

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa welcomes visiting Chinese Vice Prime Minister Liu Guozhong (L) to the Dar es Salaam sub-office of the Prime Minister Office yesterday. Right is Deputy Prime Minister and Energy minister Doto Biteko.

Skin disease rife in giraffe populations

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By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

RUAHA, Tarangire and Serengeti national parks are experiencing a strange skin disease that has spread to upwards of 60 percent of the giraffe populations in those parks.

Dr Julius Keyyu, the Tanzania Wildlife Research

Institute (TAWIRI) principal researcher, says in a formal report that dermatitis infections on the species seem to be endemic in southern conservat ion areas, but is spreading towards the northern parts.

This infection affects only the tall terrestrial TURN TO PAGE 2



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rundi, Kenya and Uganda, after having shown that each country puts up its own strategy, so interest in the matter, she said. Commission officials recently met with the World Bank vice president for eastern and southern Africa during a high level meeting in Addis Ababa, where the programme was agreed, especially on sanitation issues to reduce pollution in the lake, she stated. The project design is geared at the sustainable development of the lake environment by preparing strategies to avert excessive pollution, where the channelling of sewage from habitations and industries is especially at issue, she explained.

there is now a sustainable joint strategy for ri-

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A TEN year project billed at \$2bn is set to restore Lake Victoria's environment by controlling solid waste discharge, sanitation facilities and drainage systems that pollute the lake.

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Hilda Luoga, the Lake Victoria Basin Commission project's development officer, told a stakeholders' consultation meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the commission is set to start the work right away.

The meeting coordinated by the Indian Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) based in New Delhi was attended by participants from Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Tanzania.

Project implementation will create jobs for youths involved in related activities, with preliminary consultations having been conducted with riparian states of Tanzania, Rwanda, Bu-

The riparian states have been funded to take up projects to avert lake pollution, where in 2020 they conducted a study and set out the main sources of pollution.

The study noted that it is not appropriate

parian states in the lake-wide inclusive sanitation management project, she stated.

The strategy involves stakeholders of the participating countries to sort out existing challenges, she said, with three cities identified as the centres of environmental pollution in the lake, namely Mwanza, Entebbe and Homabay, a town on the Kenya portion of the lake.

The commission was now seeking funds to implement those strategies, having spoken with the World Bank to give proposals for a large project providing a solution for sewage systems and other solid wastes polluting the lake, she said.

Rose Mtui, the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) research coordina-

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Mo wealth rises by \$0.3bn on last year

By Guardian Reporter

MOHAMED Dewji (pictured), reputedly East Africa's richest industrialist, had his net worth jumping from \$1.5bn early last year to \$1.8bn at the start of this year, on the basis of annual data update by the US wealth chronicler, Forbes' Magazine.

In the list of Africa's dollar billionaires, the Mohammed Enterprise (T) Ltd (MeTL) CEO has jumped to 12th position from the previous 13th slot. MeTL's has diversified internationally.

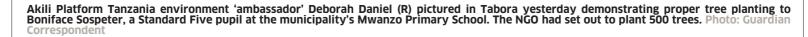
In the list, Mo Dewji remains the youngest dollar billionaire for 10 years in a row at the age of 48 years and he's the only billionaire in eastern and central Africa who appeared in the list.

The Tanzanian businessman created 40,000 jobs, implying adding 5,000 more jobs to the 35,000 registered last year.

METL is a Tanzanian conglomerate founded by his father in the 1970s, active in textile manufacturing, flour milling, beverages and edible oils in eastern, central and southern Africa, total of ten African countries including Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya. As Tanzania's only dollar billionaire, he signed the 'giving pledge' in 2016, promising to donate at least half his fortune to

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mammals that are a national symbol for Tanzania, first traced at the turn of the century in the Lunda section of Ruaha, the third biggest national park, and has since been spreading.

A quarter century since the disease was first reported zoological experts returned to Ruaha to see the results of interventions taken to curb the giraffe skin disease, the report noted, indicating that in 2023 conservators isolated 18 giraffes for treatment.

The researchers are back at the park to see the results of the intervention, the lead researcher noted, elaborating that the disease is commonly referred to as giraffe skin disease, manifested as lesions, wrinkled skin and encrustations that affect the limbs, shoulders or necks of the animals.

The disease type that affects the local species seems to be different from similar infections monitored elsewhere, he said, affirming that investigations are being pursued on the primary agent for the strange syndrome.

It has been discovered that in some areas the disease is caused by bacteria, while in other situations it appears the disease results from worms, he said, affirming that some of the animals were found to be suffering from fungi.

At the moment the disease has spread from Ruaha to infect other giraffe subspecies in the Tarangire and Serengeti national parks.

The rate of infection in the northern parks is still minimal, but Ruaha seems to be mostly affected with more than 62 percent of the park's giraffe population suffering from the disease, he added.

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philanthropic causes, the magazine indicated, noting that the 20 billionaires on the 2024 Forbes list of Africa's richest are worth a combined \$82.4bn, up \$900m from last year's \$81.5bn.

The Forbes' list includes Aliko Dangote (\$13.9bn), Johann Rupert & family (\$10.1bn), Nicky Oppenheimer & family (\$9.4bn), Nassef Sawiris (\$8.7bn), Mike Adenuga (\$6.9bn), Abdulsamad Rabiu (\$5.9bn), Naguib Sawiris (\$3.8bn), Mohamed Mansour (\$3.2bn), Koos Bekker (\$2.7bn), Patrice Motsepe (\$2.7bn), Issad Rebrab & family (\$2.5bn), and Strive Masiyiwa (\$1.8bn).

Others are Aziz Akhannouch & family (\$1.7bn), Othman Benjelloun & family (\$1.4bn), Youssef Mansour (\$1.3bn), Yasseen Mansour (\$1.2bn), Christoffel Wiese (\$1.2bn), Michiel Le Roux (\$1.1bn) and Femi Otedola (\$1.1bn).

The continent remains one of the world's toughest places to build - and hold onto - a billion-dollar fortune, as global investors remain leery of its stock exchanges, businesses struggle

against strained economies, poor infrastructure and volatile exchange rates, while changing political winds can make, boost or bust private fortunes. Charles Robertson, head of macro

strategy at asset manager FIM Partners, says that as a result, entrepreneurs often face limited access to capital and populations with little disposable income to invest in new companies or the stock market.

A turbulent 2023 also made African equities less attractive for foreign investors. "You've got two negatives for investors. Weakening domestic [currencies], which is pushing up inflation, and tax rises, which is hurting the companies they're investing in," he said.

"Central banks have been hiking rates as well, so you've had big rate hikes and currency weakness and tax rises all at once. And if there was any chance that mix wasn't going to deter all foreign investors, then throw in multiple coups happening, and it just created a very nasty storm," the strategist added.

Dr Mngereza Mzee Miraji (R), Permanent Secretary in Zanzibar's Lands and Human Settlements Development ministry, has an audience in Zanzibar vesterday with a delegation from the European Mortgage Federation and Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Limited. Photo:

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tor, said that NEMC has been collaborating with CSE over the past five years. Mutual collaboration was formalised in January 2023 through a memorandum of understanding (MoU), with a number of outcomes achieved in the one year of this engagement, she said.

clude the development of guidelines to support Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies and reviews, and the development of a discussion paper on the development of an environmental management strategy.

The strategy would be geared towards sustaining the wider ecological integrity of Lake Victoria, along

Some of the outcomes achieved in- with the development of a roadmap ed. for the management of water quality in Mwanza city.

Other aspects are the preparation of solid waste management guidestrengthening environmental audit in Tanzania and EIA guidelines for numerous capacity building programmes in Tanzania, she elaborat-

Through technical support and capacity building offered by CSE. NEMC has enhanced staff capacity and institutions involved in the book for Africa, a technical guide for EIA studies and reviews, boosting compliance monitoring, research activities as well as developing environmental regulations, guidelines, procedures and manuals, she added.



Ethiopia to increase supply of potable water to Djibouti

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA will increase the amount of safe drinking water supplies to Djibouti from 20,000 to 100,000 cubic meters per day, according to the country's Ministry of Water and Energy.

Ethio-Djibouti The potable water project is a manifestation of regional mutual development that economically integrates the people of the two countries which share similar identity, it was indicated.

The Ethio-Djibouti cross-border potable water project was commenced six years ago with a loan from the Chinese government based on the water supply agreement between the two countries.

Through the underground wells dug in the Somali region, the water covers 258 kilometers from Shinle-Milo-Harewa-Adigala-Leasrat-Aisha-Dewele to reach Djibouti city.

Delegations of the two countries led by the Minister of Water and Energy Habtamu Itefa and Director General of the Djibouti Consulate in Dire Dawa, Ambassador Mussa Haji Jemal, visited Adigala in Somali region and its surroundings where they observed the project's activities.

After assessing the overall current situation of the project and the improvement works, the two sides have set a direction for the implementation of the improvement works and to resolve the challenges in connection to the water line within a short period of time.

Minister of Water and Energy, Habtamu Itefa said the Ethio-Djibouti potable water project is economically integrating the two nations' people which share similar identity and it is a manifestation of regional shared development and growth.

The ever-growing ties of Ethiopia

and Djibouti through various infrastructures is a model for regional integration, he said, adding that the water project is the real demonstration of the integration.

He said that the project was previously used to produce about 20,000 cubic meters of water each day using oil energy to draw water from the well. However, as part of the improvement activities to be carried out, the project will supply 100,000 cubic meters of water because it will be powered by electricity instead of gas.

Noting the project improvement activity is expected to be completed within a month and be able to supply the intended amount of water to the people of Djibouti, the minister affirmed.

Director General of the Djibouti Consulate in Dire Dawa, Ambassador Mussa Jemal said for his part Ethiopia and Djibouti have been connected by railways, roads, electricity, water and other infrastructure.

The connection of the two countries with various infrastructures will increase the opportunities to prosper together as the economic ties will continue to be strengthened in the future, he affirmed.

The Ethio- Djibouti water development project has been providing immense contribution to narrow the water need of the people of Djibouti, he said.

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Jackson Kiswaga (gesturing), Chairman of the Parliamentary Water and Environment Committee, pictured in Dodoma city yesterday chairing a meeting relating to the COP28 (Dubai: Nov 30 to Dec 12, 2023) resolutions, as presented by the Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Dr Selemani

Third South Summit ends in Uganda with appeals for deeper cooperation

KAMPALA

THE third South Summit ended in Kampala, Uganda with call to keep promoting interests of the global south. It gathered high-level representatives from nearly 100 countries and heads of United Nations agencies.

Uganda's president Kaguta Museveni called to keep promoting interests of the global south.

"That the Group of 77 and China remains united in its pursuit of collective interests at the United Nations. In the inter-governmental processes of the United Nations, We must ensure that priorities of the Group are promoted and defended," Yoweri Museveni said. The two-day meeting was held un-

der the theme "Leaving No One Behind" and is expected to bring a new dynamic to the cooperation among its 134 member states amid the increasing competitive global environment.

The summit aims to promote South-South cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, sustainable development, climate change, poverty elimination and digital economy.

The South Summit is the supreme decision-making body of the Group of 77 (G77), which was established in June 1964.

Since the 1990s, China has been coordinating and cooperating with the G77 through the "G77 and China" mechanism which is an important platform for developing countries to coordinate to respond to challenges. Over the years, China has joined hands with other member countries to promote South-South cooperation to achieve new and greater progress.

"That the Group of 77 and China remains united in its pursuit of collective interests at the United Nations. In the inter-governmental processes of the United Nations, We must ensure that priorities of the Group are promoted and defended," said Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, who is also the incoming chair of G77.

most from the present global governance system are unlikely to lead its reform. So momentum for change must

unite to strengthen themselves and come from you," said Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

> Guterres also affirmed China's great contribution to South-South cooperation.

"I think it's a very important contribution of China. This summit is the voice of the Global South and one of my main objectives is to make sure that we reform international institutions, for the Global South, to have the importance that corresponds to today's reality," he said.

This was the first time that the South "Let us face it, those that benefit Summit was held in Africa. The previous two summits were held in Havana, Cuba, in 2000, and in Doha, Qatar, in 2005, respectively.

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Health officers in Mwanza city's Pamba ward pictured yesterday sensitising food vendors on the need to step up environmental hygiene, what with 112 cases of cholera having been reported in Mwanza Region. Photo: Correspondent Neema Emmanuel

By Guardian Correspondent, Same

THE government has started construction of special centres for controlling elephants in Same and Mwanga districts in Kilimanjaro Region to minimise destruction caused by the animals.

The move follows incidences of the mammals destroying crops and attacking residents' areas, including fatally.

Angellah Kairuki, Minister for Tourism and Natural Resources unveiled this yesterday when speaking on phone with the CCM secretary for ideology and publicity Paul Makonda on concerns raised by members of public over the stray animals

Tracking devices to control destructive stray elephants She said the government plans to in the reserve areas in Mwanga Dis-

use a small aircraft to survey and chase trict and fitted with tracking devices away elephants seen to be approaching human settlements.

Minister Kairuki said the government has also built dams for the animals at the Mkomazi conservation area and in other forest areas in the districts to stop them from invading residential areas in search for food and water.

She said the centres have been built

to trace location and behaviour of elsaid ephants before they reach residential

areas. "We have provided training to the public through Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) and Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) on ways to live harmoniously with the elephants by avoiding any provocation since the animal have sharp memory when provoked," she

District demand more than 240m/- in compensation for being attacked by the animals.

Makonda called upon the government to speed up compensation payment for affected people so that they benefit from the government's policy.



Visiting Chinese PM hints at medical equipment factory

By Guardian Reporter

CHINESE Deputy Prime Minister Liu Guozhong yesterday said that his country will invest heavily in manufacturing of medical equipment in Tanzania.

The leader made the pledge in Dar es Salaam when he visited the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI).

The move is part of President Samia

Suluhu Hassan's recent tour in China. Without giving details on the proposed factory, Liu said the diplomatic ties between Tanzania and China part of the historic collaboration existing for nearly 60 years.

"We will ensure that collaboration in health sector continues as part of expanding health services and medical efforts to cherish the diplomatic rela- tourism.

tions between our two countries," he said.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr God-

He visited the operation room, intensive care units and post-surgery care rooms

"The visit by the Chinese PM is part of good diplomatic relations that exist between China and Tanzania," said Dr Mollel.

SA President Ramaphosa axes adviser after PhD questioned JOHANNESBURG not had the time to get hold of

SOUTH African President Cvril Ramaphosa has dropped a high-profile economist from an advisory panel as questions are being raised about her PhD.

of Economics (LSE) awarded it but journalists said they have not been able to find a record of

her qualification. On Monday, she resigned

fications". Mobile Phone Company MTN SA released a similar statement.

On the same day, she was informed about not require formal vetting", he said.

The council advises on "economic policies that spur inclusive growth", according to the presidency's website.

Leoka had said that she had been busy and

win Mollel said among the areas which they agreed on was availability of cardiac treatment equipment in factories to reduce import costs.

He added that the collaboration will also focus on knowledge and expertise exchange in service delivery as part of

"I'm not based in [South Af-

and have since lost sight in my

right eye," she said, adding:

"You also don't have my names

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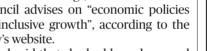
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Thabi Leoka said that the London School the degree.

Last week, Leoka denied misrepresenting from the boards of two prominent companies.

Mining firm Anglo American Platinum Limited said Leoka stepped down from her position as a non-executive director "in order to attend to her health and the questions she has been facing in relation to her academic quali-

'the immediate termination of her membership in the Presidential Economic Advisory Council", Ramaphosa's spokesman Vincent Magwenya said. Membership of the body "does



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Two firms partner to offer services in rating of credit

By Carlos Banda

CREDITINFO and ICRA Rating Agency have joined forces to provide credit rating services in Tanzania in a bid to increase credit worthiness of financial institutions and boost financial inclusion.

The signing of partnership agreement between the two firms took place in Dar es Salaam, paving the way for availability of credit evaluation solutions to create new standards and opportunities in the financial sector.

Edwin Urassa, chief executive officer of Creditinfo said the partnership provides an opportunity to elevate standards of credit assessment as the venture ushers in provision of credit rating services to Tanzanian institutions.

"We are incredibly proud of the Creditinfo partnership with ICRA. Tanzania is an optimal market for us to introduce this service because of its tremendous promise for inclusive financial services. This partnership will set a new standard in credit rating and promote financial inclusivity and empowerment across Tanzania," he said.

Hassan Mansur, director of ICRA Rating Agency Limited in Tanzania, said the partnership will not only help boost financial inclusion but also help in uplifting the economy through provision of credit rating services that are Africa-centred.

"We are happy to introduce this partnership. We believe it will pave way for further financial inclusion in Tanzania. Credit rating is an added advantage because it adds credit worthiness of companies and banks and we are here to help the African market," he said.

Zeeshan Khan, global general manager at ICRA Rating Agency said that the goal of the agency's work in Tanzania is to ensure the local market's potential is realised and pushed to the next level hence attracting more investments to help drive the economy forward.

"Our main agenda in Tanzania is to become the pan-African credit rating agency and take the East African market to the global platform and

see realise the potential of corporates working here. To assess the potential, we need historical information and that's how ICRA is collaborating with Creditinfo. It is a potential corporate semi sector which needs investment, financial support and support through banks, through multinational financial institutions and international banks," he said

"As an international agency, it is our duty to bring the potential of this market to the next level and connect it with different channels such as multinational financial institutions to invest and ultimately benefit the country's economy."

Concerning the status of Tanzanians being eligible to apply for loans, Urassa said the level has grown exponentially high whereby until September 2023, nearly 3bn/- was issued in mobile.

The Bank of Tanzania has authorized ICRA Rating Agency as the first credit rating agency and Creditinfo Tanzania is designated as the first licenced and operational credit reference bureau in Tanzania.

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By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

FINANCE Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has challenged the Tax Ombudsman Service (TOST) to deliver justice in its operations to increase revenue and promote economic growth.

He also called on tax experts from Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and TOST to work together in reviewing laws that hinder revenue collection.

Dr Nchemba spoke during the official launch of TOST here yesterday. The office is expected to relieve businesses from some serious administrative complaints and abuses, thus enabling fair and just tax collection and ensuring a predictable business environment.

"Currently there is a problem whenever conflicts arise between the government and taxpayers; sometimes it takes time and the goods get lost or damaged hence both sides lose," he

Tax ombudsman's office to address payers' complaints

said.

The minister said the two institutions need to work together to ensure that they achieve the intended goals as the government targets to ensure that the economy grows.

Dr Nchemba said the new institution should work together with TRA to ensure that tax evaders are identified, saying there is no country which develops without tax revenue.

He said through taxes the government can serve the general public through construction of roads, water services and rural electrification. Dodoma Regional Commissioner Rose Senyamule said the coming of the

entity will reduce complaints which whereby some matters arising from taxpayers were raising during various meetings of tax stakeholders.

Daniel Silo, chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Budget, advised the new entity to ensure it goes digital in educating the public on receiving complaints.

Silo said the new entity must analyse revenue collection and its communication must be known to all its stakeholders

Ombudsman Tax Robert Manyama said the entity is part of implementation of regulatory reforms towards administrative checks and balances of revenue collection

tax administration could not be challenged or complained about formally through the existing revenue appeals procedures.

He said the entity is responsible for reviewing and addressing any complaint by a taxpayer regarding service, procedural or administrative matters arising in the course of administering tax laws by the authority, the commissioner general or staff of TRA.

In July 2019, the Tax Administration Act, Cap. 438 was amended by the Finance Act, 2019 to establish the Office of the Tax Ombudsman Service.

Project seeks to produce 10 tonnes of rice per hectare

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA expects to increase rice productivity from two to 10 tonnes per hectare after the launch of a special project aimed at producing and distributing quality seeds to farmers across the country.

The project targets to expand production area in the country and increase harvest to ensure Tanzania's food security and attain rice exporter status.

The project targets to provide knowledge on methods of producing quality seeds for farms and various stakeholders in agriculture so as to reach the set objectives of increasing productivity.

Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo, executive director of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) said this recently in Mbeya Region during the launch of the project which is being supervised by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).

He said currently Tanzania has a large area of 21 million hectares suitable for rice farming but only 1.7 million hectares are being used and that the remaining part is idle.

He said high quantity rice produced in the country stands at 5 million tonnes, adding that the land used for production of the same is 1.5 million hectares. The project is meant to help expand production area and bring profit.

"Our productivity is low compared to other countries. Countries like percent by 2030.

Egypt produce 10 tonnes. I therefore believe this project will be very helpful," he said.

Dr Dennis Tippe, the project coordinator in Southern Highlands regions said that researchers from 17 countries around the world participated in the launch of the project.

He said the research was conducted for the first time in Tanzania, noting that other studies of the same nature had been launched in other countries.

Dr Tippe said that through the project they intend to start producing quality seeds that are highly productive and compatible with climate change effects that currently impact the world.

"We want to start demonstration farms here at TARI centre in Uyole which we will use to train farmers and extension officers about various rice production technologies for Southern Highlands regions," said Dr Tippe.

Dr Ajay Panchbhai, a representative from IRRI, said they decided to launch the project in the Southern Highlands because it is the zone where rice is planted in large scale.

He added that the zone contributes over 40 percent of rice produced in the country and that the zone very important for the project.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner Juma Homera said the project will help achieve the target for agenda 10/30 which focuses on increasing growth of the agriculture sector by 10

Prof Joyce Ndalichako (4th-L), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities), Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe (R) and Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank managing director Frank Nyabundege (5th-L) pictured at Chinangali in Dodoma Region yesterday presenting agricultural equipment to young people engaged in the 'Build a Better Tomorrow' programme running under the Agriculture ministry. Photo: Guardian

LUSAKA

SEVEN miners, including two Chinese, are stuck in a flooded mine in Zambia's Copperbelt province near its border with the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The incident occurred at the Macrolink copper mine which is under construction near Ndola city.

The trapped miners are employees

hinese nationals among miners trapped in flooded shaft of the Chinese-owned mine. miners at Seselimine in Chingola, Rescue efforts were underway, with about 400 km (250 miles) north-west the Chinese embassy in Zambia coordinating specialists. Macrolink temporarily halted mine operations went missing in the mudslide remains in response to the incident.

The incident came barely a month after landslides buried dozens of other

of the capital, Lusaka.

The fate of around 30 miners who unknown after emergency services were unable to locate them.

government official in Copperbelt province, said one person had so

far been rescued from the mine that flooded on Monday, local media reported.

