

An agriculturalist (R) briefs President Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday at the climax of the weeklong Nane Nane agricultural exhibitions held at national level in Mbeya city on the production of improved-quality seedlings. She was at the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) pavilion. Left is Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe. Photo: State House

Samia launches fertiliser subsidy scheme, decries NARCO's record

By Getrude Mbago

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday launched a national fertiliser subsidy scheme meant to help farmers to access key farm inputs at nearly half the market price.

Officiating at the climax of the annual Farmers Exhibitions held at the John Mwakangale grounds in Mbeya city, the president said the measure was in response to rises in the price of fertilisers in the global market and help farmers incur lower costs and increase crop production.

The government committed to providing a subsidy package for farm inputs to support

smallholder farmers meet expenses. Accordingly, in the current (2022/2023) farming season, Diammonium phosphate (DAP) will be sold at 70,000/- instead of the previous 131,675/-.

The price of urea, which now stands at 124,714/- in the market per 50-kg bag, is cut down to 70,000/-. CAN price meanwhile falls from 108,156/- to 60,000/-, while SA (sulphate of ammonia) will be sold at 50,000/- instead of the previous 87,872/-.

NPK fertilizers will be sold at 70,000/-, down from 122,695/- earlier. Subsidising fertilisers will enable farmers to get the input timely and at affordable prices, the

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Bank's monetary policy committee stresses adequacy of foreign reserves

By Guardian Reporter

TRENDS in economic growth in the first half of 2022 remained stable and in line with central bank estimates for economic growth for 2022, at 4.7 per cent and 5.4 per cent for the Mainland and Zanzibar, respectively.

Prof Florens Luoga, the governor of the Bank of Tanzania, said in a statement yesterday that inflation rose to 4.0 per cent in May and June 2022 owing to the rising cost of imports, even though it still remains

within BoT projections of 3.0 to 5.0 per cent for the Mainland and 5.0 per cent for Zanzibar.

Implementation of the 2021/22 budget framework was satisfactory and the level of revenue collection has continued to rise, he said, noting that the monetary policy committee is closely following up the inflationary spiral, occasioned by "rising prices of imported goods."

Inflation has impacted on the country's

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Z'bar wants robust plans to cut food import needs

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

KEY lessons from current global challenges in grain, edible oil and fertilizer imports is to develop robust plans for food self-sufficiency, Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has declared.

Gracing the Farmers' Exhibition at Dole fair grounds in Unguja West A District, the president tasked the Ministry of Agriculture to set out strategies to drastically reduce dependence on food imports.

He said the world is faced with many challenges that impact on food security and transportation, especially in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, intensified by

the Russian invasion of Ukraine This has magnified risks in accessing grain, edible oil and fertilizer shipments, he stated.

The agro-sector exhibition was themed "farming is business, participate in the census for better agricultural planning," with the president pointing at the state of panic for grain supplies, with several agro-produce surplus countries moving to control export of grain and other food products.

Zanzibar was facing the fallout of these steps, witnessing the rising prices of basic food products and engendering inflation, he said.

To mitigate the situation, the government has reduced taxes and levies on basic goods to subsidise the costs, which has in turn affected revenue collection and heightened expenditure needs. "But it is the government's responsibility to reduce the burdens that the people face," he declared.

Agro-based outreach activities and farm sector investments will enable Zanzibar to make big strides in developing commercial farming, he stated, reminding the Ministry of Agriculture of its responsibility for strategies to move away from dependence

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Germany extends 23.7bn/- to tame wildlife conflicts, up gender justice

By Henry Mwangonde

GERMANY yesterday signed a euro 10m (23.7bn/-) grant agreement with the government for mitigation of human-wildlife conflicts, access to justice for women and children, plus feasibility studies and paying experts.

Emmanuel Tutuba, the Treasury permanent secretary, said at the signing ceremony that out of the money euro 6m is meant for human-wildlife conflict (HWC) mitigation, to help strengthen capacity to better manage conflicts in areas surrounding game reserves.

Scheduled intervention will cut on deaths



This support is in line with our national plans including the 2025 Tanzania Development Vision and the Third Five Year Development Plan

from wild animal attacks on the surrounding communities while avoiding wanton killings of predator and other destructive animals by people in nearby settlements, he said.

Euro 3m will be directed to accessing justice for women and children, achieving legal empowerment and protection from gender-specific discrimination and violence, thus promoting gender equality.

Vulnerable groups in particular women and girls will have improved access to responsive and accountable justice and human rights protection mechanisms in demanding their

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Finance and Planning ministry permanent secretary Emmanuel Tutuba (R) and Germany's Ambassador to Tanzania, Regine Hess, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday exchanging copies of a 23.7bn/- MoU on the implementation of projects in part involving the resolution of conflicts between humans and wildlife as well as the facilitation of access to the rights of women and children. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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product said.

Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe meanwhile set out in detail how the ministry would monitor in real time the distribution and sale of fertiliser as each bag sold bears a digital code and all eligible farmers will be registered beforehand.

Farmers need to utilise the subsidised fertilisers by expanding their fields and production to ensure enough farm produce for their own sustenance and for sale, the president urged.

The subsidy policy will not be permanent, "so whenever the chance comes, the farmers have to utilize it well," she said, noting that the government is making efforts to increase local production of fertilizers to check dependency on imports.

The government has increased the farm sector budget from 294bn/- to 954bn/- in the current fiscal year to address challenges in irrigation, extension services and construction of storage facilities in rural areas. The idea is to achieve 10 percent agriculture sector growth by 2030, she stated.

Data gathered in 2020 show that farming is relied upon by 65.9 percent of the workforce, and makes 65 percent contribution to raw materials for local industries, indicating that the sector was in tandem with demand for food and commercial produce globally, he stated.

The government has continued to create a conducive environment for investors to put funds into big agriculture projects, increase production and strengthen food security here and in the sub-region, she said.

Pointing at the youth, the president said they have to utilize opportunities in farming as the government plans to set aside farms with title deeds to young people interested in working in the sector.

She also urged farmers to ensure that they register in the fertilizer marketing system to benefit from subsidy and thus increase production.

"We have been spending a lot of funds to import products such as edible oil, but now the government

invests heavily in increasing local production so as to strengthen supply of the products and reduce imports," she said.

She similarly remarked that the National Ranching Co. (NARCO) wasn't fulfilling its required role but invests efforts to take care of livestock owned by private individuals.

This prevents the entity from operating commercially, she said, noting that in all 14 ranches with a total of 155,554 animals just 22,842 were owned by NARCO.

"NARCO owns only 15 percent of all livestock in the ranches. The company has failed to fulfill the goals of its establishment," she stated, directing the board of directors to conduct an assessment of all ranches and lending systems.

They should explain if they are paying and perhaps dissolve all blocks and make better use of the blocks for the government to benefit. "I want this to be conducted immediately as the ranches were only benefiting a few people and not NARCO or the government. We need to address this and ensure that the ranches start to inject funds as per the goals set out," she emphasized.

Upwards of 21 irrigation contracts taking up 182bn/- were signed before the president, covering 12 districts in seven regions, totaling 26,700 hectares.

Minister Bashe said that once completed, the projects will create 102,159 employment opportunities and enhance rice production by 97,300 tonnes.

The irrigation budget has grown from 57bn/- in the 2021/22 financial year to 416bn/- in the current budget, indicating a sharp thrust towards agro-sector uplift.

"We will commence with the Membe irrigation project in Dodoma, involving a youth block farm of 8000 acres. It will have a huge dam to ensure water is available," he said.

Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba assured the president that the all highlighted priorities in the current fiscal year are being implemented as planned, which includes heavy agro-sector investments.



Chief Sheikh Abubakar Zuberi bin Ally (R, seated) has an audience with Mohamed VI Foundation secretary general Mohamed Rifq shortly after a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday on an African Quran reciting competition and exhibition. The twin-event, which runs under the chairmanship of King Mohamed VI of Morocco, is organised by African Muslim scholars. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Govt provides 169bn/- for building 60 vocational colleges nationwide

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

THE Government has provided a total of 168.7bn/- in FY 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 for constructing 60 VETA colleges in various districts countrywide.

This was revealed to the Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa by the Acting VETA Director General, Anthony Kasoleat the weekend during the PM's inspection and the laying of the foundation stone of the Ikungi District VBETA college project.

Majaliwa is in Singida District for the inspection of development projects implemented by VETA.

Kasole said in FY 2021/22 the government has provided 68.7bn/- to the Ministry for Education, Science and Technology for the construction of 25 district VETA colleges, the Ikungi one being one of them.

He said in regard to the construction of the Ikungi VETA College the Government provided 2.3bn/- and additional 893m/- from the Covid-19

funds.

"The Ikungi VETA College project will comprise 17 buildings and we have acquired a 50-acre land area whose title deeds has been issued," he said.

Kasole added that in FY 2022/23 100bn/- has been provided by the government for the construction of 35 other District VETA colleges and a regional VETA College in Songwe District.

He added that when the Ikungi College is completed in September

this year it will start providing short courses to students beginning October to January 2023 when the enrolment of long course students will be carried out.

He said the college will have the capacity to enrol 240 students who will be studying long courses out of who 144 will stay at the college and 96 day students.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Majaliwa stressed the need for the college to be completed in time according to its contract agreement.

Ikungi District Commissioner Jerry Muro thanked President samia Suluhu Hassan for providing billions of funds towards the construction of various projects in the education, health, water and roads sectors.

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pace of economic growth as the pace of rising prices for food, energy and fertiliser in the world market signals the possibility of increased inflation in the country in the coming days, he said.

"The global economy continues to be faced with the effects of the Russia-Ukraine war, eruption of the Covid-19 pandemic in China and the difficult financial environment in the world market," the governor explained.

"These effects continue to affect the pace of world economic growth, thereby compelling the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to lower its estimates on world economic growth

for 2022 and 2023, as compared to earlier estimates."

The foreign sector continues to be faced with challenges in regard to the increase in global prices of some strategic goods, he said, elaborating that the central bank is activating monetary devices to cut bank liquidity and tame inflation.

He expressed confidence in the country's foreign reserves, in that they remain within satisfactory levels, with for months import cover, which also enables stability of the shilling.

The monetary policy committee stressed ensuring the adequacy of foreign reserves for currency stability and limiting the impact of higher prices of key imported goods.

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on food imports.

Shamata Shaame Khamis, the Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation minister, said the ministry was pleased to see the faming exhibition successfully held as it had not taken place for two years in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The fair had enabled farmers to witness various methods of improved

farming techniques, while the permanent secretary, Seif Shabani Seif, said the exhibition has shown intense competition from participants displaying the goods they make or produce.

Idrisa Kitwana, regional commissioner for Unguja Urban West, called on Zanzibaris to use organic foods including vegetables and fish for their health.



Capt Hamad Bakari Hamad (with microphone), director of the Zanzibar government's Blue Economy Coordination and Development Department, briefs Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi and First Lady Mariam Mwinyi at a Nane Nane agricultural exhibition in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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rights, reducing gender based violence.

One million euros is being directed to feasibility studies for those projects and paying experts, he said, noting that the grant is part of euro 71m (188.65bn/-) total commitments by the government of Germany reached in bilateral negotiations held in Dar es Salaam last November.

Tanzania has benefited from German support in water, health,

Germany grants 23.7bn/- to tame wildlife conflicts, lift gender justice

energy, sustainable use of natural resources and environmental protection, financial Governance and feasibility studies, he elaborated.

"This support is in line with our national plans including the 2025

Tanzania Development Vision and the Third Five Year Development Plan," he said.

German Ambassador Regine Hess said the grant was a positive step towards further preparations of

commitments for new projects.

Access to justice for women and children, achieving legal empowerment and protecting them from gender-specific discrimination and violence, is vital, she added.



Filbert Mponzi (C), NMB Bank Plc's chief of retail banking, addresses journalists yesterday in Mbeya city – the venue of the just-ended national level commemoration of Nananene (Farmers' Week) exhibitions. The thrust of his remarks was on the bank's participation in the weeklong event. Flanking him are NMB head of Agribusiness Isaac Masusu (L) and Southern Highlands Zone manager Straton Chilogola. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Government showers praise on seed researchers at TARI

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

CHIEF Secretary Amb. Hussein Kattanga has said the government recognizes efforts by Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) researchers in producing modern high technology quality seeds and instructed the ministry of Agriculture to make sure the seeds reach farmers.

Amb. Kattanga made the remarks yesterday soon after visiting the Ministry of Agriculture pavilion at the ongoing Nananene Agricultural Exhibition that reached the climax yesterday.

He said a huge task has been done by researchers of quality seeds from the 17 TARI centres that have contributed to increased crops production as well as withstanding plant diseases and added that what now remained is for to mobilise farmers to use the seeds.

"We have all here witnessed after visiting the TARI pavilion how research for quality seeds can increase farmers' profits and what now remains is for them to use them, and you reporters should mobilise them to do so," Amb. Kattanga said.

Chief Secretary Kattanga said the government agenda now is to see that by 2030 the farming sector should contribute 10 per cent to the national income and that various strategies are already in place to attain the goal.

Earlier, submitting his report to the Chief minister, TARI director general,

Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo said in the farming sector the main problem is negligible benefits that drives farmers to engage in subsistence farming due to using traditional seeds.

He gave the example of the cassava crop in which a farmer gets eight tonnes of the crop from one acre using traditional seeds, but if he plants seeds researched by TARI he can harvest more than 40 tonnes - of cassava - five times more.

Dr Mkamilo added that in regard to sweet potatoes mainly grown by farmers in the Lake Zone whereby farmers get 4.5 tonnes from one acre, but if they use researched seeds they can harvest 10 to over 20 tonnes of potatoes from one acre.



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By Francis Kajubi

Govt says implementation of Julius Nyerere hydropower project has been going on well

THE implementation of the Julius Nyerere hydropower project in Rufiji has during the last twelve months following reforms by the management.

Minister of Energy January Makamba told reporters yesterday in Rufiji at a special visit to inspect the construction of the project that the project has been completed by 67.18 percent of July this year.

"Reforms initiated in the modality

of the project execution has led to an incredible performance:

Just between the period of June last year and July this year construction activities had progressed by 30

percent," said Makamba.

According to him, since the project execution kicked off in December 2018 to June 2021 the project was accomplished by 37.18 percent.

He affirmed that reforms initiated in the management and board of directors has facilitated the sudden performance.

"Since initiation of a 24 house

working timetable that comprises two shifts the job i being done at a satisfactory speed," said Makamba.

On his part, Maharage Chande, Tanesco Managing Director said the

project has eight segments namely main dam, switchyard, permanent bridge, permanent residential units and power house. Other segments are permanent roads and water ways.



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President Samia graces climax of Nane Nane celebrations in Mbeya yesterday



Smart Deus (R), GF Trucks & Equipment Ltd's marketing and communication manager, presents a T-shirts to one of the winners of an Agricultural Transport competition held in the course of the weeklong Nane Nane celebrations. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses the nation from Mbeya city, where she graced the national level climax of the weeklong Nane Nane agricultural exhibitions. Photo: State House



President Samia symbolically presents tractors to people confirmed to have performed outstandingly in agriculture during the last one year. Photo: State House



The president skims through her Nane Nane climax address before delivering it. Left is Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe. Photo: State House



ASAS Group of Companies director Ahmed Salim (with microphone) briefs President Samia at the dairy firm's pavilion. Photo: State House



Agriculture minister Bashe briefs the president at the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) and Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) pavilion. Photo: State House



Mbeya city residents follow the president's address. Photo: State House



President Samia witnesses the signing of an agreement on the implementation of irrigation schemes in various parts of the country. Photo: State House

Engage men more in order to bolster breastfeeding - it pays, says expert

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

MEN engagement is said to be among the best strategies to ensure mothers practice exclusive breastfeeding (EBF) which is crucial in tackling mental retardation in children.

Dr Grace Mosha, a nutritionist from the Ministry of Health, said that at times women do not breastfeed their children over fear that lactation will adversely affect the appearance of the breasts.

Dr Mosha was speaking recently during a seminar to journalists being part of celebrating the World Breastfeeding Week (WBW).

"Women should exclusively breastfeed their children to save children from diseases and mental retardation. Breast milk is rich in the nutrients that help brain growth and nervous system development. It has immune cells and other substances that prevent infection," she said.

She said that breastfeeding should continue even when mothers are pregnant, adding it is important children are breastfed for at least two years to ensure their proper growth.

Nutritional Officer, Herieth Lumanyika said statistics indicates that 53.5 percent of infants are breastfed within an hour after they are born.

According to data, 58 percent of children are exclusively breastfed for six months while 92.2 percent are breastfed for at least one year. Only 43 percent of children are breastfed for two years. She said children must be breastfed for at least two years to complete the 1,000 days of breastfeeding.

Lumanyika said 87 percent of children are fed other types of food at proper age while 35 percent are given nutritional foods that are suitable for their age.

"Most of the parents do not have proper education on the types of food to give their children at different growing stages. Most of the children are being fed porridge only, which is not right," she added.

The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) coordinates and organises the World Breastfeeding Week between August 1 and 7.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months of life, followed by continued breastfeeding with appropriate complementary foods for up to 2 years and beyond.

According to WHO mothers should be supported to initiate breastfeeding as soon as possible after birth, within the first hour after delivery and should receive practical support to enable them to initiate and establish breastfeeding and manage common breastfeeding difficulties.



...it is important children are breastfed for at least two years to ensure their proper growth



CRDB Bank Plc CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela pictured in Mbeya city yesterday speaking at the national level climax of the Nane Nane celebrations, his audience including President Samia Suluhu Hassan and CCM Secretary General Daniel Chongolo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Cashewnut growing: Experts' advice is crucial, farmers told

By Correspondent Gideon Mwakanyosya,

Songea

CASHEWNUT farmers have been asked to follow the advice and instructions given by experts when growing the crop to increase production.

Cashew Board of Tanzania (CBT) regional manager Shauri Mokiwa made the call here yesterday when speaking at the just-concluded farmers' exhibitions in Songea Municipality.

This year's exhibition was attended

by multitude of people who learnt various skills on how to boost agricultural production.

Mokiwa said that if farmers of cashew crop follow the advice and instructions given by the experts, the production will definitely increase hence increase in the national income resulting from the sale of cashews abroad.

He advised the farmers to see the importance of focusing on good farming by using the best seeds of the cashew crop which will later be able to bring them productivity and farmers to have a good life.

He said that the percentage of cashews produced in the country is still high and that for now farmers should focus on good farming by following the advice given by extension officials.

He warned some farmers who have not been cleaning their cashew fields which later can lead to less production, asking to see the crop as a business and if they follow experts' instruction they will reap more and move out of poverty trap.

Poor knowledge of pesticide spraying, many farmers not cleaning their cashew fields and climate change

are some of the challenges that lead to a drop in production.

Hebron Komba, a resident of Songea municipality advised the government to see the importance of having adequate and long-term preparations for agricultural exhibitions, noting: "This season the preparations have been weak compared to last year."

Elizabeth Ndunguru, a resident of Mbinga district said that the government's desire to have agricultural exhibitions every year is good because it motivates farmers to learn various things about agriculture.

She asked the government to make more efforts to ensure that the exhibitions are better because they will be able to bring great success to farmers and not otherwise.

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UCSF is recruiting an individual through our affiliated international NGO Global Programs to serve as a Data Analyst. This is a full-time 12-month position with the possibility of extension for another 12 months subject to continued funding. The position is expected to start on October 1st, 2022 and will be based in Dar es Salaam.

Main duties and responsibilities:
Under the supervision of the Data Quality Technical Lead, the Data Analyst will be responsible for planning and executing the analysis of various quantitative data sets related to HIV and AIDS services and HIV surveillance. The selected candidate will be expected to utilize technical expertise to ensure data are accurate and high-quality, well organized, and to plan and carry out analyses that support program objectives. The types of data that may be included in the analysis are: CTC2/3, DHIS2, CQI indicators, evaluation data, MER indicators, and data generated from respondent-driven sampling surveys. The selected candidate will also contribute to the presentation and visualization of data to ensure effective communication of key messages and inform decision-making among key stakeholders.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Plan appropriate analyses to answer programmatic and stakeholder questions.
- Use statistical tools to identify, analyze, and interpret patterns and trends in datasets that could be helpful for program monitoring and decision making.
- Prepare analysis reports for stakeholders to understand the analytic methods used and guide the interpretation of the findings, enabling them to make evidence-based decisions.
- Support implementing partners on the implementation of routine data quality activities and remediation of data quality challenges.
- Support cleaning and analysis of data generated by respondent driven sampling surveillance activities and a PMTCT cascade evaluation.
- Support analysis of HIV recent infection surveillance data.
- Support triangulation of HIV program data across various sources, including CTC3, monthly portal, and DHIS2.

Experience, skills, and minimum required qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree in statistics, mathematics, epidemiology, or a related field is required. A Master's degree in Biostatistics, Public Health, or Epidemiology is a strong advantage.
- Strong mathematical skills to collect, measure, organize, and analyze quantitative data is required.
- Demonstrable data analysis skills including proficiency in statistics and statistical packages like STATA, SPSS, SAS, etc. is required. Experience using RDS-A analysis software is a strong advantage.
- Minimum of five years of progressive professional experience in public health working in analytics-focused positions is required.
- Intermediate to advanced knowledge of Microsoft Excel is required.
- Knowledge of both PEPFAR and MOH reporting tools and systems (including DATIM, CTC2, DHIS2, Monthly Portal), and HIV and AIDS indicators is required.
- Demonstrable experience working with a variety of organizations and stakeholders, including experience collaborating with MOH, is an advantage.
- Fluency in oral and written English and Kiswahili are required.

Other desired skills/qualities:

- Strong analytical, problem-solving, excellent communication and presentation skills, and decision-making skills.
- Ability for critical thinking and creativity.
- Ability to prioritize, work under deadlines, work with minimal supervision, and multi-task.
- Ability to summarize disparate information in a clear and concise manner.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Excellent computer skills, including word processing and powerpoint.

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

All applications must include the following:

- A current CV with names and telephone numbers for at least 2 referees, one of which is from your current employer.
- Copies of academic and professional certificates

Applications and supporting documents should be sent via e-mail to info.tanzania@ucglobalprograms.org and must be received by **August 19, 2022.**

NOTE: Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.



Date: 09th August 2022

Reference: PAT/EOI/GEO-03/2022 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) PROJECT TO PANAFRICAN ENERGY TANZANIA LIMITED

1. PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd. a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songo Songo gas field in Kilwa District, Lindi Region hereby invites potential bidders to express their interest and provide a quote for the supply of the following Services.

2.

SERVICES
PanAfrican Energy Tanzania requires the Construction of a GIS project for the Songo Songo gas field project covering both the upstream elements located in Songo Songo field and downstream elements located in Dar es Salaam.

The project is to be created in QGIS, and initial focus will be on the upstream elements associated with the Songo Songo gas field: that is all elements up to the landfall of the export line on mainland Tanzania, with downstream to follow.

