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Lobby wants EAC air charges merged

By Guardian Reporter

STAKEHOLDERS in the transport sector are pushing the view that the East African Community (EAC) works out a single area air transport services agreement to lower the cost of passenger travel and cargo freight charges.

John Bosco Kalisa, chief executive officer for the East African Business Council (EABC), issued this appeal in a validation webinar for a study on air transport services liberalization in the EAC zone.

It was organised in partnership with TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) and the support of the Netherlands, airing the view that stakeholders are concerned that limited liberalisation of air transport services retains high flight ticket rates.

Visa restrictions limit the movement of non-residents into the EAC bloc, the EABC chief noted, appealing to the Heads of State to adopt a single area model offering preferential and national treatment for EAC airlines.

This is currently the case in some countries, where foreign airlines enjoy more favourable treatment than EAC airlines, he stated, noting that the region can start offering preferential treatment to EAC cargo planes to boost exports.

The study analysed the cost drivers and regulatory environment, including taxes, levies and other related charges, listing recommendations to lower the cost of air transport in the region.

Limited infrastructure, lack of standardised

“The preliminary findings also show that cargo volumes have largely stagnated in the EAC region due to high costs of air cargo

regulations and high air transport costs are key challenges for air transport in the EAC zone, he said, arguing that the EAC should consider replacing bilateral air services agreements now in place with a single area air transport services.

EAC partner states need to fast-track EAC regulations on the liberalisation of air transport services in line with the EAC Common Market Protocol, he asserted, citing preliminary findings of the study as showing that one percentage increase in passenger traffic enhances tourism receipts.

Similarly, a percentage increase in freight carrier departures leads to a 0.299 percent increase in tourism receipts.

One percentage increase in air passenger traffic leads to a minute increase in the gross domestic product (GDP), while the combined impact in trade, tourism, inbound investment, production and employment would result in an additional 46,320 jobs and \$202.1m gross income annually, he elaborated.

Paveen Mbada, TMEA head of public-private dialogue and export capability underlined that partnering with public and private sector actors to unlock bottlenecks and facilitate trade in the EAC and the continent was a priority.

Air transport costing is an enabler of tourism and export of horticulture, thus contributing to EAC's GDP outcomes and building foreign reserves, he said.

Charles Omusana, principal economist

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan and other African leaders in a panel discussion held in Dakar, Senegal, yesterday as part of a three-day (Jan 25 to 27) summit out to explore solutions to mobilise government resources, development partners and private sector financing to harness Africa's food and agriculture potential, turning advocacy efforts into concrete action that will help boost food security across the continent. The theme of the Dakar 2 Summit is 'Feed Africa: Food sovereignty and resilience'. Hosting it is President Macky Sall of Senegal, current Chairperson of the African Union, with the African Development Bank Group as co-host. Delegates include government executives, private sector players, scientists and representatives of multilateral organisations, and NGOs. Photo: State House

'Public silent about deaths by poor quality healthcare'

By Henry Mwangonde

DEATHS caused by poor quality healthcare receive less attention compared to those caused by major illnesses, a vital health sector gathering was told yesterday.

Dr Omary Chillo, president of the Tanzania Health Summit (THS), told its members that for Tanzania to succeed in providing healthcare delivery, there is need to put patients at the centre of services, embrace research, innovation and bolster private sector engagement.

His remarks are based on a new report he launched, highlighting evidence-based strategies emerging from the ninth THS summit in October 2022 which documents discussions held by 621 participants.

It groups stakeholders from various quarters, discussing the push for quality healthcare as a key ingredient in ensuring Universal Health Coverage (UHC) now under discussion.

The policy currently underpins the government's legislative

“...should emulate the division of midwifery and nursing who have introduced customer care content in their undergraduate curriculum, post graduate as well as mid-level curriculum and certificate

plans to ensure health insurance for all without financial constraint, with the THS leader saying poor quality services was the new challenge.

“As country we are indebted to tackle the problem, support improvement with all our energy and we should collectively work to improve the healthcare services,” the summit chief said.

Prevention is key and a major step to reduce deaths and ease the burden on health care systems, the report affirms, noting that this will need more resources to achieve targets under the Tanzania fifth health sector strategic plan (HSSPV).

The report offers recommendations and scientific solutions generated by the 621 participants who discussed contemporary challenges hindering quality healthcare delivery.

THS is this year marking its 10th anniversary, with

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RC graces keel laying event for three ferries

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

A TOTAL of 17.8bn/- has so far been disbursed for the construction of three new ferries to improve transport in Lake Victoria.

Adam Malima, the regional commissioner for Mwanza, made this affirmation at a keel-laying ceremony yesterday at the Songoro Yard in Ilemela District, operated by the Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA).

Once completed, the three ferries plying the Ijinga-Kahangala route in Magu District, Bwiro-Bukondo in Ukerewe District plus the Nyakaliro-Kome in Buchosa municipality, Sengerema District.

He said the new ferries will also stimulate economic activities, so construction needs to be completed on time and to the highest standards “to realise government ambitions to

eradicate transport inconveniences.”

Five ferries are in the construction stage, for the Kisorya-Rugezi route, Bwiro-Bukondo, Nyakaliro-Kome, Ijinga - Kahangala, and Mafia-Nyamisati while contracts totalling 33.2bn/- have been signed and contractors handed advance payments for the work, he said.

Three other ferries are at procurement stage and their construction is expected to start within this financial year, he further noted.

TEMESA is renovating 14 ferries at a cost of 22.9bn/- and renovating crossing infrastructures in 11 places priced at 4.1bn/-, while contracts put at 60.3bn/- had been signed, with the building work already started.

Ludovick Nduhiye, the deputy permanent secretary (Works and Transport), said that the scheduled ferries would hugely impact economic activities.

Lazaro Kilahala, the TEMESA CEO,

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US-South Africa in initiative to combat wildlife trafficking

SOUTH AFRICA

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen used a tour of the Dinokeng Game Reserve in South Africa on Wednesday to announce a joint initiative to combat wildlife trafficking and related criminal activities in the United States and South Africa.

“First, we will increase information sharing between our financial intelligence units to better support key law enforcement agencies from South Africa and the United States. Second, the task force will prioritise the sharing of financial red flags and indicators related to wildlife trafficking cases.”

“We will convene relevant government authorities, regulators, law enforcement,

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US-South Africa joint initiative to combat wildlife trafficking

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and the private sector to improve controls to combat money laundering and the illicit proceeds related to drug trafficking and wildlife trafficking," she added.

Yellen's announcement of a joint wildlife trafficking task force at a reserve that is home to lions, leopards, elephants and critically endangered black rhinos could help a key South African industry. South Africa has an abundance of game parks and a thriving wildlife

tourism industry but struggles with the effects of poaching and illegal animal trafficking.

The White House strategy for Africa also outlines concern over China's involvement in sub-Saharan Africa. China is now South Africa's biggest trade partner.

Yellen started her 10-day trip in Senegal before travelling to Zambia and then arriving in South Africa.

Yesterday, she was expected to meet South Africa's finance minister and then meet business leaders and the country's central bank governor.

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the release of this report indicating a step ahead in advocating appropriate healthcare practices and showcasing the summit's decade of impact, set for 2021-2026.

This plan endorses the goal of achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and is a commitment to attaining universal health coverage (UHC) by 2030.

Dr Ntuli Kapogwe, the health, social welfare and nutritional services director in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) said the government was committed to implement resolutions emerging from the THS report.

The government realised that in order to improve service delivery, there was a need for improving primary healthcare centres by building health centres and dispensaries equipped with resources, he said, affirming that the government has also been training local healthcare providers on ethics

and patient care.

Home-grown research activities and cutting edge innovations and technologies have to be at the forefront in improving the quality of healthcare in the country, the report observes.

To ensure patient-centred healthcare, it was recommended that regional health management teams (RHMTs) and council health management teams (CHMTs) have to supervise primary health facilities to improve patient care.

Other cadres like doctors and laboratory personnel "should emulate the division of midwifery and nursing who have introduced customer care content in their undergraduate curriculum, post graduate as well as mid-level curriculum and certificate," he suggested

"For this to happen it will require collaborative effort of professional councils, the human resource development division, universities and other stakeholders," participants added.

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earlier said that completing the ferries will create a stable transport environment. The Ijinga-Kahangala ferry costs 5.2bn/- with 200 passengers and 10 vehicles capacity, equal to 100 tonnes, he said.

The Bwiro-Bukondo ferry costs 4.5bn/-, having 200 passengers and

10 vehicles capacity summed up as 100 tonnes, while the Nyakaliro Kome ferry that costs 8bn/-, has 800 passengers and 22 cars capacity, equal to 170 tonnes, he stated.

Buchosa and Ukerewe legislators lauded the government for issuing the funds, as part of implementing the CCM election manifesto.

5bn people unprotected from harmful trans-fat leading to heart disease - WHO

By Guardian Reporter

FIVE billion people globally are unprotected from harmful trans-fat, leading to increased risk of heart disease and death, a new status report from the World Health Organisation (WHO) has revealed.

Since WHO first called for the global elimination of industrially produced trans-fat in 2018 - with an elimination target set for 2023 - population coverage of best-practice policies has increased almost six-fold.

Forty-three countries have now implemented best-practice policies for tackling trans-fat in food, with 2.8 billion people protected globally.

"Trans-fat has no known benefit, but huge health risks that incur huge costs for health systems," said WHO director-general, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

He said: "By contrast, eliminating trans-fat is cost effective and has enormous benefits for health. Put simply, trans-fat is a toxic chemical that kills, and should have no place in food. It's time to get rid of it once and for all."

Dr Tom Frieden, president and CEO of Resolve to Save Lives said: "Progress in eliminating trans-fat is at risk of stalling, and trans-fat continues to kill people. Every government can stop these preventable deaths by passing a best-practice policy now. The days of trans-fat killing people are numbered - but governments must act to end this preventable tragedy."

Despite substantial progress, however, this still leaves 5 billion worldwide at risk from trans fat's devastating health impacts with the global goal for its total elimination in 2023 remaining unattainable at this

time. Industrially produced trans-fat (also called industrially produced trans-fatty acids) is commonly found in packaged foods, baked goods, cooking oils and spreads. Trans fat intake is responsible for up to 500 000 premature deaths from coronary heart disease each year around the world.

Currently, 9 of the 16 countries with the highest estimated proportion of coronary heart disease deaths caused by trans-fat intake do not have a best-practice policy. They are Australia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Ecuador, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nepal, Pakistan and Republic of Korea.

Best-practices in trans-fat elimination policies follow specific criteria established by WHO and limit industrially produced trans-fat in all settings.

While most trans-fat elimination policies to date have been implemented in higher-income countries (largely in the Americas and in Europe), an increasing number of middle-income countries are implementing or adopting these policies, including Argentina, Bangladesh, India, Paraguay, Philippines and Ukraine. Best-practice policies are also being considered in Mexico, Nigeria and Sri Lanka in 2023.

If passed, Nigeria would be the second and most populous country in Africa to put a best-practice trans-fat elimination policy in place. No low-income countries have yet adopted a best-practice policy to eliminate trans-fat.

In 2023, WHO recommends that countries focus on these four areas: adopting best-practice policy, monitoring and surveillance, healthy oil replacements and advocacy.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi cuts the ribbon yesterday to launch Dubai National Air Travel Agency (Dnata) ground handling services at Terminal III of Zanzibar's Abeid Amani Karume International Airport. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NMB Bank to cautiously spread outside Tanzania

By Mnaku Mbani

NMB Bank Plc, listed at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE), is planning to spread its wings outside Tanzania, but it remains cautious how it sets out to do so.

Ruth Zaipuna, the CEO, made this observation yesterday in Dar es Salaam, when announcing financial performance results during the past year, plus the bank's plans for this year.

The bank has already hired a consultant to advice on going beyond Tanzanian borders, she said, without mentioning the targeted countries.

"The process has already started and some bank officials have visited some countries we are expecting to enter," she explained.

The plan is there because the bank has the capacity, so the process is already going on but cautiously to ensure that the good track records are not risked by hasty expansion, she stated.

Presenting the financial performances for 2022, she said that profit after tax amounted to 426bn/- and was a new level, an increase of 47 percent from 290bn/- in 2021.

NMB Bank Plc has thus set aside a record 6.2bn/- towards its social impact investment programs, more than 1 percent of its earnings, as required by the bank's corporate social responsibility (CSR) policy,

she said.

"This milestone financial performance and social impact commitment, underscores the bank's focus towards driving Tanzania's socio-economic agenda, and cements NMB Bank's market leadership position," the CEO declared.

The amount set aside for CSR shall maintain NMB effort at driving positive and lasting impact to millions of people in health, education, financial literacy, environment, and the wider sustainability agenda, she stated.

The bank's medium-term and long-term plan is to ensure sustainable value creation and shared prosperity with its stakeholders, she said, highlighting that the bank's profit before tax attained 617bn/- from 414bn/- in 2021.

For the first time in the bank's 25 year history, total income crossed the 1trn/- mark, closing at 1.2trn/-, being 23 percent up year-on-year, she said.

The bank's total assets also crossed the 10trn/- mark, closing at 10.25trn/-, which explains year-on-year growth of 18 percent, she elaborated, laying emphasis on better quality origination and portfolio risk management.

The bank's asset quality improved remarkably with credit impairment of 76bn/- was recorded during last

year, representing loans showing cash flow difficulties, an annual improvement of 33 percent, she stated.

The non-performing loans ratio remained well within the five percent regulatory benchmark, closing at 3.3 percent from 3.6 percent last year.

NMB's strong performance momentum and its deepened impact in the economy cemented its leading position in the market, a flag bearer of banking excellence within the region, she further noted.

"We sustained our leadership in driving the financial inclusion agenda, with over six million customer accounts, representing the largest customer base in Tanzania," she said.

"We emerged as one among the most efficient banks within the East Africa region, with a cost-to-income ratio of 42 percent, well within the regulatory threshold of 55 percent set by the Bank of Tanzania."

In line with its sustainable growth, the bank's tax payment to the government has consistently grown, recognized by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) as the overall winner of the 2022 Taxpayers Awards, she stated.

With market capitalization of more than 1.5trn/- late December 2022, NMB Bank remains the largest bank in Tanzania, and among the

top three listed banks in East Africa, she asserted.

"Strong client activity, investments in digital solutions, meticulous execution of our strategy, high staff morale and productivity have driven the bank's strong performance," she said.

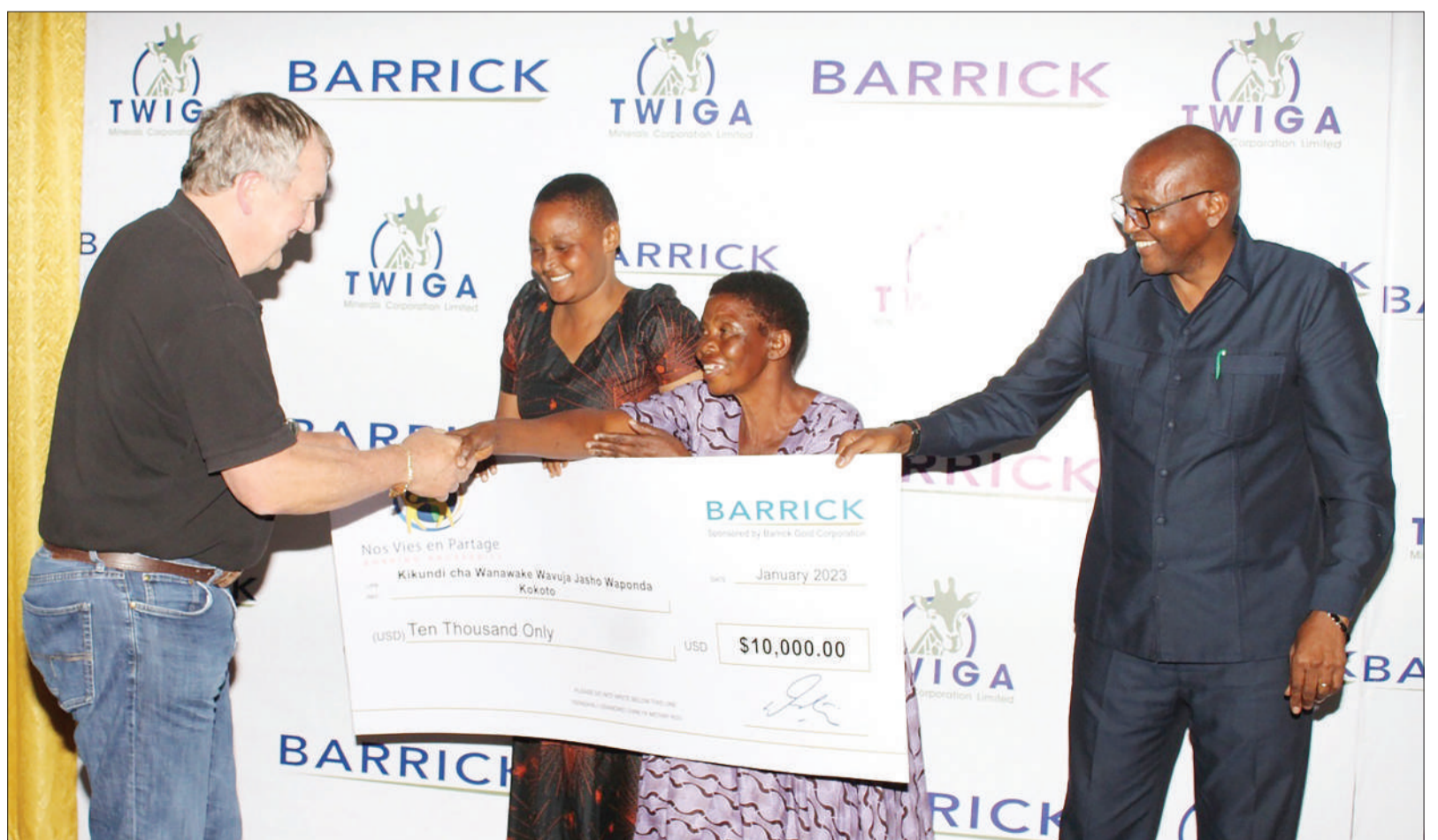
She praised the bank's stakeholders for their confidence and support towards "driving an organization with a growing reputation of consistent performance and a track record of commendable socio-economic impact."

Dr Edwin Mhede, the board chairman, said 2022 was the year of innovation, with the best ever strategic plan thus leading to such achievements.

2022 was the year of challenges, with headwinds in economic value chains for banking, investment and the economy, "but they turned out to be opportunities for NMB Bank," he stated.

"Global economic complaints changed into the happiness of the bank," he admitted, urging the bank management to ensure efficiency and innovation to move forward on the same premises.

Juma Kimori, the chief finance officer, had earlier said that the bank's financials were especially outstanding since 2018 with the deposits base expanding to 7.5trn/- from 4.2trn/- in three years.



Mark Bristow (L), Barrick Gold Corporation's President and CEO, pictured in Msalala District earlier this week presenting a dummy cheque for US\$10,000 in assistance to representatives of a group of women engaged small-time quarry business. He was on an inspection tour of activities carried out by the firm and the local projects it supports. Right is the hospital's medical officer in-charge, Dr Silas Kayanda. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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for investment and private sector promotion at EAC headquarters, said that liberalization of air transport services will contribute to the greatest desire of growing intra-EAC trade.

Lobby wants EAC air charges merged

The preliminary findings also show that cargo volumes have largely stagnated in the EAC region due to high costs of air cargo, he

stated.

The lengthy bureaucracy involved in obtaining clearance coupled with some airlines' scheduling delays

and inadequate infrastructure like cold rooms and route restrictions made it difficult to access new markets, he added.

Envoys happy with progress of water project in Butimba

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

AMBASSADORS from EU countries have expressed their satisfaction on the quality and speed of the 69bn/- worth water reservoir at Butimba area in the city of Mwanza.

The EU envoys also praised the ongoing government efforts countrywide through the Ministry of Water in making sure people get safe and clean water supply.

The EU envoys message involved those from Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain and Poland who visited the Butimba Water Project on Tuesday this week.

Speaking during the visit, EU ambassador, Manfred Fanti said his delegation was satisfied with what they saw in regard to the Butimba water project.

"Butimba water project is among projects implemented in collaboration by the government of Tanzania and some EU countries, and jointly we are satisfied and are glad to what we witnessed, the project is progressing well and the construction adheres to quality and we hope it will be completed in time," said Amb Fanti.

He added that the delegation was also happy with the deliberate efforts of the government of Tanzania in bringing social services closer to the people and pledged that the EU will continue giving its support.

Earlier, Mwanza Regional Commissioner, Adam Malima, speaking with the EU delegation in his office, conveyed his message of thanks on behalf of the government and Mwanza residents to the delegation for its support towards Tanzanians' development.

Meanwhile, the director of Mwanza Urban water and sanitation Authority (MWAUWASA), Leonard Msenyele said he was pleased on how the delegation was satisfied by the implementation of the water project.

"We are proud to welcome this delegation to our projects considering that some of the projects, including the Butimba water project are sponsored by the government of Tanzania in collaboration with EU through soft loans," said Msenyele.

Msenyele thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her efforts to make sure she sources funds for various projects for the benefit of Tanzanians including water projects.

He said as of now, the Butimba water project was 65 per cent complete and the expectation is that by June this year Mwanza residents will start getting water from the project.

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Michael Muhoja (R), Tanzania Revenue Authority's Deputy Commissioner for Domestic Revenue, with RSK Consulting CEO Raymund Kahumba in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly after the former opened an RSK workshop on pitfalls in tax compliance for non-profit organisations. Photo: Guardian photographer

PAC identifies 50 billion/- as bad loans in people's empowerment agencies

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC), has identified 50bn/- out of the 98bn/- provided to empower the people to be bad loans.

In the circumstances, the panel has directed the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Finance and Planning to provide panel members with the names of the beneficiaries, where they are and what amount they owe.

The remarks were made here on Wednesday by the Committee's Vice Chairman, Japhet Hasunga, soon after his meeting with the permanent secretaries of the Ministries of Finance and Planning and that of Investment, Industry and Trade as well as National Economic Empowerment Council in regard to audit queries raised by the controller and auditor general from his 2020/21 audit report.

"These funds include the one of farm inputs, Agricultural Bank Fund,

and the fund for empowering small entrepreneurs. PAC discovered that out of the 98bn/- given, 50bn/- was in respect of bad loans that cannot be repaid," he said.

He noted that in the Agricultural Development Bank, it has been found out more than 7bn/- dished out did not reach those targeted.

"We have called upon the PS to provide us with information showing who were the beneficiaries, from which regions and the amount of money they got," he said.

However, Hasunga added that due to poor administration in all funds areas, they will have a way to advise the Parliament and the appropriate steps to take to all those who occasioned such loss.

