against sexual corruption to protect girls from such corruption so that they can fulfill their dreams in education.

Dar es Salaam's Tandale Ward Councilor, Abdallah Said, issued the call when speaking to the groups after finishing jogging in the city yesterday.

The race was organized by the non-governmental organization sensitizing communities on gender issues (WAJIKI), in collaboration with boda boda, bajaj, and daladala drivers.

Speaking on behalf of the councilor, his secretary Muhidin Mtengeleka said jogging groups have a great chance to mobilize the

fight against sextortion, as they involve young women and men. "I thank WAJIKI for bringing the jogging groups from the Makumbusho Ward to us to mobilize this fight, and I ask you to be in the front line to do this work because sexual corruption is rampant in many areas," Mtengeleka stated.

Janeth Mawinza, WAJIKI's Director, said they have been running the campaign, termed 'Safari Salama Bila Rushwa ya Ngoni Inawezekana', with the funding of Women Fund Tanzania (WFT).

"We have decided to include jogging groups as there are indicators of corruption (in such groups), that is why we are now collaborating with some jogging groups," Janeth stated. The director said despite the success they continue to achieve in the drive, they are still facing the challenge of a lack of sponsors since they only have one namely WFT.

She mentioned another challenge as the lack of an area for accommodating victims of acts of sexual violence including sexual corruption.

"There is also a lack of parenting skills among parents, guardians, and society in general, it is a problem, as some of them end cases quietly instead of bringing them to the legal authorities," Janeth said.

Janeth said that the act leaves the victims permanently affected psychologically while the suspects roam the streets.

"Despite that, we thank the government for various efforts it is making to eradicate gender-based violence in the country," she said.

Man City cruise against Man Utd exposes gulf in class

LONDON

MANCHESTER City once feared a trip to Old Trafford but painted the town blue once more with a 3-0 victory over a demoralised United on Sunday to reassert their dominance.

A double from Erling Haaland before Phil Foden tapped home a third took Pep Guardiola's men nine points clear of United just 10 games into the Premier League season.

Not since United last won the league in Alex Ferguson's final season in charge, in 2012/13, have the Red Devils finished above their local rivals.

That run looks destined to go on for another season, with the clubs worlds apart on and off the pitch.

The travelling City support taunted the home fans with chants expressing the hope that United's unpopular owners, the Glazer family, would remain for "10 more years".

Initial optimism among the United fanbase that the Americans would sell the club they have controlled since 2005 looks likely to have been misplaced, with British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe set to settle for a minority stake after a year of negotiations.

United's demise under the Glazers has coincided with the rise of City as the dominant force in English football, thanks to backing from Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Mansour. But money is not the only reason for the disparity in the performances of both clubs.

United have outspent City in the transfer market in recent years but have wasted millions in the process.

Despite his side's struggles to score goals this season, United boss Erik ten Hag left expensive attacking talent in Antony and Mason Mount on the bench on Sunday. By contrast, City have a slick operation behind the scenes to match their football.

Guardiola cut short his successful managerial spells at Barcelona and Bayern Munich but is now into his eighth season at the Etihad.

"I know what we have done. I didn't expect it," he said when asked if he had envisaged the change in fortunes for the clubs after his seventh win at Old Trafford as City boss.

"I said many times we are in the same direction – the chairman, sporting director, manager and the players, we go there. When we lose or things aren't going well we don't find blame for someone. We work out what we have to do better and find solutions."

Finding solutions for a season that threatens to spiral out of control is now Ten Hag's job.

The Dutchman enjoyed plenty of plaudits for his first season in charge as he returned United to the Champions League and ended a six-year trophy drought by lifting the League Cup.

However, after another period of heavy investment in the summer transfer window, United have gone backwards at an alarming rate.

A return of five defeats from their opening 10 league games means the club have made their worst start since 1986/87, while they are also in severe danger of failing to make the Champions League knockouts.

Ten Hag's decision to replace striker Rasmus Hojlund was met with a chorus of boos for the second time this season by the Old Trafford crowd and thousands marched out after Foden's goal 10 minutes from time.

"It's different levels," said former United midfielder Roy Keane. "The United players are just short in every aspect, technically and tactically. It's a long way back for this team."

Frustration towards the Glazers has largely shielded Ten Hag from criticism so far. But questions are beginning to be asked of the former Ajax boss, with United languishing eighth in the table, eight points adrift of the top four.