Bidders are requested to submit a short proposal covering

- Experience, including relevant experience in East Africa
- Summary of their approach to construct the project in QGIS
- Suggestions/recommendations not covered in this Scope of Work to improve project whilst remaining fit for purpose.

The bidder will be required to have an active Kingdom licence, to enable extraction of data from the Company's kingdom dataset.

3. This call for EOI and signifies the start of an open, transparent, and objective tender process.

4. The Potential Bidder should be a well-established and reputable company and shall indicate that it is willing, capable, experienced, and competent in supplying the said Services preferably to the Oil & Gas Industries. Failure to indicate clearly so may result in disqualification.

5. Potential Bidders must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency and relevant experience as a minimum. This must include the following:

- Proof of experience in providing said Services preferably in Oil & Gas industries.
- International companies with ability to team up with Local expertise in any form as per the Petroleum Act, 2015 and the Local Content Regulations, 2017
- Proven technical capability.
- Proof of registration with the local authorities in Tanzania/or Country of Origin as may be applicable. Attach Company Registration/Incorporation certificate, Tax Identification Number (TIN) and Value Added Tax (VAT) certificates, Valid Business Licence, Regulatory licenses and permits (if applicable), etc.
- Proof of financial capability (provide latest approved audited financial statements for the past year) and a Letter from your Bank.
- For Tanzania Registered Companies provide Proof of Registration in EWURA's LSSP Database as a Local Service Provider and current annual returns updated in the BRELA Online Registration System.
- Quotation to include withholding tax at the prevailing rates for local company or foreign as applicable.

6. All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be in writing and communicated by e-mail otherwise the potential bidder may be disqualified from tendering at the sole discretion of PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.

7. Interested eligible bidders may obtain a detailed Scope of Work (SoW) from Vincent Edward via email (vedward@panafricanenergy.com) copying (rmohele@panafricanenergy.com).

All physical responses to be delivered before 4pm Tuesday, 16th August 2022 to Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe, Deputy Managing Director, PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited, Oyster Plaza, 5th Floor, Halle Selassie Road, P.O. Box 80139, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. All electronic copies of the RFQ to be sent to the email (bntuyabaliwe@panafricanenergy.com) and a copy to (vedward@panafricanenergy.com) on the last day of submission.

Tanzanians called upon to embrace organic farming

By Getrude Mbagi

TANZANIANS have been urged to embrace organic farming and invest in the area as much as they can due to its numerous benefits and the growing demand of the products locally and in the foreign markets.

An expert from the Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT), Mbwana Rwambo made the call in Morogoro during the weekend at the farmers exhibitions, saying that organic agriculture has low costs and ensures safety of both farmers and consumers.

"We should together convince the farmers to go organic. There are challenges due to low awareness but if this education reaches as many people, we can have a country that produces more organic food and related products," he said.

He said "When farmers embrace organic agriculture, their production process gives them the first round of safety, then the consumer as well. Farmers should embrace organic agriculture so that they can enjoy more harvest, good health as well as conserve the environment."

He said SAT, through implementation of various projects, has been instilling organic farming knowledge and skills among the groups of farmers thus promoting natural and conservation farming which eventually help to improve income and reduce conflicts.

He urged farmers and pastoralists to have a vision of their activities which include investing in producing quality products, packaging them to sell in local and international markets.

"Organic farming pays a lot, a growing demand of naturally produced food products call for more people to embark in this farming, there is no cost of artificial fertilizers and pesticides, so farming costs are low compared with

the normal farming, we encourage Tanzanians to see this opportunity so as to improve their income and stay healthy," he explained.

In June this year, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said that the government was working on a plan to invest heavily in promoting organic farming which includes advising farmers on proper use of pesticides so as to increase yields.

He told the Parliament that the strategy was aimed to help the country's agriculture shift to organic farming and get rid of using industrial fertilizers and pesticides for sustainable development.

"The government has witnessed how organic farming is doing well, we have seen it in various crops such as maize, coffee, tea and others. So we are going to ensure that we strengthen organic farming and attract more farmers to take this as their sustainable activity which will transform their incomes and lives for the better," he said.

The premier's statement came in response to a question raised by Special Seats MP, Asha Abdullah Juma who said many countries in the world had started preventing the use of industrial fertilisers and pesticides in agriculture and instead they are focusing more on developing organic farming but Tanzania was still back in making decisions.

He said the government will also introduce a special department in the ministry of agriculture for supervising and motivating farmers to engage in organic farming.

"In land where there is no need to use artificial fertilizer, the farmers are encouraged to embark on organic farming and I have witnessed a number of coffee, tea growers reaping big from the crops only by using organic methods, pesticides and fertiliser," Majaliwa added.



Andrew Lyimo, Eximbank Tanzania's head of Retail Service, makes remarks at a dinner the bank hosted for its customers in Kigoma Region at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Z'bar to build first flyover

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has called on Zanzibaris to exercise patience and bear various challenges they will face during the implementation of a huge road construction project in Zanzibar town that will incorporate the Isles first flyover at the Amani-Mwanakwerekwe Road Junction.

He made the remarks at Zanzibar State House at the weekend after witnessing the signing of road construction project to be implemented shortly by China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) as the main contractor.

Dr Mwinyi said Zanzibar Town residents should exercise patience

because the project can interfere with their daily activities as well as congestion on the roads, and called on the media to educate members of the public on challenges they could face.

He also called on officials of Unguja Urban West Region to start telling the people to understand the situation.

He said no world country had attained meaningful development without robust road infrastructures, the fact that spurred his government to prioritize the boosting of urban and rural roads.

In the circumstances, he said his government has finalised agreement contracts for the construction of a total of 200km rural and urban roads and directed the Ministry of works, Communications and Transport to

make sure the roads are completed by 2025 and called on the Finance and Planning ministry to make efforts in sourcing the funds.

Furthermore, Works, Communications and Transport Minister, Dr Khalid Mohamed Salim said the signing event for the road construction project is part of the government's efforts in boosting the Isles road infrastructures.

He said economic growth depends on robust infrastructures and added that many urban roads were built over 50 years ago and added that frequent repairs especially during rains forced the government spend over 15bn/-.

Earlier, CCEC Executive Director, Zhang Junle said the implementation of urban roads projects will take three

years whereby 100.94kms of roads will be built at a cost of USD 116.1 million.

He said the road project will also involve the construction of a flyover at the Amani-Mwanakwerekwe Road Junction. He said during implementation about 1,000 people will be employed and pledged that his company will work closely with the government and the people.

Junle said CCEC is a huge construction firm which has implemented big projects in the African continent and beyond, including projects for the construction of roads, railways, water distribution networks, bridges and residential buildings.

He added that in Zanzibar, the firm has implemented various roads projects including the Bububu-Mahonda-Mkokotoni and Funiu-Kombeni-Matemwe-Muyuni roads as well as Pale-Kiongele roads with a total length of 54 kms.

Chief govt chemist counsels livestock keepers, fishermen and farmers to use chemicals cautiously to minimise harm

By Correspondent James Kandoya

FARMERS, fishermen and livestock keepers have been cautioned to use recommended chemicals to control diseases to avoid risks to human beings' health.

Dr Fidelice Mafumiko, the Government Chief Chemist made the caution yesterday after touring the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) pavilion at the ongoing Nanenane Agricultural Exhibition held in Mbeya region.

He said the government through the Government Chemistry Laboratory Authority (GCLA) was ready to conduct awareness to the farmers, livestock keepers and fishermen to help them to know the right use and safe use of chemicals to get quality yields.

"I commended SAGCOT for the continuous efforts to ensure all stakeholders get knowledge about correct use of chemicals to enhance food security, improve livelihoods and ensure environmental sustainability," he said. "Under SAGCOT coordination GCLA has trained 30 business men in the agriculture, livestock and fishery value chain about the role and the laws," he added.

He called upon the stakeholders to use the GCLA to test the quality and security that will help to increase the quality of the products.

He further urged other stakeholders using chemicals in agriculture and livestock to contact the authority to get knowledge on how to destroy chemicals.

Dr Mafumiko also took time to emphasize the public to be counted in this year's Population and Housing Census slated for 23 this month.

SAGCOT Executive Director, Geoffrey Kirenga commended GCLA for its readiness to collaborate with other stakeholders to emphasize commercial farming that provides opportunity to the farmers to promote the country's economy.

GCLA was established under Government Chemist Laboratory Authority Act No. 8 of 2016. In

addition to other functions, the GCLA Act establishes the authority as the supreme and referral laboratory on all matters related to forensic science and DNA services, product quality and chemicals management.

The authority has gone through several transformations from being a department in the ministry, an agency between 1999 - 2017 and an authority from April, 2017 to date.

Currently, it is under the ministry responsible for Health.

The GCLA being an authority has enhanced smooth operations of its functions, realization of its objectives, and attainment of its vision and hence, complement to the government efforts in improving the wellbeing of its people and the environment.

It is a centre for laboratory analysis of samples/exhibits related to forensic sciences in order to facilitate forensic investigations and hence assurance of justice and rule of law, samples related to agricultural and industrial produce to ascertain safety and quality, samples related to paternity or sex identification in order to address society concerns and samples related to environmental and occupational health for the protection of health and the environment.

By Guardian Reporter, Kigoma

EXIM Tanzania Bank has planned to make good use of its presence in Kigoma region to stimulate the growth of business between Tanzania, the DR Congo, Rwanda and Burundi by further improving its services including business and agricultural loans and further building more capacity for entrepreneurs in the region.

Speaking at a dinner event organised by the bank for its customers in Kigoma region, the bank's Head of Retail Services, Andrew Lyimo said the geographical position of Kigoma region offers more opportunities for businessmen in the region to benefit more from commercial opportunities between Tanzania and the neighboring



Students visit a demonstration spice farm project at a Nane Nane exhibition held at Kizimbani in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

Exim Bank to use Kigoma as hub to bolster trade between Tanzania, Congo, Rwanda and Burundi

countries of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi.

"However, in order for the businesses to be able to take full advantage of this geographical position, it is very good for us as financial institutions to see that we have a big responsibility to help them achieve this by ensuring that we not only provide them with financial services but also build their capacity by providing them with business before giving them loans so that they can compete well with their counterparts from neighboring countries," he said.

He said the bank has been properly

using the dinner events with its customers to exchange skills and opportunities so that the customers can benefit from the bank's services designed to match the reality of their needs.

"In addition to these kinds of events, our officers have been at the forefront to ensure that we help customers by training them on marketing strategies for their businesses, how they can create their business network as well as giving them an understanding of how to prepare their proposals while applying apply loans," he said.

Earlier speaking at the event, Exim Bank's Head of Branch Network, Agnes Kaganda, said the bank was currently prioritizing Kigoma region and that was why even its services were designed to align with the region's priorities towards the expected economic revolution.

"We have noted that Kigoma region is currently experiencing major economic changes in various areas including trade and agriculture that require greater participation of financial institutions. Exim Bank is ready for greater cooperation in

achieving that. The advent of our Exim WAKALA service aims to make it even more so we strongly urge the people of Kigoma to join us on this journey," said Kaganda.

Bank's customers in the region said while the region is planning to build a strong and sustainable economy, efficiency in the financial system is one of the key requirements for them to participate in economic growth and development in general. Thus, the bank's new momentum has come at the right time.

"That is why we are very grateful to see Exim Bank invite us here to confirm their readiness on the journey. We are very grateful for that and we are ready to work with you," said Issa Athuman, one of the SMEs in the region.



Hosea Kashimba (L), Director General of the Public Service Social Security Fund, exchanges views with some of the officers another staff under him at the climax of the Nane Nane exhibitions in Mbeya city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Parents of children who have disability directed to register them for education

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PARENTS of children with disabilities have been urged to register them in schools now that the government provides fee free education aimed to ensuring that all Tanzanians access education.

The call was made by Suleiman Magoma, the director of Albinism Awareness Foundation (AAF), a local non-governmental organisation in Dodoma, saying through the systems, the government has made it possible to all children, including those with disabilities, most of who are from poor families to get education.

He made a statement during a visit to the Buigiri Primary School for the Blind in Chamwino district, Dodoma region.

The school home to 120 pupils, about 50 students are totally blind, 11 have severe visual impairment and others have normal vision while 14 are those with albinism.

Almost all of the pupils in the school, especially those with blindness come from very poor, rural families who simply cannot afford the fees for boarding and tuition.

"I urge parents of children with albinism and other forms of disabilities to come forth and enroll them in schools for them to get quality fee free education their government provide in all public schools in the country," he said.

During the occasion, AAF donated equipment worth 5.2mn/- which included, walking sticks, boxes of sunscreen oil, special eye glasses for those with poor vision, caps and telescopes.

Magoma said the donation was contribution from friends, well-wishers

and work mates who saw the need to touch lives of the less fortunate pupils.

He called on other stakeholders to join the government efforts in helping the disabled children attain their goals just like other normal children. "What we have done is in support of what the government is doing to ensure the disabled get their rights," he said.

Magoma who is living with albinism called upon stakeholders to also support children with albinism access education materials like books, pens, monocular telescope, huts, sunscreen oil, among others.

He thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan and the entire government for the great support they provided, love and trust they have shown on people with albinism and other forms of disabilities.

Magoma noted that reduced cases of killings on people with disabilities is a clear sign that the government is committed to ending the vice in the country completely.

School head teacher, Sospeter Jonathan thanked the organisation for the support, saying pupils needs a lot of support.

He said the government is doing a lot to help the school but a lot more is still needed, bearing in mind that most of the pupils come from very poor families.



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By Correspondent James Kandoya

NBS receives 24,000pcs of sanitary pads to encourage women to participate in census

THE National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has received 24,000pcs of SoftCare Sanitary Pads from Doweicare Technology Tanzania to encourage women in Tanzania to participate in the Population and Housing Census 2022 programme.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam after receiving the donation, the National Population and Housing Census Commissioner, Anne Makinda said the products will be distributed timely to the target group.

She said that the decision to donate will greatly reduce mental and physical effects most women suffer, especially young girls in schools.

Makinda said the census is mandatory because getting a complete and accurate count of the population is

critically important.

Furthermore, the accurate count of the population serves as the basis for fair political representation and plays a vital role in many areas of public life.

"We commend the donation but the demand is still high especially in rural areas. I call upon other stakeholders to join hands to allow women participation in the coming census," she said. Kenly Hu, the director of Doweicare Technology Tanzania said that his company was the first in the country to have established a factory for producing sanitary pads and baby diapers in Coast Region.

He commended the government for encouraging investors and providing favourable environment for doing business which resulted in many more opportunities.

He said his company has employed more than 500 people directly and 2000 people indirectly at the same time engaged in giving back to the community programmes

In the year 2020/2021/2022, his company donated products worth 100 million/- to schools and hospitals in Dar es Salaam, Coast and Mwanza regions adding that it shows company's commitment in improving the lives of women and at the same time contributing to the national economy.

"Our products, SoftCare sanitary pads and softCare baby diapers are available all over the country at a very affordable price and therefore, we call for your support in making sure that women have safe menstruation through our products," he said.

He however encouraged all Tanzanians to participate in the census because it gives an accurate picture of the structure of the society.

The last census was held in 2012. Thus the 2022 census will be the sixth in the series beginning after the "birth" of the United Republic of Tanzania in 1964. Other censuses took place in 1967, 1978, 1988, 2002 and 2012.

By Michel Nkurunziza

Kigali city wetlands could generate over \$155 million annually - study

THE implementation of Kigali City wetland master plan would generate over \$155 million annually, a new study has found.

The study dubbed "Economics of Kigali City Wetland Ecosystem Services" was carried out by environmentalists from Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS).

Arcos is a regional conservation organisation with a mission to enhance biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of natural resources in the Albertine Rift region, Africa Great Lakes region and African Mountains through the promotion of collaborative conservation actions for nature and people.

The study shows that the important provisioning ecosystem services that support local city dwellers with income and livelihoods include crop farming, papyrus and papyrus products, grass harvesting, and brick making.

Other ecosystem services of importance include flood

control, sediment control, water purification, habitat for biodiversity, tourism and recreation, and carbon storage and sequestration.

There are about 37 interconnected wetlands in Kigali City with a total area of about 9,160 hectares or about 12.5 percent of the city's land mass.

The current economic value of the wetlands ecosystem services on 9,160 hectares is \$74.2 million, the study shows.

If nothing changes on the current status, the study says the Kigali City wetland complex will accumulate net present value loss in terms of ecosystem services worth over \$1.8 billion by 2050.

The cumulative economic benefits of the ecosystem services in that Kigali City wetland complex over the next 30 years are valued at slightly above US\$ 2 billion with

the effective implementation of the wetland master plan.

Under the Kigali City Wetland Master Plan, 3,888 hectares are reserved for conservation.

Some other 3,851 hectares of wetlands are for sustainable use, and the remaining 1,421 hectares of wetlands are for tourism and recreation.

An improvement in agricultural outcome for Kigali City could generate an annualised benefit of over \$US 10 million over the implementation of the Kigali City wetland master plan and potentially keep 14 thousand households in employment.

Products from papyrus and other related grasses will result in an annual incremental benefit worth \$228,000 above the current levels, the study shows.

Water purification function for use by downstream communities

would offer an annual incremental economic benefit valued at \$8.9 million while sediment control would result in an improvement and offer an annual incremental net benefit of \$8 million.

Flood control for disaster mitigation would result in an annual incremental value of \$17 million as carbon storage and sequestration for climate change mitigation would have an annual incremental benefit over the current management worth \$13 million.

Habitat for biodiversity conservation value will have an incremental benefit over the current practice worth \$16.9 million annually while tourism and recreation would result in an annual net benefit of over \$800 thousand over the current business as usual scenario.



Orbit Securities Ltd sales officer Nanganga Rangji (R) briefs Jenifa Omolo (L), Finance and Planning ministry deputy permanent secretary, on how to buy shares through the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange mobile trading platform. The DPS was on a tour of the ministry's pavilion at the Nane Nane exhibition grounds in Mbeya city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TouchFoundation Tanzania

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In accordance with Non-Governmental Organizations (Amendment) Regulation, 2018, Touch Foundation Tanzania is pleased to publish its financial statements and funding status for the twelve month period ending September 30, 2020. All funding has been provided by Touch Foundation, Inc. (a US-based NGO) except where otherwise noted.

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (numbers shown in '000 TZS)	
	FY 2020
	For the 12 Month Period Ended: 30 September 2020
Revenue	
Contributions	1,040,186
Grand Challenges Canada	-
Currency Exchange Gain (Loss)	-
Total Revenue	1,040,186
Expenditures	
Personnel	359,467
GCC Expense (Grant)	-
Grants	9,089
Construction	142,801
Equipment	26,490
Professional Services	156,912
Travel	250,246
Other Program Costs	95,182
Total Expenditures	1,040,186
Net Income	-

Statement of Financial Position (numbers shown in '000 TZS)	
	FY 2020
	For the 12 Month Period Ended: 30 September 2020
Assets	
Cash and Equivalents	643,356
Receivables	50,059
Prepaid Expenses and Insurance	16,210
Other Assets	26,812
Total Assets	736,437
Liabilities	
Accounts and Grants Payable	144,139
Accrued Liabilities	325
Refundable Advances	2,133,306
Total Liabilities	2,277,770
Equity	
Total Equity	-
Total Liabilities and Equity	2,277,770

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International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples should not avoid sustainable development issues

ONE international day event that is unlikely to be missed in local corridors of the fraternity of non-governmental organisations in Tanzania is the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. It was first pronounced by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1994, with a whole decade devoted to that theme at the UN, the first international decade of indigenous peoples, from 1995 to 2004. This is a theme that UN activists have made a pointed effort to uphold, intensively.

A UN chronicler says that in 2004, the General Assembly proclaimed a Second International Decade from 2005 to 2015 with the theme "A Decade for Action and Dignity". The key issue was that people from different nations were encouraged to participate in observing the day, to spread the UN message on indigenous peoples, its activities focusing on educational forums or classroom activities "to gain an appreciation, a better understanding of indigenous peoples." It is an exotic issue to a huge number of activists, where the crucial issue is to protect their way of life.

It goes without saying that in that outlook, what matters is to let indigenous people remain on their ancestral lands without the slightest disturbance from what they often call 'human activities,' which by definition destroy the environment. In other words there is an inbuilt anti-development and pristine nature ethos which makes indigenous people a de-facto ally to what amounts to rejection of development, couched in nature protection terms, singularly. That is why for each strategic project the government takes up, whether it is a road from Arusha to Musoma or a hydropower project on a tiny piece of

land inside limitless jungle, an uproar starts.

It took around 12 years to attain the International Day of the World's Indigenous People resolution. The chosen day, August 9, marks the day of the first meeting in 1982 of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations. It noticeably is described as a sub-commission on the promotion and protection of human rights.

That is where developmental thinking and activism cross hairs, as the content of human rights in this context isn't enabling life, protecting it (for instance via health and educational services, apart from uplifting income generation activities). What is targeted in the UN definition is the right to be indigenous. Altering that outlook via education or transforming housing or manner of dressing is at times described as cultural genocide by activism. Plainly seeing them as a special group of humans.

A substantial follow-up occurred more than a decade later, in 2016, where UN-linked reports affirmed that about 2,680 indigenous languages were in danger and on the verge of becoming extinct. In that case the UN designated 2019 as an International Year of Indigenous Languages "to persuade, convince and create awareness to people about indigenous languages.

It is a battle that is unlikely to be won, as all of us were indigenous at some point in the past, some of us just 100 years ago when missionaries started putting our great grandparents to school.

Some owe the shift to modernization in building roads, and lately tarmac roads to connect all districts. At that point nature takes its course as the poor peasants start selling land, most of it.

Tanzania should work on petroleum resources prospects and challenges

WITH the rise in global fuel prices being acutely felt in national economic life, the fact that Tanzania has substantial reserves of natural gas which is usable for motor vehicles is starting to get the sort of attention it has minimally obtained up to now. When petrol prices are feasible for motorists, getting people to change to using gas would be like a change in fashion, but it includes altering a number of things in how a vehicle operates. That needs money and isn't paid for by public authorities.

As petrol prices are already a menace, partly for what they already are and similarly as the situation in the future is more or less unpredictable, gas use seems to be a solution. The Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) has been making contingent plans for that situation over a period, more than a year definitely, and seem to be elevating what they have been doing a notch higher. The trouble is that it is unclear whether there is a pilot project about using gas that is being conducted, or it is already commercialized.