In another development, the parliamentary Public Investment Committee (PIC) met with officials of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area authority (NCAA) and called upon them to create friendly environment for tourists. END

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The United Nations (UN) agencies in Tanzania are reviewing their supplier databases being used for invitation of bids/request for proposal for procurement of various regular and emergency supplies and services required for implementation of their programmes in the country. On behalf of all UN agencies in Tanzania, UNICEF would like to invite all interested and eligible suppliers and service providers, including manufacturers, dealers, wholesalers, retailers, research institutions, management and other consulting firms to submit their Expression of Interest if they wish to do business with UN agencies based on Tanzania. The interested vendors/suppliers/consulting firms who meet the requirements as stipulated in the detailed Request for Expression of Interest which can be downloaded from the UNGM link given below.

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The suppliers, manufacturers, wholesalers and consulting firms of the following supply and services category (but not limited to) are requested to submit their EOIs:

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- Research and Management Consulting Firms:
- Financial services

The detailed list of supplies and services can be downloaded from the UNGM link given below:

Interested suppliers/service providers and consulting firms who are interested to work with United Nations in Tanzania should download the UN supplier profile form, UN General Terms and Conditions and a list of products and services from the following link:

<https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/190504>

Please note that all UN bidding documents including the Expression of Interest, Supplier Profile Form are free of charge and suppliers/service providers are NOT required to pay for any pre-qualification and bidding processes.

Deadline for submission of EOI

The Expression of Interest along with duly completed supplier profile form together with all relevant supporting documents including a detailed company profile should be submitted:

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Coming of specialist doctors from US rare opportunity for Z'bar health sector - Mwinyi

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said the coming of specialist doctors from the US is a good sign and rare opportunity for the development of the Zanzibar health sector.

President Mwinyi made the remarks on Tuesday at Zanzibar State House when he met with and held talks with a team of doctors from the US led by Prof Bruno Jvan Herendaw from the International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE) who came to assist the health sector by establishing a unit at the new Unguja Urban West Hospital, Lumumba for specialist doctors who can perform surgeries without the need to conduct incision on patients.

He said apart from providing specialist advice, they will also assist in various areas including providing modern medical equipment at the hospital, medical expertise to indigenous doctors and rectification of the hospital infrastructures.

President Mwinyi thanked the

team for continuing to support the Zanzibar government in providing modern health services to its citizens.

Dr Mwinyi said the coming of the specialist doctors has been welcomed like tourist doctors who have come to support the health sector, and told them to also use their stay to visit various tourist attractions.

Speaking at the meeting, the US specialist doctors from US and Belgium thanked the Zanzibar government through the Ministry of Health saying they have been well treated during their stay.

Dr Sabra Salum Masoud, Gynecologist from Unguja's Mrazi Mmoja Hospital said they have been taught about performing operations on women without making incisions. She said since they received the training, they have performed 17 cases successfully.

Dr Sabra further said out of the 17 cases worked on, some of the patients came from private hospitals needing assistance.



An attendant at a Lake Oil Service filling station in Dar es Salaam serves a motorcyclist on Wednesday using a system that makes it possible for customers to make their purchases in a single, harmonised transaction while fuel operators quickly and securely authorise transactions. The service is now available in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Pesapal debuts automation solution for of fuel retailers

By Guardian Reporter

CONNECTED payment services provider

Pesapal has introduced a novel retail automation solution to help lower operational costs in the retail fuel business segment and

enhance the efficiency of forecourts in the sub-sector.

Through the high-tech investment, the digital finance firm targets to automate 100 fuel stations across Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda before the end of this year.

A statement released yesterday in Dar es Salaam on the development said the Pesapal Forecourt Management Solution (PFMS) was the answer fuel station owners in the region require for seamless connectivity between forecourt equipment and facilitation of top fuel monitoring services.

The facilitation aspect of the new technology, the company explained, does not only help petroleum business retailers to lessen overheads but also enables them to minimise vices like fraud and improve how they interact with customers to drive more business.

"The Pesapal Forecourt Management Solution drives the automation of fuel and retail management processes. It seamlessly connects distribution points and digital payments - backed up with tools to reduce costs and pilfering, while improving the customer experience," reads the statement.

Last February, Pesapal received accreditation from the International Forecourt Standards Forum (IFSF) to provide integrated payment solutions to fuel stations, which accorded the company the opportunity to partner with retailers across the country to provide secure and seamless payment solutions in the industry.

Speaking during the unveiling of the innovative solution recently, the CEO of Pesapal Limited, Agosta Liko, said PFMS's ability to automate the entire fuel management process creates a cohesive environment in the fuel retail sub-sector.

Independent petrol station operators and large forecourt networks are changing up their business models, with convenience services, new fuels and battery charging. This makes it a more exciting, complex and risky game to be in. We're helping them automate and digitise, so they can focus on growing their businesses.

With Pesapal, petrol station owners can remotely monitor and control LPG and fuel dispensers. The solution automates how these talk to tank gauges, price displays and payment systems - which, as usual with Pesapal, integrate mobile money, cards and online payments.

"We've spent months working with petrol station owners across East Africa and we've consistently heard about a lack of affordable monitoring and data tools for our unique environment. Many owners want to transform their forecourt into a multi-use hub, but they're flying blind at the moment.

Pesapal provides a back-end reporting tool and allows station owners to link Point of Sale (POS) and other technology platforms to forecourt operations. Additional functions include centralised price changes, RFID-based attendant tagging, automatic indenting of products and posting of outlet data to head office systems," Liko said.

According to Pesapal Tanzania Country Manager Bupe Mwakalundwa, PFMS enables fuel operators to improve how they serve customers and promote an all-inclusive experience across the board.

"The solution allows customers to make their purchases in a single, harmonised transaction, while fuel operators quickly and securely authorise transactions," she points out in the presser.

Pesapal is a Technical Associate of the International Forecourt Standards Forum (IFSF). This community is focused on technology standards to benefit automotive fuel and energy retailers. It is also championing the interoperability of forecourt and convenience devices and services. IFSF membership paves the way for Pesapal to partner with African forecourt operators to drive further automation and meet changing global standards.

Pesapal Limited is Africa's leading payment service provider (PSP) that provides business tools which simplify in-person or in-store and online payment processing for organisations.

Founded in 2009, the company currently has a market outreach of six African countries that include Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi. In Tanzania, Pesapal opened for business last July after being licensed by the Bank of Tanzania to provide cashless payment services under the National Payment System Act of 2015.

ECOBANK TANZANIA LIMITED

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022				
(Amounts in million of shillings)				
	Current Quarter	Previous Quarter	Current Year Cumulative	Previous Year Cumulative
	31-Dec-22	30-Sep-22		
A. ASSETS				
1 Cash	5,420	7,559	13,815	12,246
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	14,180	13,815	28,260	27,660
3 Investment in Government Securities	152,641	152,641	305,282	305,282
4 Balances with Other Banks and Financial Institutions	6,836	12,660	13,500	12,660
5 Cheques and Items for Clearing	20	224	244	224
6 Inter-branch float items	-	-	-	-
7 Bills Negotiated	-	-	-	-
8 Customers Liabilities for Acceptances	-	-	-	-
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	39,753	18,049	77,802	36,098
10 Investment in Other Securities	-	-	-	-
11 Loans, Advances and Overdraft (Net of allowances for Probable losses)	91,975	95,929	187,904	181,812
12 Other Assets	5,810	7,405	11,615	11,615
13 Equity Investments	-	-	-	-
14 Underwriting accounts	3,431	3,127	6,558	6,558
15 Fixed Assets (Net of depreciation)	-	-	-	-
16 TOTAL ASSETS	320,065	285,014	633,023	633,023
B. LIABILITIES				
17 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	108,397	97,653	216,050	207,306
18 Customer Deposits	171,356	150,235	341,591	327,541
19 Cash Letter of credit	-	-	-	-
20 Special Deposits	12,920	11,443	24,363	22,886
21 Payments orders/transfers payable	-	91	91	91
22 Bankers cheques and drafts issued	-	-	-	-
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	2,328	2,224	4,552	4,448
24 Acceptances outstanding	-	-	-	-
25 Interbranch float items	-	-	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	23	2	23	2
27 Other liabilities	3,406	2,396	6,802	4,792
28 Borrowings	1,594	1,520	3,114	2,940
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	300,280	265,564	600,226	589,806
30 NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)	19,785	19,450	32,797	43,217
C. SHAREHOLDER'S FUND				
31 Paid up Share Capital	168,024	168,024	336,048	336,048
32 Capital Reserves	238	238	476	476
33 Retained Earnings	(150,203)	(150,203)	(300,406)	(300,406)
34 - Profit (Loss) Account	1,726	1,726	3,452	3,452
35 - Other capital accounts	-	-	-	-
36 - Minority Interest	-	-	-	-
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUND	19,785	19,450	32,797	43,217
38 Contingent Liabilities	-	-	-	-
39 Non Performing Loans and Advances	52,124	47,868	103,992	95,736
40 Allowances for Probable Losses	2,076	1,787	4,152	3,574
41 Other Non Performing Assets	1,110	725	2,220	1,449
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS				
(i) Shareholders Funds to Total assets	6.2%	6.8%	5.2%	6.8%
(ii) Non Performing Loans to Gross loans	2.23%	1.83%	5.5%	4.2%
(iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	50.3%	59.5%	50.3%	59.5%
(iv) Loans and Advances to Total assets	29.1%	33.9%	29.1%	33.9%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	88.8%	88.8%	88.8%	88.8%
(vi) Deposits Growth	14.0%	10.8%	14.0%	10.8%
(vii) Assets Growth	12.3%	17.3%	12.3%	17.3%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022				
(Amounts in million of shillings)				
	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	Total
Current Year 2022				
Balance as at the beginning of the year	168,024	(150,203)	238	18,059
Advance towards share capital	-	-	-	-
Profit (Loss) for the year	-	1,726	-	1,726
Balance as at the end of the current period	168,024	(148,477)	238	19,785
Previous Year 2021				
Balance as at beginning of year	168,024	(152,604)	1,947	17,367
Issue of shares	-	-	-	-
Profit (Loss) for the year	-	692	-	692
Regulatory Reserve	-	1,709	(1,709)	-
Balance as at the end of the previous period	168,024	(150,203)	238	18,059

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

Name and Title	Signature	Date
Charles Asiedu Managing Director		25-Jan-23
Nanzija Rajab Chief Financial Officer		25-Jan-23

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

Name	Signature	Date
1. Kodi Mwanilelo Head, Internal Audit		25-Jan-23
2. Michael Sallu Chairman		25-Jan-23
3. Juliana Sweke Director		25-Jan-23

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022				
(Amounts in million of shillings)				
	Current Quarter	Comparative Quarter	Current Year Cumulative	Previous Year Cumulative
	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
1 Interest Income	5,306	4,003	17,854	15,301
2 Interest Expense	(2,138)	(1,688)	(7,222)	(6,122)
3 Net Interest Income	3,168	2,315	10,632	9,179
4 (Bad Debts Written Off)/Recovery on Bad Debts Written Off	411	71	1,154	420
5 Impairment Losses on loans and advances	(747)	-	(1,299)	(676)
6 Non-Interest Income	2,871	2,007	10,391	7,175
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealing and Translation Gain/(Losses)	1,481	465	4,330	2,878
6.2 Fees and Commissions	1,353	1,521	5,969	4,157
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other Operating Income	37	21	93	140
7 Non-Interest Expense	(5,341)	(4,356)	(19,039)	(15,491)
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(1,894)	(1,682)	(7,161)	(6,656)
7.2 Fees and Commission	-	-	-	-
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(3,446)	(2,674)	(11,879)	8,835
8 Operating Income/(Loss) Before Tax	363	36	1,830	837
9 Income Tax Provision	(28)	29	(112)	145
10 Net Income/(Loss) after Income Tax	335	7	1,726	692
11 Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
12 Total comprehensive(loss) for the year	335	7	1,726	692
13 Number of Employees	125	111	125	111
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	2	0	10	4
15 Number of Branches	5	5	5	5
D. SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total assets	0.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Fund	1.7%	0.2%	8.8%	7.7%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	65.3%	72.5%	67.4%	68.9%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	1.2%	5.5%	4.1%	10.4%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022				
(Amounts in million of shillings)				
	Current Quarter	Previous Quarter	Current year Cumulative	Previous Year Cumulative
	31-Dec-22	30-Sep-22	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
I. Cash Flow From Operating Activities:				
Net Income (Loss)	363	36	1,830	837
Adjustment for:				
- Impairment charge on loans and advances	517	487	1,068	676
- Depreciation and amortization	85	306	1,056	1,637
- Gain / Loss on Sale of Assets	(1,101)	(37)	(2,453)	(633)
- Net Change in statutory minimum reserve	-	-	-	-
- Net Change in Treasury bills	3,674	(6,535)	(2,861)	(6,416)
- Net Change in Loans and Advances	1,358	761	1,399	(1,302)
- Net Change in Deposits	31,386	42,985	90,540	4,090
- Net Change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	(33,275)	(16,954)	(69,418)	-
- Net Change in Other Liabilities	1,287	(82)	1,575	385
- Tax Paid	(28)	(28)	(112)	(145)
Net cash provided/(used) by Operating Activities	6,266	21,027	2,028	(1,341)
II. Cash Flow From Investing Activities:				
Dividends Received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(389)	(25)	(605)	(607)
Proceeds From Sale of Fixed Assets	13	-	13	-
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds From Sale of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Treasury Bonds	(6,000)	(13,096)	(11,799)	8,182
Net cash provided/(used) by Investing Activities	(6,376)	(13,121)	(11,771)	7,525
III. Cash Flow From Financing Activities:				
Repayment of Long Term Debt	-	-	(1,272)	(3,428)
Proceeds From Issuance of Long Term Debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds From Advance Towards Share Capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of Cash Dividends	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Other Borrowings	70	(1,322)	(1,252)	6,396
Others	(39)	(273)	(630)	-
Net Cash Provided/(used) by Financing Activities	31	(1,595)	(3,154)	2,968
IV. Cash and Cash Equivalent				
Net increase / (decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(3,079)	6,381	(12,864)	9,202
Cash and cash equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter/Year	12,167	5,786	21,954	12,751
Cash and cash equivalents at the End of the Quarter/Year	9,088	12,167	9,088	21,954

MINIMUM DISCLOSURES OF CHARGES AND FEES	
NO / ITEM/TRANSACTION	CHARGE/FEE
1.0 Current Accounts	
(a) Required minimum opening balance	-
Personal Current Account	TZS 10,000 or USD 10
Magato Current Account	TZS 3,000 or USD 5
Business Current Account	TZS 150,000 or USD 30
(b) Monthly service fee	-
Personal Current Account	TZS 10,000 or USD 5
Magato Current Account	TZS 1,000
Business Current Account	TZS 20,000 or USD 15
(c) Cash withdrawal over the counter (below TMillion)	-
(d) Fees per ATM withdrawal	TZS 1,000 or USD 1
(e) ATM mini statement	TZS 650
(f) Viewing balance or Statement	FREE
(g) Interim statement per page (current month)	FREE
(h) Periodic scheduled statement	FREE
(i) Cheque book (25/50/100 leaves)	25 Leaves - TZS 15,000 or USD 15; 50 Leaves - TZS 30,000 or USD 30; 100 Leaves - TZS 55,000 or USD 32
(j) Dishonoured cheque (financial reasons)	TZS 100,000 or USD 65
(k) Fees per ATM withdrawal - Local Other Banks	TZS 2,500 or USD 3
(l) Cash on hand	



Financial Sector Deepening Trust CEO Pamela Shao makes introductory remarks at a capacity-building workshop the agency organised in Dar es Salaam earlier this week for financial sector stakeholders, mainly Kilombero Sugar Company staff. The thrust was on deliberating on sustainable ways of supporting Morogoro Region's Kilombero valley sugarcane growers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Activists: Men should not be listed as victims of violence in the forthcoming national action plan

By Getrude Mbago

WOMEN Coalition on constitution and election has called upon the government to change and not incorporate men as one of the major victims in the implementation of the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2023/2027.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday, Rebecca Gyumi, the coalition member and executive director of Msichana Initiative said incorporating men as victims in the draft of the action plan is not good and can even thwart the ongoing efforts to alleviate violence against women and children.

"We are calling for the government to exclude the word men in the draft of the National Action Plan and remain with women and children as it is in the ended action plan, it is not that we do not recognise the rights of men but we need to focus on the groups that faces much risks and impacts of the actions," she said.

According to her, the current action plan reads "National Plan of Action to End Violence Against Women, Children and Men which is not right to incorporate men and identify them as the one of the victim group of violence actions.

She said in all meetings that engaged stakeholders, the issue to incorporate men in the action plan wasn't discussed but they are wondering why it has been also given special attention.

"The country's statistics show that women and children are the most victims of violence actions, only few men have reported to face the same, unfortunately majority of perpetrators are men, so we see it not right making men among the top victims of violence because by doing this, we will lose focus and end up getting unwanted outcomes," she lamented.

Dr Avemaria Semakafu, country coordinator of the Tanzania Women Cross Party (TWCP) - Ulingo platform said that excluding men as one of the major victims

in the national action plan doesn't mean that they are neglected but they will continue reporting actions of abuse which they face in other legal bodies.

"We are getting outside the line, doing so can completely ruin the whole effort to address the challenge in the country, we need to focus on women and children which hear and witness everyday undergoing torture of violent actions where most of them are done by men," she said.

Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA) executive director, Rose Reuben said that so far the country hasn't done a study to find out the total number of men who faced violence actions, something which translates that they are not many compared to women and children.

"This is a national action plan, it is a very serious initiative which needs to ensure that stakeholders' views are respected so as to achieve the intended outcomes," she said.

Mohamed Mmetuka expressed his delight in the EFTA's loan saying it will boost his agricultural yields.

"The support has come handy after using a hand hoe for a long time," Mmetuka said, noting that he couldn't afford getting a tractor for himself for he didn't have a collateral to do so.

Michiel Timmerman, EFAfrica Group Chairperson said he excited by this ground-breaking deal as the impact it will deliver, by providing affordable mechanisation and access to a leading tractor brand with excellent after-sales service and parts provided by Hughes Agriculture throughout the country.

Abdumajid Nsekela, CRDB Bank Plc, CEO and Managing Director said: "This partnership with EFTA to support the SMEs in Tanzania demonstrates our readiness to support the agriculture sector. SMEs are the engines of growth for the economy, contributing heavily to the country's GDP and employment.

Nsekela added that, CRDB Bank joined this partnership to ensure mechanisation in agriculture brings the desired outcomes".

as ethics is an important part at work places.

The Foreign Minister also assured the college staff and workers that the government will continue collaborating with the college in making sure it improves its environment so as to produce experienced diplomats.

Speaking at the meeting, the Chairman of CFR Board, Amb Ramadhani Muhongwa Mwinayi said the college is essential in providing training on diplomatic relations and added that as for now it continues to improve its structure as well as curricula in order to make it an excellent diplomatic college.

Earlier, the CFR Principal, Dr Felix Wandwe said the centre continues preparing various structures to improve the teaching environment and new strategies to produce better diplomats.

EFTA supports small-time farmers with 200 tractors

By Guardian Reporter

SMALLHOLDER farmers now have every reason to smile after Equity For Tanzania Limited (EFTA)-a lease financing company purchased 200 units of tractors in supporting agriculture mechanization in Tanzania.

The New Holland Agriculture branded TT75 4WD tractors for leasing to smallholder Tanzanian farmers are set to increase agricultural production, and improve food security in the country.

Nicomed Bohay, firm's managing director said in a statement that EFTA boasts of 1,045 active leases to SMEs and has financed over \$69 million in equipment for SMEs and farmers who would otherwise be unable to access finance.

"Annual Tanzanian tractor sales are estimated at 1,800 units, meaning EFTA's 530 tractors

boost Tanzanian tractor access for farmers by 23 per cent," he said.

Bohay further disclosed that EFTA sealed a deal of 200 new tractors with one of the respected top brands in the world for farmers and SMEs in Tanzanian agricultural sector, to reaffirm EFTA's commitment of providing access to finance without collateral to farmers who wouldn't have met eligibility criteria from mainstream financial institutions.

The lease financing company is implementing the deal in collaboration with a number of stakeholders namely New Holland Agriculture, Hughes Agriculture Tanzania Ltd (HAT) and CRDB Bank.

This is the first time a broader partnership, including New Holland Agriculture and CRDB, has been formed to significantly scale up tractor access by smallholder farmers.

Morogoro-based farmer,

Minister challenges CFR to carry out its responsibilities excellently

By Guardian Reporter

THE Centre for Foreign Relations (CFR) has been challenged to implement its basic responsibilities to become an institution of excellence.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, Dr Stergomona Tax made the call in her visit at the Dar es Salaam based centre where she held talks with the management and staff.

Dr Tax called upon the centre to make special researches to find solutions to various challenges within the community, strategically and through intelligence, and closely monitor the implementation of the centre's building projects.

She called upon the Centre to expand its programme scope due to the increase of students needing to join it as well as prepare a national plan for implementing economic diplomacy.

"CFR is supposed to expand its programmes scope such as providing training on strategies, make research and advise the government and other stakeholders in the diplomatic and strategic sectors, the researches will contribute to boost diplomacy and have in place joint strategies to fight challenges facing the government in the area," she added.

Dr Tax added that every lecturer and college staff is supposed to abide by ethical behaviour and laws

'Tanzania benefits from projects mobilising sustainable land use'

By Guardian Reporter

IN a move to combat challenges brought about by drought, Tanzania has benefited from projects that mobilised for sustainable land use thereby reducing desertification and drought effects.

The observation was given Wednesday this week in Dodoma by the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office (Environment) Dr Switbert Mkama at the opening of the meeting of experts that met to verify the draft on the national Plan Against Desertification and Drought Conditions under the auspices of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

Speaking on behalf of the Deputy Permanent Secretary, the Assistant Director in the Environment Division in the VP Office, Catherine

Bamwenzaki said Kilimanjaro Region has benefitted from the project to restore affected areas while Tabora and Katavi Regions has benefitted from the project to preserve the 'miombo' woodlands.

Bamwenzaki explained that Tanzania is also benefitting from the project to rescue water sources through the Sustainable Management of Lesser Ruvu and Zigi Water basins, the project to restore Devastated Land and Increase Food security in Tanzania Drought Areas, as well as the Programme for the Preparations of Goals for Preventing Land Devastation by 2030.

"There are many benefits which member countries benefit including their being professionally and financially empowered, including provision of working tools to fight desertification and drought conditions," she said.

Meanwhile, the representative from the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), Aine Mushi said the strategy will come up with a report that will help in its implementation.

She said it is important to look into how the strategy involves stakeholders from various sectors including Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and development stakeholders.

