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## Government initiates tender for D'Salaam port operating firm

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

TENDER procedures to obtain a competent global investor to take lead of operations at the port of Dar es Salaam have started.

Prof Makame Mbarawa (pictured), the Works and Transport minister, affirmed this to the National Assembly late on Tuesday when wrapping up debate of the ministry's estimates for fiscal 2023/24.

The shift is expected to increase customs collections from the current 7.56trn/- to 26.7trn/- by 2030, he said, hinting that the ministry will in the next financial year start building Bagamoyo port.

It will have capacity to host large ships, thus assuring the country an influx of shipping vessels as Africa trade needs expand, he said, acknowledging the advice issued by MPs and other stakeholders on the issues.

He particularly cited MPs' remarks on the importance of attracting investors to run operations at the Dar es Salaam port through public private partnership (PPP) contracts, to improve performance and revenue collection from the port.

Any investor interested in taking part in port operations will have to meet

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# Army plots being mapped to end occupancy tensions



Chief of Defence Forces General Jacob John Mkunda salutes as National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson introduces him to legislators shortly before Defence and National Service minister Innocent Bashungwa tabled his ministry's Budget estimates for financial year 2023/2024 in the House in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

ALL land allocated to the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) is being surveyed and verified for issuance of title deeds to curb instances of contention between local residents and army camps in various areas.

Defence and National Service minister Innocent Bashungwa told the legislature yesterday that conflicts between military camps and local residents are among challenges that need concrete measures to enable a smooth operational environment for the military.

"So far the strategy has been implemented by 71.48 percent by reviewing, surveying and measuring the army's plots countrywide," he said.

Other top priorities in the fiscal 2023/24 estimates set at 2.99trn/- are to strengthen the military with modern tools and equipment, communications and human resources. Strengthening infrastructures in border camps is also planned, he said.

He lauded President Samia Suluhu Hassan for prioritising defense and security by timely affairs through issuance of funds and ensuring that the country is peaceful, pointing at operations to deal with terrorism.

He expressed delight at the pace of construction of defense headquarters in Kikombo vicinity of the country's capital, ensuring transportation of retired officers and boosting the supply of vehicles for officers.

The president had similarly supervised

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## VPO rolling out 'Sustain' ecosystem balance drive

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

A PROJECT for environmental management by involving local communities in ecosystem oversight, titled 'Sustain' is being rolled out with Swedish assistance.

Abdallah Mitawe (pictured), the Vice President's Office deputy permanent secretary launched the project, expressing gratitude to the government of Sweden for sponsoring the project, urging its proper implementation.

In the presence of senior officials of the Prime Minister's Office, the Vice President's Office and the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments (PO-RALG) and the Swedish embassy, he said Tanzania is among countries that to a great extent have been affected by environmental degradation due to human activities.

The launching ceremony here yesterday was attended by various stakeholders like non-governmental organisations (NGOs) involved in environmental conservation, institutions listed for project implementation and a range of farmers from participating regions.

Charles Oluchina, regional operations



director for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), along with the Netherlands development agency (SNV) and the Africa Wildlife Fund (AWF).

The three year project will be implemented in Morogoro, Rukwa and Katavi regions, with planned activities including mobilising people to use available natural resources to fight the effects of climate change, he said.

People will be mobilised to engage in various conservation activities including tree planting and beekeeping, he said, noting that for a start, Sweden has allocated \$4.5m (10bn/-).

"The project is essential for this period as the environment was rapidly degrading owing to wanton tree cutting, firewood and charcoal making, contributing to resource conflicts," he said.

Charlotta Macias, the resident Swedish ambassador, said that Sweden was sponsoring the project on the basis of Tanzania-Sweden ties that have existed for over 60 years.

There are essential living organisms disappearing due to environmental destruction arising from human activities even in marine environments, she stated.

Many environmental conflicts arise from the rising world population, cutting trees that in turn contribute to the loss of essential biodiversity, the envoy explained.

Apart from assisting development projects, Sweden has also been providing assistance for projects relating to democracy and freedom of expression, she stated.

Tanzania loses upwards of 490,000 hectares of woodland from expanding farms, charcoal making and at times open grazing space, official statistics indicate.

## Meeting with ministers uplifts sunflower mood

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THREE ministers have met with businessmen in Dar es Salaam and set strategies on how to increase the

production of cooking oil.

Investment, Industry, Trade minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji, Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe and the Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba attended

the meeting, which Dr Kijaji opened.

She said the meeting aims at getting ideas from traders on how to improve oil production in the country, noting that the

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Wentworth Africa Foundation president Barbara McBean (C) joins students of Dar es Salaam's Mwanagati Secondary School in celebrations earlier this week shortly after the foundation extended sanitary pads in assistance to 530 of the students. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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the strengthening of defence collaboration with Algeria, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Spain, Indonesia, Israel, the Czech Republic, Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Holland, Britain and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), he elaborated.

For the year 2022/23 the state of the country's borders which stretches to 5,461.20km of land next to eight countries and an expansive Indian Ocean exclusive zone to the vicinity of the Seychelles and Comoros was calm.

There were no security threats among countries that share a border with Tanzania, he stated, noting that during the current financial year the military managed to implement various projects including military training, caring for military equipment and health services.

Collaboration with other countries, participation of the army in sports and environmental conservation were also part of its preoccupations, he said, underlining that the army plans to purchase weapons and military equipment aligned with more recent technological and communication advancement.

That is required to improve TPDF's working environment and strengthen the country's security, the minister declared, highlighting that the government expects to

make substantial investments in building capacity and developing infrastructures of the National Service Department (JKT) to accommodate more youths for skills development.

The skills development component enables youths to secure employment in other areas after graduating from the training considering that the government is unable to employ but a small part of those finishing schools or colleges.

About 45 percent of youths who complete JKT courses are hired by the government, but the other 55 percent have a better standing in seeking gainful opportunities or in setting up income generating units in agriculture, fisheries, etc.

Caring for health and residential facilities for soldiers, plus in-house training for recruits and those in service would be pursued, he said. Defense industries are also envisaged to locally produce materials to be used by the army and the wider public, he said.

Bilateral relationships with international, continental and regional organisations in defense and security will be boosted, while army leadership enhances collaboration with the public authorities in case of calamities or emergencies, he stated.

The House later endorsed the 2.99trn/- estimates where 2.77trn/- is meant for recurrent expenditure and 222.8bn/- for army development projects.

## Govt initiates tender for Dar port operating firm

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specific conditions set out by the government, chiefly regarding international standards for the port to be more competitive.

Such investor will be required to come up with a viable solution on cargo freight from point of origin to the client, addressing cargo clearance challenges, he said.

Eligible investors must be international companies with a proper network and vast experience in the shipping industry, capable of securing new markets, he asserted.

Inviting the private sector to operate the port is a trending port management strategy worldwide, as many countries have invested in private companies to run port operations.

"As a country we have no reason to fear when it comes to involving the private sector in port operation," he said, noting that countries that are using the private sector in their ports have recorded huge successes.

Improved efficiency at the port

would reduce ship anchorage stay from five days to 24 hours, cutting down the time for container offloading from four days to an average of 18 hours, he specified.

Clearance time will be cut from two hours to 30 minutes, with the volume of cargo rising from 20.18m tonnes on average per year to 47.57m tonnes, he stated.

During fiscal 2020/21 the port handled 20.73m tons, a 30.5 percent increase from 15.67m tonnes handled in 2015/16 but the increase was still too low in comparison with the port potential, he said.

Dar es Salaam port faces strong competition in attracting cargo meant for Zambia, Malawi, Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) after various countries attracted private investors to run port operations and are reaping big from the facilities.

The key rival ports are Mombasa, Durban, Beira and Walvis Bay in Kenya, South Africa, Mozambique and Namibia respectively, he added.

## Yoweri Museveni threatens to expel Kenyan herders over stolen cattle

**KAMPALA**

Uganda President Yoweri Museveni has threatened to expel Kenyan Turkana's from his country over cattle rustling and smuggling of illegal guns.

In an executive order dated May 19, 2023, Museveni said he has given the Turkana population in Uganda six months to return all the cattle they have allegedly stolen within Karamoja around the Kobebe dam.

"I give the Turkana population, 6 months to implement my directives. If, however, the issue of the guns illegally entering Uganda, the hand-over of the criminals who killed our geologists, or the use of traditional justice and return of the stolen cattle, are not resolved, I will have no alternative but to expel all the Kenyan Turkana and their cattle and they will never be allowed to re-enter Uganda with their cattle," read part of the executive order.

Museveni said his allowing Kenyan Turkana's to settle in the said area has remained a destabilising factor for his country.

The order comes after a Ugandan martial court in April sentenced thirty-two Kenyans to 20 years each in prison for illegally possessing firearms and ammunition.

The Turkana herders from Orum in Lodwar were convicted after pleading guilty and sentenced to serve jail terms in Moroto Government Prison in Northern Uganda.

Asked for a comment, Kenya's Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Alfred Mutua said he would not comment on the matter as the government has not been officially served with the order. But Museveni said he had ordered the said Turkana to never smuggle guns in Uganda but just graze their cattle.

However, the Ugandan Head of State said they ignored the directive and rather continue to raid disarmed Karimjong, rape and kill them.

They are said to have raided 2,245 cattle from the Jie, killing three geologists, one officer, and a soldier that was guarding them.

"I now direct that this Turkana nonsense must stop. They must never come to Uganda with guns and anybody who does so, must be arrested and charged with terrorism by a Court Martial," he said.

Museveni said the killers of the geologists must be handed to Ugandan authorities for a murder trial.

**AGENCIES**



Kenyan President William Ruto exchanges greetings with Home Affairs minister Hamad Yussuf Masauni (L) shortly after the latter arrived in Nairobi to attend a three-day Identity for All in Africa (ID4Africa) augmented general meeting meant to discuss matters relating to cognitive ecology matters. Founded in 2014, ID4Africa is widely acknowledged as the only pan-African movement that helps African nations build the strategic capacity they need for developing robust and responsible identity ecosystems in the service of development and humanitarian action. Photo: Correspondent Felix Mwagala

## International human rights courts to convene for third edition in Costa Rica

**By Guardian Reporter, Arusha**

THE Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights (AFCHPR), and the European Court of Human Rights will convene for the third biennial Forum in San José, Costa Rica, from May 25 to 26, this year.

Following the success of the inaugural session held in Kampala, Uganda in 2019, the Forum aims to strengthen the bonds of judicial collaboration among these three regional human rights courts.

President of the African Court, Lady Justice Imani Daud Aboud, highlighted the forum's significance in promoting open and constructive dialogue, with the ultimate goal of advancing human rights protection and upholding the rule of law on both regional and global scales.

"Facilitating the exchange of best practices and fostering a common understanding of human rights issues across diverse contexts is of utmost importance for human rights courts," emphasized President Aboud.

President Aboud will lead the African Court Judges and key Registry staff at the Forum.

The Inter-American Court, as the host, anticipates that the Third Edition will serve as a platform for further dialogue and enhanced cooperation among the regional human rights courts, strengthening their collective impact.

## Meeting with ministers uplifts sunflower mood

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government wants to see local businessmen produce oil for all our needs, stopping the use of foreign currency to order oil from abroad.

At present sunflower has dropped in price by 50 percent and cooking oil by 17 percent, leading to complaints from sunflower producers, which pushed the government to meet with cooking oil producers to find a solution.

"We have 771 factories that process oil, but we produce only 300,000 tons and our demand is 560,000 tons. So the oil is still not enough, which makes it necessary to get it from abroad," she said.

She cited remarks by President Samia Suluhu Hassan as to the need for specialised sunflower cultivation in three regions, namely Dodoma, Singida and Simiyu.

This would permit obtaining enough raw materials to produce cooking oil, she said, pointing out that campaign efforts directed to farmers had brought results, as they are producing enough sunflowers.

The goal is to achieve an inclusive economy, with the meeting examining how to remove challenges to oil production, helping to improve the country's economy, she emphasised.

The Treasury chief said that to overcome the challenges, a policy format is needed to promote business activity and that if this is done within three years, no more cooking oil will be imported.

Producers of sunflower oil need to report government officials who ask them bribes in whatever aspect so that action can be taken, he said.

Producers should put aside selfishness but look at what we are

getting in the production chain, he stated, lamenting that it is not best practice to close factories.

"That's why I insist that you must report to the government when someone comes and ask you to pay a bribe," he further stated.

The agro-sector minister said oil producers should meet and select good leaders to connect with the government whenever they encounter challenges.

"Sunflower oil processors should establish an institution that will have the ability to present their challenges to the government and should not be like an activist group," he affirmed.

Participants in the meeting said that the session has raised expectations of a revolution to enable them to do better in cooking oil production.

Nelson Mwakabuta, Mount Meru

Co. manager, said they were happy with the meeting, expressing their hope that challenges they faced like lack of raw materials and markets are going to be solved.

The meeting points to a bright future as farmers would be provided with guaranteed seed. Factories will produce for a long time regardless of the season, he said.

Fatuma Salum, a session participant, said that she was happy with the session and they hope to increase oil production. The responses and strategies set out by the three ministers inspire confidence, she said.

The government needs to maintain cooperation with businessmen whenever they present their challenges, as this would help boost the country's economy, the participant added.



Prof Paschal Ruggajo (C, in black cap), Director of Curative Services in the Health ministry, pictured on Tuesday making a point to CCBRT's obstetric fistula surgeon, Dr James Chapa (L, in specs), during a visit to a fistula surgical camp held in Kasulu District during an obstetric fistula commemoration event in Kasulu District. With them are Health ministry official Dr Mwinjikondo Juma (R) and Kigoma Regional Medical Officer Dr Jesca Leba (2nd-R, foreground). Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Tembo Nickel human resources manager Saimon Sanga shows nickel core sample to graduates who have been selected for Tembo Nickel young talent graduate programme this year in Ngara district, Kagera Region recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Government launches database for the country's tea stakeholders

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has launched a database for tea stakeholders that will help to identify farmers and get important information relating to their activity so as to improve production of the cash crop in the country.

The database will also help to know the size of their farms and the distance from their farms to the factory as well as knowing what they produce.

Speaking here during an event to mark International Tea Day, Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe, said the database would improve tea production because farmers will have access to various information such as better farming methods and appropriate data on tea harvests.

"Through this database we will

be able to identify all farmers and the areas they operate, but we will also be able to provide them with useful information concerning tea production, markets and subsidies as part of efforts to transform the sub-sector," he said.

The minister further detailed that the system would help the government to allocate and distribute subsidised agricultural input to farmers.

"Through this system, all farmers will be provided with smartcards which will have important information about them thus making it easier to get the subsidised inputs," Bashe said.

Mr Bashe also said that the government is expecting to open a tea auction in Dar es Salaam where all Tanzanian tea will be sold there to help farmers find markets for the cash crop and reduce the cost of

transporting the produce abroad.

"We will open and start functioning in this tea auction in Dar es Salaam in June this year. No tea will be allowed to be sold abroad, local blenders will buy tea in Dar es Salaam auction and those with direct markets will be required to register and get the permits," he said.

He added that in order to ensure growth and revolution in tea production, the government has already built 102 irrigation offices in all councils in the country and it expects to build houses for extension officers in all areas so as to move the services to the people.

"The biggest problem in the tea sector is the lack of extension services. Extension officers available are living far away from farmers. We have given them motorbikes but the GPRS shows that 90 percent of

them live in urban areas far away from the farmers," he said

The minister further said that his docket expects to start recruiting youth from Sokoine University of Agricultural and allocate them to work with farmers to reduce the challenge of the lack of extension services.

On her part, the Director of the National Tea Board, Marry Kipeja, said that the board is implementing various strategies to ensure that there are positive changes in the tea production.

She mentioned some of these strategies as increasing production by encouraging the revival of farms, encouraging the establishment of industries, strengthening the provision of extension services as well as improving road infrastructure in tea producing areas.

## New wildlife census to take off within Burunge Wildlife Management Area

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

A NEW census aimed at counting and determining the number of wildlife and livestock plus their ratio is taking off within the Burunge Wildlife Management Area.

The exercise is a follow-up to the previous census projects that have been carried out in Burunge.

From recent counts in Burunge, it has been observed that the number of wildlife species was on increase in sync with domestically kept animals.

This new Census of 2023 is being conducted by the Babati District Council in conjunction with Burunge Wildlife Management Area and the Chem-Chem Association.

"We want to know for sure the current population and statuses of wildlife species and domestic animals," explained the Babati District Wildlife Officer, Goodluck James.

According to Officer James, Burunge WMA is an important precinct as far as conservation is concerned because it encompasses the Kwakuchinja wildlife corridor which directly links Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks and also an important grazing and watering area for both wild and domestic animals.

Two lakes, Burunge and Manyara that are important for aquatic life such as hippos, birds and fish are also found within the area.

The Tarangire Manyara Ecosystem is home to around 180 lions, the number having been dropped from more than 200 such cats that roamed the area in 2003.

Dr Bernard Kissui, the renowned scientist in the field of wildlife research and conservation of Lions, leads the 2023 wildlife census in Burunge.

"The exercise will take ten days and is being conducted directly and manually, where the census personnel trek on foot to trace count the individual targeted species," Kissui explained.

Results of the latest Census for Burunge Wildlife Management Area will be compiled in the report which may come up in the first or second week of June, 2023.

Hamisi Nassib from Chem-Chem explains that the Association will fund the exercise as well as providing personnel to join the joint patrol squad which is undertaking the task.

A study report on Burunge WMA conducted by the Penn State University indicates that the precinct has contributed to higher densities of wildlife and higher giraffe population growth when compared to unprotected areas.

The research reveals that at least sixteen species of large wildlife are present in Burunge, including wildebeest, elephant, banded mongoose, warthog, and impala.

It added that the animals use Lake Burunge and Lake Manyara as watering holes before continuing their migration or, as is the case with Burunge's large resident population of Cape buffalo, staying to graze upon the surrounding low-lying grasslands.

The Burunge is located in the Babati district of Manyara region and occupies an area of approximately 617 square kilometers of which 280 square kilometers are preserved for conservation purposes.

By Guardian Reporter

FIVE fertiliser processing plants using solid waste envisaged for the country will employ modern technology capable to process solid waste for only three hours, as opposed to 100 days as for now.

Apart from reducing piles of solid waste in urban areas, the investment will also help in reducing fertiliser prices thereby providing relief to farmers in regard to crops production costs.

Samuel Mshote, the General manager of Tanzania Fertiliser Company (TFC) said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that OCP Africa, the Moroccan fertiliser firm has announced plans to invest in the huge project in Tanzania.

"Solid waste production at our Dar es Salaam markets amounts to 315 tonnes a day, hence the construction of these plants will use the waste as raw material for fertiliser production instead of becoming sources for diseases," Mshote said.

He said the investors have provided opportunities for students to go and learn about fertiliser

## Tanzania to have five modern tech fertiliser plants using solid waste


technology from fertiliser factories in Morocco, and have also entered into and signed an agreement with TFC to enable the latter to be agents for the distribution of fertiliser produced by OCP Africa.

Meanwhile, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Dr Hussein Omari said the investment is a huge stride for the attainment of the 2030 Agenda for boosting agricultural production by 10 per cent and increase employment opportunities.

