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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured in Dodoma city yesterday gracing the closing of a stakeholders' meeting on the state of the environment in Tanzania. Photo: PMO

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By Henry Mwangonde

THE Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA) has seized 1,815 kilogrammes of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), locally known as 'Skanka,' in an operation conducted at Mbezi Luguruni and Magomeni, in the city of Dar es Salaam.

Aretas Lyimo, the DCEA commissioner general, said at a press conference yesterday that five persons were arrested in connection with the drugs haul.

The key apprehended suspect was identified as Richard Mwanri (47), a resident of Mbezi Makonde, Kinondoni municipality in the city, whom the commissioner said is a key distributor.

"Richard is a criminal who has been receiving drugs from various countries and smuggling them into the country using vehicles. The drugs were concealed among other goods before being distributed to dealers across different locations in the country," he said.

The operation was conducted at a careful pace from late August to September 2, enabling the arrest of additional suspects including Felista Mwanri (70), the owner of the house where the drugs were reportedly found.

Yet others were Athumani Mohamed (58) resident in Tanga Region, Omary Mohamed (32), a bajaj driver working at Buza in Tembeke District, and Juma Chapa (36) resident

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TASAF set for assessing gross safety net impacts

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

FINAL assessment of the second phase of the Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN) programme for 2024/2025 managed by the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) will evaluate the effectiveness of the government's poverty reduction techniques.

Shedrack Mziray, the TASAF executive director, made this affirmation here yesterday, at the launch of training for supervisors and enumerators from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), noting that the scheduled assessment is being conducted in association with the NBS, the Office of the Chief Government Statistician Zanzibar (OCGS), and the World Bank.

The structured survey is intended to gauge how resources used in the programme are improving the lives of beneficiaries, and its effectiveness in lifting them out of poverty, he said.

Assessment exercises will focus on evaluating households benefiting from

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European Union demands spotlight on murder wave

By Guardian Reporter

EMBASSIES of the European Union (EU), the United Kingdom (UK), Canada, Norway and Switzerland yesterday issued a joint statement posted on X social media outlet on the wave of abductions, torture and killings in the country.

The X post expressed concern over the acts of brutality, disappearances and deaths of political and human rights activists, urging the government to carry out a swift and comprehensive investigation into the incidents.



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The statement called on the government to ensure the protection of opposition parties, that the state authorities stick to the 4Rs philosophy set out by President Samia Suluhu Hassan's R4 philosophy, espousing reconciliation, reforms, resilience and rebuilding.

They emphasized safeguarding citizens' fundamental rights, including the freedom of expression, underlining that "the European Union community is deeply troubled by recent reports of brutality, disappearances and deaths involving political and human

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By Guardian Reporter, Mwangi

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan and the head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) yesterday mourned the late Bishop Chediel Sendoro of the Mwangi Diocese, who died in a car accident late on Monday.

Rev. Dr Sendoro was the son of the first bishop of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese, the Rev. Dr Elinaza Sendoro, retired since the mid-1990s, with Bishop Dr. Benson Bagonza of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church in Tanzania (ELCT) Karagwe Diocese in Kagera Region, being among notable mourners yesterday

The Karagwe prelate, reputedly a close friend and mentor to the late bishop, said in his message "The light of Mwangi has gone out," while in a message sent to ELCT followers and the wider public, ELCT presiding bishop Rev. Dr. Alex Malasusa urged prayers for the family, the ELCT Mwangi Diocese, its members and all those affected by the tragedy.

Citing lines of Scripture, he invoked the

citation "but dear ones, do not grieve like those who have no hope," while in response to the prelate's death, President Samia sent condolences to Bishop Malasusa, all bishops, congregants, the family, relatives and friends.

On her X handle the president shared her sadness on the news of the death of ELCT Bishop Chediel Elinaza of Mwangi Diocese, praying for comfort with another line of scripture, "for here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come."

Bishop Bagonza wrote on his Facebook page that there was close affinity between dioceses of Karagwe, Mwangi and Pare and now that the light of Mwangi has gone out,

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rights activists.

"We call for thorough investigations into these incidents and extend our condolences to the affected families," the joint statement intoned, pointing out that such incidents undermine Tanzania's democratic foundations and its reputation for peace and stability.

The government needs to uphold democratic values and to ensure that those responsible for these acts are promptly identified and held accountable, as the protection of fundamental rights demands holding a thorough investigation, they said.

The statement brings together the EU after sparse reactions in the

wake of the death of Ally Kibao, a secretariat official with the leading opposition party, Chadema, who was found dead on Saturday, and buried in his Sangare home village in Tanga Region on Monday.

He was abducted on Friday evening, September 6 near Kibo Complex in the northerly suburb of Tegeta, Dar es Salaam, while traveling to his home aboard a Tashrif bus.

He was taken by armed individuals and his body showed severe injuries including facial trauma resembling a throw of acid, discovered in the Ununio area not far from the spot of abduction on Saturday morning, sending shock waves around the country and in the region.

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condolences to his wife and two children, noting especially their son Eric, who was injured in the accident that claimed his father's life.

He eulogised the late bishop as a member of the ELCT, the first-born of Diocese #25 of Mwangi, an integral part of the house of bishops, and leaving a mark in the ELCT, CCT and in the three diocese affinity.

"You had a unique place in my life: You could tell me things others could not. When you were silent, we felt you were hiding something. When you were happy, we knew something good was coming. You were blessed with the truth without offending others do," the senior prelate intoned.

The Rev, Dr Stephen Munga, retired bishop of the North-East Diocese based in Tanga, extended

condolences to his wife and two children, noting especially their son Eric, who was injured in the accident that claimed his father's life.

ACP Simon Maigwa, the Kilimanjaro regional police commander, said in a briefing that Bishop Sendoro died on the night of September 9, at around 1:30 a.m., after the Toyota Prado he was driving collided head-on with a Scania truck at Kisangiro, Mwangi District.

Before the accident, Bishop Sendoro and his son, who is receiving treatment at KCMC regional referral hospital, were traveling from Himo in Moshi District to Mwangi.

The car was overtaking two other vehicles when it collided head-on with the Scania truck coming from Tanga towards Arusha, he added.

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school supplies, increased school attendance, enhanced academic performance and higher education opportunities for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, he stated.

Parents were increasingly taking their children to clinics for vaccination and nutritional advice, leading to improved nutrition levels particularly for children under five, he specified.

Many households joined the Community Health Fund (CHF), which significantly reduced deaths caused by a lack of access to medical care.