"When we involve these stakeholders we can know how we enter the government Budget system and at what financial capacity we can be able to implement the strategy," added Aine Mushi.

The meeting involved representatives from various sectoral ministries, representatives from development partners and civil society organisations (CSOs) and those from the private sector.



REQUEST FOR TENDER

North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

E&I Installation Works for New Paste Plant and Filtration Plant Construction

Pre-qualification Criteria

No.	Reference No.	Description of work	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	NM002/2023	E&I Installation Works which includes – Cable Ladders, Cables, Transformers, Ring Main Units and Motor Control Centres at North Mara Mine Site Package A: Filtration Plant Package B: Paste Plant	i. Applicants to submit Company profile with proven experience in Electrical installation works. ii. Information required to include a list of relevant projects undertaken in last 3 years. For each project provide: description and relevance to the tendered project; project cost; and duration of project. iii. Completion certificates of previous projects with reference list of Clients, applicant agrees - without reservation-upon the submission of EOI, that the Company has the full right to contact any of the references provided. iv. Applicant to submit list and specifications of Equipment's, including test equipment. v. Applicant to submit organizational structure, list of experienced personnel. vi. Method statement for key installation works vii. Local content compliance viii. HSE policy ix. CRB registration, Class 3 contractor and above x. Applicant should provide proof to its statements as necessary regarding its financial stability, engineering capabilities, documents complying with Tanzanian laws and Regulations.

Expression of interest

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

Applicants must quote the tender description(s) and the respective reference no.(s) in the subject line of the email.

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

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of NMGM

Key Dates

- Last date to submit EOI

30 January 2023

North Mara Gold Mine Limited

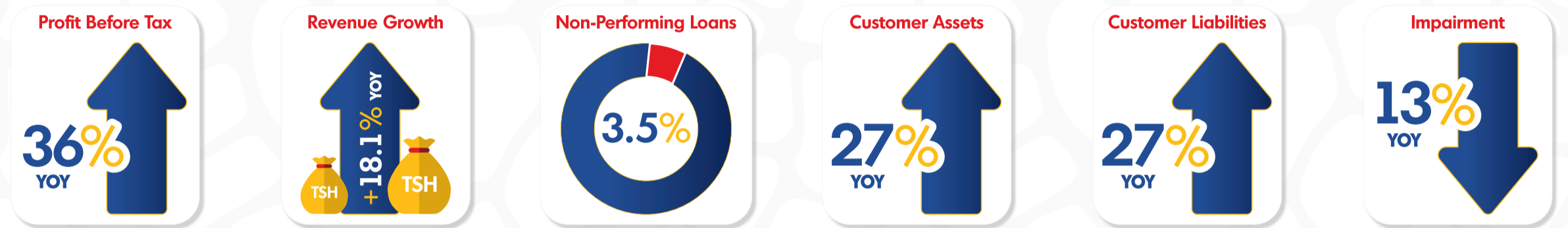
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KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022	(AMOUNT IN MILLION SHILLINGS)	
	Position as at 31-Dec-22	Position as at 30-Sep-22
A ASSETS		
1 Cash	122,214	132,080
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	204,635	242,544
3 Investment in Government securities	443,755	421,449
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	54,771	48,454
5 Cheques and items for clearing	4,064	4,298
6 Interbranch Float Items	-	-
7 Bills negotiated	-	-
8 Customer liabilities for acceptances	64,034	91,212
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	47,801	131,834
10 Investment in other securities	-	-
11 Loans, Advances & Overdrafts (Net of allowances for Probable Losses)	1,766,790	1,521,498
12 Other assets	93,353	78,868
13 Equity Investments	2,028	2,028
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	51,214	49,106
16 TOTAL ASSETS	2,854,658	2,723,370
B LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits from Other Banks and Financial Institutions	8,575	8,290
18 Customer deposits	1,925,185	1,957,499
19 Cash Letters of Credit	45,660	48,490
20 Special Deposits	-	-
21 Payment orders/transfers payables	5	2,322
22 Bankers' Cheques & Drafts Issued	-	-
23 Accrued Taxes and expenses payable	42,352	43,064
24 Acceptances Outstanding	64,034	91,212
25 Interbranch float items	432	3,113
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	-	-
27 Other Liabilities	41,248	34,062
28 Borrowings	379,734	196,600
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,507,226	2,384,653
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)(16 minus 29)	347,432	338,718
C SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31 Paid-Up Share Capital	87,000	87,000
32 Capital Reserves	-	-
33 Retained Earnings	185,674	196,784
34 Profit/(Loss) accounts	57,766	46,215
35 Other Capital Accounts	16,991	8,719
36 Minority Interest	-	-
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	347,432	338,718
38 Contingent Liabilities	282,231	327,188
39 Non Performing Loans & Advances	63,322	59,172
40 Allowance For Probable Losses	35,463	35,402
41 Other Non Performing Assets	306	300
D SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	12.2%	12.4%
(ii) Non Performing Loans to Total Gross Loans	3.5%	3.8%
(iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	91.3%	77.6%
(iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets	63.1%	57.2%
(v) Earnings Assets to Total Assets	79.1%	76.2%
(vi) Deposits Growth	(1.7)%	3.6%
(vii) Assets Growth	4.8%	4.0%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022	(AMOUNT IN MILLION SHILLINGS)			
	Current Quarter Ending 31-Dec-2022	Comparative Quarter (Previous Year) Ending 31-Dec-2021	Current year Cumulative Ending 31-Dec-2022	Comparative Year Previous Year Cumulative Ending 31-Dec-2021
1 Interest Income	61,426	50,403	217,124	186,146
2 Interest Expense	(14,818)	(7,485)	(50,002)	(27,823)
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	46,608	42,917	167,122	158,323
4 Bad Debts Written Off	(3,576)	(1,404)	(10,173)	(3,652)
5 Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	(1,300)	(2,744)	3,788	(3,679)
6 Non Interest Income:	21,395	16,328	92,504	61,555
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translations Gains/(Loss)	5,585	3,596	20,204	12,137
6.2 Fees and Commissions	12,592	11,572	52,378	43,210
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-	-	40
6.4 Other Operating Income *	3,218	1,160	19,923	6,169
7 Non Interest Expense	(46,655)	(36,326)	(171,468)	(152,512)
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(22,174)	(21,396)	(82,861)	(79,546)
7.2 Fees and Commissions	(3,028)	(1,930)	(9,260)	(8,962)
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(21,453)	(13,001)	(79,347)	(64,004)
8 Operating Income/(Loss)	16,471	18,771	81,774	60,035
9 Income Tax Provision	(4,920)	(4,865)	(24,008)	(20,005)
10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	11,551	13,906	57,766	40,030
11 Other Comprehensive Income				
11.1 Net gain on Available for Sale Financial Asset (Net of Tax)	(2,837)	(166)	1,552	(873)
12 Total Comprehensive Income/Loss	8,714	13,739	59,318	39,156
13 Number Of Employees	984	950	984	950
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	7,358	8,857	36,794	25,497
15 Number of Branches	47	47	47	47
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	1.6%	2.4%	2.0%	1.8%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	13.2%	18.2%	16.6%	13.2%
(iii) Non interest Expense to Gross Income	68.6%	61.3%	66.0%	69.4%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	8.2%	9.6%	7.4%	9.0%

Note 6.4: Other operating income includes income from bond trading of TZS 4.2bl

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022	(AMOUNT IN MILLION SHILLINGS)			
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-22	Previous Quarter 30-Sep-22	Current Year Cumulative 31-Dec-22	Comparative Year (Previous year) Cumulative 31-Dec-21
I Cash flow from operating activities:				
Net Income/(Loss)	16,471	22,752	81,774	60,035
Adjustment for:				
-Depreciation/Amortization	3,135	2,906	12,118	10,375
-Impairment charge/(release)	1,300	(3,018)	(3,788)	3,679
-Net change in Loans and Advances	(250,168)	(95,262)	(381,317)	(288,819)
-Gains/Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	2
-Net change in deposits	(34,858)	70,608	377,403	89,664
-Net change in short term negotiable securities	-	-	-	-
-Net change in other liabilities	(24,709)	26,536	27,787	(28,699)
-Net change in other assets	17,534	(20,167)	(16,058)	5,613
-Net change in SMR deposits	14,031	(47,054)	(64,324)	8,272
-Tax Paid	(8,793)	(9,057)	(28,307)	(16,248)
-Write offs	3,576	1,960	2,804	3,652
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	(262,480)	(49,794)	8,091	(152,474)
II Cash flow from investing activities				
Dividends received	-	-	-	40
Purchase of fixed assets	(6,211)	(4,171)	(19,898)	(15,082)
Proceeds on sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	(2)
Sale/(Purchase) of Non-Dealing Securities	(25,143)	26,109	(79,732)	58,281
Others (Equity)	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided /(used) by investing activities	(31,354)	21,938	(99,630)	43,236
III Cash flow from financing activities				
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Issuance of Shares Capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of Cash Dividends	-	-	(15,000)	-
Net change in other borrowings	183,134	(4,747)	139,315	33,039
Others (Leased liability)	(994)	(1,007)	(1,643)	(2,794)
Net cash provided /(used) by financing activities	182,141	(5,754)	122,672	30,246
IV Cash and cash equivalents				
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(111,693)	(33,610)	31,133	(78,992)
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the quarter	381,010	414,620	238,184	317,176
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the quarter	269,317	381,010	269,317	238,184

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022	(AMOUNT IN MILLION SHILLINGS)						
	Share capital	Share premium	Retained earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others (Fair Value)	Total Equity
Current Year							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	15,700	71,300	209,755	-	-	4,330	301,085
Profit for the year			57,766				57,766
Other comprehensive income						1,552	1,552
Transaction with owners							-
Dividend Paid			(15,000)				(15,000)
Regulatory Reserve			(11,110)	11,110			-
General Provision Reserve							-
Others *			2,029				2,029
Balance as at the end of current period	15,700	71,300	243,440	11,110	-	5,882	347,432
Previous Year							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	15,700	71,300	169,734	-	-	5,417	262,151
Profit for the year			40,021				40,021
Increase/(decrease) resulting from adopting of IFRS 16			-				-
Other Comprehensive Income						(1,087)	(1,087)
Transaction with owners							-
Dividend paid			-				-
Regulatory Reserve			-	-			-
General Provision Reserve			-	-			-
Balance as at the end of previous period	15,700	71,300	209,755	-	-	4,330	301,085

* Amount included in others relates to restatement reversal in prior year's numbers

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements.

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Theobald Sabi (Managing Director)	Signed	25/1/2023
Waziri Barnabas (Chief Financial Officer)	Signed	25/1/2023
Fulgence Shirati (Chief Internal Auditor)	Signed	25/1/2023

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

Name	Signature	Date
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Bank presents new tractor prize to winner of 'Shambani' campaign



Mtwara regional commissioner Col Ahmed Abbas pictured earlier this week moving to test-drive a tractor the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has presented to the Masasi Mtwara Cooperative Union (MAMCU). This was after the association emerged winner of the bank's 'Vuna Zaidi na NBC Shambani' raffle for Mtwara Region. The competition is meant to stimulate the production of cashew nuts in the region. The others include NBC director of finance Waziri Barnabas, MAMCU chairman Siraji Mtenguka as well as other NBC and MAMCU officials. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has presented various prizes including bicycles, motorcycles and a tractor to winners of the second edition of the bank's 'Vuna Zaidi na NBC Shambani' campaign hailing from Mtwara regions. The prizes will spur production rate of cashew nuts and other crops in the region according to the lender.

Speaking in Mtwara mid this week during a brief event to wind up the campaign and presenting prizes to winners of the campaign that included a tractor that was given to Masasi Mtwara Cooperative Association (MAMCU), Mtwara Regional Commissioner, Colonel Ahmed Abbas said the prizes came the right time as the region was implementing its ambitious plan to increase cashew nuts production from the current 400,000 tonnes to 700,000 tonnes by 2025.

"It is the government's plan to see that the agricultural sector grows by 10 percent by the year 2030, so we are grateful to see that NBC bank is fully participating in achieving the ambition through NBC 'Vuna Zaidi na NBC Shambani'" he said while asking agricultural experts in the region to visit farmers regularly in order to provide them with education that will enable them to produce quality cashews.

He further stressed on farmers in the region to make sure they save their money in the bank as well as maintaining financial discipline, including investing it back in farming equipment for modern farming

practices in order to improve their own economic wellbeing.

NBC Director of Finance, Waziri Barnabas said since the beginning of the campaign, a total of 73 winners including individual farmers, AMCOs and regional cooperative unions in Mtwara region received various prizes including 1 tractor, 2 Toyo tri cycle, 12 motorcycle, 40 sprayer pumps, 20 bicycle having a total value of 150M/-.

The campaign started 13th October 2022 to 13th January 2023. "I am still urging farmers to continue routing their money through their 'NBC Shambani' accounts to get the opportunity to further enjoy benefits resulting from the account," he said.

He further insisted that the bank is determined to cooperate well with farmers to ensure that they improve the agricultural sector and that apart from the shambani campaign the bank has been providing various loans to a number of AMCOs in the regions as a way of supporting their operational activities related to cashew production.

Winners of the draw thanked NBC for organising the campaign as it has turned out to be of great assistance to them.

"We are very thankful to NBC for the tractor as it will greatly assist us in attaining our goals. We also pledge to keep on routing our money through the 'NBC Shambani' accounts to win more prizes," said Siraji Mtenguka, the Chairman of MAMCU whose institution has won a tractor prize through the campaign for the second time in a row.

Court reschedules human trafficking case against a Dar resident to Feb 8

By Correspondent Zuweni Shame

DAR ES SALAAM'S Kisutu Resident Magistrate's Court has adjourned the human trafficking case facing a Dar es Salaam resident, Mohamed Salehe, to February 8, as the plea bargaining is yet to be processed.

Previously, the accused through his lawyer, Mohamed Majaliwa submitted an application letter to the office of Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for plea bargaining.

However, State Attorney Moses Kaima told the court yesterday that the application of the plea bargaining wasn't ready, forcing the Kisutu Resident Magistrate, Ramadhani Rugemalila to adjourn the case.

Rugemalila told the court the plea bargaining request takes 30 days therefore the prosecution side should process the request on time.

On January 25, this year, the accused told the court that he had presented a plea bargaining request to DPP for discussion.

In the preliminary hearing, Mohamed Salehe (Masoli) is accused of committing human trafficking offence of RahmaYusuph.

It was alleged that in 2012, the accused claimed to be a job agent for Arab countries where he advertised housekeeping positions, hospital cleaning and supermarket sales persons through his social media network.

The complainant saw the advertisement and selected a housekeeping position whereby the accused told her that she will be working in Turkey.

After some time, the accused told the complainant all her travel documents were ready and they should meet for COVID-19 test at Amana Referral Hospital. But when they reached the hospital, the complainant found another two ladies.

On June 11, 2021, the accused told the complainant to meet at Kipawa Petrol station in Dar es Salaam so as to get her travel documents and employment contract but he only handed over travel documents.

On the same date, the complainant and other two ladies were taken by taxi driver to the airport and travelled by Fly Dubai Airlines believing that they were going to Turkey.

When the complainant and other two ladies reached Dubai, they were surprised to be transferred to another airline to Kurdistan in Iraq.

Upon arrival in Iraq, the complainant and her fellows, their passports were confiscated and locked in one office room where she found other women inside.

The complainant told the court that while inside the room, at different times people of Arab origin were selecting women and leaving with them and she was taken three times for housekeeping.

The plaintiff further claimed that while working she was abused by being beaten, given one meal per day, not given treatments when sick, not paid salary, cleaning the cat after defecating, not given time to rest and forced to have group sex.

The complainant claimed that she contacted the accused to assist her to return home but he wanted her to pay \$4000 as compensation for quitting the job.

After failing, the complainant contacted her relatives back home who reported the matter to Tabata Police Station in Dar es Salaam where, in collaboration with Police Headquarters were able to trace the accused and he confessed.

Following police instructions, the accused contacted his bosses in Iraq and returned the lady back. After the investigation the accused was brought to the court.

The accused however is still under police custody.

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THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) GN. NO. 28910 SCHEDULE (MADE UNDER REGULATION 11) NBC TARIFF GUIDE (2022-QUARTER 3). MINIMUM DISCLOSURES OF CHARGES AND FEES.

S/N	ITEM / TRANSACTION	Charge / Fee (TZS)	Charge / Fee (USD)
1 Current Accounts			
(a)	Required minimum opening balance for Fasto Account	10,000	N/A
(i)	Required minimum opening balance - others	0	0
(ii)	Required minimum opening balance - Shambani Group	50,000	0
(iv)	Required minimum opening balance - Kua Nasi	5,000	N/A
(b)	Monthly service fee Corporate (maintenance fee)	26,000	20.06
(iii)	Monthly service fee MNO Trust account (maintenance fee)	500,000	N/A
(iii)	Monthly service fee Financial Institutions - Local Banks (maintenance fee)	10,000	40
(v)	Monthly service fee Private Banking (maintenance fee)	Free	Free
(v)	Monthly service fee for Shambani Individual (maintenance fee)	0	N/A
(vi)	Monthly service fee for Shambani Group (maintenance fee)	0	0
(vii)	Monthly service fee for Kua Nasi (maintenance fee)	Free	N/A
(c)	Cash withdrawal over the counter *	0 - 1,500,00 charges 7000 1,500,001-10,000,000 charges 7500 10,000,001-20,000,000 charges 8,000 20,000,001 & above charges 0.12% (max 200,000)	2% of the value Min 5 Max 100
(ii)	Private Banking /La Riba Private Banking *	Free (up to 50M, above is 0.15% Max 200,000)	Free
(iii)	Privilege Banking /La Riba Privilege Banking *	1200 (up to 20M, above is 0.15% Max 200,000)	1.5% Value Max 100
(iv)	Shambani Individual *	2,000	N/A
(v)	Shambani Group *	2,000	2
(vi)	Kua Nasi *	2,000	N/A
(d)	Fees per ATM withdrawal *	5000-50000 charges 1500 50001-199999 charges 1600 200000-299999 charges 1700 300000-350000 charges 1800 350001-above charges 2000	3
(ii)	Fees per ATM withdrawal - Shambani *	600	N/A
(iii)	Fees per ATM withdrawal - Private, Privilege and NBC Direct Products *	Free	N/A
(e)	ATM mini statement	750	N/A
(i)	ATM mini statement- Shambani	375	N/A
(f)	Interim statement per page Business account (ad-hoc statement)	40,000	26.00
(ii)	Interim statement - Shambani Individual (ad-hoc statement)	1,500	N/A
(iii)	Interim statement - Kua Nasi (ad-hoc statement)	6,500	N/A
(iv)	Periodic scheduled statement (Monthly Bank Statement)	Free	Free
(g)	Cheque book for Kikundi Account	400 per leaf	N/A
(ii)	Cheque book for Others	800 per leaf	0.42
(iii)	Cheque book for Shambani Group Account	100 per leaf	10
(iii)	Cheque book for Kua Nasi	300 per leaf	N/A
(iv)	Cheque book for Private Banking / Privilege Banking / La Riba	Free	Free
(h)	Dishonored cheque / Unpaid Cheque	1.45 % (Min charge 150,000 and Max 300,000)	1.45% Min 100 Max 200
(i)	Special clearance	65,000	64.9
(m)	Counter cheque (Bankers cheque issuance / Replacement)	39,000	38.94
(j)	Stop payment	39,000	38.94
(k)	Standing order Within NBC (Buss account) *	6,500	708
(l)	Standing order Outside NBC (Buss account) *	65,000	46.02
(m)	Standing order Outside NBC (other accounts / products) *	34,000	33.04
(n)	Balance enquiry Over the Counter	2,500	0.5
(o)	Balance enquiry Mobile Banking	400	NA
(p)	Balance enquiry NBC ATM	600	NA
(i)	Balance enquiry NBC ATM - Shambani	300	N/A
(q)	Balance enquiry Non NBC ATM	1000	USD equivalent
(ii)	Balance enquiry Non NBC ATM - Shambani	500	N/A
(r)	New ATM card issuance	Free	N/A
(ii)	ATM Card Issuance Private Banking; extra /secondary card	25,000	24
(s)	ATM card renewal or fault call	Free	N/A
(t)	ATM card replacement (if Lost/ Physical damage standard card)	15,000	6
(u)	Overdrawn account interest charge	5% above given rate	5% above given rate
(v)	Unarranged overdraft	N/A	N/A
(w)	Interbank transfer - TISS outgoing *	11,800	708
(x)	Bill payments through ATM	N/A	Free
(i)	Deposit fee - Forex (FX) Deposit (notes 50, 100)	N/A	N/A
(j)	Deposit fee - Small Denomination notes (500, 1000, 2000) above 500,000	3.54%	N/A
(iii)	Cash deposit different customer (Deposit in collection account)	Free	Free
(iv)	Forex (FX) deposit - small denomination Inotes USD 1, 5, 10, 20)	N/A	Free
(v)	Deposit fee - Other Cash Deposits	Free	Free
(vi)	Deposit Fee - Bureau De Change	2.36% Min 20,000	1.18% Min 10
2 Savings Accounts (Disclose for product specific types)			
(a)	Required minimum opening balance	0	0
(b)	Monthly service fee transactional savings	3,600	3.54
(c)	Interim statement - Ad-hoc Statement (savings products / accounts - Chanua, student, Malengo, La' Riba)	15,000	3.10
(d)	Interim statement - Ad-hoc statement (other products)	15,000	3.10
(e)	Account closure (savings products / accounts - Chanua, student, Malengo, La' Riba)	7,800	N/A
3 Electronic Banking			
(a)	Internet banking monthly fee	Free	Free
(b)	Internet transfer own account (Corporate)	Free	Free
(c)	Internet transfers Internal / BIB / IFEC Internal Fund Transfer (Same customer)	Free	Free
(i)	Internet transfers Internal / BIB / IFEC Internal Fund Transfer (Different customer) - FT Intra Bank Mobile Channels *	590	N/A
(d)	Internet transfers to Mobile Wallets (BIR Funds Transfer to Mobile Wallets) *	0 - 9,999 charges 1000 10,000 - 49,999 charges 3,500 50,000 - 99,999 charges 4,800 100,000 - 299,999 charges 6,000 300,000 - 1,500,000 charges 10,500	N/A
(i)	Internet transfers to Mobile Wallets (BIR Funds Transfer to Mobile Wallets) - Shambani Individual product *	0 - 9,999 charges 500 10,000 - 49,999 charges 1,700 50,000 - 99,999 charges 2,300 100,000 - 299,999 charges 3,000 300,000 - 1,500,000 charges 5,000	N/A
(e)	Fund transfer to unbanked customer -Cash popote *	0 - 9,999 charges 800 10,000 - 49,999 charges 3,000 50,000 - 99,999 charges 4,000 100,000 - 299,999 charges 4,900 300,000 - 1,500,000 charges 9,000	N/A
(ii)	Fund transfer to unbanked customer - Cash popote - for Shambani Individual product *	0 - 9,999 charges 400 10,000 - 49,999 charges 1,500 50,000 - 99,999 charges 2,000 100,000 - 299,999 charges 2,450 300,000 - 1,500,000 charges 4,500	N/A
(iii)	Mobile Banking Fund Transfer - NBC to NBC *	1000	N/A
(iv)	Mobile Banking Fund Transfer - NBC to Non NBC *	12,000	N/A
(f)	Bill Payment Mobile channels	1000	N/A
(g)	Internet transfers Interbank (Corporate) *	8,900	USD equivalent
(ii)	Financial Institutions (Local Banks)- Fund Transfer Interbank	11,800	N/A
(h)	SMS banking	N/A	N/A
4 Foreign Exchange Transaction			
(a)	Purchase/sale of TCs transactions over the counter	N/A	N/A
(b)	Purchase of foreign cheque	N/A	N/A
(c)	Sale/purchase of cash passport	N/A	N/A
(d)	Telegraphic transfer - TISS *	11,800	708
(e)	Telegraphic transfer (Outward remittance -TI)	N/A	60
(f)	Telex/SWIFT charges	N/A	64.9
(g)	Transfer from foreign currency denominated account to local current account within NBC (Internal transfer same customer) *	Free	Free
(h)	Transfer from foreign currency denominated account to local current account, NBC to other Bank	N/A	N/A
5 Personal Loans / Retail Lending rates			
(a)	Processing/Arrangement/Appraisal fee		
(i)	Group Personal loans	Between 1.5% to 2% of the Loan amount	N/A
(ii)	Pensioners Loan	1% of Loan Amount	N/A
(iii)	Overdraft - cash cover facility	2% of the facility	N/A
(iv)	Mortgage finance (Administration fees)	1.5% of the Loan amount, max 1 million)	USD equivalent
(v)	Asset finance	N/A	N/A
(b)	Unpaid Loan Installment - Group Loan	5% of amount in arrears	N/A
(c)	Early repayment / settlement fees- Personal loans	10% of outstanding loan amount on the settlement date.	N/A
(d)	Early repayment / settlement fees - Mortgage	3 month interest + Outstanding Loan amount on the settlement date.	N/A
(e)	Valuation fees for Property	0.2% of property value	N/A
(f)	Base or Prime Lending rates	17%	N/A
6 Corporate Lending Rates			
(a)	Floating Rates	Months Government of Tanzania Treasury Bill rate (Benchmark rate) + an agreed margin	Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) for dollar-denominated derivatives and loans (Benchmark rate) + an agreed margin
(b)	Base linked rate	NBC TZS Base rate (Benchmark rate) +/- an agreed margin	NBC USD Base rate (Benchmark rate) +/- an agreed margin
(c)	Foreign Debt Registration Fees	N/A	0.25% of the value Min USD 1000
7 Deposit Rates			
(a)	Fixed Deposit	Negotiable depending on amount and tenure	N/A
(b)	Molenga	1% to 7% Depend on amount	N/A
(c)	Chanua and Student	2%	N/A
(d)	Pure save account	Up to 2% depending on amount	N/A
(e)	Kikundi Account	Up to 2% depending on amount	N/A