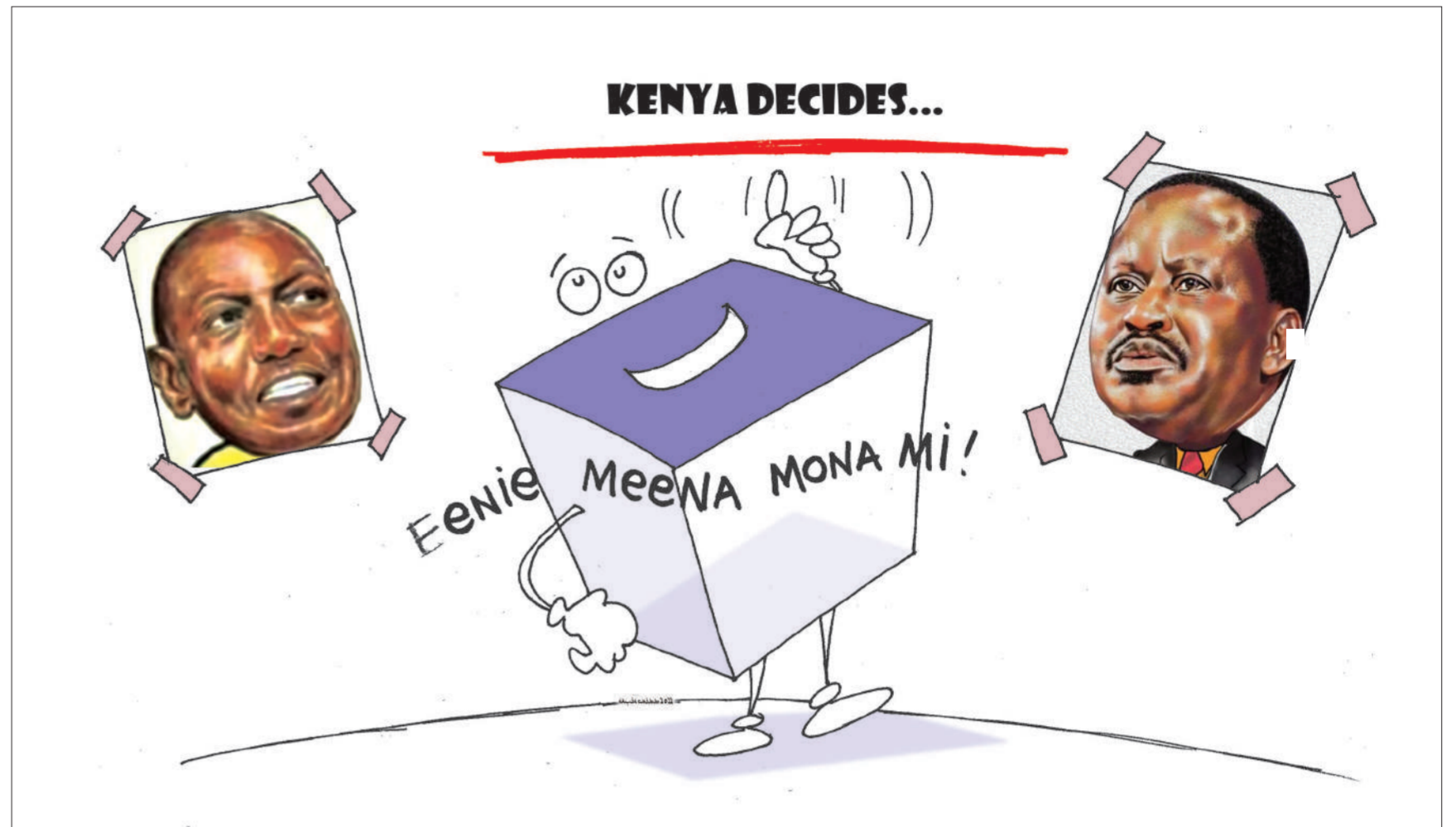
In case the latter interpretation is correct, it follows that there is a careful plan to move into the market, on a slow pace of issuing tenders, which is hard to interpret. Do petrol sellers tendered by anyone for the purpose? If not, can't conversion to gas just take the same format?

There was an announcement at the weekend that TPDC is receiving tenders for the construction motor vehicle gas selling stations, one of them at the University of Dar es Salaam, and three others at Muhimbili. Other areas

would in that sense have to wait for a year, and so far it is lorries that are targeted, whereas petrol stations can organize such chambers on the basis of the facilities they have. Similarly, it is uncertain if a tender is needed at UDSM or elsewhere to make such changes on vehicles, as any good mechanic can download a formula and they brainstorm, etc.

A top official at TPDC said the parastatal was now proceeding with making a selection, citing next Friday as the last day to receive tender bids. There was no additional explanation why it shouldn't just be a technical issue with the relevant body, the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) being charged with the quality of the mechanical work involved, and the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) inspecting the separation of facilities, pricing of the gas filling branches, and other attendant aspects. The revenue authority would in a sense opt to set up a distinctive reporting mechanism by specialized EDFs, etc.

There is every possibility that the pace of conversion quicken up, rapidly enable faster cost cutting when vehicles shift to gas en masse within this financial year. That means specialized mechanics and companies that can offer such services simply be free to do so, and each regulatory authority remain within its current precincts as relates to the oil and gas industry. As the adage goes, the issue of initiating a rapid shift from using imported petroleum on all vehicles countrywide, or the pace of that conversion, is far too important to be left to TPDC exclusively.



Global warming and human security in Africa

By Special Correspondent

GLOBAL warming is contributing to more and extended heat waves, a tripling of droughts, a quadrupling of storms, and a tenfold increase in flooding since the 1970s in Africa, exacerbating security threats on the continent.

The last decade was the warmest on record, part of a multi-decade trend. Last year, the average temperature for Africa hovered around 1.2°C above the 1981-2010 average. African countries within 15 degrees of the equator are projected to experience an increase in frequency of heat waves. In Central Africa, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, the Republic of the Congo, and the coastal areas of northern Angola and DRC, already see on average 8-10 heat waves per year. In East Africa, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Kenya—and the Atlantic coast of South Africa—are also experiencing an increasing frequency of heat waves.

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East Africa—to increased drought in the Sahel and southern Africa. The incidence of natural disasters in Sub-Saharan Africa has increased at a faster pace than the rest of the world. Compared to the 1970s, the frequency of droughts has nearly tripled, storms have quadrupled, and floods increased tenfold. As a result, 20 percent of the floods and more than one-third of the droughts recorded globally over the past decade have been in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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Africa's only three mountains with

glaciers, all in East Africa, will likely see "total deglaciation" by the 2040s—Mt. Kenya perhaps a decade earlier.

At a 2°C increase, southern Africa is set to become 5 to 10 percent drier as increasing drought frequency and number of heat waves cause reductions in the volume of the Zambezi Basin. According to Professor François Engelbrecht, one of Africa's leading climatologists, "Multi-year droughts are the number-one climate change risk that South Africa faces in a changing climate." At a 3°C increase, the western Sahel region is expected to experience the strongest drying, with a significant increase in the maximum length of dry spells. Central Africa would see a decrease in the length of wet spells and an increase in heavy rainfall.

The impact will be especially severe in Africa where many households depend on weather-sensitive activities, such as rain-fed agriculture, herding and fishing, for their livelihoods. Biodiversity losses and ecosystem degradation as a result of drought and unpredictable rainfall will affect the quality of the soil and vegetation. Increased incidents of floods will continue to negatively affect agricultural livelihoods (e.g., through seed loss, crop damage, and livestock

morbidity and mortality), leaving communities more vulnerable. Under a warming of 2°C, the World Bank forecasts a 10 percent decrease in crop yields across Sub-Saharan Africa by the 2050s.

Land Pressure and Displacement Intensification of production on existing agricultural lands to fill "yield gaps" is a threat to the environment through the potential overuse of regional water resources and ecosystems. Likewise, the expansion of agriculture into "new" lands often threatens local and regional ecosystems.

Growing land pressure can lead to displacement and the escalation of existing tensions between communities. Lake Chad—which is a lifeline for some 30 million people in Chad, Niger, Nigeria, and Cameroon—has shrunk by over 90% since the 1960s due to climate change, a growing population, and unmanaged irrigation. Evaporation of the lake has only

accelerated as it gets shallower. The loss of livelihoods has coincided with increased criminality and migration to urban centers.

There are an estimated 18 million seasonal migrant workers in Africa, of which 80 percent work in sectors such as agriculture, mining, and fishing.

Measuring women's empowerment in Benin, Malawi and Nigeria

By Special Correspondent

“WOMEN'S capacity to exercise time-use agency is conditional on gendered power dynamics and other barriers within households, which together are reciprocally related to local gender norms that dictate how women should spend their time.”

Time use, or how women and men allocate their time, is an important element of empowerment processes. Target 5.4 of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 seeks to "recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and family", while Target 5.5 aims to "ensure women's full participation...at all levels". To integrate more fully the literature on time use and agency, this article proposes a new concept called time-use agency: an individual's confidence and ability to make and act upon strategic choices about how to allocate one's time. Using qualitative data collected with women and men engaged in on- and off-farm agricultural livelihoods in Benin, Malawi, and Nigeria, it examines normative expectations about women's and men's time use and

their experiences of exercising agency (or not) over the use of their time. The aim is to explore time-use agency as a component of empowerment.

The article presents formative research to explore the salience, underlying components, and experiences of time-use agency gleaned from 92 semi-structured interviews conducted as part of three qualitative studies linked to gender-sensitive agricultural development projects in Benin, Malawi, and Nigeria. Among other things, these projects, which are detailed in the article, aimed to increase women's involvement in and earnings from market-focused agricultural activities, thereby increasing demands on their time and placing them in new roles in their communities and households.

The article organises the results following a socio-ecological model. First, it presents the context of opportunity and constraint, outlining normative expectations of men's and women's time use and the gendered nature of structural inequities in time poverty. In all three country contexts, most women and men described prevailing normative expectations about how men and women should spend their time. Such expectations

for men centred around their role as the provider, decision maker, and protector of the household. For women, expectations centred on their role as unpaid caregivers responsible for domestic responsibilities. Many women across the sample shared experiences of disproportionate time burdens in fulfilling their expected roles and responsibilities, primarily in relation to household chores such as cleaning, childcare, and food preparation. Examples provided here highlight the higher value placed on the typically remunerative work to which men allocated time and the diminished social values placed on women's typically unpaid domestic labour and care work.

The analysis then explores time-use agency concepts, such as awareness of inequalities in control over men's and women's time use. For instance, a woman in Benin highlighted the potential consequences women who break norms face, inducing a level of fear she could lose her household (or security, children, etc.). This dynamic helps to prevent a woman from deviating from norms, reinforcing the notion that she does not have control over her time. In contrast, men are not similarly constrained. In all three study

sites, several men and women shared examples of expressing their voice to convey concern or desire about how to spend their own time and feelings regarding how their spouses spent their time. In Benin and Malawi, this discussion centred around a woman attending an agricultural training programme. In general, women shared some control over deciding when and how to spend their time on normative and expected tasks and responsibilities, but men controlled the decision making on all tasks beyond such activities. Discussions of perceived conflict about time use are resolved by the husband's authority across all three countries and highlight various patterns of negotiation that women may employ to mitigate conflict or influence the result to achieve desired outcomes.

"These findings suggest that time-use agency is important for fully understanding empowerment with respect to time use. While time poverty often serves as a proxy indicator of one dimension of empowerment (or disempowerment), it does not elaborate on the extent to which one is able to choose and then to spend and manage one's time to

By Paul Mudau

Fifth time lucky? Raila Odinga targets triumph in Kenya presidential election

KENYA, with a gloomy and sordid history of fierce electoral disputes and violence, is scheduled to hold general elections on Tuesday 9 August 2022. In these elections, citizens will elect the president, members of the National Assembly and Senate, county governors as well as members of the 47 county assemblies.

Electoral trajectories of modern Kenyan politics

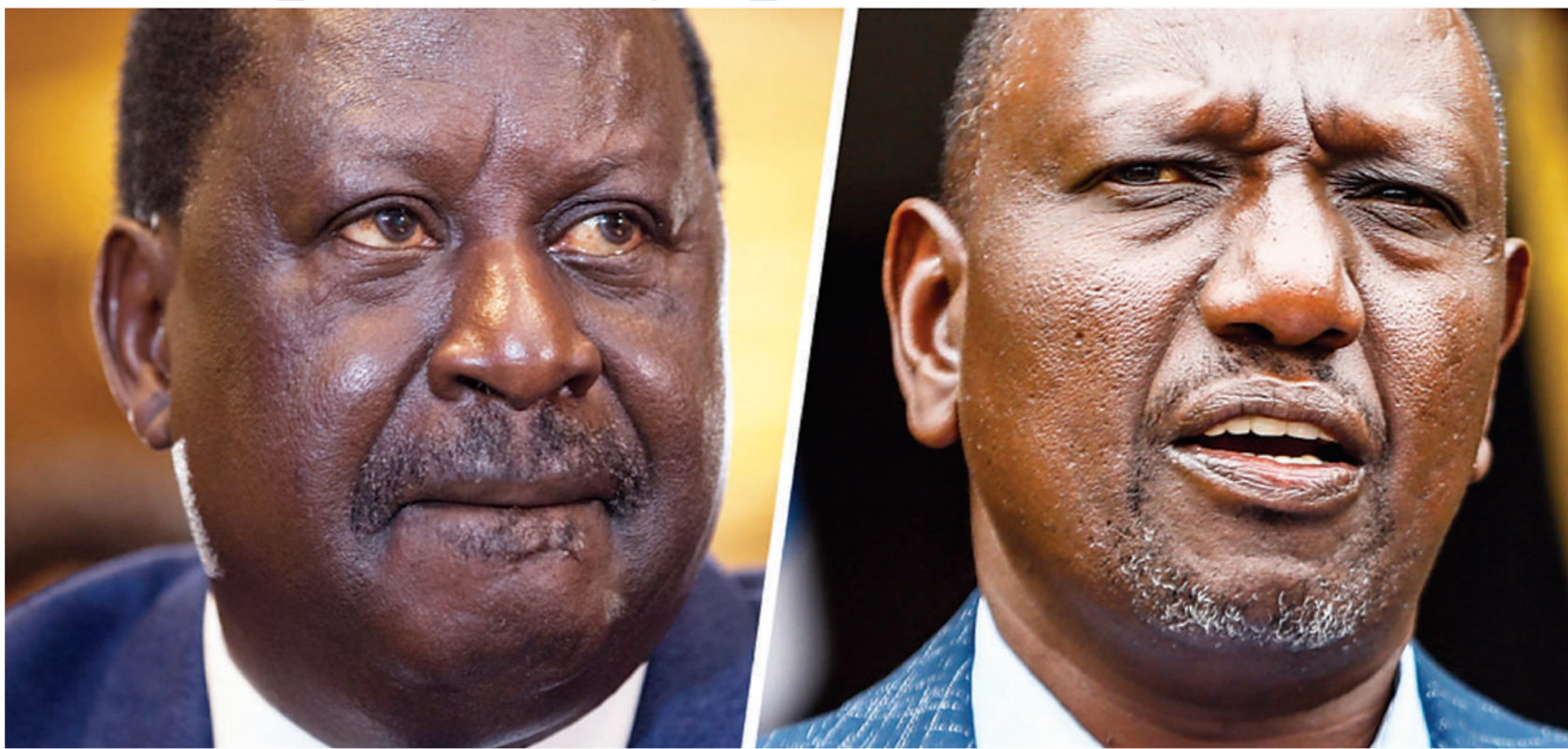
The build-up to these elections is engulfed by the fall-out of former allies and strongmen in modern Kenyan politics: the incumbent president, Uhuru Kenyatta and his current deputy president, William Ruto. The root cause for their loggerheads is unquestionably submerged by incongruities of accusations levelled against each other.

More intensely, even though Ruto was Kenyatta's running mate in the last presidential elections that took place in 2017, Kenyatta is hell-bent on impeding the deputy president from being his successor.

A major variable of this twist emanates from Kenyatta's endorsement of the perennial candidate in the presidential elections who is also a former Kenyan prime minister, Raila Odinga. The latter is a presidential candidate for the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) under the auspices of the Azimio La Umoja coalition.

Interestingly, during the 2017 presidential elections, Kenyatta joined forces and formed a functional alliance with Ruto. After the electoral management body, Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), declared the duo as election winners, Odinga lodged an electoral dispute based on rifle allegations of vote rigging. Principally, adducing concrete evidence that proved that IEBC's server was hacked and its database had been tampered with.

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Kenya's opposition leader Raila Odinga (R) and deputy president and the Kenya Kwanza Coalition presidential candidate William Ruto.

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Eventually, the Supreme Court of Kenya, led by the present-day retired Chief Justice and President, Justice David Maraga, annulled the results of the presidential elections and ordered fresh elections.

To ensure free and credible election re-run, Odinga further requested for the overhaul of electoral systems, and his plea was not granted. While protesting the failure to heed his call for reforming electoral systems and the

IEBC, and although not official as dictated by Kenyan electoral laws, Odinga withdrew from the runoff election, thus paving the way to the duo's electoral victory again.

Odinga's perennial candidacy in presidential elections

Raila Odinga, the son of Oginga Odinga, Kenya's first vice-president (from 12 December 1964 to 14 April 1966) and subsequently opposition leader, has unsuccessfully contested the presidential election four times in 1997, 2007, 2013 and 2017.

Boasted by the support from Kenyatta, Odinga's fifth contestation in presidential elections may spell a greater chance to lead Kenya at the age of 77 years. Comparatively, Hakainde Hichilema, the current president of Zambia, contested the presidential election five times: 2006, 2008, 2011, 2015 and 2016, before being triumphant in the 2021 presidential election, accumulating over 59% of the vote.

With the considerable support of president Kenyatta, the incoming presidential elections may either deliver Odinga to the State House or indefinitely

condemn him into his undesirable perennial candidacy. Possibly, a fifth unsuccessful presidential contestation may compel Odinga to gracefully retire from active politics.

Kenyatta's choice for Odinga

In the aftermath of unsuccessfully contesting four times in elections, loathness for a fifth attempt to run for the position of Kenya's presidency overwhelmed Odinga. This reluctance was unveiled by president Kenyatta during a congregation with Luo and Luhya leaders in Nyanza. In fact,

Kenyatta induced Odinga by asserting that he was the sole alternative who could emerge victorious against Ruto. The latter is the presidential candidate for the United Democratic Alliance, which is the largest party under the Kenya Kwanza coalition.

Kenyatta points out that he has overlooked other presidential hopefuls such as Musalia Mudavadi, Kalonzo Musyoka, Peter Kenneth, Fred Matiang'i, Justin Muturi and Dr Mukhisa Kituyi. While Odinga's running mate is Martha Wangari Karua, the Kenya Kwanza Coalition has opted for Rigathi Gachagua as the deputy presidential candidate aligned with Ruto.

The smoothed relations between president Kenyatta and Odinga owe their threshold to the popular 'handshake' between the two newly found allies, which occurred on 9 March 2018. The 'handshake' is the labelling of the unforeseen political allegiance between them. Within the pair's lenses, this signalled the end of tension, distrust and hostilities and envisioned a mandatory roadmap for devising common ground for driving forward the economic and political interests of Kenya.

'Handshaking' into the succession plan?

In the view of Kenyatta, Kenya's prospects of eradicating endemic corruption stem from Odinga's ascension into the presidency. This bold statement may be construed as an implication that Ruto's leadership could plunge the country into irreversible bad governance. More so, to Kenyatta, since their momentary 'handshake', Odinga had demonstrated goodwill, whilst Ruto has resorted to divisive politicking that negates the country's progress.

Importantly, having previously vied for the presidency four times, with divisive politics, electoral rigging, and subsequent politically motivated violence, perhaps the endorsement of Odinga may change the political landscape of Kenyan elections. Nevertheless, for president Kenyatta, his succession plan is not merely confined to the quest for national cohesion, but also development.

All factors considered: 25 years since his first presidential contestation in 1997, one may still ponder if Raila Odinga can triumph in his fifth attempt to lead Kenya as president. DM

'BRI has improved livelihood of Lao people'

By Sun Guangyong

A few Lao children recently had a trip on the Lane Xang electric multiple unit train (EMU), also known as Lancang, along the China-Laos railway. The trip was a total thrill for the children.

They felt the thrill because the trip was a dream coming true.

On April 29, 2019, Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a reply letter to students from the China-Laos Friendship Nongping Primary School in Laos. In the letter, he welcomed the students an early trip to Beijing by taking the train on the China-Laos railway.

Two years later, the railway was officially put into service as the two countries celebrated the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

"It never happened before that a leader of a major country sent a reply letter to Lao primary school students and teachers. The Lao children are so in happiness that they are cared for by President Xi," said Bounmy Vilaisan, former principal of the China-Laos Friendship Nongping Primary School.

In April 2019, Bounmy, together with several students, attended a sub-forum on people-to-people exchanges during the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing.

As witnesses to and beneficiaries of China-Laos friendship and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), they expressed their gratitude to China.

"Our dormitory buildings, blackboards and even desks and chairs were built and donated by China. We didn't know how we should repay the kindness, so we decided to write a letter to President Xi," said Bounmy.

"We were so grateful that we wrote so long," Bounmy told People's Daily, pointing to the letter that covered four pieces of A4 paper.

At the sub-forum, she also sent a picture album to the Chinese President on behalf of her school. The album included 58 pictures drawn by the students from the school portraying the changes brought by



Then principal Bounmy Vilaisan and students of the China-Laos Friendship Nongping Primary School in Laos read a reply letter from Chinese President Xi Jinping in May 2019. File photo

the BRI to their school and hometown.

"I gave the letter and album to a Chinese staff on April 25, 2019, and unexpectedly, I received President Xi's reply just four days later. It was like a dream," Bounmy recalled.

Strengthening bilateral cooperation in promoting people's livelihood and that within the BRI framework features in the efforts towards a China-Laos community with a shared future, Xi said, adding that carrying out more cooperation projects can bring tangible benefits

to people. "To enhance China-Laos cooperation and implement more livelihood projects will make our life better. President Xi's remarks demonstrated to the Lao people the caring of a major country's leader," Bounmy said, adding that the BRI has improved the livelihood of the Lao people.

"President Xi's letter was like one wrote by a kind elder to his children. It carried sincerity though it was short. All the students and teachers were happy and proud receiving it. The letter reflected the profound

traditional friendship between Laos and China, as well as President Xi's care for Lao children," Bounmy noted.

She told People's Daily that the students were studying even harder after reading President Xi's letter. They hoped to learn Chinese and visit China someday, Bounmy said.

Bounmy has retired, but she always goes back to the China-Laos Friendship Nongping Primary School. For the woman, the picture album is a reminder of her past memories, which demonstrates Lao

children's aspiration for a better life and their good wishes for Laos-China relationship. The album includes a Chinese-style painting by a girl in the fourth grade that showcases the development of her hometown. She said she wanted President Xi to know that the BRI has made the life of the Lao people happier.

"The school is prettier, and villages are connected to power supply and flat roads. We also built solid brick houses. Our life is just getting better," said Bounmy.

There is also a painting drawn by

a fifth-grade boy in the album which portrays himself and his schoolmates taking the China-Laos railway to see their friends in Beijing. According to Bounmy, the boy made a lot of Chinese friends during a visit to a Beijing primary school.