Catching City already looks an impossible task as Guardiola's side target another historic landmark.

Fresh from matching United's crowning glory under Ferguson by winning the Premier League, Champions League and FA Cup in the same season, City are now aiming to become the first side to win the English top flight for a fourth consecutive year.

AFP

Colombian army searches for Liverpool winger Diaz's kidnapped father

BOGOTA

MORE than 120 Colombian soldiers backed by police searched Sunday for the father of Liverpool winger Luis Diaz, kidnapped with his wife, who has since been rescued.

The army said in a statement it had set up roadblocks and deployed two motorized platoons, unmanned aircraft, helicopters and a plane with radar in the search for Luis Manuel Diaz.

Colombian authorities did not provide details about the kidnapping, but media reported the footballer's father and mother Cilenis Marulanda were taken Saturday by armed men on motorcycles at a gas station in their home town of Barrancas in the northern La Guajira department.

President Gustavo Petro said Marulanda was rescued in Barrancas hours after the couple was taken.

Attorney General Francisco Barbosa told a press conference Sunday that Diaz "could be" in Venezuela, without elaborating.

The motive for the kidnapping has not been divulged.

"We are desperate, we are distressed, we know nothing about him," Olmer Diaz, the kidnapped man's brother, told AFP in Barrancas, urging his "prompt release."

Colombia is a country just emerging from decades of civil conflict between rival armed groups that has seen more than 38,000 people kidnapped over the years, mostly for ransom.

Petro, at an event to mark the start of local elections in Bogota, said "all the public forces have been deployed" to find Diaz's father.

Luis Manuel Diaz was an amateur coach at the only football school in Barrancas, a town of about 38,000 inhabitants near the Venezuelan border, where his son showed promise from a very young age.

His father is credited with aiding the meteoric rise of the Liverpool and Colombia striker known as "Lucho."

Diaz, a 26-year-old Wayuu Indigenous man, has not spoken out about the events.

In his Colombian hometown, resident Leonardo Diaz, 41 (no relation), told AFP he was "sad and dismayed" by the kidnapping of a man he described as "a humble person of the people."

The footballer's Liverpool teammate, Portugal's Diogo Jota, dedicated his goal in a Premier League clash Sunday against Nottingham Forest to Diaz, who did not play. In celebration, Jota ran to manager Jurgen Klopp, who handed him Diaz's shirt, which he held aloft to applause from Liverpool fans.

Colombian police have offered a reward equivalent to about \$48,000 for information that leads them to Diaz and his captors.

Liverpool FC issued a statement Sunday saying it was "aware of an ongoing situation involving the family of Luis Diaz" in Colombia.

"It is our fervent hope that the matter is resolved safely and at the earliest possible opportunity. In the meantime, the player's welfare will continue to be our immediate priority," it said.

Manager Klopp described it as a "worrying situation for all of us."

"We had to obviously make a late change because of the private situation involving Luis Diaz," he said ahead of Sunday's match. "It was a pretty tough night. I have never had that before. It's a new experience I never needed."

Man City's dominance over Man United continues with 3-0 win as pressure mounts on Ten Hag

MANCHESTER, England

MANCHESTER City forward Phil Foden dropped to his knees and slid toward the away fans as he completed the scoring in the 191st Manchester derby.

Manchester United supporters just headed for the exit at Old Trafford.

This was another one-sided encounter between the city rivals, which only confirmed the ongoing dominance of Pep Guardiola's defending Premier League champions.

A 3-0 win on Sunday did not do justice to City's superiority in a game that required Andre Onana to keep Erling Haaland down to just two goals on a day when the Norwegian also provided the assist for Foden.

"It looks easy but it is not. It really, really is not," said Guardiola. "I have a lot of respect for United for what they do, but we were at our best, especially in the second half."

On a rainy Manchester day, it was an all too familiar outcome as City eased to victory against the club that was for so long the dominant force in English soccer, with a record 20 league titles.

It is now 10 years since United won its last league championship, while City has lifted the title seven times since being backed by Abu Dhabi's ruling family in 2008. Guardiola has delivered five titles in six years and last season led the club to a treble of trophies – the Premier League, Champions League and FA Cup.