NB: All service charges marked with * were subject to Government levy charges as chargeable rate for electronic money transactions levy issued by Government. Some Customer transactions from Bank to Bank or Bank to Mobile Wallet are exempt from Government levy charges.

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Having Lissu back home betters Tanzania's image internationally

FORCED exile abroad for lawyer-cum-politician Tundu Lissu, who has a unique history in Tanzanian politics, came to an end as he touched down at the Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday afternoon.

Lissu, Vice Chairman (Mainland) of the opposition Chadema, and headed straight to a historic well-attended rally his party held in Dar es Salaam Region's Temeke District.

This has come as the country writes another chapter on its experience in multiparty politics, renewed 31 years ago.

Strictly speaking, despite his time in exile in far-flung Brussels, the Chadema vice chairman has scarcely even been far from the Tanzanian political scene.

In fact, considering the efficiency with which modern-day communication and other tools enable constant exchanges between and among people and institutions, it was as if he was just next door.

There is every indication that Chadema is resuming active politics having learned crucial lessons following six or so years of the relative dormancy it was forced into.

It appears that this is pretty much the scenario that the former presidential candidate has come to pursue, with his party admittedly making an effort to do just that.

Rightly or wrongly, there is no denying that the way Chadema has hitherto moved in implementing its plans and strategies has once in a while come under scathing criticism. But is this not only to be expected of any political party or some other organisation?

Whether the party has decided to alter its modus operandi in heeding voices of reason and wisdom from the inside or from elsewhere is not easy to say. That it may have decided to change tack for enhanced efficiency and bigger results would

be commendable and not much of a surprise.

Regardless of the party in question, desisting from divisive or otherwise destructive politics would be laudable and worth promoting.

Back to Chadema's Wednesday rally at Temeke. Most witnesses and analysts say the event was positive for its low-key format of representation of issues and that there was ample room for people to raise their voices without as much worry as to repercussions as would happen previously.

For one thing, there was this proposal by the party for the formation of a national truth and reconciliation commission to investigate whatever human rights violations were witnessed in the past five years.

Whether this call impresses the relevant agencies or authorities enough and they decide to follow it up with implementation remains to be seen. But even the mere fact that the idea has been openly floated in public, without the slightest fear of repercussions, carries immense weight as a well-meaning voice from the people.

It is quite possible that the unfolding democratic dispensation will help parties narrow or even "sew up" any internal rifts they may have been contending with.

It is said that every cloud has a silver lining. We need to be cautious as to the potential resilience, sustainability and longevity of toning down language in multiparty politics.

This is vital because, if there is a recurrence of anything as sharply divisive as some of what we have seen along the way, undoing the harm could prove especially costly.

In effect, therefore, this is by no means an alert to only our political parties. It has a direct bearing on the very survival and development of our country - and we sincerely hope and pray that we shall all take this fact into consideration in whatever we do.

Africa needs more reforms to stem governance stagnation, backsliding

BAD news was in store for leaders of African countries meeting at a summit in the Senegalese capital, Dakar, where the 2022 Ibrahim Index of African Governance (IIAG) was launched on Wednesday.

The authoritative index shows that governance in many African countries has flattened or stagnated since 2019 and that, in a number of areas and particularly the West African zone, there is regression into violence.

While much talk is still directed at the series of disruptions put into motion by the Covid-19 pandemic and outbreaks of tensions in Europe, we need to do more work on the issue.

We definitely cannot rely on what would prove a peaceful world, arguing that if countries don't reach concord then we should forget all about democracy.

Those who have paid attention to the contents of the report at least as put across by Mo Ibrahim, the Sudanese entrepreneur who is the founder and chairman of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, will have an idea of where the shoe pricks.

The tone of the chairman's presentation, given as a commentary on data from the 2022 Ibrahim Index of African Governance, had one flaw that wasn't among the highlights. It is an appeal regarding 'what we have to do' - which isn't directly addressing African states but Africa plus development partners.

The commentary says "unless we quickly address this concerning trend, the years of progress we have witnessed could be lost, and Africa will be unable to reach in due time the SDGs or Agenda 2063".

This is a reference to the 17 global development goals and not any

inherent danger Africa itself risks. For, indeed, SDGs are subverted when a girl does not report to school, but scores of families are happy with the situation - and it is this parameter that Mo Ibrahim avoids.

Left as it is, the passionate appeal from the foundation's chairman amounts to an appeal for far greater amounts of aid to reach the bar of global ambitions for Africa, rather than African ambitions for ourselves.

He says that governments must address all at once the ongoing lack of prospects for our growing youth, worsening food insecurity, lack of access to energy for almost half the continent's population.

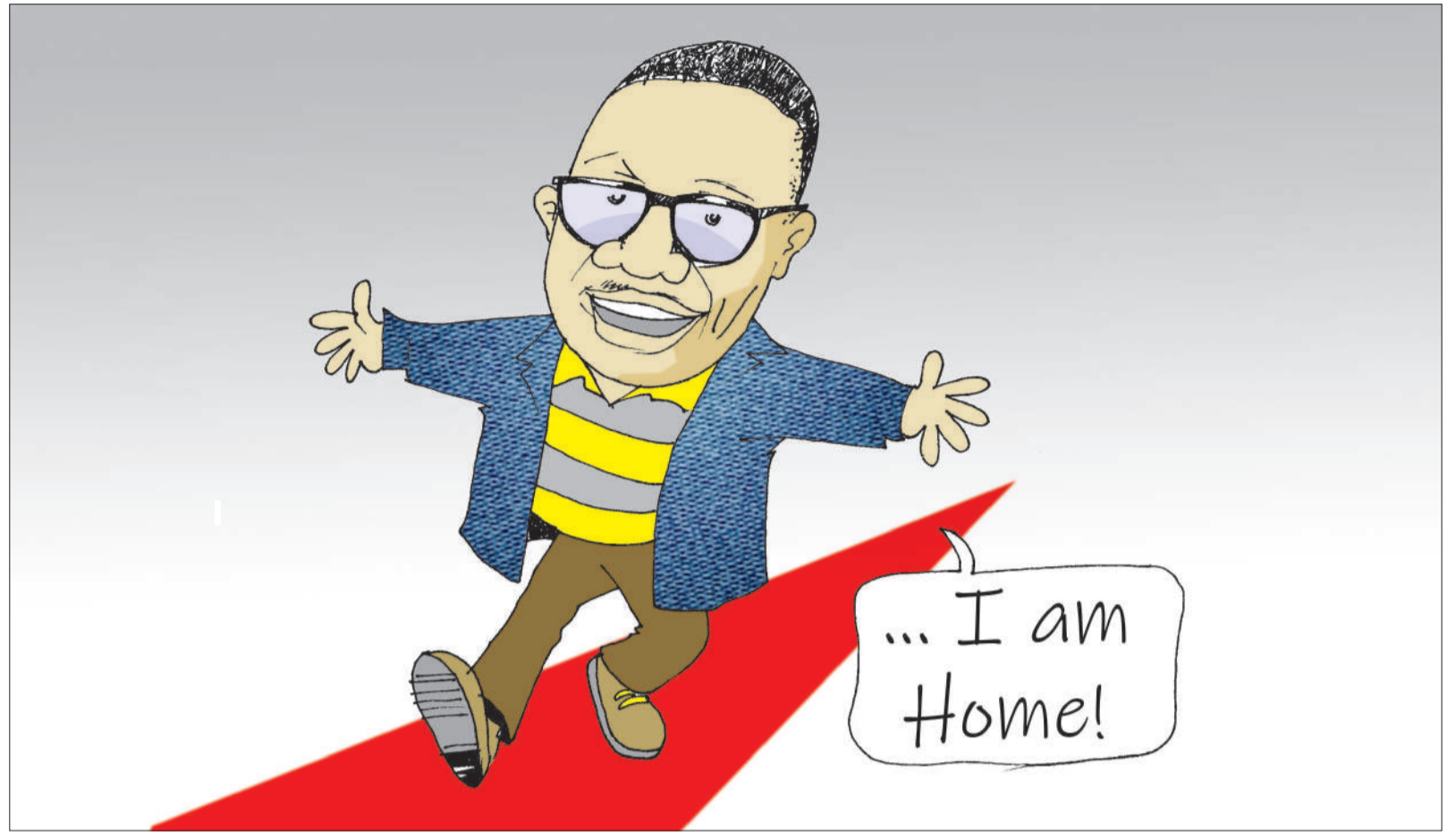
But if that is indeed the case, how far can those same governments go in crossing these limitations, or where can they find adequate amounts of aid for the purpose? Would it not be barking up the wrong tree?

Most of Africa's current goals are set in terms of 'development cooperation' while the rich swathe of countries is facing unbridgeable gaps in their own expectations in part owing to conflict and climate change.

Africa ought to reposition itself in the global flows of capital so that land increasingly becomes an asset through which the African masses can find capital with which to improve their lives.

Mo Ibrahim is categorical that now is the time for Africa to strengthen its commitment to good governance, warning that "failure to do so and we may lose much of what we have fought so hard to achieve".

He makes a valid point, but this should not translate into ignoring the fact that truly good governance stands on a rock-solid and sound economic foundation.



Newspaper out to retain its 100,000 digital subscribers

By Brian Veseling

BASED in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the 155-year-old Star Tribune is the third largest metro daily newspaper - and the fourth largest on Sundays - in the United States.

The company implemented a paywall - that is, a system or method of restricting access to content, with a purchase or a paid subscription, especially news - in 2011 and today has about 100,000 paid digital subscribers, while boasting more than a decade of experience in this area.

Toby Collodora, Senior Manager of Retention and Engagement for the US-based Star Tribune, remains modest enough to admit that they realise that "we still have a lot to learn".

At least, that is part of the admission she made to the September 28-30, 2022 World News Media Congress in Zaragoza, Spain.

One thing the Star Tribune is certain of is the importance of high quality content, with the executive declaring at the event: "We believe that content is the most important thing, and as such we're proud to have more than 230 journalists in our newsroom."

Regularly promoting this content to their subscribers is one of the key things the publishing house is doing to build retention, but more on that in a moment.

Last year, 2022, became the very first year the Star Tribune's digital advertising revenue equalled its print revenue. And Collodora said they expect to be a subscriber-first, digital majority company by 2027.

She said one reason this might still take a few years is not so much anything lagging in their digital development but rather because their print revenue remains "very strong".

While most publishers know that keeping their subscribers is critical for their long-term success, the Star Tribune has underscored their commitment in this area by creating a full-time position specifically focused on retention - which is how Collodora came to join the firm in November 2019. And the Star Tribune has since then been creating a culture of retention.

"Our goal is to discuss retention as often as we discuss acquisition," Collodora said, adding: "However, unlike acquisition, where the success or failure of experiments can often be seen very quickly, measuring progress in retention

takes a lot longer."

To help do this, she said, the Star Tribune has defined a number of key retention indicators to keep an eye on developments.

These indicators include things such as tracking digital activation, which is when a subscriber sets up his or her digital account.

Another indicator is digital engagement, which looks at the number of times subscribers come to one of the Star Tribune's digital properties: desktop website, mobile website, apps, e-edition, or print-replica products.

In addition, they look at digital inactive revenue, or the number of people who are paying for - but not using - their digital products. This helps give them an idea of whether people are more likely to churn, she said.

While Collodora is the person in charge of Star Tribune's retention efforts, she said they also spend time talking about how retention is part of the job of everyone who works for the company.

For example, she said: "We talk about what each person in the organisation can do to get a subscriber to make that first renewal payment. That's really something we focus on because once a person makes his or her first renewal payment, he or she is far more likely to retain. It's our single best indicator."

This has led them to intensify efforts of their customer service team when a subscriber calls to cancel.

As is often the case, finding out what works and what doesn't in these areas requires a fair amount of experimenting and testing.

"We believe in testing and creating a culture around testing, and we test everything. This is true both in acquisition and retention," Collodora said.

She added: "What is really important about all the testing, though, is that you also do the hard work of the follow up and then the follow through."

While setting up tests can be fun and exciting, it's really creating the report afterwards and then making those key adjustments that is critical, Collodora further noted.

"That's what makes a difference," she said, adding: "Those small adjustments - and, of course, maybe some bigger ones if we're way off track - over time, continually is what leads to our success."

One of the ways the Star Tribune helps to move their key indicators is by making heavy, strategic use of

email.

Collodora explains: "We do a tonne of email. Eighty-eight per cent of all of our new subscribers give us an email address, and we're working to make that number even higher."

"We've had an additional welcome email series for a very long time. It welcomes people, showcases the apps, and introduces our email newsletters," she noted.

While the Star Tribune has found this to be very functional, Collodora said they have also started experimenting with making the newsletter experience more personable for the subscriber.

For example, they have added a welcome email from the editor that showcases their topics and content to help people get a fuller picture of the richness of their content and a broader view of what is available beyond breaking news or the limited number of stories readers see on the Star Tribune's homepage.

In addition to having a welcome from their editor, they have one from their opinion editor, which "resulted in a substantial lift. Open rates were up 3 percentage points when we did that," Collodora said.

The Star Tribune is also using email to promote their content to subscribers. "We strongly believe in using our great content to drive digital engagement," Collodora said.

For example, about twice per quarter or whenever they have a specific reason, such as an upcoming voting guide, special features or big investigations, they partner with their news teams to create content-based messaging for all subscribers.

"Lately, we've been experimenting with emailing our subscriber base at the end of a several-part series, so pointing the attention back to the earlier parts that people may have missed and showcasing that most recent one," Collodora noted.

She said that their next experiment related to this is to email just before the last part of a series is published with the hope that they can drive readership in both print and with their digital audience.

According to Collodora, twice a month we also send a content-based email to their inactive digital subscribers. "These emails are hand curated and they feature five stories where at least two have a digital heavy element to them so that even if you read the story in the newspaper, it's a different experience having it on the digital platform," she said.

They have two audiences for this, she said: people who have not yet set up their digital accounts and people who have set up their digital accounts but are not coming back to their digital platforms.

She said the emails to these audiences have low click-through rates, often 1-2 per cent, but since the engagement with these subscribers before was about zero, they are happy to see some improvement.

A little over a year ago, Star Tribune began allowing subscribers to cancel online. Previously subscribers had to call in to cancel and staff had the opportunity to keep the subscriber onboard.

While allowing online cancellation initially raised some concerns that more people might cancel, Collodora says that they have implemented a low-tech solution where users enter in some simple information, such as their name, email address and answer a short series of questions to help identify what kind of subscription they have.

"That information is then used to present an offer: sometimes it's a price-based offer, sometimes it's a different offer such as somebody is experiencing a problem with their digital account, we offer that somebody will give them a call back or send them an email to try to resolve that technical problem, and then of course that entices that person to his or her their subscription with us," she said.

More importantly, she added, this has given them the ability to experiment easily with rates and other levers.

"It's extremely important to us as we're learning how to work with opportunity and rates. So far this year (2022), we've completed more than 15 online cancellation tests, and we've been able to use that information to help optimise our call centres as well," she said.

While building a culture of retention sounds like a lot of work, Collodora stressed that it can be done simply too: "We actually track most of our retention testing in very simple spreadsheets. What's important is to start, she said.

* A dispatch by World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA), a non-profit NGO headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany. It is made up of more than 70 national newspaper associations, a dozen news agencies, ten regional press organisations, and many individual newspaper executives in 100 countries.

Rahul Gandhi's long walk hailed, but only polls will determine its success

By Mehr Jaffer

WHEN countless supporters of the Indian National Congress, the main opposition party, arrive in Srinagar on January 30 to hoist the Indian flag, they would have walked 3,570 kilometres over 150 days.

The Congress Party organised the Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY), a long march to counter what it calls the divisive politics of the ruling party. The exercise was to revive the idea of India as a country united in all its diversity. The BJY is led by senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, 52, who met countless citizens on the way at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not held a single press conference in the last nine years that he has been in power.

Founder and editor of The Citizen Seema Mustafa told the IPS Rahul Gandhi gained by leading the BJY.

"He has emerged as a leader of substance with courage and honesty and compassion on display. What the Congress Party has gained will only be known once Congressmen can take it all forward. Other gains and losses will come after that, but for now, the BJY has indeed cut through the prevailing atmosphere of fear and hate," said Mustafa.

The BJY will culminate in the Himalayan region of Kashmir on January 30 but will it receive the same kind of welcome as it has in the rest of the country, is the question.

For nearly half a century, the people of Kashmir have complained of Delhi's stepmotherly attitude towards them.

Spymaster and former head of India's Intelligence agency, the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), AS Dulat, had a personal invitation to join the BJY. He walked for one hour with Rahul Gandhi, but Dulat did not say whether they talked about the troubled province of Kashmir.

Dulat's latest book, *A Life in the Shadows*, is about Kashmir, a place he loves passionately. He was first posted to Kashmir in the late 1980s. As a former Prime Minister's advisor on Kashmir, he understands the Kashmiri psyche and empathises with the problems in the province. Because he is seen as a problem solver and well-wisher of all the people suffering in Kashmir, including separatists, militants, and Pakistanis, he is called Mr Kashmir.

In the book, he implies that the problem of militancy is no longer about joining Pakistan or seeking independence but resistance to the harsh majoritarian policies of muscular power tactics used against the people of Kashmir by the present government in Delhi.

Dulat told the media that participating in the BJY was a wonderful experience. Gandhi wrote in a letter inviting Dulat to join the march, "We listen to anyone who wants to be heard. We offer no judgment or opinion. We walk to unite every Indian regardless of their gender, caste or religion because we know they

are equal citizens. We walk to fight hatred and fear."

Dulat commented: "I think what this young man is doing is certainly something exceptional... incredible." He doesn't think that anyone will ever do it again, and nobody is going to walk so many kilometres again.

However, his walk has had its critics - with the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh accusing Gandhi of tarnishing the image of India by creating the impression that only hatred prevails in the country.

The BJY was started last September on the southern tip of the Indian peninsula in Kanyakumari, and it has marched non-stop through 12 provinces. During the march, Gandhi spent time with scores of citizens from different walks of life. After walking about 25 kilometres daily in two shifts, the Congress workers slept in makeshift accommodations at night.

Talking to IPS, a professor at Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Zoya Hasan, agreed that the march had succeeded.

"If crowds are any indicator, the BJY got an enthusiastic response in all the states it traversed. This shows that there is still space in the country for inclusive politics," Hasan said.

Many see the march as altering the country's mood. It has brought hope into the lives of citizens who have been feeling increasingly fearful of their future and security. Largely ignored by (mainly pro-government) mainstream media, the BJY has been streaming

live on social media. Watching supporters walk thousands of miles and meet hundreds of thousands of people of all faiths mingling, embracing, shaking hands and making friends has reinforced positive ideas of bonhomie and togetherness amongst citizens.

Ever since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to power in 2014, the mood in the nation has been grim. Apart from tackling the never-ending scourge of poverty, the country has had to deal with repeated incidents of public violence.

The BJP has been criticised for being communitarian, and commentators say this, at best, ignores and, at worst, encourages violence by citizens against each other and divides Indian society by religious affiliation.

Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen, in an interview, Sen had told *Le Monde*, the French daily newspaper, that the Indian government is one of the most appalling in the world because it is communitarian in the narrowest sense of the term. It harms India by attacking Muslims and propagating the idea that Hindus form the nation.

Many consider the BJY march a success as a political protest against the alleged divisive politics of the right-wing ruling party in power.