"The children think they share similar dreams. They recently made a watercolor to express their gratitude to the constructors of the railway," Bounmy said.

She said drastic changes are taking place at the China-Laos Friendship Nongping Primary School and villages along the China-Laos railway. "Our life will become only better," she told People's Daily. **People's Daily**

By Daily Maverick Reporter

Kenya tense ahead of its highly competitive presidential vote

RAILA Odinga, 77, lost the past three previous and disputed Kenyan presidential contests, but this time polls show him winning in the first round with more than 53%. That would avoid an even more tense run-off against Ruto, 55. Some analysts caution that Ruto, running on a populist ticket, could “do a Trump or a Brexit” and outpace his chief rival on the home straight.

The potential for violence when the results come in is always quite high in Kenya and every election inevitably raises the spectre of a replay of the killing of more than 1,100 people in the political violence, mainly in the Rift Valley, after the 2017 polls.

Few are expecting anything on that scale this time, though the potential for violence still remains high, according to a report by the independent National Cohesion and Integration Commission, because of old conflicts and mistrust of institutions.

In particular, neither ordinary Kenyans nor analysts nor politicians have gained much faith in the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC). After Uhuru Kenyatta beat Odinga in the August 2017 elections, the Supreme Court annulled the results because it said the IEBC had run them so badly.

The court forced a run-off which Kenyatta won after a boycott by Odinga because he said the IEBC remained unreformed. Analysts say the IEBC has still not changed fundamentally. It even has the same chairperson, Wafula Chebukati, though it has made some changes to the systems which failed in 2017.

‘Illusion of choice’

Some analysts have characterised this election as “the illusion of choice”, because it offers so little that is new, as it is effectively a two-horse race in which Kenya’s 22 million voters can really only pick between two veteran politicians who have alternated between fighting each other or allying with each other in several successive previous polls. Yet the poll is unusual in one way. President Kenyatta – who has to step down because he has completed his constitutionally limited two terms – is backing his old rival Odinga in the election, not his own vice president Ruto.

Kenyatta and Ruto fell out in 2018, ending a two-decade partnership dubbed “Uhuruto”, and Kenyatta instead launched an unexpected new alliance with his old rival Odinga with a famous public “handshake.”

That has put Ruto in the awkward position of being the opposition candidate while Odinga has conversely become in effect the incumbent candidate, backed by Kenyatta – and by state resources.

In 2017 the IEBC failed mainly because of the failure of its system for electronic checking of voter identities and for transmitting results from the country’s 40,833 polling stations to the central counting centres. The number of polling stations has now climbed to 46,233.

Since 2017, the IEBC has introduced manual systems – including a requirement for the paper forms certifying the results from all the polling stations to be physically transported to the IEBC central counting centre in Nairobi – as a backup to the digital systems, but some analysts warn that the system is still not tamper-proof.

The results could depend in part on how the IEBC performs but also on how



Kenyan Deputy President and the Kenya Kwanza Coalition presidential candidate William Ruto (centre), waves at supporters as he arrives during the coalition’s final political rally at Nyayo stadium, in Nairobi, Kenya, on 6 August 2022. Kenyan politicians held their final political rallies as Kenya heads to its general elections on 9 August 2022. (Photo: EPA-EFE / Daniel Irungu)

successfully each candidate gets out his voters, as Nic Cheeseman, Gabrielle Lynch and Justin Willis note in an article in The Elephant, a Kenyan online journal.

Youth swing vote

The critical swing vote could come from youth, about three million of whom lack unemployment. This has created considerable voter apathy so that the IEBC could register only 2.5 million new voters for this election – well short of its six million target.

Odinga’s Azimio La Umoja alliance (“Resolution in Unity”) a coalition of seven major political parties, has the

more efficient party machine to ensure its supporters actually vote.

Ruto, backed by his Kenya Kwanza alliance (“Kenya First”) of nine parties, is pitching his campaign as a contest of “Hustlers” versus “Dynasties” – ie of ordinary Kenyans battling to make ends meet in a tough economic climate versus political elites. Ruto is playing on the fact that both Odinga and his main backer Kenyatta are scions of old political families. Kenyatta’s father Jomo Kenyatta was independent Kenya’s first president and Odinga’s father Oginga Odinga was his vice-president until they fell out in 1966.

Ruto is appealing especially to the

disenchanted youth. He has promised to hand out major funds and programmes for them, in part funded by targeting “wealthy dynasties”, for wealth and land distribution.

Odinga has countered with promises such as a monthly grant of 6,000 shillings (about \$60 or R1,000) to two million vulnerable Kenyans. No one seems to have much faith that many of these promises will be kept after Tuesday’s poll results are in.

Odinga in narrow lead

Ruto was clearly ahead of Odinga earlier this year – by 38% to 27% according to one poll, but in the past

few weeks Odinga has pulled past him into a narrow lead. Odinga apparently overtook Ruto at the point when both chose their running mates. Ruto chose Rigathi Gachagua, an MP with little political profile, who faces money laundering charges. Odinga, by most accounts, made a far better choice in Martha Karua, a high court advocate and veteran of the struggle for multi-party democracy. Karua has solid anti-corruption credentials and she will attract women voters.

Both Gachagua and Karua are members of Kenya’s largest ethnic group, the Kikuyu, and both were strategic choices by Ruto and Odinga. Ruto is a Kalenjin and Odinga a Luo and both clearly felt the need to get Kikuyu backing.

In the past, Kenya’s shifting electoral coalitions have pitted different ethnic groups against each other. Having Kikuyus on both tickets should help defuse the ethnic tensions which triggered so much of the political violence in the past.

“Some Kenyan observers say that the selection of Kikuyu running mates sends a powerful message that Kikuyu, Luo and Kalenjin elites can work together and...move past ethnic-based politics,” the Africa Center for Strategic Studies says.

It notes that in previous elections Kikuyu and Kalenjin clashed over contested land in the Rift Valley, while Kikuyu and Luo also battled, in part over the Luo’s complaint that they have always been cheated out of power and privilege. If Odinga wins on Tuesday, he would be Kenya’s first Luo president.

Kikuyu outreach effects

The outreach of both frontrunners to the Kikuyu has also changed the campaign dynamics. Cheeseman,

Lynch and Willis note that while Odinga has maintained his traditional Luo stronghold in Nyanza near Lake Victoria, and Ruto has maintained his lead in his Rift Valley backyard, “the rest of the country will likely split their vote.”

“While the majority of citizens in Nairobi, North Eastern and at the Coast appear to be backing Odinga, competition remains fierce in both areas. Similarly, while Ruto retains a lead in Central Kenya, the vote in Eastern is divided between the two candidates, and both alliances know that they can secure significant votes in all of these areas.”

Though the margin between Odinga and Ruto is very slim, analysts say what is encouraging for Odinga is that he has momentum as his support has been increasing by about 5% in each successive poll and also because his supporters tell pollsters they are more certain of voting for him than Ruto’s supporters are to vote for him.

Yet analysts also warn that many polls are conducted by phone and may be missing poorer voters who are more likely to vote for Ruto because they are attracted by his “hustler” narrative.

Some analysts predict that in such a close contest the backing of Kenyatta and the state machinery is likely to help Odinga cross the line first, no matter what happens on Tuesday.

Though many analysts are predicting a second-round runoff between Odinga and Ruto because the race is so close, others believe because the other two presidential candidates have so little support, Odinga could in fact attain the 50% plus one vote that he needs to avoid a runoff.

This is particularly so since the third-runner, George Wajackoyah – a former spy and now a lawyer who gained some support by calling for the legalisation of marijuana – recently threw his support behind Odinga, though he remains on the ballot.

Monitors

Several major international election observer groups are in Kenya to monitor the elections – including those from the African Union, the European Union, the Common Market of Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) the Intergovernmental Authority for Development, the Commonwealth, America’s Carter Center, South Africa’s Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy and the Brentthurst Foundation.

However, the key watchdogs will probably be the 5,108 local observers deployed across the country by Kenya’s Election Observation Group (ELOG), a coalition of civil society groups.

Critical to their success will be their parallel voter tabulation system (PVT) of separately registering and recording a sample of results at polling stations and constituency counting centres to check against any tampering with the results by the IEBC during transmission, as ELOG chairperson Ann Ireri explains.

The media is also expected to play a key role in verifying the IEBC results by likewise reporting the results independently from some of these stations and centres.

All observers and analysts agree that the critical moment in these elections – like those in the past – will not be on voting day on Tuesday, but when the results start coming in in the following days.

Though almost all the attention has been on the presidential race, Kenyans will have to vote six times on Tuesday – also for the governors of 47 counties, for national senators and members of the national assembly, for special seats allocated for women members of the national assembly and for members of county assemblies.

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A woman wearing a headdress made of oranges dances during a rally for Raila Odinga, presidential candidate for the Azimio La Umoja Coalition, in Nairobi, Kenya, on Monday.

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'Legal framework is crucial in curtailing stunting in children'

By Jenifer Gilla

LACK of legal framework to coordinate and link experts in the nutrition sector hinders the war against stunting in children in the country, it has been said.

Celestine Mgoba, researcher at the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Center (TFNC) called for enactment of a law which will create a pool of experts working on nutrition to empower the center in the fight against stunting.

One of the existing was that the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) is under the ministry of Health while the Tanzania Bureau of Standard (TBS) is under the ministry of trade a move which makes the war uncoordinated because the experts feel they are in two different fields.

He said there is no legal framework to regulate management of food supplements to guide processors a move that drags the war against stunting in under-five children.

He said nutritional researchers in the country have been working in providing education aimed at informing processors on the type and level of supplements needed to be added.

The National Nutrition Status Report 2018 shows that 32 percent of children under five are stunted, dropping from 35 percent in 2014.

Dar es Salaam is one of the leading regions with poor nutrition and stunting on a large scale, in other regions are Kagera, Kigoma, Mara, and Dodoma.

The situation forced the government in 2017 to launch the Tanzania National Multi-Sector Nutrition Action Plan 1 (NMNAP) with the aim of reducing the stunting rate among children under five years from 34 percent in 2015 (TDHS 2015/16) to 28 percent in 2021.



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One of NMNAP's strategies is to ensure that zinc, folic acid, and Vita-

min B 12 supplements are added to wheat and corn flour as well as vitamin A supplements to cooking oil to

help reduce stunting and malnutrition in the country. However, until last year, it had not

achieved the goal because the report shows that the country still has stunting and lack of nutrition at 32 percent. This means that the strategy of putting nutrients in the mentioned food products has not reached the target.

Maize flour is the most eaten food in Tanzania, although the law ordered the flour to be fortified as one of the ways to reduce poor nutrition and stunting, the issue has not brought good results because only a small amount of fortified maize flour is sold in the shops.

Omar Shabani one of the small maize millers who said that he does not see a reason to add nutrients to flour because customers do not like to use flour with such nutrients.

"I'm looking at the market's demand my sister, if customers don't want flour with nutrients, why should I put it? When the time comes, I see that there is a need to put nutrients in the flour, I will put it, I don't want to lose my customers," he said.

A retail shop owner at Tabata, Dar es Salaam, Shabani Ally (39), said that when she goes to buy flour, she pays more attention to the quality of the flour because many customers of the product like soft flour.

The idea was supported by Dorkas Michael (45), a restaurant owner at Kariakoo, Dar es Salaam who says that she has not considered buying flour with nutrients because she has never heard of such a thing.

The liaison officer of t SANKU, International Institute that supplies food nutrients to maize, Paula Kawiche, said that Tanzania has 23,000 small flour processors but only 600 receive nutrients.

An officer of Dar es Salaam, Janet Stanley, said the Ministry of Health has noticed the challenge through their officers who visit millers to raise awareness, provide education and measure the level of nutrients, and they are working on them.

Nine firms sign agreements on the distribution of subsidised fertiliser

By Guardian Reporter, Mbeya

NINE firms importing fertiliser into the country have already signed agreements on subsidised fertiliser distribution.

Dr Stephan Ngailo, executive director for the Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) revealed this when speaking at Stawisha NaneNane Agricultural exhibition in Mbeya at the weekend.

Mentioning some of the firms that signed the fertiliser subsidies agreements the Director of Domestic Fertiliser Production and Imports, Joseph Charos they include Afrisian Ginning Ltd, OCP, Sky Mwamoto, Minjingu Mining Fertilizer Company and DRTC Trading Company Limited.

Others are Tanzania Fertilizer Company (TFC), One Acre Tanzania Limited, Premium and ETG.

He said more firms are still in the process of signing the agreements to enable them distribute subsidised fertiliser to farmers.

These signing of these agreements are the continuation of the process to make sure farmers receive subsidised fertiliser in time for them to use at the start of the farming season.

Dr Ngailo said that fertiliser importing or producing firms will pack them in 25 and 50kg bags with a

subsidy note written "subsidies fertiliser" and printed with a barcode to ease TFRA monitoring.

After being registered, farmers will access the fertilizer at a registered agent by showing an indication number obtained during registration, handed the fertilizer after the agent verifies that identification online, to check eligibility for subsidized inputs, he explained.

Farmers will be registered through local authorities and extension officers, with the village executive officer and the chairman confirming the registration information on the form. The extension officer will enter the registration information into the system; and the registered farmer is handed identification for use in inputs purchasing, he stated.

The relevant details are his/her full name, date of birth, gender, telephone number, type and number of an ID, domicile, photo, fingerprints, size of the farm, farm ownership status and crops grown.

Post Covid-19 effects and the on-going Ukraine expedition have pushed up fertiliser prices in global markets, he said, affirming that this begets the need to support local farmers to access key agricultural inputs at affordable prices.



Malawi moves 263 elephants to restock degraded national park

By Charles Mpaka

EARLY one July morning, a helicopter with wildlife officials on board flies above the forests of Malawi's Liwonde National Park in search of elephants. Within half an hour, a small herd has been spotted and the crew radios a support team on the ground.

As the ground team gets in place, the pilot maneuvers the plane to herd the four elephants to an open area, descending low enough to allow the experts on board to fire tranquilizer darts at the elephants. It will take less than 8 minutes for the sedative to take effect, the officials say.

As soon as the animals are down, the ground team starts taking measurements, collar-

ing and labelling the elephants before tying ropes to their feet, hooking them to a crane and lifting the elephants into trucks. There, an antidote is administered to reverse the effects of the tranquilizer and get the elephants back on their feet ahead of the 350-kilometer (217-mile) journey to their new home in Kasungu National Park.

These scenes played out repeatedly for a month, until more than 260 elephants were relocated from Liwonde National Park, managed by African Parks, a South Africa-headquartered NGO, to restock the government-run Kasungu National Park, where the elephant population has been hit by poaching.

The translocation, estimated to cost more than \$1 million, is



aimed at building viable populations of the key species and promoting tourism in the park, said Brighton Kumchedwa, director of Malawi's Department of National Parks and Wildlife.

It's also intended to prevent degradation of wildlife habitat as well as human-animal conflict in the 580-square-kilometer (224-square-mile) Liwonde National Park, which currently has more elephants than its ecosystem can support.

"With close to 600 elephants living within the park, space and availability of natural resources are near to capacity," says Sam Kamoto, African Parks' country manager for Malawi. "The increasing density of this population is causing degradation of wildlife habitats and intensi-

fying human-wildlife conflict, largely deriving from crop-raiding elephants."

Kasungu National Park lies on Malawi's western border with Zambia. It's part of the Malawi-Zambia Transfrontier Conservation Area, a 32,000-km2 (12,355-mi2) conservation zone encompassing protected areas on both sides of the border. Until recently, the conservation area was a major source and transit route for ivory markets in China and Southeast Asia, resulting in a severe decline in elephant population in the corridor. In Kasungu National Park, elephant numbers dwindled from 1,200 in the 1970s to just 50 in 2015, according to government figures.

NAIROBI

Bringing specialist telemedicine to children living in rural Kenya

NEW telemedicine technology, Daktari Smart, aims to mitigate the gap between child patients and medical specialists in rural Kenya.

Officially launched in November 2021, the system was built to help sick children have easy access to medical specialists minus the cost of being physically present (remote/digital access). According to them, this will help optimise the delivery of healthcare systems.

Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentist Board estimate that the current patient-to-doctor ratio is 6,355 to 1. These statistics highlight the difficulty that patients have in accessing qualified medical personnel and specialists. Patients from rural and marginalised areas are especially disadvantaged, with some dealing with a total lack of adequate facilities. Others are left to contend with referrals that see them delay treatment.

Daktari Smart thus comes in as the "haven" that these patients had been waiting for, targeting over 32,000 children in Homabay, Samburu, Baringo and Lamu counties in its first phase of operation.

"Daktari Smart is a telemedicine device that offers connections between different counties or locations and the provider of the services," says Olivia Achieng, program coordinator at Gertrude's Hospital Foundation.



A child has her teeth examined remotely. The Daktari Smart technology means children in rural Kenya are linked to specialist care in big centres. File photo

"This telemedicine system involves electronic medical devices connected to form a platform that enables the clinical workers at the different counties to interact directly with the specialists and sub-specialists in Gertrude's Children's Hospital."

Like many developing countries, Kenya is characterised by limited health facilities in rural areas. Most health specialists and special care facilities are located in the city, mainly Nairobi. Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi hospital, and Aga Khan Hospital are among the largest and most reputable hospitals in Nairobi, Kenya, but are over 400 kilometres from Lamu, Homabay, and Samburu counties.

Specialists include paediatricians, surgeons, psychiatrists, and neurologists - the list is long.

"The poor doctor-to-patient ratio makes it hard to get specialists in rural areas, making it hard for these patients to get the quality care they deserve. To get the specialist care they need, they will need to travel to cities like Nairobi, Kisumu, Eldoret or Nakuru, which is expensive and time-consuming. This is the gap that Daktari Smart is trying to bridge," Achieng explained.

Rather than send the patient to a different facility or hospital, the referral process will now be able to be done within the same facility. The patient will be booked and referred over the telemedicine platform.

According to Achieng, the system comprises several electronic devices such as a stethoscope, vital sign monitor, derma scope, electrocardiogram, and ultrasound machine, among many other medical devices assembled to form the telemedicine platform.

All these devices are attached to a monitor, which allows the specialist to see the patient's information in real-time. This means that the specialist doesn't have to rely on second-hand information or someone else's interpretation of the patient's condition because they can see everything as it is transmitted first-hand.

Anyango said that once the specialist in Nairobi is done attending to the children he is with, he can then go to the telemedicine room and see whether he has any bookings from Lamu, Samburu, Homabay or Baringo county.

"It is also important to note that this is a paediatric referral platform which means that before a child is referred, he or she has to be properly assessed by the health worker to determine whether or not the case requires a specialist's attention," she said.

The M-PESA Foundation invested over Ksh 168 million (about 1.4 million US dollars) in the project, with the expectation of bringing on board

two more needy counties and ensuring they can help as many patients as possible.

"One of our main pillars under M-PESA Foundation is healthcare. For this particular telemedicine program, we have partnered with Gertrude's Hospital Foundation, Gertrude's Hospital and Safaricom PLC," said Karen Basiye, Director, Sustainable Business, Social Impact and M-PESA Foundation.

"Our aim is to address the delays in receiving adequate healthcare in rural and underserved areas through telemedicine, starting with Samburu, Homabay, Baringo and Lamu Counties. Two other counties will be brought on board in the next phase of this program," Basiye told IPS.

"Patients, who have children aged up to 21 years, who would otherwise have to spend a significant amount of time and money on travelling long distances to urban areas to seek care, will now be able to receive specialist care from their local health facility. As a foundation, we are the program's main funder, investing over Ksh 168 million towards the initiative over the next three years," added Basiye.

Basiye said that the bandwidth requirement for the system is low, ranging from 512kps to 2Mbps, which makes it suitable for use in rural areas with poor internet connectivity.

"The mission and vision for Gertrude's Hospital Foundation are to ensure the poor and the needy in the community are taken care of. We noted that the hard-to-reach areas in Kenya are underserved in terms of medical specialists, and this project thus enables us to offer the health part, while M-PESA Foundation helps with the financial side," Anyango continued.

Dr Alex Owino, Medical Superintendent, Katulani Sub-County hospital, Kitui, agrees that Daktari smart is a great initiative given the few specialist doctors who handle delicate and complex medical cases.

"Most of these specialist doctors are found in major towns, which makes access to specialist care by patients from rural areas very difficult as they have to use a lot of resources just to get to them," Owino told IPS. "The whole of Kitui county, for instance, has only three paediatricians serving it, which means that general practitioners like ourselves will have to cover the gaps."

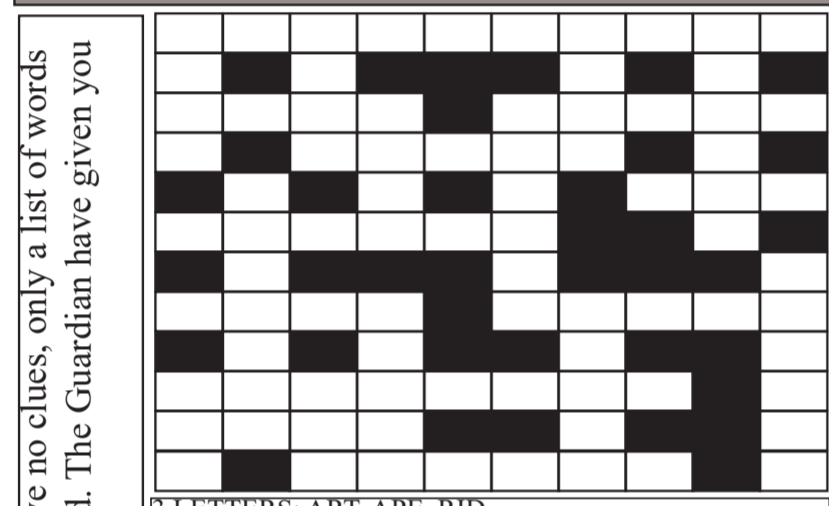
"Having specialists use technology to provide care for patients in hard-to-reach areas will thus lead to better health outcomes as it cuts the need for movement for patients who need help and health workers who may need training," Owino said.

Owino explained technology is quickly revolutionising medicine with various gadgets and applications being introduced to help improve areas of weakness that have mainly been witnessed in developing countries.

"This technology will not only help the patients but also be very useful in helping improve the knowledge and skills for the health workers in those areas," Owino concluded.