Beneficiaries also began saving, borrowing and securing capital to start or expand entrepreneurial projects through savings and investment groups, contributing to economic activity in villages and communities, he added.

African youth lobby group endorses Raila for AUC job

By Special Correspondent

eroon, Ghana, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria, Togo, DRC, South Sudan, Mozambique and Central African Republic.

Pan African Youth Convention added that Raila is a statesman with a distinguished career in public service and outstanding leadership as Minister, Prime Minister, Opposition Leader and AU High Representative for Infrastructure Development.

The lobby further said Raila has espoused diligence, integrity, selflessness, democratic ideals and a rare grasp on continental infrastructure connectivity and its salient role in linking African markets and promoting free movement of people as a pillar of the African Renaissance.

It added that Raila has an authentic vision buttressed by superior ideas on how to steer the African Renaissance.

"He refuses to shy away from the very real challenges of Africa; he is optimistic, solid and fervent with a fire burning in his belly to cause progressive change across the continent."

The group said Raila is honest and clear about what needs to be done and keen to stand out to be counted and make that much awaited difference.

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Such assessments are crucial for guiding the government in refining policies for poverty reduction, he said, elaborating that results from the first phase of the PSSN demonstrated positive impacts.

Enumerators will also review housing and household assets, non-farming activities, savings and loans, work and time use, agriculture, livestock, electronic payments, programme implementation, social welfare and gender-based violence.

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Health minister Jenista Mhagama (R) has a quick word with Enelise Samatela (L) at the Mloganzila campus of Dar es Salaam's Muhimbili National Hospital yesterday. The latter had escorted her husband, who was at facility for treatment, while the minister was on a routine tour. Photo: Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

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pregnant women is harmful to the foetus, impacting brain development reducing weight at birth, he further noted.

The drugs were smuggled from foreign countries through border crossings, he said, urging border staff to be vigilant in curbing the entry of such drugs into the country.

Border customs point officers involved in vehicle and goods inspection should remain alert as drug traffickers use various methods to conceal such luggage, he stated, pointing at a Mitsubishi Pajero, T

551 CAB and a bajaj, MC 844 CZV seized in the search.

A recent World Drugs Report released by United Nations agencies in the Austrian capital of Vienna earlier this year noted that regions where cannabis use is legal are seeing an increase in the production of cannabis products with high levels of THC, he said.

The report also highlights a rise in people seeking treatment for cannabis use, alongside increasing cases of mental health weaknesses and attempted suicides, he said, urging the public to be more forth-

coming in reporting individuals involved in drug trafficking.

People should discourage participation in drug trade or use, he said, noting that the law enforcers are in the process of dismantling a major drug network in the country.

Drugs pose a serious threat to people's lives, he warned, stressing that recent seizures are a result of the agency's community education efforts.

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Pupils of Bahi District's Kigwe primary school for the hearing impaired pictured on Monday holding computers a local NGO had just presented to the school. Right is the NGO's director, Dr Anderson Ndonu, followed by the school's head teacher, Sister Mary Sona. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

African journalists urged to lead continental climate action effort

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degradation and holding power to account, they are driving the urgent transition towards inclusive, low-carbon growth

"The narrative of Africa's climate crisis must swiftly shift from one of vulnerability and despair to one of resilience, opportunity and leadership. Our journalists are not just amplifying African voices in international platforms—they are demanding decisive action and equity in addressing the continent's distinct climate challenges.

"African journalists are no longer passive bystanders - they are indispensable architects of change in the fight for climate justice. Their role in steering Africa's just transition is non-negotiable, especially as the continent grapples with some of the most devastating impacts of climate change," Osman said.

The conference was held alongside the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN)

and was themed "Amplifying African Narratives in Climate Justice: Empowering Journalists to Advance Africa's Just Transition Realisation."

Chairperson of the African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change (AGN), Ambassador Ali Daud Mohammed, presented Africa's key positions and priorities for COP29 during the conference.

He highlighted the vital role of journalists in amplifying African narratives on climate justice, ensuring the continent's voice plays a central role in global climate negotiations.

Daud reaffirmed AGN's commitment to working closely with FAJ and its affiliated journalist unions, emphasising the importance of collaborating to elevate Africa's priorities and solutions.

This cooperation, he noted, is crucial to achieving impactful outcomes, particularly on the critical issue of just transition.

The forum brought together leaders of journalist unions from at least 29 countries across Africa.

The deliberations addressed the immense challenges and opportunities Africa faces in responding to climate change.

Participants explored how African media can effectively frame the continent's climate narrative while also advocating for fair and inclusive development policies.

The Director of the ILO Office in Abidjan, Coumba Diop, underscored the role of the media in the fight against climate change.

She said media professionals are critical players in shaping public understanding around climate change and the need for immediate action.

"You can help communicate the benefits of a just transition, such as job creation, economic resilience and environmental sustainability, while addressing the social impacts on affected communities."



Iringa University vice chancellor Dr Edward Hoseah pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday opening a forum on integrity organised by the University in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

UNDP launches third financing window for Tanzanian startups

By Getrude Mbago

THE United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Tanzania has launched the third financing window of its Funguo Innovation Programme, targeting impact-driven startups and innovative small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The programme, co-funded by the European Union and CRDB Bank Foundation's flagship initiative, IMBEJU, aims to significantly expand opportunities for Tanzanian startups and innovative SMEs to grow.

During the launch event in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Joseph Manirakiza, Funguo Innovation Programme Manager, said that the initiative seeks to increase the number of successful innovation ventures that contribute to Tanzania's national development goals and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He said that this year, the programme has allocated up to 1.4bn/- with a focused effort on empowering female startup founders.

"At least 40 percent of the available funding has been reserved for women-owned and women-led businesses, up from last year's 30 percent, reinforcing our commitment to gender inclusivity and support for female leadership in innovation," he said.

Manirakiza added that the call for applications will remain open for one month, after which successful enterprises will be announced and awarded funding to expand their operations and enhance their societal impact.

The programme aims to provide catalytic funding to competitively selected youth-led businesses that are majority-owned by Tanzanian citizens, have innovative and viable business models, and the potential to scale, but have not yet attracted substantial debt or equity financing. The goal is to de-risk such businesses and make them more attractive to other funders.

"These additional supports are

strategically designed to attract further investment and foster overall growth," he said. "The ultimate aim is to accelerate progress towards the SDGs."

Staslaus Nyongo, Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Planning and Investment), commended UNDP, the EU and other partners for their commitment to supporting young innovators across the country. He emphasized that investing in business startups will create opportunities and unlock innovations that benefit society.