"I joined the march and walked with Rahul Gandhi not because I am a fan of the Congress Party but because I thought the young man (Rahul Gandhi) has stood up for the right values at the right time, and I support similar values," filmmaker Saeed Mirza said at the launch of his latest book *I Know The Psychology of Rats* in Goa recently.

"I believe every Indian who wants love and inclusiveness should be participating in the yatra beyond political identity. Although it is a predominately Congress-organised event, it is not exclusively a Congress event. So every Indian has been welcomed with open arms, and that is how it should be. If



It may be an election ploy but Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra has captured the imagination of many Indian commentators who hail its non-sectarian message. Source: BJY/Twitter

political pettiness comes in the way, it will be a self-defeating attitude," said Tushar Gandhi, who joined the march last November. Tushar is Mahatma Gandhi's great-grandson, and Rahul Gandhi is the great-grandson of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India.

The Congress Party says the objective of the BJY is to fight against the politics of fear, bigotry and prejudice and the economics of livelihood destruction, increasing unemployment and

growing inequalities.

"What the yatra has achieved is way beyond what the sceptics anticipated. They have been proved wrong, and I include myself in the category. A suffocated nation was waiting for some such happening," wrote journalist Saeed Naqvi.

Hasan adds that the BJY has refurbished the Congress's credentials as a party of national unity and social cohesion, upholding the values of secularism, the welfare of the masses and their constitutionally granted

rights. This marks an important wedge in a hyper-nationalist narrative of the ruling party's politics.

Hasan said the impact of the BJY was that the ruling party wasn't setting the narrative but was forced to react to the Congress Party. While only time will tell whether the march will bring electoral gains to the Congress Party in the general elections to be held in 2024, Hasan says:

"It is the necessary first step in building a politics of change."

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TANZANIA REVENUE AUTHORITY

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UPGRADED ELECTRONIC TAX SYSTEMS FOR RETURN FILING AND OTHER MODULES

1.0 Introduction

The Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) wishes to inform taxpayers and the general public that it has made significant improvements to its information systems by upgrading the software, hardware and system infrastructure. This move comes amid a challenge of its current information systems mainly being result of, among others, the existing technology being inadequate to serve growing needs of taxpayers. For a considerable period of time, TRA's information systems supporting tax administration services have been adversely impacted particularly during due dates of filing returns and payment of taxes.

Resolving this challenge has been one of the highest priorities for TRA and for the whole period, we have been working tirelessly focusing on improving the quality of the systems in terms of, among others, availability and processing speed. The initiative involved significant investment in terms of key infrastructure and development of software. Among the key changes is the implementation of the High Availability Data Centre (HADC) initiative to ensure that the systems remain operational seamlessly at all times.

The initiatives to improve the system is guided by an inspiring vision of becoming "A Trusted Revenue Administration for Socio-Economic Development" which aims at improving the organizations' ability to raise more revenue for economic development by forming coalitions with stakeholders. This blends well with our mission "We Make It Easy to Pay Tax and Enhance Compliance for Sustainable Development". The initiatives are continuous and shall involve taxpayers and all stakeholders through their feedback, ideas and suggestions for improvements. TRA is highly committed to this vital aspect of continual improvement.

2.0 Period of Release of the Upgraded Systems

TRA shall continue with periodic releases of upgraded tax administration information systems, to start with, the current upgraded systems shall be rolled out for use by all taxpayers effective from the second week of February 2023.

3.0 Coverage of the February 2023 Release

The information systems modules that have been upgraded and therefore due for roll out in February 2023 include the following:

- i) Taxpayers' Portal – a gateway for all TRA electronic services,
- ii) Electronic Filing of returns (E-Filing) for the following taxes:
 - Value Added Tax (VAT)
 - Withholding Tax for Employees' Income (PAYE)
 - Skills Development Levy (SDL)
 - Statement of Estimated Tax Payable by Instalments (SETPI)
 - Return of Income (ROI)
- i) Withholding Tax Management System,
- ii) EFD Error Management – a module for cancellation of erroneously issued fiscal receipts/invoices,
- iii) Taxpayer Registration System for Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and VAT Registration Number (VRN) System,
- iv) Payments Registration System (RGS).

4.0 Training and Public Sensitization

TRA has organized and started implementation of an extensive sensitization and training program using varied means such as face to face seminars, workshops, virtual trainings, Television and Radio Programs. The objective is to reach taxpayers and other stakeholders within a short period of time and impart skillset necessary to use the upgraded tax systems. Therefore, TRA urges all taxpayers and the public in general to attend the sessions in order achieve the intended benefits of the upgraded systems. Information on the scheduled sessions shall be shared through various means and channels including, among others, radio, televisions, newspapers TRA Website and social media accounts.

5.0 Role of Taxpayers and the General Public

TRA recognizes taxpayers and the general public as crucial stakeholders in everything we do. It is the taxpayers' feedback and suggestions that provides TRA with inputs for continual improvement. In the same spirit, TRA invites taxpayers and the general public to provide timely and constructive feedback, ideas and suggestions to make more improvements to our systems. This group of users play a vital role since they are the front-end users of the systems and therefore their experience with our systems is an important input for further improvements.

6.0 Conclusion

TRA would like to extend its utmost gratitude to all taxpayers and the general public for your continued commitment, dedication and relentless efforts towards voluntary compliance with the requirements of the law especially on the aspects of filing returns and payment of taxes notwithstanding the challenges posed by the information system being used for this purpose.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022		
(Amounts in thousand shillings)	Current Quarter 31st Dec. 2022	Previous Quarter 30th Sept. 2022
A. ASSETS		
1. Cash	1,532	114
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania	-	-
3. Investments in Government Securities	3,596,769	3,653,121
4. Balances with Other Banks and Financial Institutions	6,686,677	7,490,847
5. Cheques and Items for Clearing	-	-
6. Inter-branch Float Items	-	-
7. Bills Negotiated	-	-
8. Customers' Liabilities for Acceptances	-	-
9. Interbank Loans Receivables	-	-
10. Investments in Other Securities	-	-
11. Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Expected Losses)	19,762,685	18,702,590
12. Other Assets	706,751	751,697
13. Equity Investments	1,622,000	1,622,000
14. Underwriting Accounts	-	-
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	323,876	303,223
16. TOTAL ASSETS	32,720,290	32,523,592
B. LIABILITIES		
17. Deposits from Other Banks and Financial Institutions	-	-
18. Customer Deposits	911,787	741,689
19. Cash Letters of Credit	-	-
20. Special Deposits	-	-
21. Payment Orders/ Transfers Payable	-	-
22. Bankers' Cheques and Drafts Issued	-	-
23. Accrued Taxes and Expenses Payable	630,360	809,745
24. Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25. Inter-branch Float Items	-	-
26. Unearned Income, Other Deferred Charges & Taxes	332,190	291,964
27. Other Liabilities	385,116	359,665
28. Borrowings	12,003,729	12,001,976
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES	14,263,182	14,205,039
30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)	18,457,107	18,318,554
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31. Paid up Share Capital	21,800,000	21,800,000
32. Share premium	-	-
33. Fair Value Reserve	95,831	95,831
34. Retained Earnings	(3,678,678)	(3,691,652)
35. Profit/(Loss) Account	239,954	101,401
36. Regulatory Reserve	-	12,974
37. Minority Interest	-	-
38. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	18,457,107	18,318,554
39. Contingent Liabilities	-	-
40. Non-Performing Loans & Advances	595,259	486,210
41. Allowance for Expected Losses	182,969	104,434
42. Other Non-Performing Assets	-	-
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i). Shareholders' Funds to Total Assets	56.41%	56.32%
(ii). Non-Performing Loans to Total Gross Loans	2.98%	2.58%
(iii). Gross Loans & Advances to Total Deposits	2063.47%	2439.66%
(iv). Loans & Advances to Total Assets	60.46%	57.50%
(v). Earning Assets to Total Assets	88.31%	91.68%
(vi). Deposits Growth	22.93%	17.46%
(vii). Assets Growth	0.60%	0.89%

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8).

Name and Title	Signature	Date
Sasa M. Chonza (Chief Executive Officer)	(Signed)	25.01.2023
Amulike E. Karmwela (Chief Financial Officer)	(Signed)	25.01.2023
Isambo Binde (Internal Audit Manager)	(Signed)	25.01.2023

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022				
(Amounts in Thousand shillings)	Current Quarter 31st Dec. 2022	Comparative Quarter 31st Dec. 2021	Current Year Cumulative 31st Dec. 2022	Comparative Year Cumulative 31st Dec. 2021
1. Interest Income	1,079,165	671,466	3,668,523	2,487,835
2. Interest Expense	(336,596)	(32,138)	(1,000,506)	(122,779)
3. Net Interest Income	742,568	639,308	2,668,017	2,365,056
4. Bad Debts Written-Off	-	-	-	-
5. Impairment Reversal (Losses)	(78,535)	(51,003)	(127,321)	(17,941)
6. Non Interest Income	82,623	90,113	341,118	130,606
6.1. Foreign Currency Gains and Translation Gains/ (Loss)	(1,616)	(1,400)	(1,400)	(1,466)
6.2. Fees and Commissions	73,386	46,794	240,122	53,781
6.3. Dividend Income	-	-	27,590	35,130
6.4. Other Operating Income	10,853	42,946	74,885	43,159
7. Non Interest Expenses :	(599,385)	(556,375)	(2,619,191)	(2,229,229)
7.1. Salaries and Benefits	(368,932)	(378,592)	(1,390,844)	(1,165,923)
7.2. Fees and Commissions	-	-	-	-
7.3. Other Operating Expenses	(230,452)	(177,783)	(1,228,347)	(1,063,305)
8. Operating Income/(Loss)	147,272	122,043	262,624	249,392
9. Income Tax Provision	(8,718)	(7,331)	(23,669)	(18,430)
10. Net Income/(Loss) after Income Tax	138,554	114,712	238,954	232,962
11. Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
12. Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	138,554	114,712	238,954	232,962
13. Number of Employees	23	19	23	19
14. Basic Earnings Per Share	0.64	0.53	1.10	1.07
15. Number of Branches	1	1	1	1
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i). Return on Average Total Assets	0.42%	0.55%	0.74%	1.12%
(ii). Return on Average Shareholder's Fund	0.75%	0.63%	1.30%	1.28%
(iii). Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	72.64%	76.28%	87.04%	89.32%
(iv). Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	2.53%	3.27%	2.53%	12.89%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022


(Amounts in Thousand shillings)	Share Capital	Share premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others (Fair Value Reserve)	Total
Current Quarter (31.12.2022)							
Balance as at the beginning of the quarter (01.10.2022)	21,800,000	-	(3,590,252)	12,974	-	95,831	18,318,554
Profit/(Loss) for the quarter	-	-	138,554	-	-	-	138,554
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	12,974	(12,974)	-	-
General Provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current quarter (31.12.2022)	21,800,000	-	(3,438,724)	-	-	95,831	18,457,107
Previous Quarter (30.09. 2022)							
Balance as at the beginning of the quarter (01.07.2022)	21,800,000	-	(3,615,871)	11,956	-	95,831	18,291,915
Profit/(Loss) for the quarter	-	-	263,081	-	-	-	263,081
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	12,974	(12,974)	-	-
General Provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the quarter (30.09.2022)	21,800,000	-	(3,590,252)	12,974	-	95,831	18,318,554

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES 2022

S/No	ITEMS	CHARGES/FEES
1	Prime Lending Rate (PLR)	1.6% p.a.
2	Maximum spread above PLR	4% p.a.
3	Application Fee (Non-refundable)	TZS 200,000/-
4	Processing Fee	1.5 % of the loan value
5	Valuation Fee	Paid by the client as per the invoice
6	Legal Fee	Paid by the client to FHF account and FHF will pay law firm
7	Early Repayment	5% of the amount to be prepaid
8	Annual Review Fee	NIL
9	Cheque returned Unpaid (Outward & Inward)	TZS 50,000/-
10	Loan Statement	TZS 20,000/-

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 accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name	Signature	Date
Conrad Dsouza (Chairperson)	(Signed)	25.01.2023
Vinod Rustagi (Director)	(Signed)	25.01.2023




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AFRICA HOUSING FINANCE OPERATORS IN CAIRO DECLARATION

By Chinedum Uwaegbulam,

Lagos

As adverse weather conditions, and climate-related emergencies reduce and degrade affordable housing stock across continent, members of the African Union for Housing Finance (AUHF) are seeking resilient, safe and adequate housing to improve quality of life of households and reduce environmental impact in the residential construction industry.

They called on governments at the regional, national, state or local levels to actively create an enabling environment that encourages the development of resilient and environmentally friendly cities, neighbourhoods and homes. AUHF also urge governments to enforce the shift towards adopting more sustainable and environmentally friendly housing construction, servicing and maintenance practices, especially in government buildings and other infrastructure.

Low-income communities are impacted by climate change and the environment, often finding themselves in disaster-prone areas and in accommodation that is poorly suited to withstand climate events. At the same time, the commitment to deliver affordable housing at scale necessarily impacts on the environment - carbon emissions are significant in the building process, as



A green housing project

well in the ongoing life of buildings.

According to African Economic Outlook (2022), five of the ten countries most affected by climate shocks in 2019 were in Africa. In 2020 and 2021, there were 131 extreme-weather, climate change-related disasters recorded in Africa. The majority of these (99) were flooded, followed by 16 storms, 14 droughts and two wildfires.

As households struggle to protect themselves in the face of these shocks, their retreat from disaster-affected or prone areas contributes to increasing urbanisation, putting further pressure on cities to accommodate vulnerable and climate migrants.

The housing finance operators, who met in Cairo, Egypt at the AUHF 38th conference and yearly general meeting, made a declaration known as 'Cairo Declaration.' They recognised that the significant interaction of housing and the environment, regulators, as well as investors are increasingly demanding a climate responsive approach, setting standards for green construction and green

buildings.

They noted that while 'green' impacts favourably on long-term operating costs of housing, with reduced services costs, it is often expensive, adding to the capital costs associated with delivery. "This can have an effect of placing green outside the reach of low-income consumers; or placing affordable housing delivery outside the scope of green investors and the capital they offer."

In the declaration, they further called for the incorporation of appropriate and affordable standards for socially and environmentally sustainable housing in policy, regulatory and financial frameworks at national and local level, paying special attention to sustainable infrastructure and land management frameworks.

AUHF also wants government to demonstrate political will for green, with the provision of both financial and non-financial incentives to spur the adoption of sustainable building and infrastructure servicing solutions, as well building a new architecture for African cities and towns so that they incorporate green design

principles that are at once affordable in the short and long-term, in terms of capital investment up front and long-term operations.

Besides, they urged support for the adoption of building technologies and innovation that reduce the impact of housing and services on the environment, while providing resilience to weather events and supporting affordable housing delivery at scale. They pledged to encourage the link between green housing and green financing, with a particular reference to affordable housing in all of its diversity and facilitate discussion in this regard, as well as develop interactive platforms and mechanisms to support members through the creation of opportunities to network, share experiences and learn from one another, on adopting models that support green building, green financing and green living.

The group also plan to lead discussion among members on appropriate standards, definitions and targets that encourage members to incorporate sustainable green principles in their businesses and to track these

yearly, as well as engage and lobby African governments to adopt and implement the recommendations.

The 56-member group, chaired by the Chief Executive Officer, Nigeria Mortgage Finance Company (NMFC), Mr. Kehinde Ogundimu, urged international Development Finance Institutions (DFI), other development agencies and international Non-Governmental Organisations to support the development of environmentally friendly and affordable housing, recognising the potential systemic impact of their interventions and investments.

Specifically, they encouraged the DFI community to provide affordable green finance to downstream financial institutions to enable them to pass on the affordability to low-income earners, dedicating a larger percentage of their green finance interventions to resilience rather than mitigation for cities/urban areas response to climate change.

AUHF urged support in the development of appropriate rating systems to ensure the green certification process is cost effective, relevant and affordable, particularly for affordable housing.

"Towards this, we see a need for the creation and implementation of tools to measure and verify green building and servicing practices and performance, that are particularly relevant for alternative delivery methods. This includes non-developer led, incremental housing delivery, as well as building refurbishments and conversions, as well as incorporating both mortgage and non-mortgage financing processes.

"Support and implement programmes that train affordable housing stakeholders on environmentally resilient construction and financing practices with the aim of strengthening their technical expertise in existing and emergent approaches, tools and processes that allow climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies.

EA Portland Cement eyes Rwanda and DRC market

NAIROBI

Following its KES500m (US\$4m) plant upgrade, The East African Portland Cement (EAPC) is planning to expand within the East African Community member countries and is targeting cement sales in Rwanda and DR Congo.

The Athi River-based cement processor has replaced part of its kiln shell at its Athi River plant and is now producing its own clinker. In 2021 EAPC it announced a five year business modernisation and expansion plan to return to profitability.

The firm's CEO, Oliver Kirubai, said: "Our ambitious new business strategy is anchored on major investments in our factory to give us a platform to produce and outgrow cement demand in East Africa. Despite the high costs of energy and an old clinker line, we have already seen steady results in the last six months from the ongoing business reorganisation."

He said the company's structuring will enable it to settle debts and be able to inject more capital as it eyes the broader east African market.

"We expect to outgrow the regional cement market. We are looking at going beyond Kenya into Rwanda and DR Congo as well," he said, adding that the company is also targeting growth in its volumes and brand portfolio.

EAPC expects cement production in the country to be driven by the key government agenda on housing and infrastructure projects, which is expected to represent an investment of KES3trn in the next five years through funded and own projects.

Barrick allocates 93bn/- for road construction in Kahama

By Francis Kajubi

BARRICK Gold Corporation has allocated 93.5bn/- (\$40million) to Msalala District Council for construction of the Msalala-Kahama to Kakora 70 kilometers road network to spur individuals' economies from the two towns that rely on mining activities.

The mining company has reached the decision of issuing the money which is separate from the community social responsibility (CSR) framework following a long time plea by people and the council.

Barrick president and chief executive officer Mark Bristow told the press on Wednesday in Kahama that the company has already allocated the funds and it is just for the council to observe other processes related to the road so that the funds can be released.

"The ball is in your court now but Barrick is ready to issue the money any time when you are done with other procedures such as floating the construction tender and environmental impact assessment," said Bristow.

The support comes when the company's two gold mines North Mara and Bulyanhulu, boosted their combined output to 547,000 ounces as of December 2022, achieving another step towards the compa-

ny's potential Tier One status in the group's status.

At the same time, Bristow said exploration is continuing to deliver opportunities to grow the mineral reserves net of depletion at both mines.

According to him, North Mara's transition to owner-mining is successfully ramping up its ongoing open pit expansion with improved efficiencies and costs, while technological advances in the underground operation are increasing productivity.

He asserted that the restart of mining at the Gena pit is on track. At Bulyanhulu, he said, the main focus is on ramping up the development of its declines to access the new Deep West mineral reserves and defining further exploration potential in Reef 2.

"Since the take-over in 2019, Barrick has pumped \$2.4billion into the Tanzanian economy. Last year it paid \$303million in taxes, royalties, levies, dividends and shareholder loan repayments and \$476 million to local suppliers," said Bristow.

Minerals deputy minister Dr Steven Kiruswa said that Bulyanhulu and North Mara have continued to prioritize local employment. He said local staff in the workforce for the mines stands at 96 percent of which 45 percent of

new hires are drawn from the surrounding communities.

"In 2022 North Mara was recognized as Tanzania's largest taxpayer by the Tanzania Revenue Authority beating Tanzania Breweries Limited which has led the list of good taxpayers for years;

Bulyanhulu was awarded the Best Compliant Employer prize by the National Social Security Fund. North Mara and Bulyanhulu also received the first and second runner-up recognition awards, respectively, for the export of minerals and the generation of foreign currency," said Kiruswa.

He called upon the host communities to be supportive to the mining company as it has been contributing in social development projects initiated by itself or the government.

The deputy minister asked Barrick to assist in security modern machines at the nation's minerals laboratory.

"It will also be soundful if the company establishes a scholarship programme for youths graduating from courses related to mining and minerals to sharpen their knowledge and skills to other foreign high learning institutions. It will be helpful to the sector's growth if even two scholars benefit per year," said Kiruswa.

According to him, the min-

istry is set at attracting 10 percent of minerals contribution to the gross domestic product from the current eight percent.

Through their community development committees, the mines have invested more than \$10 million in projects to improve healthcare, education, access to potable water and the road infrastructure.

Msalala legislator Idd Kasim Idd said just in 2022 Barrick has issued 2.9bn/- through CSR for construction of the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) and development of 24 dispensaries within Shinyanga region.

"We will make sure that every single dime issued in CSR by Barrick is invested wisely to bring positive results to the host communities. The government guarantees investors the necessary support needed in growing their businesses in the country," said Idd.

The Member of Parliament went further to ask the mining company to help the council construct a large dam for irrigation farming for women and young entrepreneurs engaged in horticulture.

He also asked Barrick to support the construction of a modern mall for second hand garment sellers and a bus terminal.



TBS LAYS STRESS ON STEEL, ROOFING PRODUCTS QUALITY

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

MANUFACTURERS, importers and distributors of steel, pipe products and roofing metals have been asked to comply with quality standards to remove complaints from users of the products.

This was said yesterday by the Acting Director of Compliance and Enforcement, of the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS),

Candida Shirima, during the meeting with importers, distributors and producers of these products.

"If it happens the consumer buys products that do not meet the standards, you cause complaints about your products and, so each of you is responsible to ensure that you comply with the quality requirements," she said.

She said importers and producers of these products should focus on quality so that there is

fair competition in the market, protect the environment, and enable buyers to find products that match the value of money.

He said that in order to strengthen the quality of galvanized steel, coils for making galvanized steel, square pipes, round pipes, flat bars and other metal products, the producers should ensure that they comply with national and international standards.

He said that every producer

and importer of these products should ensure that all important information is written where according to international standards, the products must be written in grade, name of the producer, measurements and version numbers.

He said that TBS will continue to fully manage the responsibility of ensuring the quality of these products in this country, including conducting inspections and laboratory tests before entering

the country.

He said that the organization will also continue to conduct regular inspections on factories that produce those products to verify the quality of the products produced.

"TBS is also responsible for regular monitoring, providing quality education to stakeholders and taking appropriate action against all those who are found to be violating the requirements of the law," she said.

She said that TBS decided to organize the meeting with the aim of promoting the understanding of the stakeholders regarding the requirements of the Standards Act Chapter 130, and the various international standards of the products.

She said that since the government's aim is to build a strong, sustainable and competitive economy, the products produced must be genuine so that they can compete in global market.

By Johnson Oltetia

The right to housing is enshrined in Kenya's Constitution under article 43 (1) (b), which stipulates that all citizens have the right to accessible and adequate homes, and to a reasonable standard of sanitation.

However, Kenya still grapples with a huge demand and housing supply gap.