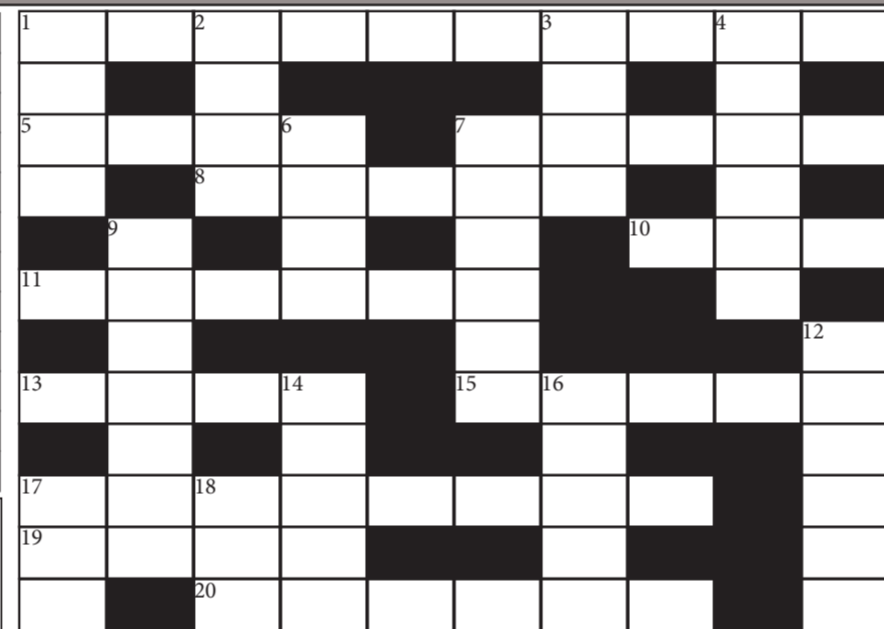
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In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

- 3 LETTERS: ART, APE, RID
- 4 LETTERS: MOOT, DIET, SURE, OVEN, NETA, WAGE, PAID
- 5 LETTERS: AROMA, TEASE, DAILY, ASANA, EVADE
- 6 LETTERS: ASMARA, ASCEND, KARATE, DENTAL, TYRIAN
- 7 LETTERS: FARANGA,
- 8 LETTERS: AGRARIAN
- 10 LETTERS: MADAGASCAR



- CLUES: Across**
- 1 Selling of black Africans
 - 5 one of the two branches of Islam
 - 7 consumed
 - 8 a male honey-bee
 - 10 a pen for pigs
 - 11 Masai warrior
 - 13 greater, further
 - 15 total number of points made in a game
 - 17 slaughterhouse
 - 19 a way of acting
 - 20 citrus fruit
- Down:**
- 1 neither very good nor very bad
 - 2 sharp-tasting or sour
 - 3 a thick cord made of twisted fibres
 - 4 to give as a gift to charity
 - 6 an expanse of land
 - 7 molluscs having wormlike bodies and spiral protective shell
 - 9 Chief city of Sri Lanka
 - 12 soft, delicate
 - 14 to go or come in
 - 16 to adhere, to be attached
 - 17 short for amplifier
 - 18 fuss or difficulty

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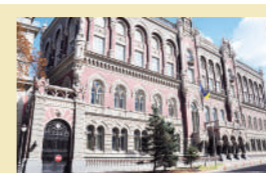
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Tanzania all at to reclaim its position as global top sisal producer

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

IN 1964, Tanzania was the largest producer and exporter of sisal in the world. The country was producing 230,000 tons with the industry evolving over million people as farmers and estate workers. Sisal was locally used to produce ropes, twine and bags. The large quantity of the crop was exported to the world market.

Available data shows the crop was also generating 35 per cent of the country's foreign exchange and earning itself the "green gold" tag.

Years later however, sisal production began to decline, due to the decrease of the world prices, as synthetic nylon and jute bags became substitutes to sisal made products.

Statistics however indicate that in 2013, the global production of sisal fiber accounted for 281,000 tons with Brazil being the largest producer with 150,000 tons, followed by Tanzania, Kenya, Madagascar and China.

According to the World Bank data, the global price for sisal (Under Grade) increased by 1.3 per cent to \$1.70 per kilo during the year ending June, 2022 from \$1.68 per kilo in June, 2021.

Tanzania Sisal Board (TSB) Acting Director General Saddy Kambona says with increased demand for natural fibers on the global market, sisal has the potential to reclaim its position as Tanzania's leading foreign exchange earner.

Speaking to The Guardian recently, Kambona said in a bid to capitalize on the growing de-



Tanzania Sisal Board (TSB) Acting Director General Saddy Kambona explaining a point at the TSB Head Office in Tanga a few weeks ago. Photo by Geoffrey Nangai

mand, attributed to its multiple uses in various sector including construction and automotive, Tanzania has already drawn a roadmap to triple its production capacity from the current 40,000 tonnes per annum to 120,000 tonnes in 2025.

"We were once global top producer in 1960s, but production fell drastically because of decrease in demands, following the introduction of sisal alternatives, especially plastics. With the increased global demand, we have no option but to increase production, so as to take advantage of the increasing global demands," he said.

He noted that, as part of the United Nations Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)

guidelines on environmental sustainability, sisal has increasingly been used as a reinforcement agent in various sectors.

"Sisal has lately been used as a reinforcement agent especially in the manufacturing sector. Because of global environmental sustainability issues, it is now used as an alternative to wood; and also used in various beauty products like wigs, as a country, we have no option but to increase production to tap into the opportunities created by the growing demand of sisal," he said.

Empowerment of smallholder farmers

For many years, sisal has been produced on large scale in Tanzania unlike other countries like Brazil where smallholder farmers take center stage.

As part of efforts to increase sisal production, he said, the Government of Tanzania tasked the sisal board to embark on a sensitization campaign for smallholder sisal farmers that will help in attaining its ambitious target of 120,000 tonnes per annum.

According to him, the board last year alone registered 8,721 smallholder farmers and targets registering 60,000 smallholder farmers by 2025

The board anticipates that the smallholder farmers in 16 regions including Tanga, Pwani, Morogoro, Dodoma, Singida, Shinyanga, Mwanza, Geita, Simiyu, Mara, Kagera, Manyara, Kilimanjaro, Lindi, Kigoma na Tabora will be in a position to produce 60,257 tonnes per annum.

Other sisal producing regions include Rukwa, Katavi, Mtwara and Ruvuma.



Kambona said they will also encourage youth to tap into sisal farming, noting that the sector gives higher returns.

TSB has started sensitizing small-scale out growers to increase their production capacities to embrace opportunities created by the global demand, he noted.

According to statistics from the Sisal Board, China is the biggest market of Tanzania's sisal accounting for 15,817 tonnes (53.7 per cent) followed by Saudi Arabia and Nigeria that account for 3,507 and 1,958 tonnes respectively.

Commenting on the effect of Covid-19 and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, Kambona said the sector was not affected as such but there was a disruption in logistics in terms of transport logistics for sisal export.

Tanzania's sisal sub-sector is the oldest commercially organized agricultural undertaking and one of the longest surviving agricultural industries in the country.

The sisal industry in Tanzania employs over 100,000 people, with a total production of 33,766 tonnes in 2018, down from about 40,000 tonnes in 2014.

Using Indian mode to expand cleaner cooking energy use in Tanzania

By Beatrice Philemon

INDIAN oil and gas marketing companies have promised to help campaigning cleaner cooking energy use in Tanzania, especially low income earners, to save women from harmful biomass smokes.

This comes after being learned that, it has been so difficult for many low income earners in Tanzania to transform from the use of biomass energy such as firewood and charcoal to low carbon energy, mainly Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).

According to a statement by Indian High Commission to Tanzania the delegation are in Tanzania for four days to discuss how two countries can work together to expand low carbon cooking energy among low income earners.

The commission said India succeeded to expand the use of clear cooking energy among low income population through two implemented schemes namely Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) and City Gas Distribution (CGD).

"India is now moving fast to low carbon cooking energy and majority of households use LPG as their primary cooking fuel," the commission said. "These two schemes are currently implemented in India with great success and achieved more their targets well within the targeted time lines."

The main goal of the campaign in Tanzania is help women from poor families use Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in cooking, improve the health and safety, stop deforestation,



Indian High Commission to Tanzania Binayak Pradhan (seated 2nd R) and minister for energy Jaunary Makamba (centre seated) with a delegation of Indian officials from public organisation who visited to Tanzania to transfer knowledge in how to increase the use of LPG, CNG in Tanzania PHOTO/COURTESY OF INDIA HIGH COMMISSION

reducing carbon emissions and eliminating health hazards of conventional fuels.

According to the commission, PMUY is a scheme established by the ministry of Petroleum and natural gas for providing LPG connections to low income households of economically weaker section in far-flung areas.

He noted said, through PMUY scheme, launched in different areas across India 5 years ago, the penetration of LPG use in cooking jumped from 62 percent in 2016 to cur-

rently 99 percent.

Apart from that, the commission said Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), the government led-firm has already launched light-weight LPG cylinder equipped with

better safety measures for consumers' needs that are now available in different capacities in India, and this can be copied in Tanzania.

Indian companies are also interested to invest in Tanzania, including reducing the size of LPG cooking gas cylinders up to 5kg of gas for many Tanzanian consumers to afford.

Nine Indian oil and gas marketing companies including HPCL, IOCL, BPCL and GAIL which are a government of Indian enterprises with its headquarters at Mumbai / Delhi are the main companies that were in Tanzania for a working visit.

Currently, majority of people especially women living in remote areas are still using traditional solid

fuels such as firewood, agriculture residue, charcoal, kerosene for cooking that causes health problems. "If Tanzanian government will need our support we will support it to bring clean cooking energy to remove smoke in kitchens," they said.

Elaborating on City Gas Distribution (CGD), the commission says, gas utilization in India was about 6 percent of the energy basket in 2016; the target is to reach 15 percent by 2030.

"Currently India has covered entire country by dividing into various geographical areas and called out for bids from CGD entities and giving them exclusivity period 8 years for Gas Marketing in this territory and 25 years for the Gas Infrastructure development within the allocated territory," the statement noted.

The CGD entities were required to quote for the infrastructure that they intend to provide, as project are to be completed in eight years period.

This way, the entire country shall be covered with national network in eight years' time.

India has already commissioned around 4500 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations and 10million domestic gas connections, of which the same design can be done in Tanzania with the few modifications to suite the local demand and available of natural gas.

Also, Tanzanian delegation will visit in India to see how HPCL and other oil and gas companies are operating their activities and learn from them.

In India, users are also trained regularly on the safe usage of LPG in Kitchens.

SBL inspires young female scientists with an apprentice programme

By Guardian Reporter

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) have been at the forefront of transforming the world from a subsistence economy to an industrialized and diversified economy in developed countries, as well as propelling fast-growing economies such as Tanzania.

As appealing as the latter may sound, statistics show that STEM uptake is only on one foot. According to the groundbreaking UNESCO report; Cracking the Code: Girls' and women's STEM education, only 35 per cent of STEM students in higher education globally are female, with differences observed within STEM disciplines.

Over the past years, Tanzania has been working hard towards building its industrial economic foundation through the development of a resilient business environment, uninterrupted power supply and a healthy slew of professional experts in all arrays of modern science and technology. Serengeti Breweries Limited

(SBL) complements these efforts with an ambitious, inclusive, progressing and diverse STEM Apprenticeship program that aims to empower young females with aspirations as part of its inclusion and diversity program.

The beer recently announced its second cohort of the ongoing STEM program in support of the long-standing government's ambition to expand STEM take-up among Tanzania's young females and prolong the program further.

As the government works to improve things, particularly by providing training to community development officers in 184 municipalities on identifying, nurturing, and supporting local scientists and innovators, SBL STEM programs propel the latter to the forefront.

The STEM program that came to life in 2021 is taking crucial steps toward supporting Tanzania's development initiatives by building the East African nation's next STEM professionals.

According to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, in the financial year 2022/2023,



Beneficiaries of Serengeti Breweries Limited's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) together with other young females who are pursuing various science disciplines in various colleges and University during the commemoration of this year's International Women and girls in Science organized recently by SBL PHOTO/COURTESY

at least 90 new technologies have been developed, identified and acknowledged, bringing the total number of new technologies developed to 479.

On a broader scale, SBL argues that its dedication to developing STEM uptake in Tanzania is mirrored in its diversity and inclusion policy, which has been pristine and dear to the beer maker for many years.

As a crucial employer and investor in Tanzania, the STEM program goes further than that. We are proud to be at the frontlines of ensuring gender parity in our workplaces through collaboration and other diverse, result-oriented actions.

According to SBL, in 2021, the first cohort had a total of 10 STEM apprentices who were under an intensive leadership program in

supply chain function.

This learning exposed them to the understanding of SBL business initiatives and drove performance in different business areas. The first cohort graduated in February 2022 and was appointed permanently into autonomous technical operator roles after that.

Any STEM aspirant with the required qualifications is highly encouraged to apply. The program

has set up several items to be met, including the beneficiary holding a degree or higher national diploma in the fields of engineering (chemical, mechanical, electrical, industrial, automation and instrumentation) and brewing (food and science technology, microbiology, biochemistry, chemical or industrial engineering).

SBL doesn't come to the STEM field as an ordinary supporter of the field. It is instead stepping into the discipline as an entity with decades of experience in adding value to communities and empowering growth.

Miss Glory Hungu one of the second cohort apprentice said, "This graduate trainee program caught my attention as it mainly captures the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics scope at large, focusing to unleash the great talents of women. Ever since being enrolled in the program, I have experienced quite a bold mindset growth, uncovered my blind spot areas of improvement in-terms of transparency, trust, and experience." SBL has substantiated the latter

through its Society 2030: a 10-year action plan to help create a more inclusive and sustainable world, which drives an agro-scholarship program, Kilimo Viwanda, which goes after adding value to agribusiness in Tanzania.

"I am looking forward to achieving growth in leadership and functional skills coupled up with unleashing my hidden talents through this unique and outstanding science program" Miss Hungu added.

With a concurrent similar educational program (Kilimo Viwanda) opening up a new window of applications across Tanzania, SBL is delighted to have more talented young females in its vast workforce. Thus, this year's cohort of 10 STEM apprentices directly results from the beer maker's determination to recognize and support young females in science.

SBL is also excited to have the opportunity to learn more from the brilliant young minds who have joined the company and are committed to learning from our leadership team.

Global stocks up after US job gain paves way for rate hike

BEIJING

GLOBAL stocks gained Monday after strong US jobs data cleared the way for more interest rate hikes and Chinese exports rose by double digits.

London, Shanghai, Tokyo and Frankfurt advanced. Hong Kong retreated. Oil prices edged higher.

Wall Street's benchmark S&P 500 lost 0.2% on Friday after government data showed American employers added more jobs than expected in June. That undercut expectations a slowing economy might prompt the Fed to postpone or scale back plans for more rate hikes to cool inflation.

"Now it seems they will be debating whether they need to be even more aggressive," Edward Moya of Oanda said in a report.

In early trading, the FTSE 100 in London was up 0.4% at 7,471.08 and the DAX in Frankfurt added 0.4% to 13,629.44. The CAC 40 in Paris advanced 0.6% to 6,512.74.

On Wall Street, the future for the S&P 500 rose 0.3% while that for the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 0.2%.

The S&P declined 0.2% on Friday after government data showed employers hired more Americans in July than forecast. The Dow added 0.2% while the Nasdaq composite lost 0.5%.

In Asia, the Shanghai Composite Index rose 0.3% to 3,236.93 after China's July exports rose 18% over a year earlier, beating forecasts.

China's trade surplus swelled to \$101 billion in July after imports rose just 2.3% over a year ago, reflecting weak domestic demand. The Hang Seng in Hong Kong fell 0.8% to 20,050.15 while the Nikkei 225 in Tokyo gained 0.2% to 26,241.13.



Currency traders work at the foreign exchange dealing room of the KEB Hana Bank headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, Aug. 8, 2022. (AP PHOTO)

The Kospi in Seoul gained less than 0.1% to 2,493.10 and Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 shed less than 0.1% to 7,020.60.

India's Sensex gained 0.9% at 58,892.25. Taiwan, New Zealand, Singapore and Bangkok retreated while Jakarta gained.

Investors worry tighter policy from the Fed and central banks in Europe and Asia to cool inflation that is running at multi-decade highs might derail global economic growth.

Markets also have been rattled by Russia's war on Ukraine, which caused a spike in prices of oil, wheat and other commodities, and by uncertainty about Chinese anti-virus curbs that have disrupted manufacturing and shipping.

Last week's strong U.S. employment data gave ammunition to Fed officials who say the economy can tolerate higher borrowing costs

to cool inflation.

After Friday's announcement, traders expect the Fed to raise its benchmark rate by 0.75 percentage points next month, up from forecasts of half a point. That would be triple the usual margin and the third such outsized hike this year.

Higher interest rates are meant to counter inflation by cooling business activity, but that also raises the risk of recession and job losses. The latest inflationary spike is unusual because forecasters have blamed shortages of goods due to the coronavirus pandemic, rather than rapid economic growth.

Wall Street is coming off its best month for stocks since late 2020, a rally driven by falling bond yields. Traders hoped the economy was slowing enough for the Fed to ease off.

Digital Marketing; GWI Digital Snapshot Report 2022

By Alley Mmatya

"MARKETING without data is like driving a car with your eye's closed." - Dan Zarrella.

There are lots of things changing both social and digital this year and what better way to find out through the GWI (Global Web Index) Digital Snapshot Report for 2022 that covers the digital sphere across all markets that just recently came out. I found it very interesting and informative on the social media trends. This is a market that keeps growing and it is very relevant for marketers to understand so that they know where to take their brand in search of customer growth. The data is very valuable and will also keep you busy but most of all in the know-how as a marketer, it also gives us an opportunity to deep dive into so many markets and get direction on where the digital world is moving towards.

The most interesting or fascinating thing about this report is that the most interesting trends that are coming through in this particular report is what might be called "Developing Economies", the non-rich economies that are setting trends, so there is huge amounts of innovation coming from Latin America, Asia (Singapore, India etc.), the Middle East countries right across to Africa that are developing different sets of social media behaviors which points to the future of where the internet is headed. It talks a lot about tech and digital behaviors, that's the focus of this report but also embrace that the report is talking about humans and their human emotional lives.

Social Media Platforms
Let us dive in and rattle up the stats here for 2022. In the report we see Telegram had a boost with 14% more users than compared to 18 months ago which is about roughly more than 700 million users, what was also interesting to me was Facebook's growth with teenagers between the ages of 13 - 19 years during this last quarter increased by 1.35 million users. Question, how should brands think or approach this change. The numbers do suggest that Telegram is growing faster than Tik-Tok (that is not to say Tik-Tok isn't growing or isn't great) but when you start to unpack the data that is when you realize that one is growing fast and the other is growing even faster. You will see that one social media platform



is doing clever or innovative stuff so it allows for a marketer to decide openly and this is probably a challenging aspect to data analysis and how to allocate your budget across all these amazing opportunities. The report also states that the social media that most people spend their time on is Tik-Tok and average of 23.6 hours per month (broken down to an average of about 48 minutes per day), second place is YouTube with (23.2 hours per month) and third is Facebook with (19.4 hours per month) then WhatsApp.

The GWI report also states that on average around the world the typical social media user now uses 7.5 (let us say 8) platforms every month. Remember this is not dualistic because when one is growing it doesn't mean that the others are losing especially when it comes to user base. This data will give you an opportunity to reach say similar audiences but in a very different context with different type of content on a different platform and the reality is all these platforms are growing and Snap Chat is growing exponentially (massively) faster while Facebook is focused on growing the teenager audience at a global level.

Looking for example at the data

from the Middle East there is a lot of interesting trends coming out from there specifically social media behavioral trends, a platform like Snap Chat and the way that it gets used for example in a market like Saudi Arabia you've got a very high incidence of female use of the platform because it is ephemeral and for cultural reasons to their benefit and how it influences the overall behavior. Then one must also understand how that also influences the rise of say Twitter vs Tik-Tok, because data shows a rise in Twitter use in the Middle East as well. On the overall data one can't hardly ignore the rise of small platforms such as Snap Chat with 621 million users (indeed it can't be compared to Facebook) but that is a progressive rise in usage that can't be ignored.

As marketers it is important to understand the roles of different channels (platforms) for our client's, simply by deep diving and breaking down the data of these channels say by gender, age etc. just so it can help you decide what channel works best for your client's products/service. Simply crafting a meaningful platform investment strategy which by the way may

also be presented as a diversified digital marketing portfolio strategy.

In Short: The GWI flagship report also indicates that;

- Less than 3 billion people around the world are not connected to the internet, marking another important milestone in the journey towards universal internet accessibility.

- Social media users continue to grow faster than they did prior to the Covid 19 pandemic, analysis puts annual user growth at more than 10%.

- It has been a big year for many of the social media platforms like YouTube, Instagram, and Tik-Tok - all seeing increased followers.

- Report also shows trends in the amount of time individuals spend on social media platforms reveals some important marketing inferences.

- The typical global e-commerce shopper now spends an average of more than USD \$1,000 per year on consumer goods purchases alone.

On the first point mentioned above I couldn't but help myself think about Elon Musk's ambitious Space X project, the launching and orbiting of a Constellation of Satellites - his vision is for the satellites to be able to provide mostly developing countries with internet access at a cheaper cost. It was only but a few months ago after the Russia and Ukraine war started and also after a discussion with the Ukraine government did Elon Musk activate the Satellites to provide free internet access to Ukraine. That had me in thought for a minute.

The other points mentioned above summarize only a very small fraction of the 300 slide report, I'd recommend "Juisi ya Embe na Samosa" as you breeze through the document. Any marketer would find it insightful and informative specially the section on Africa's digital rise. Outside this scope the report also covers the surge of cryptocurrency ownership particularly in developing countries, NFT's, the video game industry etc.

To be continued...

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Ruaha National Park attracts 13,000 visitors in 2021/2022

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

TOURISTS visited the southern highlands based Ruaha National Park (RUNAPA) in Iringa region increased to 13,000 during financial year 2021/2022 from 9,000 during 2020/2021.

The Ruaha National Park Tourism Officer Aimna Salum said this when briefing journalists from various media organization in Iringa who visited the park recently.

The tourism officer attributed the increase in visitors to the park unique attractions as well as the promotional Royal Tour movie, initiated by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Salum said Tanzania has now opened up its borders since the Covid-19 pandemic, which has boosted foreign tourist arrivals in different tourist attractions, and Ruaha in particular.

"During the coronavirus pandemic, many campsites were closed, it was quiet because there were no foreign visitors, we were getting local visitors," she explained.

The Ruaha National Park has a size of more than 20,000 square kilometers, being the second largest in the country, compared to the Julius Nyerere National Park, which is the largest.

Ruaha National Park has a total of 13 investors who have invested in tent camps, lodges and temporary camps with a total of 296 beds.

Assistant Conservation Commissioner and Head of RUNAPA Park, Godwell Ole Meng'ataki said that their strengthened collaboration with the media will stimulate the increase in domestic and foreign tourists, a step that will help to stimulate government revenue collection and stimulate economic growth.

Meng'ataki said such visit would bring productivity in the tourism sector by informing the public about the importance of visiting tourist attractions that exist in various parks in the country and their benefits to the economy.