Rescue teams are trying to pump out water from the mine. Reports say Augustine Kasongo, a senior the seven are trapped about 235m

(771ft) below the surface.

mine supervisor and a controller, while the five Zambians are said to be staff who were working at the shaft bottom of the mine, according to local media.

In a statement, the Chinese embassy

said it was providing "dewatering The two Chinese trapped are the equipment and other necessary assistance, to complement the efforts of the Zambian authorities."

Zambia is among the world's top copper producers. A significant number of its mines are run by foreigners.

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Minister issues ultimatum as road construction delays

By Guardian Correspondent, Makete

WORKS Minister Innocent Bashungwa has given a three-week ultimatum to the contractor awarded a tender to construct Isyonje-Kikondo-Makete road to start implementation of the project.

Constructed by China National Aero Technology International Engineering Corporation, the 96.2 km road is set to cost 80bn/-. It will link Mbeya and Njombe regions through Kitulo National Park.

Bashungwa issued the ultimatum yesterday when he visited the road construction site and realised that the contractor had not started working schedule.

He said the road construction was supposed to start in July last year and be completed in July 2026, but "with what I see, they can't beat the deadline."

He asked the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) to make close supervision and ensure that the project is completed.

According to Bashungwa, the government has allocated enough funds and it's the responsibility of the contractor to work day and night and not otherwise.

director at TANROADS, said that in

on the project and was behind the the past six months, the project only reached half of the expected 8.4 per cent.

"Almost preparatory work has been done and the contractor has started clearing the road and has already been paid the initial payment of 10 per cent," Nnko stated.

Makambako MP Deo Sanga asked the public to protect the project equipment so that the work can be completed on time.

Njombe Regional Commissioner Anthony Mataka said the road construction will help people who are engaged in potato farming to Japhason Nnko, acting project transport their produce outside the region.

By Carlos Banda

THE Dr Salim Ahmed Salim Digital Archive has been updated with fresh information on the work and life of the renowned retired Tanzanian diplomat.

"This is part of the ongoing archive updates that will take place every three to four months. We hope that the material in addition to what is already on the archive will spark necessary dialogue and discussions around African and international diplomacy and the role of multilateralism in an uncertain period," his family said in a statement released yesterday.

The advisory added that the archive serves as a repository of international diplomacy and a unique way of sharing the instrumental role a group of African leaders and countries played in global peace and stability, which, compliments President Nelson Mandela archive, the only other publicly searchable digital archive on the African continent.

The archive was prepared by Dr Salim's family in collaboration with





highlight the contribution of Dr Salim (pictured) who turns 82 this month.

According to Ahmed Salim, his son, the new material consist of the personal notes of Dr Salim on topics such as Israel-Palestine - a meeting between Dr Salim and Yasser Arafat former head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) on March 11, 1990 highlighting the PLO's the government as well as friends to concern about Israeli's expansionism; Hassan.

Rhodesia Geneva Conference: Part 1 of the notes on the Geneva Conference on Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) which was an attempt by Britain to come towards a settlement that would lead to black majority rule in Rhodesia and a pathway towards independence; US History: A letter to Dr Salim from civil rights activist Coretta Scott King, late wife of Rev Martin Luther King Jr. in 1979; and Bilateral meeting with Colonel Ghadaffi: Dr Salim's notes on his meeting with Libyan President, Muammar Ghadaffi, on March 13, 1990.

The digital archive of Dr Salim, who served as the fifth Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania and the eighth Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) from 1989 - 2001, was released last year in Dar es Salaam in a ceremony officiated by President Samia Suluhu





Works minister Innocent Bashungwa (2nd-R) and Njombe regional commissioner Anthony Mtaka (3rd-R) make an assessment tour of progress in the construction of Isyonje-Kitondo-Makete road in Njombe Region on Monday. Photo:



BRAC in Tanzania

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

24th January 2024

1. Introduction

BRAC is an award-winning international non-governmental development organization, with the vision of a world free from all forms of exploitation and discrimination, where everyone has the opportunity to realize their potential. BRAC is a leader in developing and implementing cost-effective, evidence- based programs to assist poor and disadvantaged communities in low-income countries, including in conflict-prone and post-disaster settings. It is an organization of and for the people of the Global South, pioneering new development and social enterprise approaches to equip communities to achieve prosperity. As well as being the world's biggest NGO by number of staff and people directly reached, BRAC has regularly been ranked the number one NGO in the world by the Geneva-based NGO Advisor, an independent organization committed to highlighting innovation, impact, and governance in the non-profit sector. BRAC retained the top spot in 2020 among the top 500 NGOs for the fifth consecutive year.

BRAC Tanzania therefore seeks to have qualified vendors, dealing with supply of the following categories of goods, service, and consultancy as per the explanations in this advertisement.

- A. Goods
- Stationery materials, 1.1
- Office supplies (consumables) 1.2

- b. TIN & VAT Certificates.
 - c. Certificate of incorporation
- At least two years working experience in this kind of d. services
- Updated Tax clearance

5. Invitation of Proposals

The proposals need and requirements for this assignment is to have the qualified company, with capability to deliver the required service to BRAC Tanzania within the specified regions up on the agreed timeline. Therefore, you are invited to submit your proposals consisting of the following: -

- a. About the Company: Physical address; Company Profile; Certificate of Incorporation; and a valid business license;
- b. About Tax: Certificate of Registration for Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN): Certificate of Registration for Value Added Tax (VAT); and latest Tax Clearance Certificate:
- c. Accreditations: certificates of accreditation by various authorities (where applicable) or specific industry licenses, if so required;
- d. NSSF Registration (for registered companies); and
- Audited reports and financial statements of the latest two to three years.
- f. Memorandum/Article of Association (MEMART) if any

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Rose Mtui (on podium), research coordination manager with the National Environment Management Council, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday addressing a stakeholders' consultative meeting on strategies to restore the Lake Victoria ecosystem. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

DC warns agents who 'sabotage' initiative on subsidised fertiliser

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA District Commissioner Beno Malisa has warned farmers and agricultural input agents who he said sabotage subsidised fertiliser initiative, saying that stern legal measures will be taken against them. Malisa issued the warning recently at a meeting aimed at discussing various issues related to agricultural inputs involving various stakeholders, including subsidised fertiliser agents, extension officers and fertiliser inspectors held in Mbeya city.

against farmers who avail their income.

information to be used in fraud by some unscrupulous subsidised is sabotaging the initiative meant to benefit farmers in the country.

"Some farmers help agents commit fraud in the subsidised fertilisers drive. I warn you to stop such behaviour immediately because it is unacceptable and it sets back the government's efforts to help farmers to get fertiliser at low prices," he said.

He asked farmers to make good use of the opportunity to use the subsidised fertiliser provided by the government with the aim The DC said that the government of increasing productivity in will not hesitate to take action agriculture and increasing their

Malisa added that so far, a total of 135,635 farmers have registered and fertiliser agents, saying that doing so updated their information in the subsidised fertiliser system in Mbeya District Council.

The extension officers along with fertilizer inspectors who participated in the meeting promised to manage the initiative well by ensuring that farmers get fertiliser in line with the government's goals.

official from Hamisi Kilanga, Hakika Company which sells subsidised fertiliser asked the government to provide needed education on the system being used. adding that most of the time there is disruption of communication which causes delays of messages to farmers.

- ICT service, equipment and peripherals
- 1.3
- 1.4 Furniture and fittings
- 1.5 Sewing machines & accessories,
- 1.6 Saloon equipment's & accessories,
- Sports materials, 1.7
- Printing of promotion materials, 1.8
- 1.9 Printing of program materials
- 1.10 Safe box
 - 1.11 Agricultural inputs
 - 1.12 Construction materials / hardware
 - 1.13 Pharmaceutical products
 - 1.14 Assistive devices (i.e. Wheelchairs)
 - 1.15 School materials (scholastic materials)
 - 1.16 General Supply
 - 1.17 Generato

B. Service

- 2.1 Translation service,
- 2.2 Cleaning service
- 2.3 Catering service
- 2.4 Hotel for conducting conference accommodation
- 2.5 Transport service i.e. Logistics and courier services, car rental service
- 2.6 Vehicle service and maintenance (garage)
- 2.7 Security services
- 2.8 Legal services
- 2.9 Advertisement and publication
- 2.10 Photographic services
- 2.11 Decoration
- 2.12 Air ticketing
- 2.13 Car tracking

C. Consultancy

- 3.1 Trainings
- 3.2 Base line survey
- 3.3 End line survey

2. Objective of this RFI

The primary and core objective is to get the better vendors which will fulfil the mentioned services to BRAC Tanzania with reasonable price and good quality.

3. Deliverables

Brac Tanzania would like to obtain the mentioned above service from the following regions, Dar es salaam & Pwani, Morogoro, Dodoma, Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Singida, Iringa, Njombe, Mbeya & Songwe, Kagera, Shinyanga, Tabora, Mwanza, Simiyu and Zanzibar where our offices are currently operating.

4. Qualifications and Experience Required

Interested company or business firm should have: -

a. A valid business licence updated 2023-2024

6. Deadline of Receiving Proposals

The deadline of receiving proposals is 17:00hrs of 09thFebruary 2024.

7. Submission Procedure

The proposals should be by sealed envelope to BRAC Tanzania P.O. Box 105213 Natai Plaza, Coca-Cola Road Light Industrial Area - Mikocheni Dar es salaam or via email to admintanzania@brac.net and should quote the category name, title and number as per the above mentioned categories.

8. Policies

- a. Safeguarding policy: BRAC is against all forms of sexual harassment, child and adolescent abuse, intimidation, violence, bullying and discrimination, neglect and exploitation is part of BRAC sees that, protecting people is one of its primary tasks closely connected to its core values of respecting human dignity, integrity, and inclusiveness. BRAC also knows that if it guards the safety of its people and the communities it serves; its anti-poverty work will be more effective. BRAC staff and/or any party engaged with BRAC are under the duty to report any suspected misconduct or misbehaviour (sexual harassment, intimidation, bullying, violence, discrimination, neglect, and exploitation).
- b. Environmental policy: BRAC policy is to purchase products and services, which have the least negative impact on the environment. Environmental considerations covering manufacture, transport, packing, use and disposal of goods form part of BRAC Tanzania evaluation and selection criteria.
- c. Money laundering: BRAC will not do business with anyone who is exchanging money or assets that were obtained criminally for money or other assets that are 'clean'.
- d. Terrorists: BRAC will not do any business with any known terrorist group or company involved in any way with terrorists. BRAC Tanzania shall therefore not knowingly purchase goods or services from companies that are involved with terrorist groups in any form. If you submit a bid based on this request, it shall constitute a guarantee that neither your company nor any affiliate nor a subsidiary controlled by your company is not involved with any known terrorist group. A contract clause confirming this will be included in an eventual purchase order based on this request.

Note: Only qualified suppliers will be contacted

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RC orders pastoralists out of key water source By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MOROGORO Regional Commissioner Adam Malima has directed authorities at Kilombero River Valley and the Kilombero Nature Forest Reserve to remove herders from the protected areas.

Malima gave the order yesterday while visiting Kilombero Nature Forest Reserve where he inspected various development projects in Kilombero, Malinyi, and Ulanga districts.

The RC said that there is significant damage to the Kilombero valley, calling upon environmental and conservation specialists to visit the riparian villages and teach residents how to protect the environment along the Kilombero River Valley and Kilombero Nature Forest Reserve to facilitate access to water for filling the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP).

He said restoration of the Kilombero River Basin and the Kilombero Nature Forest Reserve will enable the availability of sufficient water to generate electricity for the development of Tanzania.

While visiting Kilombero Nature Reserve to assess the actual environmental damage at Mombwe Village, the RC received information that the village has many livestock contributing to environmental degradation.

"There must be a plan to remove livestock quickly from this village to save end the destruction of rivers that feed Kilombero River and affect flow of water to the Mwalimu Nyerere dam for electricity generation," he said.

The RC issued warning to pastoralists who intentionally feed their livestock on other people's farms, saying that the culprits will be held liable for damages. "I don't want to hear conflicts between farmers and pastoralists because the two parties depend on each other as pastoralists need feed and farmers to get manure from livestock," Malima said.

Joas Makwati, senior assistant commissioner at the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA), said the government through is working to manage, preserve, and safeguard Kilombero Nature Forest Reserve to guarantee flow of water into the JNHPP dam.

Makwati who is also commander of the Southern Highlands Park said the organization oversees the forest in addition to other reserve forests.

The forest is a vital source of water for the generation of electricity which is necessary to advance both the national economy and the welfare of communities around it.

Alfonce Ambrose, acting assistant commissioner in charge of protection of wildlife, stated that invaders have begun to voluntarily leave the reserve area after learning more about the forest's benefits.

Parasoi Ndimba, chairman of Miwangani Village said pastoralists are ready to reduce the number of livestock by relocating them to other areas.

The Kilombero Valley is a watershed that has more than 100 rivers that feed Rufiji River which fills JNHPP which is set to generate 2,115 megawatts of electricity.



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UN-Food and Agriculture Organisation Country Representative Dr Nyabenyi Tipo (L) and the European Union Delegation ambassador to Tanzania and the East African Community, Christine Grau (2nd-L) pictured yesterday presenting a honey processing machine to a resident of Tundwi-Songani village in Kigamboni District, Dar es Salaam. It was an event at which a total of 50 sets of beekeeping equipment were issued in an effort to promote conservation and boost livelihoods in the area. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Getrude Mbago

THE Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the European Union (EU) have handed over modern beekeeping and processing tools to 50 residents of Kigamboni District, Dar es Salaam Region to promote biodiversity conservation and improve livelihoods.

This comes as part of capacity building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries - Phase III (ACP-MEAs 3) project funded by the EU. Speaking at the event yesterday, FAO

Country Representative Dr Nyabenyi Tipo said that the beekeeping equipment which include beehives, protective gear, smokers and hive tools will not only increase honey production but also enable beekeepers to process honey efficiently and result in a higher quality product that meets local and international standards.

She noted that beekeeping is a cornerstone in balancing ecological sustainability with economic development and has been that promoting beekeeping in and around identified as a vital alternative livelihood mangrove areas enhances pollination, activity to protect pollinators, contribute to leading to increased plant diversity, food forest conservation and improve economic and nutrition status of small-scale producers in the project sites. Dr Tipo said beekeepers will also receive comprehensive training on sustainable beekeeping practices, hive management, and the importance of pollinators in agriculture. This will facilitate the adoption of environmentally-friendly and sustainable beekeeping practices, promoting well-being

FAO, EU hand over modern equipment to beekeepers

of both the bees and the ecosystem.

She said that while forests including mangroves, provide homes for countless species, buffers against coastal erosion, and mitigate climate change, they face numerous threats from deforestation to pollution.

"This is where beekeeping comes into play as powerful tools for biodiversity conservation. Often underestimated, beekeeping is a cornerstone in balancing ecological sustainability with economic development," she said.

Dr Tipo said that bees as nature's pollinators are essential for reproduction of numerous plant species, including those found in mangrove ecosystems, adding

biodiversity for food and agriculture on a sustainable basis cannot be overemphasized. Restoring and protecting Tanzania's unique ecosystems and biodiversity requires a good understanding and knowledge of the resource base and capacity to do so," she said.

She said to help tackle the challenges, FAO and EU support environmental sustainability through improved governance and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements to heighten conservation of nature and improve incomes to locals. "We are committed to fostering partnerships with local communities, government bodies, and non-governmental organizations to ensure success and sustainability of beekeeping subsector," she said.

countries, including Tanzania to ratify and implement them," she said.

Dr Tipo said that in most parts of the country, including the project sites, beekeeping is practised with traditional beehives with low productivity and no adequate processing means, resulting in limited access to formal markets.

The collaborative efforts between FAO and the EU mark a significant milestone in promoting sustainable beekeeping, sustainability, environmental and community resilience across the country, leading to a more sustainable and prosperous future for all.

Ki Erasto Kiwale, Kigamboni District Executive Director (DED) thanked FAO and EU for bringing the MEAS 3 project which he said has not only restored degraded land ambassador but also skills that help staff and citizens prioritize environmental conservation on a daily basis. "The transformation of beekeeping in Kigamboni is a step towards creating a more resilient and prosperous future for the local beekeepers. This initiative will not only elevate their livelihoods but also contribute to the broader goal of environmental conservation," said Kiwale.

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NMB donates 25m/- worth of desks to six primary schools By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

SIX primary schools in Ruvuma Region have received desks donated by NMB Bank through its strategy to complement the government's effort to boost education development in the country.

The bank has handed over desks worth 25m/- to Kiburangoma, Legele, Lipuma London and Mkuzo primary schools in Songea Municipality as well as Mateteleka Primary School located in Madaba District Council.

Speaking during a handover ceremony held at Kiburangoma Primary School yesterday, the bank's Southern Zone Manager Faraja Ng'ingo said that apart from improving the learning environment for pupils in the region, the bank's support also compliments efforts by the government to improve development of the education sector.

Ng'ingo said that the education sector is a priority area in the bank's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) strategy, adding that NMB Bank will continue to collaborate with all stakeholders to address challenges facing communities where the bank operates.

"NMB bank believes that education is the key to success. Recognizing this, the education sector is one of our priorities and for many years now, we have been devoting ourselves to financing this important sector. I am happy that today we are handing over desks to six schools in the Ruvuma region and I hope that our support will be a catalyst for the success of pupils in the beneficiary schools," he said.

Ruvuma Regional Commissioner Col. Laban Thomas who officiated the event lauded NMB for its support and its commitment towards regional development.

Col Thomas said the government has over the years invested heavily in key infrastructure for both education and health sectors and commended stakeholders for coming forward to support the efforts of the government.

"NMB bank has been so exceptional. I take this opportunity to congratulate you for continuing to support various development initiatives spearheaded by our government. I urge other stakeholders in Ruvuma region to do the same," he said.

Songea District Commissioner Kapenjama Ndile echoed the same sentiments, commending the bank for supporting the district's drive to address challenges in the education sector including shortage of desks and tables.

He said that presently, primary schools in Songea Municipality face a shortage of 5,863 desks while secondary schools need 6,600 tables.

and nutrition security and environmental conservation.

According to her, reports show that Tanzania's food and agriculture biodiversity is threatened by an increasing population, which in turn leads to overexploitation, pollution, increased use of chemical pesticides, and genetic erosion of crops, livestock, trees and fish. "Therefore, the need to use and conserve

Christine Grau, EU to Tanzania, reiterated the union's commitment to development cooperation in Tanzania, including support to environment management.

"Let me reassure you about EU's commitment to continue these efforts. The EU has ratified many multilateral environmental agreements and has been in the forefront to encourage other partner



Dutu Masele (R, gesturing), the Tanroads regional manager for Manyara, briefs Mbulu district commissioner Kheri James (2nd-L) yesterday as the latter made an inspection tour of progress in the construction of Mbulu-Garbabi road. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

AJENDA YA MWANAMKE WOMEN'S LEADE NITURUF AND PARTICIPA USHI WA DEMO

Mary Ndalo, acting chairperson of the Women, Constitution, Elections and Leadership coalition, addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam on Monday on the need for the country's laws to place a premium on gender equality. Photo:

Women's coalition for gender equality in three political bills

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

COALITION of Women, Constitution, Elections and Leadership (WCEL) has called for inclusion of gender equality principles in the three bills tabled in Parliament on November 10, 2023, to enable achievement of 50/50 representation.

The tabled bills are the President, Members of Parliament and Councillors' election bill 2023; the political parties bill 2023 and the National Electoral Commission bill 2023.

WCEL made the call on Monday during a press conference held in Dar es Salaam that also engaged other stakeholders outside the coalition.

demand inclusion of gender equality principles in the three bills tabled in Parliament on November 10, 2023," she said.

"The demand is guided by the principles of gender equality as stated in the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania of 1977 in article (12(1)) which states all human beings are born free and all are equal and article 13 (1-5) which prohibits all forms of discrimination, including gender discrimination."

She said the coalition believes that building participatory democracy cannot be strengthened in the country if discrimination against women is continued and legalised.

She further noted that the statement was Mary Ndaro, acting chairperson of the based on the principles of equality specified coalition said the aim is to ensure that in various international and regional agreements and resolutions which Tanzania has ratified as well as the national Vision 2025 which has set the goal of eradicating all forms of discrimination, including gender

gender issues activist proposed legal changes to facilitate the achievement of 50/50 representation through constituencies so that women are voted for by all voters instead of leaving it to political parties to use or divert women's rights to appointment as a matter of choice or charity.

"The current system of special seats conflicts with the desire to build a genderinclusive democracy by creation of hierarchy and discrimination between representatives of constituencies," she said. She further noted that the Governance, Constitution and Legal Affairs Committee which receives views of citizens and organisations on the pending amendments should incorporate the coalition's recommendations in the three bills before submitting the documents to Parliament for a second reading.

Gemma Akilimali, a human rights and and appoint qualified female and male candidates during elections.

> "Likewise, we seek to avoid burdening candidates with election costs that should be taken care of by respective political parties, she said.

"For private candidates the costs should be borne by their supporters."



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China plans to restore 30 pc of degraded ecosystem BEIJING

CHINA has further enhanced its top-level design for biodiversity conservation with a 2023-30 national strategy and an action plan that promises to restore at least 30 percent of the nation's degraded ecosystems by the end of this decade.

The document which was made public recently notes the grim situation for biodiversity conservation in China, saying: 'The country's ecosystems, species and genetic diversity are all suffering from varying degrees of degradation and loss."

With degradation to one degree or another, the country's grassland ecosystems are generally fragile, it noted. Functional degradation and loss have also occurred in the ecosystems of some rivers, wetlands and lakes.

Quoting the Redlist of China's Biodiversity, the latest version of which was made public last year, the action plan said 4,088 of the higher plant species, or roughly 10 percent of the total assessed, were under threat.

It said 1,050 vertebrate species in the country – excluding fish – were also under threat, representing some 22 percent of the total assessed.

"There remain significant conflicts between biodiversity conservation and socioeconomic development in different regions," it said.

Overexploitation, intensified land use changes that have encroached upon natural spaces and the disorderly development of biological resources have further exacerbated the biodiversity conservation situation, it said. Shen Manhong, dean of Zhejiang A&F University's Institute

of Ecological Civilization, said the document has made China's biodiversity conservation even more systematic.

It not only includes control measures, but also incentives and awareness measures that can make people more willing to protect biodiversity, said Shen, who is also former Party secretary of the university in Hangzhou, Zhejiang's provincial capital.