We have an annual housing demand of 250,000 units with an estimated supply of 50,000 units, culminating in a housing deficit of two million units, or an 80 percent deficit.

A closer examination of the state of housing in the country shows that generally, the provision of housing is largely characterised by an inadequate supply of affordable and decent units, low urban home ownership and widespread informal housing.

Studies estimate that only two percent of the formally constructed houses target lower-income families, with about 65 percent of Kenya's urban families having to cope with the informal settlements.

The Kenyan housing market faces a dynamic set of interrelated challenges; high cost of land, high cost of housing units, high incidental costs - stamp duty, legal fees etc, difficulty in property registration and limited access to long-term affordable finance.

These challenges disproportionately affect low to moderate-income earners.

This notwithstanding affordable housing holds so much potential that when properly exploited can catapult the country's economic growth and open up massive opportunities for employment.

Kenya has the capability to unlock affordable housing for the benefit of the country en masse.

A healthier population translates to a healthier economy

Housing is a key social determinant of people's health and overall quality of productivity.

It has a strong influence on a person's mental and physical wellness; poverty has been proven to extremely hamper people's options, which explains why it is closely interrelated with a range of acute and chronic health issues.

Further, exposure to other conditions such as poor sanitation and insecurity within the informal settlements shrinks people's ability to work optimally and, in the process, their productivity levels

How affordable housing can drive Kenya's growth



Johnson Oltetia, CEO, Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company

plummet.

However, when people have access to quality affordable housing options, they are far less likely to face hazards associated with an informal settlement lifestyle.

Additionally, the cost incurred in the treatment of recurring health issues due to inadequate housing becomes disposable income and can be used for further self-economic empow-

erment.

Affordable housing investment spurs economic stimulus and job creation

Homeownership is a powerful engine for wealth creation and a means to enhance people's livelihoods.

Investing in affordable housing, therefore, has been proven to create a multiplier effect, where direct and indirect

benefits to the country include job creation, improved health and safety and increased household resilience.

Affordable housing for resilient intermediary cities

Kenya has been experiencing increasing urbanisation rates, with urban sprawling with new entrants at an estimated 3.4 percent annually, in search of better

opportunities.

This accelerated urbanisation and the urban transition has encouraged stakeholders to collaborate and implement appropriate strategies to support affordable housing policies and their implementation in order to accommodate the ever-growing population.

As a result, we continue to witness new affordable housing de-

velopments in some of Kenya's intermediary cities including Kisumu and Mombasa.

This has made the cities attractive enough to get international attention and thus, host global state-of-the-art conventions and as a result, contribute to the country's revenue.

Promising future investment opportunities

Investing in affordable housing is an opportunity to decrease childhood poverty.

Giving children a better, reliable and more equitable path forward is one of the long-term ways to create generational wealth, build economic growth and foster healthier societies.

Equipping younger generations with tools for social mobility transcends beyond just a moral argument; it has also been proven to produce economic growth for communities.

Children who experience such empowerment while growing up are more likely to end up as successful and responsible citizens, who don't hesitate to give back to their communities.

Ultimately, supporting affordable housing initiatives means investing in our communities' well-being. It would be prudent for all stakeholders across the supply chain in Kenya to dedicate themselves to the development of affordable housing.

The overarching objective should be to provide families with safe and stable housing because I believe homes are the foundation for everything in life.

KMRC provides affordable housing finance

The formal housing finance sector in Kenya is historically exclusionary and conservative. Most innovations have focused on short-term small-scale loans. But this is beginning to change.

The Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company (KMRC) was formed with the main purpose of providing long-term funds to primary mortgage lenders in order to make it possible for more people to own homes.

KMRC has come in to resolve one of the key challenges in the affordable housing market - the lack of affordable long-term finance.

It's therefore addressing the long-term funding constraint hindering the growth of the mortgage market and reducing the cost of residential mortgages.

What makes Tanga Cement win best presented financial statements awards?

By Guardian Reporter

Tanga Cement Company, one of the largest cement manufacturers in Tanzania, is among of the compliant of tax laws and presented financial statements.

This has enabled Tanga Cement to best perform in best annual presented financial statements awards, organized by the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) for four consecutive years since 2013 to 2021.

However, the cement manufacturer scooped the award for the first time in 2009.

In 2021, the company also scooped the Best Manufacturer Award, on private company category organised by Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI).

NBAA, which is the government institution, under the ministry of finance and planning has been mandated to manage and regulate accounting and auditing professions in Tanzania.

As the regulator, NBAA regulates international financial standards for both International Ac-

counting Standards (ISA) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for private, as well as International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSPAS) for public institutions.

During the 2021 awards, The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed Tanga Cement Plc scooped two awards including the overall winner on best presented financial statements, in compliance with the international standards for private sector including ISA and IFRS.

In this category, Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) won two awards including the overall winner of best presented financial statement for public institutions.

During the award presentation ceremony held last year at NBAA's Buniyu conference hall in Dar es Salaam, Tanga Cement Company Limited became the overall winner of best presented financial statements for 2021 and best winner in manufacturing category.



Isaac Lupokela, Tanga Cement's head of finance (R) receives an award from Jamali Kassim Ali, Minister in the Zanzibar President's office. File Photo

Speaking during awards presentation, Isaac Lupokela, the Tanga Cement's head of finance revealed secret, which has enabled the company to remain on top, as professionalism and compliance with the guidelines governing presentation of financial statements.

"This is an important issue that has enabled us to scoop the awards in four consecutive years. All in all

the teamwork spirit and expertise we have in complying with the IFRS and ISA standards, remain major factors that keep us on top," he said.

"These awards is has remained major motivations to increase our efforts to remain trusted by the public by making sure that our books of accounts are presented on honest manner." Lupokela has advised other

institutions, both public and private, to continue participating the awards to improve their recognitions to the public.

Recently, NBAA issued the new standard which will require all institutions to prepare their financial statements for the benefits of different stakeholders including shareholders, lenders, investors and customers.

The new standards namely Tanzania Financial Reporting Standard One (TFRS 1) was established in 2021 where by entities are required to submit their financial statements at NBAA for the awards, in accordance with ISA/IFRS and IPSPAS.

Through the competition, institutions are evaluated in accordance with how they complied with IAS/IFRS for

private sector and IPSAS for public sector.

"Because Tanga Cement is among of the listed companies, which prepares its financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), it is among of the competitors each year," he said.

Lupokela said during the last four years, Tanga Cement has emerged the winner on IFRS compliant category.

He mentioned the main reason that has enabled the company to perform better in the award as compliant with the TFRS-1.

Speaking during the award presentation, the minister in the office of the Zanzibar President Jamali Kassim Ali, who was the guest of honour called for the leaders of institutions to ensure compliance with the laws and regulations governing accounting standards, both local and international to enabled stakeholders are using them to make right decisions.

"I would like to reminding leaders of public and private institutions to comply with both local and international standards in preparing their financial statements to enable stakeholders to make the right decisions," he said.

He said number of participating entities in each category is large, which make it more competitive and winners are just passing through small technical excellence.

The awards were presented when NBAA was commemorating 50 years anniversary.

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ADAVALE RESOURCES EXPANDS KABANGA JIRANI PROJECT

By Guardian Reporter & Agencies

Australia-based nickel sulphide exploration company Adavale Resources has announced the expansion of the Kabanga Jirani nickel project in Kagera, Tanzania.

The company's fully-owned subsidiary Adavale Resources Tanzania has secured the prospecting licence (PL 12175/2023) for the Southeast Wedge.

The Southeast Wedge covers an area of 44.83km² and is contiguous with the company's Kabanga East and Kabanga Southeast projects.

It covers a cluster of coincident gravity and Heli-EM anomalies identified by Adavale last year, which are considered to be prospective for nickel and copper mineralisation.

The anomalies are located along the strike from drill hole RCD-DKE006, which was drilled to a depth of 500m last year, with assays pending.

Adavale Resources chairman Grant Pierce said: "Adavale's core strategy to explore its existing licences whilst in parallel expanding its footprint with additional prospective licences is very much on track."

"The granting of the Southeast Wedge licence and the company's acquisition in the Luhuma prospect expands the company's tenure to an unrivalled 1,311km² with-



in the East African Nickel Belt of Tanzania.

"The company looks forward to an exciting 2023 nickel exploration programme, building on the foundations of the 2022 programme."

In addition to securing a prospecting licence, Adavale has exercised its option to acquire a 65% stake in the Luhuma nickel farm-in project, as announced in December 2021.

The company has executed a binding farm-in agreement

to earn up to 80 percent interest in the Luhuma licenses (PLI1692/2021, PLI1693/2021), through staged payments.

Based on the recent exploration activities at the Luhuma farm-in tenements, Adavale decided to make the second-stage payment to acquire the 65 percent interest in the licences.

The second-stage payments include \$50,000 in cash, and Adavale shares worth \$150,000, calculated based on the volume-weighted average price.

The Luhuma farm-in licences cover 99km² of the area over the Luhuma trend, which is known to host several prospective mafic-ultramafic intrusions.

Adavale intends to continue exploring and drilling within the Luhuma trend during 2023.

In September last year, Adavale Resources commenced mobilisation of a multi-purpose reverse circulation diamond drill rig following completion of the 9 recent HEM surveys conducted over the company's Kabanga and Luhuma

Nickel Projects located within the East African Nickel Belt of Tanzania.

The drill program will initially focus on 7 high-priority nickel target areas within the Kabanga North-East/Luhuma extension, Kabanga East and Kabanga West Licences.

The program subjected to ongoing refinement based on drill results, field assessments and the final processed data from the HEM contractor.

"I'm very pleased that having completed the recent comprehensive geophysical survey work, the company is now entering into a very exciting phase of drill testing multiple targets. We are preparing for a highly active exploration period in the December quarter and expect a similar level of regular updates to the market," said Adavale's Executive Director, David Riekie was quoted as saying.

Adavale's Technical Director, John Hicks also stated that the company's initial high-priority target drill program will focus on 7 broad target areas which encompass the HEM survey areas 1 to 4 and 7 to 9.

The drill rig was initially mobilise to Kabanga West to evaluate the HEM areas 7-9, which are on a similar latitude to neighbor's 58Mt @ 2.62% Ni, Kabanga Nickel deposit.

know why it is hard for foreign nationals to buy homes in major cities in the US

LOS ANGELES

The US attracts foreigners with multiple perspectives and implements the idea of a happy future.

The expats come to popular cities, like Hollywood, to make their dreams come true and to live among superstars.

However, is this image of Hollywood consistent with reality? And why are some investors prevented from buying apartments in Hollywood? Let's find the answers.

Hollywood does not welcome foreigners

There is a popular myth that Hollywood is not a welcoming destination for expats. The locals express some hostility and nastiness. However, those who live in Hollywood for a long time, absolutely disagree with this fact.

Hollywood is for everyone who has language and communication skills. Half of LA is from out of town.

True, connections and acquaintances decide much but not everything. Charm, charisma, and desire to work hard are fundamental qualities for any person.

Extremely expensive housing

This is an unpleasant but realistic fact. Moving to Hollywood, it is necessary to be ready to manage a huge budget. Affordable apartments are on the market as well; still they cannot be called inexpensive.

Finding an apartment or house is the first thing you should think about when moving to another country.

In the US to rent a more or less simple apartment will cost you at least \$2,000.

In addition, there is no way to do without an agent, and he will ask for his services for a considerable amount.

Regardless of high cost, purchase of real estate in Hollywood becomes a beneficial investment.

You get not only a home in a star atmosphere but a fully equipped housing unit with the necessary appliances - stove, dishwasher, washing machine, and refrigerator.

And the newer the house, the more modern the appliances are. The bathrooms are usually tiled or even marble, and there is a full set of plumbing plus whirlpool tubs and shower cabins.

Credit rating is important when buying a home

If you are taking out a mortgage, the credit rating is extremely important for your own profit.

The higher your credit score, the better your credit history, the better mortgage terms the bank will offer.

A buyer with a higher rating will be approved by the bank for a lower interest rate and a smaller payment compared to a buyer who has a lower rating and a higher interest rate on the loan.

In the situation of buying a house for cash, the credit rating does not matter. Real estate purchase is possible only with the offline presence of a buyer.

Not necessarily, you can buy real estate remotely, through the U.S. Embassy, following the process on the Internet. The most important thing in this case is to choose a good realtor you can trust.

At this option, the buyer transfers the money to a trust account of the realtor (or a lawyer, if the transaction is carried out with his participation).

At the end, the amount will go to the seller. Many experts advise resorting to remote buying only when absolutely necessary. Even the most experienced realtor cannot protect you from all possible risks.

Real estate in South Africa: Shifting attention to 2023

JOHANNESBURG

Understanding the property industry's predictions and trends for the coming year can be as vital as finalising a lease with a tenant or securing your next investment.

In either case, if the former is not clear, it will be detrimental to the salient terms of the latter.

Prior to delving into 2023, it is necessary to examine market attitudes from the fourth quarter of 2022.

"The global economy has been characterised by rising interest rates, energy supply limits, climate change, and volatile geopolitics," says Andrew Dewey, MD of Swindon Property.

A reflection on the industrial market

The industrial real estate market had a prosperous 2022, with national nominal rents per 500m² increasing by 5.3 percent, a significant increase from 2021's 2.2 percent.

Building cost inflation of 11 percent will however put pressure on redevelopments and new build costs which in turn will see industrial rentals continue to rise.

Comparing the survey results of Q4 2021 to Q4 2018, shows that rental growth stayed constant at approximately 5.7 percent.

This indicates that the industrial sector continues to enjoy a commanding advantage over the other three economic sectors.



Dewey says the market has been bolstered by sustained low vacancies, particularly in logistics-related warehouses.

"This has been as a result of the robust online retail sales sector and consolidation measures taken by large national companies."

A rejuvenated market

In 2023, Dewey anticipates a surge in demand for commercial rental properties, which would stimulate the market.

"Although loan rates that plummeted dramatically during lockdown have steadily risen over the past 18 months, the market remains mainly robust," he says.

Therefore, the outlook for the South African real estate market in 2023 is fairly positive.

Important market trends for 2023

Dewey forecasts that the majority of trends that will emerge in 2023 will be a continuation of market adjustments that began in the post-pandemic climate of 2022.

South Africa's commercial real estate market, which is on a gradual but steady path to recovery, reached a turning point in 2022.

In comparison to office and retail, the industrial sector had the highest rental growth rate and lowest vacancy rates in 2021 and 2022.

"We anticipate this trend to continue in 2023 due to the sustained strong demand and low supply for properties of this type, especially in desirable locations that offer ease of access, close proximity to the main arterials, ports and airport and sound

infrastructure," says Dewey.

In 2023, the retail property sector is anticipated to continue its recovery, with a retail vacancy rate of 5.8 percent and a reported success rate for renewals of 82.7 percent.

The Covid-19 outbreak temporarily halted in-person property auctions, causing the industry to transition to online auctions. Now that the health concern has passed, it's anticipated that in person auctions will once again predominate and there is likely to be a hybrid model.

The persistently high office vacancy rates in South Africa have compelled landlords to become more inventive, culminating in the transformation of typical office space. Today, "space as a service" is a popular topic of conversation, and by 2023, this trend is expected to gain greater speed.

B-grade office space is the focus of a second trend that has evolved. This category describes buildings that are typically smaller, older, and equipped with less facilities. There is a big opportunity for investors to renovate these buildings and bring them to market.

Tenants are increasingly choosing buildings that meet their ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) requirements, and this trend is projected to continue into 2023.

Saudi minister: Real estate overpriced

RIYADH

SAUDI Arabia's Minister for Municipal, Rural Affairs and Housing Majed Al-Hogail has said that there are exaggerations in the real estate prices in Saudi Arabia. He noted that the real estate market in the Kingdom needs more supply in addition to offering larger units in Riyadh, Dammam and Jeddah.

The minister made the remarks while opening the second edition of the Real Estate Future Forum in Riyadh on Monday. He said that the Saudi leadership has supported the Ministry with a large number of plots of land that will be launched soon.

Al-Hogail stressed that

the real estate sector enjoys unlimited support from the wise leadership and that enables it to increase its contribution to the gross domestic product (GDP).

"The first edition of the forum focused on the topic of harmonization and integration between government agencies and the public and private real estate development system, anticipating a better future of real estate."

"The second edition of the forum features local, regional and global character, focusing on local capabilities and global ambitions," he said.

Al-Hogail stated that the three-day forum is discussing 10 strategic topics, the most important of which is



A view of residential and other buildings in Abha, Saudi Arabia

the role of the emirates, governorates, ministries and mayoralities in harmonizing the empowerment of the real estate sector regionally and bringing out its effects on the real estate sector.

The forum will also address the future of the real estate sector and real

estate systems between execution and monitoring.

Referring to the establishment of the Real Estate Registration Company, Al-Hogail said that the regions that come under the jurisdiction of the company will be announced dur-

WORLD

EU eyes repatriating more people to Africa, Middle East and Asia

STOCKHOLM

EUROPEAN Union migration ministers met yesterday to discuss visa restrictions and better coordination inside the bloc to be able to send more people with no right to asylum in Europe back to their home countries including Iraq.

Three years after the 27-nation EU agreed to restrict visas for countries deemed failing to cooperate on taking their people back, only Gambia has been formally punished.

The EU's executive European Commission proposed similar steps vis-a-vis Iraq, Senegal and Bangladesh, though two EU officials said cooperation with Dhaka on returning people has since improved.

Still, the EU's overall rate of effective returns stood at 21% in 2021, according to Eurostat data, the latest available.

"That is a level that member states consider unacceptably low," said one of

the EU officials.

Immigration is a highly politically sensitive topic in the bloc where member countries would much rather discuss stepping up returns, as well as reducing irregular immigration in the first place, than revive their bitter feuds over how to share out the task of caring for those who make it to Europe and win the right to stay.

"Establishing an effective and common EU system for returns is a central pillar of well-functioning and credible migration and asylum systems," the Commission said in a discussion paper for the ministers, which was seen by Reuters.

Some 160,000 people made it across the Mediterranean in 2022, according to UN data, the main route to Europe for people fleeing wars and poverty in the Middle East, Africa and Southeast Asia. On top of that, nearly 8 million Ukrainian refugees were also registered



In this Oct 30, 2022 photo, a boy fishes as police border guards on a boat patrol along the Evros River that forms a natural border between Greece and Turkey, on Sunday. The EU ministers recently discussed visa restrictions to repatriate more migrants non-eligible for asylum. (PHOTO / AP)

across Europe. The ministers met two weeks before the 27 EU national leaders gather in Brussels to discuss migration, and are also expected to call to send more people away.

"Swift action is needed to ensure effective returns from the European Union to countries of origin using as leverage all relevant EU policies," read a draft of their joint statement, which was also seen by Reuters.

Inside the EU, however, there are insufficient resources and coordination between different parts of government to ensure each a person with no right to stay is effectively returned or deported, according to the Commission.

"Insufficient cooperation of countries of origin is an additional challenge," it added, naming problems including recognizing and issuing

identity and travel documents.

But pressure from migration chiefs to punish some third countries with visa restrictions has in the past run against the EU's own foreign and development ministers, or failed due to conflicting agendas of various EU countries.

There has therefore not been enough majority among EU countries so far to punish another country apart from Gambia, where people can no longer get multiple entry visas to the bloc and face a longer wait.

While EU countries including Austria and Hungary loudly protest against the mainly-Muslim, irregular immigration from the Middle East and North Africa, Germany is among those seeking to open up their job market to much-needed workers from outside the bloc. **Agencies**

Meta to restore Donald Trump's Facebook, Instagram accounts

SAN FRANCISCO

META announced on Wednesday that the company would restore former US president Donald Trump's Facebook and Instagram accounts in the coming weeks, ending a two-year suspension.



"In the event that Mr Trump posts further violating content, the content will be removed and he will be suspended for between one month and two years, depending on the severity of the violation," wrote Nick Clegg, Meta's vice president of global affairs, in a blog post.

Meta issued updated rules this month that apply to public figures.

Facebook suspended Trump on Jan 7, 2021, after he continued posting content about the November 2020 election after protesters stormed the US Capitol.

"Today's decision by Meta is a pivotal moment in the debate over the best way to handle harmful content posted by politicians on social media," Meta's Oversight Board wrote in a blog post.

"Independent oversight of decisions related to speech on social media platforms is why the Board was set up – to ensure that companies act in a transparent and accountable manner," it noted.

"Such a thing should never again happen to a sitting President, or anybody else who is not deserving of retribution," Trump responded.

He was recently reinstated on Twitter after Elon Musk took over the company.

Bout reveals how US tried to get 'dirt' on Russian leadership during interrogations

MOSCOW

VIKTOR Bout, a Russian national who was released from US captivity in December, said that American authorities tried to gather compromising information about senior Russian officials during interrogations, promising political asylum to his family in return.



"If I provided, as they (the American side - TASS) say in their slang, 'dirt', on our leadership, then my family could be granted asylum. These proposals were made to Alla (Viktor Bout's wife - TASS), too, when she first visited America," Bout said in an interview with Rossiya-1 television yesterday.

Bout (pictured) also said he had been warned that he would have "serve every second of his prison sentence, as an example to other Russians who dared to refuse to strike a deal with US justice," by failing to provide compromising information about the Russian leadership.

Bout was detained in Thailand's capital of Bangkok in 2008 under a warrant issued by a local court at the behest of the US. He was charged with illegally supplying weapons to a rebel group known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, which is designated as a terrorist organization by the US. Bout was extradited to the United States two years later. In April 2012, he was sentenced to 25 years in jail and slapped with a \$15-million fine.

On December 8, Bout returned to Russia as a result of an agreement with the US to exchange him for American basketball player Brittney Griner. **Agencies**

Budget transparency conference for Francophone Africa opens in Cameroon

YAOUNDE

A conference to examine better ways to ensure budget transparency in French-speaking sub-Saharan Africa opened in Cameroon on Wednesday.

Stakeholders from over 10 countries are strengthening their budget transparency practices through peer-to-peer learning and sharing of tools and good practices. "More than in the past, the emphasis must be placed on compliance with the rules in the management of public finances.

This also requires budget transparency", Cameroon's Minister of Finance, Louis-Paul Motaze said during the opening ceremony of the conference organized by the Cameroonian government in collaboration with the European Union.

"In Cameroon, we have introduced what is called 'citizen budget', which is a budgetary format that allows all citizens to access and understand what is in the budget. So, citizens can control the budget," he added during the event in the capital, Yaounde.

Biden announces equipping Ukraine with US-made tanks

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden announced Wednesday that his administration will provide Ukraine with 31 US-made M1 Abrams tanks, which Russia has said will be its target if they were to be used in the ongoing conflict between Moscow and Kiev.

"Today I'm announcing that the United States will be sending 31 Abrams tanks to Ukraine, the equivalent of one Ukrainian battalion," Biden said, addressing the nation in televised remarks from the White House.