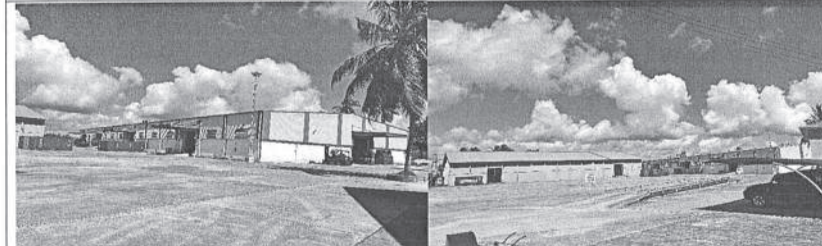
"Huge challenges facing us is the huge piles of solid waste and unemployment, we

will implement this issue in collaboration with the Office of the President, Regional administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and that of the environment and procedures will be made in regard to the collection of the solid waste," he added.

OCP Africa Vice President Youssef Lahmiti said they hope there will be great achievements from the country's agricultural development, and that they will make sure effort are made to educate farmers to use organic fertiliser which has more benefits for various crops.



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## DCB Commercial Bank Plc

### NOTICE OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of DCB Commercial Bank Plc will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre, Dar-es-Salaam at 9:00 A.M. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Opening the Meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022
4. Matters arising from the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
5. To receive and adopt
  - 5.1 The directors' report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022
  - 5.2 Audited financial statement Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022
  - 5.3 External Auditor's Report on audited financial statements for 2022
6. To deliberate and approve changes on the Bank's Memorandum and Articles of Association
7. To receive a report on end of tenure, approve extension of tenure and appointment of Directors
8. To receive and approve appointment of external auditors for the financial year 2023
9. To receive and approve the proposal for Directors' remuneration
10. To receive a report on dividend for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022
11. To set the date for the next Annual General Meeting
12. Any other business
13. Closing of the meeting.

#### Important Notes:

1. A member wishing to attend the meeting will do so at his/her own costs and must come with a copy of his/her Depository Receipt together with voter's card or national identification card or passport, for identification.
2. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting and is unable to attend, can appoint a proxy to attend after having submitted a his/her name together with the vote on the agenda to the Company Secretary at the Bank's Head-quarters, DCB House, Magomeni Mwembechai or by email to [shareholders@dcb.co.tz](mailto:shareholders@dcb.co.tz) or [info@dcb.co.tz](mailto:info@dcb.co.tz) not later than 14:00 hours on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023. In case of corporate body, the proxy must be under its common seal.
3. DCB share register shall close on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
4. Shareholders' proposals should be submitted to the Bank's Head Office or via email not later than 14:00 hours on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
5. Copies of the Annual Report for the year 2022 and proxy forms will be available at the Head Office situated at DCB House, Magomeni Mwembechai and in its branches as well as to Licensed Dealing Members of Dar-es-Salaam Stock Exchange (Stock Brokers) and bank's website at [www.dcb.co.tz](http://www.dcb.co.tz) effectively from 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

#### BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD

Regina Mduma  
Company Secretary  
May 2023.

# ACT-Wazalendo urges parliament to investigate SGR project's setback

By Guardian Reporter

ACT-Wazalendo has called upon the Parliament to form a committee to investigate the delay for the completion of the first and second stretches of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR).

The party says the panel to be formed should interrogate UK's Standard Chartered bank in regard to reasons that contributed Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) to use the 'single source' procedure for SGR's the third and fourth stretches.

In addition, the party wants the committee to investigate the negligence and delay in the completion of the project's phases that contribute to increased costs and also investigate reasons for increase of trains' prices.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday, the party's shadow minister for infrastructures and railways, Mohamed Mtambo said the phases are well behind schedule for more than three years.

"According to the contract agreement for the SGR's Phase I for Dar es Salaam to Morogoro, the project was supposed to be completed November 1 2019, however the project's completion date has been extended seven times and is yet to be completed," he said.

He said the delay has contributed to increasing costs by more than 25bn/-.

He said in their analysis of the works and Transport Ministry Budget estimates for Fiscal 2023/24, they have discovered the increase of costs for the purchase of trains, especially the locomotives and

passenger coaches.

"The Controller and Auditor General (CAG) had raised audit queries in regard to the violation of the public procurement law that contributed to the increased costs for the modern passenger coaches from USD 215 million after another tender was rejected without a sound reason," Mtambo added.

The increase of SGR cost for the third and fourth stretches, in addition to the government agreeing to the Standard Chartered Bank conditions to compel TRC to float tenders without competition, the cost for the construction of the country's modern railway line increased by USD 1.3 and 1.6 million per kilometre respectively or an overall increase of USD 742 million, had the tender been competitive.



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Acting Kilimanjaro regional commissioner Kisare Makori (2nd-R) symbolically receives 2,000 tree seedlings from St Mary Goreti headmistress Sr Clementina Kachweka during the launch of the school's tree planting campaign yesterday. Others are acting Kilimanjaro regional administrative secretary Dr Jar Khanga (2nd-L) and Moshi district administrative secretary Angela Marko. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Lindi region earns 126bn/- from sale of sesame crop

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

LINDI Region has been earning more than 126bn/- a year from the sesame crop sold via the warehouse receipt system from its all districts.

Zainab Telack, Lindi Regional Commissioner disclosed this recently at the region's cooperative development forum, saying the money earned was a result of farmers themselves, and not buyers who set the process for the crop.

She called upon farmers

and fishermen to join various cooperative societies with the aim to build up unity, increase their earnings and have leaders who can defend the rights and interests of their economic activities.

"Trust and ethical behaviour are qualities that ensure the safety of both cooperative officials and farmers, hence she called upon them to stop engaging themselves in bad behaviour activities that can hinder the region's cooperative development," she said.

She therefore appealed to farmers to sell their various crops through the warehouse receipt system for more benefit from their labour.

Earlier, the Region's Chairman of cooperative societies Odasi Mpunga said that farmers are supposed to sell their crops through the warehouse receipt system for more earnings from their crops.

Mpunga requested pigeon peas farmers to start selling their crop through the system, just like fellow farmers of other crops.

Consolata Kilums, the region's assistant cooperatives registrar, called on the cooperative societies to collaborate with cooperative officials and those from the cooperative registrar's office to respond to farmers' queries and complaints. She said cooperative societies in Lindi region have succeeded to register many cooperative societies, but that the registered number of farmers and members is small, hence mobilised them to register more members.

## Govt set to ensure Tanzanians benefit from national resources

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is planning to make sure Tanzanians benefit from the national resources by boosting the country's education, health and social services provision system to be available to all.

In the circumstances, Tanzanians are supposed to make sure to have an inclusive and competitive economy that focuses in uplifting the lives of all Tanzanians, and this is possible if

adequate innovative researches are done that will provide solutions to various challenges facing the society.

The remarks were made in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday by the Director General of the Commission for science and Technology (COSTECH), Dr Amos Nungu as he represented the Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Adolf Mkenda at the opening of the 8th University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) Researches and Innovations Exhibition.

He said Tanzanians will benefit from

the findings of research done by university experts thereby being the higher learning institutions closer to the society.

"I call upon other universities in the country to abide by procedures in conducting research and then show results thereof so as to strengthen the close relationship between the universities and the job market," said Dr Nungu.

In the same vein, UDSM Vice Chancellor, Prof William Anangisye said in recognition of the importance of researches and innovation in solving challenges facing the society and the nation in general, UDSM has been setting aside budgets from its internal sources.

He said in FY 2022/23, UDSM allocated 3.15bn/- for sponsoring experts to conduct various researches and innovations, whereas 2.45bn/- was for researches and 700,000/- for innovations.

He added: "A total of 92 projects won, 88 were for research and four for innovation. All this money was distributed to experts who submitted their recommendations for research and various projects for innovation."

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Melissa McNeil Barrett UNFPA Tanzania Deputy Resident Representative speaks during the handover ceremony of Police Gender and Children's Desks at Bugarama in Msalala council, Shinyanga Region yesterday. The centres has been built by UNFPA in collaboration with UN Women under KOICA sponsorship. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt set to carry out mandatory vaccination for domestic animals

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE government is set to carry out mandatory vaccination for domestic animals to eliminate the risk of zoonotic diseases transmission from animals to humans which figures shows stands at 70 per cent globally.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Abdalah Ulega made the remarks when he visited the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) Animal Referral Hospital as part of commemorating the 18th anniversary of the late Prime Minister Edward Sokoine. The event is held at SUA between May 23 and 26, every year.

Ulega said that the country should embark on a campaign to vaccinate domestic animals, a move which will help reduce epidemic diseases from animals to humans.

Ulega said that there is need to consider the vaccination policy for domestic animals as it is for humans because almost 70 percent of human diseases come from animals, including Marburg, anthrax, and rabies. He said the vaccination campaign will also help to provide long-term and short-

term jobs for animal experts in the country along with young people studying at various colleges to use the opportunity to learn in practice and the country to get more animal experts.

Ulega said that the government aims at encouraging young people to engage in commercial breeding activities by establishing eight incubation centres for young people while planning to add another eight for the next fiscal year 2023/24 in parallel as well as enabling the National Ranch Company (NARCO) to produce better livestock, produce better calves and improve the parents. He said that if young people join commercial farming activities, it will help them because the raw materials in the meat industries in the country will have increased and provide opportunities for self-employment and then contribute to the development of the nation.

He therefore called on the private sector and development partners to continue supporting programmes that enable young people to participate in agricultural activities

by providing financial and material support. He said the implementation of government plans reflects the vision of the late PM Sokoine who put the interests of the people first in implementing development policies.

He said Sokoine realized that in order to have sustainable development, it is important to have strong policies and plans that focus more on the youth where he believed that the youth are the workforce.

Prof Raphael Chibunda, SUA vice chancellor said the collaboration between the university and the National human laboratory was at high par adding that they work together to examine samples that bring joint responses including managing the Covid-19 vaccines that entered the country.

Prof Modesta Makungu, Head of the Department of Veterinary Surgery and Theriogenology, SUA Animal Referral Hospital said that they have already started the process of accepting students from various primary schools to learn how to care for animals, the aim being to find future veterinary professionals.

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

SOME education development stakeholders on study skills, personal leadership, health, and self-confidence with the goal of increasing graduation rates among vulnerable girls in secondary schools in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions have recommended the role played by the government of Tanzania in the improvements of the science learning environment in schools which has led to more girls deciding to study those subjects compared to previous years.

Meanwhile, the stakeholders also hailed the role played by the Girls Livelihood and Mentorship Initiative (GLAMI) organisation by providing Life skills course for lower secondary school girls and covers topics such as study skills, personal leadership, health, and self-confidence with the goal of increasing graduation rates for vulnerable girls which have benefited 11,400 Tanzanian girls to date.

Speaking with this paper in an exclusive interviews during their official visit at two GLAMI offices in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions

## Education stakeholders commend govt for improving learning environment in schools

recently, the stakeholders, Florence Sidi and Kate Kiama explained that, they have recently had the fantastic opportunity to visit their long-term partner, the Girls Livelihood and Mentorship Initiative (GLAMI) in two of their three offices in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions of Tanzania on the 24th and 25th of April respectively.

"GLAMI runs two phenomenal programmes, the Binti Shupavu and Kisa Projects which have benefited 11,400 Tanzanian girls to date. Binti Shupavu which loosely translates to 'courageous daughters' from Swahili is a four-year life skills course for lower secondary school girls and covers topics such as study skills, personal leadership, health, and self-confidence with the goal of increasing graduation rates for vulnerable girls," they explained.

They further explained that, the Kisa Project on the other hand is a two-year leadership course that prepares girls in their last two years of secondary school to attend

university and create positive social change in their communities. Kisa means 'story' in Swahili and through the programme, young girls are empowered to become the creative authors of their own future stories. GLAMI runs both of these programmes in 51 schools across Arusha (20), Moshi (22), and Morogoro (9) regions of Tanzania.

"Florence and I had the unique opportunity to visit Einoti Secondary School (Arusha) and Langasani High School (Moshi) where we witnessed firsthand the GLAMI magic of the Binti Shupavu and Kisa programmes. While at Einoti Secondary School, the GLAMI mentors run concurrent sessions with junior high school students on the reproductive system which was fascinating for me particularly to learn in Swahili! While at Langasani High School with the senior high school students, mentors run sessions on how to be creative while problem-solving," Kate Kiama explained during the interviews.



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**  
**CONDUCTING AN INTEGRATED CONTROL MEASURE FOR "Tuta absoluta" IN ZANZIBAR**  
**RFP NO. [TAHA/CONS/002/2023]**  
**ISSUE DATE: 25.05.2023**  
**CLOSING DATE: 13.06.2023 AT 05.00 P.M EAT**

### SECTION A: INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The "Make it Grow! Horticulture for Sustainable Economic Development In Zanzibar project" is a four-year project (2020-2024) being implemented in Zanzibar by a consortium of three organizations namely TRIAS Tanzania, Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) and Andreas Hermes Akademie (AHA) under financial support of the European Development Fund. The project aims to increase household income and improve food and nutritional security of smallholder farmers/producers through improvement of the horticultural value chains. The project focuses on optimizing productivity by training farmers in sustainable Good Agricultural Practices (including Integrated Pest Management), entrepreneurship skills, post-harvest handling and on optimizing market linkages to ensure that farmers produce what is demanded and less produce is lost after harvest.

TAHA is an apex private sector member-based organization that advocates for the growth and competitiveness of the horticulture industry in Tanzania.

Tomato crop is a priority vegetable crop in Zanzibar, and it constitutes almost 73% of all harvest of horticulture crops in Zanzibar. The tomato leaf miner "Tuta absoluta" is a polyphagous insect pest which feeds on several solanaceous plant species mainly tomato, pepper and eggplant in all developmental stages and preferentially on tomato causing high losses in productivity especially on the South Regions where it is more productive. The main control of these pests is the chemical control method to eliminate them.

"Tuta absoluta" threat to Solanaceous crops originated from American before spreading to other parts of the world. The common name for "Tuta absoluta" is tomato leafminer, named so because of the pest preference for tomato. This dangerous pest's favors tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and sometimes potato (*S.tuberosum*). Tomato leaf moth has a life cycle of 29 to 38 days depending on temperature. The pest prefers higher temperatures meaning the higher the temperature, the faster it will reproduce. Female leaf moths can lay up to 260 eggs for their entire lifetime. The most destructive stage is the larva/cataperpillar stage which lives as a minor in the leaf, fruit or stem. It burrows in and sucks sap from the leaf leaving behind unmistakable marks all over the plant.

Due to its rapid colonization and the high levels of damage it wreaks, intervening in the control of "Tuta absoluta" has become a key issue for tomato production, both in outdoor and greenhouse crops. Being a moth of the Gelechiidae family, "Tuta absoluta" is a leaf miner that attacks tomato plants in all stages of development, damaging the stems, apices, flowers and fruits, in addition to mining the leaves. After egg hatching, the larvae penetrate tomato leaves and feed on the leaf parenchyma tissues forming irregular mines that get longer and wider in high densities as the larvae continue to feed which can affect plant photosynthetic capability causing high loss of productivity. "Tuta absoluta" is able to cause significant production losses in tomato crops.

The control of this pest requires expensive chemical treatments with translaminar active chemicals, or the repeated application of chemicals in order to affect larvae outside the galleries. However, some investigators have proven the development of resistance to some insecticides in this moth 4-6 15 and the repeated use of the few authorized active ingredients could hasten the appearance of such resistance. It must be taken into account that, in many cases, these insecticides could also affect natural enemies, making the consolidation of biological control systems impossible.

The "Make It Grow! (MIG)" project through its implementing partner TAHA is seeking for a consultant to implement a longitudinal study on "Tuta absoluta" infestation in the Zanzibar tomatoes value-chain as a continuation from the Arusha and Kilimanjaro "Tuta absoluta" reports so as to identify and communicate the best control methods of the pest to the relevant value-chain players in Zanzibar.

### SECTION B: BIDDERS INSTRUCTIONS

Bidders wishing to submit proposals are encourage to confirm their intent to respond and request for a detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) "containing all necessary instruction". Interested bidders can send an email to [procurement@taha.or.tz](mailto:procurement@taha.or.tz) not later than 13th June 2023 05:00 P.M EAT. While sending your intent, identify the name of the company, phone number and email address of the person who will serve as the key contact for all correspondences.



### Terms of Reference (TOR) for Provision of Actuarial Services for SOS Children's Villages MA Tanzania and Zanzibar

#### 1. Background:

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is an independent, non-governmental social development organization. The Organization supports vulnerable children and young people in 7 locations namely: Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Iringa, Mufindi, Zanzibar/Unguja and Pemba. SOS Children's Villages Tanzania applies a one program approach in its education, family strengthening, health and community development programs, that support a holistic approach in the interest of the child. In this regard, SOS Children's Villages Tanzania seeks to recruit a competent external actuarial firm to calculate the liabilities from post-employment benefits in balance sheets.

At SOS, social liabilities comprise all social benefits for employees which are paid by SOS Children's Villages and which are mandatory financial obligations accumulated in the past and leading to a future cash-out. These social benefits are either based on mandatory state rules as well as on SOS CV Children's Villages Tanzania Terms and Conditions of Service.

The intention behind the calculation of social liabilities is to comply with accounting standards, to plan and monitor the future funding requirements for the organization.

#### 2. The scope of the Actuary Services:

The scope of the actuarial includes properly calculating the social liabilities based on accrual accountings, the mandatory state rules and the terms and condition of service of SOS Children's Villages Tanzania.

The Actuarial firm shall identify any legal or contractual liabilities to pay any pensions or meet similar claims related to social security (e.g. post retirements benefits, comprising free housing, meals, support for health insurance, pension payments). The actuarial firm shall indicate the type of obligation(s), the calculation method(s) and amount(s).

The actuarial firm shall verify if due provision has been made for these claims as mentioned above.

The values of social liabilities shall consider post-employment pensions, lump sums, health care, housing and other long-term social obligations. The valuation of social liabilities shall be made with finance mathematical models taking into account benefit plan rules and individual data from eligible employees.

Please also refer to Annex 1 for additional guidelines.

The liability will be computed for one (1) year i.e. 2022 with the details i.e. 162 staff at SOS Children's Villages Tanzania and 46 staff at SOS Children's Village Zanzibar.

The actuarial firm shall provide capacity building to Finance and Human Resource staff from SOS Children's Villages Tanzania and narrate on how the assessment is done.

#### 3. Actuarial Duration:

The assignment shall be completed within one (1) month from the date of signing the contract.

#### 4. Deliverables:

The actuarial Firm will submit two (2) original copies of the actuarial Reports to the National Director of SOS Children's Villages Tanzania.

#### 5. Qualification of the Actuarial Firm:

The actuarial firm must be based in Tanzania, preferably affiliated to an internationally recognized actuarial firm and fulfilling the following conditions:

- Registered with the Actuarial Society of Tanzania;
- At least one Certified actuarial Analyst;
- Provide at least 3 collaboration certificates issued by government or International NGOs that testify the execution of a similar assignment;
- English language proficiency; and
- Affiliation to an International Actuarial Firm.

#### 6. Actuarial Fees:

The actuarial fees will be determined through a competitive bidding process done at Dar es Salaam.