"This initiative marks a significant advancement in our efforts to nurture innovation in Tanzania," he said. "This collaboration has the potential to transform our nation and drive sustainable progress."

Muyeye Chambwera, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, said that through initiatives like the FUNGUO Innovation Programme, UNDP invests in Tanzania's future by supporting talent, potential, and opportunities. He noted that the first and second FUNGUO Calls have provided a total of 3.8bn/- in grant funding to 43 enterprises, generating over 4,000 jobs. The third call aims to further support innovators and drive growth.

"I urge all stakeholders to partner with us to unlock the potential of our youth. The opportunities for them are vast, but they require investment to be fully realized," Chambwera said. Christine Grau, EU Ambassador to Tanzania, confirmed that the EU will continue to seek new financing instruments to improve access to finance for businesses.

"We are exploring the development of a sovereign public-venture capital fund with the government and are also working to bring private venture capital funds to Tanzania. Additionally, we hope to see more capital coming in through green bonds in the coming months, which will allow financial entities and the government to raise additional funds for green impact programmes," she said.

NECTA warns cheaters as nat'l primary school leaving examination commences

By Guardian Reporter

A TOTAL of 1,230,780 candidates are set to sit for the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) which starts today across the country, the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) has announced. The council, however, has warned that any candidates caught cheating during the examination will have their results nullified.

In a press briefing in Dar es Salaam yesterday, NECTA Executive Secretary Dr Said Ally Mohamed announced that the examination is scheduled to span two days. He urged stakeholders and the

public to report any suspected malpractice.

Dr Mohamed reported that out of the total candidates, 564,176 (45.84 percent) are girls, and 666,604 (54.16 percent) are boys. Additionally, 4,583 candidates with special needs are registered to sit for the PSLE exams. This includes 98 candidates with vision impairment, 1,402 with low vision, 1,067 with hearing impairments, 486 with intellectual disabilities, and 1,530 with physical disabilities.

He also mentioned that 1,158,862 (94.16 percent) of the registered candidates will take the exam in Kiswahili while 71,918 (5.84

percent) will sit for the exam in English.

The examination will cover the following subjects: Kiswahili, English, Science and Technology, Mathematics, Social Studies, Life Skills, and Civics.

Dr Mohammed confirmed that all necessary materials, including exam papers, have been distributed to councils and municipalities nationwide.

"Despite extensive preparations, regional and council examination committees must ensure security of examination centers and adherence to NECTA's guidelines," he stated.

He emphasized that invigilators must perform their duties professionally and follow examination regulations to ensure fair treatment of all candidates. He also advised school owners to respect the role of examination supervisors and avoid interfering with their duties. School heads are urged to adhere to NECTA's guidelines to maintain the integrity of examination process.

"The council calls on the society to support examination process by ensuring that no unauthorized individuals enters school premises during examination period," he said.



Chunya District Council executive director Tamim Kambona (2nd-L) and AMJ Global Multi Contractors Ltd director Adam Sikigoye exchange contract documents on the planned construction of a bus terminal in the district. It was shortly after the signing ceremony on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Mongella commends Samia for opportunities brought about by expansion of Isaka Dry Port

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

CCM Deputy Secretary General (Mainland) John Mongella has commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for opening up economic opportunities in Shinyanga Region by expanding Isaka Dry Port during her three-year presidency.

Mongella made the remarks recently in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region, during a rally as part of his tour of regions driven by small and medium enterprises (SMEs), agriculture, manufacturing and mining.

He described the dry port as an inland extension of Dar es Salaam port, facilitating trade for landlocked countries in the Great Lakes Region, including Rwanda, Burundi, and the DRC. Mongella highlighted that the ongoing construction of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) is expected to enhance Isaka Dry Port's role, with a major station planned for the area. Approximately 400 trucks pass through Kahama daily along the Central Corridor connecting it to Dar es Salaam. The region also serves as a key hub for regional and international passenger buses, many of which use Kahama as an overnight stop.

Mongella noted that Kahama plays a

significant role in Tanzania's foreign exchange earnings through the export of gold, tobacco and cotton. The development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) such as the Nyashimbi SEZ located just 4.5 kilometers from Kahama center drives industrial growth, creating jobs and propelling Kahama towards city status. The Nyashimbi SEZ is expected to become a major international trade and logistics hub serving countries like the DRC, Rwanda, Uganda and South Sudan. Mongella gave an example of Johannesburg, South Africa, where gold mining spurred urban and economic development. He emphasized that Kahama's gold mining industry is a key driver of its social and economic growth, generating employment and transforming the region into a mining city.


Over the past decade, Kahama population has more than doubled, growing at an annual rate of 8.7 percent, compared to the national growth rate of 3.2 percent. Mongella commended President Samia's success in economic diplomacy, which has enabled Tanzania to capitalize on numerous international opportunities that have bolstered economic growth. He noted the facilitation of direct access for Tanzanian avocados to the Chinese market, positioning Tanzania as a key

player in the East African Community (EAC) alongside Kenya.

During the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), President Xi Jinping commended President Samia's leadership and recognized Tanzania's strategic importance as a key investment hub in Africa under China's new foreign policy framework.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TEMEKE
AT ONE STOP CENTRE
MATRIMONIAL CAUSE NO 16645 OF 2024
BEREKET NEGASI GHEBREYESUS...APPELLANT
VERSUS
MIZAN SCRABZU GEBRU.....RESPONDENT
NOTICE OF DATE OF MENTION/ HEARING
TAKE NOTICE that the above case has been fixed for mention on 17 day of 10 2024 at 09:00 AM Before HON SWAI-SRI
You are required to appear in this court without failure and you must produce to that day all the documents upon which you intended to rely in support of your case.
GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court this 22 day of 08 2024.

PRINCIPAL RESIDENT MAGISTRATE



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP Title: Delivery of Enterprise Resource Planning System
Number: 2024-PASADA/09/01
Date of Solicitation: 11th September 2024
Closing Date and Time: 24th September 2024, 11:00 am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
Questions and Clarifications: Due by 17th September 2024

Introduction and Background:
 PASADA Tanzania is a faith-based organization working in to contribute to Pastoral activities and services for poor and vulnerable populations in Tanzania. Since its establishment in 1992, PASADA has provided services in the areas of Health mainly HIV/AIDS at both facility and community settings, Livelihood, Economic empowerment, and Community development. PASADA continues to offer both spiritual and physical support to all people without any form of discrimination and always aims at restoring dignity and respect to all humankind.