Biden said the decision was recommended by Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, who, together with Secretary of State Antony Blinken, flanked Biden as he spoke. "Because it'll enhance Ukraine's capacity to defend its territory and achieve the strategic objectives," Biden said.

Biden said the United States

is also sending Ukraine parts and equipment necessary to sustain the sophisticated tanks, adding that Washington will soon begin to train Ukrainian soldiers on how to operate and maintain the tanks, the delivery of which, he noted, will take time.

The US delivery of M1 Abrams tanks, among the most powerful and capable of the kind in the world, is considered yet another major development in the Ukraine crisis, potentially further escalating the situation as other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) also intended to aid Ukraine with tanks.

Before the formal announcement by Biden, reports of US provision of the M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine had already infuriated Russia.

Moscow's ambassador in Washington, Anatoly Antonov, said Tuesday that "if a decision to transfer to Kiev M1 Abrams is



made, American tanks without any doubt will be destroyed as all other samples of NATO military equipment."

"If the United States decides to supply tanks, it will be impossible to justify such step

using arguments about 'defensive weapons,' the envoy said. "This would be another blatant provocation against the Russian Federation."

The US commitment came on the heel of the confirma-

tion from Germany that it will deliver 14 Leopard 2 A6 tanks to Ukraine, ending a stalemate where a previously reluctant Germany found itself under increasing pressure from the United States and other allies to authorize tank shipment to Ukraine, which has long demanded such weapons.

Other NATO countries, including Poland, the Netherlands, Norway and Spain, have either committed to or been considering sending Ukraine the Leopard 2 tanks. Britain has already said it will send its Challenger 2 tanks to aid Ukraine's offensive in the conflict with Russia.

Biden said in his remarks that earlier in the day, he spoke with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, French President Emmanuel Macron, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni "as part of our close coordination on support for Ukraine".

Zimbabwean central bank starts collecting minerals as royalty from miners

HARARE

THE Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) has started collecting 50 percent of mining royalties in the form of the concerned mineral, in line with a Statutory Instrument issued in late 2022.

RBZ Governor John Mangudya announced in a statement Wednesday that the collection is due from Oct. 1, 2022. Prior to the latest arrangement, all royalties, which were due in monetary form, were paid to the government revenue collector, the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA).

Mangudya said following amendments to the Finance Act and the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe Act, respec-

tively, providing for the collection of 50 percent of royalties in kind and the bank to maintain, over and above gold, reserve assets in the form of diamonds, platinum and lithium, the bank would start making such collections.

The law also covers other precious stones or valuable metals specified by the bank. "With effect from Oct. 1, 2022, miners of gold, diamonds, platinum and lithium (and any other precious stone or precious or valuable metal specified by the bank by notice in a Statutory Instrument) shall be enjoined to pay 50 percent of royalties due to the State in kind, that is, in the form of the mineral concerned," he said.

He added that the rationale for the legislative changes was to enable the central bank to collect, hold and manage reserve assets for the benefit of the country, and as such all in-kind royalties shall be delivered to the bank.

"The delivery of in-kind royalties to the bank, and holding, maintenance and subsequent marketing of same, shall be subject to and in compliance with applicable industry practices and regulatory requirements.

"It shall be the responsibility of the bank to facilitate the collection or delivery of the in-kind portion of the royalties and for the avoidance of doubt, only the cash portion shall be collectible by ZIMRA," he said.

Mangudya added that in order to ensure that the value of the reserve assets held was preserved or enhanced, the bank would have the discretion to determine which prescribed mineral or metal to keep, hold or maintain from time to time, as dictated by prevailing local and international economic conditions and commodity pricing trends.

He also said where the bank considered and determined that it was not economical or possible to keep any mineral or metal specified in terms of the law, it would facilitate and make arrangements that the portion of the royalty payable in kind was converted to cash.

Xinhua

Morocco's CSPJ strongly condemns claims in European Parliament's resolution as unfounded

RABAT

MOROCCO'S Superior Council of the Judicial Authority (CSPJ) has vehemently condemned the unfounded allegations contained in the European Parliament resolution adopted on January 19, 2023.

The Superior Council which held a meeting over the weekend said in a statement it has taken note of the EP resolution which contains serious accusations and allegations that undermine the independence of the Moroccan judiciary.

These unsubstantiated allegations distort facts and sow doubts about the legality and legitimacy of the judicial procedures, some of which have been judged and oth-

ers still under deliberation, reads the statement.

The Council expresses, therefore, its strong condemnation of the unfounded allegations contained in the EP's resolution.

It also regrets this distortion of facts in the context of trials that were conducted in accordance with the law, in full compliance with constitutional guarantees and conditions of fair trial as internationally recognized.

The Council vigorously denounces the approach adopted by the European Parliament, which has arrogated to itself the right to judge the Moroccan judiciary system in a blatantly biased manner,

prejudicing the Kingdom's judicial institutions and violating their independence, further notes the statement.

Moreover, The CSPJ utterly rejects any interference in the judicial processes or attempt to influence their decisions, especially that some of the mentioned cases are still before the courts.

This contradicts all international norms and standards, including the principles and declarations of the United Nations on the independence of the judiciary system, the CSPJ points out in the statement.

The Council strongly decries the call included in the resolution

to put pressure on the judicial authority to immediately release the individuals it mentioned; and considers this a dangerous violation of the independence of justice and an attempt to influence the judicial authority, especially that some of the cases are still under court scrutiny. On a different note, the Superior Council rejects the fallacies included in the resolution, which are inspired by certain sources notoriously known for their dogmatic positions, undocumented, unverified and refuted by the facts.

The statement further stresses that the individuals, mentioned in the resolution, benefitted from

all guarantees of fair trial in accordance with the law, including the presumption of innocence, the right to defense, access to all documents relevant to their cases, the right to public trial, the summoning of witnesses and hearing thereof, judicial expertise, the right to appeal and all other guarantees provided for by the Moroccan law as stipulated in the international human rights charters endorsed by the Kingdom.

The Council stresses that facts subject of the trial of the individuals mentioned in the resolution of the European parliament are in no way linked to their activities as journalists nor to the practice of

their freedom of expression and speech, guaranteed by the law and the Constitution.

In this respect, the Judicial Authority underlines that the accusations levelled against these individuals are related to the criminal law, including human trafficking, sexual abuse and the exploitation of other persons' vulnerability. Such acts are severely punished by the laws, all over the world.

The Council rejects the double standards that characterizes this resolution, which instead of condemning the sexual assaults suffered by the victims, defends a series of untruths and unfounded allegations. **People's Daily**

France to withdraw troops from Burkina Faso within a month

PARIS

FRANCE will withdraw its troops from Burkina Faso in the next month after the military junta asked it to leave, the foreign ministry said on Wednesday, in a move that will further reduce its presence in a region facing a growing Islamist insurgency.

Protests by opponents of the French military presence have surged in Burkina, partly linked to perceptions that France has not done enough to tackle the Islamist militancy that has spread in recent years from neighboring Mali.

France retains some 200-400 special forces in Burkina. It withdrew forces from Mali last year after the military junta there deployed Russian military contractors in the country.

On Monday, Burkina said it had decided to end a military accord that allowed French troops to fight insurgents on its territory because the government wants the country to defend itself.

In a statement sent to Reuters, the French ministry said it had received notice on Tuesday, Jan 24 that a 2018 agreement on the status of French troops in the country had been terminated.

"In accordance with the terms of the agreement, the denunciation takes effect one month after receipt of the written notification. We will comply with the terms of this agreement by complying with this request."

Burkina's national television reported on Saturday that the government had suspended a 2018 military accord with Paris on Jan 18, giving France one month to pull its troops out.

The West African country is facing an Islamist insurgency by groups linked to al Qaeda and Islamic State, which have taken over large swathes of land and displaced millions of people in the wider Sahel region, just south of the Sahara.

French defense and diplomatic sources said the special forces could be moved to Niger, where a large contingent of French and European forces are now based. Paris also has a large military presence in Chad.

Involvement of US, collective West in conflict in Ukraine grows – Kremlin

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin sees that the involvement of the United States and the countries of the collective West in the conflict in Ukraine has been growing, Russian Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told the media yesterday.

"There have been repeated statements from the European capitals and from Washington that the sending of various weapons systems, including tanks, to Ukraine by no means signifies the involvement of these countries or the [North Atlantic] Alliance in the hostilities in Ukraine. We strongly disagree with this. Moscow perceives everything that both the alliance and the capitals I mentioned have been doing as direct involvement in the conflict. We see that it is growing," Peskov said.

Earlier, US President Joe Biden claimed that Washington's decision to supply tanks to Ukraine was not about a fight against Russia, but a fight for "freedom." In addition, Biden alleged that the supply of tanks did not imply a threat to Russia.

In response to an elaborative question whether the Kremlin believed in the sincerity of these words, Peskov replied: "Please, use what I've just said as a benchmark."

Earlier, it was reported that Germany and the United States decided to provide Ukraine with Leopard 2 and Abrams tanks. According to various media resources, some European countries also intend to join these deliveries.

Chinese tourists to fuel global economy, cultural exchange

BEIJING

"WE cannot wait to have the Chinese back in our restaurants. We missed it so much," said Alix Pickard, a senior manager of a British restaurant corporation.

China relaxed its outbound travel restrictions amid its recent overall COVID-19 response shift. Officials and tourism practitioners across the world are eagerly anticipating the return of Chinese tourists.

The comeback of Chinese travelers in the international market will fuel the recovery of the tourism sector worldwide and promote cultural exchanges between China and the rest of the world, experts have said.

Worldwide welcome

In Hakkasan, a Chinese restaurant in London, guests were hanging their Spring Festival wishes to a wishing tree installed recently.

The restaurant, like many others around the world, has put up traditional Chinese decorations and introduced a limited menu celebrating the Year of the Rabbit, the Chinese zodiac animal representing the year of 2023.

Such a festive scene can be observed in numerous hotels, restaurants, shopping malls and attractions across the globe, which recently launched products and services with Chinese elements in a bid to attract Chinese tourists and facilitate their journeys.

A giant rabbit is standing at the entrance of the Shangri-La Hotel in Istanbul of Türkiye, welcoming visitors amid a sea of red lanterns.

In Greece, the authorities have prepared a "Chinese-ready" airport to create a feeling of home for travelers from China, according to Ioanna Papadopoulou, director of communications and marketing at Athens International Airport.

Virtual assistants speaking Chinese are in place to provide visitors with information in their native language, while Chinese customers can use all payment methods they use back home in the airport's duty-free shops.

Tourism officials and professionals are looking forward to the mass return of Chinese travelers as early as possible, after their absence in the global tourism market for three years.

"We really missed the Chinese tourists over the last three years and we would like to welcome you back as soon as possible," Flemming Bruhn, director of VisitDenmark, the Danish national tourism agency, told Xinhua.

For Pickard, whose company manages four restaurants in London, one of the greatest pleasures before the pandemic was to see her restaurants filled with Chinese guests in the afternoon.

"We've really missed that," said the director of marketing at Tao Group Hospitality. "It's great to see everyone coming back again, it makes us so happy."

Delightful experience

In the Chinatown of Bangkok, the young daughter of Liu Lingling, a Chinese tourist to Thailand, screamed with delight when she saw the 200 meters of Yaowarat road was lit up all of a sudden.

The road, which gathers many Chinese descendants to live and do business, was decorated with a 45-meter-long light tunnel and lanterns of various shapes to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Liu and her family, who came from the city of Wuhan in central China, haven't travelled abroad since the pandemic erupted three years ago.

"This is our first overseas trip since the outbreak of the pandemic, we are so excited and happy," said Liu. "Although it's in Bangkok, we can feel the atmosphere of Spring Festival."

Xinhua

Battle against cholera outbreak continues in Malawi

LILONGWE

IT'S been hectic days for environmental health workers, clinicians and nurses working at the Bwaila Hospital cholera camp in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi.

The health workers have seen cholera patients flooding the main camp at the hospital -- many making it back home after being treated, while some dying in the process and their bodies being taken to the provisional mortuary just next to the camp.

"The situation here is very pathetic. It's very sad and emotionally disturbing to walk into the mortuary to prepare and disinfect a body, then you realize it belongs to a patient you just welcomed earlier, or the day before, into the camp for admission," Marnisha Moyo, one of the environmental health officers explained to Xinhua in an interview.

Moyo, 24, had just finished disinfecting a body, the eleventh in her shifts since she joined fellow health workers at the facility on Jan. 1 as an intern, according to her. Collins Nkhulanze, a clinical technician, also described the situation as alarming. However, he hailed support from the government and partners in deploying human resources like Moyo to beef up the overstressed existing staff at the facility.

The disease broke out in Malawi way back in March 2022, and it has since affected all the 28 districts of the country.

As of Jan. 24, the sub-Saharan country had registered 30,621 cases with 28,504 recoveries and 1,002 deaths, while 1,115 patients were still in treatment camps across the country, according to data released by the Ministry of Health.

Of the cumulative recorded figures, over 10,300 cases and 321 deaths have been recorded in the first three weeks of January alone, according to a tally of figures for daily updates from Jan. 1 to 20 released by the Presidential Task Force on Coronavirus and Cholera.



A cholera patient inside an isolation ward at the Bwaila Hospital in Lilongwe (Thoko Chikondi/AP Photo)

The outbreak is the worst ever in two decades, according to the country's Director of Preventive Health Services (DPHS), Storn Kabuluzi.

"The current outbreak has presented an unprecedentedly high number of cases and a higher than expected case fatality rate of 3.4 percent." "The last time we experienced an outbreak of this magnitude in the country was in 2001-2002 when we reported 33,546 cases and 968 deaths," he said.

The DPHS attributed the cholera spread to the geographical setup of the areas as well as illegal settlements in some of the peri-urban areas where the town or city planning is not able to provide safe water, and does not follow proper sewage systems.

The Malawian government declared cholera a public health emergency on Dec. 5, and on Jan. 10, the government appealed to public and private sectors, and international partners for donations to support the fight against the

outbreak. Kabuluzi acknowledges that following the declaration and appeal, there has been financial and technical support from local, regional and international partners to support the response and address some of the gaps and challenges being faced.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has supported Malawi's efforts in the cholera fight with 2.9 million doses of Oral Cholera Vaccine (OCV), and on Dec. 13, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) handed over lifesaving supplies worth about 300,000 U.S. dollars to support Malawi's fight against the cholera outbreak.

The international medical humanitarian organization, Doctors Without Borders (MSF), has also been supporting Malawi's fight against cholera by setting up fully equipped cholera treatment units (CTUs) in some parts of the country.

Despite the support that the country is getting from various partners, the outbreak continues

to pose challenges as figures of new cases and deaths keep escalating.

"There are several challenges which include inadequate resources for community engagement and interpersonal communication to communicate risk, and inadequate resources for case investigation, follow-up and contact tracing," explained Kabuluzi. "We also have inadequate supplies such as testing kits, ORS, IV fluids, and chlorine, which are critical supplies for the prevention and treatment of cholera for outbreak containment," he said.

Other challenges, as outlined by the DPHS, include inadequate staff for case management in cholera treatment centers, as well as for community rehydration points.

Kabuluzi called for more support and investment to curb low latrine coverage and low access to safe water in some parts of the country. Over and above, Malawi has run out of cholera vaccines at the time the outbreak is spiking.

"We need more Oral Cholera Vaccines for reactive campaigns in the high-risk areas reporting cholera cases despite the low supplies of OCV due to global shortage.

The 2.9 million doses that we received have been utilized, however, the coverage in the high-risk areas has not been good because people have not been coming forward," said Kabuluzi.

Xinhua

Optimisation of COVID-19 response mirrors China's preparedness

THE long queues outside hot pot and barbecue restaurants, an approaching peak season for cinemas, and an expected surge in the number of Chinese outbound tourists...vital and dynamic images of China have been vividly reported by foreign media recently after the country optimized its COVID-19 response.

However, some reports by a few Western media outlets were nowhere near the facts or the general perception of the Chinese people and the international community. In the stories fabricated by these media, China's new COVID-19 response measures came in a rush without preparation, which is completely biased hype and smear driven by political manipulation.

Facing the evolving epidemic situation, China has always put the people and their lives in the first place. It works to prevent and control the epidemic while advancing medical research and adjusting measures based on summaries, making small but unceasing steps to constantly optimize its response measures.

Recently, local authorities and relevant departments have started managing COVID-19 with measures against Class B infectious diseases in a smooth and orderly manner, going all out to safeguard the lives and health of the Chinese people. The infection peak is over in many regions, and people are getting back to work and life.

According to the latest data, the number of fever outpatient consultations across China has been in continuous decline, and there has also been a drop in the number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients and critical cases.

Many places have announced that they had gone through the first peak of COVID-19 infections, including Beijing, Zhejiang province, Henan province, Guangdong prov-



Passengers wait in lines to check in at Nantong Xingdong International Airport, east China's Jiangsu province, Jan. 12, 2023. (People's Daily Online/Xu Congjun)

ince, Chongqing municipality and Sichuan province. China has optimized its COVID-19 response in light of the evolving situation, which exactly mirrors the country's full preparation.

China is well-prepared in terms of medical capacity.

By improving its hierarchical medical system, strengthening the capability of primary-level healthcare institutions, setting up more fever clinics and expanding beds, relevant equipment and resources at designated hospitals for critically ill patients, China has well coordinated the treatment for COVID-19 patients and regular medical services.

A tightly-woven public health network has been established by community hospitals, rural clinics and primary-level healthcare institutions.

Besides, the country also constantly promoted its vaccination drive to build an immunization barrier that is strong enough to protect people from the disease.

The country is well-equipped with sufficient production capacity.

China's pharmaceutical industry enjoys a solid and complete industrial chain. Compared with that in early December last year, the daily production capacity of antigen test kits has been expanded rapidly, and the daily production and supply of some antipyretic and analgesic drugs are also on a rise.

China's solid material foundation, complete industrial system, strong

sci-tech capacity, and rich medical resources all provided powerful support for the country's COVID-19 response.

The country is well-poised in terms of strong organizing and mobilizing capabilities.

Following the overall command of the central authorities, local authorities, relevant departments and primary-level organizations have adhered to science-based prevention and treatment, taken targeted measures, given classified guidance and worked to prevent risks.

Medical workers across the country spared no effort to save lives, while numerous volunteers worked at the forefront of the battle against the virus. The Chinese people contributed to fighting the disease in various ways, and together they have built a solid defense line for safety and health.

Despite the gap between China and developed countries in terms of per capita medical resources and medical technology level, China has maintained the lowest rates of severe cases and mortality amid COVID-19 globally.

The country's Human Development Index (HDI) moved up six places while the global HDI has declined two years in a row. In the past three years, China registered average annual economic growth of 4.5 percent, among the fastest in the world's major economies and much higher

than some countries that adopted the "let it rip" approach in the fight against COVID-19.

Facts proved that China's optimization of the COVID-19 response is science-based, timely and necessary. It is a strategic and visionary move to efficiently coordinate the COVID-19 response with socio-economic development and to safeguard the fundamental interests of the people.

Thanks to all the well-prepared capabilities, China has smoothly overcome the adaptation period following the adjustment of its epidemic prevention and control policy. Any political manipulation is rendered useless in the face of China's outstanding results achieved in the fight against the virus.

All parties should focus on the fight against COVID-19, avoid any politicization of the epidemic, strengthen solidarity and cooperation, and work together to overcome the epidemic as soon as possible.

People's Daily



Winners of a past Grand Slam Judo Championship are presented with medals once the showdown came to an end in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF JUDO ASSOCIATION OF TANZANIA

Dar to host Zone 5 Judo Championships in March

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA will in March host this year's edition of Zone 5 Eastern Africa Judo Championships, the Judo Association of Tanzania (JATA) has announced.

Innocent Mallya, JATA secretary-general, said the championships will be held from March 22-26 in Dar es Salaam.

Mallya mentioned the countries which will compete in the Zone 5 Eastern Africa Judo Championships as Kenya, Zanzibar, Burundi, Uganda, Somalia, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Rwanda, and the host Tanzania.

He explained that the maximum number of athletes in the team, depending on its financial ability, is 42 judo players, but due to JATA's prevailing financial status, its leadership settled for 15 athletes for each squad.

He said currently 15 athletes are attending camp at Ukonga in the city under the tutelage of head coach Omari Mgowo.

Mallya noted the judo players for the squads are Vincent Joseph, Ahmed Magogo, Bakari Kapa, Abu Mcheteke, Thomas Mwenda, Os-

car Ponsin, Raphael Daudi, Andrew Thomas, Philemon Kabelege, Lawrence Mpachi, Hamisi Mrutu, George Grant, Yohana Jiji, Adam Makoloma, and the only lady in the team Asiyatu Juma.

The JATA official said the association requires 25m/- to successfully host the championships.

"We are the host of this year's edition of Zone 5 Judo Championships which will be held next March in Dar es Salaam."

"All national teams will take care of their accommodation and others but JATA needs financial help of 25m/- so that it can prepare our team well, we are appealing to all sports stakeholders to help us," he said.

Last year Tanzania's judo players took third place in the Zone Five Championships held in Uganda, winning three gold medals, two silver medals, and three bronze medals.

Tanzania was represented by Vincent Joseph, Thomas Mwenda, Philemon Kaberege, Raphael Daudi, Bakari Ngapa, Nyasha Emmanuel, Hagai Mwandambo, Gervas Chilipweli, Adam Mwakisoma, Andrew Mlungu, and Jeremia Makeme.

TAHA unveils national team for Africa Zone V tournament

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Handball Association (TAHA) has unveiled 40 players who are expected to enter camp soon to start preparations for the coming International Handball Federation (IHF) sanctioned Trophy Africa-Zone V, which is slated for April in Dar es Salaam.

Mushi Kassim, TAHA Technical Director, said the 40 female players come from Zanzibar and Mainland Tanzania and were selected in the last year's National Inter-Secondary Schools Games (Umisseta) and National Inter-Primary Schools Games (Umitashumta).

Kassim said the handballers have been placed in two teams comprising 20 players each and will be under head coach Kombo Ally Kombo who will be assisted by Phillip Makumbi, Daudi Martin, and Moshi Ally while Grolia Mtui is the team matron.

He mentioned the players as Gloria Chiwali, Angela Mahwata, Maimuna Mnyamuke, Agnes Mhawe, Irene Ndawa, Mary Elikana, Amina Mgbuwene, Prisca Maige, Rehema Seme, Frola Kahawa, Sweatheart Okeyo, Juliana Kapinga, Fatuma Burushafi, Maria Chalema, and Augenia Haule.