The action plan includes measures that aim to relieve the country from biodiversity loss.

One of the priorities is to beef up the country's capability in biodiversity surveying and monitoring.

By 2030, the country will strive to see ecosystems in key areas, key species and important genetic resources covered by regular surveying and monitoring, it said.

The document said China will improve a mechanism known as "ecological compensation" to better protect the environment, thus helping the areas shouldering key ecological functions, source regions for important water bodies and protected natural areas be compensated economically for their efforts.

"Ecological compensation is a good mechanism. But currently, China's policy support for it is still modest," Shen said.

He called for payments to protectors to be significantly increased to address the costs associated with their protection efforts.

The document said that by 2030, China will begin to gradually establish a mechanism under which those who intrude into and occupy ecological spaces will have to pay for the damages they cause.

The document said the country will make it mandatory for enterprises to release information concerning biodiversity conservation.

By 2030, a long-term mechanism will be worked out to promote enterprises to protect and sustainably utilize

the country has laws specifying gender equality as well as aligning the principles of accountability for all entrusted with leadership in public service.

"This is to inform the public that we discrimination by the year 2025.

The recommendations are meant to strengthen participatory democracy by obligating political parties to select discrimination between representatives of constituencies

biodiversity resources, it said.

The country will also regularly monitor and assess the risks posed by key enterprises on biodiversity resources, as well as their dependence and potential impacts on such resources, it noted.



Muheza District Council Director Dr Jumaa Mhina (gesturing) addresses civil servants and other residents at a meeting in Muheza town on Monday, Photo: Correspondent Steven Willian

More investment still needed to protect Africa's marine economy

By Marcia Zali

THE world's oceans are crucial to humankind because 80 percent of global trade is maritime and oceans also provide food, medicine, renewable energy and natural resources to billions of people. Yet, blue economy receives less attention, focus

and investment than many other sectors.

If well managed, the resources found in the world's seas have the potential of reducing carbon emissions and protecting coastal communities from the adverse effects of climate change.

This issue took centre stage at a panel discussion on the sustainability of Africa's blue economy, which was held at the African pavilion during day 9 of COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Several speakers raised the issue and alerted the audience to the fact that many of the challenges faced by the oceans are a result of pollution, overfishing, and the burning of fossil fuels.

Plastic remains one of the biggest threats. Up to 14 million tonnes of plastic are floating around our seas, endangering marine life, and affecting the livelihood of communities that rely on the ocean for food and income. Scientists predict that unless action is taken soon, there will be more plastic in the seas than fish by 2030.

In parallel, the increased absorption of carbon dioxide in the ocean reduced oxygen levels, which has in turn reduced the ability of animals and plants below the surface to survive.

African Development Bank (AfDB) climate expert Dr Balgis Osman stressed an awareness of the impact of pollution and strengthened policies were needed to ensure a successful outcome of SDG 14, which focuses on the conservation and sustainability of oceans, seas, and marine resources

She explained that an intentional focus on the blue economy could contribute to Africa's can further harm the ocean. Policies are needed economic development and to sustainability for to try and balance this conflict.

all who benefit from the oceans and seas.

As part of the AfDB's Feed Africa Strategy 2016-2025, the Bank established projects to help develop blue economies in the Seychelles, Namibia, Mozambique, Morocco, Gabon, Togo, Senegal, Guinea Bissau and Mauritius.

Dr Balgis explained that through these projects, the Bank expects to see higher per capita annual consumption of fish from 10 to 20 kilograms, as many as 5-10 million extra jobs in trade and marketing, and the creation of small and medium enterprises for aquaculture and pre- and postharvest services.

UN figures estimate that 10 million tonnes of fish go to waste every year.

In addition, if governments implemented policies to regulate and protect their blue economies, an annual \$1.3 billion could be saved by reducing illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

"We expect to attain food and nutrition security for over 200 million Africans and provide income for over 15 million over the next 10 years, and increase value added from \$24 billion to \$72 billion by 2025. We also expect to triple intra-regional fish trade through the Malabo Declaration with half of the processing plants using clean energy and eco-certified seafood products," she added.

Other panellists echoed Dr Balgis, Herland Carteaux from OceanHub Africa advocated for entrepreneurs in the ocean economy to be capacitated, trained, and given access to a network that will allow them to grow. He further stated that start-ups could benefit from having a scientist in their group.

World Oceans Council's Sophie Masipa said that threats to a thriving blue economy include the conflict between development and ocean health, and cited mineral extraction and exploration that



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Use of medical cannabis linked to rises in risk of heart diseases

Society can tolerate some price on personal freedoms but it's not easy IME and again, one is treated There is plenty in the psychology of to suggestions that society marriage that is not being discussed, restore that amorphous but there are risks of planting the seeds "entity" commonly referred of detesting society and its information to as traditional morality - including technology characteristics - that it is the with respect to where people get worst of all possible situations. This will not lead to a rectification of married and the marriages are durable. While that may be obtaining much non-marriage to marriage but plotting against freedom altogether, including the forcible return of women to the kitchen and early marriages All that is familiar across Africa and scarcely is the current lamentation of failing marriages seeking to foster such

less often than applied decades ago, it is still very much an integral part of life in many of our tribal communities. National Bureau of Statistics figures show that half of those eligible to marry - presumably young men, as it is they that often make the key decisions are not married. And nearly the same

number of those getting married will likely see their marriages on the rocks in a few years. While these repeated expressions of concern may be limited to particular occasions, they could pose a risk to stability by driving a conviction that there is something wrong with society

and that needs to be corrected. Of course, there is no single method of correcting such an anomaly even if we were to agree that having nearly half of those eligible to marry not doing so is a problem.

There is an expression that at times new realities come on the scene wearing masks of the old ones. For instance, we have been trying hard to ensure that all girls go to secondary school if they get the right mark, and some are suggesting that the Standard VII exams be scrapped and we have assessment tests so that some remedial classes are designed for secondary school entrance, without barring them. It is at this age that in many communities the girls were being picked a few years after finishing Standard VII, and almost immediately after finishing secondary school.

intuition - only giving it fresh ground.

There is the ritual praise of marriages and disdain for anyone not being married, either for a man or a woman is tragic is unnecessary, while people choose modes of life depending on what suits them best and if they have the resources for the choices they make. A bit of scanning into political economy shows that one reason for marriage breakdowns has some link to what the classics call 'cheap commodities'.

The fact that even unemployed could be found spending the whole day rubbing on their mobile phones shows that life is cheaper - without meaning better - for many individuals.

A single well-positioned fellow, or a number of them, could be supporting a wide array of others, partially or in a regular manner. But, then, to what effect?

Parental influence may be waning and the warmth of the clan towards the importance of sheltering marriage as an institution may be thinning out.

This makes it all the more important, though, for society to think more of the children and how they will grow into responsible adults leading meaningful lives despite all odds.

EAC partner states' efforts towards tax harmonisation will free up trade

NSAIDs 'SING medical cannabis for chronic pain management could put patients at risk for developing arrhythmia and acute coronary syndrome, a new study

reports. An arrhythmia, or irregular heartbeat, is a problem with the rate or rhythm of the heartbeat. The heart may beat too quickly, too slowly or with an irregular rhythm. It is, however, normal for the heart rate to speed up during physical activity and to slow down while one is resting or sleeping.

By Amie Dahnke

The study comes out of Denmark, which is one of more than 40 countries worldwide that have legalised the use of medical cannabis by adults.

5,391 Researchers recruited individuals experiencing chronic pain

non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs -are medicines that are widely used to relieve pain, reduce inflammation and bring down a high temperature. They are often used to relieve symptoms of headaches, painful menstrual periods, sprains and strains.

During the study, just under half of the patients (47 per cent) received medical cannabis with just THC, 24 per cent of the patients received medical cannabis with just CBD, and 29 per cent received medical cannabis with a combination of the two properties.

Now, the cannabis plant contains more than 100 different chemicals called cannabinoids. Each one has a different effect on the body.

Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) are the main chemicals used in medicine. THC also produces the "high" people feel when

rhythm. When left untreated, arrhythmia can damage the heart, brain and other vital organs. Arrhythmias can also lead to life-threatening strokes, heart failure or cardiac arrest.

The research team also found that 22 of the patients exposed to cannabis for the first time experienced stroke and 13 experienced heart failure for the first time.

However, patients in the control group also experienced heart failure and stroke, leading the researchers to find "no significant associations" between first-time stroke or heart failure and the use of medical cannabis

"Despite a low absolute risk difference, this is vital knowledge for any prescribing physician owing to the rise in the demand for medical cannabis as pain treatment," the research team wrote.

whether patients on THC, CBD or a combination of the two had higher rates of arrhythmia, they noted that THC triggers the body's parasympathetic nervous system - which is responsible for maintaining the body's resting heart rate.

They said that while also responsible for keeping the body in 'fight or flight' mode, constant flickers or triggers of the system could cause the heart to develop arrhythmic states.

Thestudyaddedthatpreviousresearch also points to a strong association between THC and cardiovascular events. The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that marijuana can increase the heart rate and blood pressure immediately after use while also increasing the risk of stroke, heart disease and other vascular diseases.

The CDC notes, however, that it is

AST African Community (EAC) partner states been tasked to have establish harmonised tax administration systems in the subregion states to mitigate harmful tax competition in the region.

The call has been made by top Treasury administrators meeting their peers from within the partner states zone.

It was at what was said to be the 51st meeting of East African revenue authorities' commissioners general, discussing the harnessing of regional synergy in seeking to optimise revenue for sustainable development.

Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan and hosts Tanzania took part, with the aims being partly an improvement or revenue collection and partly, a modest step to integrated revenue systems, and even thinking of a unified tax regime for a future monetary system.

It is unclear if the commissioners present were actually in a position of working on the themes raise - for instance, the singular advice to avoid harmful tax competition in the region.

In a sense, this appeal will be a bit surprising to a range of observers, as it is basically applicable in a situation of low taxes, as tax competition, often in the form of tariffs rather than taxes as such, as trade taxes rather than domestic revenue taxes.

Competition there is characterised as a drive meant to ensure that products of a particular country are cheaper when being sold outside, which becomes an anachronism now that the states don't trade bilaterally but in a free trade area.

Fostering competitiveness and ultimately contributing to the sustainability of public finances and economic growth in the region were among the themes of deliberations at the meeting.

This reflected the quest both for a common market (making modest progress at best) and monetary union. The latter faces a problem of irreconcilable orientations in public

expenditure, including the presence of spheres where public accountability is somewhat limited.

This is hard to reconcile with the objectives of lowering the public debt say to three percent of GDP, lowering inflation, fairly uniform wages, etc.

There isn't much difference between common market and currency union, and these requirements can't tolerate substantial divergence in public expenditure, fiscal policy.

That is why it isn't vastly mistaken to say that the meeting's goals were more modest than the rather high-flung appeals issued there.

These included tax harmonisation, problems of administering taxes in a highly digitised business environment, or even integrating tax systems under harmonious laws.

Closer to the ground, the meeting was more acutely examining systems of collecting tax and cross border trading among the member states.

Issues like tax policy and laws to drive economic growth for the benefit of the sub-region belong to different consultations, like the EAC ministerial council for legislation at the East African Legislative Assembly, given the fact that it is advisory legislation.

The back-up to this view was remarks by the Uganda Revenue Authority commissioner general that smuggling is one of the big challenges facing the member states, so the platform would share experience on how to control it.

That is where domestic tax comes up, as taxing gold miners and precious stones is meant for domestic revenues, but then they cross the border they have marginal taxation to contend with.

Bridging those differences will not be easy but, since experience is the best teacher, combating open markets will finally give way to reform, where countries allow markets to work so that people can operate in the formal sector, ditch smuggling.

That is about all we can aspire to at the moment and, admittedly, even that could prove a hard climb.

who had never before used cannabis. Their pain symptoms stemmed from arthritis, back issues, slipped discs, complicated fractures, cancer, neurological diseases, headaches, and various other unspecified pain diagnoses.

Just under two-thirds of the patients were women (63.2 per cent), and the average age of the participants was 59 years. Many had experience taking NSAIDs, opioids, anti-epileptics and antidepressants to deal with their pain. Some also took beta-blockers and antihypertensive drugs.

they smoke marijuana or eat foods containing it.

The Denmark research saw an additional 26,941 patients recruited to serve as a control group. The group did not receive cannabis as a treatment.

The research team found that within 180 days of follow-up, 42 patients had developed new onset arrhythmia. New arrhythmias were most common in patients with cancer or cardiometabolic diseases

Arrhythmia occurs when the heart begins to beat irregularly. It may beat too

quickly, too slowly or with an irregular

It is noted in the study that the rate of onset of new arrhythmias caused by medical cannabis is similar to the rates found in patients treated with opioids, anti-epileptics and NSAIDs.

As a psychoactive component of cannabis, THC is the compound responsible for making a person "feel high" when consuming cannabis.

CBD, while related to THC, doesn't however contain psychoactive components and doesn't give a person a euphoric "high". The former is often prescribed as a pain reliever.

While the researchers didn't identify

hard to separate the effects of marijuana chemicals on the cardiovascular system from those caused by the irritants and other chemicals that are present in the smoke" and that more research is needed to fully understand the impact of cannabis use on the cardiovascular system.

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How harmful misinformation hides behind euphemisms

By Carol McCarthy

EVERAL years ago, an employer headquartered near the newspaper where I worked announced major layoffs. But the company didn't call them that. They called the cuts "reductions in force", saying those affected would be assisted with job hunting at an "outplacement centre".

Journalists typically view euphemisms, and the people who spew them, with disdain. Carrying their use to the extreme, I had suggested, jokingly, that we refer to those layoffs as "leisure time enhancement", and the job support as a "rec centre for the redundant".

Euphemisms - soft terms used to replace something unpleasant or offensive - pepper our conversations about everything from using the bathroom ("powder my nose") to die ("pass away").

Such disguises and deceptive language can be harmless. But when they obscure harmful misinformation, it's time to unmask them, particularly as we enter an election year, when disinformation and distortions flood our newsfeeds.

Here are some examples: AI 'hallucinations'. Because of the ways artificial intelligence technology gathers and distills information, it can "see" things that aren't there and present these

mirages to us as credible information. To downplay bad information that AI is serving up, the tech world has dubbed such instances "hallucinations"

This growing phenomenon even prompted Dictionary.com to choose "hallucinate" as its 2023 word of the year. Whether generated by humans or technology, inaccuracies, omissions and outright fabrications can mislead us and result in poor decision-making.

Consumers need the skills to separate fact from fiction in all their newsfeeds, and especially when it comes to AIgenerated posts and images.

The News Literacy Project, the education national nonpartisan nonprofit where I work, provides free tools and programmes to help the public develop critical thinking skills and learn how to determine the credibility of sources and information (both AI and human-generated).

That's the first step. In the meantime, let's stop saying "hallucination" and call this what it is: misinformation.

If it's fake, is it news? Originally, the term "fake news" referred to "news articles that are intentionally and verifiably false", designed to manipulate people's perceptions of facts, events and issues.

However, politicians co-opted the phrase years ago as a label for any news coverage - including credible reporting

- that portrayed them unfavourably corporations and politicians or even in or included facts they did not want to acknowledge.

Given that 2024 is an election year (in the US, etc.), you can expect to hear shouts of "fake news" every time realitybased journalism bumps up against the scenarios politicians might prefer.

News literacy skills can help us determine whether so-called fake news is fake, news or entirely something else. Here's a simple tip: Open new browser tabs and do a quick search to learn more about the people making the outcry and their possible motives, and explore how the topic is being covered by a variety of news media and subject matter experts.

If the facts stand up to credible reporting, then the information is not fake news; it's news, like it or not.

George Orwell's dystopian novel "1984" gave us the term "Newspeak", defined as "the elimination or alteration of certain words, the substitution of one word for another, the interchangeability of parts of speech, and the creation of words for political purposes".

In the novel, the government uses Newspeak to short-circuit people's critical thinking and manipulate them into lockstep loyalty to the ruling party. But such language is not confined to this literary classic. We might see it in government reports, statements from otherwise straightforward news reports.

Consider these examples: electronic surveillance (wiretapping), enhanced interrogation (torture), collateral damage (killing of civilians) or racially tinged (racist). Euphemisms about war are particularly objectionable, as they are designed to dehumanise.

If those who control the news narrative slip into Newspeak, it's upon us to call it out and demand precise, accurate, fact-based information. When we encounter such language, news literacy skills can help us see through the muddle.

It is crucial to pause before you share a post with inflammatory or confusing language. Use a simple online search to check out the credibility of a source and recognize what distinguishes standardsbased journalism from propaganda or shoddy reporting.

There's no other way to put this: The public is not asking too much to expect decision-makers, public officials and institutions to say what they mean and mean what they say.

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FEATURES

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LEAN cook stove projects, one of the most popu-lar types of carbon-offset schemes, are probably overstating their beneficial impact on the climate by an average of 1,000 percent, according to a new study.

Every year, an estimated 3.2 million people die prematurely from household air pollution caused by cooking with smoky fuels such as wood, paraffin or kerosene, which produce about 2 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Such cooking also drives deforestation and habitat loss, as people cut down trees for fuel. By switching from smoky fuels to cleaner alternatives such as electric cookers, cook stove projects in the developing world can have major health, social and environmental benefits: improving air quality, reducing the amount of time people spend collecting wood and slowing the loss of the world's forests.

To fund these initiatives, which are often dubbed "nature-based-solutions", projects sell on the greenhouse gas reductions as carbon credits. Each credit represents a tonne of carbon dioxide - which companies then use to "offset" their emissions, sometimes claiming their products and services are "carbon neutral".

Improving access to clean cooking facilities features in the UN sustainable development goals, and cook stove-based credits have been on the rise. From May to November last year, figures from the Berkeley Carbon Trading Project show cook stove projects issued the most new credits in the market, comprising about 15 percent of the total. They also registered the most new projects.

But a new study published in the journal Nature Sustainability has found that cook stove projects that generate carbon offsets are overstating their climate benefits by 1,000 percent on average.

The findings have been disputed by Verra and Gold Standard, both leading certifiers of carbon credits, which say the evidence in the study does not

Cook stove schemes may be overstating climate benefit by 1,000 percent - study

back the conclusions drawn.

While many offsetting schemes said they were funding "clean" cook stoves, most did not meet World Health Organization standards, according to the assessment by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley.

Analysis of common rules to produce the offsets found that projects were allowed to overstate how often people used the stoves and the resulting benefits for nearby forests, dramatically inflating the benefit to the climate and biodiversity, researchers said.

The findings draw on previous research on the impact of cook stove schemes by development economists, who found they often failed to produce their potential benefits in practice.

Despite the problems, the researchers said the rules on producing carbon credits could be reformed to provide a meaningful source of climate finance that companies could trust. They offer a method that clean cook stove projects can use to avoid overstating their impact, which some of the cook stove companies have already adopted while the paper has been in peerreview.

The lead author, Annelise Gill-Wiehl, a PhD student at the University of California, Berkeley, said: "Comprehensively assessing the five major cook stove offset methodologies, we find that our sample of 40 percent of the market is 9.2 times over-credited. Extrapolating to the entire market, we find roughly 10 times over-crediting.

"Over-crediting replaces direct emission reduction and other more effective climate mitigation activities, even if some reduction is achieved.



Julieth Mollel using a cook stove at her home near Arusha, Tanzania. Some 3.2m people a year die prematurely from household air pollution caused by wood or paraffin stoves, which produce about 2 percent of greenhouse gas emissions and drive deforestation. Photograph: Cavan/Alam

she said

The study comes amid intense scrutiny of the unregulated voluntary carbon market, with concerns that many schemes are producing huge amounts of worthless carbon offsets.

Barbara Haya, director of the Berkeley Carbon Trading Project, who has been researching carbon credits for 20 years and is co-author of the study, said researchers hoped the quality of credits could be improved.

"A carbon credit market built on exaggerations is des-Lack of trust weakens the market," tined to fail. Our hope is that the specific recommendations

we offer can help make clean cook stoves a trusted source of quality carbon credits," she said.

Gold Standard, a major carbon credit certifier, disputed the findings of the study. The researchers found that Gold Standard produced the best-quality method for producing offsets, which directly monitored use of stoves, and was only 1.5 times over-credited.

"Gold Standard welcomes academic scrutiny and has engaged extensively with the authors of this study," a spokesperson said, adding that it had already incorporated some of the ideas and changes discussed in the research.

"It must be stressed that the study neither studied, nor found, overestimation. The evidence provided does not back the conclusions drawn - which are at odds with the wider academic literature and expert view on this subject."

In a statement, Verra, the world's largest carbon standard, said it was disappointed to see continued attention on the study. The non-profit organisation is developing a new methodology for cook stoves, and said the findings did not directly relate to its current methods.

"As detailed in a September 2023 open letter from researchers and experts, there are numerous substantive concerns about this research," it said.

Verra said the proposed methodology it was developing included changes that "reflect current best practices of project design and implementation", as well as a number of measuring techniques to check how much the stoves were being used.

"Carbon finance is critical for the implementation/sustenance of improved cook stove projects, which provide access to sophisticated cooking methods and a range of other sustainable development benefits to disadvantaged communities," it said.

Ben Jeffreys, chief executive of the cook stove company ATEC, which is working with UC Berkeley to measure the benefits more accurately, said he supported the research. "Ensuring 'a tonne of emission reductions is actually a tonne' is critical if we are to reach the full potential of the cook stove carbon-market sector," he said.

Better roads contribute to rise in pupil's school attendance, academic performance

By Correspondent Idda Mushi, Morogoro

ESPITE efforts by

school to enable pupils to reach at the school on time," said Tunu Omary, a resident of Mgaza Street. She added: "My two children President Samia Su- were enrolled for early childhood luhu Hassan to im- education at the school; but they prove the education miss classes during rains because



sector by facilitating construction of modern schools at different places across the country, there are still some transport challenges at some peripheral areas where pupils struggle to get to school.

Mgaza primary school in Mindu ward, Morogoro Region is one of the recently constructed schools, but due to poor road networks, pupils have been facing transport challenges while going to school and coming back home.

The road going to the school poses risk to pupils has turned into a danger and a threat to a large number of students due to the road they go to and from school being eaten by a water canyon for a large part and becoming dangerous especially during the rainy season passing through the area.

This reporter visited the school and some surrounding villages where she spoke to both, pupils and the villagers. They are both concerned that despite the President's efforts which includes disbursement of 420m/- for construction of Mgaza primary schools, roads heading to the school are in poor condition and sometimes become impassable especially during rains.