#### 7. Application:

The actuarial firm should be able to provide the following:

1. Cover letter and updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the Consultant that spells out qualifications and experience with this assignment;
2. Technical proposal;
3. Financial Proposal; and
4. Contacts of at least two (2) referees that have engaged the Consultant to carry out a similar assignment.

#### Note:

All interested Consultants **must** request for an Extract Form "Guide on how to treat Liabilities from Post-Employment Benefits in Balance Sheets" that has to be sought through email address shown below. The deadline for sending requests shall be on Monday 05th June, 2023.

Proposals and requests should be submitted through the email address: [National.Office@sos-tanzania.org](mailto:National.Office@sos-tanzania.org)

#### OR

Submitted physically To: National Director, Attn: Procurement Committee, SOS Children's Villages Tanzania, National Office, White Star Tower, Ground Floor Wing B, Kiko Avenue, Mikocheni, P. O Box 80462, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The deadline for Proposals submissions shall be on **Friday, 09<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 14:00 hours.**

## Trademark and TWCC launch women's online trade portal

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) in collaboration with Trademark Africa (TMA) have launched an online platform 'iSOKO' for women traders which facilitates marketplace, business information, and networking opportunities with fellow traders in East Africa.

Through the support of Global Affairs Canada, iSOKO will provide a regional marketplace to buy and sell goods, vital trade and market information, business management tools including bookkeeping with fellow traders.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, Director of Policy in the ministry of Trade and Industries Need peace Wambuya said the platform will help address key challenges that traders are facing mainly lack of markets and proper information on like-minded people.

"Tanzania is among the countries which have ratified the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the platform will complement what the treaty is all about," he said.

He said the government was committed to see women Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) do their business and add value to their commodities for sale in various countries.

TWCC Chairperson Mercy Silla

## Singida, Shinyanga regions receive five facilities to respond to GBV

By Correspondent James Kandoya

SINGIDA and Shinyanga regions have received five new facilities to support women's empowerment and respond to gender-based violence through the support of United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) and UN Women.

The facilities worth \$ 4.9 million, funded by the Republic of Korea through its development agency (KOICA), are three one stop centres, one police gender and children's desk, and one collection centre, and associated training and programming.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony held in two regions separately, Shinyanga Regional Commissioner Christina Mndeme reaffirmed the government commitment to further collaborating with partners.

She directed the Msalala district executive director (DED) and police as well to use the facilities for the intended goals.

"I would like to thank KOICA, UNFPA and UN women for their efforts to empower women against gender based violence," she said.

Heo Eun, deputy country representative of KOICA said the facilities have already significantly expanded gender-based violence (GBV) response capacity and women's economic empowerment.

She said that through the programme over ten thousand people have been reached to enhance knowledge of their rights, support gender equality, and expand capacity to prevent and respond to GBV, and strengthen women's economic empowerment in both Singida and Shinyanga Regions.

"We commend Tanzania's efforts in social and economic development including addressing issues of GBV and women economic empowerment. KOICA looks forward to providing vital legal, social, and medical services to GBV victims through the One Stop Centres which were constructed by our Project," he said.

"Also, we are expecting to see consistent empowerment and growth of women agriculture groups who will contribute to Tanzania economic growth in the future by supporting the Collection Centre," he added.

She said the One Stop Centre at Bugarama Health Centre in Shinyanga Region is already functioning; the One Stop Centres at Ikungi District Hospital and Singida Referral Hospital in Singida Region have opened.

Eun said the centres, based on the grounds of health facilities, promote a survivor-

said the aim of the platform is to see women SMEs improve the quality of their products, formalize their businesses and improve compliance.

She said the platform will link women with their fellows in other countries across the region on how to modernize their businesses.

Trademark Africa Managing Director said the platform is an innovative tool which is part of Trademark Africa's Women in Trade programme.

She said Trade Mark also has embarked on providing capacity building to SME's to understand the importance of formalisation and branding in business.

The ratification of AfCFTA means Tanzania's products will be able to reach any African country easily and this step will further move the continent towards the goal of strengthening the African economy.

The new market, created under the (AfCFTA) agreement is estimated to be as large as 1.3 billion people across Africa, with a combined gross domestic product (GDP) of \$3.4 trillion. This has a potential of lifting up to 30 million Africans out of extreme poverty, according to the World Bank.

It is also expected to boost intra-African trade, promote industrialisation, create job, and improve competitiveness of African industries on the global stage.

centred approach to violence

against women in a supportive environment, and provide GBV survivors with health, legal, and psychosocial support all under one roof.

She said the Police Gender and Children's Desk in Bugarama, now officially launched, offers those exposed to violence and at-risk individuals respectful and confidential legal support and referral services to appropriate facilities.

Melissa McNeil-Barrett, UNFPA deputy country representative said "the establishment of these One Stop Centres, and Police Gender and Children's Desks represent great strides in strengthening local institutions to prevent and respond to GBV."

"The impact of this programming is clear in the increased number of GBV cases being reported and referred."

She said the Collection Centre in Ikungi District, Singida Region is also functioning; the space enables scores of women and female youth small-scale farmers who sell horticulture produce to aggregate and store their produce, thereby enhancing collective marketing, improving postharvest handling, and leveraging economies of scale in marketing.

UN Women representative to Tanzania Hodan Addou said that "Economic empowerment is a key method to promote gender equality and women's empowerment."

"Joint Programme efforts, including: the Collective Centre, gender-responsive land ownership rights, and inputs for agricultural productivity, all support women to measurably improve their income and resilience. In collaboration with local authorities, we are proud to support hundreds of women and female youth farmers to enjoy their rights, build their capacity, and expand their economic potential."

The overall achievements of the Joint Programme include the training of over 450 duty bearers (for health workers, paralegals, police officers) on prevention of and response to Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC), including those working at the One Stop Centres.

Nearly 300 health care workers have been trained in GBV case management, including staff from the one stop centres.

Moreover, a sustainability plan has been developed with local government authorities in the respective districts to maintain the results achieved through the joint programme and to scale up best practices to benefit other villages and districts.



Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade, Dr Hashil Abdalah, speaks at a meeting for cement producers that was held yesterday in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole.

## Stakeholders urge government to accelerate establishment of SADC national committee

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

CIVIL Society Organisations (CSOs) have urged the government to accelerate the establishment of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) national committee so as to enable Tanzanians to benefit fully from various opportunities in the region.

In a meeting with members of the Parliamentary committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence on Tuesday here, the Tanzania SADC Non Actors Platform asked legislators to strengthen efforts in advising and supporting the government on the establishment of the committee.

The meeting was organised by Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers Forum (ESAFF) in collaboration with other CSOs.

The SADC Platform is made up of various CSOs, private sector and media that champions realisation of various goals and vision in the East Africa Community (EAC) and SADC region.

Speaking during the meeting, ESAFF regional coordinator, Joe Mzinga said establishing the

national SADC committee will help deepen integration with various member countries, enable Tanzanians to know various opportunities and be able to grab them.

He said the SADC National Committee will serve as the primary interface between Tanzania and the SADC organisation, ensuring effective communication, collaboration, and implementation of SADC policies and programmes at the national level, thus the establishment will bring significant importance to the committee in Tanzania.

"The SADC National Committee will play a crucial role in implementing SADC policies, protocols, and agreements within Tanzania. It ensures that national laws and regulations align with regional objectives and commitments," he said.

Mzinga said the committee will work towards the harmonization of trade policies, removal of trade barriers, and facilitation of cross-border trade to enhance Tanzania's participation in the regional market.

He further said the committee will also help to coordinate and implement infrastructure projects within Tanzania, fostering connectivity and economic growth as well as promote and facilitate cooperation and collaboration with other SADC member states in various sectors, such as agriculture, health and education which will allow Tanzania to benefit from shared experiences, knowledge exchange, and joint initiatives.

In addition, the Platform also said Tanzania need to operationalize the Agriculture Development Fund (ADF) by setting aside \$120 million as approved by SADC member countries so as to enable the Fund to play crucial role as a source of capital and providing financial services tailored to the needs of small-scale farmers, such as affordable loans, grants, and technical assistance.

Mzinga noted that agriculture is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, so through the ADF Small-Scale will access adequate resources to support agroecology practices which protects their livelihoods, and sustain agricultural

production in the face of changing climatic conditions.

Lilian Alex, chief executive officer of the East Africa Civil Society Organisation (EACCSO) called on the National Assembly to allocate few days a year to receive reports from the regional assembly and discuss them and create a working plan for implementation and follow-up

She further called on the government to amend the NGO Regulation Act of 2022 to recognize and provide a clear framework for international organisations established and operating in Tanzania.

Amending the Act will foster an enabling environment for their operations and enhance collaboration between international organisations and the Tanzanian government.

Committee's chairman, Vita Kawawa commended the platform for their hard work in ensuring that issues of national interest are prioritised as well as supporting Tanzanians to be aware of various opportunities in the EAC and SADC region.



Thomas Nkola 'Mkulima' (R) with his lawyer Penina Ernest leave the Kisutu Residence Magistrate Court in Dar es Salaam after his case was adjourned yesterday. Mkulima had filed the case to sue the ministers who had been mentioned in the Comptroller and Auditor General's Report for the loss of the government funds. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel

## Govt to build three new ships for Lakes Victoria and Tanganyika

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

IN making sure the marine transport sector is strengthened, the government, through the Martine Services Company Limited (MSCL) has vowed to build three new ships for Lake Victoria and Lake Tanganyika following the completion of tender procedures for a contractor for the rehabilitation of MV Liemba.

The new ships will incorporate a 3,500-tonne cargo vessel, a passenger and cargo vessel to carry 600 passengers and 400 tonnes

of cargo for Lake Tanganyika and another 3,000-tonne cargo vessel to carry railway wagons in Lake Tanganyika.

The remarks were made here in Parliament by the Works and Transport Minister Prof Makame Mbarawa when tabling the ministry budget estimates for fiscal year 2023/24.

Apart from the new ships, Prof Mbarawa said already MSCL has since March this year finalised tendering procedures for a contractor to rehabilitate the 110 years old MV Liemba in Lake

Tanganyika.

"As for now, discussions with the contractor are underway before contract signing expected in July this year.

"MSCL is also finalizing in-depth feasibility study and consequently advise the government on the refurbishment of MV Mwingozo that was suspended from service due to stability challenges, the study of which is expected to be ready by June this year," he added.

Prof Mbarawa also reported on various stages reached in the implementation of three huge

projects for the construction of big passenger and cargo vessels, the MV Mwanza Hapa Kazi Tu and the major rehabilitation of MV Umoja on Lake Victoria and the refurbishment of an oil tanker, MT Sangara on Lake Tanganyika.

"The construction of MV Mwanza Hapa Kazi Tu capable to carry 1,200 passengers and 400 tonnes of cargo is 83 per cent complete, MV Umoja capable to carry 1,200 tonnes of cargo is 75.8 per cent complete and MT Sangara capable to carry 400,000 litre of oil is 90.7 per cent complete.

# UNHCR increases incentives for all refugees returning home voluntarily

By Correspondent Deogratus Nsokolo, Kigoma

THE United Nations High Commission for Refugee (UNHCR) has increased incentives for Burundian refugees who want to return to their origin country through the ongoing voluntary repatriation programme.

UNHCR head for the Kasulu office, Ben Diallo, said during the evacuation of Burundian refugees in the Nyarugusu camp in Kasulu district, Kigoma region that in order to increase the speed of the refugees to return voluntarily, a tripartite meeting was held earlier this month, at the Capital city of Burundi Gitega region has decided to raise funds for each refugee.

He said that the meeting that involved the countries of Tanzania, Burundi and the UNHCR has increased the rate from US\$75 for a child and US\$150 for an adult to reach US\$200 for each refugee.

The agreement goes with the increase in the weight of the burdens carried by the refugees together with the Burundian government to create an enabling environment for the returning refugees so that they can be received and given places to live along with including the children in the education they are currently studying in the refugees camps in Kigoma region.

Diallo added that currently officials from organizations working to serve refugees will work together to mobilize to ensure that all refugees from that country return to Burundi.

Sudi Mwakibasi, director of services for refugee's department, Ministry of Home Affairs said this incentive step is the second step in the refugee return procedure preceded by voluntary return and now they are giving incentives and the next step is installation of the camp.

Mwakibasi was speaking at a

public meeting to relocate them and give them a return to the meeting in the Nyarugusu camp.

He said that the programme is for six months where more than forty nine thousand refugees are expected to be enrolled voluntarily and returned before the Government and UNHCR make other decisions about these refugees.

He said that the basis of the agreement is due to the fact that the country of Burundi is currently at peace and the people of that country, more than twelve million, are continuing their activities, so there is no reason for Tanzania to continue harboring refugees.

"In this programme every week 1400 refugees will be fed, I ask you to take advantage of this important opportunity within these six months until November this year," said Mwakibasi.

Nashon Makundi, western region coordinator, services for refugees' department said that the big work that is being done now is the mobilization and provision of education to refugees and that some refugees will be sent to Burundi to see the real situation so that they can come and tell their colleagues.

He has said that since the voluntary return of refugees began in 2017, more than 146,000 refugees have been returned and approximately 130,000 refugees have remained in Nyarugusu and Nduta camps.

However, the refugees in the Nyarugusu camp have wanted to improve the services and especially the money given to them as well as to ensure safety when they decide to return.

One of the refugees, Ilambona John, has asked the international community to think about sending refugees to European countries as refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo are sent instead of thinking of sending them back to Burundi only.



Director of Asma Mwinyi Foundation (AMF) Asma Mwinyi (2nd L) and ASAS company representatives donated a refrigerator, weighing scale and 450 packages of yoghurt to Mnzimmoja hospital patients in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

# Ministry of Health continues with testing campaign against TB in Tunduru District

By Guardian Correspondent, Tunduru

THE Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Tuberculosis (TB) Unit at Tunduru District Hospital, in Ruvuma region continues with its TB testing campaign for the people in the district's rural areas.

Addressing Msonya villagers during the education campaign on TB, Community services health worker, Menrad Hyera said the aim of the campaign is to make sure people remain safe of the disease named as among the country's fatal 10 diseases.

He said due to the huge challenge

posed by TB in the country, the government, in collaboration with Amref-Health Africa and Management and Development for Health (MDH) continue with the fight to eradicate the disease.

He said TB is treatable and treatment is provided for free at all health centres and hospitals both public and private and appealed to the people to adopt the habit of examining their health statuses to know if they are infected by TB.

He mentioned TB symptoms in adults as including weight loss, sweating at night, coughing for two weeks continuously and frequent crying for children.

Hyera cautioned members of the public to stop taking medicines without doctor's prescription or going to traditional healers whenever they feel they have fever, instead they should go to health centres for proper diagnosis and treatment.

He also called on the community to have close relationships with health workers at community level in their areas who have the responsibility to collect cough samples and take them to health centres for diagnosis.

Meanwhile, Amref-Health Africa TB Control Coordinator, Lilian Ishengoma said the aim of the

campaign is to reach out to all TB sufferers in the community and to initiate treatment to prevent TB spread.

She commended efforts being done by TB and Leprosy Unit at Tunduru District Hospital for the good job in the eradication of the disease and called other areas to emulate its example.

Msonya Village resident, Ahmad Halfani thanked the government for the campaign as it raise awareness among the public on the disease, and advised for such campaigns to be conducted frequently to get many more people for testing and treatment.

# African ministers now call for reforms of IMF's special drawing rights system

By Special Correspondent

AFRICAN Ministers have called for reforms of the International Monetary Fund or IMF's Special Drawing Rights (SDR) system to strengthen the global financial safety net and make more liquidity available to developing countries.

The call for reforms was made during a meeting of the Africa High-level Working Group on Global Financial Architecture on the margins of the 2023 Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

Coordinated by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Working Group comprises African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, the African Union, the AfDB, Afreximbank, and the World Bank, and includes the participation of IMF staff and Executive Directors.

The group serves as a forum to develop reform proposals for the global financial architecture and strengthen the African voice on the global stage. During the meeting, ECA's Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist Hanan Morsy delivered a presentation on reforming the SDR allocation and rechanneling mechanism.

The SDR system came into existence in 1968 with the aim of supplementing official reserves and facilitating global liquidity.

The IMF's Articles of Agreement stipulate that SDR allocations are meant to be considered every five years, referred to as "basic period", and also allow for SDR allocations in response to "unexpected major developments".

Throughout the 12 "basic periods" since the inception of the SDR system, there have been merely four general allocations and one special allocation (with two notable ones in 2009 and 2021).

This is despite the fact that global macroeconomic conditions would have warranted more frequent allocations during this time.

Morsy emphasized that, when SDRs are allocated, they tend to disproportionately benefit countries that are less in need of them. This is because SDRs are distributed in proportion to existing IMF quotas, which are primarily a function of an economy's size and relative position in the world economy.

For instance, during the 2021 general SDR allocation of \$650 billion, high-income countries, which are least likely to require or utilize SDRs, received approximately \$450 billion, constituting almost 70% of the total allocation.

Africa, with a population exceeding 1.4 billion, received fewer SDRs than Germany, a country with a population of only 83 million.

According to the ECA, the ministers emphasized the need for SDR allocation decisions to be made in a rule-based analytical manner to reduce the discretionary and political nature of the allocation process.

The "Unexpected Major Developments" provision needs to be clarified and operationalized to include the following triggers: force-majeure exogenous shocks, such as pandemics or natural disasters, global recessions, and significant capital flow reversals from emerging and developing economies.



Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Tanga Region, John Henjewe, gives a brief report on the progress of the association's activities during the 5th forum of stakeholders yesterday. Left is Tanga District Commissioner, Hashimu Mgandilwa and Tanga Region acting administrative secretary George Mmbaga. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

# African states to hasten uptake of digital IDs

NAIROBI

AFRICAN states have kicked off a three-day meeting in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi to discuss ways of accelerating the uptake of national digital IDs in order to boost the delivery of government services.

The 7th ID4Africa Augmented General Meeting (AGM) brought together government officials, development partners and

innovators to focus on an inclusive, secure and respectful digital identity that prioritizes the needs of individuals.

Julius Bitok, principal secretary in Kenya's State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services, said that Kenya is currently in the middle of transitioning the national digital identity from the second to third-generation ID.

Bitok said that a reliable digital

identification regime will provide the government with reliable statistics to plan for the funding of adequate essential public services.

The event brought together delegates drawn from 50 African countries to accelerate the uptake of biometric IDs with embedded electronic chips that enable citizens to have easier access to education, health and social security services.

Bitok said that a reliable digital

secretary of Ghana's National Identification Authority, said that Ghana has already rolled out a digital ID that is issued to its nationals as well as qualified foreign residents in Ghana.

Attafuah said that the digital Ghana card which has a biometric chip embedded has advantages because it allows for real-time verification of personal identity for cardholders who want to access public services.





# State House Chamwino: The new Ikulu with rich history from the past

By Mark Mapambano

**T**HE new State House complex launched last weekend by President Samia Suluhu Hassan at Chamwino in Dodoma Region will be an interesting topic in history classes in the future. For, it is sparkling new but boasts a history spanning 50 years since the idea was hatched, and a design once used over 100 years ago.