Over the years, PASADA's role expanded to include medical services for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and other diseases, along with community-based care. As of now, PASADA is providing care and treatment services in both Dar es Salaam and Coastal regions respectively and for Dar es Salaam, 19 CTCs are established to provide comprehensive HIV services to individuals and their families.

Objective of the Assignment
 The aim is to deploy an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system that will assist in automating most of PASADA Tanzania processes, comply with legislative and government policies and promote good governance. The ERP system must be scalable to allow additional modules and must interface with other business information systems.

Scope of Work
 The firm will take the following broad approach in accomplishing the terms of reference (ToR) for which the following tasks and responsibilities will be performed:

- Conduct review in a consultative manner with PASADA Tanzania, meet with the relevant staff of PASADA to map/document internal processes, and align them with the internal control model set and documented by the organization.
- Conduct analysis of the current processes, which are performed through the current software solution.
- Propose several variant options that are aligned with the organization requirements and advice on the effective solution to implement.
- Install and develop the selected modules - with Finance, Asset Management and Human Resources being the minimum required modules.
- Migrate data from our system, without disruption of the company's operation
- Perform offline and live testing of the solution with the relevant First Consult staff.
- Develop user guidelines on how to use the ERP, and the ERP technical support
- Provide a complete documentation of flowchart and process of the ERP platform.
- Provide training to all relevant PASADA staffs on the ERP for daily operations and system training to IT staff on supporting and administrating the ERP systems.
- Provide user guidance/support on issues faced using the solution.
- The platform and system must be able to serve daily user access and operations from at least 350 users to the ERP system internally with authorized levels of access
- The employee portal platform must be logical and secure access to relevant self- services through a single online portal in accordance with user access level. It shall be able to be accessed and viewable through web browsers and/or mobile devices i.e. mobile friendly and responsive
- The intuitive interface of the ERP system must allow users to easily adapt within a short period of time from the initial stage of the using the system and reduce the change management efforts

Interested vendors should request the full Terms of Reference (ToR) through email with the subject line "TOR for Delivery Enterprise Resource Planning System" to procurement@pasada.or.tz or visit our website www.pasada.or.tz before 20th September 2024.

All questions and requests for clarification should be directed to procurement@pasada.or.tz with the subject line "Request for Clarification: Delivery of Enterprise Resources Planning System" before COB 17th September 2024.

Minister for concerted initiatives to guard adolescents against HIV/Aids

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special groups Dr Dorothy Gwajima has underscored the need for concerted efforts in the fight against HIV/Aids, especially among adolescent girls and young women.

Dr Gwajima made the statement in Mbeya Region yesterday at a ceremony to hand over equipment to support adolescent girls in Mbeya and Songwe regions. The items were donated by HJF Medical Research International (HJFMRI) through its DREAMS programme.

"Among young people who contract HIV each year, 80 percent are adolescent girls and young women aged between 15 and 24 years. The data highlights the need for concerted efforts to ensure our youth remain safe," she said.

The 2022/2023 Tanzania HIV/Aids and Malaria indicator survey shows that Mbeya Region ranks third

nationally with high HIV infection rate of 9.6 percent, compared to the national average of 4.4 percent.

Other regions with higher infection rates are Njombe (12.7 percent) and Iringa (11.1 percent). It shows that 60,000 people contract HIV annually, with 40 percent of them being youth.

The DREAMS project is implemented in Mbeya, Songwe, Rukwa and Katavi regions, targeting adolescent girls and young women aged 15-24 who are at risk of HIV infection. The programme has so far benefitted a total of 196,873 girls in Mbeya from 2021 to 2024.

She commended HJFMRI for empowering girls, noting that the machines valued at 500,841,000/- which have been given to the girls will enable them to have sustainable income sources, thus avoiding risky behaviours that increase the likelihood of HIV infection. "These machines will enhance the quality of the products the girls create as part of their economic empowerment.

Regional authorities should help them in looking for markets within and outside our country," she said.

The donations include bread and cake baking machines, refrigerators, animal feed production machines, cement mixers, rice planting and harvesting machines, music equipment, sewing machines for making wigs, and shoe-making machines.

Alick Kayange, Acting Resident Director, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research - Department of Defence (WRAIR DOD), said they work with the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in supporting HJFMRI whereas 200,000 adolescent girls and young women have benefitted with various economic empowerment projects.

Dr Kayange said: "It is almost ten years now since the US government announced commencement of the DREAMS project in 15 countries that were much affected by HIV/Aids infection, including Tanzania. This

project was introduced due to the fact that 74 percent of HIV infections in Sub-Saharan Africa occur in adolescent girls."

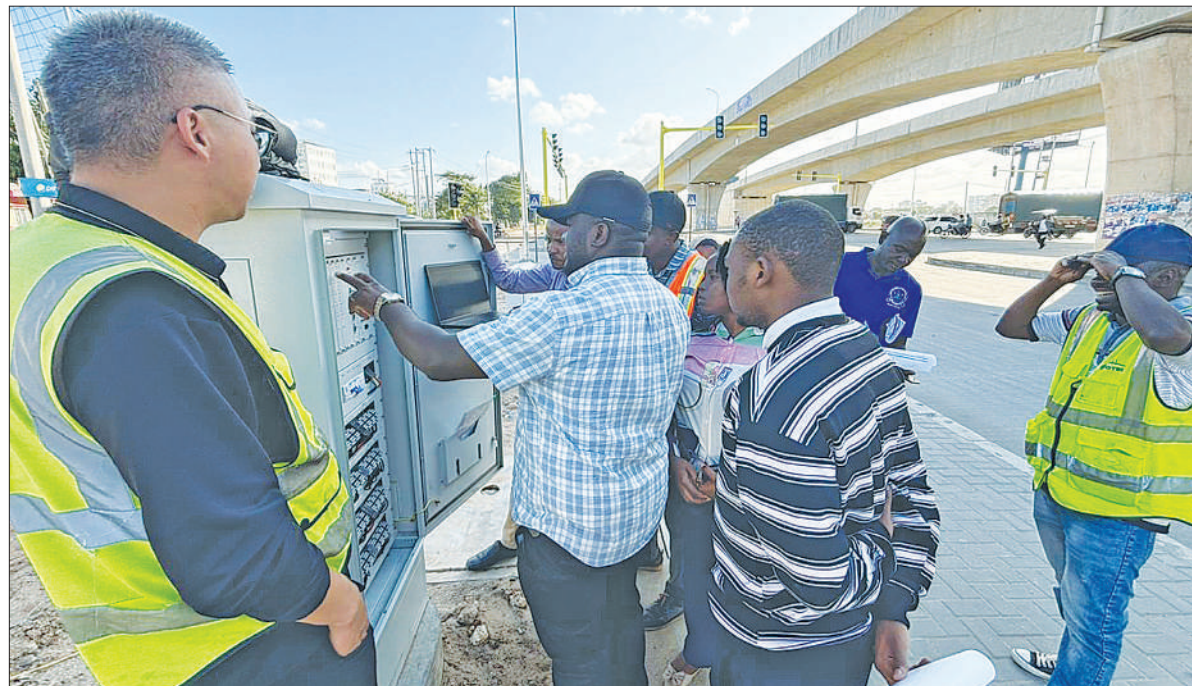
Fatma Toufiq, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Community Development, said there is every

reason to empower young girls so that they are confident and able to make informed decisions.