They also raised concerns that if necessary measures are not taken, the road will be cut off in near future, resulting in children's failure to access it. A section of the road from Bondwa area to the school has been extremely damaged, forcing pupils and other users to use an alternative road dug by villagers.

"We appreciate efforts by the government in improving learning environment at our schools as well as constructing new ones including Mgaza primary school which has started receiving pupils this January. We appeal to the government to also improve the road becomes impassable.'

Eric Fabian said that improvement of the road ging to Mgaza primary school would also serve students studying at Bondwa secondary school and other users.

"The school was opened in the past few weeks, we have seen leaders inspecting the buildings; but we are not sure if they have plans to also construct the road going to the school. We thank the President for constructing a school near our residences, but regional leaders should consider improving the road to ensure safety of pupils especially during rains," said Fabian.

A ten cell leader at Mgaza Street, Iddi Salum appealed to the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) to construct the road as it poses risks to users. He said the road requires a Bridge to connect Mgaza and Lugala Streets, insisting that communication between the two streets has been completely cut off and villagers cannot move from one side to another.

Mgaza Street Chairman, Specioza Modeli said they are aware of the transport challenges facing both villagers and pupils, saying the matter has been reported to higher authorities at regional level. She said they have written a letter to TARURA asking them to repair the road.

"I recently mobilized villagers to re-dig the road; but due to extreme rains, it has been damaged further. We can longer continue repairing it as the destruction is huge," said Modeli, adding that TARURA official have promised to repair the road in near future.

Mindu Ward Councillor, Zuberi Mkalaboko said regional authorities must take measures to repair the road to enable pupils to attend classes all week days even when it rains. He said the road road infrastructures to and from has been seriously damaged during the on-going rains cutting off communication between Mgaza and other streets.

TARURA Manager in Morogoro Region, Eng Mohamed Muanda, acknowledged the challenge of the road, saying the authority is working to improve its condition as well as other roads within the municipality. He said road was previously in good condition, but it has been further damaged by the on-going rains.

"Most of the roads have been damaged due to on-

going rains; section of the road connecting Mgaza and Bondwa streets has been cut-off. We are aware of the challenges that pupils and villagers face. We are now looking for a contractor to re-construct the road so that it becomes passable throughout the year," said the TAURUA boss, noting other roads on the Lugala and Mindu side will also be repaired.

Eng Muanda noted that they are aware of contribution of villagers in repairing the road, saying the government's intention is to see pupils enjoying the learning environment which includes the presence of better roads.

He urged citizens especially those residing in the urban areas to take precautions and make sure they do not block water passage ways and drainages. He warned that throwing wastes in water drainage would ultimately cause floods, thus damaging roads and their properties.

FEATURE

World's largest carbon capture plant is UK's 'next big white elephant'

By Siôn Geschwindt

N a move that has sparked widespread criticism from scientists and politicians alike, the UK government has approved plans to install carbon capture technology at Britain's largest power plant.

Under the plans, power generator Drax will install so-called bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) technology at two of four biomass units at the Drax power station in Yorkshire.

Drax switched from burning coal to burning biomass – mostly wood pellets – in 2019. The Drax power station, which produces around 4% of the UK's power, mostly burns wood imported from North America.

Despite the switch, the plant was identified last year by climate think tank Ember as the country's single largest CO2 emitter.

However, according to Drax, its power station is climate neutral because the emissions from the wood it burns are offset by the CO2 absorbed by regrowing trees in place of those that were cut down.

By adding BECCS, the power station would become the world's first "carbon-negative" power plant and the largest carbon capture plant globally, the company claims.

The firm points to research published (albeit commissioned by the power company) from independent consultancy Baringa, suggesting the plant would strip 8 million tonnes of CO2 from the atmosphere annually.

"This research shows BECCS at Drax Power Station offers the most cost-effective, straightforward, and efficient way to help the country meet climate targets and could save billions of pounds, remove millions of tonnes of carbon from the atmosphere, and support the UK's energy security," said Will Gardiner, CEO of Drax Group.

Drax's carbon capture units are set to be installed in 2030.

How will it work?

BECCS is basically like putting a giant lid on a power plant, capturing its emissions, and storing them underground in liquid form.

Under the approved plans, after the pellets are burned to produce power, flue gas containing emitted carbon dioxide would be cooled and treated before being sent through an absorption tower to remove the greenhouse gas.

Within this absorption tower, the

capture facility. However, BECCS has never been undertaken on such a large scale and many doubts hang over its credibility as a renewable energy source.

The upgrade is also expected to cost the taxpayer a whopping £43bn in extra bills over the next 25 years, according to Ember.

Three conservative MPs have criticised plans to continue subsidies for Drax. "The proposed technology is not proven," said MP Peter Bottomley. "There must be no further subsidies for burning trees in our power stations beyond 2027 contracts. The Government should instead focus on increasing tree cover and backing wind, solar and nuclear energy."

If the logic that burning trees is good for the climate sounds too good to be true, it's because it probably is.

A 2018 study led by John David Sterman from MIT found that it would take up to 100 years for replanted trees to suck up the equivalent amount of carbon emitted in biomass plants. In the meantime, all that carbon would be in the atmosphere, exacerbating climate change.

"Planning permission isn't much use if it's for a technology that doesn't exist yet, wrecks the world's forests, and is probably too expensive for the UK to ever afford," said Matt Williams, senior advocate at the Natural Resources Defense Council, a US-based environmental advocacy group. "This could be the UK's next big white elephant development."

The root of the problem

For years, Drax has been benefiting from huge government incentives based on the pretence that its power plant is one of the UK's largest producers of renewable energy – which stood at around 9% in 2021, equalling 4 percent of the country's total energy production.

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, the widespread support for biomass energy stems from 2009, when the EU defined burning wood for power as a renewable energy source as part of its Renewable Energy Directive.

"When these EU policies were first coming up, there appeared to be a genuine misunderstanding about the carbon impacts from biomass," explains Heather Hillaker, a staff attorney with the environmental nonprofit Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC). "This is not the magical solution we've been looking for to fight the future and the UK government has fallen for the lie," said Katy Brown from British campaign group Biofuel-watch.

Drax's carbon capture plans look more like a wolf in sheep's clothing than a genuine solution to the climate crisis.

The 8 million tonnes of carbon savings that Drax points to rests on one key assumption: that the carbon released

when wood pellets are burned is recaptured by new growth.

However, several independent investigations and research papers suggest otherwise. To us, this seems like some clever carbon accounting on Drax's part.

With the plethora of proven renewable energy technologies available right now, at a lower cost, it seems silly – to say the least – to keep on pumping taxpayers' money into

technologies that could potentially make climate change even worse.

Whether the Drax BECCS project will receive the government backing it needs now rests with the Tory government – who haven't exactly had a good track record of sound environmental decision-making.





cooled and treated gas would be subject to a chemical reaction using amine solvent, which is a compound of ammonia.

The resultant substance would then be reheated to create a pure stream of carbon dioxide, which would subsequently be transported via repurposed pipelines to be stored beneath the North Sea.

The whole project is expected to cost in the region of £2bn, a large chunk of which will need to be provided by the British government.

'UK's next white elephant development'

Drax claims that the retrofit will make it the world's largest carbon

climate change."

The Drax power station has been linked to deforestation of old-growth forests in North America. Credit: Skitterphoto/Pixabay

Then there's the fact that some very big questions exist around the sustainability of the wood pellets Drax burns at its plant. A BBC investigation in 2022 found that some of Drax's wood came from mature forests in Canada that would take generations to regrow.

"The real reason Drax is pushing for BECCS is because they know they won't be allowed to carry on burning trees unabated without the promise of capturing the carbon sometime in

The Drax power station was the UK's top emitter in 2023 despite its recent switch from burning coal to wood. Credit: Drax

Just two biomass units at the Drax power plant burn through 8 million tonnes of wood pellets each year. Credit: Drax Group

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FEATURES

Food from urban agric has carbon footprint six times larger than conventional one, study shows

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A NEW University of Michiganled international study finds that fruits and vegetables grown in urban farms and gardens have a carbon footprint that is, on average, six times greater than conventionally grown produce.

However, a few city-grown crops equaled or outperformed conventional agriculture under certain conditions. Tomatoes grown in the soil of open-air urban plots had a lower carbon intensity than tomatoes grown in conventional greenhouses, while the emissions difference between conventional and urban agriculture vanished for air-freighted crops like asparagus.

"The exceptions revealed by our study suggest that urban agriculture practitioners can reduce their climate impacts by cultivating crops that are typically greenhouse-grown or air-freighted, in addition to making changes in site design and management," said study co-lead author Jason Hawes, a doctoral student at University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS).

"Urban agriculture offers a variety of social, nutritional and placebased environmental benefits, which make it an appealing feature of future sustainable cities. This work shines light on ways to ensure that urban agriculture benefits the climate, as well as the people and places it serves."

Urban agriculture, the practice of farming within the confines of a city, is becoming increasingly popular worldwide and is touted as a way to make cities and urban food systems more sustainable. By some estimates, between 20% and 30% of the global urban population engages in some form of urban agriculture.

Despite strong evidence of the social and nutritional benefits of urban agriculture, its carbon footprint remains understudied. Most

previously published studies have focused on high-tech, energy-intensive forms of UA-such as vertical farms and rooftop greenhouses-even though the vast majority of urban farms are decidedly lowtech: crops grown in soil on openair plots.

The study, published in the journal Nature Cities, aimed to fill some of the knowledge gaps by comparing the carbon footprints of food produced at low-tech urban agriculture sites to conventional crops. It used data from 73 urban farms and gardens in five countries and is the largest published study to compare the carbon footprints of urban and conventional agriculture.

Three types of urban agriculture sites were analyzed: urban farms (professionally managed and focused on food production), individual gardens (small plots managed by single gardeners) and collective gardens (communal spaces managed by groups of gardeners).

For each site, the researchers calculated the climate-altering greenhouse gas emissions associated with on-farm materials and activities over the lifetime of the farm. The emissions, expressed in kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalents per serving of food, were then compared to foods raised by conventional methods.

On average, food produced through urban agriculture emitted 0.42 kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalents per serving, six times higher than the 0.07 kg CO2e per serving of conventionally grown produce.

"By assessing actual inputs and outputs on urban agriculture sites, we were able to assign climate change impacts to each serving of produce," said study co-lead author Benjamin Goldstein, assistant professor at U-M's School for Environment and Sustainability. "This dataset reveals that urban agriculture has higher carbon emissions per serving of fruit or vegetable

than conventional agriculture–with a few exceptions." Joshua Newell, professor and co-director of the Center for Sustainable Systems at SEAS, led the University of Michigan portion of the project. The U-M researchers formed an international team of collaborators from universities near the various food-growing sites. Ten of those collaborators are co-authors of the Nature Cities study.

Farmers and gardeners at urban agriculture sites in France, Germany, Poland, the United Kingdom and the United States were recruited as citizen scientists and used daily diary entries to record inputs and harvests from their food-growing sites throughout the 2019 season.

Inputs to the urban agriculture sites

fell into three main categories: infrastructure (such as the raised beds in which food is grown, or pathways between plots), supplies (including compost, fertilizer, weed-blocking fabric and gasoline for machinery), and irrigation water. "Most of the climate impacts at urban farms are driven by the materials used to construct them-the infrastructure," Goldstein said. "These farms typically only operate for a few years or a decade, so the greenhouse gases used to produce those materials are not used effectively. Conventional agriculture, on the other hand, is very efficient and hard to compete with." For example, conventional farms of-

ten grow a single crop with the help of pesticides and fertilizers, resulting in larger harvests and a reduced carbon

footprint when compared to urban farms, he said.

The researchers identified three best practices crucial to making low-tech urban agriculture more carbon-competitive with conventional agriculture:

Extend infrastructure lifetimes. Extend the lifetime of UA materials and structures such as raised beds, composting infrastructure and sheds. A raised bed used for five years will have approximately four times the environmental impact, per serving of food, as a raised bed used for 20 years.

Use urban wastes as UA inputs. Conserve carbon by engaging in "urban symbiosis," which includes giving a second life to used materials, such as construction debris and demolition waste, that are unsuitable for new con-

struction but potentially useful for UA. The most well-known symbiotic relationship between cities and UA is composting. The category also includes using rainwater and recycled gray water for irrigation.

Generate high levels of social benefits. In a survey conducted for the study, UA farmers and gardeners overwhelmingly reported improved mental health, diet and social networks. While increasing these "nonfood outputs" of UA does not reduce its carbon footprint, "growing spaces which maximize social benefits can outcompete conventional agriculture when UA benefits are considered holistically," according to the study authors.





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Technology transfer critical to revolutionising Africa's pharma industry

University of Michigan researchers evaluate an urban garden in Detroit.

By Aimable Twahirwa, Kigali

AN agreement signed between the Rwandan government and the Africa Pharmaceutical Technology Foundation (APTF) gives impetus to Africa's domestic industry with the hope of helping the continent tackle vaccine inequity and fill the critical gap in vaccine manufacturing.

The agreement to operationalize the foundation was signed recently in Kigali, Rwanda.

What is important, according to stakeholders, is to focus efforts on building a resilient and self-reliant pharmaceutical industry for the continent. This became apparent during COV-ID-19, when, for example, CO-VAX, a multilateral mechanism for equitable global access to COVID-19 vaccines, helped lower-income economies achieve two-dose coverage of 57 percent, compared to the global average of 67 percent.

Both officials and scientists take delight in pointing out that the benefit of having such an initiative is to close the vaccine equity gap between African countries and the world's developed nations.

During the implementation phase, the African Development Bank (ADB) has committed to investing up to \$3billion over the next decade in the development of pharmaceutical products.

The foundation, which is ready to hit the ground running in January 2024, will dedicate its core mandate to addressing some of the common challenges facing African indigenous

including weak human and institutional capacities and low technical capacity for using and applying new technologies. "The Foundation was a pledge that Africa will have what it needs to build its own health defense system, which must include a thriving African pharmaceutical industry and a quality healthcare infrastructure," AfDB President Dr Akinwumi Adesina said.

These solutions, according to experts, aim to close technical capacity gaps in their use and lack the ability to focus on the production of basic active pharmaceutical ingredients for drugs or antigens for vaccines. Prof Padmashree Gehl Sampath, Chief Executive Officer of the APTF said that access to know-how, technologies, and processes for manufacturing pharmaceutical products is clearly needed on the continent to ensure the sustainability of financial investments.

She, however, points out that, with the current move to ensure the sustainability and reliability of the domestic pharmaceutical industry in Africa, it is not enough just to have financial, infrastructural, strategic, and regulatory support.

"There is a need for a clear and coherent focus on technology transfer and knowledge sharing for capacity building and diversification within the pharmaceutical value chain," she said in an exclusive inter-

view. As the main transformative tool that will enable the development of a competitive pharmaceutical industry in Africa, pharmaceutical companies, Sampath stresses the need to



BioNTainers, facilities equipped to manufacture a range of mRNA-based vaccines have been inaugurated in Rwanda

build policy capacity to facilitate the sector.

According to her, this can be done by implementing the flexibilities contained in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property and then also enabling local companies to access domestic markets.

In a move to overcome these challenges, the foundation's work received a major boost with a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to partner with the European Investment Bank. The European Investment

Bank will be a partner in the

foundation's "regional biosimilars program for the production and innovation of relevant biosimilars in Africa and to facilitate the creation of common active pharmaceutical ingredients parks in any chosen specific sub-region of Africa," the organization said in a press release.

According to Sampath, there is a need to remove barriers to domestic innovation in Africa. "We need to work with our universities and public rethem into centers of excellence," she said.

During the implementation phase, the first modular elements of the German company's factory, BioNTech, based on shipping containers, were delivered to the Kigali construction site in March and were then assembled to form the so-called BioNTainers that were inaugurated last month.

The company, which developed the most widely used COVID-19 vaccine in the Western world with its US partner search institutions to transform Pfizer, developed a plan in 2022 vation across Africa.

to allow African countries to produce its Comirnaty-branded vaccine under the supervision of BioNTech.

BioNTech said the initial vaccine factory could, over the next few years, be part of a wider supply network spanning several African countries, including Senegal and South Africa.

At the time BioNTech announced plans to expand into Africa, the shipment of coronavirus vaccine doses manufactured in the West to the continent had been delayed, which had been the subject of much criticism.

"The African Union has come together to make a firm commitment not to find ourselves in this situation again," Rwandan President Paul Kagame said at the inauguration ceremony of the plant site located in Masoro, a suburb of Kigali.

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"What BionTech's partnership with Africa demonstrates is that vaccine technology can be democratized, but we could not have reached this point without a wider set of partnerships." Kagame said.

Gelsomina Vigliotti, Vice President at the European Investment Bank, said that the bank is committed to working with its partners to strengthen public health and health inno-

"Strengthening access to finance is essential to scaling up pharmaceutical investment and innovation across Africa," Vigliotti said.

An important manifestation of Africa's scientific and technological innovation capability, according to experts, is the application of innovations to its pharmaceutical industry development.

The newly-established plant, located in the suburb of Rwanda's capital city, Kigali, is expected to start by producing 50 million vaccines, but production will increase depending on the demand for mRNA-based vaccine candidates to address malaria and tuberculosis.

But researchers and policymakers argue that trust and cooperation are critical for the successful implementation of this innovation.

The latest estimates by the World Health Organization (WHO) show that industrial development should be combined with national policy for universal health coverage so that local vaccine production can address local health needs.

Before the inauguration of the BionTech factory in Rwanda, there were fewer than 10 African manufacturers with vaccine production, which are based in five countries-Egypt, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa, and Tunisia.

The capability to produce vaccines in Africa, according to the UN agency, requires a fully integrated approach, pulling together some key elements including finance, skills development, regulatory facilities, and technology know-how.

FEATURES

By Joan Mbabazi

HERE are quite many reasons as to why Rwanda chose to go green and they include the need to save the planet, and decrease building operation costs (energy and water), according to experts.

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Green building, a resource-efficient method of construction that produces healthier buildings which have less impact on the environment and cost less to maintain, involves the application of processes that are environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout a building's life-cycle. By and large, green buildings are considered to be environmentally sustainable and economically profitable.

Sylvie Mubagekazi, the Chief Executive of the Clean Production and Climate Innovation Center (CPCIC), explained that in the global supply chain, the costs of solar and wind power, in particular, have been declining steadily over the years, making these sources more competitive as compared to traditional fossil fuels.

Established under the Nation Industrial Research and Development Agency (NIRDA), the CPCIC works to ensure that all technology, processes, and services by the private and the public sector embrace the best practices in terms of climate change resilience and cleaner or efficient production.

Mubagekazi noted that the initial investment cost for incorporating cleaner production technologies in green buildings can be relatively high. However, it's important to view these investments as long-term strategies that offer various benefits overtime.

While the initial costs may be higher, many cleaner production technologies offer long-term savings through reduced energy consumption, lower operational costs, and potentially increased property value, she explained.

She said: "Beyond financial considerations, investing in cleaner production technologies contributes to environmental sustainability. Many organizations and individuals are increasingly prioritisng sustainability, and green buildings aligned with these values.'

She explained that as technology advances, the costs of cleaner production technologies tend to decrease. Continuous innovation and which it is used.

Green building cost-effective and guaranteeing long-term savings

improvements in manufacturing processes can result in more affordable options for implementing sustainable solutions.

As noted, savings from implementing cleaner production technologies in buildings vary depending on factors like size of building, adopted technologies, efficiency of the technologies.

For example, an increase in room temperature of 10°C can increase the heating fuel consumption by 6 to 10 per cent.

"Installing automatic lighting controls (timers, daylight or occupancy sensors) saves 10 to 25 per cent of energy. Switching off one tonne window air conditioner for one hour daily during lunch hour avoids consumption of 445 kkilowatt-hours." According to Yves Sangwa, the Chief Executive of Rwanda Green Building Organization, an NGO that aims to develop the local green building industry, green building costs mostly depend on the type of green building certification the client decides to use.

However, he noted that by experience, a building can achieve certification in the same budget as a non-green building, if the sustainability experts are involved at the early stages of the project. In some cases, incremental cost can be 10 to 12 per cent, which is recovered in a short time due to decreased building operations cost energy and water bills.

Sangwa noted that green construction materials can't all be local because "we can't find finishing materials factories like glass factories, and tires as most clients prefer to purchase them in China, Turkey or Dubai which is relatively cheaper compared to the locally manufactured tires, water fittings and electrical [equipment], among others."

He noted that bricks, cement, paints, and roofing are readily available, locally.

Mubagekazi explained that the durability of cleaner production technologies and construction materials can vary based on factors such as the specific technology or material, its quality, maintenance practices, and the conditions in

I&M Bank headquarters in Kigali, one of new green buildings in Rwanda

However, a green building can last even more than 20 years depending on the maintenance and use of building. By and large, it is noted that by reducing energy and water consumption, green buildings save money on utility bills, and also require less maintenance which reduces operational

Incentives

costs

She noted that there is awareness and technical training services as CP-

CIC offers in-house assessment, audit and trainings on resource efficiency, cleaner production and climate technologies to improve industrial production processes and promote climatefriendly technologies to private operators in industrial building.

The service will be extended to materials used in construction to boost the supply of sustainable materials on the market - specifically in local value chains like stone, clays, sand, and natural soil material.

nology developers, businesses and industries. This is done through expert advice, proof of concept grants or loans, prototype demonstration funding, connections to potential investors, and financial institutions providing green finance," she added.

In November 2023, Ireme Invest, a Rwandan private sector green financing facility, secured €20 million (about Rwf 26.3 billion), accompanied by a one-million-Euro grant in technical assistance from the Agence Française de Dével-

"We enable access to finance for climate tech- oppement (AFD) to support projects aim

Turning protracted African conflicts into sustainable peace

By Patrick Devine

AMONG East Africa's dozens of pastoral tribes, major conflicts have erupted repeatedly, largely over land and water disputes.

Generational trauma and anger have built to create tensions and grievances that carry emotional weight even hundreds of years later. how many of their tribe had been

riors returning home from fighting are frequently greeted by women singing. And it is reported that some tribes have no name for an enemy tribe in their language; they simply substitute the word enemy.