Anyone who has been at or only seen from afar the structure at Magogoni, specifically physical address number 1 Barack Obama drive in Dar es Salaam, and later on look a glance at Ikulu Chamwino building, must remain perplexed or nostalgic because the latter is the former's exact replica.

However, although the over 100-years-old Magogoni State House was built by colonial powers of the time, the Chamwino one has been built by our very own Tanzania Building Agency and Suma JKT—the commercial arm of the National Service. Another sweet news is that we have built it with our own money.

The launch of State House Chamwino is a culmination of a 50-year journey to shift the government's seat of power from Dar es Salaam to the centrally-located Dodoma.

Records show that in 1966, one Joseph Nyerere who was deputy minister (and President Nyerere's brother) introduced a motion in Parliament calling for the relocation of the capital to Dodoma for the first time.

However, the motion did not get strong support in the August until 1973 when it reemerged and then ruling party, the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU), endorsed it. It was agreed then that the construction of Ikulu was to complete in 10 years. It took 50 instead for a number of reasons ranging from financial constraints to political will.

It should be remembered that a number of efforts were made to make the shift a reality. Apparently, our first President, the late Julius Nyerere, opted for a gradual approach of moving one institution after another.

But in 1978, Capital Development Authority (CDA) was established and tasked with building Dodoma to the status of a capital city. It was until 2017 when former President the late John Magufuli ordered a full, immediate move to Dodoma. But the move was not really full but rather gradual as only a number of ministries and agen-

cies moved there.

In May 2020, Magufuli led his predecessors in laying the foundation stone for the construction of the new building. Magufuli died in March 2021 and President Samia took over, oversaw its completion as well as other government buildings until last weekend when the new Ikulu was launched.

The complex that sits on 8,473 acres houses, among others, the President's Office as well as the official residence. The move is now full because the State House has been launched and all ministries are already based in Dodoma.

During the launch, President Samia led senior government officials and retired leaders in the unveiling of the building and declared that the move was now a done deal.

"We are in Dodoma. We will be going to Dar es Salaam only to receive international guests. And once the Msalato Airport is completed, we will be receiving our guests right here," she said.

To her credit, President Samia was not tempted to grab all the glory for herself but openly said that the completion of the building and the shift to Dodoma which is now



President Samia Suluhu Hassan leads dignitaries in the launch of State House Chamwino in Dodoma last weekend. File photo

a reality was the collective strength of all leaders, starting with President Nyerere.

For the avoidance of doubt, as lawyers love to say, the President remarked that the inauguration of

State House Chamwino was an official confirmation of the completion of the government's 50-year ambition to make Dodoma its seat of power.

The launch of our new Ikulu is

another first for Samia. Yes, it will henceforth be on record that the construction of State House Chamwino was completed in 2023 and its first occupant was President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

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# Teachers should protect learners against materialism and consumerism

**W**E live in the world of materialism and consumerism. When flaunting of possessions and purchasing power finds space in a learning environment, especially in primary and secondary levels, the overall objective is threatened.

Economists advise us not to purchase things we don't need even if they are cheap. With the new technology, many people are in a dilemma to make decisions based on economic principles. Everybody tries to embrace new things such as computers, phones, cars and other luxurious materials without knowing the importance of the possessions.

Having many things is not a mistake but the question is what will be the economic impact of possessing those things? Consider having a desktop, lap top, iPad, smart phone and the likes which perform the same function of internet connection. Is this economic decision regarding the fact that resources are scarce? The worry is that learners who are still young and unable to think from a broader perspective can copy this life style and make it theirs when they grow up. And those who do not possess the same will definitely feel inferior.

If economic thinking is lacking among people in the society is when people fail to choose what to possess and what not to possess. Their failure is also worsened by lack of understanding of the fact that resources are scarce and hence we need to make sure that whatever we possess has the maximum economic impact.

A school being an example of a social organization is a good platform for training pupils to become economic thinkers. Pupils need to be able to put things in an economic perspective before completing their studies. It will be helpful if from primary schools, learners are taught to think economically.

There should be some courses or topics in some subjects that give pupils an opportunity to think in an economic perspective. Waiting until a student reaches form five to get introduced to economic thinking is a challenge as there are some pupils who do not get to that level and also not all pupils who join form five opt for combinations which include economics as a subject.

With the manifestation of lifestyles and practices which show lack of economic thinking among individuals, equipping pupils with economic thinking becomes very important as it will help them in the following ways:

One is about expenditure. Economic thinking



helps individuals avoid possessing items that perform the very same function. This enables them to save some money for other uses which are important. Human beings have a lot of needs to meet. Al-

locating most of the financial resources to an area which has less impact is misuse of resources which is against economic principles.

People need to be reminded that spending is easy but making money demands work. Money needs to be valued. We should not allow unnecessary expenditure consume it. There is a lot of useful projects on which we can spend disposable money. Let us not spend because we have it but no reason to do so.

Second is increasing productivity. Production is the source of economy in any society. It is from production that all other economic initiatives are promoted. When people are aware of this, they can invest in production and hence stimulate economic development. It is a wise decision to direct financial resources in to production process because there is possibility of returns.

What is important is focusing on production of an item that is needed. Unplanned production may lead to economic problems as there will be no possibility of receiving returns. Pupils should be equipped with economic thinking so as to understand production process and hence stimulate economic development.

Third is helping the country achieve a favourable balance of payment. When people purchase items that are unnecessarily, there is a high risk of affecting balance of payment because most of the items are produced outside the country. When the country experiences unfavourable balance of payment, it gets challenges when in need of importing important goods. When learners are equipped with economic thinking, they can help the country have favour-

able balance of payment and hence stabilize the economy.

Fourth is creation of more economic opportunities in the country. When individuals purchase only goods which they need, they may use part of their savings in to purchase other important items which are locally produced and hence promote economic opportunities and growth in the country.

When a lot of money gets outside the country due to more importation of goods than export of goods, economic opportunities in the country are reduced. Individuals need to be told how their decisions with their money may affect the economy either positively or negatively.

Economic thinking helps people work hard and make sound financial decisions for personal benefit and the greater good of the country. Schools should be used to mould a society that thinks economically. There are some challenges that we face not because we don't have money but because we don't know how to spend money we have.

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# Protecting children in war: We have no more time to wait

By Ezequiel Heffes

**I**N 2021 alone, almost 24,000 grave violations of children's rights in war were documented by the United Nations - these included killing and maiming, sexual violence, use and recruitment, and abductions. Schools and hospitals were destroyed, and humanitarian relief was denied on arbitrary grounds, depriving children of vital services. More children now live in conflict zones than in the past two decades.

One critical tool created to address violations against children in war is the UN Secretary-General's Annual Report on Children and Armed Conflict, in which he includes States and armed groups responsible for such violations in his "list of shame." Myanmar government forces, the Taliban in Afghanistan, the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN) in Colombia, and Al-Shabaab in Somalia, to name a few, are currently included in this list.

The list helps protect children and ensures accountability by identifying warring parties and securing commitments to prevent violations through the adoption of UN action plans. It creates tangible, positive changes for children affected by war. Importantly, the listing is based on verified data collected by a global monitoring mechanism.

Despite the fact that the listing mechanism has improved the protection of children in various conflicts, civil society organizations and UN Member States have raised concerns about the process for determining which perpetrators are included by the Secretary-General in his Annual Report.

They have noted that any politicization of the decision-making process to list parties threatens to undermine its credibility, weakening the mecha-



A Yemeni man proudly watches over a young baby in a refugee camp in Obock, Djibouti. Credit: James Jeffrey/IPS

nism's legitimacy as a tool for ensuring accountability, promoting compliance, and preventing future harm to children. These concerns are due to inconsistencies between the data on

violations included in the Report's narrative section and the parties listed in its annexes.

Specifically, some parties responsible for harming children are not

included in the list, while others are listed for only some of the violations they have committed. Some have even been removed from the list before they have fully complied with children's

safeguards. In a 2021 report, an eminent group of international experts on children's rights identified "dozens of cases where multiple and egregious violations did not lead to listing or where listing decisions reflected unexplained inconsistencies."

Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict emphasizes the salience of evidence-based and consistent listing decisions. Protecting children from being harmed in war should never be subject to political considerations. It is crucial to address the abovementioned concerns and ensure that the listing mechanism remains an effective tool for protecting children.

The UN Secretary-General must publish a complete list of perpetrators that accurately reflects verified data on violations. It is time to uphold existing protection frameworks and promote accountability for violations against children's rights irrespective of who the perpetrators are.

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By Grantly Galland

## Governments improving fisheries management but more needs to be done

**G**LOBAL fisheries are worth more than US\$140 billion each year, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. But this hefty sum does not capture the true value of fish to ocean health, and to the food security and cultures of communities around the world.

Unfortunately, many important populations were allowed to be overfished for decades by the same regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) charged with their conservation and sustainable use, and in some regions, this continues.

At the same time, the demand for fish continues to grow - from consumers of high-end Bluefin tuna sushi to coastal communities who depend on seafood as their primary source of protein. So, RFMOs and governments must do more to ensure sustainable fishing and long-term ocean health.

More than 20 years ago, the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA) entered into force as the only global, binding instrument holding governments accountable for managing the shared fish stocks of the high seas.

Under the agreement, fish should be managed sustainably and consistent with the best available science. Governments that are party to this treaty - and to RFMOs - are supposed to follow its management obligations, and work towards greater sustainability of the transboundary species, including tunas and sharks,

vital to the ocean and economies.

Five of those RFMOs focus specifically on tuna management, one each in the Atlantic, eastern Pacific, western and central Pacific, Indian, and Southern oceans. They operate autonomously and, although there is some overlap among their constituent members, each sets its own rules for tuna fishing in its waters.

This makes UNFSA critical to successful management of tuna fisheries. And because the tuna RFMOs manage some of the world's most iconic species, they often set the tone for how other similar bodies operate.

All of this is pertinent now because UNFSA member governments are meeting in New York May 22-26 to evaluate whether RFMOs are performing consistent with their commitments. A similar review was conducted in 2016, and although management has improved over time, some areas require more work, especially when it comes to ending overfishing and considering the health and biodiversity of the entire ecosystem.

Since 2016, the share of highly migratory stocks that are overfished increased from 36% to 40%, making it all the more urgent for governments to act quickly.

UNFSA calls on RFMOs to be precautionary in how they regulate fishing, although that guidance is not always followed. There are several examples of extensive overfishing of target species, such as bluefin tuna in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; yellowfin tuna in the Indian Ocean; and mako, oceanic whitetip sharks and other species that are caught unintentionally.

Although the RFMOs that manage these fisheries have stopped the overfishing in some cases, in others they have not. But there are signs of progress. Over the past decade, a new precautionary management approach known as harvest strategies has gained traction among RFMOs.

These strategies (or management procedures) are science-based rules that automatically adjust catch limits based on several factors, such as population status. If widely implemented, they should end overfishing and prevent it from threatening these populations again.

Harvest strategies have already been successful, particularly in the Southern and Atlantic oceans, where they've been adopted for several species, including bluefin tuna and cod, fish stocks for which precautionary management has historically been difficult, or even controversial.

While this progress is important, UNFSA members are still falling short in an area they have agreed is critically important: taking an ecosystem approach to management. For generations, fisheries managers focused on individual fish stocks - adopting catch limits and other measures with little thought to the broader ecosystem.

Science shows that maintaining ecosystem health is critical to sustainable fishing. Yet, to date, RFMOs largely have not consistently assessed



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or addressed the wider impacts of fishing on ecosystems, including predator-prey relationships, habitat for target and non-target species, and other factors.

Instead, most action has been limited to reducing the impact of bycatch on individual shark species. Better data collection and sharing, and more monitoring of fishing activities, could help integrate stronger ecosystem considerations into management. The more RFMOs can build the whole ecosystem into their decisions, the better it will be for their fisheries.

For example, in the western and central Pacific, the \$10 billion skipjack tuna fishery is an enormous economic driver for island nations that are threatened by climate change. But the harvest strategy in place there is nonbinding and unimplemented.

For a fishery facing changes in stock distribution due to warming waters, as well as increased market pressures, delayed action on implementation - and a lack of an ecosystem approach - may make matters worse. At this week's UNFSA meeting, RFMOs should be commended for the work they have done in the seven years since the last review. Good progress has been made, including improvements to compliance efforts, and monitoring and enforcement to fight illegal fishing.

But many of the legal obligations of the treaty remain unfulfilled. As such, sustainability is still out of reach for some critically important stocks, and almost no ecosystem-based protections are in place.

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## Bees help Kenyan farmers stop elephants from feeding on crops

NAIROBI

KENYAN farmers are using bees to prevent elephants from raiding their crops as part a project promoting a non-lethal way of dealing with conflict between the two.

Bees are important pollinators, but it has also been found that the giant mammals are terrified of them, particularly when the insects are swarming.

UK-based charity, Save The Elephants, is helping farmers erect beehives across the edges of their farmland to create a sort of "fence" to discourage foraging pachyderms from approaching their crops.

Jones Mwakima farms in Kajire Village which is right next door to the Tsavo National Park and has seen numerous elephant raids. He says elephants will munch through a sizeable portion in rapid speeds.

"When an elephant raids your farm, half an hour (of crop raiding and eating) in the farm is equivalent to eight hours in the bush. The problem is that they will just eat 40 per cent and 60 per cent will just be destruction," he says. The large mammals need a lot of food to survive and as settlements encroach on their habitat, it creates conflict with their human neighbours. This has created a big challenge for conservation in Kenya.

"Now people are coming there to build houses, to farm, so this is blocking the migratory routes for elephants leaving them with nothing but to come to these farms and crop raid," says Victor Ndombi, Food Security and Livelihood Project Officer at Save The Elephants.



Kenyan farmers utilise bees to safeguard crops from elephant raids

The charity provides the hives to farmers for free and says it is receiving requests for more installations from the communities it deals with.

The beehives also provide an additional source of income for farmers as they collect the honey and beeswax.

"We love the bees because they help us to protect the farm. I rely solely on farming, I am not employed so it is my main source of food to my family, and I also derive money after the surplus to educate my children," says Mwakima.

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## SA prioritising social entrepreneurship as key to Africa's social development

SOUTH Africa's minister of social development Lindiwe Zulu and African Development Bank (AfDB) Senior Vice President Bajabulile Swazi Tshabalala have agreed that helping Africans acquire the skills to start and scale businesses is critical to building resilience.

Minister Zulu led a 10-person delegation for a courtesy visit with Tshabalala and African Development Bank Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development, Beth Dunford, at the bank's Abidjan headquarters on 16 May.

The bank's Director for Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development Martha Phiri, and other members of the Agriculture, Human and Social Development complex also attended.

Discussions touched on ways to boost opportunities for youth and women, the lessons of Covid-19 and the role South Africa can play in driving the rollout of social security across Africa.

"The entire continent needs comprehensive social security for its citizens," said Zulu. We have to start obviously with our own country,

and then do SADC." She said the Covid-19 pandemic hit the middle class hard, prompting the government's decision to provide grants of 350 rands (\$18.35) to those that lost jobs and then to include those that had been out of work.

Zulu said the ministry was prioritizing social entrepreneurship as a long term strategy for South Africans.

Vice President Dunford agreed, saying, "We really think getting people the skills they need to drive the transformation of the country with ingenuity, energy, the

resources they have, and to take forward their own ideas to really drive the private sector, which is the future."

The Bank has been focused on providing youth and women with the skills and resources needed for entrepreneurship, Dunford added. She cited the Bank's planned Youth Entrepreneurship Investment Banks program and the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa initiative as examples.

Director Phiri pointed to the iDice initiative in Nigeria as a further example of the bank's commitment to sup-

porting African youth. In collaboration with partners, the \$618 million iDice initiative will support more than 200 Nigerian technology and creative start-ups, including providing them with non-financial services.

"We believe we have a comparative advantage working in post-secondary education," Phiri said. She added: "With respect to technical and vocational training, we are providing support to infrastructure to expand access rates. Right now, access rates are below 20% and this is unacceptable."

In closing remarks, Tshabalala said the Bank's High-5 operational priorities influenced its value addition to projects. "I think what we do which is unique is that in all of these 5 areas we understand that you don't just build a road that goes from one place to the other. You think about what agriculture can I do there, what industrial activity can I put there. Do I need to put telecommunication cables in there, can I put some training in there during the building of the project and beyond? What role can I put there for women and for children?"

She stressed that fragility was an issue in all African countries and needed to be taken into consideration in project planning.

Tshabalala also expressed the hope that the issues that had been discussed during the meeting could be captured in order to inform the Bank's country strategy paper (CSP) for South Africa. The CSP is currently being prepared.

While in Abidjan, the South African delegation also met with representatives of the Ivorian government.

## Over 7 million children under the age of five remain malnourished across Horn of Africa

By Special Correspondent

CHILDREN in the Horn of Africa are living through an unprecedented large-scale crisis of hunger, displacement, water scarcity, and insecurity.

More than 7 million children under the age of 5 remain malnourished and in need of urgent nutrition support, and over 1.9 million children are at risk of dying from severe malnutrition.

As the region comes out of one of the worst droughts in 40 years, vulnerable communities have lost cattle, crops, and entire livelihoods over the past three years of failed rains.

"The crisis in the Horn has been devastating for children," said Mohamed Fall, UNICEF Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa. "Over the past 3 years, communities have been forced to take extreme measures to survive, with millions of children and families leaving their homes out of pure desperation in search of food and water. This crisis has deprived children of the essentials of childhood - having enough to eat, a home, safe water, and going to school."

While the rains have brought some reprieve, it has also led to floods, as the parched ground is unable to absorb large quantities of water, leading to further displacement, increased risk of disease, livestock loss and crop damage. In Somalia, the rains have caused floods that have damaged homes, farmland and roads, as well as washed away livestock and led to closures of schools and health facilities. Initial estimates indicate that the flash and riverine floods across Somalia have affected

at least 460,470 people, of whom nearly 219,000 have been displaced from their homes mainly in flood-prone areas, and 22 killed.

Floods have also caused widespread destruction and displacement in several regions of Ethiopia. The flooding has deepened the vulnerability of populations already highly affected by the drought as the areas most affected by flooding and drought overlap. The floods have also worsened health risks, including cholera. The current cholera outbreak is among the longest outbreaks ever recorded in Ethiopia.

"The rains have brought some relief and hope, but also new threats, and recovery doesn't happen overnight," said Fall. "It takes time for crops and herds to grow again, for families to recover from years of hardship. That's why continued support is still critical."

Across the region, 23 million people are facing high levels of acute food insecurity in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. The number of severely malnourished children seeking treatment in the first quarter of this year remains much higher than last year, and will likely remain high for quite a while. On top of nutrition needs, extreme weather, insecurity and scarcity have also had devastating consequences for women and children, worsening the risk of gender-based violence (GBV), sexual exploitation and abuse.

Major outbreaks including cholera, measles, malaria, and other diseases are ongoing across the region, worsened by extreme weather conditions and fragile health systems. Food prices remain high in local markets, burdening children and families. The climate crisis is com-



One month-old Mansuur Osman is held by his mother, Harira Adow, at the stabilisation centre of Garissa County referral hospital. Baby Mansuur is recovering from severe acute malnutrition caused by the prolonged drought experienced in Garissa.

pounding the severity of the situation, worsening mass displacement, malnutrition, and disease.