He said that the media visit should be a springboard to strengthen cooperation between conservationists and journalists with the aim of creating a joint strategy in promoting the attractions available in the national game parks in Tanzania, especially those



Ruaha National Park (RUNAPA) Assistant Conservation Commissioner Godwell Ole Meng'ataki speaking to journalists from Iringa, who visited the park recently (Photo by Friday Simbaya)

found in the Ruaha National Park which is the second largest.

Meng'ataki noted that visitors to the Ruaha will have the opportunity to see some of the unique attractions including lions living in families (prides), other animals of various species, more than 574 types of birds, and more than 1650 types of plants found in the park.

Meng'ataki said there are various types of tourism activities at Ruaha including trekking, night tourism, boat riding and sport fishing, stressing that those types of unique tourism if fully advertised will stimulate the increase of tourists in the park.

Speaking about the impact Royal Tour Film, of which President Samia Suluhu Hassan participated, he said has great contribution in promoting Tanzania to the world, which will stimulate the sector growth.

The Chairman of the Iringa Region Press Club (IPC) Frank Leonard said that Iringa journalists recognize the contribution of tourism to the development of the nation.

He said the visit to Ruaha national park was to motivate the sector through domestic tourism.

Leonard said that journalists have a great influence to ensure that they convince other citizens to visit Ruaha National Park and other parks across the country.

The Iringa District Commissioner Mohamed Hassan Moyo has said that the World Bank through Regrow project has already provided funds to repair the existing Iringa road to Msembe to improve infrastructure towards Ruaha National Park.

Aga Khan Hospitals TZ receives Gold Seal Accreditation from USA

By Guardian Correspondent

The Aga Khan Hospital, Dar es Salaam has received the third Gold Standard re-accreditation of Joint Commission International (JCI) USA, making it the first and only hospital in Tanzania to have achieved this remarkable symbol of quality, safety and patient centred care.

"It is a matter of immense pride and happiness that a Tanzanian institution was able to achieve this unique distinction," said a statement issued by the hospital. "It is considered the only hospital in Tanzania and one of the three hospitals in East Africa accredited by Joint Commission International (JCI)."

Aga Khan Health Service, Tanzania operates an integrated healthcare system across Tanzania and has been engaged in providing quality health care since over 90 years and strived to uplift the quality of health care through its wide range of service, according to the statement. "During the re-accreditation process, the Hospital was evaluated by international surveyors against more than one thousand measurable elements covering all aspects of healthcare delivery that include efficiency of procedures, appropriateness of documentation, patient engagement and education, infection control, medication management, physician practice, safety and maintenance including equipment and disaster preparedness," it said.

The statement said in-depth audit was humbling and educational process that reconfirmed the quality standards of the Hospital culminating in an historic moment with the surveyor's confirming re-accreditation from the Joint Commission International (JCI). "This re-accreditation is a clear demonstration of joint effort, inclination and commitment by the team at the Aga Khan Hospital, Dar Es Salaam for an outstanding goal to provide international quality standard, safety and patient centred care at home," the statement noted.

The hospital offers world-class health care services through its world-class facilities, cutting edge technology and exceptional medical professionals. The hospital's laboratory received Joint Commission International Re-accreditation in 2017.

The first health Dispensary in Dar es Salaam was established by The Aga Khan Hospital, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, in 1929.



It is considered the only hospital in Tanzania and one of the three hospitals in East Africa accredited by Joint Commission International (JCI). PHOTO/COURTESY

NSE shakes off polls jitters to add Sh85 billion wealth

NAIROBI

THE Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) has added Sh85 billion in investor wealth in the last two weeks, showing no sign of pre-election jitters as retail investors continue to buy up cheap stocks.

The bourse's market capitalisation stood at Sh2.21 trillion at close of trading on Friday, having gained four percent in two weeks.

The number of investors trading also went up week-on-week as they defied expectations of caution ahead of what is expected to be a tightly contested presidential election.

The number of equity deals rose to 5,402 last week from 4,765 the previous week, while traded turnover rose to Sh1.62 billion from Sh967 million previously.

The defiant market mirrors the situation in the run-up to the last elections in 2017 when the NSE gained Sh73 billion in the last fortnight to the disputed polls whose aftermath was characterised by nullification of presidential results and riots in the city.

Kenyans will tomorrow head back to the ballot to elect a successor to President Uhuru Kenyatta, from among four candidates. The two leading contenders are former Prime Minister Raila Odinga and Deputy President William Ruto.

The prolonged campaigns, which ended on Saturday, passed largely peacefully, giving investors confidence that the transition will not disrupt business and markets.

Local investors have been more active on the buying side of the market in recent weeks, taking up attractively priced shares from foreign counterparts who have been selling up and moving their capital to western markets in pursuit of higher interest



rates that are on offer there.

Having shunned the market earlier in the year, they are now providing demand to counter the supply pressure caused by foreign selling, thus boosting share prices at the bourse.

"What we've largely been seeing is locals taking advantage of the low share prices and absorbing foreign selling pressure. While risks are still viewed as elevated, the robust earnings across multiple sectors are too attractive to ignore, hence investors are adopting a moderately optimistic long-term view that things will improve in a post-election environment," said a dealer at an investment bank.

The outflows look set to continue, with inflation in western economies showing little sign of easing. In the US, which is grappling with 40-year high inflation, the US Federal Reserve was forced to raise its policy rate by 0.75 percentage points at the end of July to a range of 2.25 percent to 2.5 percent—from near zero in March.

Last week, England's apex bank also made

its biggest rate hike in 27 years –0.5 percentage points to 1.75 percent— as it battles a 13.3 percent inflation.

Key stocks such as Safaricom, EABL and Equity Group, which had sunk to multi-year lows towards the end of June on foreign selling pressure, have now rebounded with gains of 13 percent, 11 percent and 11.6 percent respectively in the past one month.

They have backed a Sh393 billion gain in market capitalisation at the NSE since June 27, when the bourse hit its lowest wealth level in over five years of Sh1.82 trillion.

These three stocks, alongside KCB, are the most preferred among foreign investors at the bourse owing to their high liquidity and solid fundamentals, which include consistent payment of dividends.

The continued recovery of the market will, however, depend largely on the post-election environment in the country, with any prolonged dispute over results likely to raise jitters in the market.

Ukraine faces key test on debt freeze plan in bid to avoiding messy default

LONDON

UKRAINE'S creditors vote this week on a government proposal to defer payments on the war-torn country's international bonds for 24 months as Kyiv hopes to swerve a \$20 billion messy default.

Bondholders have until 5 p.m. New York time (2100 GMT) on Tuesday to decide whether to back or vote down the proposal by Ukraine's government, which faces a \$5 billion monthly financing gap and liquidity pressures following Russia's invasion on Feb. 24. Time is precious: the country has a \$1 billion bond maturing on Sept. 1.

Creditors will likely wait until relatively close to the deadline to vote, said a person familiar with Ukraine's thinking. Investors are expected to support the debt standstill, the person added.

When announcing its proposal, Ukraine's finance minister Sergii Marchenko said it had "explicit indications of support" from some of the world's biggest investment funds including BlackRock, Fidelity, Amia Capital and Gamsstock.

Creditors of Ukravtodor and Ukrrengo, two state-owned firms that have government guarantees on their debt, also have until Aug. 9 to vote on a plan similar to the sovereign.

The two-year moratorium on external debt payments would allow Ukraine to avoid a contractual or legal default, as any amendment on the bonds' terms would have the creditors' backing, Rodrigo Olivares-Caminal, professor of banking and finance law, at Queen Mary University of London, told Reuters.

However, creditors could ask whether a default insurance known as credit default swaps (CDS) should kick in, as a deferral of payments might be considered a credit event by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA).

Investors are sitting on about \$221 million of insurance on Ukraine's debt, according to Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC) data



Ukraine Central Bank

on the CDS.

Credit rating agencies might also classify this as a "selective default" or "default".

"A contractual default, a credit event and a credit rating default are three different albeit related concepts," Olivares-Caminal said. "Incurring any of the three doesn't mean that the other two will trigger."

While investors are expected to back the freeze it is unclear whether the country may still need a debt restructuring in the medium term.

"It is just a pause button - we do not know what shape Ukraine will be in a few months or a few years down the line," said Luis Peixoto, emerging markets economist at BNP Paribas in London. "Investors are already preparing for a debt restructuring."

The dollar-denominated bonds trade at deeply

distressed, some as low as 17 cents in the dollar.

Battered by the war, which Russia calls a "special military operation", Ukraine faces a 35%-45% economic contraction in 2022, according to estimates from the government and analysts, and is heavily reliant on foreign financing from its Western partners.

Ukraine aims to strike a deal for a \$15 billion-\$20 billion programme with the International Monetary Fund before the end of the year.

Ukraine restructured its debt in 2015 after an economic crisis linked to a Russia-backed insurgency in its industrial east. The deal left it with a large number of payments due annually between 2019 and 2027, and it returned to international markets in 2017 with a \$3 billion hard-currency debt issuance.



Dollar extends increase against Japanese yen

OTTAWA

THE dollar extended its best rally against the yen since mid-June on Monday, buoyed by higher Treasury yields after blockbuster U.S. jobs data lifted expectations for more aggressive Federal Reserve policy tightening.

The greenback was last 0.31% higher at 135.42 yen, and earlier rose to 135.585 yen, its highest since July 28, after surging 1.57% in the previous session, its biggest single-day gain since June 17.

The dollar index, which measures the currency against six counterparts, stood at 106.77, from a Friday peak of 106.93, also the strongest since July 28.

Traders currently see a 73.5% probability the Fed continues the pace of 75 basis-point interest-rate increases for its next policy decision on Sept. 21, from about 41% before surprisingly strong payrolls data on Friday raised worries that wage growth would fuel inflationary pressures.

The focus this week will be on the U.S. consumer price index due Wednesday, and whether it can cement the odds for super-sized rate rises. Analysts polled by Reuters expect annual inflation eased to 8.7% in July from 9.1% previously.

"It will likely take a number below 8.4% to get the odds of a 50bp hike in September as the default setting," although that "seems unlikely," Chris Wes-

ton, head of research at Pepperstone, wrote in a note.

"I wouldn't want to be short USDs if the CPI print comes in above 9%."

The two-year Treasury yield remained elevated at 3.2628% in Tokyo trading on Monday, after reaching 3.3310% at the end of last week, a level not seen since mid-June.

The 10-year yield stood at 2.8470%, sticking close to the two-week high of 2.8690% touched Friday.

The negative spread between the two- and 10-year yields was 42 basis points, having hit 45 basis points on Friday, the most since August 2000. An inverted yield curve is widely interpreted as a precursor to a recession.

Elsewhere, the euro sank 0.35% to \$1.01595 while sterling slid 0.19% to \$1.2050.

The British pound dropped as low as \$1.2004 on Friday, a day after the Bank of England raises interest rates by an expected half a point at the same time as warning of a protracted downturn.

"The Bank of England's forecast of recession underpins the vulnerability of the pound going forward," Rabobank senior FX strategist Jane Foley wrote in a note, predicting sterling could dip to \$1.14 within three months.

Meanwhile, the Australian dollar slipped 0.06% to \$0.6907, while the New Zealand dollar fell 0.19% to \$0.62315.

Euro zone bonds recovering from post-US payroll selloff

LONDON

EURO zone bond yields fell on Monday, having risen sharply after stronger-than-expected US jobs data at the end of last week, while Italian bonds appeared to brush off a decision by Moody's to lower Italy's ratings outlook.

Safe-haven bonds also drew support from geopolitical tensions. China's military announced fresh drills on Monday in the seas and airspace around Taiwan - a day after the scheduled end of its largest ever exercises to protest against last week's visit to Taipei by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Germany's 10-year Bund yield was down 5 bps at 0.90%.

It rose 15 bps on Friday in its biggest one-day surge since March 2020. This move followed data showing the US economy created 528,000 new jobs in July, which stoked expectations for a supersized September US rate hike and pushed up Treasury yields 10-22 basis points (bps).

French and Dutch 10-year bond yields were also 5 bps lower on the day after rising sharply on Friday.

A rise in US rate-hike bets for September also boosted bets for another big rate rise from the European Central Bank next month.

Money markets now price in about a 90% chance of a 50 bps rate rise from

the ECB in September, up from around a 50% chance a week ago.

Italian bonds underperformed their peers, with 10-year Italian bond yields just 1 bps lower at 3.01%.

Italy's closely watched bond yield gap over top-rated Germany was at around 211 bps, versus 205 bps late on Friday.

Ratings agency Moody's cut Italy's outlook to "negative" from "stable" on Friday, weeks after Prime Minister Mario Draghi's resignation sparked fresh political uncertainty.

Moody's said risks to Italy's credit profile had risen due to political developments and the economic fallout of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

S&P Global last month cut its ratings outlook to stable from positive, citing concern that political instability could slow the path for key economic reforms. "The same rating action by S&P the other week already prepared markets for a less dovish rating dynamics but failed to cause lasting pressure," said Michael Leister, head of interest rates strategy at Commerzbank.

"We expect BTPs to continue to grind tighter," he said, referring to the Italian bond spread over Italy.

Data last week showing the ECB had skewed reinvestments from maturing bonds from its PEPP stimulus scheme to Italy was expected to bolster Italian debt.

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WORLD

Climate change compensation fight brews ahead of UN summit

BRUSSELS

TENSIONS are mounting ahead of this year's UN climate summit, as vulnerable countries ramp up demands for rich countries to pay compensation for losses inflicted on the world's poorest people by climate change.

When diplomats from nearly 200 countries meet on Nov 7 in the beach-side resort town of Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, negotiations will tackle how to cut the CO2 emissions causing climate change and cope with existing climate impacts, including deadly heatwaves, wildfires, rising seas and drought.

But another issue is likely to dominate the talks: "loss and damage," or climate-related destruction to homes, infrastructure and livelihoods in the poorest countries that have contributed least to global warming.

The world's 46 least developed countries, home to 14 percent of the global population, produce just 1 percent of the world's annual CO2 emissions from burning fossil fuels, according to the UN.

As COP27 approaches, climate losses are surging - in rich and poor countries alike. In recent weeks, wildfires have swallowed huge swathes of land in Morocco, Greece and Canada, drought has ravaged Italy's vineyards, and fatal

floods hit Gambia.

"That's been the critical juncture. We've been affected and talked about it for a long time. But now rich countries are being affected as well," said Saleemul Huq, an adviser to the Climate Vulnerable Forum group of 55 countries.

Wealthy countries also failed to deliver a promise for \$100 billion a year by 2020 to help poor countries lower emissions and prepare for climate change. Loss and damage payments would be in addition to that \$100 billion.

"It's not ambiguous. Finance means money. It means put your hand in your pocket and bring out a dollar, a euro, a yen and put it on the table for the victims of climate change," Huq said.

Hope despite hurdles

Just getting loss and damage finance into the COP27 discussion is proving contentious, as a proposal to add it to the agenda has not yet won broad support.

The issue was also not added to pre-COP27 talks in June in Bonn, Germany. Talks there on UN technical assistance on accounting for loss and damage also ended without agreement, due to disputes over how that scheme should be governed.



A man sits in the yard of his flooded house in the Amtoukiou district in N'Djamena, Chad on Aug 5, 2022, following the first major rains of the season. AFP

COP27 will be no easier, as rich countries arrive with purse strings tightened by soaring energy costs, the economic fallout of the Ukraine crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic, which prompted wealthy countries spend trillions of dollars propping up their economies.

"It's my hope that developing nations will galvanize their collective voices to push for adequate treatment of loss and damage," said Matthew Samuda, a minister in Jamaica's economic growth ministry who works on climate change.

Historically, rich economies including the United States and the 27-country European Union have resisted steps that could assign legal liability or lead to compensation.

Negotiators at last year's COP26 UN summit agreed to launch a two-year dialogue on loss and damage, but stopped short of setting up an actual fund.

Putting the topic on the COP27 agenda could open up discussions on where the money would come from, how it would be distributed or even how to define climate-induced losses. Some research suggests such losses could reach \$580 billion per year by 2030.

"Everything's been left quite uncertain on how to rebuild the trust between developed and developing countries," said Alex Scott, climate diplomacy expert at think tank E3G.

Still, some resource-challenged countries hope for a break-

through.

"We are hopeful that the international community will soon step up," said Madeleine Diouf Sarr, chair of the Least Developed Countries bloc in UN climate negotiations, pointing to a growing acknowledgment among rich countries of the need.

During a visit to Pacific archipelago Palau last month, for example, Germany's foreign minister said her country would prioritize the issue in its own international climate policy.

"This is an issue we haven't talked enough about for a very long time," Annalena Baerbock said. "And it really is about financing." **Agencies**

Japan urged to stop echoing US negative words on Taiwan

TOKYO

CHINESE Ambassador to Japan Kong Xuanyou on Thursday stated China's solemn position to Japanese Vice-Foreign Minister Takeo Mori on Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi's visit to China's Taiwan region, and lodged solemn representations to the Japanese side over the negative Taiwan-related statement issued by the G7 foreign ministers.



Kong (pictured) said that China has repeatedly stated its solemn position on Pelosi's visit to Taiwan. Japan insists on cooperating with the United States and other G7 countries in issuing the so-called foreign ministers' statement concerning Taiwan, grossly interfering in China's internal affairs, seriously violating the basic norms governing international relations, deliberately confusing right and wrong, and trying to gang up to contain China, adding that China firmly opposes and strongly condemns such behavior.

The Taiwan question is China's internal affair, which brooks no external interference, he said, noting the one-China principle is a widely recognized norm governing international relations and tolerates no provocation.

The complete reunification of China is the common aspiration of all Chinese and an unstoppable historical trend, Kong said, adding that no country, no force, and no individual should ever underestimate the firm resolve, iron will, and strong capability of the Chinese government and people to defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as achieve national reunification and rejuvenation.

Kong pointed out that the ins and outs of the current tension over the Taiwan Straits are crystal clear, so are the rights and wrongs.

The United States insisted on arranging Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, deliberately provoking China and playing with fire, seriously violating the one-China principle and the stipulations of the three China-US joint communiques, gravely infringing upon China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, severely undermining peace and stability across the Taiwan Straits, and sending a wrong signal to the "Taiwan independence" separatist forces, he said.

China will not sit idly by, Kong said, noting it is completely justified and reasonable for China to take resolute measures to safeguard its territorial integrity and core interests. Such measures are a warning to provocateurs and a safeguard for regional stability and peace across the Taiwan Straits.

Kong said that it is the Taiwan authorities and the United States that are currently changing the status quo of the Taiwan question and creating tensions. The Taiwan authorities have kept seeking US support for their "independence" agenda, engaged in "de-sinicization," and promoted "incremental independence." **Xinhua**

'Russian foreign ministry in contact with Cuba on fire at oil storage facility'

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S foreign ministry is in contact with the Cuban side to coordinate efforts to put out fire at an oil storage facility in the Matanzas province, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Sunday.

"Following the disaster, Cuba has requested international assistance. Russia's foreign ministry and relevant agencies are in contact with the Cuban side to coordinate possible joint actions and necessary assistance," she said.

"In these hard for Cuba days, the Russian foreign ministry offers the sincerest words of support to the Cuban friends, extends condolences to the families of those killed and wishes the soonest recovery to those injured," she said.

The fire at an oil storage facility in the Cuban province of Matanzas, which held around 25,000 cubic meters of oil, broke out on August 5 after a lightning strike. Several explosions followed. Firefighting operations continue, involving Cuba's air forces.

According to official data, several people died, dozens were hurt and many more are missing. Some 2,000 people have been evacuated from the accident zone. Cuba's Minister of Energy Nicolas Arronte Cruz is among those hurt, the ministry recalled. **Agencies**



US mistaken on Taiwan question in 3 aspects - Chinese FM

PHNOM PENH

DHAKA, Aug. 8 (Xinhua) -- Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Sunday during his visit to Bangladesh that the United States is mistaken in three aspects regarding a reckless tour to China's Taiwan region by Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi.

He made the remarks in response to the latest situation and the quibbling of the U.S. side.

Firstly, Wang said, the U.S. side grossly interfered in China's internal affairs, adding that despite China's repeated notifications and warnings, the United States went on its own way, and arranged for the third-ranking U.S. government official to make the so-called "visit" to China's Taiwan region.

It must be understood that Taiwan is not a part of the United States, but a part of Chinese territory, and the U.S. side has made a public commitment about this,

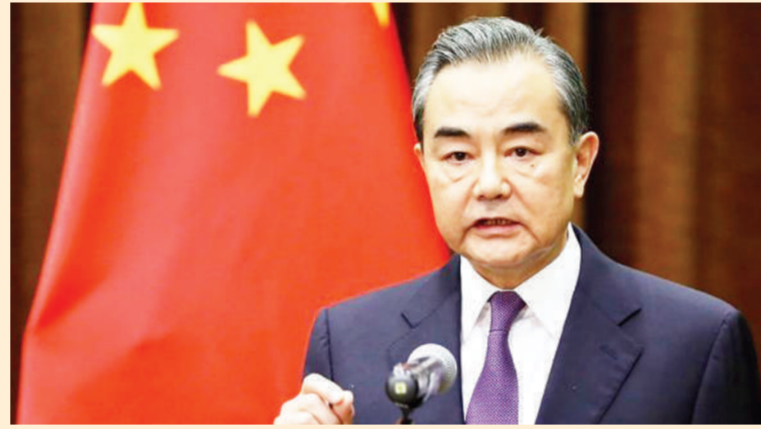
said Wang, adding that the U.S. side's action is therefore a serious infringement on China's sovereignty.

Secondly, the United States connived at and supported the "Taiwan independence" forces, he said, noting that any country must safeguard national unity and never allows separatist elements to behave recklessly.

Wang said the ruling Democratic Progressive Party in the Taiwan region has included the pursuit of "independence" in its party platform, and in recent years it has tried every possible means to seek incremental "Taiwan independence" and create "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan."

The speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives openly backed it up, siding with the separatist forces against the Chinese people, he added.

Thirdly, it deliberately sabotaged peace across the Taiwan Strait. The United States, as



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi

known to all, always creates a problem first and then uses it to achieve its own strategic end, Wang said.

He noted that there are signs showing that the United States, by orchestrating Pelosi's reckless tour to Taiwan, is trying to repeat its old tricks.

Washington is taking the opportunity to build up its military deployment in the region, which

deserves high vigilance and resolute boycott from all sides, Wang warned.

He said China's firm stance, as well as its justified, reasonable, lawful, necessary, open and proportionate countermeasures are aimed at safeguarding China's sacred sovereignty and territorial integrity, preventing the U.S. attempt from "using Taiwan to contain China," crushing the Tai-

wan authorities' illusion of "seeking U.S. support for their independence agenda," and earnestly safeguarding peace across the Taiwan Strait and regional stability.

Wang emphasized that the principle of non-interference in each other's internal affairs is the "golden rule" for the development of state-to-state relations and the "magic tool" for developing countries to protect their sovereignty and security.