"Many girls and women experience violence due to their poor economic conditions. Once empowered, girls can be in a position to make informed decisions before engaging in sexual

relationships with men," she said.

HJFMRI Executive Director Sally Chalamila said apart from being provided with the machines to manufacture a number of goods, the beneficiary girls were given land to conduct cocoa farming to produce raw material to make chocolates.



Samwel Haule (2nd-L, in black cap), Dar es Salaam regional manager of the Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday with Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronic Services Agency (Temesa) experts and Chinese construction company workers engaged in the implementation of Phase II of Dar es Salaam's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. They were inspecting a special machine lined up for use in controlling road traffic lights. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

RC calls for quality in UDOM's modern lab, lecture hall projects

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

DODOMA Regional Commissioner Rosemary Senyamule has emphasised the need to observe quality, standards and time for the construction of University of Dodoma (UDOM)'s construction of lecture halls and science laboratory facilities to transform learning environment.

She made the remarks here yesterday during the signing ceremony of contracts under the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project.

HEET Project Coordinator Prof Razack Lokina said that the first contract involves UDOM and M/S China Energy Engineering Group Jiangsu Electric Power Construction Co. Ltd., for the construction of a new laboratory building.

The modern laboratory at the College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences will be developed in two phases and will include chemistry, biology, physics, molecular biology and mathematics laboratories.

"These laboratories will offer

international standard facilities, enabling our students and scientists to conduct cutting-edge research and experiments," he said.

The second contract, between UDOM and M/S Dematoclasa Realhope Limited JV Mponela Construction and Company Limited, pertains to the construction of a four-storey lecture hall building. This facility will house 16 halls with a total capacity for 3,716 students at the College of Earth Sciences and Engineering. Additionally, the building will feature 18 staff offices for 36 employees, two nursing rooms and two kitchen areas.

Prof Lokina said that the new facilities will significantly enhance research capabilities and expand the university's ability to provide high quality education.

"They represent a major investment in Tanzania's future, acknowledging the crucial role of higher education in driving economic growth and social development. The improvements will benefit both students and faculty by offering state-of-the-art facilities

for learning, teaching and research, thereby strengthening UDOM's position as a premier institution of higher learning in Tanzania," he said.

UDOM Vice Chancellor Prof. Lughano Kusiluka underscored the importance of timely completion of the projects, valued at over 46.17bn/-, within the 15-month timeframe.

This will enable UDOM to increase student enrollment and provide world-class education that will prepare graduates to contribute to economic growth and social progress.

"The impact of these developments on our university, students and nation is profound. These buildings are not just physical structures but the foundation upon which we will build the future of education in Tanzania," Prof. Kusiluka said.

The HEET Project is a five-year initiative, running from 2021 to 2026, funded by the government through a World Bank loan. Its primary goal is to invest in strategic areas to enhance the quality of learning environments and programmes.

Govt blames expansion of construction, tourism for decline of coffee cultivation

THE government says that rapid expansion of residential areas and tourism activities threaten agricultural land used for coffee cultivation, contributing to a decline in production.

Current data show that the average yield per coffee tree dropped to 350 grammes, significantly lower than the previous one to two kilogrammes per tree.

Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Nurdin Babu highlighted the issues yesterday during the launch of the fifth Coffee Festival, saying that the new challenges face growers particularly in Kilimanjaro and Arusha regions.

He pointed out that increasing residential and tourism developments encroach on coffee-growing areas. "My appeal is for people to build houses on flatlands

instead of in mountainous regions where coffee grows best," Babu said. "I have learned that coffee production has plummeted from 25 tonnes per season to just 3,000 tonnes. This decline is partly because coffee is no longer seen as profitable due to low prices."

Primus Kimaryo, Director General of the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB), noted that while Tanzania exports over 93 percent of its coffee, local consumption remains low at only 7 percent.

Approximately 400,000 households cultivate coffee, with 90 percent of producers being small-scale farmers. Coffee production spans 220,000 hectares across 17 regions.

Kimaryo expressed concern

Ready to replace rain-fed agriculture with irrigation, minister tells farmers

utilization of water for farming, rather than relying solely on rainfall," he said.

Silinde also said that China has allocated \$360 billion for Africa over the next three years, with a portion of the funds earmarked for Tanzania's irrigation programme. This investment is expected to bring significant benefits to farmers.

The deputy minister said that the government is committed to completing existing irrigation projects and launching new ones to support farmers nationwide.

"We are dedicated to finalizing all ongoing irrigation projects and initiating new initiatives to help our farmers achieve their goals,"

he said. Silinde noted that the forum opened new opportunities for Tanzania to export its agricultural products to China, a market that had been previously untapped.

"We now have the opportunity to export our agricultural products to China. We have already signed agreements to export sunflower seed cake and chilies," he said.

Additionally, during the visit, the government signed a contract with Mainland Group for the construction of a large sunflower oil production factory in Tanzania. The factory is expected to address the country's high demand for sunflower oil and reduce reliance on imports.



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Tanzania Constitutional Forum executive director Bob Chacha Wangwe (L) pictured at the Dar es Salaam premises of the High Court on Monday conferring with colleagues with whom he has filed a case at the court challenging the legality of the Regional Administration and Local Governments wing of the President's Office overseeing the country's local government elections. It was shortly after the court had blessed their objections against the government. He is with TCF board chairperson Dr Ananilea Nkya (2nd-L) and rights crusaders Bubelwa Kaiza (2nd-R) and Kaswahili Juma. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Livestock experts from EAC, SADC assemble in Dar to discuss how to arrest spread of FMD

By Henry Mwangonde

LIVESTOCK experts from the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) have gathered in Dar es Salaam to devise strategies for controlling the spread of foot and mouth disease (FMD) across borders.

Abdul Mhinte, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, said in the city yesterday that the goal was to control the disease, given the close ties between EAC and SADC member states.