"In 2022, donor support enabled us to provide services for the

prevention of malnutrition to over 30 million children and mothers," said Fall. "This year, further flexible funding will not just help children recover from a crisis of this magni-

tude, but also go towards developing more resilient, sustainable systems for children in the region that can withstand future climate impacts and other shocks.

With the extreme weather cycles that we see today in the Horn of Africa, the next crisis may hit before children and families have had a chance to recover."





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## Banks assets quality improves as bad loans rate decreases further

By Guardian Reporter

**B**ANKING business continues to enjoy 'smooth ride' with reduced risks, following the slowdown of the rate of bad loans, which indicates resilience and increased public confidence in post pandemic recovery.

This was said in a statement by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), which sat its 226th ordinary meeting on Tuesday, to assess the conduct of monetary policy in March and April, review the performance and outlook of the domestic and global economy and agree monetary policy measures for May and June.

"Quality of assets in the banking system continued to improve as reflected by a decrease in the ratio of non-performing loans to 5.45 percent, compared with 8.25 percent registered in April 2022," the BoT Governor said in a statement.

"The banking sector remained stable and resilient to shocks, characterized by adequate capital, liquidity and profitability."

Given the domestic and global economic conditions, the statement said, MPC approved the BoT to sustain the implementation of less accommodative monetary policy in May and June 2023.

The statement says, in April 2023, banks' deposits and assets continued to increase, in line with the ongoing recovery of economic activities and enhanced use of digital financial services.

The banks financial statements for the first quarter of this year, also showed strong growth of profitability, from both interest and non-interest incomes, which indicated loans repayment has improved than what it was during the period of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The banks first quarter financial results also showed strong growth of customer deposits, credit issuance, cash, shareholders' funds, total assets and reduced Non-Perform-

ing Loans rates by many banks, which was also supported by assets recovery.

According to the Monthly Economic Review for April, credits extended to the private sector recorded an annual growth of 22.9 percent in March 2023, higher than 13.4 percent in the corresponding period in 2022.

The growth was largely on account of improvements in the business environment, and supportive monetary and fiscal policies.

Disaggregation of credit by economic activities revealed that the agriculture sector continued to register the largest growth of credit backed by policy measures that were taken by the BoT to promote cost effective credit intermediation, coupled with ongoing interventions by the government in supporting the sector.

The April review showed BoT maintained a cautious liquidity reducing monetary policy stance.

"The MPC noted with satisfaction the sustained implementation of a less accommodative monetary policy that succeeded in containing inflation within the target while ensuring an adequate supply of liquidity in the banking system in support of credit intermediation and recovery of various economic activities," the committee statement says.

In addition, the policy stance supported the attainment of agreed benchmarks under the IMF Extended Credit Facility (ECF) arrangement for the quarter ending March 2023, laying the foundation for achieving the performance criteria for June 2023.

Meanwhile, in discussing recent economic trends, the MPC observed that global economic activity remained weak in 2022 and the outlook is uncertain, reflecting the adverse effects of war in Ukraine, monetary policy tightening and climate-related constraints.

Global inflation has been easing since the last quarter of 2022, driven by a decline in en-



Bank of Tanzania Dar es Salaam office

ergy prices, but remained above the central banks' targets in many countries, the governor statement noted.

Commodity prices in the global market have been declining, though remained above the levels recorded before the war in Ukraine.

Going forward, it says, inflation is expected to continue declining, driven by the lagged effect of monetary policy tightening and expected further decrease in commodity prices.

On the domestic economy, the MPC noted that the growth is broadly on track supported by improving business conditions, sustained public and private investment, recovery in tourism, and strong growth of credit to the private sector.

In Mainland Tanzania, growth in the first three quarters of 2022 was 5.2 percent, and high-frequency economic indicators support for strong growth of

around 5 percent for the entire year 2022 and about 5.2 percent for 2023. Zanzibar economy is estimated to have grown by 6.8 percent in 2022, much faster than 5.1 percent in 2021.

In 2023, Zanzibar economy is projected to grow at 7.1 percent; ii inflation in Mainland Tanzania eased for the third month in a row to 4.3 percent in April 2023, remaining below the target of 5.4 percent for 2022/23.

In Zanzibar, inflation rose to 7.5 percent in April 2023 from 7.1 percent in March 2023, remaining above the medium-term target of 5 percent, largely due to an increase in the prices of food.

The MPC expects inflation to remain low in the remainder of 2022/23, based on expected further decline in food and energy prices in the global market, complemented by less accommodative

monetary policy and favourable weather that will improve food supply.

The statement notes that money supply growth was consistent with the monetary policy stance, with a year-on-year growth of 17.2 percent in April 2023, against the target of 10.3 percent for 2022/23.

This outturn was on account of sustained strong growth of credit to the private sector of around 23 percent, above the target of 10.7 percent for 2022/23; government budgetary operations remained broadly on track.

In the first three quarters of 2022/23, domestic revenue reached 95.1 percent and 95.9 percent of the targets for Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar, respectively.

The performance was mainly attributable to the ongoing recovery of economic activities, supported by improved tax administration and enhanced taxpayers' compliance.

Government expenditures were aligned with the available resource envelope.

The external sector of the economy continued to face spillover effects of the war in Ukraine and lagged impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, through elevated commodity prices, disrupted supply chains, rising current account deficit and pressure on foreign exchange, as well as high cost of borrowing in international markets, it says.

As a result, foreign exchange reserves closed at US\$4.9 billion at the end of April 2023, down from US\$5.5 billion at the end of April 2022.

The level of reserves was sufficient to cover 4.4 months of imports, which was within the country benchmarks of at least 4 months.

## Yetu Microfinance balance sheet transferred to NMB

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has transferred the assets and liabilities of the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed Yetu Microfinance Bank to NMB Bank Plc, which is also listed at the Dar bourse.

"The Bank of Tanzania wishes to inform the public that, as per its mandate as provided under Section 59 (4) of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006, the process of determining the resolution option of Yetu Microfinance Bank Plc has been completed, and transfer of assets and liabilities to an existing bank has been adopted as the formal resolution option effective 24th May 2023," the central bank said in a public notice issued on Tuesday.

"Consequently, as mandated under Section 58(2) (h) of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006, the Bank of Tanzania has, under acquisition by operation of the law, transferred all assets and liabilities of Yetu Microfinance Bank Plc to NMB Bank Plc."

The central bank noted that depositors and other creditors of Yetu Microfinance Bank Plc will be advised in due course how and when they will commence accessing banking services through NMB Bank Plc.

It said all borrowers are required to continue paying their maturing obligations as per the terms and conditions of the agreements.

"The Bank of Tanzania reiterates its commitment to protect the interests of depositors, creditors and maintain the stability of the banking sector," the notice said.

In exercising its powers under section 56(1)(g)(i) and (iii) of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006, on 12th December 2022 the BoT placed Yetu Microfinance Bank Plc under administration in order to determine the best resolution to its regulatory challenges.

The decision to take over and place



Yetu Microfinance Bank Plc under statutory administration followed failure of the bank to meet regulatory requirements regarding liquidity and capital adequacy.

Normal business operations of Yetu Microfinance Bank Plc were therefore suspended to allow the BoT to determine the appropriate resolution option.

The BoT also suspended its board of directors and management and appointed a statutory manager to manage the affairs of Yetu Microfinance Bank Plc.

Incorporated on December 23, 2013 with Certificate of Incorporation No.104761, Yetu had branches in Mzi-zima, Mbagala Ifakara, Zanzibar, Kilwa and Mngeta.

Yetu Microfinance Bank Plc was the first microfinance institution to be listed

in the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) with 100 million ordinary shares of 250/- each and 20 million preference shares of 250/- each and 36,972,249 issued and fully paid shares of 250/-.

Its share price until its suspension to trade at the DSE was 510/- with the market capitalization of 6.2bn/-.

The microfinance bank was founded as an on-governmental organisation called Youth Self Employment Foundation (Yosefo) in 1997, with the aim of providing youth and women with access to credit and training them how to create their own employment.

In 2014, Yosefo established a company called Yetu Microfinance Ltd which in 2015 issued an Initial Public Offer (IPO) and was subsequently listed on the DSE before securing a banking licence in February 2017

## Kenya banks profit measures beat high interest rates years

NAIROBI

BANKS' profitability, measured by their return on equity or shareholder funds hit a record high last year as lenders continued to defy the impact of interest rate caps and subsequent administrative controls that has stopped them from freely pricing credit as was the case in 2015 and earlier years.

According to data from the Central Bank of Kenya, the industry's return on equity (RoE) hit a record 26.5 percent in 2022, beating 2015's level of 23.9 percent.

The RoE measures how well a bank is managing the capital that shareholders have committed to it.

Interest rate controls were introduced in September 2016, with the main argument being that the lenders were enjoying some of the highest returns in Africa aided by interest rates that topped 25 percent in some cases.

The industry saw a reduction in earnings performance in the initial years following the introduction of interest rate caps, with the RoE, for instance, slumping to 20.8 percent in 2017 from 24.6 percent in 2016.

It fell further to 14.2 percent in 2020 as the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic cut the sector's profitability in the year.

The rate caps were removed in November 2019 but banks have not been free to price credit as they see fit.

Instead, the CBK introduced a stringent screening process for approving a new model of risk-based lending, which is yet to be obtained by all the lenders and which has kept the top lending rates below 20 percent.

Recent disclosures by the Kenya Bankers Association (KBA) reveal 22 of 38 banks have obtained the regulatory nod to reset loan costs for risk in a list that largely covers mid and small-tier banks.

Absa, Stanbic Bank Kenya and Equity Bank have been the first Tier 1 banks to receive a nod with the latter announcing the start

of risk-based pricing on loans from January this year.

On its part, Absa Bank Kenya has noted it sees the opportunity for risk-based pricing in the second half of 2023.

Other large banks have been in different stages of risk-based loan pricing approval.

Banks have meanwhile moved aggressively to cut costs and invest in new growth areas such as regional diversification, wealth management and digital banking in response to the twin challenges of the pandemic and restricted pricing of credit.

The effect has been record earnings, with the performance helped by higher contributions from non-interest income and regional subsidiaries.

Last year, the banking sector recorded a 22 percent rise in net profits to Sh175.3 billion from Sh143.7 billion in 2021 with the industry nearly doubling its earnings in a decade from Sh88 billion in 2013.

The industry's total operating income in the year rose by 18 percent to Sh557.9 billion from Sh473.2 billion.

The higher income in the period is largely due to a 29 percent growth in non-funded income to Sh189.4 billion from Sh146.7 billion.

Meanwhile, commercial banks have called for a pause in interest rate raises by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) when it holds its monetary policy meeting next Monday, citing a diminishing macroeconomic recovery.

The banks represented by the Kenya Bankers Association (KBA) say the operating environment has begun to show some vulnerabilities, including a sustained wide current account deficit and easing private sector credit growth.

"In view of the above developments, and the balance of risks on inflationary pressures and economic growth preservation, we argue that the sustenance of the current monetary policy stance - in keeping the CBR unchanged at 9.5 percent - would be appropriate," KBA said in a research note on Tuesday.



## World Bank seeks grants, new capital to fight global crises

MANILA

THE World Bank will press for more grants and new capital from member countries, even as it leverages its balance sheet to scale up lending for responses to climate change and other global crises, its managing director of operations said on Tuesday.

The lender will rally donor support for a newly established crisis facility for the world's poorest countries that face overlapping global crises, including severe climate events, Anna Bjerde said in an interview.

"We hope to be able to really conclude and have a very strong interest in funding this by the end of the year," Bjerde said, adding that multiple billions of dollars were needed for the crisis facility.

That facility sits within the International Development Association (IDA) fund, the World Bank's fund for the poorest countries. The last replenishment was fast depleted by the pandemic.

COVID-19 pushed many poor countries into debt distress as they were expected to continue servicing their obligations in spite of the massive shock to their finances.

Bjerde is hoping for major progress in courting interest in the facility at the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank in Morocco in October.

"We need to really get grants from developed and higher income countries, rich countries, to provide resource transfers to the lower income countries," she said.

The World Bank, whose 25-member executive board on May 3 elected a new president, wants to increase lending to ensure it can better tackle issues such as climate change, pandemics and conflict.

"We need to continuously work on what we call under the evolution roadmap - a better bank but also a bigger bank," Bjerde said.

The World Bank's "evolution road map" calls on its management to develop specific proposals to change its mission, operating model and financial capacity.



Anna Bjerde

It also prescribes exploring options such as a potential new capital increase to unlock more lending and new financing tools. The capital increase was an ongoing conversation that needed engagement with shareholders, Bjerde said.

"There's a lot of good efforts by World Bank management to look at all opportunities to maximise capital and freeing

up resources internally first, through balance sheet optimisation and so forth."

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen in April said the next steps the World Bank must take include potential changes to allow the bank's private sector and poor country lending arms to lend to sub-sovereign entities such as cities and regional authorities.

Sub-national lending, Bjerde said, was something the World Bank "would very much like to explore further".

"It needs to be part of the toolkit and the solutions, because we need to work with both national governments and sub national governments to be able to tackle and address some of these pressing needs and urgent priorities," Bjerde said.

## CFAO Motors now partners local insurers to enhance car services

By Guardian Correspondent

In a move aimed at providing enhanced services and convenience to car owners, CFAO Motors Tanzania has recently partnered with leading car insurers to streamline insurance processes and ensure hassle-free experiences for customers.

Recognizing the importance of efficient insurance services in conjunction with their comprehensive after-sales offerings, CFAO Motors organized a collaborative meeting that brought together insurance companies and brokers to showcase their services and capabilities.

Mumir Ladak, the Aftersales Director at CFAO Motors Tanzania, expressed the company's commitment to providing exceptional customer experiences beyond the purchase of vehicles.

"At CFAO Motors, we understand that car ownership is not just about the initial transaction but also about the ongoing support and services that car owners require," said Ladak. "By collaborating with reputable insurance companies, we aim to simplify the insurance process and ensure that our customers receive seamless services throughout their ownership journey."

The meeting, which served as a platform for CFAO Motors Tanzania to showcase and highlight its offerings to insurance companies and brokers, witnessed active participation from key industry players.

Representatives from insurance companies commended the proactiveness and leadership shown by CFAO Motors Tanzania to initiate synergies and joint strategies for delivering top-notch insurance services to CFAO Motors' clientele.

"I only knew CFAO Motors Tanzania is good in brand new cars and genuine auto parts dealerships. I didn't know they boast such a big and advanced workshop and offer such competitive packages for aftersales services. This meeting is a good starting point

for synergies between us as insurance companies and CFAO Motors Tanzania to deliver the best services to our customers," said one of the participants from insurance companies after touring CFAO Motors Tanzania's car repair workshop.

Through the collaboration, CFAO Motors Tanzania aims to create a unified ecosystem where car owners can access a range of reliable insurance options tailored to their specific needs.

By working closely with insurance providers, CFAO Motors seeks to minimize the administrative burden for car owners when it comes to insurance claims and related services.

Efficient insurance services hold significant value for CFAO Motors due to their comprehensive after-sales service offerings. With a strong focus on repair and maintenance services, the company understands the importance of streamlining insurance processes to ensure a smooth experience for its customers. CFAO Motors can reinforce its commitment to providing hassle-free services throughout the entire ownership lifecycle by forging alliances with reputable insurers.

The collaboration between CFAO Motors Tanzania and car insurers marks a significant step forward in the automotive industry, emphasizing the importance of comprehensive services beyond the initial vehicle purchase.

By leveraging the expertise and capabilities of insurance companies, CFAO Motors aims to enhance the overall car ownership experience for its customers, offering peace of mind and support in case of unforeseen events.

As the automotive landscape continues to evolve, CFAO Motors Tanzania remains at the forefront of providing innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of car owners. By forging strategic collaborations, the company reiterates its dedication to ensuring customer satisfaction and convenience, demonstrating its commitment to going above and beyond expectations.

## Tanzania-China traders to strengthen bilateral trade



Representatives from insurance companies in a group photo with CFAO Motors Tanzania's team after the meeting between the two sides that took place at the company's offices in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

Urhome Company Ltd of Tanzania Marketing Manager Evance Munuo (R) signing business agreement with China based Foshan Free Electrical Appliance General Manager Hellen Sun (L) during the China-Tanzania enterprise exchange meeting held in Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam to discuss areas of investment opportunities between the two countries. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

MORE than 20 Chinese companies from Foshan city have shown interest to invest in Tanzania following the Tanzania-China enterprise exchange conference held in Dar es Salaam to discuss various matters that would boost business expansion between the two countries.

The Tanzania's trade community under Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), Tanzania Trade Development Authority and Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture attended the meeting yesterday at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dar.

The event among other things saw Tanzania business community venturing with Chinese based companies to sell several products made in Foshan-China.

This will also increase business volume both import and export thus creating a wider room for government revenue and business growth through foreign investment.

Speaking during the event, the

Financial Manager for Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) Georgratus Massawe stated that their goal is to ensure they connect business community with foreign investors.

"We are still proceeding with discussion and we believe that more business opportunities will be created through this meeting," he said.

He added that TPSF is planning to facilitate a business trip for Tanzania's traders to China-Foshan that will happen this year.

One of the Chinese business representatives, Yang Wu said that the decision on which sectors to invest will depend with the discussion and readiness of local traders.

"We are expecting to hold talks with Tanzania Investment Center (TIC) and after we understand local business operations we will decide where we can invest," he said.

He pointed out one of the areas of interest is mineral processing and trading.

The bilateral trade between China and Tanzania has developed rapidly, with the trade volume reaching US\$6.74 billion up 47.1 percent year on year. Among them, Tanzania's exports to China amounted to US\$606 million, up 47.3 percent year on year, and the growth rate was faster than the average level.

Foshan is the base of China's trillion-dollar home furnishing industry, also an important manufacturing base in China.

More than 40 percent of Foshan's self-owned brand products are sold all over the world, making it a veritable "world factory".

It has very prominent advantages in a series of products such as building materials, furniture, accessories, hardware, lamps, household appliances, coatings, etc., and has numbers

such as "China's Home Appliances Capital" and "Ceramics Capital".

Foshan has always been an important supply chain city for China-Tanzania trade, and the total trade volume has been increasing year by year. Products made in Foshan can be seen everywhere in the Tanzanian market.

In order to further strengthen the trade cooperation between the two sides, and better promote "Made in Foshan" to Tanzania. The professional department of Foshan Municipal Government organized this enterprise exchange meeting.

James Maziku, from Export Processing Zones Authority stated that there are plenty of investment areas for foreign investors in the country.

"We are establishing infrastructures to accommodate investors who are coming here and, in our presentation, we have shown them about the Bagamoyo project," he said.

## Five top banks colluded on UK bonds, Antitrust Agency says

LONDON

TRADERS at five major banks colluded in chatrooms to swap sensitive information on UK bonds, Britain's antitrust agency said in provisional findings that could pave the way for hefty fines for some of the lenders.

Citigroup Inc., Deutsche Bank AG, HSBC Holdings Plc, Morgan Stanley and Royal Bank of Canada each unlawfully shared competitively sensitive information in chatrooms between 2009 and 2013, the Competition and Markets Authority said on Wednesday.