These same people could tell you

capital was stolen, and the exact day each event happened dating back as many as 60 years. Such cultural and linguistic prac-

tices continually reinforce and perpetuate a lingering notion of otherness and violence. And they underline a key point: Each person

Among some African tribes, war-killed by the other tribe, how much involved and affected by conflict can contribute to its resolution and peace building

Founded in 2009 in the aftermath of Kenya's disputed elections of 2007-2008, Shalom-SCCRR is a non-governmental organization created to help mitigate conflicts in eastern Africa. To date, the organization has initiated about 1,000 interventions in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda, among other countries.

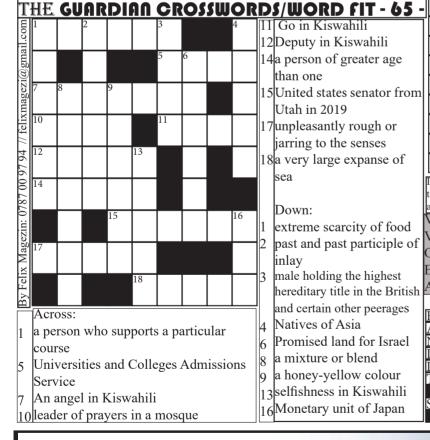
Today, we confront religious ideological radicalization, extremism and conflict in both urban and rural environments and along the entire Kenyan coast. And the only answer to it is to truly empower local people.

perceptions on their conflicts, justice, which requires truthful people genuinely open to objective consideration. Sadly, conflict has a very robust, resilient memory, frequently distorted by erroneous historical narratives and mendacious media reporting and mercy: without which, a negative situation will be entrenched forever in endless cycle

We also advocate on behalf of communities with governments to develop and upgrade institutions to meet, for example, medical, legal or education needs (particularly interethnic or interfaith schools, and education equality).

Over the years, SCCRR has successfully trained over





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SCCRR is committed to transforming conflict into social development and reconciliation, reflecting a belief that violence is fundamentally based on inadequately met human needs.

The aim of our team goes beyond the absence of physical violence to a deep-rooted positive peace where all parties are committed to each other's well-being, uprooting the causes - not just addressing the symptoms - of conflict by creating transformative grassroot networks

Trust in SCCRR is fostered in large part by our long term - 5 to 10 year - commitments to building local capacity for negotiation, mediation, and joint problem solving, and by involving community members who can then themselves build their own architectures of peace

Our staff have, at minimum, masters level university qualifications. These highly-educated peacebuilding practitioners train local politicians and other key thought leaders - chiefs, elders, religious, education, women's groups, youth and other community influencers.

SCCRR's approach to reconciliation is based on four pillars:

Ending violence

Truth, with each side listening to the other, sharing

28,000 community leaders in conflict transformation skills, leading to over 600 local community development projects, to the benefit of over 200,000 school aged children and many others.

While SCCRR can provide bricks and mortar, communities must provide the site, water, and labor, for example. And it is essential to success that a community owns a project themselves.

In recent times, women have made up 60 percent of the main beneficiaries of SCCRR interventions.

Extreme, systemic, inter-ethnic conflict has left countless people killed, injured or displaced, and debilitated many communities in eastern Africa.

And it is impossible to promote sustained development in places where humanitarian institutions are periodically destroyed or incapacitated. That is why conflict transformation is fundamental to social development and reconciliation.

Rather than seeking new places to live, communities need practical tools for self-sustainability that empower them to thrive where they are.

And as the world grapples with a global migration crisis, the success of SCCRR's work takes on heightened significance, offering helpful insights and a template for action.

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MARKETS ROUND-UP:

Foreign investors record about 3.5bn/- net outflows for 3 weeks

By Guardian Reporter

FOREIGN investors on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) recorded the net outflows amounting to 3.5bn/- during the first three weeks of this month.

The amount was more than net outflows recorded during the first quarter of last year, and more than a third of net outflows recorded during the fourth quarter of 2023.

The DSE market report shows foreign investors sold shares valued 3.6bn/during the reviewed period, which is equivalent to 36.47 percent of total value of shares sold, against buying of shares valued 135mn/-, or 1.37 percent of total value of shares bought.

During the reviewed period, local investors dominated the market, as they account for 98.63 percent of total value of shares bought and 63.53 percent of the total value of shares bought, which indicates strong absorption capacity, in time when foreign investors are exiting the market.

Analysts expect the continued share selloff among foreign investors, specifically blue chip companies, as may were targeting to invest in fixed assets in developed world markets, where interest rates are increasing.

Another factor which is causing foreign investors share selloff, according to analysts are shortages of foreign currencies in emerging markets, which results into weak currencies.

During the fourth quarter of last year, foreign investors recorded a net outflow amounting to nearly 10bn/-, after selling shares valued 117bn/- against buying shares valued 107bn/-.

The major transaction during the fourth quarter of last year involved Tanga Cement Company limited counter, after transferring 43 million shares from

Afrisam Mauritius to Scancem International D.A at 2,440/-. The total value of the transaction was 106bn/-.

However, the transaction involved shares' changing hands among foreign investors.

The DSE market report shows a total turnover of 9.8bn/- has so far been recorded during the start of this quarter, which is nearly a half of the total market turnover recorded during the first quarter of last year.

In the opening of this week, the DSE report shows a total turnover of 324.4mn/was recorded, following the transaction of 438,469 shares traded in 155 deals.

Top mover during the opening session of the week was CRDB Bank, the largest bank in terms of total assets, which transacted 377,559 shares valued 173.59mn/traded at a price ranging from 455/- to 465/-per share in 100 deals.

The second top mover was NMB Bank Plc, the largest in terms of total assets, which transacted 31,608 shares valued 142.25mn/- traded at a price ranging from 4,400/- to 4,600/- per share in 13 deals.

The third top mover was TCCIA Investment Company Limited (TICL), which transacted 27,090 shares valued 5.17mn/-, traded at a price ranging from 190/- to 200/- per share in 21 deals.

All shares indices including Tanzania Share Index (TSI) and all share index (DSEI) started the week in red, following the depreciation of share prices among two cross- listed and one locally listed companies.

Cross listed companies which recorded the share decrease were East African Breweries Limited (EABL) by 1.09 percent and KCB Bank by 2.94 percent while the locally listed company was TCCIA Investment Company Limited (TICL), which its share price fell by 5 percent.



TPDC MD Mussa Makame (L) and KS Energy Group CEO Steve Martin sign the agreement witnessed by Deputy Prime Minister and minister of energy Dr Dotto Biteko. File Photo

Financial closure for \$90m mini-LNG plant will soon be unveiled

By Darren Parker

ENERGY solutions company KS Energy is targeting financial closure this year for the first phase of a small-scale liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply chain in partnership with a Tanzanian gas producer, with first gas offtake expected in early 2026.

The capital expenditure for the liquefication plant will be less than \$90-million.

Some of the LNG will also be delivered to a proposed hybrid 140 MW combined cycle power plant plus a 70 MW solar photovoltaic project in Dodoma, Tanzania.

The LNG will be delivered by truck to off-pipeline consumers along the coast, as well as in Arusha, Tanga, Morogoro, Dodoma, Shinyanga, Mwanza, Geita, Kilimanjaro, Songwe, Mbeya and other potential sites.

On January 10, it was announced that the Tanzanian government, through the State-owned Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and in partnership with KS Energy, had entered into an agreement for the construction of a small plant to convert natural gas into LNG.

At the signing, Tanzanian Deputy Prime Minister and Energy Minister Dr Doto Mashaka Biteko said the project would be the first LNG production project in the country and would reduce the country's reliance on diesel and other more carbon-intensive fuels.

TPDC MD Mussa Makame added that the completion of the project would enable the development of other natural gas activities to be carried out, such as the construction of infrastructure to collect gas from wells and for preliminary cleaning, the provision of water and the construction of a 34 km pipeline to transport natural gas to the processing plant located in Msimbati, Madimba in the Mtwara region. The small-scale LNG plant being developed by KS Energy will have a capacity of between 17-mil-structure," Martin explained.

lion and 34-million standard cubic feet a day, and will be strategically situated near existing commer cially viable wellheads or pipeline locations.

With a yearly volume ranging between 6.2-billion and 12.4-billion standard cubic feet, this amounts to about 6 PJ/y to 12 PJ/y.

KS Energy Group CEO Steve Martin explained to Engineering News that the LNG would be primarily designated for power generation offtakers in Tan zania and Zanzibar.

In addition, the LNG supply will go to off-pipeline consumers that are not currently connected to the TPDC pipeline.

"We want to help create another fuel in addition to hydro, sun and wind to help Tanzania balance a sustainable grid. We are trying to create a more sustainable and energy-equitable future for Africans. "We are not trying to sell LNG. We are selling a more sustainable solution that gets people away from burning firewood to make their breakfast or using diesel in their vehicles," he explained.

Martin said the use of LNG would help reduce the carbon emissions associated with other types of fuels such as diesel, with carbon emission reductions of up to 30 percent.

However, to take full advantage of this, downstream energy consumers will need to carry out conversions on their vehicles and generators to allow for a changeover from diesel to LNG.

KS Energy advised that, if this is done on a wide enough scale, reductions in carbon emissions could be as much as 120 000 t/y at the beginning,

Gold mine firm bids farewell to interns of 2023

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

GEITA Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has concluded its 2023 internship programme and awarded certificates to 50 university students who participated in the programme.

The interns, consisting of 30 females and 20 males, were recruited in January 2023 and began their internships in February of that year. They completed the programme in January 2024.

The company said yesterday in a statement that the move to offer university students work experience in various areas of the mine is part of their plan to support the government's efforts to enhance graduate employability.

The largest gold miner said in a statement yesterday that is dedicated to promoting sustainable development in the communities surrounding the mine and building local skills and capacity.

It believes that workplace learning models are essential tools in achieving its goals. To this end, the company has implemented various initiatives, including apprenticeships, internships, and practical training for employees, contractors, students, and graduates from various institutions.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, GGML Managing Director, Terry Strong, congratulated the graduates on their professionalism and dedication to their work over the year at the mine.

He said that the graduates had worked hard and demonstrated their skills in various areas assigned to them by their supervisors within GGML.

He also asked them to be good ambassadors to promote GGML for all the good things they have learnt during the year.

Terry also praised some of the trainees who were selected to stay on at the mine and continue to develop their young careers.

Out of the 2023 cohort, 15 individuals were retained. Five of them secured permanent employment, while ten were elevated to the ABU Graduate program. Following the year-long internship, Julieth Lwehabura one of the interns, expressed gratitude towards GGML for the opportunity and unique experience provided, hoping it would serve as a springboard for their career. Another intern shared her positive experience, stating that the time spent at the mine would open up further opportunities for them. She believes that the company is committed to being a role model for other private companies to recognise the importance of internships in identifying young talent that can nurture their careers while adopting a corporate culture. Since the commencement of the GRP/Internship programme in 2009, GGML has enrolled 218 graduates onto its internship programme, comprising 131 males and 87 females. The 2024 internship programme received a large number of applicants, and GGM expects to recruit a total of forty (40) interns, with twenty (20) females and twenty (20) males starting on 1st February 2024.



reaching up to 240 000 t/y once production is at full capacity.

The aim is to use both marine and road transportation routes to deliver LNG to the offtakers, thereby minimising the burden on existing Tanzanian pipeline capacities.

"This is an important project because we don't actually need any of the existing pipeline infra



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Absa secures top employer certification

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ABSA has earned the esteemed top employer designation for the year 2023, marking the third consecutive year of recognition by the prestigious Top **Employer** Institute.

This accolade extends across five key markets, namely South Africa, Zambia, Ghana, Botswana, and Kenya.

The certification underscores Absa's steadfast commitment to upholding exemplary people practices and initiatives that consistently surpass rigorous global benchmarks, according to a statement issued by Absa yesterday.

Absa has been commended for its exceptional performance in digital HR, learning, career development, ethics, and integrity, placing the Group above industry standards.

"This recognition emphasizes Absa's dedication to fostering a human-centered work environment, nurturing talent at all organizational levels, and continually optimizing employee experiences," it said.

Jeanett Modise, Absa Group Chief People Officer, expressed pride in receiving this certification once again, emphasizing that it highlights Absa's unwavering commitment to cultivating a workplace where excellence thrives, setting the standard for the financial services industry.

Modise stated, "This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our entire team and reaffirms Absa's position as a leading employer of choice."

In a strategic move towards building an empowering organization, Absa introduced a landmark Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) staff scheme last year, the statement further said.

This initiative includes a Colleague Share Scheme, providing colleagues in South Africa with equity ownership in Absa Group, colleagues in participating Absa Regional Operations (ARO) and other interna-

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tional entities will engage in awarding employees with a Colleague Phantom Share shares aligns with Absa's commitment to being an In naming the scheme active force for good and reeKhaya, meaning "home" in inforces the organization's isiZulu, the scheme allows mission of "Empowering Afeach colleague to own a porrica's Tomorrow, Together, One Story at a Time.'

Obedi Laiser, Absa Bank Tanzania MD

The Top Employer certi-

fication also reflects Absa's adoption of a flexible and hybrid work model, showcasing its adaptability to the changing Human Capital landscape.

The statement noted that Absa's leaders are equipped and experienced in leading

winning teams remotely.

A noteworthy achievement is the increasing number of boomerang employees within Absa's workforce, reflecting the organization's culture and confirming Absa as a place where employees find inspiration and continuously return.

Boomerang employees are those who return to a former employer after working elsewhere, highlighting Absa's status as a great workplace.

Obedi Laiser, Managing Director, Absa Bank Tanzania, expressed a pride in being part of the Top Employer Group in Africa, emphasizing the organization's commitment to empowering employees beyond their career aspirations.

In addition to the Top Employer designation, Absa received accolades such as being rated among the "25 Best Workplaces to Grow Your Career" by LinkedIn and recognition from Forbes as a top African organization championing women at work.

Furthermore, Absa was featured in Forbes's World's Best Employers ranking.

"Absa remains unwavering in its commitment to excellence, fostering diversity and inclusion, and empowering its workforce to shape a brighter future for Africa," he added.



BUSINESS NEWS

INTERVIEW:

Jennifer: Promoting reading culture through establishing community library services

BOOK reading culture is necessary tools to enhance knowledge among the members of communities. However, lack of enough community libraries remain a major challenge to promote reading culture among Tanzanians. To resolve this challenge, Jennifer Mkunde Dickson, a secondyear medical student took up self-initiative by establishing a community library in Mwanga District, Kilimamjaro Region. She spoke to the Guardian on what motivated her to create the idea, and her future plans.

Q: Tell us your personal background and how did you come up with an idea?

A: I am currently a 2nd year medical student at the University of Global Health Equity in Butaro, Northern Province, Rwanda. I completed my Advanced Level education in 2020 at the Dar es Salaam Independent School, where I took Biology, Chemistry, and Mathematics.

After my high school education, I took a gap year. Initially, I planned to volunteer at a local primary school in Ugweno, Mwanga district, where my father grew up, to contribute to my community by teaching Mathematics and English. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 pandemic schools were shut down. With the desire to still make an impact in the village, I began to brainstorm wider ideas. Eventually, the idea of a library came to me.

As a long-term and sustainable initiative in the village, I deemed the library to be a great idea. I approached my parents and they agreed to the idea as well!

How did your family influence, support you to achieve your dream?

First, my father is a retired

My parents were always supportive of my interests. Growing up, I developed a deep love for reading. Hence, they invested heavily by purchasing books for me, taking my sister and I to bookstores on a regular basis, and encouraging me to explore other genres.

Furthermore, I love community service, especially educating children. During my gap year, I had the opportunity to help out children in Dar es Salaam, and my parents were always there to support my passion whether that was transporting me, chipping some money into an activity and developing skills to effectively teach certain concepts.

My parents have been a massive help to establish the library. Since I am a medical student abroad, I don't have a lot of time for myself. Without being on the ground, it is difficult to implement and conduct the requirements for the library. Thankfully, I had my mother who really helped with the day-to-day tasks, went over my presentations, and ensured my meeting with donors went well. I can't thank her enough!

My maternal grandmother has also been a great influence as I grew up around her as both my parents had busy careers. Bibi Cecilia Ezekiel instilled the hard work ethos in me, always insisting on excellence in whatever I do and never forgetting to help the less fortunate. I owe a lot of these attributes too in achieving my dream of establishing this library.

Where did you get other supports to achieve your dream?

Many kind donors of who are family, friends, and communities I am part of. To mention a few, I received major



The Founder of Martha Onesmo Community Library Jennifer Dickson (with microphone) explains something to Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda (R) during the opening of the facility in Mwanga District recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Omari issa, Hatibu Senkoro, Walter Bgoya, Dr. John Msuya, Prof. Bonaventure Rutinwa, Amb. Dr. James Msekela, Ronald Rugimbana and Dr. Deusdedit Basil Mwemezi.

What was your initial plan for the library?

My initial plan for the community library namely Martha Onesmo, was to provide access to knowledge through books and the available computers. Later on, I hope to establish the place as a learning hub for creative writing, creative design, financial literacy, entrepreneurial skills, crop health, which will serve the entire community.

I intend to develop a volunteer program for people of all ages and backgrounds to help educate the Msangeni residents. For the older community members, I would like to create relevant courses for them to learn, such as financial literacy, entrepreneurial skills - so as to assist them conducting proper businesses. For the students, a course in IT skills would highly serve them in today's world.

a, to succeed in school.

Furthermore, the infrastructure itself provides a great environment for students to study from. When one invests in developing the knowledge of students, the impact is immense. The libraries would yield better results, such as better grades at school and higher percentage of students passing.

The library in rural setting gives the rural adults a chance to learn skills they never had a chance to learn at school and which are vital in today's world such as IT skills, business management and agriculture markets.

How necessary is book reading among Tanzanians?

In today's world, it is understandable to believe books are boring, especially with the existence of short-form content like Tik-Tok. However, one should read a piece of writing on a regular basis, which can be a novel, a newspaper article, or a feature in a magazine.

Growing up, I always loved to read. As this interest grew, the

must say for me; once the donors were convinced with the efforts I had initially put on my own in collecting 6750 on my own and that I was ready to be accountable to a razor sharp implementation plan, donations came through.

My experience has revealed that communities have no problem contributing to projects in their communities especially diaspora groups but they need to be convinced that their contributions are dedicated to the tasks they agreed to and projects are executed in time with no cost overruns. I thank the many donors that supported this cause and made it happen!

civil servant and my mother is a nephrologist (kidney disease specialist).

I would say that I grew up in a household where excellence in education was the be all and end all. As a kid, education was fascinating and when I understood that it could facilitate my dreams and aspirations; with a promise of being rewarded for excellence by mother and father, I worked hard. support from Bishop of the ELCT Mwanga Diocese, ELCT Msangeni Parish in Ugweno Mwanga, ELCT Msangeni Parish Diaspora, Barrick Gold Tanzania, Bayport Financial Services, Jenga Tanzania Agriculture, Art and Frame Gallery, Tanzania Library Services Board, Mkuki and Nyota Publishers and Elite Computers.

This list would not be complete without mentioning Throughout the run of the library, I expect to have book clubs for different demographics of the village so as to promote the culture of reading.

What is your opinion about library services in the country, especially in rural areas?

Library service is necessary. Particularly in the rural settings, schools struggle to acquire the textbooks they need in time, as well as attain enough. In a classroom with high student to teacher ratios, students would benefit from the library by seeking the extra help they need, learn and cement concepts and explore the depths of different teachings from multiple sources. By establishing greater library services, you're not only providing access to more books, but a greater chance benefits of it began to seep into my work. Writing an essay was a simple task, synonyms were at the tip of my fingers, and my critical thinking skills increased. The main benefit of reading books is its ability to improve one's language skills by expanding their vocabulary, exposure to different sentence structures, and use of different literary devices to elicit certain reactions.

One may find it hard to read because they haven't found the right genre for them. Hence, I encourage everyone to find their favorite genres and explore the many books it has to offer. It makes the task of reading enjoyable!

Are there any challenges you have faced in your journey?

Establishing a library is difficult, but "where there is will there is a way". I believe the most difficult aspect was finance but I

In some cases, I have had to search for a book and not find it in my library has been frustrating. I believe the digitizing of libraries has benefited many in terms increasing access to people and the availability of books. With digital libraries, it is very easy to keep up with demand, unlike older services that depended on publishers and distributors.

Interview by Special Correspondent

India tops Hong Kong as world's 4th largest stock market

MUMBAI

INDIA'S stock market capitalization has overtaken Hong Kong's for the first time as the South Asian nation's growth prospects and policy reforms make it an investor darling while global capital pours out of China.

The combined value of shares listed on Indian exchanges reached \$4.33 trillion as of Monday's close, versus \$4.29 trillion for Hong Kong, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. That makes India the fourth-biggest equity market globally. Its value crossed \$4 trillion for the first time on Dec. 5, with about half of that coming in the past four vears.

Equities in India have been booming, thanks to a rapidly growing retail investor base and strong corporate earnings. The world's most populous country has positioned itself as an alternative to China, attracting fresh capital from global investors and companies alike, thanks to its stable political setup and a consumption-driven economy that remains among the fastest-growing of major nations.

The relentless rally in Indian stocks has coincided with a historic



slump in Hong Kong, where some of China's most influential and innovative firms are listed. Beijing's stringent anti-Covid-19 curbs, regulatory crackdowns on corporations, a property-sector crisis and geopoliti-

cal tensions with the West have all combined to erode China's appeal as the world's growth engine.

gent anti-Covid-19 curbs, regulatory crackdowns on corporations, a property-sector crisis and geopolititural growth story across not just emerging markets, but worldwide,"

said Evan Metcalf, CEO at Global X ETFs. "While China's growth has stalled and is mired in uncertainty, India has a generational opportunity to emerge as the growth engine of emerging markets. Demographics are a key advantage, coupled with a surge in educated youth and a progressive government pursuing key structural reforms."

Meanwhile, Chinese and Hong Kong equities are suffering a rout of epic proportions, with the total market value of their stocks having tumbled by more than \$6 trillion since their peaks in 2021. New listings have dried up in Hong Kong, with the Asian financial hub losing its status as one of the world's busiest venues for initial public offerings.

Some strategists have been expecting a turnaround. UBS Group AG sees Chinese stocks outperforming Indian peers in 2024 as battered valuations in the former suggest significant upside potential once sentiment turns, while the latter is at "fairly extreme levels," according to a November report. Bernstein expects the Chinese market to recover, and recommends taking profits on Indian stocks, which it sees as expensive, according to a note earlier this month.

On Tuesday, equities in mainland China climbed after the nation's authorities were said to consider a package of measures to stabilize the slumping market. That said, momentum seems to be on India's side for now.