Mhinte noted that Tanzania being a member of both communities hosted the meeting to address the issue of disease spreading from one country to another.

"This meeting brings together EAC and SADC experts to discuss methods for preventing the disease from crossing borders, considering the close connections between the two communities," he said.

Dr Nyabenyi Tipo, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) Representative in Tanzania, said that FMD brought significant economic repercussions in 2013, resulting in losses amounting to \$11 million.

Dr Tipo further noted that approximately 700 million people worldwide depend on the livestock sector for their livelihoods, and the disease has been affecting livestock productivity and stalling market growth for livestock and livestock products.

Neo Mapiitse, a representative from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) for the East Africa region, urged participants to ensure that the discussions lead to positive and sustainable outcomes

to meet the goals for controlling FMD.

He stressed the importance of enhancing efforts to manage the disease, safeguarding the health and welfare of livestock and communities by addressing existing gaps and implementing transparent solutions for effective results.

Dr Benezeth Lutege, acting director of veterinary services in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, said that for the 2024/2025 financial year, the government plans to launch a vaccination and livestock identification campaign targeting cattle pneumonia, goat and sheep pox and tick-borne diseases.

Dr Lutege also mentioned that the campaign, costing over 28bn/-, is part of the government's strategy to control livestock diseases by focusing on the aforementioned priorities and ensuring that livestock meet both national and international market standards.

The three-day meeting on FMD control includes experts from the EAC and SADC livestock sectors, with the aim of preventing the disease from spreading across borders.



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By Guardian Correspondent, Bagamoyo

TAWA leads 500 marauding jumbos back to game parks

AT least 500 marauding elephants were driven back to game reserves and national parks by the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) between January 2023 and July 2024, an official said yesterday.

Isaac Chamba, TAWA conservation officer, said the elephants were led back to their habitats by using helicopters after they invaded farms and destroyed crops and in some cases, killed

people in residential areas they raided.

Chamba told journalists in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region that the elephants that strayed from national parks and game reserves raided farms and residential areas in various districts including Nachingwea and Liwale in Lindi Region,

Bunda in Mara Region, Same in Kilimanjaro Region, Mvomero in Morogoro Region and Mbarali in Mbeya region.

In May this year, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism announced measures to control human-wildlife conflicts, mainly elephant attacks.

According to the ministry, the

measures include hiring 1,187 new game rangers over the next two years to strengthen wildlife conservation and control wild animals from raiding residential areas.

The ministry will deploy the game rangers to TAWA, Tanzania National Parks and Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority.



Zanzibar's Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister, Riziki Pembe Juma (5th-L), and deputy minister Anna Athannas Paul (4th-L) have a word on Monday with entrepreneurship course participants at Barefoot College at Kinyasini in Zanzibar. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Chunya

Chunya District jump-starts construction of bus terminal

CHUNYA District Council in Mbeya Region has awarded a tender for the construction of a modern bus terminal as implementation of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directive issued two years ago.

A contract worth 3bn/- has been signed with Malk Consultants LTD for the project.

During her visit to Chunya on August 6, 2022, President Samia instructed the council to use local revenue to build a bus terminal in response to residents' complaints about lack of such a facility.

Chunya District Executive Director Tamimu Kambona said the construction is set to commence on Sunday with completion expected on June 15, 2025 and will feature 400 business stalls and a parking area designed to accommodate 100 buses at once.

He highlighted that the project aims to enhance transportation

services and address local concerns raised during President Samia's visit.

"We follow the Public Procurement Act No. 10 of 2023 for this project. It was advertised through the NeST system to ensure a qualified contractor was selected according to procurement procedures," he said.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner Juma Homera, at the signing ceremony, urged the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) to collaborate with the council to ensure timely project completion and prevent fund misuse.

"The government is committed to improving transportation to boost economic activities. I trust PCCB will oversee the project's

progress and call on local leaders to support its successful implementation," he said.

Chunya District Council chairman Bosco Mwanginde described the terminal as a significant benefit for the community, particularly for local businesses.

He noted that the 400 stalls will alleviate the issue of limited market space.

"The project will expand economic opportunities for residents and we use internal revenue as part of our strategic initiatives," he said.

He urged residents to cooperate with the council in implementing the project, especially by participating in construction activities, particularly the youth.

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Dodoma gets \$2m for maternal, child health

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

THE Korea Foundation for International Healthcare (KOFIH) has invested a total of \$1,994,203 (2.7bn/-) to enhance maternal and child health services in Kongwa and Mpwapwa districts in Dodoma Region for three years.

The five-year initiative dubbed 'Capacity Strengthening Project on Essential Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC) in Dodoma Region' was launched in 2021 and is set to conclude next year. The project's total estimated cost is \$4.2 million.

Gyeongbae Seo, KOFIH Country Representative, has said that the funds have been used to upgrade and equip 12 health facilities in the beneficiary districts.

He said this recently during a two-day forum dedicated to reviewing the project's progress over the past three years (2021-2023) and planning for the remaining two years.

He noted that the project focuses on reducing maternal and child mortality and enhancing facilities for Maternal, Neonatal and Child Healthcare (MNCH).

"Through this initiative, we have also empowered over 300 local community leaders and 900 women with reproductive health education," he said. "We've extended this education to several primary and secondary school pupils as well."

Kongwa District Commissioner Mayeka Simon noted the project's impact on MNCH, saying that over 91 percent of expectant mothers currently deliver at health facilities and 77 percent attend clinics.

Fidea Obimbo, programme officer for Safe Motherhood Initiative at the Directorate of Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health in the Ministry of Health, noted that the project aligns with the government's ongoing efforts to improve maternal and child health services across the country.

Obimbo acknowledged that delivering at home remains a challenge for many expectant mothers in rural areas, underscoring the importance of such initiatives.

Established in 2006 as a public agency affiliated with the Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea, KOFIH honours the late Dr Lee Jong-wook, the sixth Director-General of the World Health Organisation.



Mussa Liku (C), Muheza District's education officer (secondary schools), pictured yesterday reading out the names of teachers to serve as invigilators for this year's Standard Seven final exams lined up for today. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has advised 16-year-old philanthropist to broaden her efforts in distributing sanitary pads to pupils across the country.

Arjun Mittal, through her initiative HERNEEDS, has raised over \$60,000, allowing her to purchase and distribute more than 10,000 sanitary pads to pupils in 33 secondary schools in Arusha Region.

In a recent meeting at Parliament grounds in Dodoma with Mittal who studies in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Majaliwa expressed

PM counsels young philanthropist to extend sanitary pad distribution drive

the government's willingness to support her mission.