Erik ten Hag was supposed to close the gap between the teams when hired in 2022, but after a humbling derby loss, it feels as though the distance is widening.

United has lost seven games in all competitions this season, with this latest defeat leaving it eight points off the Champions League places.

Ten Hag, however, tried to offer words of optimism to fans who have repeatedly booed during home games this season and jeered his decision to substitute



Haaland rises to head home City's second goal. Agencies

striker Rasmus Hojlund in the second half against City.

"I think we are on the way up, the start was difficult but now we are on the way up," said the Dutch coach. "When injuries are getting back we will be getting stronger. We have to be patient, but I am happy with some injuries coming back and then our side will be stronger."

Those words sounded hollow as City controlled the game once Haaland scored a 26th-minute penalty, awarded after referee Paul Tierney reviewed the sideline monitor.

Onana denied Haaland a second before halftime, but was beaten when the Norwegian headed in four minutes after the break. Onana stopped Haaland again before the forward set up Foden in the 80th.

For many United fans, they had seen enough and quickly left their seats to make their way out of the stadium.

For those who remained, they were serenaded by City supporters chanting "Champions again, ole, ole, ole."

There is a long way to go this sea-

son and City is two points behind Tottenham at the top of the standings and level on points with Arsenal. But after winning three titles in a row, a historic fourth in succession looks a distinct possibility.

VILLA CHALLENGE

Aston Villa may be an unlikely Champions League challenger this season as its impressive form under Unai Emery continues.

A team that looked in danger of being relegated before the Spanish coach took charge last year is just one point off fourth-place Liverpool after 10 games. Villa beat Luton 3-1, with John McGinn and Moussa Diaby on the scoresheet. Tom Lockyer's own-goal added a third before Emiliano Martinez also put through his own net to hand Luton a consolation.

Evan Ferguson's reputation keeps growing and he scored his fifth goal of the season in Brighton's 1-1 draw with Fulham, which saw Joao Palhinha score a stunning equalizer from the edge of the box.

DIAZ SUPPORT

Liverpool's players showed their support for Luis Diaz after

the player's parents were kidnapped in Colombia on Saturday by gunmen in their city of Barrancas, near the Caribbean.

His mother was later rescued but his father remained missing, authorities said.

With Diaz absent from the squad for the 3-0 win against Nottingham Forest, Diogo Jota held the forward's No. 7 jersey after opening the scoring. Goals from Darwin Nunez and Mohamed Salah completed the win.

EVERTON WINS

In the week when Everton chairman Bill Kenwright died, his beloved club came up with a 1-0 win at West Ham.

The Merseyside club only secured top-flight survival in the final game of last season and a difficult start to the current campaign suggests it could be another year of struggle for one of English soccer's most storied teams. It was Kenwright's desire to see Everton compete for the biggest prizes and, while that looks some way off, Dominic Calvert-Lewin's second-half strike at least moved the team further away from the relegation zone.

Sundowns, Wydad build slender semi-final leads at home

JOHANNESBURG

THE African Football League semi-finals are balanced on a knife edge after Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa and Wydad Casablanca of Morocco built 1-0 first-leg leads at home on Sunday.

A snap long-range shot by Thapelo Maseko on 52 minutes that took goalkeeper Mohamed el Shenawy by surprise brought Sundowns victory over Al Ahly of Egypt in Pretoria.

Hicham Boussefiene was the match-winner in Casablanca against Esperance of Tunisia with his cross eluding goalkeeper Moez Ben Cherifia after 58 minutes and landing in the corner of the net.

The return matches in the inaugural edition are scheduled for Rades and Cairo on Wednesday with everything to play for as the four teams chase a four million dollar first prize.

Unlike Europe, who scrapped the away-goal rule in club competitions from the 2021-2022 season, Africa continues to use it, adding to the intrigue ahead of the return matches.

When Sundowns and Ahly clashed at the CAF Champions League group stage last March in Pretoria, the South Africans triumphed 5-2.

But there was little chance of a repeat scoreline as Ahly restricted Sundowns to just a few scoring chances in the opening half.

Poor control robbed captain Themba Zwane of a close-range shooting chance and El Shenawy made a spectacular one-hand save to push away a Maseko header.

When Ahly surrendered possession cheaply soon after half-time, Maseko turned sharply and scored with a shot into the corner from outside the box.