Wang said China appreciates the understanding and support for China's position by various countries, adding that as unilateral bullying acts happen from time to time, the international community should reach an even clearer consensus and make an even louder voice so as to jointly uphold the basic norms governing international relations and international law, and safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of all developing countries. **Xinhua**

Israel and Palestinian militants declare Gaza truce

GAZA/JERUSALEM

ISRAEL and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group declared a truce late on Sunday, raising hopes of an end to the most serious flare-up on the Gaza frontier in more than a year.

Israeli forces pounded Palestinian targets through the weekend, triggering rocket attacks against its cities, which largely tapered off by the time the truce came into effect at 23:30 (20:30 GMT).

It was announced in separate statements by Islamic Jihad and then Israel, who both thanked Egypt for mediating the ceasefire.

The three-day clashes echoed preludes to previous Gaza wars, though they were relatively contained as Hamas, the governing

Islamist group in the Gaza Strip and a more powerful force than Iranian-backed Islamic Jihad, had so far stayed out.

Gaza officials said 44 Palestinians, almost half of them civilians and including children, had so far been killed. The rockets have threatened much of southern Israel and sent residents in cities including Tel Aviv and Ashkelon to shelters.

Israel launched what it called pre-emptive strikes on Friday against what it anticipated would be an Islamic Jihad attack meant to avenge the arrest of a leader of the group, Bassam al-Saadi, in the occupied West Bank.

In response, Islamic Jihad fired hundreds of rockets at Israel. At a news conference in Tehran, the group's leader Ziyad al-Nakhala, said Cairo would "work to secure the release" of al-Saadi. Israeli and Egyptian officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

On Sunday, Islamic Jihad extended its range to fire toward Jerusalem in what it described as retaliation for the overnight killing of its southern Gaza commander by Israel - the second such senior officer it has lost in the fighting.

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Second Hainan Expo reveals increasingly stronger appeal of Chinese market

The second China International Consumer Products Expo, also known as the Hainan Expo, recently concluded in Haikou, in south China's Hainan province.

The six-day event received more than 280,000 visits, and increased exhibition space over nearly 20 percent from the previous session. More than 2,800 brands from over 60 countries and regions participated in the event. Over 600 new products were released at the 177 launch events held during the expo.

The Hainan Expo, by expanding new space of open cooperation, has further energized global recovery.

China's imports and exports bucked the trend in the first half of this year, with the foreign trade of goods jumping 9.4 percent year on year.

China firmly promotes higher-level opening up and is committed to trade and investment liberalization and facilitation. The hosting of the Hainan Expo bore special significance as global recovery and trade growth remained sluggish.

China's hosting of the expo, which focused on consumer goods, would have a positive impact on boosting consumption, promoting trade and improving the economy, said Zhang Xiangchen, deputy director-general of

the WTO.

He called the expo and the construction of the Hainan free trade port an important measure for China to comprehensively deepen reform, promote higher-level opening up, drive high-quality economic development and promote global trade and economic cooperation.

China has provided a huge market for global enterprises, said Pamela Coke-Hamilton, executive director of the International Trade Center (ITC), a joint agency of the WTO and the UN.

The ITC has established cooperation with the China International Import Expo to help micro- and small-sized

enterprises from developing countries seek business opportunities, she said, adding that the WTO-UN joint agency hopes to explore more possibilities of cooperation with the Hainan Expo.

Hainan is working to build a free trade port with Chinese characteristics and global influence. The Hainan Expo demonstrated China's efforts to give play to the advantages brought by the Hainan free-trade port in comprehensively deepening reforms and putting up the highest-level opening-up policies on a trial basis, and contributed to deepening bilateral, multilateral and regional cooperation.

Matthew Margulies, senior vice

president of China operations for the U.S.-China Business Council, believes that the construction of the Hainan free trade port has attracted a number of enterprises and huge human resources. He stated that the Hainan free trade port will provide unparalleled development opportunities for global enterprises.

China, firmly implementing a strategy of expanding domestic demand, gives play to consumption in leading the economic cycle. It has become the world's second largest consumption market, with expanding consumption and a constant upgrading of its consumption structure.

Compared with the previous year, the Japanese pavilion became bigger and the number of Japanese exhibitors doubled, said Shimizu Kenji, director-general of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Guangzhou. He added that Japanese enterprises took the Hainan Expo as an opportunity to seek growth.

The three major brands under Tapestry, Inc., an American multinational luxury fashion holding company, launched a number of products at the Hainan Expo. They livestreamed the launch events to present their products to more consumers.

People's Daily

China's countermeasures to Pelosi's Taiwan visit justified, says military spokesperson

BEIJING

THE countermeasures China took in response to Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi's visit to China's Taiwan region are justified and appropriate, said a spokesperson with China's Ministry of National Defense yesterday.

Spokesperson Wu Qian (pictured) made the remarks when responding to a media query regarding the countermeasures, including the cancellation of three exchange activities between the Chinese and U.S. militaries.

The current tensions across the Taiwan Strait result solely from the provocations from the U.S. side. Thus, the U.S. side must take full responsibility and face the grave consequences, said Wu.

He noted that the Chinese side had made clear its stern position regarding China-U.S. relations, the relations between the two militaries and the Taiwan question, and had repeatedly lodged solemn representations to the U.S. side regarding Pelosi's Taiwan visit. However, the U.S. side's actions betrayed their commitments.

The Chinese side's countermeasures are necessary warnings to the U.S. and Taiwan's provocations and justified actions of safeguarding national sovereignty and security, and are reasonable and appropriate, Wu said.

Despite its claims of crisis management, the U.S. side continues to create tensions and make excuses for its erroneous words and acts and provocative behaviors, and even resorts to scapegoating to shirk its own responsibility, said Wu. "We firmly oppose this."

Wu urged the U.S. side to earnestly respect the Chinese side's core interests and major concerns, do away with the illusion of "containing China with Taiwan," and refrain from going further down the wrong path.

Xinhua

'US recession prospects intensify economic pressure on Africa'

ABUJA

THE drop in U.S. economic productivity for two consecutive quarters has fueled fears that the superpower will enter a recession, while African countries may face more significant economic challenges due to reduced exports and higher financing costs, according to one expert.

The looming recession in the United States means that market demand is shrinking. The exports of developing countries, including African countries, to the U.S. market are expected to be affected, Charles Onunaiju, director of the Abuja-based Center for China Studies in Nigeria, told Xinhua in a recent interview.

Meanwhile, the tightening of monetary policy by the U.S. Federal Reserve to curb high inflation will inevitably affect international capital flows, raising the cost of financing African countries need to maintain economic activities, thus affecting their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, said Onunaiju.

He noted that the long-term U.S. dollar hegemony has made African economies tie their key economic fundamentals and foreign trade to the currency, which means the United States could transfer inflationary pressure to other countries through its domestic monetary policy.

"One of the challenges that economies in Nigeria and Africa (at large) are facing is inflationary pressure ... They are all imported inflationary pressure arising from the hegemony of the dollar as a major currency of exchange," Onunaiju said.

According to the expert, multiple factors are responsible for the economic impasse in the United States, including its domestic structural problems as well as Washington's geopolitical mentality and saber-rattling actions.

"So, I think what is very clear is a combination of politically-motivated economic policies that are not right on point, and structural issues mostly account for the current state of the U.S. economy, which seemed to be on the downturn, and nobody can tell the direction," he noted.

These factors have disrupted the global industrial and supply chains, harmed energy and food security and had a counter effect on the American economy itself, thus affecting the recovery pace of the global economy, the expert added.

He called on the U.S. government to undertake its responsibility as a global power when facing downward economic pressure instead of shifting that pressure elsewhere.

What's more, the country needs to look inwards to enact the necessary reforms that could help address its domestic structural issues rather than promoting geopolitics which could further cause a slowdown, he added.

The expert noted that some countries have recently begun to reduce their holdings of U.S. debt, a move to control the risks in foreign exchange reserves.

Onunaiju also called on countries, especially developing countries, to establish a more robust financial mechanism as a new channel for financial transactions to offset the negative impact of U.S. dollar hegemony.

Xinhua



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Rwanda makes strides in plastic ban

KIGALI

FOR visitors who arrive in Rwanda for the first time by air, their first impression about this small central African country is most likely to be its great efforts in plastic control.

At the Kigali International Airport, visitors are asked to refrain from bringing plastic bags into the country, as any plastic bags will be confiscated at the airport or other points of entry. On the outskirts of the capital city Kigali, different machines at the site of waste collection company COPED can be seen busy running, making piercing noises as they grind waste.

Rwanda's efforts to be plastic free are expressed through relevant laws that were introduced as early as 2008. In that year, the country passed its first law banning the manufacture, import, use, and sale of polyethylene bags.

Four years later, as part of supporting the aforementioned law, Rwanda created the Environment and Climate Change Fund as a cross-sector financing mechanism to achieve the development goals of environmentally sustainable, climate-resilient, and green economic growth.

In 2019, Rwanda passed a transformative law that began phasing out all single-use plas-



tics. The law aims to control the growing habit of unnecessary consumption and disposal of single-use plastic items that became a burden on the environment.

The law also imposes stiff fines against users using single-use plastics. In recent years, the country has taken a step further to make plastic waste an investment opportunity. COPED is one of the most known waste collection companies in Kigali.

The company recycles certain non-perishable waste, including single-use plastic materials, and plastic and glass bottles, into building materials, such as cobblestones and building blocks.

"We filter the perishable waste from the non-perishable ones, then from the perishable waste we produce manure and we grind the imperishable, (from which) we produce building materials.

So for us, waste is another way to do business and make money," Mutabazi Emmanuel, COPED production manager told Xinhua in a recent interview. "We use plastic porridge instead of sand, and glass bottle powder instead of cement," he said, adding that their business is contributing to environmental protection because the extraction of sand, the production of cement, as well as plastic waste, damage the environment.

Youth associations in collaboration with the Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) are also organizing community mobilization activities to combat plastic waste.

The Rwanda Scouts Association, for instance, has a project called "Tide Turner Plastic Challenge" to initiate the scouts and the communities to fight against the pollution caused by used plastics.

Virgile Uzabumugabo, National Coordinator of the Rwanda Scouts Association said the association started its activities after the call of the government to fight against plastic waste and think about profiting from it.

"We started the project with sponsorship from the United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP. We intend to strengthen our collaboration with REMA, and fellow youth associations until we create our own factory that transforms plastic waste into other objects," said Uzabumugabo.

Uzabumugabo said that at the moment, their work is limited to raising awareness and collecting waste which they sell to companies that transform it into other environmentally friendly and useful things.

According to REMA, the plastic problem worries the world at large due to the environmental degradation both on land and in water.

Jeannette Mugwaneza, REMA's project manager, said REMA promotes the production of other materials from plastic waste and sensitizes the public about the dangers of plastics and the benefits of recycling.

Russian journalist released after being detained in Kosovo - paper

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN journalist Daria Aslamova, who was earlier detained in Kosovo, has contacted the Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper she works for, saying that she was released, the paper wrote on its website on Sunday.

The journalist said that Kosovo authorities released her last night, after which she made it

alone to the Serbia-Kosovo border. She is currently in the town of Raska in Serbia. "I got to the border by 4 am. The Serbian border guards also questioned me to clarify why there was no deportation stamp," the newspaper quoted its journalist as saying.

The journalist is in touch with the Russian Embassy in Serbia. Kosovo's Interior Minister

Xhelal Svecla reported about the detention of Aslamova overnight to Sunday.

He said the journalist was suspected of espionage in order to destabilize the situation against the background of a new escalation in Kosovo.

According to the Russian daily, Aslamova was tasked in Kosovo to work on a special report regarding recently circulated informa-

tion about heightened tensions between Serbia and Kosovo.

Tensions escalated dramatically in Kosovo and Metohija on July 31 after Kosovo police had closed a checkpoint on the administrative line with Serbia as part of preparations for the implementation of a ban on Serbian documents.

In response, Serbs living in the northern part of Kosovo came

out to protest and blocked major roads. Police officers and members of the NATO-led Kosovo Force international mission (KFOR) were deployed to a bridge across the Ibar River, which connects the northern and southern parts of Kosovska Mitrovica.

As a result of international efforts, Pristina decided to postpone the ban until September 1.

Agencies

China launches scientific expedition to investigate ice, carbon storage in Yangtze headwaters

NORTHWEST China's Qinghai province is located in the hinterland of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. It is the source of the Yangtze River, the Yellow River and the Lancang River.

Dubbed "the water tower of China," the province transmits more than 60 billion cubic meters of clean water resources to downstream areas every year.

A scientific expedition in the headwater regions of the Yangtze and Lancang Rivers was recently launched by the Ministry of Water Resources (MWR) to investigate the regions' water resources and ecological environment. The observation of glaciers and carbon stock of wetlands is a key mission of the expedition.

"This time we will use ground-penetrating radars to measure glacier thickness, and calculate ice volume and its variation based on previous data, to get the volume of the water resource from glacial melt," said Xu Ping, chief engineer of the Changjiang River Scientific Research Institute (CRSRI) under the MWR.

Proceeding with the observation of lakes replenished by glaciers, the expedition aimed at seeking the relation between glacier variation and the water volume of lakes, Xu said.

It will provide basic data and science-based solutions to the prevention and management of environmental risks in the headwater regions, so as to help avoid problems such as desertification of grassland, as well as water and soil erosion caused by water reduction of lakes and rivers, the chief engineer introduced.

Advanced monitoring equipment was employed during the expedition. Hong Xiaofeng, deputy director from the water resources management research office at the CRSRI told People's Daily that a 3D laser scanner was used in the expedition, which has a scanning radius of 6 kilometers and millimeter-level accuracy. It can superimpose measurement results recorded in different periods and then analyze the changes in glacier movement, said Hong, who has joined multiple expeditions to glaciers.

A three-dimensional observation system was established, Hong said, adding that it helped acquire data in uninhabited areas and overcome the difficulties of data collection in winter. The system included an unattended meteorological



Members of the expedition team take soil samples. (Photo from the official website of the Changjiang River Scientific Research Institute)

station, a snow analysis system that can transmit temperature, humidity, radiation, and precipitation data regularly, a glacier foreland observation system and other devices.

In the wetland in the Damqu River basin, which has an average altitude of about 4,800 meters, scientists took soil samples through drilling machines and took photos of the area via drones. More than 100 water, soil and vegetation samples were collected.

"The soil showed clear strata and the carbon concentration varied from stratum to stratum; underground roots were around 20 millimeters deep in meadows densely covered by ponds, and the well-developed roots had a strong capability in water and carbon fixation," said Zhao Dengzhong, deputy director of the CRSRI's scientific exchange and international cooperation office.

Carbon sink is a process when carbon is collected and fixed. To improve the capacity of the ecological carbon sink is of great importance for mitigating global climate change. Examining the carbon sink in the headwater regions was also a focus of this expedition.

"We analyzed the variation of carbon distribution at different depths of the soil to find out how carbon storage varies on an annual basis and draw an accurate conclusion of the carbon sink potential in the headwater regions,"

Zhao said.

Scientists acquired the CO₂ and methane contents at the air-water interface and the soil-air interface with trace gas analyzers to obtain carbon flux information from different subsurface. They also made hyperspectral satellite remote sensing images with Beidou satellites and drones, and gradually established a monitoring network, Zhao explained.

"Taking frozen soil as an example, over the recent years, impacted by the warming and humidification of the climate on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, a part of the frozen soil would release carbon when melting. This process in turn promotes the reproduction of animals and plants, and thus further enhances carbon sink," Zhao said.

"The research of the carbon cycling mechanism and carbon sequestration potential of the wetland ecological system on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau is of important significance for ecological protection on the Earth's third pole and for achieving carbon peak and carbon neutrality goals," Xu noted.

The expedition will further the understanding of the current state of the ecological environment in the headwater regions of the two rivers, and will provide basic data for research projects including the protection of the Yangtze River and the construction of the Sanjiangyuan National Park.

People's Daily

Chad, rebels sign peace deal in Qatar ahead of national dialogue

DOHA

CHAD'S transitional authorities and rebel groups signed a peace agreement in Doha yesterday ahead of a broad national reconciliation dialogue to take place later this month.

A signing ceremony for the agreement, which included the parties agreeing to take part in a national, inclusive dialogue, was attended by more than 30 rebel groups and followed months of talks in the Qatari capital.

Details, such as how the deal will be implemented and how adherence to it will be monitored, were not immediately released.

Mahamat Zene Cherif, the interim military government's foreign minister, told reporters he believed the agreement would lead to sustainable peace in Chad, adding that 1,500 representatives would attend the national dialogue on August 20.

The national dialogue is meant to include a wide range of groups and parties as well as the government and the rebels.

"Most of the armed groups signed this agreement and they will take part in the national dialogue. And this national, inclusive dialogue is a forum for all Chadian people," he said, brushing off

concerns that not all groups had signed up to the deal.

A source familiar with the agreement said those who had signed had agreed to a permanent ceasefire and to work towards civilian disarmament.

Chad's interim military government had also committed to not launching military or police operations in neighboring countries against groups who had signed up to the deal, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The interim military government is headed by Mahamat Idriss Deby, who last year seized power following his father's death.

Deby declared himself head of a Transitional Military Council in April 2021 after his father, long-time ruler Idriss Deby, was killed while visiting troops fighting the rebel insurgency in the north.

Initially, his council said it would oversee an 18-month transition to democratic rule, but it has shown little sign of organizing elections as that deadline has neared.

Qatar's foreign minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, speaking at the signing, called on groups that had not signed to join the agreement.

Wealthy Gulf state Qatar, an ally of the United States, facilitated the negotiations.



In this file photo taken on April 23, 2021 Mahamat Idriss Deby pays his respects near the coffin during the state funeral for his father Chadian president Idriss Deby in N'Djamena, Chad. File photo

SPORT



Coastal Union's players attend training in Tanga to shape up for 2021/22 NBC Premier League and Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF COASTAL UNION

Coastal Union eager to excel in 2022/23 NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

COASTAL Union's management states the outfit is in good shape, looking forward to taking on its opponents in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League.

The Tanga side will begin its pursuit of an impressive stint with two home clashes against Dar es Salaam-based clubs, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC, and Yanga.

According to the league's fixture released by Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), on August 17 Coastal Union will play host to Kinondoni Municipal Council FC in the opening clash at Mkwakwani Stadium.

The Tanga side will then entertain the top flight defending champion, Yanga at the stadium on August 20.

In an interview with The Guardian last weekend, Coastal Union's spokesperson Miraji Wandu stated despite the exit of various key players that helped the outfit put a good performance in the 2021/22 NBC Premier League and Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC), the club has opted for reinforcement.

Wandu was adamant his club is still going strong because the key players have been successfully replaced and the newly recruited footballers are expected to bring competition.

"In the pre-season, the players went for training to prepare for the 2022/23 season, I want to assure you that we loaned several players to Ruvi Shooting, Dodoma Jiji FC, and Mbeya Kwanza FC, they have made their way back, each position is fully covered following the arrival of new players as well," he stated.

Wandu noted: "This year we have well prepared strategic plans for improving our club but now it's not the right time to make them public, when the time comes everything will be unveiled."

Coastal Union's key footballers recruited by other top-flight squads are among others, Nigerian midfielder Victor Akpan

who inked a two-year contract with Simba SC, Mustapha Chambo, and Amani Kyata who joined Dodoma Jiji FC, and attacker Abdulhamis Suleiman who moved to Azam FC.

This season's Premier League duel between Coastal Union and Yanga will have the Tanga club fighting to get the better of the defending champion, given the visitors had cruised to a 2-0 win when they met in the previous season's first phase duel at Mkwakwani Stadium.

Yanga later made a double via garnering a comprehensive 3-0 victory over Coastal Union in the second phase game held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The Jangwani Street side had in the process officially emerged as the 2021/22 Premier League winner, clinching a record 28th top-flight title.

In the previous season's Federation Cup final that witnessed Yanga locking horns with Coastal Union in Arusha in July, the former endured stiff opposition showcased by the latter.

The regular 90 minutes and the extra time had witnessed the clubs locked to a 3-3 draw, forcing penalty shootouts to get the champion.

The penalty shootout ended with Coastal Union conceding a 4-1 loss to Yanga which in the end won the third silverware.

The Jangwani Street side had early in the season lifted the Community Shield with a 1-0 win over cross-town rivals, Simba SC.

The records further show that the 2021/22 top-flight's first phase clash between Coastal Union and Kinondoni Municipal Council FC which took place at Mkwakwani Stadium on October 2, 2021, witnessed them share the spoils with a 0-0 draw.

The two clubs locked horns in the other clash at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on May 7 this year, in which Coastal Union cruised to a 3-2 victory over Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

Dar boxers grab bronze medals in 2022 Commonwealth Games

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's boxers' dreams of making it to the finals of the 2022 Commonwealth Games were banished on Saturday as they lost their respective semi-final bouts in the ongoing showdown in England.

Light Heavyweight pugilist Yusuf Chagalawe and Light Middleweight pugilist Kassim Mbundwike were the East African country's envoys in the showdown, the pugilists lost to Mozambican Tiago Muxanga and Scottish Sean Lazzarini respectively.

Muxanga defeated Chagalawe 4-1, whereas Mbundwike suffered a 3-2 loss to Lazzarini.

To reach the round, Mbundwike beat Faustino Marion AH Tong from Samoa Island via Referee Stop the Contest (RSC) in the third round, spending 1.53 minutes.

Chagalawe was victorious in the bout against St. Lucia boxer Arthur Langelier in a similar manner in bout number 119, grabbing a win in the first round and spending 2.18 minutes.

This is the first time in 16 years that Tanzania won medals at Commonwealth Games, the last time was at Melbourne Games in 2006, where the country won one gold and one bronze.

Three Tanzania athletes will officially return home with medals, two bronze, and one silver medal which was won by marathoner Alphonse Simbu.

While handing over the national flag to Tanzania's representatives in the showpiece, Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Mohamed Mchengerwa challenged the athletes to perform well in the Games, saying the country wants medals.

He promised to hand over cash prizes to contenders who will bring home gold, silver, and bronze medals.

"The government has spent a lot of money to see our athletes prepare well for the Commonwealth Games," the minister disclosed.

"There are also cash prizes which will be handed over to those who will bring home gold, silver, and bronze medals, go there and do your country proud," he noted.

SPORTS



Simba SC followers through the shop owned by the outfit's kit suppliers, Vunja Bei Company, located at Sinza in Dar es Salaam on Sunday to purchase the side's 2022/23 jerseys after the kits were unveiled earlier the same day. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Key fixtures for the 2022/23 NBC Premier League season

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

THE 2022/23 NBC Premier League fixtures are already here and fans cannot wait for the season to begin in August- it suddenly feels a whole closer now that we know when all the games are happening.

There will be big games taking place throughout the campaign and barely a round will pass without at least one crucial game between title race rivals or relegation candidates.

The season curtain raiser takes place on August 15, with Ruvi Shooting travelling to newly promoted Ihefu SC and Namungo FC hosting Mtibwa Sugar at Majaliwa Stadium in Lindi.