Others are Ashura Moshi, Shemsha Juma, Jokha Salum, Khajra Juma, Halima Khatibu, Thumaiya Hassan, Blandina Amos, Umukuruthum Hassan, Zulfia Hajji Kheri, Fatma Ame,

Khadija Selemani, Sada Maulid, Leyla Abdallah, Sada Yusuph, Subira Haji, Asha Hassan, Wahida Makame, Halima Kombo, Suhaila Ali, Samira Shaaban and Mwanakheri Issa.

He said the camp will depend on the month of the holly Ramadhan, adding they want all players to camp in one place and probably the camp will be held after the holly month of Ramadhan.

"We have two teams, made up of 20 players each, and we are hopeful that our team will do well in the games."

"The team is supposed to have two matrons but we have only mentioned one as we are not sure when our counterparts from Zanzibar will mention the other matron," he said.

Ten national women's handball teams from Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi, Djibouti, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and the host Tanzania will feature in the championship. They will be made up of U-20 and U-18 sides.

The championships will be held from April 24-30 at Benjamin Mkapa Indoor Stadium and Ngome grounds.

The showdown is sponsored by IHF but TAHA will take care of all local preparations and the leaders stated they require more than 100m/- to successfully host the championships.

Due to logistical challenges that TAHA experienced last year, Tanzania's men's team did not compete in the Zone 5 Championships which took place in Kenya.

Egyptian giants Al Ahly interested in Samatta

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

EGYPTIAN football giant, Al Ahly, is reportedly interested in Tanzanian striker Mbwana Samatta, who is also Taifa Stars' skipper.

Al Ahly is currently on the lookout for a center-forward as the squad attempted to acquire DR Congo international Jackson Muleka from Turkish Super League side, Besiktas.

However, their bid was deemed insufficient by Besiktas, who demanded a significantly higher fee for Muleka according to multiple reports.

As a result, Al Ahly decided to withdraw from the deal and look for other options with Samatta, who scored 20 goals in 40 CAF Champions League games for DR Congo football powerhouse TP Mazembe, emerging as their next target.

He led TP Mazembe to a fifth CAF Champions League title in 2015 while scoring eight goals on his way to being chosen as the best African-based player for his great year with the Congolese side, alias 'Ravens'.

In January 2016, Samatta signed for Belgian side KRC Genk, helping them to qualify for the UEFA Europa League and win the Belgian Jupiler League in 2019.

He joined England's Aston Villa from Genk in January 2020 on a four-and-a-half-year contract.



Mbwana Samatta

He scored on his Premier League debut against Bournemouth and also in the Carabao Cup final against Manchester City FC in March.

But those were his only two goals for the club and he struggled for form when the Premier League restarted in June.

In September 2020, the Taifa Stars captain completed a permanent move to Fenerbahce from Aston Villa. He did not settle in Turkey.

The 30-year-old was loaned out to Jupiler League side Royal Antwerp and most recently, KRC

Genk, where he burst onto the scene.

This season, Samatta has scored just one goal in 15 appearances for KRC Genk in the Jupiler Pro League while starting once against Zulte Waregem.

According to Turkish media outlet Sporx, Fenerbahce is looking to offload Samatta in the current transfer window as he is out of manager Jorge Jesus' plans. His three-year contract will run out at the end of the season.

Samatta is valued at a reported fee of \$2.7 million and a potential deal could be feasible for Al Ahly

who are desperate for a striker ahead of the FIFA Club World Cup next month and the CAF Champions League.

He first burst into the local scene at African Lyon where he spent three seasons helping them to topflight promotion before joining Simba SC in 2010.

He spent just half a season at the Msimbazi Street squad before moving to TP Mazembe where he spent a total of five years with them. He has scored 22 goals for Taifa Stars in 68 appearances.



Dar es Salaam's Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park basketball team's players take part in training at the center's courts recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Tanga NGO forms jogging club to tackle drug abuse

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

TANGA'S Non-Government Organization, Gift of Hope Foundation, is determined to fight drug abuse via the establishment of a jogging club known as Community Jogging.

The key objective of the club made up of drug addicts, its officials stated, is to see to it that the drug addicts, now undertaking

methadone treatment, abstain from drug use.

The officials said Community Jogging is set to embark on morning exercises, provide education on the awareness of side effects of drug abuse, and engage in sports activities.

Saidi Bandawe, Gift of Hope Foundation supervisor, stated: "The objective of establishing this jogging club is to ensure

youths addicted to heroin use, now getting methadone maintenance treatment, exercise and educate others to abstain from drug abuse."

The leader disclosed: "These exercises are part of our treatment for drug addicts because research reveals that for a large part, sports prevent someone from engaging in using cocaine, or heroin."

He asked the youths who are on methadone and other drug addiction medication in Tanga and other regions to emphasize taking part in exercises, a move he noted will lead to early recovery.

Bandawe noted: "Focusing on exercises, eating a balanced diet, and continuing with medication will show health improvement within a short time."

4 with Russian flags kicked out of Australian Open by police

MELBOURNE, Australia

FOUR people were kicked out of the Australian Open after displaying Russian flags – which have been banned from Melbourne Park – and threatening security guards, police and Tennis Australia said yesterday.

A Victoria Police spokeswoman said the four have not been charged but were evicted from the site.

The flags, at least one of which included an image of Vladimir Putin, were being waved during a gathering outside of Rod Laver Arena after Novak Djokovic beat Russian player Andrey Rublev in straight sets in the quarterfinals of the year's first Grand Slam tennis tournament Wednesday night.

"A small group of people displayed inappropriate flags and symbols and threatened security guards following a match on Wednesday night and were evicted. ... Players and their teams have been briefed and reminded of the event policy regarding flags and symbols and to avoid any situation that has the potential to disrupt," Tennis Australia said in a statement. "We continue to work closely with event security and law enforcement agencies."

On Jan. 17, the second day of the Australian Open, flags from Russia and Belarus were banned from Melbourne Park after more than one was brought into the stands by spectators the day before.

Normally, flags can be displayed during matches at Melbourne Park. But Tennis Australia reversed that policy for the two countries involved in the invasion of Ukraine that began nearly a year ago, saying the flags were causing disruption.

Athletes from Russia and Belarus were barred last year from competing in various sports events, including the men's World Cup in soccer and Wimbledon, the Billie Jean King Cup and Davis Cup in tennis, because of the war in Ukraine. Russia invaded, with help from Belarus, in February.

Russian and Belarusian players have been allowed to play at the Australian Open, French Open and U.S. Open, but as "neutral" athletes, so their nationalities are not acknowledged on any official schedules or results for the event and their countries' flags are not displayed on TV graphics.

AP

Man City face Arsenal showdown, Liverpool eye revenge in FA Cup

LONDON

MANCHESTER City and Arsenal take a break from an intense Premier League title race this weekend -- only to face each other in a heavyweight FA Cup clash at the Etihad.

Manchester City will look to avenge their chastening recent defeat at Brighton, while Harry Kane could become Tottenham's all-time top scorer.

AFP Sport picks out some of the highlights ahead of this weekend's FA Cup fourth-round ties.

Man City aim to halt Arsenal's momentum

Unexpectedly trailing in Arsenal's wake in the Premier League, Manchester City have the chance to slow the leaders' momentum in their first meeting this season.

City are five points behind Arsenal, who have a game in hand, but the champions still have to play the Gunners twice in the league, making their FA Cup showdown a tantalising appetiser ahead of the main course.

Arsenal are riding high after victories over Tottenham and Manchester United in the league, while City stayed in touch after responding to a blast from Pep Guardiola by beating Tottenham and Wolves.

"At half-time the other day, Pep told us what he wanted, what he wasn't happy with. As players



Pep Guardiola



Mikel Arteta

we were not at our best and we had to correct that," City defender John Stones said of his side's fightback from two goals down to defeat Tottenham 4-2.

It would be a major statement of intent from Arsenal if they are able to put Guardiola in another grumpy mood with a victory at the Etihad Stadium.

Fatigued Liverpool on revenge mission

Jürgen Klopp said he "couldn't remember a worse game" than Liverpool's woeful 3-0 defeat at Brighton, a performance so wretched that Jordan Henderson labelled it a "really low point" in an already traumatic season for the Reds.

It is safe to say Liverpool's trip to the Amex Stadium on January 14 left some painful scars on Klopp and company.

But the FA Cup offers them an unexpected chance to erase those bitter memories and get their campaign back on track.

Liverpool return to Brighton languishing ninth in the Premier League, 10 points adrift of the top four.

It is a remarkable fall from grace after they came within a whisker of winning an unprecedented quadruple last season.

Admitting Liverpool are still mentally fatigued from their bid for sporting immortality, Spain midfielder Thiago Alcántara said: "It is not just about physical stuff, it is something psychological because we were so close to winning everything and we just touched it but sadly it went away."

Kane eyes Spurs record

Harry Kane would love the chance to become Tottenham's record goalscorer at Preston on Saturday.

Kane drew level with Jimmy Greaves on 266 Spurs goals when he netted with a superb strike in the team's Premier League win at Fulham on Monday.

Greaves' tally had stood untouched since 1970, but the England captain is now on the verge of sole possession of the record.

With fifth-placed Tottenham in the midst of a fight to climb back into the Premier League's top four, Antonio Conte could rest his stars against second-tier Preston.

But, mindful of Tottenham's surprise defeat at Middlesbrough in the FA Cup fifth round last season, Kane is keen to play.

"The FA Cup is important for us. It was disappointing to lose to Middlesbrough. We will see what the manager says but I will be ready," said Kane, who is still looking to win the first major trophy of his career.

Meanwhile, Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta says fierce battles with Pep Guardiola will not change their friendship as both men battle for the Premier League title.

Arteta was Guardiola's assistant for three and a half years at Manchester

City before taking charge of the Gunners in 2019.

Arsenal have not won a league title for 19 years, but lead defending champions City by five points and have a game in hand on Guardiola's men.

The two sides clash in the first of three meetings in the coming months in the FA Cup fourth round on Friday.

"I always hoped that that was going to be the case one day and it's happening this season," Arteta said Wednesday on going head-to-head with Guardiola for the title.

"That's not going to change any friendship, the moments that we have, how important he is in my life, how important he is in my profession.

"We're both willing to win and defend our clubs in any way and that's always been the case since day one.

"I would prefer to do it with someone else to be fair. I want the best for him, genuinely, and when you are challenging with someone like this something comes in between that."

City's superior strength in depth could yet prove decisive in the title race and Arteta is keen to bolster his midfield options with Mohamed Elneny out injured.

Arsenal have already signed Belgium forward Leandro Trossard from Brighton and Jakob Kiwior, a highly rated young Polish defender,

in the January window.

West Ham's Declan Rice is reportedly the Premier League leaders' top midfield target, but they will likely have to wait until the summer transfer window for a move for the England international.

"We need some more cover in midfield ideally if we can," said Arteta.

"In this market it's pretty complicated to do that. The most important thing is that we get the performances and the time on the pitch that we need with the players we have available today that are already really good.

"If there's anything else available that can make us better, we'll look at it."

Fixtures Today
Manchester City v Arsenal (2000 GMT)

Tomorrow (1500 GMT unless stated)

Accrington v Leeds (1230), Walsall v Leicester (1230), Blackburn v Birmingham, Bristol City v West Brom, Fulham v Sunderland, Ipswich v Burnley, Luton v Grimsby, Sheffield Wednesday v Fleetwood, Southampton v Blackpool, Preston v Tottenham (1800) Manchester United v Reading (2000)

Sunday
Brighton v Liverpool (1330), Stoke v Stevenage (1400), Wrexham v Sheffield United (1630)

Monday
Derby v West Ham (1945)

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PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS							
Issued pursuant to regulations 7 and 8 of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Disclosures) Regulations, 2014							
CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022 (Amounts in million of Shillings)							
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-22	Previous Quarter 30-Sept-22					
A. ASSETS							
1 Cash	2,431	3,126					
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	16,418	16,828					
3 Investments in Government securities	48,487	45,272					
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	1,142	1,285					
5 Cheques and items for clearing	-	-					
6 Inter branch float items	-	-					
7 Bills negotiated	-	-					
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	-	-					
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	8,377	10,684					
10 Investments in other securities	-	-					
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances for probable losses)	98,839	84,579					
12 Other assets	2,351	2,542					
13 Equity Investments	-	-					
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-					
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	2,570	2,735					
16 TOTAL ASSETS	180,695	167,051					
B. LIABILITIES							
17 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	60,327	54,828					
18 Customer deposits	76,795	69,613					
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-					
20 Special deposits	-	-					
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	32	32					
22 Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	25	25					
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	3,216	2,619					
24 Acceptances outstanding	-	-					
25 Interbranch float items	-	-					
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	-	-					
27 Other liabilities	1,883	1,969					
28 Borrowings	-	-					
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	142,278	128,886					
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)(16 minus 29)	38,317	38,165					
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS							
31 Paid up share capital	21,500	21,500					
32 Capital reserves	3,096	1,798					
33 Retained earnings	12,487	14,070					
34 Profit/(Loss) account	1,234	797					
35 Other capital accounts	-	-					
36 Minority Interest	-	-					
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	38,317	38,165					
38 Contingent liabilities	860	12,216					
39 Non performing loans & advances	4,871	6,414					
40 Allowances for probable losses	789	1,550					
41 Other non performing assets	-	-					
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS							
(i) Shareholders Funds to total assets	21.22%	22.85%					
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	4.89%	7.45%					
(iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits	72.66%	69.32%					
(iv) Loans and Advances to total assets	54.73%	50.63%					
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	86.64%	85.05%					
(vi) Deposits Growth	10.37%	-0.53%					
(vii) Assets growth	8.11%	-0.19%					
CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (Amounts in millions of shillings)							
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-22	Comparative Quarter (Previous Year) 31-Dec-21	Current Year Cumulative 31-Dec-22	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 31-Dec-21			
1 Interest Income	3,761	3,274	13,396	12,691			
2 Interest Expenses	1,547	1,173	5,369	4,713			
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	2,214	2,101	8,027	7,978			
4 Bad Debts Written-Off	(12)	(201)	(48)	(198)			
5 Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	650	473	1,582	1,165			
6 Non Interest Income:	405	368	997	869			
(i) Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	41	50	160	166			
(ii) Fees and Commissions	364	318	817	703			
(iii) Dividend Income	-	-	-	-			
(iv) Other Operating Income	1,543	1,570	5,956	5,451			
7 Non Interest Expenses:	739	663	2,664	2,233			
(i) Salaries and Benefits	72	72	282	282			
(ii) Fees and Commission	804	907	3,032	3,198			
(iii) Other Operating Expenses	438	627	1,784	2,449			
8 Operating Income/(Loss)	438	352	1,234	1,517			
9 Income Tax Provision	-	-	-	-			
10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	438	352	1,234	1,517			
11 Other Comprehensive Income (Itemize)	-	-	-	-			
12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the quarter	438	352	1,234	1,517			
13 Number of Employees	34	32	34	32			
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	81	65	57	71			
15 Number of Branches	2	2	2	2			
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS							
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	0.98%	1.49%	2.09%	1.49%			
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Fund	4.57%	3.74%	6.49%	4.10%			
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	37.04%	43.12%	39.57%	40.05%			
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	5.71%	5.78%	10.88%	5.68%			
CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022 (Amounts in million shillings)							
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Reserve	Others	Total
Current Quarter 2022							
Balance as at the beginning of the quarter 01.10.2022	21,500	-	14,867	1,798	-	-	38,165
Profit for the quarter	-	-	438	-	-	-	438
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Proposed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(1,298)	1,298	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan written off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	(286)	-	-	-	(286)
Balance as at the end of the quarter 31.12.2022	21,500	-	13,721	3,096	-	-	38,317
Previous Quarter 2022							
Balance as at the beginning of the quarter 01.07.2022	21,500	-	14,483	3,130	-	-	38,113
Profit for the quarter	-	-	53	-	-	-	53
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Proposed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	332	(332)	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan written off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the quarter 30.09.2022	21,500	-	14,867	1,798	-	-	38,165
SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022							
In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements							
Name and Title	Signature	Date					
Mr. Anbarayani Sarangi Managing Director		26.01.2023					
Mr. Mahadhill M. Karwani Head of Finance		26.01.2023					
Mr. Allen Richard Internal Auditor		26.01.2023					
We, the undersigned directors, attest the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by, and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.							
Name	Signature	Date					
1. Mr. Sulberr Kagevka - Director		26.01.2023					
2. Dr. Paul Kato - Director		26.01.2023					

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Peter Banda delighted with return to training with Simba SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

After almost three months out with an injury, Peter Banda returned to full training with Simba SC in Dar es Salaam, with the winger very happy to be back.

Banda has not been involved since the 1-1 draw with Singida Big Stars in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League match played in November, having suffered an injury in a ground challenge.

Following his first full training with his Simba SC teammates, Banda said he is very happy because he had missed playing.

The midfielder noted: "I am getting better, I will slowly get back to fitness. I am very happy to get back to training because it is a long time, maybe I think it is three months. I missed a lot, like I said it is three months."

Banda's road to full fitness may take some time. However, the Malawian winger is positive of a quick return to action to help Simba SC who are chasing Yanga in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League title race.

Banda pointed out: "I can't say I am ready to immediately get back to playing, maybe next week I will be ready. I don't no longer feel any pain. I can say maybe I am 70% fit. When you stay a long time without playing you gain weight but I will be okay."

He won't be in Juma Mgunda's plan for Saturday's Federation Cup clash with Coastal Union but he is expected to take part in the upcoming friendlies with Sudanese giants Al Hilal next week.

The midfielder was signed by Simba SC at the beginning of last season from Malawi's Nyasa Big Bullets.

The youngster spent six months on loan at Moldova National Division champions Tiraspol Sheriff but the club did not activate the clause for the permanent transfer before July 31, 2021. This allowed Simba SC to move in quickly to capture the 22-year-old star.

The Malawi star was considered as a direct replacement for Mozambique forward Luis Jose Miquisson, who was sold to Egyptian side Al Ahly SC at the end of the 2020/2021 season.

In his first season with Simba SC, he made 25 appearances, scoring five times and assisting three goals.

Banda's return is a boost for Simba SC ahead of next month's CAF Champions League Group stage campaign.

The Tanzanian representatives are in Group C, picking out an interesting East African battle against Ugandan debutants Vipers SC and will also duel with Morocco's Raja Club Athletic and Guinea's Horoya AC.

Azam FC welcomes Dodoma Jiji FC in Federation Cup showdown



Azam FC attacker Prince Dube (L) shoots past Dodoma Jiji FC defender in a 2021/22 NBC Premier League clash that took place in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

AZAM FC and Dodoma Jiji FC will meet in a knock-out match for the first time when they battle in the Azam Sports Federation Cup round of 32 in Dar es Salaam in the evening. The match is scheduled for the Azam Complex Stadium, kick-off at 19h00.

The host, Azam FC heads into today's clash on the back of a demoralizing 1-0 loss away to Singida Big Stars in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League.

As a result, Azam FC has now lost two of their previous five league encounters - beating Tanzania Prisons and Mbeya City FC, drawing with Geita Gold FC, and losing to Yanga along the way.

There is no hiding the fact that Azam FC is enduring a frustrating period of late that has seen the squad drop out of the league title race, but they will fancy their chances of advancing to the next round in their quest to

end their four-year trophy drought.

The 2019 Azam Sports Federation Cup champions booked their place in the fourth round of the Azam Sports Federation

Cup with a 9-0 thrashing of lower-tier side Malimao FC, with last season's competition top scorer Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu' bagging a brace.

Coach Kalimangonga

Ongala's side very nearly has a clean bill of health heading into their clash and can be expected to field a strong starting XI with Sopu and Prince Dube leading the attack while

Ghanaian goalkeeper Abdulai Idrissu is in contention to make his debut after only making the bench against Singida Big Stars.

As for Dodoma Jiji FC, they are on a two-game losing streak heading into the match.

The Capital City boys failed to score across their last 180 minutes of Premier League football, losing to Simba SC and Geita Gold FC. With nine games to go, they find themselves in a relegation battle.

Melis Medo-coached team was held to a 0-0 draw in normal time by third division side TMA FC at Jamhuri Stadium in the previous round of the Federation Cup last month before winning the penalty shootout.

Former Namungo FC striker Stephen Sey is expected to take to the Chamazi turf having got his International Transfer Certificate this week.

With Dodoma Jiji FC struggling in front of goal this season, he is a major boost for coach Medo who has continuously lamented about the striking woes of his team.

In all, the teams have met in five league matches since 2020/21 when Dodoma Jiji FC was promoted to the top flight.

The Chamazi-based side has claimed four wins while one match finished in a 2-2 draw.

The teams have already met once in the top-flight league this season, with Azam FC claiming a 2-1 home victory in November 2022.

Simba SC announces new Chief Executive Officer

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

SIMBA SC has announced that Imani Kajula will become the Chief Executive Officer of the Club.

The club announced his arrival on their official website, with Kajula set to begin his duties as a replacement for Barbara Gonzalez who stepped down.

"Imani Kajula is our new CEO. The club management has reached an agreement to hire Brother Imani Kajula as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a six-month contract," the club affirmed in a statement published on its official website.

On December 10, 2022, Barbara wrote a resignation letter announcing her intention to step down from the position in the wake of forthcoming board elections slated for this weekend.

The 32-year-old had been in charge of the day-to-day running of the club since South African Senzo Mbatha vacated his role as Chief Executive Officer in August 2020 to join age-old rivals, Yanga.

During her two years as



Imani Kajula

CEO, Simba SC won the NBC Premier League, and Azam Sports Federation Cup, and reached the quarterfinals of the CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup.

She also oversaw Simba SC's success in securing a variety of lucrative sponsorship deals with various local

firms including the current multi-billion shilling current deal with the betting firm, M-Bet as the club's main sponsor.

As the new chief executive officer, Kajula will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day running of the club.

However, he is not on un-

familiar grounds as he previously played a big role in the modernization of Simba SC operations, helping lay the foundations for the marketing and communication strategies and execution in 2015 during the reign of Evans Aveva.

Kajula is experienced in

football management issues as he was on the Organizing Committee for the 2019 Africa U-17 Cup of Nations that was held in the country.

He has also been Chief Executive of the EAG Group Marketing and Communications Company since 2013.

Kajula is an expert in Marketing and Communications and has worked with various companies and banks in the country and abroad including holding managerial positions at CRDB Bank and NMB Bank.

He comes on the scene when Simba SC is playing catch up to their age-old rivals, Yanga.

His first and biggest challenge will be to guide Simba SC in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League group stage next month.

Simba SC is in Group D with Uganda's Vipers SC, Guinea's Horoya AC, and African football powerhouse Raja Casablanca of Morocco.

Kajula will also be tasked with overseeing Simba SC's attempt in reclaiming the NBC Premier League and Federation Cup titles from their arch-rivals Yanga

Flexibles by David Chikoko



"Things in Ideas and Dreams move quickly than in the actuality"