Deutsche Bank won't be fined and any penalty that Citi receives will be discounted after the duo admitted their involvement, the CMA said.

HSBC, Morgan Stanley and Royal Bank of Canada haven't admitted any wrongdoing. At this stage, no assumption should be made that any of the banks have broken the law. Penalties may be issued once a final conclusion is reached the regulator added.

The case relates to a small number of traders who worked at the bank and was connected to the buying and selling of UK government bonds - gilt and gilt asset swaps, the CMA said. It involved details of pricing and trading strategies. The conversations were one-to-one, the CMA said.

"This could have denied taxpayers, pension savers and financial institutions the benefits of full competition for these products, including the minimization of borrowing costs," said Michael Grenfell, executive director of enforcement at the CMA.

The UK watchdog has been investigating the allegations since it first opened the probe in November 2018, but has publicly revealed little details about what area of financial services or banks were involved.

"Morgan Stanley has cooperated fully with the CMA during this investigation and will continue to constructively engage in the process," the bank said in a statement. "However, we disagree with the CMA's provisional allegations and intend to contest them."

The four other banks didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Antitrust watchdogs across Europe have taken a closer look at bond market collusion in a series of probes targeting some of the biggest banks in the region. The European Commission issued a formal complaint to Deutsche Bank last year for its alleged role in a cartel linked to euro-denominated bonds.

# Gender responsible budget enhances accountability, proper implementation

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

INVOLVEMENT of people from the grass-root in the preparation of the national budget is vital in getting a gender responsive budget.

A government budget is a financial statement of the expected revenue and intended expenditure of the government over a given period, usually a year.

A budget necessarily has two sides - revenue (income) and expenditure (spending).

As a financial plan the government budget has to demonstrate that the allocations of the budget are going to benefit both women and men in their varied positions.

Additionally, the financial plan has to show that generation of revenue is not going to overburden certain sections of the population.

As a policy instrument the budget has to align both expenditure and revenue to various commitments which the government has made at international, regional and national levels.

Following that importance, Tanzania Gender Network [TGNP] in support of the COADY International Institute has or-

ganized a three-day training on gender responsible budget to 45 ward executive officers [WEOs], village executive officers [VEOs], mtaa executive officers [MEOs] and knowledge centres [KCs] leaders.

These leaders are drawn from Ubungo, Kinondoni, Dar es Ilala City and Kishapu District Council of Shinyanga.

Officiating the seminar, Tanzania Gender Network [TGNP]'s Senior Programme Officer-research and analysis, Zainab Mmary said that the objectives of the seminar among others are to increase more understanding and capacity building on the different concepts of gender matters to the seminar participants.

To analyse policies, programmes, plans and budgets that do observe gender. Get feedback on what has been implemented as agreed during last year's training.

Identify the gaps and achievements gained when implementing what they had agreed upon.

Analyse budgets of each ward and identify challenges faced during the implementation. And prepare a work plan on how to implement what they have agreed upon.

They would also do gender analytical, follow up and devel-



Tanzania Gender Network [TGNP]'s Senior Programme Officer-research and analysis, Zainab Mmary insists on a point when officiating a seminar local leaders on GRB over the weekend in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Daniel Semberya.

opment evaluation.

The participants also needed to give feedback about the success stories and challenges faced after the previous seminar held in December last year.

Also, to brainstorm with the mentioned officials who are the key players in their respective areas on the importance and need of coming up with a gender responsible budget [GRB] that will address the

many challenges occurring in Tanzanian society.

Through the financial support of COADY International Institute of St Francis, TGNP has been training, building capacity to leaders from the local to the national levels and the community through the knowledge centres.

Furthermore, TGNP advances gender equality, women empowerment and ac-

tive citizenship.

For his part, the facilitator of the seminar Advocate Idd Mziray said that it was critically important for these leaders to understand all issues regarding gender preparation and gender responsible budget because it has many benefits to the nation and society at large.

He mentioned some of those benefits of GRB are such as: To prevent the losses to the nation that can occur from failing to consider the gender implications of public expenditure and revenues.

It provides an opportunity to pursue balanced, sustainable and humane development. It enhances accountability and effective policy implementation.

"Gender budgeting entails systematic incorporation of gender concerns throughout the budgeting process."

It also involves an analysis of the situation of women and men, girls and boys and other groups in a given sector/project or programme.

Stopover's Ward Executive Officer, in Ubungo Municipality, in Dar es Salaam, Self Rwabutiti commended TGNP for organizing that seminar on gender responsible budget. He said that the seminar has been like an eye opener to him.

"Through this seminar I can confidently say I know how to analyse a budget and eventually come up with

a budget that observes gender equality."

He has promised to ensure whatever budget they pass in his ward becomes a gender sensitive budget, which covers all needs of women, men, girls and boys and other vulnerable groups in a given sector/project or programme.

Mabwepande Ward Executive Officer in Kinondoni Municipality, Athumani Mtono, said that being the chairperson of the construction projects committee in his ward, he will ensure the building is constructed by observing the needs of girls, and people with disabilities.

However, he has urged seminar organisers to also involve district engineers and architects who prepare drawings of buildings to be constructed before start of the construction, so that they also know the needs of people with disabilities, and special rooms for women and girls.

Importantly, he has promised to ensure their ward budget is a gender responsible budget that considers and addresses all needs of all groups of people in society.

Saranga Knowledge Centre [KC]'s deputy chairperson Hanci Obote has also lauded TGNP for organizing that seminar. Saying "Involving ward executive officers is very important because as KCs we can now work collaboratively and smoothly because we can speak the same language."

# Russian central bank joins the fight amid Ukraine war

LONDON

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin has increasingly put Russia's economy on a war footing since his invasion of Ukraine. The central bank is also being enlisted for the fight under a decorated military officer installed as a deputy governor.

Sergey Belov's role in charge of what are known as "field institutions" that effectively channel funding from the state budget to combat troops draws little attention. Unlike Governor Elvira Nabiullina and other top officials, he isn't under international sanctions.

Belov, 52, became deputy governor of the Bank of Russia in May last year and oversees the field offices alongside the system of cash circulation. A graduate of the Defense Ministry's economic academy, he previously ran the central bank's division in Sevastopol, a city on the Ukrainian peninsula of Crimea that Putin annexed in 2014.

It's without recent precedent for the official in charge of the central bank's military functions also to hold civilian responsibilities, according to Nikolai Krotov, a historian of finance in Russia.

Run by the central bank on behalf of the Defense Ministry, the

field institutions carry out banking transactions to ensure they bypass commercial lenders and avoid any exposure of state secrets. By law, they are a military branch subject to military regulations.

The Bank of Russia operates almost 90 such field offices that are assigned to work near frontline units. They meet banking needs from opening a current account or handling cash withdrawals to money transfers and even issuing their own payment cards.

Though large swathes of the economy have been enlisted to support the invasion, the Bank of Russia has sought to cast itself as a bastion of technocrats focused on fine-tuning monetary policy in a country under siege from unprecedented international sanctions.

Bank of Russia Sees Economy Growing as Sanctions Shock Fades

"The appointment of a specialist with a military background to be responsible for cash circulation seems to befit the spirit of the times," said Oleg Vyugin, a former first deputy governor at the Bank of Russia. "Now is the time in Russia for those from the military and security milieu - they have certain opportunities for a successful career in many civilian sectors."

The central bank didn't respond to a request to comment. When asked about the field institutions at a news conference in April, Nabiullina said only that they are functioning as intended.

The obscure department that was managed before Belov by the central bank's chief accountant has become a vital cog of the war economy as the Kremlin tries to coax more Russians to volunteer to join the fight by offering financial incentives and benefits.

Belov's reach has expanded with Russia's occupation of parts of four regions of eastern and southern Ukraine after a government decree this year empowered the field institutions to handle budget resources for residents in the territories. In February, he attended a meeting held in the occupied city of Mariupol on providing financial

services.

Russia's lower house of parliament also passed a draft law in March to transfer responsibility for paying the wages and allowances of all armed forces personnel to the field institutions and lenders selected by the government, to ensure security of data about the military.

The central bank under Nabiullina has enjoyed an enviable degree of autonomy in Russia and once earned the title of the "most orthodox" in developing Europe. After she attempted to resign following Russia's February 2022 attack on Ukraine, Putin nominated her for a new five-year term.

It was around the same time that the bank began to retrofit for the new reality. In March last year, it bought sleeping bags, tents and wood stoves for its field institutions.

Within weeks, Belov - who had led the field institutions department since 2021 - was promoted to the role of Nabiullina's deputy, though without becoming a voting member of the board of directors that decides on policy.

His elevation was a sign of the importance attached to the position and also symbolic because of who he replaced - Mikhail Alekseev, a veteran banker and former chairman of the Russian subsidiary of Italy's UniCredit SpA, who became subject to US sanctions in April last year.

# TFC partners Morocco firm for producing bio fertilisers

By Correspondent Beatrice Moses

TANZANIA Fertilizer Company Ltd (TFC) has partnered with OCP Africa in supplying and distributing fertilizers to farmers, as well as creating an exchange program in helping Tanzanians to learn easy and efficient technology in producing organic or bio-fertilizer.

TFC General Manager Samuel Mshote said an agreement with OCP Africa of Morocco was reached during the strategic meeting held on Tuesday in Dar es Salaam.

He said that, OCP is the main producer of the fertilizer known as DAP, and has agreed TFC to be their agents and will make sure that the fertilizer will be supplied on time, to bring good results.

Mshote said that TFC appreciates a lot the decision that have been reached, as is capable, citing the recently, 6bn/- commissioned for supplying fertilizer to farmers countrywide.

He said: "we have bought 4500 tons of fertilizer, that have been distributed in time to approximately 20,000 farmers in the 17 leading farming regions, in a way that we have succeeded to earn more than 7bn/-".

On the other hand, OCP has announced to invest on building five bio-fertilizer processing plants from organic waste, by using an advanced technology of processing waste in only three hours, relatively faster than the present technology that uses 100 days.

Apart from eradicating the accumulation of waste, it is also believed that the planned investments will help in decreasing the price of the fertilizer, hence helping the farmer to improve productivity at lower costs.

Mshote said "production of waste on our markets is approximately 315 tons per day; hence building of such industries is good news; as waste will be used in producing fertilizers, therefore being a source of income rather than being cause of diseases"

Mshote also said that investors have provided an opportunity for students to go and learn the technology on investor's industries that are based in Morocco.

Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Dr Hussein Omari also

supported this by saying that, this investment is big step towards achieving the 2030 agenda of bringing growth of agriculture by 10 percent, and also increasing employment opportunities by 3 million.

He said that organic fertilizer is very good and suitable, as it does not contain chemicals, making the crops cultivated under the use of it to be safe to use, and he believes that, the production of bio-fertilizer in the country will help in decreasing the price as well as increasing the availability of inputs.

He said "the biggest challenge that we are facing is the accumulation of waste as well as scarcity of jobs. This investment tends to solve all, therefore we will facilitate this matter along with the Ministry of regional administration and local government authorities and environment stakeholders, effective arrangements and mechanism of collection of waste would be put in place so as the production of fertilizer to succeed".

Vice President of the OCP Africa, Youseff Lahmiti elaborated that the agreement will be done in four ways.

They include two companies combining forces in supplying and distributing the fertilizer to farmers, local production of fertilizers that will be for specific soils, local production of organic fertilizer or bio fertilizer from organic waste, and OCP Africa and TFC will focus in increasing the yields of the small farmers.

The executive director of Tanzania of Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA) Stephen Ngailo said that for the demand of fertilizer for financial year 2022/23 is 667,000 tons while for 2023/24 the demand will reach 800,000 tons.

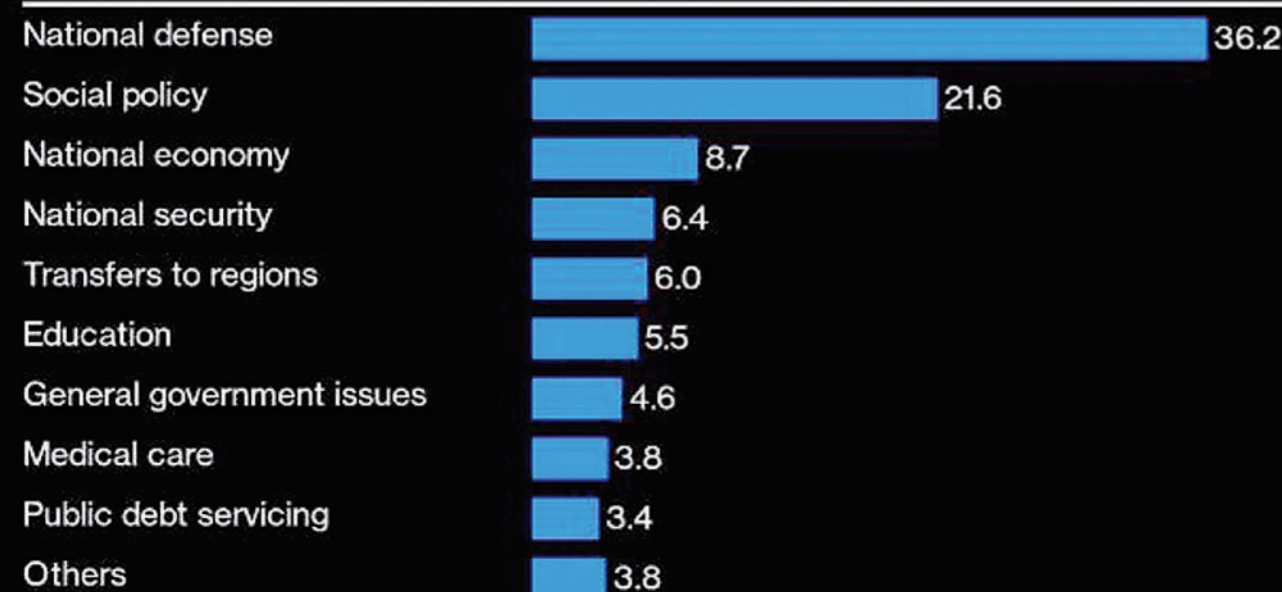


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## Russian Defense Spending Dominates as War Escalates

Military outlays are the biggest single budget item

Share in total expenses, %



Source: Finance Ministry

Bloomberg

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## WORLD

## UN calls for efforts to protect civilians caught in conflict

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Tuesday urged upholding promise to protect civilians caught in conflict.

"Civilians have suffered the deadly effects of armed conflict for too long. It is time we live up to our promise to protect them," Guterres told the UN Security Council debate on the protection of civilians in armed conflict.

The world is failing to live up to its commitment to protect civilians during wartime, the top UN official said, urging greater respect for international humanitarian law.

Last year, civilians accounted for 94 percent of victims of explosive weapons deployed in populated areas, he said.

More than 117 million people world-

wide also faced acute hunger in 2022, primarily because of war and insecurity, which he described as "an outrage."

Guterres pointed to recent action towards alleviating the impact of conflict on civilians. For example, some warring parties have taken steps to protect children and allow humanitarians to access people in need.

Addressing food security, he mentioned measures such as the Black Sea Initiative to export grain from Ukraine amid the ongoing conflict, as well as a memorandum of understanding on bringing Russian food and fertilizer to global markets.

Last November, states adopted a political declaration on restricting or refraining from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, which he urged all countries to join.



UN secretary General Antonio Guterres addresses the media during a visit to the UN office in the capital Nairobi, Kenya, May 3, 2023. AP

The council also adopted a resolution the following month which aims to prevent UN sanctions from harming civilians and obstructing humanitarian action.

"These modest steps are welcome. But the terrible truth is that the world is failing to live up to its commitments to protect civilians; commitments enshrined in international humanitarian law," said Guterres, referring to the Geneva Conventions.

"We need action and accountability to ensure it is respected. That depends on political

will," he added. The secretary-general urged the international community to intensify efforts to prevent conflict, protect civilians, preserve peace and find political solutions to war.

"Where war continues, all countries must comply with international humanitarian law and members of this council have a particular responsibility," he said.

Additionally, countries that export weapons should refuse to do business with any party that fails to comply with international humanitarian law, said the UN chief.

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## Hope this G20 meeting in Srinagar promotes tourism: J-K residents on day-3

SRINAGAR

THE last day events of the 3rd G20 Tourism Working Group (TWG) meeting have begun in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The foreign delegates attended the meetings and sessions organized in the last two days with a special focus on tourism and other developments between the G20 countries.

Talking about the G20 meeting in Srinagar, a resident of Ganderbal said, "We hope this will promote tourism... We also hope that such programs are held frequently and that people come here often... Foreign tourists will come and this will end unemployment here... Now, the entire country knows that Kashmiris are good hosts and we welcomed the delegates open-

heartedly..."

Kashmiris welcomed the G20 meetings which will boost the tourism and business sector in Kashmir. The delegates are scheduled to visit the various famous places in Srinagar.

On Tuesday, J-K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy, Dr Jitendra Singh, and G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant participated in the session.

Addressing the meeting, Union Minister Reddy said, "Ministry of Tourism and Government of India is committed to working with all the G20 member countries and all the International organisations to promote sustainable practices that benefit the people and the planet."

Meanwhile, Singh said that Srinagar has a wide range of craftsmanship and has the highest rail-



G20 delegates pose for a photo standing in front of Nishat Mughal Garden as part of the third Tourism Working Group meeting while promoting Incredible India through Tourism in Srinagar yesterday. ANI

way bridge in the world. India is ready to share global responsibility as far as the obligation towards the economy, environment, and

society is concerned.

"Youth are highly well-informed and they can see the enormous opportunities offered by the PM

of India. The common man of Srinagar wants to be a part of the global journey led by PM Modi," he added.

At the session, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said that Jammu and Kashmir have always been the center of knowledge, wisdom, and breathtaking landscape. For 30 years this land of peacefulness had to suffer from state-sponsored terrorism by the neighbouring country.

"However, PM Modi brought development schemes that empowered the state. J-K is now open to a new era that is open to growth, peace, and development. Today J-K stands as one of the developed states in the country," he added.

The meeting started amid the high security across Kashmir to prevent any incidents.

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## Türkiye gears for runoff presidential election

ANKARA

TÜRKIYE'S landmark presidential election is heading for a runoff on Sunday, with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan predicted to have a clearer edge in the upcoming showdown against Kemal Kilicdaroglu, after a third-place candidate said he would endorse the incumbent president.

This is the first time Erdogan faces a second-round runoff vote as a presidential candidate, as none of the three candidates garnered more than 50 percent of votes needed to call a winner in the first round on May 14.

Pre-election opinion polls gave a winning percentage to the opposition alliance led by Kilicdaroglu, but the scale seems to be tilting toward Erdogan after he received the open endorsement of Sinan

Ogan, a nationalist candidate who won 5.17 percent of vote in the first round.

Following a fiercely contested first ballot that left Erdogan with 49.52 percent of votes, and Kilicdaroglu with 44.88 percent, the two candidates dived into even more heated public debates to prove they are the best choice to lead Türkiye.

Erdogan, 69, could likely have the advantage going forward and might extend his leadership for another five years as his ruling coalition also obtained a majority of seats in the parliamentary race on May 14, analysts say.