Foreigners who until recently were enamored with the China narrative are sending their funds over to its South Asian rival. Global pension and sovereign wealth managers are also seen favoring India, according to a recent study by Londonbased think-tank Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum.

Despite a 2.8 percent rally on Tuesday, the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index – a gauge of Chinese shares listed in Hong Kong – is down more than 10 percent in 2024 after capping a record four-year losing streak in 2023. It is near hovering its lowest level in almost two decades, while India's stock benchmarks are trading close to record-high levels.

Overseas funds poured more than \$21 billion into Indian shares in 2023, helping the country's benchmark S&P BSE Sensex Index cap an eighth consecutive year of gains.

"There is a clear consensus that India is the best long-term investment opportunity," Goldman Sachs Group Inc. strategists including Guillaume Jaisson and Peter Oppenheimer wrote in a note Jan. 16 with results of a survey from the firm's Global Strategy Conference.

BUSINESS NEWS

Floods disrupt economic activities in Morogoro District

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

THOUSANDS of traders and farmers in Matuli ward, Morogoro district have asked for the immediate government response to rehabilitate two curvet bridges along Lulongwe River, which were swept away by floods, affecting various economic activities.

Lucas Lemomo, the Ward Councilor told The Guardian on Monday that the two curvet bridges built by the Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) in 2021/2022 financial year, was connecting Matuli, Lulongwe, Kwaba and Diguzi villages in Morogoro District were swept away on January 15th this year.

He said the curvet bridges were connecting the areas with Ngerengere ward and other regions of the country, the main market for agricultural produces and source of necessary commodities.

Apart from that, he said, the 70km road linking Matuli and Lulongwe has also been destroyed by ongoing heavy rains, affect transport services and other economic activi-



An area where two curvet bridges were swept away by floods along Lulongwe River in Morogoro district. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ties.

"Farmers and traders have incurred huge losses to their businesses because they can't not move their produces to the market in Ngerengere ward or transport other commodities such as charcoal and timber to Dar es Salaam city and Morogoro," he said.

"We are calling on the government to resolve this challenge immediately to rescue businesses and movements of people."

He urged the TARURA officials from Morogoro region to visit the area and see how they can help to address this crucial challenge.

"Businesspersons continue to suffer because vehicles can't cross the river to transport goods including charcoal and other produce from our area, which will also deny government revenue collections," he explained.

He added that the heavy water from Ngerengere River has also affected an ongoing construction of Kidunda dam.

Aziz Suka, the chairman of Lulongwe village, said that more than 1,000 residents in his village have been affected by the damage caused by floods because the bridge was only connection to and from his village.

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"We are struggling to transport our produce, and right now, our cash crops damaged and fruits are roasting on farms due to lack of transport services," he said.

Also the damage has affected the movement of students to Lulongwe Secondary School.

He also said Ngerengere ward area is the major source of basic needs for nearly all disconnected villages.

The area is also the main market for banana, maize, sustainable charcoal, timber, mangoes, tomatoes and other crops produced in their villages.

"We can't transport these commodities to Ngerengere market, while some farmers cannot go to their fields for farming activities.

CFAO hosts motor show to enrich automotive landscape

By Carlos Banda

CFAO Mobility has hosted a motor show to transcend expectations and enrich the automotive landscape in in the country.

Held at the Greens Ground in Oysterbay Dar es Salaam over the weekend, aimed to provide a platform for invaluable insights and experiences centred around prestigious brands like Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen, Fuso, and Suzuki.

Beyond a typical display, the event was a tailored experience, addressing the unique automotive needs of the Tanzanian market and offering an immersive journey for attendees of all ages.

Distinguished by insightful sessions on vehicle brands, the event featured expert-led discussions by CFAO Mobility, comprehensively exploring the diverse range of showcased vehicle brands.

Participants also enjoyed complimentary tire check services and an up-close look at avant-garde aftersales solutions by WinPart Tanzania, which are dedicated to enhancing both vehicle performance and aesthetics.

China selloff leads to record \$38.0trn gap with US stocks

HONG KONG

The value of China's stock market has never been this far behind that of the US, as the losses continue to pile up in a seemingly relentless equity rout.

The market capitalization of the US stock market is now \$38 trillion greater than that of Hong Kong and China put together, a fresh record, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

"China offers value, but catalysts are just not



Visitors admire vehicles displayed during CFAO Mobility show. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Car enthusiasts revelled in an extraordinary hands-on encounter with select vehicles during test drives, allowing potential customers to savour the unparalleled performance and comfort offered by CFAO Mobility's vehicles.

Tharaia Ahmed, Sales and Marketing Director of CFAO Mobility Tanzania, expressed the event's overarching goal during her address, emphasising the company's commitment to propelling the automotive industry in Tanzania by showcasing cutting-edge technologies.

"Our gratitude goes to all attendees for the success of the Motor Show. This event served as a platform to connect with our customers, unveil our latest offerings, and gather invaluable feedback. As a key player in the continent," she said.

"We must keep our people abreast of the rapid technological advancements in the global automotive sector. The positive responses from this event inspire us to deliver exceptional automotive experiences in Tanzania."

Attendees departed with a wealth of knowledge about the latest innovations and features in the automotive industry.

A Volkswagen enthusiast participant praised the event, stating, "the product knowledge sessions were enlightening, and the free tire check service showcased CFAO Mobility's dedication to customer care. The opportunity to test drive the latest models surpassed my expectations".

The motor show event was an effort from CFAO Mobility to bring Tanzanians closer to new, safer, sustainable mobility solutions.

This celebration transcended traditional boundaries, leaving a lasting imprint on the Tanzanian automotive landscape.



there," said Michael Liang, chief investment officer at Foundation Asset Management HK Ltd. "Meanwhile, the US market has momentum and economy on its side."

The growing divergence comes as steep losses paint a troubling picture of global investor sentiment toward the world's No. 2 economy. At the same time, US stocks have hit record highs, powered by a megacap technology rally amid optimism that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates this year and navigate a soft economic landing.

Chinese stocks have lost more than \$6.3 trillion in market value from a peak in February 2021. Over the same period, US equities have gained some \$5.3 trillion.

Investors have been underwhelmed by Beijing's efforts to revive a economy struggling with deflation and an ongoing property crisis. But what began as a performance-driven exodus now risks becoming a structural shift due to doubts over Beijing's longterm economic agenda and strategic competition with the US.

Bloomberg strategists including Kumar Gautam wrote in a note that while China's correction may seem overdone, "our simulations suggest the pain can continue." They estimated there's a 51% probability of the MSCI China Index trading below its peak for an average of 35 months.

On one hand, the rout has run for so long that some investors see potential for a technical rebound, given valuations are now cheap. The selloff has made the MSCI China Index 60% cheaper than the US equity benchmark on earnings-based valuations, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

MSCI Inc.'s key gauge for Chinese equities is trading at about eight times of 12-month forward estimated earnings, while the same metric for the S&P 500 Index stands at 20 times.

For now however, there's little end in sight to the dismal start to 2024 for Chinese equities. Less than a month into the new year, a gauge of Chinese stocks listed in Hong Kong has already lost 13%, making it the worst-performing major benchmark global index.



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WORD



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar co-chairs the 6th India-Nigeria Joint Commission Meeting with Nigerian Foreign Minister Yusuf Maitama Tuggar, in Abuja on Monday. ANI India-Nigeria bond underpinned by administrations

that doesn't leave anyone behind - EAM Jaishankar

LAGOS

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar chaired the sixth India-Nigeria Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) with his counterpart Yusuf Tuggar on Monday (local time) and discussed new opportunities of cooperation in various sectors.

"Co-chaired the 6th India-Nigeria Joint Commission Meeting along with FM @YusufTuggar. Noted the expansion of our economic cooperation especially trade and investment. Discussed new opportunities in energy, power, renewables, transport, healthcare, fintech, agriculture and security," Jaishankar posted on X.

"Agreed to strengthen people-topeople exchanges, mobility and consular cooperation. India and Nigeria also cooperate closely in multilateral forums and will take that tradition forward," he added.

Speaking on the age-old relationship between the two countries, he said that the strong bonding is underpinned by two administrations which believe that no one should be left behind

Addressing the meeting, Jaishankar said, "India and Nigeria share a longstanding and friendly relationship which is rooted in history. We are the largest democracies of the world and

He added, "When we have about 130 Indian companies who have really put their economic future struck roots in this country to a point where actually they have become one of the largest employers in this country, I think there is a very, very strong foundation on which we would be building".

After the conclusion of the meeting, Jaishankar also addressed a joint press conference with counterpart Tuggar and said that he was satisfied with the discussions

He also elaborated on the agreements signed between the two countries ranging from the areas of solar energy, health and transportation, adding that the two countries are also looking at the use of digital technology for cashless payments.

"One of the agreements we signed was on solar energy, so we are going to see a lot more cooperation in the field of green and clean energy. Nigeria and India, we both face health challenges. So, how do we make medicines accessible, affordable, how can we work on transportation, other forms of energy. We are even looking at how do we use digital technology for cashless payments," the EAM further said.

EAM Jaishankar is on a visit to Nigeria from January 21-23.

Earlier in the day, Jaishankar addressed the India-Nigeria Business

Moscow ready for dialogue with those seeking to stop using Ukraine against Russia – Lavrov

MOSCOW

MOSCOW will be ready to listen to anybody who is interested in stopping the use of Ukraine as an instrument of war against Russia, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an interview with CBS.

"Anybody who is sincerely interested in justice, including justice being established in the relations between Russia and Ukraine, which would involve, of course, stopping the Western policy of using Ukraine as an instrument of war against Russia, we would be ready to listen to," the minister said.

Lavrov (pictured) recounted a remark by Russian President Vladimir Putin who had dismissed as untrue allegations that Russia is against negotiations. "Actually, [US Secretary



of State] Antony Blinken said this in Davos a few days ago. It is not true," Lavrov maintained as he insisted that Russia had always emphasized that it would be ready to discuss "any serious proposal that would include

3rd South Summit calls for ending Israel-Palestine conflict

KAMPALA

THE Third South Summit ended on Monday in the Ugandan capital Kampala with participating leaders calling for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and the protection of civilians.

The two-day summit, which brought together leaders of the Group of 77 members and China, urged the United Nations Security Council to undertake efforts to implement its resolutions to end the Israel-Palestine conflict without delay.

The South Summit is the supreme decision-making body of the Group of 77 comprising 134 members. High-level representatives of nearly 100 countries and heads of United Nations agencies attended the meeting.

"We also reiterate our demand for the immediate and full lifting of the Israeli blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip, which constitutes massive collective punishment," the leaders said in an outcome document of the meeting.

They called for the complete dismantlement and immediate cessation of all illegal Israeli settlement activities in the occupied Palestin-



A Palestinian child looks onboard the French LHD Dixmude military ship, which serves as a hospital to treat wounded Palestinians, as it docks at the Egyptian port of Al-Arish on Jan 21, 2024, amid ongoing battles between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas

jeopardize the safety of civil aviation. They further stated that Israel should end its violations of Lebanese sovereignty by air, land and sea, which threaten its security and economic was held in Africa. The previous two development.

the discussion of the situation on the ground, of the origin of this situation, and of reaching a solution that would guarantee legitimate, national interests of Russia and the Ukrainian people."

According to the Russian foreign minister, Russia has been warning its Western partners since 2007 or 2008, when NATO expansion was going too far, despite all the promises given by the North Atlantic Alliance to former Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev not to expand their lines. "Five waves of expansion, and

then NATO at the last moment, at the end of 2021, found itself just on the borders of the Russian Federation," Lavrov continued. "The West has discredited itself completely," he concluded. Agencies

After 5 years, India's criminal justice system will be most modern in world - Amit Shah

GANDHINAGAR

EMPHASIZING the importance of three new criminal laws, Union Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday said that after 5 years, India's criminal justice system will be the most modern in the world.

Amit Shah, while addressing the 5th International and 44th All India Criminology Conference of National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) said that the inauguration is happening at a time when India's criminal justice system is entering a new era.

"IPC, CrPC and Evidence Law have been scrapped and new laws have been introduced. I have been piloting these laws and with great courage, we have taken the decision that we have made compulsory the visit of forensic science officers at every crime scene for cases with punishment of 7 years or more. This will make the investigation easier, work of the judges will also get easier. Along with this, we are also trying to modernize the entire process. Right now it will take 5 years because it has different levels. But after 5 years, India's criminal justice system will be the most modern in the world," he said

"If a government remains in power for 50 years, it makes 5-6 changes, but in just 10 years we have made more than 50 changes in every field," he added.

Union Home Minister asserted that after 5 years, the country will get more than 9,000 scientific officers and forensic science experts every year.

"Our government has brought the new education policy after 40 years. I can say that this education policy is completely built based on India but it will make our children prominent in the world stage also. After 5 years, this country will get more than 9,000 scientific officers and forensic science experts every year, we have made such arrangements in advance. In preventing crime, behavioural science plays as much role as strict administration," he asserted.

Further, Amit Shah added that the government is finding a technical solution for the police stations of the country which are located on the hills.

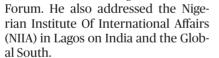
"We are also finding a technical solution for the police stations of the country which are located on the hills. Except for 7 police stations, every police station in the country has been connected to the computer and linked to the database. More than 15 crore prosecution data has been made online in the e-court and it speaks in all the languages of India. We have been able to record the data of approximately 2 crore prisoners through e-prison. We have made available 19 lakh results of e-forensic for the last 3 years in online data," he added. ANI

are the leaders in our continents. In recent years, this has been renewed by contacts between our leaderships".

"What underpins our bond, is today, we have administrations in the two countries, that truly believes that no one should be left behind. And it is this inclusive approach, which I think creates a strong bonding between us and allows us to work so closely in international organizations," he added.

The EAM also emphasised that a large number of Indian companies have made huge investments in Nigeria are among the largest employers in the country.

"Today as an economic partner of Nigeria, whose investments are estimated broadly at about USD 27 billion, which has an annual trade turnover with this country of somewhere between USD 13-15 billion," Jaishankar said.



He also visited the Indian High Commission in Abuja. There, he unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi and planted a sapling in the High Commission premises.

India and Nigeria have traditionally enjoyed close and friendly relations. This is EAM's first visit to Nigeria, which will further consolidate bilateral relations between the two countries, according to Ministry of External Affairs release.

Prior to this, he also led the Indian delegation at the 19th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), to be held in Kampala, Uganda. He met several foreign leaders and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on the sidelines of the summit. ANI



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ian territory, including East Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan Heights.

The leaders said that Israel is in violation of the UN Charter and international law for its strikes on Syrian civil infrastructure, including civil airports, which threaten the livelihood of civilians, hinder UN humanitarian operations, and

"We also call on Israel to refrain from using white phosphorus against Lebanon in contravention of international humanitarian law," the document said. The leaders also emphasized that Israel should withdraw from all occupied Lebanese territories in accordance with the UN Security Council resolution.

The summit was held under the

summits were held in Havana, Cuba, in 2000, and in Doha, Qatar, in 2005, respectively.

theme "Leaving No One Behind".

Uganda took over the chairmanship

of the summit from Cuba. This was

the first time that the South Summit

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni said during the country's chairmanship, it would reach out to countries facing tensions or conflicts with a view to reaching a win-win solution. He added that the country would also focus on promoting trade among member countries.

Israel mounts "fiercest fighting" in S. Gaza's Khan Younis, killing dozens

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI forces have intensified their assault on the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Younis, storming medical centers and killing dozens of Palestinians, in their fiercest fighting in the area thus far, Israeli and Palestinian sources said on Monday. Israeli tanks surrounded the city's

Al-Amal Hospital, imposing a siege, while troops stormed another one, the Al-Khair Hospital, arresting medical staff. In a statement, the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) expressed deep concern over the safety of its teams "trapped inside" the Al-Amal Hospital. The PRCS also reported an unspecified number of casualties

among displaced people due to Israeli bombings at shelter centers. At least 50 Palestinians were killed, and 100 others injured in the strikes on Khan Younis over the past day, the Gaza-based Health Ministry Spokesman Ashraf al-Qidra told Al Jazeera TV news.

Many others are feared to be trapped under the rubble, unable to be reached by rescue teams. At least 25,295 Palestinians, mostly women, children, and the elderly, have been killed by the Israeli strikes on Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023, the Gaza-based Health Ministry updated Monday.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) confirmed in a statement that it launched "a combined attack" of four brigades on western Khan Younis, adding that

the forces were closing in on the city's refugee camp.

"The divisional attack will continue for several more days," IDF said, adding it "will include raids and other military operations to dismantle the military infrastructure of Hamas in the region."

At nightfall, the army announced in a statement that three officers from the Paratroopers Brigade were killed, including a deputy battalion commander, a company commander, and a platoon commander.

According to official Israeli figures, a total of 198 Israeli soldiers have been killed since the country waged a war against Hamas, following the Hamasled assault on southern Israeli communities on Oct. 7, 2023, in which about

1,200 Israelis, mostly civilians, were killed and more than 200 were taken as hostages to Gaza.

In Jerusalem, dozens of supporters and relatives of hostages barged into a meeting at the Israeli parliament, demanding more action to free captives from Gaza.

Meanwhile, Israel's state-owned Kan TV news reported that Israel has been discussing a new ceasefire deal with Qatari mediators. The proposal includes the release of civilian hostages in exchange for "a significant" period of ceasefire and the release of additional Palestinian prisoners in Israeli custody, reported Kan, citing Israeli officials.

Xinhua

All eyes fixed on fastest-growing India as it pips Hong Kong to become 4th-largest stock market

NEW DELHI

FIRM GDP growth forecasts, inflation at manageable levels, political stability at the central government level and signs that the central bank is done with tightening its monetary policy have all contributed to painting a bright picture for the Indian stock market.

India pipped Hong Kong to become the fourth-highest equity market globally, Bloomberg reported. The combined value of shares listed on Indian exchanges

reached USD 4.33 trillion as of calendar year 2023 gave hand-Monday's close, versus USD 4.29 trillion for Hong Kong, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. India's stock market capitalization crossed USD 4 trillion for the first time on December 5, 2023, with about half of that reportedly coming in the past four years. The top three stock markets are those of US, China, and Japan.

Cumulatively, the past 12 months have been stellar for investors who parked their money in Indian stocks. Though there has been some turbulence, the

some monetary dividends to stock market investors. In 2023 itself, Sensex and Nifty gained 17-18 per cent, on a cumulative basis. They gained a mere three to four per cent each in 2022. Hong Kong's benchmark Hang

Seng Index cumulatively declined 32-33 per cent over the past year, data showed. Notably, foreign portfolio inves-

tors have again trained their sight towards India, becoming net buyers in the country's stock market. In the process, it helped Indian their all-time highs recently.

According to the Bloomberg news report, India, which last year became the most populous country has positioned itself as an alternative to China, attracting fresh capital from global investors and companies alike, due to its stable political setup and a consumption-driven economy that remains among the fastestgrowing of major nations.

As Indian stocks rallied, it coincided with a historic slump in Hong Kong, where some of Chi-

benchmark stock indices taste na's most influential and innovative firms are listed.

> According to the news report, stringent anti-COVID-19 curbs, regulatory crackdowns on corporations, a property-sector crisis and geopolitical tensions with the West have all combined to erode China's appeal as the world's growth engine. New listings have dried up in Hong Kong, with the Asian financial hub losing its status as one of the world's busiest venues for initial public offerings (IPOs). Here are some of the views of analysts and experts on India

surpassing Hong Kong stock market in capitalisation terms: Sneha Poddar, AVP, retail research, Broking and Distribution, Motilal **Oswal Financial Services:**

India remains the fastestgrowing country among the top 10 global economies. The strong post-pandemic recovery and resilient performance amid global headwinds demonstrate the inherent strength of the economy. Strong growth, prudent policy reforms, government's focus on infrastructure and capex, healthy corporate books, comfortable forex reserves, and lower commodity cost inflation could protect India from any external shocks and position it to outpace other countries in the coming decade.

Thus, we remain firm believers in the medium term India story and expect the overall trend to strengthen with multiple themes at play - financialization of savings, private capex revival, rising discretionary consumption, strengthening of real estate cycle, and the massive creation of digital and physical infrastructure.

WORLD NEWS

Guardian

Why Canada caps foreign students, who will be impacted?

TORONTO

CANADA on Monday announced a two-year cap on the intake of foreign students after explosive growth in recent years aggravated the country's housing shortage. Last year Canada issued nearly 1 million study permits, about three times that of a decade ago, according to government data. The new proposal will cut the intake by nearly a third.

Here is how the new plans will work and what is at stake.

What are the details?

Canada's immigration minister, Marc Miller, said the Liberal government will introduce a temporary, two-year cap on student visas, which will result in the issue of about 364,000 visas in 2024.

The new proposals will also set limits on post-graduate work permits issued to foreign students, which will likely encourage them to return to their home countries. The permits were previously seen as an easy path



Students at the Bishop's University Library Learning Commons in Sherbrooke, Quebec, on Nov 20, 2023. AFP

to securing permanent residency. People pursuing master's or post-doctorate programs will be eligible for a three-year work permit.

Spouses of international students enrolled in other levels of study, including undergraduate and college programs, will

no longer be eligible, Miller said. The acceptance of new study permit applications in 2025 will be subject to reassessment at about C\$22 billion (\$16.4 billion) annuthe end of the current year, he said.

Why is government cracking down? Canada has emerged as a popular desti-hope of a continued inflow of students.

nation for international students since it is relatively easy to obtain work permits after finishing courses. But the surge in international students led to an acute shortage in rental apartments, which pushed up rents. In December, rents nationwide rose 7.7 percent from a year earlier, according to Statscan.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's popularity has been dented mainly due to the affordability crisis, and opposition Conservative Party leader Pierre Poilievre has taken a commanding lead over Trudeau in opinion polls ahead of an election next year.

Apart from the rental crisis, the government has also been concerned about the quality of education provided by some of the institutions.

Whom will this impact?

International students contribute ally to the Canadian economy. The move will hurt many educational institutions that had expanded their campuses in the

Trump vows to prevent Third World War if re-elected US president

NEW YORK

FORMER US President Donald Trump is confident that he would be able to prevent a Third World War if he is re-elected to another term in the White House in November's US election. "I will prevent World War



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III," Trump said, addressing his supporters in the bellwether state of New Hampshire, which holds the first-in-the-nation Republican primary on January 23.