- Penalty appeal -

A Teboho Mokoena header rebounded off the crossbar in added



Al Ahly defender Mohamed Hany (L) and Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder Thapelo Maseko clash during the semi-final first leg in Pretoria (Agencies)

time after Ahly had a penalty appeal rejected when former Sundowns star Percy Tau fell following a challenge.

Both coaches were relatively satisfied after the latest episode in one of the great recent African club rivalries.

"It is half-time and we are leading. I am happy with that situation," said Rulani Mokwena of Sundowns.

Ahly coach Marcel Koller said: "Sundowns' goal came from our mistake

and I thought we should have had a penalty. We can overturn the deficit in Cairo."

A passionate near-capacity crowd in a 60,000-seat Casablanca stadium saw Wydad dominate for long periods before deservedly breaking the deadlock.

Recalled Ben Cherifia captained the Tunis outfit after Amanallah Memmich, 19, featured in both legs of a quarter-finals victory over TP Mazembe from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

But the veteran shot-stopper appeared to be distracted by an in-rushing Moroccan when Boussefiene curled the ball into the six-yard box, and Wydad were ahead.

The home side almost doubled their lead just four minutes later as a Charki el Bahri header beat Ben Cherifia only to strike the crossbar and rebound to safety.

When Esperance created a chance on 70 minutes, Ghaith Ouahabi struck the ball timidly and the goal attempt was comfortably saved by Youssef el Motie.

Wydad are hoping to avoid a hat-trick of disappointments in mid-week after suffering losses to Esperance in the 2011 and 2019 CAF Champions League finals.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Twiga Stars forward, Aisha Masaka (L), dribbles past Botswana's defender, Nancy Baelets, when they faced each other in the first leg of the African Women's Olympic Qualifiers' second round played at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last Thursday and ended in 2-0 win for Twiga Stars. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Olympics qualification on the line as Twiga Stars takes on Botswana

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S senior national women's soccer team, Twiga Stars, will be hoping to make it to the third round of the African qualifying tournament for the 2024 Paris Women's Olympic Football Tournament when they play away to Botswana in the second leg this afternoon.

In the first leg game played at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last Thursday, Twiga Stars secured a 2-0 victory over Botswana thanks to a goal in either half from captain Opah Clement and Aisha Masaka.

The clash is billed for the National Stadium in Gaborone, with Twiga Stars needing to avoid defeat of more than two goals to advance to the third round.

The Twiga Stars contingent safely arrived in Gaborone, Botswana on Sunday at dawn.

The Tanzania squad's head coach Bakari Shime, speaking ahead of the game, said he expects his squad will be boosted by the return of a couple of players, who were unable to feature in the first game last week, because of injuries.

The coach declared his confidence in his players securing the needed results in their opponents' backyard to secure qualification to the next round of the 2024 Paris Women's Olympic Football Tournament Qualifiers.

Shime revealed: "We have arrived safely in Gaborone after a long journey of many hours for our return match against Botswana after the first match that was held in Dar es Salaam and we managed to get a winning result of 2-0 goals."

"All players are fine since we arrived yesterday and this morning we did some light training in the gym. In the evening we practiced on the field," the coach stated.

"I expect that the conditions of the players, according to what we have seen, will continue to improve even for those who are injured."

The tactician said: "We have had a few injured players who are doing well. I believe that given the circumstances, the injured players who did not play in the Dar match will be able to play in this one."

Twiga Stars have twin duties as they are involved in both the Olympic and the 2024 Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) qualifiers and are through to the final round of the continental competition's qualifiers.

The winner on aggregate between Tanzania and Botswana will face either South Africa or DR Congo in the third round of qualifiers for the 2024 Paris Women's Olympic Football Tournament.

Tanzania is yet to make an appearance in the Women's Olympics. Only two African teams at the end of the fourth round are guaranteed a place at the 2024 Paris Women's Olympic Football Tournament.

KMC FC aims for sixth victory in a row, faces Mtibwa Sugar

By Guardian Correspondent

KINONDONI Municipal Council FC is welcoming Mtibwa Sugar to Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam in this season's NBC Premier League match slated for this afternoon.

The host outfit will be looking to continue the squad's good form under head coach Abdihamid Moallin.

Although Kinondoni Municipal Council FC will be disappointed to lose the lead to Tanzania Prisons last week, the performance was impressive and it underlined the progress being made under their new head coach.