Erdogan has secured large popular support despite economic hardships and the aftermath of devastating earthquakes in early February. He came out on top in most of the 11 quake-hit provinces where over 50,000 people died.



People walk by an election campaign poster in Ankara, Türkiye, on Tuesday. Türkiye's landmark presidential election is heading for a runoff on May 28, 2023, with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan predicted to have a clearer edge in the upcoming showdown against Kemal Kilicdaroglu, after a third-place candidate said he would endorse the incumbent president. XINHUA

Voters in these regions, which are strongholds of Erdogan's ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), have been reassured by Erdogan's promises to rebuild cities within a year; Ankara-based political analyst Serkan Demirtas told Xinhua.

"Voters in the earthquake zone have confidence in Erdogan and his government's experience in construction projects," he said.

In capital city Ankara, near the landmark Atakule Tower, people told Xinhua that they are eager to vote for

the candidate of their choice after the high turnout of the previous vote, which stood at 87 percent.

"Türkiye is at a crossroads," said pensioner Remzi Karaoguz, adding "everything will be good," using a slogan of 74-year-old Kilicdaroglu's campaign. Ziya Derya, an electrical engineer, said he would vote for stability, implying that he will favor the incumbent president.

"The most important thing for me is the security and the independence of my nation... I will vote for stability because without it, nothing is possible," said the man in his late fifties.

In videos posted on Twitter in recent days ahead of the second round of voting, Kilicdaroglu has adopted a harder tone and promised to send millions of Syrian and Afghan refugees home to win nationalist votes and defeat Erdogan.

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## 'It's historical event, not time for politics'

NEW DELHI

AFTER 19 opposition parties announced a boycott of the inauguration of the new Parliament building, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi yesterday said that it is a historical occasion and not the time for politics.

Addressing the media, the Union Minister said that boycotting and making issues out of a new issue is most unfortunate. "I would like to tell them that this is a historical event. This is not the time for politics...Boycotting and making issues out of a new issue is most unfortunate. I appeal to them to reconsider their decision and join this historical function..." said Pralhad Joshi.

His remarks come on the heels of Congress and 18 other opposition parties have decided to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament Building, saying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to inaugurate the building without President Droupadi Murmu "insults the high office of the President, and violates the letter and spirit of the Constitution".

In a joint statement, the like-minded opposition parties said that Prime Minister's decision to inaugurate the building by himself is "a direct assault on our democracy, which demands a commensurate response." The new Parliament building will be inaugurated on May 28.

"When the soul of democracy has been sucked out from the Parliament, we find no value in a new building. We announce our collective decision to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building. We will continue to fight - in letter, in spirit, and in substance - against this authoritarian Prime Minister and his government, and take our message directly to the people of India," the statement said.

The nineteen opposition parties who will boycott the inauguration are - Congress, DMK, Aam Aadmi Party, Shiv Sena (UBT), Samajwadi Party, TMC, Janta Dal (United), Nationalist Congress Party, Communist Party of India (Marxist), RJD, Indian Union Muslim League, National Conference, Communist Party of India, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Kerala Congress (Mani), Vidhuthalai Chirunthaiyal Katchi, Rashtriya Lok Dal, Revolutionary, Socialist Party and Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam. ANI

## Neocolonial model of world to become thing of the past, asserts Putin

MOSCOW

RUSSIA, together with other countries, will assuredly achieve a fair world order, whereas the model under which certain countries develop at the expense of others will become a thing of the past, Russian President Vladimir Putin said, greeting the participants in the 11th International Meeting of High-Level Officials Responsible for Security Issues.

"I am confident that, together, we will achieve the formation of a more equitable, multipolar world, while the ideology of exceptionalism as well as the neocolonial system, which has undermined the exploitation of the resources of the entire world, will inevitably recede into the past," he noted.

Putin assured the foreign security officials that Russia was ready to engage in the closest level of interaction with all interested countries in efforts to counteract common threats and tackle the challenges that humankind is facing today.

"We highly appreciate the fact that Russia has numerous allies and partners across diverse regions and continents. We sincerely cherish our historically strong, friendly, and genuinely trust-based ties with Asian, African and Latin American countries, and we will continue to do all we can to strengthen them," he assured his audience.

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Separately, Putin talked about the significance of the conference for the global situation, noting that, over the years, regular interactions between security officials aimed at sharing their expertise and assessments have proven their utility and relevance, and have been instrumental in resolving key issues of regional and global security as well as strategic stability.

The Russian president also noted that the conference's agenda is very intensive and substantive. Above all, the meeting's participants will discuss the current global situation and the prospects for its further development, as well as analyze the most pressing contemporary threats. "Among them are international terrorism, extremism, illegal arms and drug trafficking, transnational crime and illegal migration. And, of course, issues pertaining to food and information security," the Russian leader elaborated.

Putin hoped that the meeting would be constructive and produce useful results, while helping to determine new methods and areas for practical cooperation "for the benefit of countries and peoples, and in the interest of peace and stability on the planet."

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CHINESE President Xi Jinping on May 19 chaired the first China-Central Asia Summit and delivered a keynote speech in Xi'an, north-west China's Shaanxi province. The summit was also attended by heads of state of the five Central Asian countries, namely Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The six heads of state reviewed the history of friendly exchanges between China and Central Asia, took stock of their cooperation outcomes, summed up successful experiences, and built new consensus, charting a blueprint for the future development of China-Central Asia relations.

Facing profound changes unseen in a century, and bearing in

## Xi'an summit a new milestone in China-Central Asia relations

mind the fundamental interests and bright future of the peoples, the six countries are determined to foster an even closer China-Central Asia community with a shared future, which will bring more benefits to the peoples and make greater contributions to regional peace and development.

The China-Central Asia relationship is steeped in history, driven by broad actual needs, and built on solid popular support. The relations are brimming with vigor and vitality in the new era.

For millennia, the people of China and Central Asia have complemented and learned from each

other, creating the glories of the ancient Silk Road. Since the two sides established diplomatic relations, they have always respected each other, enjoyed good neighborliness, and worked in partnership and solidarity for mutual benefit through thick and thin. Their state-to-state relations have grown from ones of good-neighborliness to strategic partnerships, and then to a community with a shared future, achieving historic leapfrog development.

In today's world, transformations unseen in a century are accelerating; the international and regional situation is changing in

profound and complex ways; both opportunities and challenges are unprecedented. At this critical historical juncture, the China-Central Asia Summit follows the trend of win-win cooperation, which is in line with the fundamental interests of the peoples and is conducive to the development and revitalization of the six countries.

In his keynote speech, Xi proposed four points on what Central Asia the world needs, four principles in building a China-Central Asia community with a shared future and eight points for good planning, development and progress of China-Central Asia cooperation.

It marked the first comprehensive and systematic exposition on China's foreign policy toward Central Asia by China's top leader in the new era. It has won high recognition and received warm responses from the heads of state of the five Central Asian countries, and offered fundamental guidance for building an even closer China-Central Asia community with a shared future.

Building an even closer China-Central Asia community with a shared future is the most important political outcome of the summit, which demonstrates to the world the determination of China

and Central Asia to renew their millennia-old friendship and open up new vistas for the future.

Xi said in his keynote speech that the world needs a stable, prosperous, harmonious and interconnected Central Asia. He stressed the sovereignty, security, independence and territorial integrity of Central Asian countries must be upheld, their people's choice of development paths must be respected, and their efforts for peace, harmony and tranquility must be supported.

His remarks strongly resonated with the leaders of Central Asian countries. During the summit, they

voiced firm support for each other to choose a development path compatible with their national conditions, firmly uphold their core interests including sovereignty, independence, security and territorial integrity, and oppose interference in others' internal affairs.

Central Asian countries fully recognize the significance of the Chinese path to modernization for the world's development, and reiterate their firm commitment to the one-China principle. As forces for peace and justice, China and Central Asian countries, with mutual understanding and joint efforts, will surely inject more positive energy and stability into this complicated and volatile world.

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# SPORT



Simba SC striker, Jean Baleke (R), receives the 2022/23 NBC Premier League Best Player of the Month award for December from a representative of the league's main sponsor, National Bank of Commerce (Tanzania) Limited. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## TPLB monthly league awards improve quality in 2022/23 NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THERE are two rounds left before the culmination of this season's NBC Premier League with Yanga successfully defending the top-flight top honour, rivals Simba SC holding second place, and Azam FC sitting third.

Domestic football lovers have witnessed great competition between teams and players this season, a situation which has led to great excitement and made the Premier League increase in value.

The league has further been closely followed by a large group of football fans in Tanzania and elsewhere.

The competition has not only ended in the pursuit of three points but also brought about a race for quality monthly awards handed over to coaches, players, and stadium managers, who have been seen to do well in the matches played in the respective months.

With the league season heading for conclusion, the monthly awards have already been presented for nine months and the constant change of winners shows how competitive this season was when it comes to competing for such awards.

In terms of the Best Player of the Month award, Yanga leads the rest, having collected three of the nine awards presented so far, followed by Simba SC which has garnered two, while Ihefu SC, Singida Big Stars, Namungo FC, and Mbeya City FC won once each team.

Those to have won the award for Yanga this season include Feisal Salum who won in September, Fiston Mayele (November), and Stephane Aziz Ki who emerged as the winner in April.

The two Simba SC players who won the award this season are Clatous Chama who emerged as the winner in December and Jean Baleke who laid his hands on it in March.

Singida Big Stars' skilful midfielder Bruno Gomez (January), Reliants Lusajo of Namungo FC (August), Sixtus Sabilo of Mbeya City FC (October), and Yacouba Songne of Ihefu SC (February) constitute the ballers voted Best Player of the Month.

In the nine months that the Best Coach Award has been presented this season, Simba SC dominated having won three times followed by Singida Big Stars walking away with two awards while Yanga, Kagera Sugar, Namungo FC, and Tanzania Prisons got one award each.

Simba SC got the three awards in November and December through the then interim head coach Juma Mgunda and, later on, grabbed it in March as it was presented to head coach Roberto Oliveira 'Robertinho'.

Singida Big Stars' awards both went to the outfit's head coach Hans Pluijm in August and January.

Head coach Nasreddine Nabi won the award for Yanga in October, Zambian Honour Janza of Namungo FC lifted the gong in September, Mecky Mexime of Kagera Sugar won in February while Mohamed Abdallah 'Bares' of Tanzania Prisons took the April award.

Highland Estates Stadium's Manager, Omari Malule, whose facility is a property of Ihefu SC sponsors, has no rival in the competition for the Best Stadium Manager of the Month award.

In the nine months that the award has been presented, Malule has won it four times from January to April followed by Hassan Simba of Singida's Liti Stadium, winning it twice in August and November.

Kassim Majaliwa Stadium Manager, Saimon Mwamba (September), Modestus Mwaluka of Sokoine Stadium who got it in October and Godfrey Komba of Manungu Stadium who lifted the honour in December complete the winners' list.

## SPORTS

# City rivals' end-of-season balance sheet and the Chama-Feisal uproar

By Correspondent John Kimbute

CLOSE monitoring of intentions on the part of Young Africans, also known as Yanga, for their estranged midfielder Feisal Salum was vivid at the weekend with an uproar after a goodwill visit by Clatous Chama, the Lusaka playmaker at Simba SC.

Once the photos or video appeared on social media the witch-hunting unfolded, as to what role Chama might have been assigned in 'misleading' the now 'exiled' player, now back home in Zanzibar. One fan went to the extent of insulting Chama, he replied.

As good players often show, when fans are in an insulting mood a good player is easy - which is not that easy if it is on close range.

Enraged players have at times kicked or punched fans at the edge of the pitch if insulted, and a landmark event was butting on the heading of Italian opponent Marco Materazzi by France legend Zinedine Zidane, after which the French midfielder quit playing altogether, at a World Cup final.

Insults are psychologically disturbing so when taken seriously they impair a player.

For connoisseurs, players are usually friendly for they meet quite often and value one another for their professional skills, not separated by their specific loyalties at a given moment.

In the final analysis, players are just club employees and if the occasion demands, they can switch sides, even if it is from Msimbazi Street to Jangwani Street, or Chamazi as was earlier rumoured on the part of Salum, popularly known as 'Fei Toto'.

So to be in Zanzibar for a short stay and not say 'hello' to the flamboyant player seemed to Chama as out of place, in social media remarks. Feisal is a monument.

What transpired in social media confirmed what one hears on sports platforms on a day-to-day basis, that the position that Feisal is a Yanga player is more or less indubitable on the part of the club rank and file.

It reminds one of an adage that when a lie is repeated often enough it becomes a truism, and thus Yanga - assisted by the soccer federation - has succeeded in convincing its lay followers that the player is just being misled by some people.

With Chama visiting him, some of the more irate sections in street corner talking shops now had the proof, for the asking.

It is even fair to ask if the club has been able to live with the situation with greater ease than would otherwise be the case due to their impressive performance in the various tournaments they are engaged.

Yanga has won the 2022/23 Premier League, has a foot in the final of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup, and is ready to bag the coveted Azam Sports Federation Cup title. The leadership is talking of clinching



Tanzania's Simba SC midfielder, Clatous Chama (C), outfoxes Morocco's Wydad Athletic Club midfielder, Abdellah Haimoud, when the sides locked horns in a 2022/23 CAF Champions League last-eight rematch which took place in Casablanca on April 28. Simba SC lost 1-0 to Wydad Athletic Club. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

the treble, and it may work.

What is galling is that to the rank and file and the leadership, a precipitated departure from the 2022/23 CAF Champions League is no longer at issue, nor indeed what needs to be done to avoid that situation next season.

But if the club mood can be read properly, they are happy about the league title more or less for the prestige, to take the sting out of the derby drubbing of late, not because they look forward to the CAF Champions League, where they ought to be the real representatives.

There is even a psychological element there, that Simba SC is mentally tuned to meet the big clubs on the continent though with mixed results, Yanga prefers quitting.

Yanga's ideal setting is not just a circumstance of the run of the tournament this year but a model worth pursuing, that it wins the domestic league, slides out of the top-tier CAF tournament, and then does wonders in the second-tier run.

Head coach Nasreddine Nabi is a veteran of the tournaments, he may even have had a sigh of relief to leave the top-tier tourney, so long as he is transferred to the other tourney.

He knows the difference but the fans will only see the goals, voila!

So to an extent, the Feisal issue is light for the club as it has not cost them a great deal, thanks to frenetic recruitment or a buzz of it on the short window at the turn of the year.

There was also an unexpected improvement or restoring of form for once pivotal forward Bernard Morrison, whom some pundits or speculation from within the club were suggesting that the head coach does not want him.

At times such things happen, that coaches want discipline first, not being cowed by a player's talent, etc.

What can only be speculated upon is how far the Feisal issue is a pain or a problem on the part of players on either divide, who may have visited Zanzibar and avoided Feisal for not wishing for the controversy, the throwing of mud.

Take the case of a fan who referred to 'the dog Chama' misleading Feisal, whereupon the Lusaka midfield genius asked him for some bones as he felt hungry!

Great humour in an otherwise unfortunate exchange, wishing that practically no one should talk to Feisal if he is from Dar es Salaam, to avoid suspicions and not further 'mislead' the player.

What is surprising is that the player has not caved in already, given the tumult and blaring of sirens, but he has the psychological support of family, friends, and to an extent, even lawyers.

## Dar set to host 2023 Wedding Industry Awards

By Correspondent Imani Nathaniel

MEMBERS of the Dar es Salaam wedding industry will host the third edition of the Wedding Industry Awards in the city on May 28, this year.

One of the industry's members, Benedict Msofe, stated yesterday the awards are borne out of the wedding festival, termed 'Harusi Trade Fair'.

Msofe said it has been three years now since the awards took place, once the members hosted the trade fair.

According to Msofe, they thought that it was the right time to talk about weddings based on the great success the shows held earlier enjoyed, as well as good comments from various stakeholders.

He noted that the awards will be held every year to celebrate and recognize the important roles played by vendors and wedding service providers, which eventually make weddings unique, and this is the third year for the members to celebrate the awards.

He pointed out that for the past few years, the wedding industry has become an official business in which an average of 350 weddings are celebrated in Dar es Salaam in one week and provide employment opportunities for women and men.

He stated that they intend to promote wedding businessmen and service providers so that the business can spread and the domestic wedding industry can be improved.

Msofe also said that in this year's awards, 21 awards are set to be contested by the members.

Out of the honours, there are 19 that



Benedict Msofe, 361 Degrees Africa firm's coordinator (C), addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday about the third edition of the Wedding Industry Awards slated for May 28 in the city. He has been flanked by the Business Consultant of Innovex Tanzania Company, Bahya Tajiri (L), and Regency Hotel Manager, Lilian Maduda. PHOTO: IMANI NATHANIEL

prompted members to make the selection public and the process was opened on January 20.

He pointed out they have received 340 names from 19 groups through their social networks and phone messages, and the other two will be honorary awards.

He revealed that the organizers are currently cooperating with the participants, noting the exercise is supervised by a company, Innovex Tanzania.

The leader pointed out that currently, the participants are voting and, after that stage, a panel of wedding industry analysts will review the works of all participants to assess the quality and creativity in their work.

Innovex Tanzania's official Bahya Tajiri, noted for two years in a row, they have collaborated with Wedding Industry Awards organizers to ensure the quality of the exercise.

She pointed out they believe that these awards have a great impact on the community, which has brought about this year's collaboration between the two parties. The official pledged the awards will be free and fair.

The awards, Bahya disclosed, are Best Wedding Venue, Best Cake Maker, Florist of the Year, Best Photographer of the Year, Best Videographer of the Year, Best Wedding Planner, Best Wedding Chef, Best Snack Maker of the Year, the Best Wedding Hair and Stylist, and the Best Salon.

Others are the Best Celebrant, the Wedding DJ, the Wedding Accessories, the Bridal Accessories Store, the Bridal Boutique, the Bridal Jeweler, the Henna Painter of the Year, the Designer of Men's Wedding Dresses, Best Wedding of the Year, and Achievement Awards for individuals and institutions that have left a mark in the wedding industry.

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In the nine months that the Best Coach Award has been presented this season, Simba SC dominated having won three times followed by Singida Big Stars walking away with two awards while Yanga, Kagera Sugar, Namungo FC, and Tanzania Prisons got one award each

## Everton survival may only put off day of reckoning

THE true cost of relegation from the Premier League this season is central to the thoughts of four clubs as the season approaches matchday 38 - not least in case the outcome of 2022-2023 ends up in a legal dispute that one day poses exactly that question.

An uneasy final day to the season, with the usual drama of a relegation struggle that will see two from Leicester City, Leeds United and Everton go down with Southampton, lent another dimension. That is the outstanding single charge against Everton for the breach of the Premier League's profit and sustainability rules (PSR) - formerly financial play - that was issued two months ago today, and casts a long shadow after the weekend's final round of fixtures.

This weekend more than ever shows that a financial regulation that works retrospectively, is no longer suitable to govern the finances of a game that moves at such a pace. The Premier League's PSR is also changing but not quick enough for this unprecedented last Sunday.

By 6.30pm that day two more clubs will begin preparing for life in the Championship. If that is Leeds and Leicester, there will be an extra set of questions to those posed by all their predecessors in that position.