The former US chief executive also stated that he would manage to achieve a settlement of the horrific conflict between Russia and Ukraine, adding that had he been US president in early 2022 the armed conflict would never have started.

According to Trump, the fact that the US had "a weak man as president" precluded any possibility of avoiding the conflicts in Ukraine and in the Gaza Strip. Earlier, Trump labeled incumbent US President Joe Biden as the worst president in American history.

The US will hold its 60th quadrennial presidential election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Biden officially launched his campaign to seek a second term in the White House on April 25, 2023. Trump announced his own comeback re-election bid in November 2022. Agencies

WHO chief: World risks missing deadline for pandemic accord

GENEVA

COUNTRIES risk missing a May deadline for agreeing a legally binding treaty on fighting pandemics, which would be a big blow for future generations, the head of the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

The new pact and a series of updates to existing rules on dealing with pandemics are intended to shore up the world's defenses against new pathogens after the COVID-19 pandemic killed more than 7 million people, according to WHO data.

"I'm concerned that member states may not meet that commitment and there are several outstanding issues that remain to be resolved," said Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (pictured) in an address to the global health agency's Executive Board meeting in Geneva.

"In my view, a failure to deliver the pandemic agreement and the IHR (International Health Regulations) amendments will be a missed opportunity for which future generations may not forgive us," he said.

Only once before in the organization's 75-year history has the WHO managed to agree such an accord, and that was a Tobacco Control treaty in 2003.

Negotiations of this type usually take seven years, said Roland Driece, co-chair of the group negotiating the agreement, and they have only had two years. Speaking at an informal briefing on Monday, he said it was crucial to make progress now because of the "slipping urgency" around pandemic prevention.

Tedros said he was upbeat about prospects for battling HIV/ AIDS, however, one of the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) set by the global body to fight some of the world's most pressing problems by 2030.

"We are now beginning to see a pathway for the SDG target of ending the HIV pandemic," Tedros said. Agencies



UNITED NATIONS

A CHINESE envoy on Monday called for the early resumption of negotiations over the Ukraine crisis.

Peace cannot be achieved by feeding weapons into the battlefield, said Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations, adding that prolonged fighting will only result in more civilian casualties.

"Diplomatic efforts must not be given up under any circumstances. We call for the prompt launch of direct engagement and the step-by-step resumption of negotiations with a view to forging consensus to end the hostilities," said Zhang.

He called on the international community and the United Nations to create enabling condi-

ing that other relevant parties should refrain from counterproductive action or irresponsible rhetoric.

Zhang said that security is indivisible. No country should attempt to secure itself at the expense of another country's security, nor can regional security be guaranteed by muscling up or expanding a military bloc.

The envoy said that the consequences of NATO's eastward expansion indicate that seeking absolute security at the expense of other countries' security will only widen the security and trust deficit.

It would do nothing to make the world more peaceful and stable, and in this regard, NATO should do well to learn its lesson, he added.

Noting that



Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations, speaks at a meeting of the United Nations Security Council at the UN headquarters in New York on Oct 16, 2023. XINHUA

not escape each other, Zhang said their respective legitimate security concerns should be taken seriously.

The ultimate way out of the crisis lies in an effort on the part of Russia and Ukraine, as well as other parties concerned, to build a balanced, effective and sustain-Russia and able security architecture guardtions to end hostilities, stress- Ukraine are neighbors who can- ed by the vision of common,

comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, he said.

At a time when the Palestinian-Israeli conflict continues to drag on, and some hot-spot issues are at risk of flaring up, the world cannot afford to see geopolitical clashes further spreading, said

Zhang. Countries with significant influence should take a responsitogether to maintain global food, energy and financial security and the stability of industrial and supply chains, Zhang added. He noted that The Ukraine issue is where it is today due to a

ble approach and refrain from

politicizing, instrumentalizing or

weaponizing the world economy. Instead, countries should work

tangle of complex factors, which deserve serious reflection, emphasizing that complex problems may defy simple fixes.

Confronted with all these challenges, Zhang said the ultimate solution is to work harder to build a community with a shared future for humankind and shape a world with lasting peace and universal security.

Zhang said that China would continue to stand on the side of peace, justice and international security. Xinhua

India-US relationship has grown, matured and blossomed, says Outgoing Indian envoy to US

WASHINGTON

THE outgoing Indian en- challenges that come, but voy to the United States, at the end of the day, the Taranjit Singh Sandhu said flowers are blooming and that the relationship be- increasing. Some of you tween the two countries who were here in 2016 will

"There are always some

tory.

the word "we have overcome hesitations of history", it has a deep meaning," he said.

the US Congress, he used added, "This relationship (US-India) has grown, matured and blossomed. So it was apt when my Prime Minister came last year While addressing the and he said, and I'm quotreception hosted by a bi- ing him, "the scope of our

is limitless and the chemistry of our relations is effortless.'

The event, which took place at Capitol Hill, held memorable send-off orspecial significance for chestrated by a bipartisan

Capitol Hill- where it all started!"

The outgoing envoy expressed gratitude for the Ambassador Sandhu as he gathering of congressional

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Kremlin condemns Kiev's deadly attack on Donetsk market as 'monstrous act of terrorism'

MOSCOW

THE Kiev regime continues to demonstrate its savageness by carrying out strikes against civilians, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told journalists, referring to Sunday's shelling attack on a public market in Donetsk.

"The Kiev regime continues to demonstrate its savage face; they are striking civilian infrastructure, striking people, civilians," the Kremlin spokesman said.

"The strike perpetrated vesterday on a marketplace in Donetsk is a monstrous act of terrorism because indiscriminate weapons are being used, which caused casualties on such a scope," Peskov emphasized.

He pointed out that Russia strongly condemns the attack. "Of course, the special military

operation will continue in order to protect our people against this danger," Peskov said. He also noted that "the [Rus-

sian] Defense Ministry, air defense systems, and other relevant agencies are taking the necessary measures to ensure protection against this kind of terrorist attack.'

A market in Donetsk came under artillery shelling by Ukrainian troops on Sunday. Ukrainian forces used 152 mm and 155 mm ple's Republic (DPR) Head Denis curity Council.

Pushilin said. According to the latest updates, 25 people were killed and at least 20 were injured, including two children.

Shortly after the strike, Russian First Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Dmitry Polyansky said that Ukraine's strike on Donetsk would be discussed at a Russiaartillery systems, Donetsk Peo- requested meeting of the UN Se-



cial to all.

CHINA'S economy took center stage at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2024, which was themed "Rebuilding Trust". Participants actively praised the enhanced resilience of China's economy and businesses over the past two years. They acknowledged that China's efforts would create more opportunities for global economic growth and employment.

China's pursuit of high-level opening-up was seen as having a positive impact on promoting international economic and trade development. The attendees widely recognized that China's solution was indispensable in addressing the global trust deficit.

Currently, the global economic recovery is fragile and sluggish and lacks momentum. the development gap is widening. The impact of geopolitical conflicts on global development is becoming increasingly evident.

More than 2,800 representatives from over 120 countries and regions gathered at the WEF Annual Meeting 2024 in Davos, Switzerland with a common goal of promoting global economic governance and helping the world economy overcome difficulties and sail

towards a brighter future. China has always been sharing the same goal with the WEF. Chinese President Xi Jinping's important remarks on promoting economic globalization and upholding true multilateralism, as articulated at WEF platforms, hold profound practical significance in addressing global challenges. While striving for high-quality development of its own economy, China has always been sincerely committed to

fostering an open world economy and has made tremendous efforts to improve global economic governance. The facts have proven that China is the most trustworthy partner. China's economy is steadily advancing, providing sustained strong impetus for global economic development. Over the years, China's contribution to world economic growth has stayed at around 30 percent. In 2023, China's economy showed positive

overall growth, with a year-

China the most trustworthy partner

on-year increase of 5.2 percent in the world. in GDP. It has been repeatedly emphasized by international media outlets that China's economic growth rate was among the top in the world's major economies.

According to the World Bank's latest Global Economic Prospects report, driven by China's economic recovery, the economic growth in East Asia and the Pacific region is projected to increase from 3.4 percent in 2022 to 5.1 percent in 2023.

China has established sound and solid fundamentals in terms of the industrial base, production factors and innovation capacity. The conditions supporting high-quality development continue to gather and increase. The overall trend of long-term growth will not change.

Saadia Zahidi, managing director of the WEF, noted that China's healthy economic development brings very positive spillover effects to other parts

China remains firmly committed to opening up, and continues to create favorable conditions for the world to share in its opportunities. China is a major trading partner of over 140 countries and regions, with the overall tariff level cut to 7.3 percent, relatively on par with the developed members in the World Trade Organization.

Currently, global demand remains insufficient, and the market is the scarcest resource. The Chinese market, with its vast space and growing depth, will play an important role in boosting aggregate global demand.

China warmly welcomes foreign companies to continue investing in China and strives to create a first-class business environment that is marketoriented, law-based, and internationalized. China will steadily expand institutional opening up, continue to shorten the negative list for foreign investment, follow through on

removing all restrictions on access for foreign investment in the manufacturing sector, and guarantee national treatment for foreign businesses.

According to the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, the return on FDI in the Chinese mainland had been around 9.1 percent over the past five years, while in Europe and the United States, it was around 3 percent. The facts have already proven and will continue to prove that choosing the Chinese market is not a risk but an opportunity.

China advocates for a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization and continues to contribute wisdom to improving global economic governance.

Economic globalization is an inherent requirement of developing productive forces, a natural result of scientific and technological advancement, a sure path to human progress and more importantly, an irreversible trend of the times.

In order to promote economic globalization for the greater benefit of people around the world, China advocates for a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization. A universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization means meeting the common needs of all countries, especially the developing countries, properly addressing the development imbalances between and within countries resulting from the global allocation of resources.

It is important for the international community to resolutely oppose the attempt to roll back globalization and abuse the concept of security, oppose all forms of unilateralism and protectionism, firmly promote trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, overcome the structural problems hindering the healthy development of the world economy, and make economic globalization more open, inclusive, balanced and benefi-

In response to the prominent challenges facing the global economy, China advocates for strengthening coordination of macroeconomic policies, enhancing international division of labor and cooperation, promoting international scientific and technological exchanges and cooperation, fostering collaboration in green development, and strengthening North-South and South-South cooperation. These proposals provide practical and feasible solutions for rebuilding trust in the international community

Only when all sides treat each other with sincerity and work in the same direction can there be a stronger foundation of trust and more fruits of cooperation. While focusing on effectively managing its own affairs, China will uphold solidarity, cooperation, openness, and sharing, and work together with all parties to improve global economic governance, so as to promote the steady and sustainable recovery of the world economy.

People's Daily



Simba SC footballers chat when the outfit took part in one of this season's CAF Champions League ties in Dar es Salaam.

Simba SC discloses dates for NBC PL preparations

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

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PLAYERS of the NBC Premier League outfit- Simba SC- are currently enjoying a break until January 25, when they will report back to the outfit's camp and begin preparations for a critical stretch of upcoming fixtures.

The team faces crucial challenges in both the NBC Premier League and the CAF Champions League, requiring it to hit the ground running upon its return.

According to the club's Media and Communication Manager Ahmed Ally, all players- including those newly signed during the January transfer windowwill be back on the training field on January 25.

"We trust in God that our team will return and begin training again on January 25," Ahmed noted.

The official disclosed: "Our new players are eager to contribute and serve Simba SC with dedication."

One of the most pressing matches on the horizon is the CAF Champions League Group B clash against ASEC Mimosas, set for February 23, 2024, in Ivory Coast.

Simba SC is currently placed second in Group B of the CAF Champions League with five points from four games. The Msimbazi Street club will be looking forward to securing wins in the remaining matches to book a place in the quarterfinals.

This pivotal encounter comes shortly after the conclusion of the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations, further intensifying the need for efficient preparation.

The Msimbazi Street-based side currently sits third in the NBC Premier League after featuring in 10 games, boasting a solid record of seven wins, two

during the mini transfer window swirled but, instead, Simba SC chose to part ways with Zambian forward Moses Phiri- who has joined Power Dynamos.

Congolese attacker Jean Baleke, who returned to DR Congo soccer powerhouse TP Mazembe, has also parted ways with the side.

Ivorian winger Aubin Kramo remains on the outfit's foreign players' roster for the time being.

Ntibazonkiza's original contract was due to expire at the end of January, but his impressive performances and Benchikha's confidence have secured him a new deal. He joined Simba SC during the January window last season, signing a one-year contract.

Further bolstering the squad is the anticipated arrival of new striker Fredy Michael Kouablan.

Coming from Zambia Super League outfit Green Eagles FC, Kouablan arrives with a formidable reputation.

The baller has netted 14 goals and provided four assists in just 18 games across all competitions this season.

Simba SC's fans eagerly await his contributions, hoping he can fill the void left by Baleke's return to

SPORTS

Five things learned from Tanzania vs Zambia clash in 2023 AFCON

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA took on neighbours Zambia in a 2023 Africa Cup of Nations Group F match at the San Pedro Stadium, Ivory Coast on Sunday evening.

It was a tie that was a must-win for both sides. A win against Zambia would have helped Taifa Stars cancel out the huge opening match disappointment against Morocco, but a draw with Zambia means Taifa Stars are still not entirely out of the tournament.

Zambia was held to a 1-1 draw by DR Congo in their first group game, with Kings Kangwa scoring for Zambia 23 minutes into the match before Yoane Wissa leveled the scoreboard for DR Congo five minutes later.

On Sunday, Tanzania had led in the 11th minute when Simon Msuva punished some sloppy play shown by Zambia with a powerful strike.

Zambia's problems grew worse when midfielder Rodrick Kabwe earned a second yellow card just before halftime.

Striker Patson Daka, who also features for Leicester City FC, headed in an 88th-minute equalizer as 10-man Zambia salvaged a hard-earned point at the death to deny Tanzania a firstever Africa Cup of Nations win.

An underwhelming performance in the dying minutes meant the game finished one-all to deny Tanzania a historic win.

Tanzania's soccer enthusiasts, nevertheless, have learned a handful of issues from the African Cup of Nations affair.

Taifa Stars fail to capitalise on numerical advantage

Zambia captain Kabwe's red card was supposed to be the game's turning point. It offered Tanzania a numerical advantage.

With the extra man, Tanzania was supposed to be on top for much of the second half. Contrary to expectations, it was Zambia who looked more enterprising in the second half.

One would understand fans who were frustrated and disappointed with



Tanzania's senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' skipper, Mbwana Samatta, dribbles past Morocco's player as the squads locked horns in a Group F encounter of the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations that was held in Ivory Coast on January 17. Morocco beat Taifa Stars 3-0. PHOTO: **COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION**

kicking themselves for not taking advantage of the golden opportunity that fell for them late in the first

Mbwana Samatta is wasted out wide

Tanzania's skipper Mbwana Samatta currently has two goals in his last 25 appearances for his country- a scarv statistic for a striker of his caliber.

It is no coincidence the PAOK Thessaloniki forward excels for Taifa Stars, by playing more centrally he can make the most of his goal-scoring instincts.

At Taifa Stars, he is used wide on the right of a front three, giving him few shooting chances with his stronger right foot, and often forcing him to play almost as a midfielder.

This, of course, stems from a variety of places. Samatta is known to be an attacker who likes to pick the ball up from deeper positions.

When retrieving the ball from these areas, he is often unable to utilize another attacking option. Pairing Samatta in an attacking pair with Msuva is

an option for interim head coach Hemed Morocco.

Decision-making not up to scratch

Interim head coach Hemed Suleiman 'Morocco' has pinpointed his side's concentration lapse as the main reason for the disappointing draw against Zambia.

That is true but the team would hardly have been forced to defend a 1-0 lead if they had made good decisions in the final third.

Tanzania struggled to create clear-cut chances and, once again, conceded from a set-piece, with Daka blasting one into the top corner with a header to equalize for Zambia.

Zambia had more clear-cut chances and could the results. In truth, Taifa Stars will be have punished Taifa Stars with a little bit of improved

finishing.

On the other side, Tanzania got into good forward spots but was let down by poor decisionmaking.

Taifa Stars might have had a second goal when left fullback Mohamed Hussein's cross deflected off Zambia's Frankie Musonda and bounced narrowly wide, while substitute Morice Abraham brought a good save from Zambia goalkeeper Lawrence Mulenga.

Ibrahim Hamad 'Bacca' is at his peak

He was Tanzania's best defender in the evening once again. The Young Africans SC center-back was invariably in the right place all the time to snuff out any threat in his near vicinity.

'Bacca' did not put a foot wrong in defense, winning all his five ground duels. He also made some important tackles and clearances, helping Hussein deal with the trickery of Zambia winger Lameck Banda.

Msuva's shooting prowess

Msuva's shot was still rising as it found the top corner. It was typical of Msuva's smart finish that gave Zambia goalkeeper Mulenga no chance.

He may not have the dribbling skills of Samatta and his pace gone but one thing that has not deserted him is the shooting technique.

'Debts and need to balance books forced sales of top players'

draws, and one defeat.

Maintaining this success while navigating the CAF Champions League demands will be a key test for the team's resilience and adaptability.

Meanwhile, exciting news emerges for Simba SC fans with the expected renewal of attacking midfielder Saidi Ntibazonkiza's contract.

Head coach Abdelhak Benchikha's strong recommendation played a crucial role in the club's decision to extend Ntibazonkiza's stay with the Msimbazi Street club.

Rumours of the Burundian footballer's departure

TP Mazembe.

With an intensive schedule and high expectations on the horizon, Simba SC's return to training promises to be an exciting and pivotal moment for the club's aspirations.

The dedication and skill of both established stars and newly signed footballers will be key factors in determining the side's success in the coming months.

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"We are focusing on bringing all talented students to be obtained from various regions to

Meanwhile, Muheza Member of Parliament

Hamisi Mwinjuma, last week, launched a soccer

league in the constituency to motivate and

will start operating as of February 1."

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nurture soccer talents.

SINGIDA Fountain Gate FC has revealed that financial constraints have prompted the outfit to sell key players to raise funds to settle former players so it can have the ban imposed by FIFA lifted.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

The world football body had banned the NBC Premier League squad for failure to settle several foreign players that were offloaded.

The club had earlier been on a spending spree- signing top players from across East Africa and other parts of the continent for big-money deals- but it appears the huge outlay has caught up with the outfit.

Singida Fountain Gate FC's ban came about following the side's failure to clear the dues of Ugandan left-back Shafik Batambuze that was left by the outfit.

It is among many other bans the club has faced this season due to its failure to adhere to contractual agreements with coaches and players it has parted ways with.

Singida Fountain Gate FC has been forced to either part ways with or loan out several valuable players without distracting the team's rhythm and quality in the ongoing season after evaluation with the technical bench.

The squad had confirmed to have offloaded Togolese international Marouf Tchakei, Nigerian midfielder Morice Chukwu, and Kenyan trio- Elvis Rupia, Duke Abuya, and Joash Onyango.

All these players have joined Ihefu SC in the mid-season transfer window, less than six months after joining the Singida-based club.

Rupia, the top goal scorer in the previous season's FKF Premier League with a record 27 goals, recently displayed his quality for Singida Fountain Gate FC in the Mapinduzi Cup, which was played in Zanzibar and saw him emerge as the top goal scorer with five goals.

Forward Meddie Kagere was sent to Namungo FC on loan, and left-back Gadiel Michael has joined South Africa Premier League side Cape Town Spurs.

Center-back Mukrim Issa and goalkeeper Abubakar Khomeiny have also been offloaded, with all of these moves having been done to raise a substantial amount of money to pay debts.



Singida Fountain Gate FC's Media Officer, Hussein Masanza. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SINGIDA FOUNTAIN GATE FC

However, just under five months since the mentioned players had all made their debut for the club, they have now become surplus to requirements.

Hussein Masanza, Singida Fountain Gate FC's information officer, noted while the outfit wanted to keep them, it was left with no option given it currently owes a lot of money to former players who took it to FIFA, leading to a transfer ban.

Masanza told The Guardian: "It was all purely business, we have some valuable players in the squad who we thought can help us sort our financial problems and we decided to offload them."

The official revealed: "We have many debts and as it is, we are currently under a transfer ban and cannot register any players. We want our club to be sustainable and that is why we took this decision."

"It was not an easy decision but it is the best for our club to avoid further punishment from FIFA. As it is, we have five former players who we owe money and they have taken us to FIFA," the official noted.

Masanza also admitted the club had a bloated squad that

needed trimming.

"We also have a big squad after our recent big spending. We have about 40 players and we thought instead of offloading so many, we should sell just a few valuable ones who will help us balance the books," he said.

The official revealed: "It was not easy to let them go. We had to convince the coach to accept. There was great demand for them, Simba SC wanted some of them but Ihefu SC came with a big offer and we took the opportunity."

Sports talent search programme launched in Tanga

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Muheza

VETERAN sports journalist Michael Maurus has introduced a sports program dubbed 'Sports Talent Search' to unearth and develop soccer talent.

Maurus said he has collaborated with Idd Kipingu, a former teacher for Dar es Salaam's Makongo Secondary School, to set up the initiative.

He said he is looking forward to making youths recognize that they can use their talents to earn a living.

"I have for most of my career recognized that many talented youths in rural areas in Tanzania have not been much considered compared to their counterparts in urban areas," Maurus disclosed.

The journalist noted: "Many talent developers have been establishing sports centers in towns."

"Having recognized that, I came up with this idea to search for soccer talents upcountry, I started here in Muheza and, later on, I will go to other regions."

"The most encouraging aspect is I have already received invitations from Lake Zone regions to visit and search for talents," he stated.

Maurus explained that he and Kipingu have already agreed with CCM's Parents Wing, which owns Mbaramo Secondary School in Muheza township, to turn it into a vocational training center and talent development institution.

The journalists pointed out that all youths with various sports talents would be developed at the center, noting the school is currently not operating.

Maurus noted: "I would like to say that

We are focusing on bringing all talented students to be obtained from various regions to study here

SPORTS

"With humility we can compete" - Micha revels in seismic Cote d'Ivoire upset

ABIDJAN

EQUATORIAL Guinea coach Juan Micha described Monday's seismic 4-O TotalEnergies CAF Africa Cup of Nations win over tournament hosts Cote d'Ivoire as the result of carefully executed tactics and belief within his unfancied squad.

The minnows produced one of the greatest shocks in AFCON history by demolishing the star-studded Ivorians in Abidjan to remarkably top Group A.