He commended her for significant contributions at such a young age and urged other pupils to emulate her by assisting those who miss school due to lack of sanitary pads.

"You are a young girl who has achieved remarkable things. I commend you for your efforts. I invite you to visit my constituency in Ruangwa and other areas to distribute sanitary pads in schools.

Should you require any assistance, I am here to help," said the PM.

Mittal welcomed the PM's suggestion and expressed her intention to speak with her peers in Dubai to raise additional funds for purchasing and distributing sanitary pads in Tanzania. She acknowledged that reaching thousands of pupils alone is challenging but expressed confident that with collective effort, her goal can be achieved.

"Many pupils in our country miss school for several days each month due to a lack of sanitary pads. I will strive to reach as many pupils as possible," she said.

Earlier, during her visit to Dodoma with her father, Atul Mittal, to meet Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Tulia Ackson, the young philanthropist requested support in removing value-added tax (VAT) on sanitary pads to make them more affordable for all women.

Govt pledges robust collaboration with private healthcare providers

By Correspondent Christina

Mwakangale

THE government has reaffirmed commitment to continue heightening collaboration with private healthcare providers, recognising their crucial role in delivering services to the people.

Health Minister Jenista Mhagama pledged the government's continued commitment to improving healthcare delivery yesterday during her visit to Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) - Mloganzila in Dar es Salaam. She was accompanied by other ministry officials and MNH Board Chairperson, Dr Ellen Senkoro.

Mhagama reaffirmed the government's dedication to enhancing healthcare services through the "Health for All" initiative, which includes the implementation of a thumbprint verification system for patient services.

"The private sector's involvement is crucial, and we aim to collaborate to broaden healthcare access. Proper management and accountability are essential, and

we will monitor and coordinate services to ensure their effectiveness," she said.

The minister also highlighted recent achievements, noting that MNH now offers 35 specialized services locally, as well as through partnerships with external stakeholders.

"We must keep pace with technological advancements and develop the healthcare sector into a model of excellence. Our aim is to establish a biometric system to track patient care and medication, creating interconnected systems for improved service delivery," she said.

Additionally, Mhagama emphasized plans to strengthen and sustain the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) to provide coverage for all Tanzanians.

Dr Senkoro expressed gratitude for the minister's visit and acknowledged the successes and challenges the hospital faces, which would be shared with her.

"The board is committed to aligning with the government's vision and will provide advice and follow the guidance given," Dr Senkoro said.



This is a view of Dar es Salaam's Kimara Mwisho valley, currently being filled with soil in readiness for the ongoing expansion of the Dar es Salaam-Kibaha stretch of Morogoro Road, as captured yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

By Special Correspondent

NEARLY 60 percent of young Africans want to leave their countries because their governments are not reining in corruption, according to a new poll of youth across 16 African nations.

They cited corruption as the biggest obstacle to progress, according to the 2024 African Youth Survey published yesterday.

The poll commissioned by the Johannesburg-based Ichikowitz Family Foundation surveyed 5,604 people between the ages of 18 and 24 in Botswana, Cameroon, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia.

Eighty-three percent of them said they were concerned about corruption at home, and 62 percent believe the government failed to address it.

The poll showed nearly 58 percent of young people saying they were "very likely" or "somewhat likely" to consider immigrating to another country in the next three years.

"Concern is widespread across different spheres, including national and local governments,

Nearly 60 pc of African youth want to emigrate due to corruption - poll

businesses, and police forces," said the survey, conducted via face-to-face interviews in January and February.

"They want tougher sanctions against corrupt politicians, including banning them from standing for office," the foundation said.

More than half, or 55 percent, of those polled said Africa was headed in the "wrong direction", although there was a modest rise to 37 percent in "Afro-optimism" from the 2022 survey.

Young Africans looking to emigrate favoured North America as their top destination, followed by Western Europe,

including the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Spain.

In addition to corruption at home, 72 percent of those polled also worried about the negative effect of foreign influence.

"They are concerned about their countries being exploited by foreign companies, especially their natural mineral wealth being mined and exported without any further benefit to the people," said the foundation.

Nevertheless, 82 percent had positive views about the influence of China, whose Belt and Road Initiative has spawned massive infrastructure projects across the continent.

Seventy-nine percent viewed the influence of the United States positively, with 41 percent saying it provides "important loans and economic support."

Most said a Donald Trump victory in the US presidential election in November would be a far worse outcome for Africa than a win by Democratic nominee Kamala Harris.

Perceptions of Russian influence increased, notably in Malawi and South Africa, with more than half of those with a positive view of Russia citing its provision of grain and fertiliser.

However, a significant number of youths - 30 percent - view Russian influence negatively, mostly due to "detrimental impacts on African countries caused by Russia's engagement in conflicts", said the survey.

Africa is home to nearly 420 million youth aged 15-35, one-third of whom are unemployed, the African Development Bank says.

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Minister commends Brela for cutting business registration time through ICT

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

MINISTER for Industry and Trade Dr Selemani Jafo has commended the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (Brela) for installing the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) system which has enabled registration of companies within three days.

Dr Jafo made the comment on Monday during a visit to Brela offices in Dar es Salaam as part of familiarisation visits to institutions under his ministry. He noted that in the past, registering a company could take up to two months but recent technological advancements have drastically reduced time.

"I commend you for this achievement as your latest report clearly shows the major steps you've taken toward the changes we see today," he said.

He added that the reforms have enabled registration of over

200,000 companies and 561,000 business names in a short period. The numbers demonstrate how the government is making it easier to do business in the country. The improvements have also led to registration of more than 8,074 factories.

Dr Jafo emphasised the importance of institutions like Brela in supporting business growth and job creation. With the increasing number of university graduates each year, the government cannot employ all of them. Institutions like Brela play a key role in creating new jobs by fostering a conducive business environment.

He urged Brela and other public institutions to act as facilitators rather than obstacles to business, pointing out that some officials in other institutions tend to hinder business growth.

"We need to move fast; people want to start businesses quickly. Don't delay them to the point where they give up on things that don't

make sense," he said.

Dr Jafo also encouraged Brela to collaborate with other public institutions to streamline business registration processes and congratulated Prof Neema Mori, Chairperson of Brela Board for her outstanding leadership.

Godfrey Nyaisa, Brela Chief Executive Officer said that the agency has maintained strong communication with the ministry and has been implementing all directives. He also mentioned that the intellectual property policy was nearing completion, and once finalised would lead to development of laws that protect innovations, thereby encouraging more innovators.