The opening round sees Zoran Maki's Simba SC host last season's high flyers Geita Gold FC and Polisi

Tanzania welcome champions Young Africans, alias Yanga, as the main highlights, while Azam FC will kick off at home to Kagera Sugar.

The first month will see Simba SC host Kagera Sugar when the Bukoba club makes a short trip to Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on August 20.

There is a Mbeya derby between Tanzania Prisons and Mbeya City FC in the third round while defending Champions Yanga face Azam FC in the first biggest match of the season all during September.

It will be a busy October with five rounds of matches taking place including the first Dar es Salaam derby of the season on 23, a few days later Abdihamid Moallin's Azam FC will host Simba SC at Azam Complex Stadium.

In December, there are the second Mzizima and Mbeya derbies, plus tricky games for Simba SC, Yanga, and Azam FC in another action-packed month of five rounds.

The league will not stop to accommodate the FIFA

World Cup in Qatar.

The reverse Dar es Salaam derby is scheduled for February, the same month as Simba SC travel to Dodoma and Yanga hosts Namungo FC.

The exact date and times of the second Dar es Salaam derby fixture will be confirmed later.

Further announcements regarding the exact matchday schedules of rounds 23 and 28 will be made throughout the season, depending on, among other things, the involvement of the clubs in international competitions.

The final game week of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League season will be on May 27, with all teams playing their last games simultaneously.

That Saturday has Yanga visiting Tanzania Prisons, Simba SC hosting Coastal Union, and Azam FC at home to Polisi Tanzania.



Head of Retail Banking at CRDB Bank, Stephen Adili (R), hands over a trophy to the overall winner of 2022 Corporate Masters golf tournament, Hussein Dewji, at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club last weekend. CRDB Bank was one of the showdown's sponsors. Standing (L) is the bank's Senior Manager Premier and Diaspora Banking, Gibson Mlaseko. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Government urges sports stakeholders to value census

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DEPUTY Speaker of the National Assembly Mussa Azzan has asked joggers in Tanzania to sensitize their communities on the coming census. The National Census will be held on August 23.

He said joggers and all people involved in sports reach many people and have the power to educate the masses on the importance of the census.

He said so at the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Dar Jogging Club which was held at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. "Sportspersons especially joggers reach

many places, go out there and reach to many people to inform them on the importance of the census. Tell them that the census is for the development of the nation," Azzan noted. The National Assembly Deputy Speaker moreover featured in an 8km walk from JMK Youth Park to Uhuru Stadium.

Ramadhan Namkoveka, Dar Jogging Club, thanked Azzan for gracing the event saying the gesture has shown that he is a true sportsman. The event was attended by joggers from several parts of the country.

Dar Jogging Club is the second jogging club in Tanzania to be registered by National Sports Council (NSC).

As part of the celebrations, the club in conjunction with Kimimba Swimming Promotion conducted swimming, safety, and life-serving training attended by many people.

In the past years, the club managed to have many members, and in 2019, and 2020 it with support from TDB and Tantrade encouraged its members to take part in a trade fair.

Namkoveka said the aim of encouraging the club members to take part in the fair was to appreciate locally made products.

The Temeke District-based club was formed to promote good health among people in the country.

Haaland won't solve all Man City's 'problems' - Pep

LONDON

PEP Guardiola said Erling Haaland will "not solve all our problems" and claimed he wants to make the 22-year-old a better player after the £51 million summer signing marked his Premier League debut with both goals in Manchester City's 2-0 win at West Ham United.

Having failed to score in his first appearance in English football during last week's 3-1 Community Shield defeat against Liverpool, Haaland showcased his goalscoring ability with a first-half penalty and second-half strike against David Moyes' team. But City manager Guardiola said he will not make his team over-reliant on the Norway international, despite his goalscoring pedigree.

"All the team were amazing, but for Erling to score the first two goals is good for him and for us," Guardiola said. "He is a threat for us now, but he is not going to solve all our problems."

"He will add something to our team. But if we just rely on him, we will be making a mistake."

"One week ago [after the Community Shield], he could not adapt in the Premier League and now he is alongside Thierry Henry, Alan Shearer and Cristiano Ronaldo, so..."

"I'm so happy for him. Two goals, the debate is over. He scored goals in Salzburg, Dortmund, so hope he can do it here."

When Guardiola arrived at City in 2016, he urged striker Sergio Aguero to add more to his game and become a greater team player and he said that he also wants Haaland to evolve his game.

"He came for five years, hopefully he will stay for this time, even longer," Guardiola said. "He can be good for us and the team, but we can push him more and add something more to his game and make him a better player, not just the guy who scores goals."

"I don't know him much, so we need time, but I know how he handled criticism this week and he was really calm. I don't know yet how he reacts to compliments, we will see. But I like how he took the penalty, his self-confidence. I think he will punch a teammate in the face if they try to take it off him and I like that."

In a post-match interview, Haaland said it was "a bit s****" that he was unable to score a hat trick on his debut before being substituted in the closing stages.

But Guardiola said that reaction was what he would expect from a top player.

"I was fortunate to be with [Lionel] Messi," Guardiola said. "When he scores two, he wants three, when he scores three, he wants four. All the top players are the same."

"They are never satisfied, always hungry, starving for goals, and want more, but at the same time, I have to use other players."

(Agencies)

Marseille win Ligue 1 season opener, Ramsey scores on Nice debut

PARIS

MARSEILLE started their Ligue 1 campaign Sunday by defeating Reims 4-1 in Igor Tudor's first match as coach, while Aaron Ramsey struck on his Nice debut to salvage a point in Toulouse.

After a troubled summer during which Jorge Sampaoli walked out over his unhappiness at the club's transfer approach, it was a welcome win for Tudor following a turbulent pre-season.

The former Croatia international was jeered by home fans ahead of kick-off, but an own goal by Wout Faes and debut goals for Nuno Tavares and Luis Suarez lifted spirits at the Velodrome.

Folarin Balogun, like Tavares an Arsenal loanee, replied late on for Reims before Suarez grabbed his second of the evening.

Tudor dropped captain Dimitri Payet to the bench, handing debuts to five players including Tavares and Jonathan Clauss, who earned a France call-up with Lens last season. Clauss was soon involved as Reims defender Faes turned the right-back's cross into his own net under pressure from Arkadiusz Milik on 13 minutes.

Marseille were unlucky not to add to their lead with Cengiz Under and Valentin Rongier hitting the woodwork, but Tavares made it 2-0 with a fine low strike just before half-time.

Colombian forward Suarez, signed from Granada in July, needed just 13 minutes to open his Ligue 1 account, steering home after the ball bounced around the Reims penalty area.

England Under-21 international Balogun headed in to cut the deficit, but Suarez ensured it was Marseille's night by tapping home Cedric Bakambu's pass deep into stoppage time.

- Ramsey rides to rescue -

Aaron Ramsey scored a minute into his Nice debut after coming on as a second-half substitute to rescue a 1-1 draw away to promoted Toulouse.

The Wales international curled in an equaliser on 78 minutes to cancel out a first-half goal by new Toulouse signing Thijs Dallinga, the top scorer last season in the Dutch second division.

Ramsey, 31, left Juventus when his contract was terminated at the end of July, and swiftly reappeared just across the border at Nice after penning a one-year deal.

Denmark goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel was named on the bench by Nice coach Lucien Favre following his arrival this week from Leicester City, the club he won the Premier League title with in 2016.

Jonathan David scored twice as Portuguese coach Paulo Fonseca began his reign at Lille with a 4-1 home victory over Auxerre, who are back in the top flight for the first time in a decade.

Benjamin Andre put Lille ahead inside the opening minute before Canada star David doubled the lead with just three minutes played.

David added a third before half-time and Akim Zedadka made it 4-0 just past the hour. Gaetan Charbonnier grabbed a consolation for Auxerre.

Belgium defender Arthur Theate had a debut to forget for Rennes, putting an own goal past fellow newcomer Steve Mandanda in a 1-0 home defeat by Lorient.

Theate, signed from Bologna in July, shanked a cross past Mandanda, the 37-year-old World Cup winner who left Marseille last month after making a record 613 appearances for the club.

Wales centre-back Joe Rodon also made his Rennes debut alongside Theate after signing on a season-long loan from Tottenham Hotspur.

Florian Sotoca bagged a hat-trick despite missing a penalty to earn Lens a 3-2 win against Brest, while Montpellier beat Troyes by the same scoreline.

Last season's French Cup winners Nantes, who were thrashed by Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions Trophy in Israel a week ago, drew 0-0 at Angers.

PSG kicked off their bid for a record 11th French league crown with a 5-0 demolition of Clermont on Saturday, as Lionel Messi scored twice, including with a stunning overhead kick.

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Haaland shines for Man City, United loses under Ten Hag

LONDON

ERIK ten Hag pleaded for time after starting his Manchester United reign with a disappointing loss. Erling Haaland didn't need much time at all to show what kind of impact he will have at Manchester City.

The two biggest offseason arrivals in Manchester had starkly different starts to the Premier League season on Sunday.

Ten Hag looked grim-faced on the sideline as the Dutch coach watched United slump to a 2-1 loss to Brighton at Old Trafford, with his side being outplayed in the first half before a second-half rally came up short.

Haaland scored twice to lead Man City to a 2-0 win at West Ham, netting from the penalty spot in the first half then adding a clinical finish in the second.

Ten Hag was brought in by United to help close the gap to its crosstown rival, having finished 35 points behind champion Man City in the league last season.

If anything, the gap seems to have only grown – thanks largely to Haaland.

The Norwegian striker was recruited by City to provide a clear focal point to the team's attack, with Pep Guardiola having spent much of last season playing without a recognised striker. And the towering Haaland, who scored 86 goals in 89 games during his three seasons at Borussia Dortmund to establish himself as one of the most-wanted players in Europe, will clearly add yet another dimension to a team that still led the league in scoring last season with 99 goals.

"We didn't have any doubt. When a guy has scored goals since he was born, why should he not score here?" Guardiola said of Haaland's debut performance.

United fans, meanwhile, are still waiting to see what kind of impact Ten Hag will have after a dispiriting performance against Brighton that showed that many of the team's old weaknesses still remain.

"Definitely a setback, a real disappointment," Ten Hag said. "I knew from the start it will not be easy. And it's a process, it takes



Manchester City's Erling Haaland, 2nd left, celebrates with teammates after scoring his sides first goal during their English Premier League soccer match between West Ham United and Manchester City at the London Stadium in London, England, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022. (AP Photo)

time. But you don't have time, we have to win games. We should have done better."

Pascal Gross scored twice in the first half to put Brighton in control and United looked toothless and short of ideas until Cristiano Ronaldo came off the bench early in the second half. With Ronaldo giving the attack a spark, United pulled one back through an own-goal by Alexis Mac Allister after goalkeeper Robert Sanchez failed to punch away a corner.

United's players were booed off the field by the home fans after a performance that dispelled any notion that Ten Hag could provide an instant fix to the many issues that plagued the team last season.

If there was an issue that City needed to fix, Haaland seems to have provided the answer.

Haaland showed his speed to accelerate away from two defenders as he ran onto a pass into the box from Ilkay Gundogan and was brought down by goalkeeper Alphonse Areola as they

viewed for the ball.

He calmly dispatched the penalty by sidefooting into the left corner in the 36th minute and then sat down cross-legged in a meditative pose – his trademark goal celebration that could become a frequent sight in the Premier League.

The second goal came in the 65th, when the Norwegian timed his run perfectly to meet a through ball from Kevin de Bruyne and then used his left foot to slot the ball inside the far corner.

Haaland, whose father Alfie is also a former Man City player and was in the stands Sunday, is already looking right at home in the Premier League – although he still has a bit to learn about which words he can use on TV in Britain. His post-game interview on Sky Sports had to be bleeped twice because of expletives.

"It's a big moment for me, debuting in this competition," Haaland said.

After Liverpool was held to a draw by Fulham on Saturday,

City sent an early warning that it remains the team to beat in England. And with Haaland up front, it will be even more difficult to wrest the title away from Guardiola's team.

"The way we are going to play is not going to change much (because of Haaland)," Guardiola said. "We are going to adapt. We know now we have a threat there. He is an incredible deep runner and especially is a good finisher. ... And we are going to find him more and more and more. And hopefully we can give him the opportunity to score goals."

BRENTFORD RALLIES

Brentford came from two goals down to earn a 2-2 draw at Leicester after substitute Josh Dasilva equalized with a curling strike in the 86th minute.

Leicester had dominated much of the game and took a well-deserved 2-0 lead after goals in each half from Timothy Castagne and Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall before Ivan Toney pulled one back in the 62nd minute.

And in the closing stages, Dasilva slammed home a shot from the edge of the penalty area to equalize after cutting inside on to his left foot.

AP

Man United must make the signings key to Ten Hag's rebuild if he's to succeed

By Rob Dawson, ESPN Correspondent

"TODAY we begin a new season and a new story," Erik ten Hag wrote in his programme notes ahead of his first official game as Manchester United manager. Except it wasn't a new story at all. In fact, it was more of the same. After ending last season with seven defeats from their last 12 games to sink to sixth in the Premier League table, Man United began the new campaign with another; this time 2-1 at home to Brighton.

After the positivity of this first summer under the Dutchman, it was a harsh reality check for those who turned up at Old Trafford hopeful of witnessing the start of a new era of success. Ten Hag may yet bring back the trophies supporters crave, but Brighton offered a warning that he is in for a rough ride.

"It is a hell of a job," he said after becoming the second manager post-Sir Alex Ferguson's retirement in 2013 to lose his first game in charge. He's not joking, either – after a shambolic first half against Brighton during which Pascal Gross scored twice, Brentford away next weekend suddenly looks very daunting for a rookie manager and squad who appear to have the confidence of a fish riding a bicycle.

Ten Hag alluded to this idea afterwards, insisting that the self-belief of his players had evaporated after what he thought had been a decent opening against Graham's Potter's side, though that observation did ignore how Leandro Trossard missed a good chance for the visitors inside 15 seconds.

"I think it was a good start and then after we dropped down a level, dropped down in belief," said Ten Hag. "I can understand that after last year,



Manchester United's head coach Erik ten Hag stands during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and Brighton at Old Trafford stadium in Manchester, England, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022. (AP Photo)

but it's not necessary, because they are good players. Self-belief is from yourself, bring it on the pitch. I knew it could happen, but I think we should have done better; that's clear, but also it will not come overnight."

Perhaps it should be no surprise that United looked just as vulner-

able as they did last season given that it is largely the same team. New signings Christian Eriksen and Lisandro Martinez started against Brighton with a third, Tyrell Malacia, on the bench, but Ten Hag is still woefully short of options in midfield and up front. United have made Frenkie de Jong their top midfield target this offseason, but the

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Haaland shines for Man City,
United loses under Ten Hag

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Singida Big Stars FC aims to challenge 2022/2023 Premier League big guns

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

NEWLY promoted Singida Big Stars FC has revealed it is on a mission to challenge football's established order in Mainland Tanzania's NBC Premier League.

Hans van der Pluijm, Singida Big Stars FC head coach, said their plan is not to simply get through the season but build a formidable team that will challenge Simba SC, Young Africans SC (Yanga), and Azam FC.

Pluijm said: "Step by step we are coming where we want to go, football is unpredictable but we want to challenge the big teams and hopefully we can do that, but we also have to win other matches."

The Dutch gaffer revealed: "It is not only that you have to win against top teams, but you also have to win other matches."

The outfit's owners have big ambitions, especially after shelling out deftly on players in readiness for a serious campaign.

Recruitment has been precise to give Pluijm the resources he demands to make his team competitive.

Meddie Kagere and Pascal Wawa have been signed after having been released by Simba SC to make a statement and add experience.

The duo was released by Simba SC having formed part of the club's four glorious seasons since 2017.

On signing Wawa, coach Pluijm said: "I have known Wawa for many years, he is a good defender, he can support young players, and his experience will help us."

There are some other exciting new arrivals at Singida Big Stars FC including Deus Kaseke and Yassin Mustapha from Yanga, Aziz Andambwile from Mbeya City FC, and goalkeeper Metacha Mnata from Polisi Tanzania, the keeper moreover plays for Tanzania's Taifa Stars.

Other new signings are Said Ndemla from Mtibwa Sugar, Benedict Haule from Prisons, Paul Godfrey from Yanga, and Abdulmajid Mangalo from Biashara United.

The team has moreover sought the service of a Brazilian duo in striker Dario Fredrico and midfielder Bruno Gomes in a multinational squad that boasts personnel from Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Brazil, and Ghana.

They certainly have the players to go a few places higher but it could take a little while for the team to gel into a unit considering the overturn in playing staff.

On the technical bench, Pluijm will be assisted by immediate former Mbeya City FC head coach Mathias Lule while Burundian coach Ramadhan Nsanzurwimo who secured promotion for the side has been made the technical director.

Former Taifa Stars and Yanga midfielder Nizar Khalfan has been tasked with the team managerial role.

The Yanga influence in Singida Big Stars FC runs deep with the recent appointment of Dismas Ten as the Singida-based side's Chief Executive Officer.



Aurobindo I&M Aga Khan SC's captain, Ayzaz Jasani.

Aurobindo I&M Aga Khan SC compounds Harab Motors Pak Stars' woes in 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans Cup tournament

By Guardian Reporter

AUROBINDO I&M Aga Khan SC has expressed its intention to push for a successful campaign in the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans Cup tournament after commanding a 68-run win over Harab Motors Pak Stars in a Group A match last weekend.

It turned out to be a crucial win for Aurobindo I&M Aga Khan SC, which is bound to endure a challenging quest for yet another impressive stint in the club tournaments in the country.

The last weekend duel played at the Leaders Club venue saw Aurobindo I&M Aga Khan SC take the crease first, notching 180/4 in 20 overs.

Reliable cricketers, Abhik Patwa, Vinu Kumar, and Vishal Patel made their presence felt with solid batting and saw to it that the batting outfit come out with a respectable score.

Openers Patel and Patwa were particularly ruthless, given Patel was the batsman with most runs having returned with 60 runs which comprised eight boundaries.

The experienced cricketer that is equally a reliable player for the senior national side managed to push his club's total to 122 runs after 14.3 overs, given the cricketer was dismissed by Harab Motors Pak Stars' Nisar Ahmed.

Patel as well batted solidly and was seven runs short of a half-century with his figure comprising three fours and two sixes.

The other top-order performer Kumar kept on improving the club's total with his 30 runs which included two fours.

There were moreover two-digit figures notched by equally experienced batsman Riziki Kiseto and a promising all-rounder Harsheed Chohan, as their club pressed for an imposing total.

Kiseto chipped in with 14 runs, and Chohan posted 18 runs, with the latter hitting a boundary and two sixes.

Pace bowler Zamoyoni Ramadhan, Zafar Khan, and Ahmed ended as Harab Motors Pak Stars' bowlers with a wicket each in their attempt to curtail the plan by Aurobindo I&M Aga Khan SC to notch an imposing figure.

Despite chasing an achievable target of 181 runs, Harab Motors Pak Stars found the going tough and recorded 112/8 in 20 overs.

Captain Kashif Adnan (20 runs), Khan (22 runs), Ramadhani (18 runs), and Zahid Abbas (14 runs) were the cricketers with significant contributions when Harab Motors Pak Stars took the crease.

Patel tormented Harab Motors Pak Stars' batting unit to record three wickets and was ably assisted by pacer Vipin Abraham that notched two wickets.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of the tournament, while co-sponsors of the showdown include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, and Pepsi.

Other sponsors are Aruti, Pigabet, Black and Decker, Harab Motors, All Season Hotels, Novum Energy, Diamond Trust Bank, I&M Bank, Aurobindo Pharma, Azania Bank, and Horizon Teleports.

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The Petrofuel DC Caravans Cup T20 tournament, which has participating outfits locking horns in 20-over formatted duels, brings together the country's best cricket teams.

It is the only cricket competition organized by a private entity under the affiliation of the national cricket governing body, TCA, and the DC.

The showdown is regarded as the country's biggest T20 tournament and it is usually held during the last quarter of the year.

The competition is backed by several companies in the country which support the initiative as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities.

Previous editions of the tournament have been attended by government officials and foreign envoys.

They include the then Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakyembe, his deputy, Juliana Shonza, and Director of Sports in the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuph Singo.

Former India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sandeep Arya, and top officials from various firms are other dignitaries that have graced the competition's previous editions.

Pitso Mosimane praises Yanga's Ghanaian winger



Yanga's winger, Bernard Morrison.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FORMER Al Ahly head coach, South African Pitso Mosimane has issued an insight into how former Orlando Pirates winger, Ghanaian Bernard Morrison, gave him goosebumps.

The South African tactician attended a climax of a week of community activities conducted by Yanga, dubbed 'Wiki Ya Wananchi', at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

The 'Wiki Ya Wananchi' climax was an exciting, interactive ceremony that had, among others, witnessed Yanga's fanatics that turned up at the stadium to watch the introduction of new players before the 2022/23 season begins.

Mosimane had earlier attended the Jangwani Street side's training session in Kigamboni District and interacted with the players and the technical bench members.

He also visited a training session by Uganda Premier League champion, Vipers SC, which was invited

to grace the climax of 'Wiki Ya Wananchi', coming up against Yanga in a friendly.

Mosimane noted: "The boy (Morrison) humbled me, first at their training session, and the next day he gave me goosebumps with his shout-out in a 50,000-packed stadium full of green and yellow outfit supporters!"

The tactician pointed out: "Wiki Ya Wananchi", what a football party, the best I have ever seen in Africa!"

Mosimane is currently without a club after parting ways with Egypt football big guns Al Ahly in June.

He left the Egyptian giants after a successful period with them after helping them to two CAF Champions League titles, as many CAF Super Cup titles, and the Egyptian Cup.

Morrison was among the players introduced during the 'Wiki Ya Wananchi' climax after he rejoined Yanga from Simba SC.

Initially, the Ghanaian had joined Simba in a controversial move that saw the Tanzania football archrivals engage in a bitter legal tussle over the player.

Yanga filed an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) claiming Mor-

risson violated regulations when he sealed his move to Simba.

The winger, according to the Jangwani Street club, had allegedly already agreed to a contract extension with it.

The CAS on November 22, 2021, dismissed the appeal which was filed by Yanga against Morrison's signing and approved the winger to move to Simba.

Burkinabe midfielder, Stephane Aziz Ki, and Zambian attacker Lazarous Kambole were also among the new players introduced during the Saturday ceremony after completing transfers from Ivory Coast's ASEC Mimosas and South Africa's Kaizer Chiefs respectively.

During last weekend's friendly match which took place at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, Milton Karisa and Bright Anukani scored to give Vipers SC a 2-0 victory.

Both Vipers SC and Yanga are in intensive preparation before their 2022/23 season campaigns begin.

They will also participate in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League after emerging as winners of their respective countries' top flight showdowns.

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