A brilliant Emilio Nsue double along with sensational goals from Pablo Ganet and Jannick Buyla earned Micha's men a historic triumph.

The comprehensively outfoxed Ivorians crashed to their heaviest ever home defeat at the AFCON finals. And Micha felt executing the perfect gameplan enabled his team to pull off an upset for the ages.

"We knew the opponent had a lot of pressure on them which we took into account in our strategy," explained the Equatoguinean coach after the match. With our humility we made the effort to reach as far as possible against the big teams." Despite the remarkable result,

Micha insisted his upstarts remain

grounded and focused only on continual improvement.

"We are working to reach the level of the big guys. What we want is to believe in ourselves and try to win every time," he stated.

Micha did spare a thought for crestfallen hosts Cote d'Ivoire saying: "I am hurt because they are the organising country but it is football."

With top spot clinched, the manager stressed the need to quickly move on from their landmark triumph.

"We must forget this match and plan for the rest of the competition," Micha noted matter-of-factly.

The shock Group A winners will fancy their chances of continuing their giant-killing run when they meet one of the third-placed sides in the last 16 on Sunday.

On this evidence, Micha has constructed a tactically astute, defensively sound unit capable of testing Africa's elite.

While few observers gave them hope before the tournament began, Equatorial Guinea have emerged as the unlikely stars of AFCON 2023 so far.

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Egypt coach confirms Salah injury 'longer than first thought'

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EGYPT coach Rui Vitoria on Monday confirmed that the hamstring injury suffered by captain Mohamed Salah at the Africa Cup of Nations would require a longer recovery period than first suggested as the forward prepares to return to Liverpool to undergo treatment.

The Egyptian Football Association announced on Sunday that Salah would go back to England to continue his recovery from the injury suffered in last Thursday's 2-2 draw with Ghana in Ivory Coast.

After initially ruling him out for two games, they said the hope was that the 31-year-old would return for the AFCON semi-finals, should Egypt make it that far.

However, an Egypt team source said they expected him to be out for 10 to 14 days.

Earlier, the player's agent cast doubt even on that prospect in a post on X on Monday, just before the Pharaohs' crucial final Cup of Nations group match against Cape Verde.

"Mohamed's injury is more serious than first thought and he will be out for 21-28 days, and not two games," Ramy Abbas Issa wrote on X. "His best chance at participating in the current AECON is by undergo

"His best chance at participating in the current AFCON is by undergoing intensive rehabilitation in the UK and rejoining the team as soon as he is fit."

Speaking after the Cape Verde game, which the Egyptians drew 2-2 to qualify for the last 16 with Salah in attendance, Rui Vitoria said: "I want to take this opportunity to clarify things.

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EQUATORIAL Guinea pulled off one of the most stunning results in Africa Cup of Nations history on Monday by thrashing hosts Ivory Coast 4-0 to win Group A and secure a last-16 place.

They were joined in the knock-out phase by Nigeria, surprise Group B table-toppers Cape Verde and record seven-time champions Egypt.

Nigeria beat Guinea-Bissau 1-0 to finish runners-up behind Equatorial Guinea and a dramatic 2-2 draw between Cape Verde and Egypt took both through.

Ghana conceded two goals in added time to only draw 2-2 with Mozambique and, with only two points, may not be among the four best third-placed teams that also qualify and could be eliminated on Tuesday.

Ranked 39 places lower than their rivals in the world, Equatorial Guinea ripped the Ivorian defence apart in the second half after leading 1-0 at half-time.

Emilio Nsue took his goals tally to five with a brace and Pablo Ganet and Jannick Buyla also netted for a nation which often boxes above its weight in the tournament, first held in 1957.

"We knew that our opponents were under pressure and we took that into account when putting our strategy in place," said Equatorial Guinea coach Juan Micha. "With humility, we are making an effort to reach as far as possible. We are working to reach the level of the big guys. "Regarding Ivory Coast, I am hurt



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lvory Coast were humbled on home turf . AFP

because it is the organising country, but it is football. We must forget this match and plan for the rest of the competition." with Ivory Coast coach lean-Louis Gas-

of our state of mind, when I see the players in the dressing room crying, it hurts me.

"We tried, we gave everything I think. When you have a scenario like that, bordering on a nightmare, there's not much you can say or do." Captain Nsue and many of his teammates play in Europe with lower-division clubs.

Equatorial Guinea also make extensive use of the rule that allows footballers with a parent or grandparent born in the central African nation to represent it.

Seventeen of the 27-man squad were born in Spain, including Nsue, whose professional career includes stints in Spain, England, Cyprus as

well as Bosnia and Herzegovina. In three previous appearances, including one as hosts and one as co-hosts with Gabon, Equatorial Guinea have reached the semi-finals once and quarter-finals twice.

Despite that impressive record, they were given little chance against Ivory Coast, widely regarded as one of the favourites to win the African showpiece.

The humiliated Ivorians finished third and could still squeeze into the round of 16 as one of the four best third-placed teams.

They will probably know their fate only on Wednesday after the final group games, and be pinning their survival hopes on wins for Mali, South Africa, Morocco and Democratic Republic of Congo.

Should those four sides secure maximum points, Ivory Coast would probably scrape through to the knockout stage. There was no hint of the drama to come during the first half with Equatorial Guinea content to sit back and soak up Ivorian pressure that petered out when they came within sight of the goal.

Then, three minutes before halftime, the home crowd were silenced as Nsue, 34, followed up a hat-trick against Guinea-Bissau by putting the National Thunder ahead. Ibrahim Sangare and Jean-Philippe Krasso put the ball in the net either side of half-time for the home nation, but both goals were disallowed by VAR for offside.

Equatorial Guinea then scored twice within two minutes through Ganet and Nsue to take a three-goal lead and trigger an exodus from the stadium of disbelieving Ivorian supporters.

Ganet brilliantly converted a free-kick from just outside the area on 73 minutes and Nsue fired past goalkeeper Yahia Fofana from close range.

Ivory Coast kept creating and wasting chances before Buyla completed the darkest day in Ivorian football history with an 88th-minute goal.

A spectacular own goal by Opa Sangante on 36 minutes gave Nigeria a 1-0 win over Guinea-Bissau in Abidjan, and second place behind Equatorial Guinea on goal difference.

Mohamed Salah-less Egypt trailed and led against Cape Verde in Abidjan before Bryan Teixeira scored nine minutes into added time to snatch a 2-2 draw for the island nation. *AFP*

Afcon 2023: The African footballers putting their hearts on the line

By Piers Edwards – BBC Football writer

ONE player was a notable absentee during Zambia's first two games at the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations, but Enock Mwepu's non-selection had nothing to do with his abilities.

Instead, it was because the midfielder, who captained his country in their first two qualifiers in June 2022, had been forced to retire from football after being diagnosed with a hereditary cardiac condition.

In September that year, he had fallen ill in Mali with tests upon his return to his then club, Premier League side Brighton, delivering the worst outcome for the then 24-yearlife by taking to the field, as the defender had been effectively kicked out of the Malian league in 2022 after mandatory pre-season medical checks revealed his condition.

His death, aged just 21, prompted former Ivory Coast captain Didier Drogba to issue a plea on behalf of all players in his homeland's local league system after its third heartrelated death since 2019.

"Condolences to Ivorian football... 3 deaths of players in the Ivorian pro league in less than 4 years...," Drogba posted on X, then known as Twitter. "When will there be compulsory medical examinations for "professional" players?... Blood test,

sports events".

The other primary issue is the refusal of some players with heart issues to heed medical advice.

South African doctor Lervasen Pillay is someone who knows this only too well, having had to advise five different footballers to quit because of heart-related problems. "It's never an easy conversation, because someone has been doing this job for 10-15 years and now you've given him news to say, 'Listen, you can't do this anymore, you need to make a plan B'," Dr Pillay told BBC Sport Africa. "Most footballers have not established a Plan B by the time they're 25, and the conversation often

*Access to the right support

In a bid to reduce the number of tragic incidents that have rocked the sport, the Confederation of African Football conducts mandatory tests before major international tournaments, as does Fifa.

Fifa recommends that every school, club and organisation involved in football has an emergency plan in place to deal with a collapsed player.

Following Sylla's death, his sister Bintou Sylla told BBC Sport Africa that the medical support given to her brother following his collapse was inadequate.

"Mohamed Salah has an injury, which we learned before this game was a longer-term injury than we first thought, so we have had to prolong the amount of time before he can play again."

"Before the game we did not want to say anything. Meanwhile, everything was in the control of our excellent medical team," he said, indicating that it made sense for Salah to go back to Liverpool given the Egyptian squad will now be leaving Abidjan in any case to play a last-16 tie in the city of San-Pedro.

"Given we were going to have to travel, given the temperatures, given that we were going to be going to a different city, maybe it makes sense that Salah should have a place he can go to recover as quickly as possible," he said, while expressing annoyance at Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp.

"We didn't want to alarm anyone. I didn't think it was right for Liverpool, via any intermediary, to speak about this, because we had a tremendously important game today," he said after Klopp suggested on Sunday that Salah would return to Anfield for treatment.

"Salah has always been with us. Now this game is over we will find the best solution for the treatment of the player. These are the facts. This is the situation," said the Egypt coach.

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Nigeria not worried about lack of goals after reaching AFCON last 16

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NIGERIA star Moses Simon dismissed concerns about the Super Eagles' misfiring attack after they needed an own goal to beat minnows Guinea-Bissau 1-0 and secure a place in the last 16 of the Africa Cup of Nations.

"We don't care if we score 20 goals, the most important thing for us is the victory," Nantes forward Simon said after collecting his award for man of the match.

The only goal of Monday's encounter at the Felix Houphouet Boigny Stadium in Abidjan came in the 36th minute, as a low cross by Simon was emphatically turned into his own net by defender Opa Sangante, who had Victor Osimhen lurking behind him.

The result took the Super Eagles through to the last 16 in second place in Group A with seven points, behind Equatorial Guinea whose 4-0 destruction of hosts Ivory Coast left them with a far better goal difference.

Nigeria's domination had been sterile before the goal came, but they should have added to their lead after the break.

African player of the year Osimhen and substitute Zaidu Sanusi both had goals disallowed for offside in the second half, while Calvin Bassey had a penalty appeal turned down and Ola Aina blasted a good chance over.

"The main point is that we conceded no goals and we scored one. If we keep doing that we can reach the final," insisted coach Jose Peseiro, whose team were the top scorers in qualifying for the tournament with 22 goals in six games. **AFP**

old.

The Seagulls said Mwepu would be at an "extremely high risk of suffering a potentially fatal cardiac event" if he continued playing.

"It is a terrible blow for Enock, but he has to put his health and his family first," Brighton's head of medicine said at the time. "This is the right choice, however difficult it is to quit the game he loves."

Yet it is not a decision that all African footballers in Mwepu's position have made.

Just two months ago, former Ghana international Raphael Dwamena died after collapsing on the pitch in Albania, having chosen to play on after removing an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD), fitted in 2020, that could have prevented his fatal heart attack.

Manchester United midfielder Christian Eriksen had a similar device fitted after collapsing while playing for Denmark at Euro 2020. One of Dwamena's former clubs, FC Zurich, first discovered his heart issues in 2017 and were advised by various specialists and cardiologists that he could continue - which he did - with the Swiss Super League side always ensuring they had a mobile defibrillator pitch-side in case of emergency. But there was no such provision at Albanian side Egnatia

FC, who were contacted in vain by the BBC but who told the Athletic last year that they were happy for Dwamena to play "so long as all the tests were done by the club".

*Knowing the risks

Sadly, the former Black Stars striker was not the only African to die on the pitch last year.

Moustapha Sylla passed away in March last year while playing for top-flight side Racing Club d'Abidjan in Ivory Coast, the country currently hosting the ongoing Africa Cup of Nations.

Like Dwamena, Sylla would also have been aware he was risking his

ECG [Echocardiogram], stress tests? When will sports medicine arrive?"

With at least two dozen African footballers known to have died of heart-related issues over the years, Drogba's attitude about needing more stringent medical provisions for cardiac issues is one with which another ex-Chelsea star agrees.

"I played in Europe several times and I know that when you sign the contract, you have to pass a medical control," said Geremi, a former Cameroon international who is now a players' union representative. We have to implement that here in Africa."

While this does happen in some African clubs, it does not happen all over - one reason for Drogba's plea.

Like Geremi, who lost team-mate Marc-Vivien Foe on the pitch in 2003, Drogba also lost an international team-mate to a heart issue in Cheick Tiote, an African champion in 2015 and a man with whom he shared the pitch on dozens of occasions.

*Listening to the medics

One major issue is that the African heart is believed to be more susceptible to cardiac problems, with a medical research team backed by world governing body Fifa determining, in 2009, that "black African athletes seem to have an increased risk of adverse cardiac events during

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boils down to that exact question: 'What am I going to do if I stop playing football?'

For Dr Pillay, it is hard to watch when players who have been told not to play stick to Plan A despite knowing the dangers.

"When you see the guy's name on the starting line-up you cringe - and if it's going to be a televised match, I'll change the channel," he said.

One patient, who cannot be named without breaching confidentiality rules, died two years after he failed to heed Dr Pillay, leaving the latter "depressed for a while".

"If you find someone with a cardiac problem, then ensure your medical care around that - so (that) you have things like automatic external defibrillators around, access to hospitals and emergency vehicles, because if you don't have them, you are creating a problem."

While FC Zurich took precisely that action in relation to Dwamena, many other clubs have not.

There have been notable incidents in the past where basic medical provisions are not available in African grounds, such as when local Nigerian footballer Chineme Martins died in 2020 following a catalogue of failures. Both Racing Club and the Ivorian football federation did not respond to the BBC's requests to comment on Sylla's death and its surrounding factors.

He died at the Robert Champroux Stadium in Abidjan, Ivory Coast's largest city which is hosting matches in two different stadiums - the Felix Houphouet-Boigny and the Alassane Ouattara - during the Nations Cup.

But in contrast to local Ivorian league matches, there is plenty of medical support provided during Africa's biggest sporting event, with pitch-side care as well as ambulances, helicopters and nearby hospitals all on standby.

Some see a clear contrast between the way in which international and local players are looked after.

"They must have access to the same medical support," Bintou Sylla said. "Because it is the lives of children that are in play here. So they really must review the medical assistance in Ivorian clubs. We don't need another player to suffer."

Given the heartbreak suffered by so many, Mwepu - who may be finding it difficult following Zambia's progress at their first Nations Cup finals since 2015 - can at least take solace in knowing that, however hard his decision to quit, it is one that could well have saved his life.



Mayele foresees a grueling tie between DR Congo and Tanzania



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Why Taifa Stars coach remains confident after Zambia setback

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's senior national soccer team interim head coach Hemed Suleiman has candidly reflected on the recent draw against Zambia in the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations, attributing the outcome to a momentary lapse in concentration.

In a game that held high stakes for both teams, Tanzania seized an early advantage. Simon Msuva, assisted by Mbwana Samatta, found the back of the net in the 11th minute, setting a positive tone for the Taifa Stars.

However, as the match progressed, Suleiman observed a shift in his team's focus.

"It was a difficult match. We started well by trying to push them. Then we quickly scored in the first quarter of an hour. But unfortunately, we were already trying to manage the match in the first half," he explained.

Suleiman's insights point to an overemphasis on defense following their early lead, a strategy that may have inadvertently allowed Zambia to regain footing.

The interim head coach noted: "I knew this team. We followed them and analyzed them well. In football, teams with 10 players are often more dangerous.'

"We lacked concentration. Which cost us a goal in the last minute," he added, highlighting the unexpected resilience shown by Zambia, even after captain Roderick Kabwe's red card just before halftime.

Despite being reduced to 10 men, Zambia's Chipolopolo demonstrated remarkable grit.

Forward Patson Daka's equalizer in the dying minutes of the match was a testament to their tenacity, bringing the score level and blunting Tanzania's early momentum.

Looking ahead, Tanzania faces a crucial encounter against DR Congo in their last group match at Amadou Gon Coulibaly Stadium today.

With a point already in their kitty, a victory in this

Taifa Stars players plot DR Congo downfall in 2023 AFCON

By Correspondent Seth Mapol

TANZANIA's national football team, Taifa Stars, is set to face DR Congo in a crucial last clash of Group F of the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals taking place in Ivory Coast, today.

The match, slated to kick off at 11 pm EAT, will be held at the Amadou Gon Coulibaly Stadium in Korhogo.

Taifa Stars' chances of qualifying for the showdown's round of 16 will depend on the outcome of the other Group F match, which will see Zambia take on Morocco in San-Pédro at the same time.

Currently, Morocco leads the group with four points, followed by DR Congo and Zambia which have been tied on two points apiece, then followed by the bottomplaced Tanzania with one point.

Taifa Stars' interim head coach Hemed Suleiman targets improvement as the gaffer admitted that lack of concentration cost the team when it took on Zambia, with the two squads sharing the spoils with a 1-1 draw.

Suleiman, however, expressed confidence in his squad's ability to bounce back in today's duel against DR Congo.

"We started well, but unfortu- mistakes," the footballer said. nately, we were already trying to manage the match in the first half, which allowed Zambia to equalize," Suleiman noted. "We have learned from our mis-



Tanzania's senior national football team interim head coach Hemed Suleiman 'Morocco' (C), and his assistant Juma Mgunda (L), chat with the team's captain Mbwana Samatta when it was taking part in training in Ivory Coast early this week to shape up for the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations Group F ties. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Midfielder Feisal Salum 'Fei Toto' re- sion to the group stage.

two teams strive to secure their progres-

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

FORMER Yanga striker Fiston Mayele, who features for the DR Congo national team, emphasized that today's 2023 Africa Cup of Nations match between the squad and Tanzania would not be easy, treating it as a crucial final.

Mayele, presently with Egypt's Pyramids FC, shared his perspective following two group stage games which witnessed his team amass one point in the encounters, drawing 1-1 against both Zambia and Morocco.

Acknowledging that the two points earned are insufficient for the side to stay within reach of the knockout stage, Mayele expressed confidence in facing Tanzania, considering the competitiveness of Morocco and Zambia.

Having played successfully in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League season, Mayele, the top goal scorer with 17 goals, anticipates a challenging game against familiar opponents.

Mayele stressed the importance of entering today's match with respect for their opponents while emphasizing their preparedness to fight for their country's qualification into the last 16.

Notably, the DR Congo squad so far features two players who play in Africa at the club level, with centerback Henock Inonga at Simba SC in Tanzania and Mayele at Egypt's Pyramids FC.

In the 2023 AFCON, Inonga started in both two group-stage matches but suffered an injury in the second game against Morocco, and Mayele made a valuable contribution as a substitute in securing the 1-1 draw against Morocco.

Given his experience in Tanzanian football, Mayele predicts a tough and fast-paced game, highlighting the familiarity between the neighbouring nations from the East and Central Africa region.

In Group F's current standings, Morocco leads with four points from two matches. Following closely is DR Congo in second place with two points, while Zambia- occupying third place- shares the same points tally with DR Congo but has an inferior goal difference.

Tanzania holds the fourth spot, having earned one point from clashes against Zambia and Morocco.

Despite Tanzania's initial defeat to Morocco and a dramatic draw against Zambia in their second group stage match, they are optimistic about advancing to the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations round of 16 with a victory against DR Congo today. The imminent confrontations within the group will undoubtedly highlight the resilience and determination of the involved teams, providing an engaging spectacle for fans and adding an extra layer of anticipation to the unfolding competition. The upcoming Taifa Stars versus DR Congo match is a must-watch for African football enthusiasts, as it brings together two nations familiar with each other.

fixture could secure them a spot in the knockout stages.

Understanding the stakes, Suleiman has promised a more concentrated effort.

"We were going for three points but we are going to take the point. It's football. We have a young team that continues to learn and progress game after game," Suleiman noted.

"Some players fell physically today but we will work on that. And certainly in the next match, we will be even better," he stressed.



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takes and are now fully focused on winning the last match. We believe in our team's ability, and we are determined to make our fans proud," he added. Taifa Stars players have vowed to

work hard despite facing a tough challenge and securing a victory against DR Congo. The Tanzania squad's forward

Simon Msuva acknowledged the difficulty of the match but emphasized that anything is possible in football.

"We are sad after failing to win against Zambia, but that is not the end of the road. We still have another match that will decide our fate. Our target is to win the encounter," Msuva revealed. Left-back Mohammed Hussein

echoed Msuva's sentiments and stressed the importance of avoiding the mistakes made in the previous match against Zambia. "It will be a crucial match for us.

We need to be very keen and avoid

Flexibles by David Chikoko

mains optimistic despite the disappointing draw against Zambia and believes the team is focused on today's match against DR Congo.

"It is part of the game. We made mistakes and got punished in the last minutes. I believe the technical bench will rectify all and win the last match against DR Congo,' Salum said.

The clash between Taifa Stars and DR Congo promises to be a thrilling encounter with both teams fighting for their AFCON dreams.

The outcome of the match will have a significant impact on the final standings in Group F and determine which teams will advance to the knockout stages.

Morocco has emerged as the undeniable front-runner in Group F as they garnered a 3-0 victory in their first match against Tanzania.

The Atlas Lions later on were held to a 1-1 draw by DR Congo in their second group stage encounter, positioning themselves as the group leaders with 4 points.

In the fierce battle for the second qualifying spot, both DR Congo and Zambia are vying for supremacy, with DR Congo slightly edging ahead owing to their superior goal difference.

This intensifies the competition as the

While the Taifa Stars remain mathematically in contention, their path to the next stage is narrow.

To keep their hopes alive, they must secure a crucial victory against DR Congo and rely on a favourable outcome in Morocco versus Zambia clash.

Morocco's stellar performance has not only solidified their standing as group leaders but has also set the stage for a compelling narrative as they aim to maintain their dominance in subsequent matches.

As the tournament unfolds, the dynamics of Group F promise further excitement and unpredictability, with each team fighting fervently to secure a coveted spot in the next phase.

The impending clashes in the group will undoubtedly showcase the resilience and determination of the teams involved, creating an engaging spectacle for fans and adding an extra layer of anticipation to the unfolding competition.

Today's match between Taifa Stars and DR Congo is a must-watch for fans of African football.

The result will have a major impact on the outcome of Group F and will determine which teams will continue their AF-CON journey.

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In their two previous meetings, DR Congo secured a 3-0 victory in World Cup qualifiers, while the other clash witnessed a draw.

The outcome will significantly influence the Group F standings and determine the teams that will advance further in their 2023 AFCON journey.