Whether Everton should, if found guilty, ultimately face a points deduction is a case without precedent - none has ever gone that far. Even West Ham's dispute with Sheffield United from 2007 was settled with compensation.

Either way, it would be too late for some. Football moves too swiftly for the rules designed to govern it.

The usual despair and relief of a final-day survival battle will not have quite the sense of all destinies being fulfilled. There is more to come. Even if Everton are relegated, the commission hearing their case will continue, although the club would no longer be a member of the Premier League for the time being.

How much does relegation cost a club? And how might a process of remedying that work? Everton will robustly deny the charge to the commission hearing the case appointed by the chair of the Premier League's judicial panel, Murray Rosen KC. The club knows that it is fighting for its life on many different fronts.

First, on Sunday, to stay in the league. Then to win its case with the commission and complete the £760 million project that is the building of its new Mersey dockland stadium and surroundings.

The first move outside the usual bounds of protocol was made earlier this month when a group of relegation-threatened clubs, understood to include Leeds, Leicester, and Southampton, asked to have the process of hearing Everton's case accelerated.

The clubs were told by the Premier League that the case was in the hands of the commission that would be appointed by Rosen, and no formal route was open to them to attempt lobbying.

Those three clubs for whom relegation is either now a certainty in Saints' case - or a possibility - have for the time retreated. There is no prospect of Everton's case being decided swiftly.

Those who are relegated on Sun-

day will have to work according to that financial reality. The question is what their next steps would be if it was Everton who survived - only to lose the Premier League case against them.

Last season, the relegation-threatened Leeds as well as Burnley, who would subsequently go down, asked to see all documents relating to Everton's finances that had been submitted to the league. The Premier League refused.

The charge issued by the Premier League on March 24, once it had seen the latest audited accounts for Everton's 2021-2022 season, meant that focus shifted from the league's executive itself to its disciplinary process.

The process is out of the hands of Richard Masters, the Premier League chief executive, and his legal team. Following the charge, Everton disclosed financial results which took cumulative losses to £417 million for the previous four seasons albeit with a steep fall in those losses from £121 million the previous year to £44.7 million for the most recent period on record.

The three-year accounting period for PSR rules under scrutiny had been extended to four with an average taken for the two Covid-affected seasons.

Everton insist that their losses are permissible under the league's rules when a number of exempt spending and permitted revenue losses are taken into account. Those include Covid losses, investment in their women's team and the stadium rebuild.

The Everton owner Farhad Moshiri is seeking investment for that project which he estimates to total £760 million, encompassing a £505 million stadium build as well as fit-out and extra costs for the surrounding area.

The question for all clubs involved comes back to cost. The first year of parachute payments soften the blow of relegation but even at 55 per cent of the value of the equal share of all 20 clubs' television revenue it represents a major cut that requires player sales at the very least. It only gets worse for a second season in the Championship. It is hard to put a price on what that does to a club - from the players it has to sell, to the gaps it has to plug.

It is not the only Premier League charge awaiting the attention of the league's commission, although the consequences of this one feel more immediate. Pep Guardiola spoke at some length on Tuesday about the 115 charges faced by Manchester City, champions for the fifth time in six years.

"We would love it [a resolution] tomorrow" Guardiola said before Wednesday's game against Brighton and Hove Albion, "this afternoon [would be] better than tomorrow."

That might come as some surprise to some given the general attitude of City Football Group thus far but nonetheless - the legal case against the champions will take some time to resolve.

The consequences at the top of the table feel less immediate to those at the bottom where for once, the last Sunday of the season might not be the last word on the season itself.

THE TELEGRAPH



Everton owner Farhad Moshiri

## In Brazil, Vinicius's hometown shares his pain

RIO DE JANEIRO

TAKING a break from training beneath a giant poster of Vinicius Junior, on the same pitch where the Real Madrid star got his professional start, Pierry Amaro Ricardo has a word for the racism his idol endures.

"It's inhuman," says the 18-year-old Brazilian football prospect.

Like all the boys chasing the ball around the rectangle of green artificial turf at the Flamengo youth academy in Sao Goncalo, a poor city outside Rio de Janeiro, Ricardo dreams of following the same meteoric path as Vinicius, who started out here before signing with Real Madrid at age 16.

But the young midfielder fears black players like him will only continue to face the kind of treatment Vinicius received Sunday at Valencia, where the 22-year-old superstar was targeted with shouts of "monkey" from the stands - the latest in a series of racist attacks against him.

"It's getting worse and worse," says Ricardo, who plays in the youth system of Flamengo, Brazil's most popular football club.

"Some people think it's normal. We're judged by the color of our skin. My mom's always told me since I was small, 'black people have to be twice as good,'" he told AFP.

"That's just the way it is. I'm going to come out on top anyway."

Staff at the youth academy, Escola Flamengo, speak of their heartbreak at seeing the treatment endured by Vinicius, whom they remember as a sweet boy and model student who captured everyone's hearts.

"He was just a sensational boy, very respectful and dedicated. He was our stand-out, on the pitch and off," says Monique Monteiro, 32, who works at the academy's front desk.

She speaks almost in awe of watching "Vini" escape a childhood of poverty and the rough streets of Sao Goncalo - a working-class city



Graffiti depicting Brazilian football player Vinicius Junior, painted next to his grandparents' house in his hometown of Sao Goncalo, just outside Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on May 23, 2023. (Agencies)

across the bay from Rio - to make it to the pinnacle of professional football.

"It wasn't easy for him. He did it all with his own sweat... and a lot of support from his family," she told AFP.

"For people like me who have watched his whole career, all he went through to get where he is, it's very sad. Seeing him suffer like this is so infuriating."

- 'Our support and solidarity' -

The footballer whose full name is Vinicius Jose Paixao de Oliveira Junior grew up in a small house at the end of a dead-end street in an impoverished Sao Goncalo neighborhood that butts up against the BR-101 highway.

Even after becoming one of the world's biggest football stars, he has maintained a strong connection with his hometown.

His family still lives in the same

house - now expanded and lavishly renovated - at the end of a run-down street whose graffiti includes a mural of Vinicius in his Brazilian national team jersey, dreaming of winning the World Cup.

Locals say the footballer has given back to his community extensively, including through his Vini Jr. Institute, a charity that seeks to help kids do better in school with innovative programs that tap both technology and Brazilians' national passion for football.

The city government posted a message for its hometown hero on social media.

"Sao Goncalo and Brazil are proud of you," it said.

"All our support and solidarity to you."

A flood of Brazilians from President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva to music icon Gilberto Gil and fellow

national team stars Neymar and Richarlison have also sent their support.

In downtown Sao Goncalo, residents are animated as they talk about their disgust at the latest episode.

"It's just absurd, calling the boy a monkey. It just defies logic," says 62-year-old Marcia Maria da Costa, selling football gear at a local street market, where vendors say demand for Vinicius jerseys is huge.

Phone vendor Victor Gabriel Ferreira, who grew up in Vinicius's neighborhood, voiced outrage at the succession of racist scandals engulfing him.

"Brazil and the world can't stand to see a black man from the favela rise to the top of the best players in the world," he said.

"And that's what he is."

AFP

## Spain arrests seven over Vinicius racism incidents

MADRID

SPANISH police arrested seven people Tuesday over the racial abuse of Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior, as the Brazilian star was spared a ban for his red card against Valencia.

The forward was targeted by Valencia fans on Sunday, sparking an international outcry, and the Spanish club had one stand of their stadium shut for five games by the Spanish football authorities late Tuesday.

Spain's football league, La Liga, has been engulfed in a racism scandal after the 22-year-old forward was subjected to racist taunts during Madrid's 1-0 defeat at Valencia and later sent off.

The player has been taunted by opposition fans since joining Real in 2018 but the latest incident has kicked up a storm over whether Spain is doing enough to stamp out racism in football.

Police on Tuesday arrested three youths in Valencia for "insults and gestures with racist overtones" towards the player that amounted to "an alleged hate crime" during Sunday's match.

After their statements were taken, they were later "released on condition they appear when summoned" by the public prosecutor's office or the courts, a police spokesman told AFP.

Sunday's game was held up for several minutes with the referee saying that shouts of "monkey" had been directed at Vinicius.

In a statement, Valencia confirmed the arrests, reiterating its "strongest condemnation of racism and violence" and saying the club was acting against those involved "by banning them for life" from their stadium.

In Madrid, police arrested another four men suspected of dangling an effigy wearing a Real Madrid shirt with Vinicius' number on it from a bridge earlier this year.

The dark-skinned inflatable dummy was hung by the neck from a bridge near Real Madrid's training ground several hours before a derby clash with Atletico Madrid on January 26.



Vinicius Junior

Above it was a 16-metre banner reading 'Madrid hates Real', police said.

Investigators said three of the suspects were "active members of a group of radical fans" who had previously been identified as "high risk" by agents working to prevent football violence.

- Red card declared void -

After the abuse in Sunday's match, Vinicius was sent off for hitting Valencia's Hugo Duro after the referee watched VAR footage of a brawl between the two teams.

But Spain's refereeing committee on Tuesday sidelined official Ignacio Iglesias Villanueva - who was in charge of VAR for the match - for his part in awarding Vinicius a red card.

During the match, the VAR footage he showed the referee did not include the part where Duro grabbed the Brazilian around the neck before

the incident - also a red card offence.

"(The red card) was determined by the omission of the VAR room of the entire play, without showing the aggression carried out seconds before," said the Competition Committee in a statement.

"Therefore the expulsion should be declared null and void."

The Spanish football federation also announced the decision to shut the Mario Kempes stand at Mestalla - where Vinicius singled out a fan who had been abusing him - for five matches, and fined the club 45,000 euros (\$48,000).

Valencia protested the decision in a statement early Wednesday morning.

"We consider that penalising and depriving all the fans who were not involved in these regrettable incidents of being able to watch their team is a totally disproportionate,

unjust and unprecedented measure against which we will fight," said Los Che.

- 'Fighting this behaviour' -

"Spain is fighting this behaviour, we condemn it and we are working to eradicate it," government spokeswoman Isabel Rodriguez said Tuesday just hours after Brazil protested to the Spanish ambassador.

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said Sunday's incident showed FIFA's racism protocol in football was "obsolete".

In mobile footage of the crowds awaiting the arrival of Real Madrid's bus broadcast on Tuesday by La Sexta television, multiple voices can be heard singing abusive chants and making offensive sounds.

It was, said Ancelotti, "a moment to take drastic measures" to tackle the issue.

Meanwhile, La Liga said it would request more sanctioning power to act against fans for violent, racist or xenophobic behaviour, saying it felt "powerless".

"Giving La Liga greater sanctioning capacity would be an effective tool to boost the fight against racism in sport," it said in a statement, indicating it wanted the power to impose stadium closures, to ban fans for instigating offences or to impose fines.

There is growing anger in Brazil over the incident, with the lights on the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro turned off for an hour in solidarity with the player.

AFP

## Gwiji by David Chikoko

### 4 Types of Work

1 Job

You work  
you get paid.

2 Slavery

You work  
you don't  
get paid.

3 Gym

You work  
you pay.

4 Laziness

You don't work,  
you don't pay.  
You don't get paid.



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## Over 120 golfers set for Inspire Africa Open tourney in Arusha

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

MORE than 120 golfers from around the continent are participating in the Africa Confederation Golf Tournament at the Kilimanjaro Golf and Wildlife Estate at the foot of Tanzania's second-highest peak, Mount Meru.

The tournament, dubbed 'Inspire Africa Golf Open,' bringing together both professional and amateur players, is part of the ongoing Festival Of Major African Arts, Sports, and Culture (FESTAC), taking place within the 'Via-Via' grounds, located along Boma Road in Arusha.

It is organized through the 'Festival of Major African Arts, Sports, and Culture,' in association with the Tanzania Golf Union (TGU).

The TGU's Handicap Secretary, Enock Magile, representing the union's Chairman, said the event is outside the annual national golf calendar but they have been requested by FESTAC organizers to participate in the sporting tourney.

Costa Rica, the United States of America, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi, Zambia, and Mozambique have lined up participants, many of whom have attended the FESTAC festival events which include other sporting events such as the 'Inspire Soccer Camp', and 'Inspire Basketball Camp'.

FESTAC experiences in Arusha are supported by Oryx Energies in Tanzania which is specialized in the storage and distribution of fuels, such as petroleum-based fuels, Liquid Petroleum Gas, and Lubricants.

The company's Marketing Manager, Peter Ndomba said they are bankrolling the events to the tune of USD 5000.

The Chairperson of FESTAC Yinka Abioye said the festival is meant to bring together Africans from all over the world to build the spirit of Pan-Africanism through Arts, Culture, and Sports.

"FESTAC which was founded back in 1966 has been taking place every two years and now we want the event to be staged in May which is the official African Month," he explained.

The Festival Of Major African Arts, Sports, and Culture is the continent's biggest festival and is a celebration of cultures and heritage in the form of arts, fashion, music, story-telling, poetry, film, short stories, travel, tourism, hospitality, food, and dance.

They are all accomplished through live performances from various countries in Africa and across the world sharing and showcasing the richness of their culture.

**TO NIGHT @ 9:00**

**EATV UJENZI WEDNESDAY**

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12:00 KIPENGA XTRA  
13:00 MJADALA (r)  
13:30 Movie  
13:55 Dondoo Za Michezo  
14:00 Movie  
15:00 Funguka  
15:30 Mpera Mpera  
15:55 Dondoo Za Michezo  
16:00 Hot Spot  
16:30 Zote Kuntu  
17:00 SSELEKT  
17:55 Kurasa  
18:00 Kali Za Wana  
18:30 #HASHTAG  
19:00 EATV SAA 1  
20:00 DADAZ (r)  
21:00 UJENZI  
21:30 Mid Week Movie  
23:00 KURASA  
23:05 Club Bangers

UJENZI provides information and ideas on residential construction, interior decor and residential appliance markets values. The show aims to enhance residential construction. It provides free expert advice, news and commentary.

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06:00 Supa Breakfast  
10:00 MAMAMIA  
12:00 Kipenga Xtra  
13:00 Planet Bongo  
16:00 EA Drive  
20:00 Kipenga  
21:00 The Cruise

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Remax Strikers' cricketer Jatin Darji (R) receives the Colourflex Man of the Match award from the Managing Director of Ras Logistics, Vijay Nair, following the former's victory over RAS Logistics Caravans B in this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament tie between the two teams played recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

## Remax Strikers edge RAS Logistics Caravans B in 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans Cup tourney

By Guardian Reporter

EXPERIENCED cricketer, Jatin Darji, put his batting prowess to show and steered Remax Strikers to an 11-run win over Ras Logistics Caravans in a thrilling encounter of this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament which took place last Sunday.

RAS Logistics Caravans B won the toss and elected to field first, a decision that set the tone for an enthralling contest.

The Remax Strikers' batsmen got off to a decent start in the closely contested match, displaying a mix of caution and aggression.

However, they faced intermittent setbacks as the RAS Logistics Caravans B's bowlers applied pressure with their accurate line and length. Amidst the fall of wickets, Jatin Darji held firm at the crease for Remax Strikers.

His unbeaten knock of 81 runs off 52 deliveries played a vital role in guiding his team to a competitive total.

The skipper's innings was laced with elegant stroke play and intelligent shot selection, enabling Remax Strikers to reach a respectable score of 133 runs for the loss of six wickets in the allotted 20 overs.

RAS Logistics Caravans B began their chase with a target in sight, and their batsmen were determined to achieve it.

The top-order batsmen, Sudu Gopi, and Gokul Das, made valuable contributions with identical scores of 26 runs off 25 balls.

Their partnership laid the foundation for RAS Logistics Caravans B's innings and kept them in contention.

However, Remax Strikers' bowlers fought back, claiming crucial wickets at regular intervals to keep the match finely balanced.

The pressure mounted on RAS Logistics Caravans B as the required run rate climbed steadily.

Issa Safari showcased great resilience in the face of adversity, playing an unbeaten knock of 24 runs off 19 balls, trying valiantly to steer his team toward victory.

Despite Issa's efforts, RAS Logistics Caravans B cricketers fell short of the target, being all out for 122 runs in 19.2 overs.

Remax Strikers' bowlers exhibited commendable discipline and determination, executing their plans effectively and denying the opposition any significant partnerships.

The match showcased an exciting display of cricketing skills from both teams.

Jatin Darji's outstanding innings for Remax Strikers and Issa Safari's valiant effort for Ras Logistics Caravans added excitement and intensity to the contest.

Both teams demonstrated sportsmanship and played with a fighting spirit, entertaining the spectators who witnessed the thrilling contest.

The game between Remax Strikers and RAS Logistics Caravans B will be remembered as a closely contested battle, providing spectators with an engaging cricketing spectacle.

For his crucial 81 runs not out (52) with the bat and dismissing the opponents' two batsmen with the ball, Darji was awarded the Colourflex Man of the Match.

Experienced off-spinner Athumani Siwa's five-wicket haul was deemed the Rickshaw Game Changing moment of the match.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan receives a T-shirt from Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Hamis Mwinjuma during the handing over function of a document presented by Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda for bidding for a joint hosting of the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations finals. The event took place at the State House in Chamwino, Dodoma yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF STATE HOUSE

## Yanga rakes in 95m/- from President Samia's cash prizes

By Correspondent Shufaa Lyimo

NBC Premier League winner, Yanga, has collected 95m/- from President Samia Suluhu Hassan after having an impressive run in this season's CAF Confederation Cup.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Yanga's lawyer Simon Patrick said on behalf of the squad's leadership they are grateful to President Samia for the great support she has shown to the club.

"Until now, Yanga has collected 95m/- from President Samia following CAF Confederation Cup games that we played locally and abroad," Patrick noted.

He said that the incentive funds have greatly contributed to their side doing well in such a way it has stormed into the

continental showpiece's final.

The official noted he is also grateful to the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) and the National Sports Council (NSC) for the cooperation they have offered the side to the stage it has reached.

He thanked the council for buying 10,000 tickets for the fans who will turn up to cheer Yanga on when the squad comes up against Algeria's USM Alger in the CAF Confederation Cup final's first leg scheduled for Sunday at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Clifford Ndimbo, TFF Information Officer, said that Yanga has done well to book a place in the final stage of the CAF Confederation Cup.

"Yanga has shown a good image in Africa at the stage it has reached, this will help to promote our country's tourism as well as the economy," Ndimbo noted.

The Information Officer said that preparations for the Yanga versus USM Alger clash are going on well and claimed that the federation has had various meetings

with Yanga's leadership and NSC officials to ensure that everything goes well.

He asked soccer stakeholders as well as Tanzanians to show up in large numbers on Sunday to witness the match.

The NSC Secretary-General Neema Msitha handed over the 10,000 tickets to be presented to fans to witness the match to support President Samia's efforts.

"NSC will present 10,000 tickets to the fans who will enter the stadium to cheer our team, the goal is to support the efforts made by President Samia," Neema said.

She congratulated Yanga for the progress it has made so far and asked the players to see to it they win convincingly in the first leg so that they can seal their victory in Algeria and return home with the CAF Confederation Cup trophy.

The NSC leader said President Samia has ensured that Yanga wins and makes history by providing rewards and tickets for the fans who will travel to Algeria to cheer on the team.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