They are unbeaten in their last five games. There have been wins against Geita Gold FC, JKT Tanzania, and Ihefu SC as well as stalemates against Prisons and Tabora United.

This excellent run of form keeps Kinondoni Municipal Council FC in fourth spot and only one point adrift of the third-placed Azam FC and just six points behind Young Africans SC and Simba SC at the top of the table.

With a tricky fixture list to come, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC needs three points today to consolidate the club's top-half status as it looks to avoid the nightmare of last season.

A season of consolidation in mid-table will be viewed as a positive campaign for Kinondoni-based outfit.

Head coach Moallin will need to make a final check on the fitness of his players before making his squad public here.

It could be almost identical to the one that featured last time out, with Waziri Junior potentially playing as the center-forward, leaving the likes of Daruweshi Saliboko and Rashid Chambo on the bench.

With two clean sheets in the squad's last three games, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC is improving at the back, but there is still vulnerability in the squad's defense.

Moallin is likely to trust the same backline of Boniface Maganga, Twalib Nuru, Juma Shemvuni, and Hance Masoud.

As for Mtibwa Sugar, they have won just one game this season after a 3-1 victory against Geita Gold FC in Morogoro on Thursday last week, and this win took the former seven games to rack up too.

The Morogoro side is positioned second bottom, edging out rock bottom Geita Gold FC on goal difference.

The visitors' poor start to the campaign cost head coach Habib Kondo his job, and it is to newly appointed tactician Zubeir Katwila's credit that the club earned its first victory since his October 4 appointment.

Ahead of today's game, Mtibwa Sugar will have renewed confidence after their resounding win against Geita Gold FC.

Youngster Ladack Chasambi has been in strong form this season, scoring once and assisting three times for Mtibwa Sugar, and he is expected to again feature in the final third of the field.

He has carried a threat in all of his seven appearances and already looks to be secure in the starting eleven.

Consistency is the next step for him and a good performance could open a Taifa Stars call-up.

Simba SC confident ahead of Dar derby, reveals ticket prices

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC which is yet to lose a game in the NBC Premier League this season will hope to extend the club's fine run when it hosts age-old rivals, Yanga, at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

The 'Msimbazi Reds', as Simba SC is affectionately known, is looking forward to the Dar es Salaam derby against Yanga with enough confidence, according to the club's Media and Communication officer Ahmed Ally.

Brazilian coach Roberto 'Robertinho' Oliveira's men have won all of their opening six games of the NBC Premier League matches this term and are level on points with league leader Yanga who has played one more game.

They extended their unbeaten streak to 29 league matches with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Ihefu SC in the city on Saturday.

Ally said during Monday's press conference: "Our match against Yanga will be played on Sunday, at 5:00 pm at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium. It is a big match for us."

"It is a match that will show the real quality of Tanzanian football and its victory brings smiles to the fans of the respective teams while the losers grieve forever," Ally noted.

"It is a match in which we are going to continue our dominance over our arch-rivals. To ensure that we do well this season, we need to win the game."

The official noted: "We want to win the league title very early. We thank Ihefu SC for helping us with our objectives and we want to continue to keep the difference with Yanga."

Exuding confidence, Ally declared they have invested heavily for the occasion because the Dar es Salaam derby is a high-stakes game that presents the victor with bragging rights.

Ally noted: "We have invested heavily in making our fans happy, on Sunday, we want to make them happy. And whoever wins that game will take the bragging rights in the country until the next derby."

Due to the high stakes, Ally revealed Simba SC's players are expected to return to training today to prepare for the derby.

He said: "The squad will resume residential training camp tomorrow, Tuesday. For domestic games, we usually camp three days before the match, but we are early for this one. We have focused on this game to make sure we win."



Simba SC players are pictured participating in training at Mo Simba Arena, Bunju in Dar es Salaam recently in preparation for various tournaments including the 2023/24 NBC Premier League and CAF Champions League. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

As the host team for the first league derby of the season, Simba SC has now issued information about ticket pricing and ticket sales.

Popular tickets for the derby have been set at 5000/- . Orange seats will go for 10,000/- , while VIP C and B tickets will cost 20,000/- and 30,000/- respectively.

Tickets for the high-end VIP A seats and Platinum seats will go for 40,000/- and 150,000/- respectively.

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