Nyaisa further explained that Brela has introduced innovation competitions in schools and universities across the country and offers financial support to five students each year at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) who pursue master's programmes in intellectual property.



Representatives of a Dar es Salaam-based filling station and cooking gas dealer pictured yesterday presenting Masoud Jafari (C), a resident of the city's Mbaga suburb, with a gas cylinder in implementation of an ongoing campaign to budget out charcoal as cooking energy. Photo: Guardian Photographer

UNITED NATIONS

Sudan, Chad hit by flooding, while Lesotho impacted by drought: UN

BOTH Sudan and Chad have been hit by flooding while Lesotho is impacted by drought, a UN spokesman said yesterday.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) has warned that heavy rains and flooding have been impacting about half a million people in Sudan's South Darfur, Red Sea, River Nile and Northern states since late June, said Stephane Dujarric, chief spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, at a daily briefing.

The severe flooding is worsening an already dire humanitarian situation in Sudan. In areas at risk of famine, including in El Fasher, the capital of North Darfur, about 124,000 people have been affected by heavy rains, he said.

Flooding and stagnant water are heightening the risk of diseases spreading, with nearly 2,900 suspected cholera cases reported since the start of the latest outbreak in mid-August.

Dujarric said the United Nations and its partners are on the ground aiding those who need assistance. Last week, aid organizations delivered life-saving therapeutic food to treat 6,000 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition in the city of Nyala in South Darfur.

In Chad, OCHA said flooding continues to get worse across the country. According to authorities, at least 340 people have been killed, nearly 1.5 million people are now impacted by

the floods, and more than 160,000 homes have been destroyed.

The floods are also impacting agriculture, and nearly 3.4 million people are facing acute hunger in the current lean season, Dujarric said, adding that Chadian authorities, UN agencies and partners are providing food and nutrition supplies.

The spokesman said Acting UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Joyce Msuya has increased the allocation from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to support the floods response in Chad from 5 million U.S. dollars to 8 million dollars.

Meanwhile, OCHA reported that the food security situation in Lesotho, a

landlocked country in southern Africa, is deteriorating following a historic drought caused by El Niño.

On average, agricultural production in the country has decreased by one third, and nearly a third of the population -- or 700,000 people -- are facing food insecurity in the coming months, Dujarric said.

The acting UN emergency relief coordinator has allocated 2 million dollars from the CERF toward the drought, and Assistant Secretary-General and Climate Crisis Coordinator Reena Ghelani recently visited the country to assess the drought's impact and call for more international support, he said.

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Tendering ID.	Name of Equipment/Substance	Description	Specification	Estimated Quantity
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Nyati-09	Heavy Minerals Pipe floats	The floats will be used for holding the Heavy Minerals pump pipelines. The pipelines link with pumps and spirals, the floats will float on the water and support the pipelines.		100
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VP is right: Public forests should not be source of charcoal revenue

VICE president Dr Philip Mpango struck a chord with many conservation enthusiasts on Monday when he expressed dismay at the legal acknowledgement of charcoal business as a source of revenue.

He was officiating at the opening of a two-day environment meeting for top officials and other experts, where a key feature he noted was the slow tree planting initiatives compared relative the speed of tree felling.

While the VP suggested that public awareness and education on tree planting was insufficient, perhaps it is the response that is wanting, as the matter has stood as a regular topic on public gatherings for more than a generation.

The VP wondered if the models used for public education were good enough, one instance being the apparent shortage of tree nurseries were anyone to wish to plant trees tomorrow, etc.

What he may not have brought to the fore is the profit motive. It is definitely the case that unregulated agricultural and pastoral activities adversely affect water sources in various parts of the country, but there are many areas where deterrent bylaws were instituted and they work.

The greater problem is the wider potential for drought over wide areas during certain periods, and their length is getting unpredictable.

A swathe of southern Africa from Zambia to Namibia is mired in crippling drought, while in some cases they also faced devastating hurricanes landing from the ocean.

The state of environmental protection in the country is far from good enough but we have a better situation than most of

our neighbours, despite having phenomenal flooding and widespread infrastructure damage earlier this year.

The VP also pointed at the lack of recycling industries that would absorb substantial portions of waste products. Yet the regulatory aspect is a problem, as waste is property controlled by municipal councils and, to be properly used, there needs to be virtually free access to it.

Back to the charcoal revenue issue: it is evident that, left like that, those in control of those forests are likely to privilege the revenue rather than conservation, even if they will still do what it takes to ensure that satisfactory conservation is noticed.

The spreading use of carbon credits is a safeguard meant to ensure that such areas will not see an axe falling on a tree.

In the circumstances, semi-arid regions with no usable crops could be leased to individuals to bring water in trucks for periodic watering of seeds so that individual tree plants come up. Here the revenue part wouldn't be much of an issue.

The VP's not-so-optimistic assessment of conservation trends in the country points less to why stakeholders need to increase education on the issue than to the wider use of the profit motive.

Carbon trading is doing wonders, and those who have a specialist preference for charcoal or log burning need to have that option - but from privately run plantations.

It is possible for trees to stand as a crop like any other. Wooden furniture is important, not just plastics, and some urbane households with inbuilt fire places and chimneys may not risk much burning of logs through the night.

Suicide criminalisation provision merits debate, it punishes victims

THERE was food for thought at the start of the week as the world observed Suicide Prevention Day, with human rights and health advocates appealing for the repeal of legal provisions demanding the charging in court of those attempting suicide just as applies to attempted murder cases.

No one can say that the law as it is lacks merit, but it is also evident that it criminalises those who have fallen victim to a totally undesirable state of life. Even if for the wrong reasons, it is self-inflicted disaster.

At an online brainstorming symposium, activists advocated greater concern in assisting people in distress by greater 'investment' in psychological support and mental health services.

A visiting specialist who runs a foundation for the cause was at hand to emphasize the need to repeal laws criminalising suicide attempts.

Medical attention would likely be more suited to the needs of the suicide survivor than a court hearing, as the trial will show that we, the society, are right, and so the one who attempted suicide is wrong - and must be jailed.

One could cynically say that, after attempting suicide, one needs a change of air away from society, even as being sentenced in court for such attempt might be deemed right as the person wronged society, starting with his or her own family and relatives.

The visiting expert noted that

repealing the law or amending the respective provisions would help to shift the narrative from punishment to support, effectively reducing stigma and focusing on mental health.

There is also a natural law element that one loves oneself in a way that is not imitable by the love of others for him or her; so trying to harm oneself deserves pity.

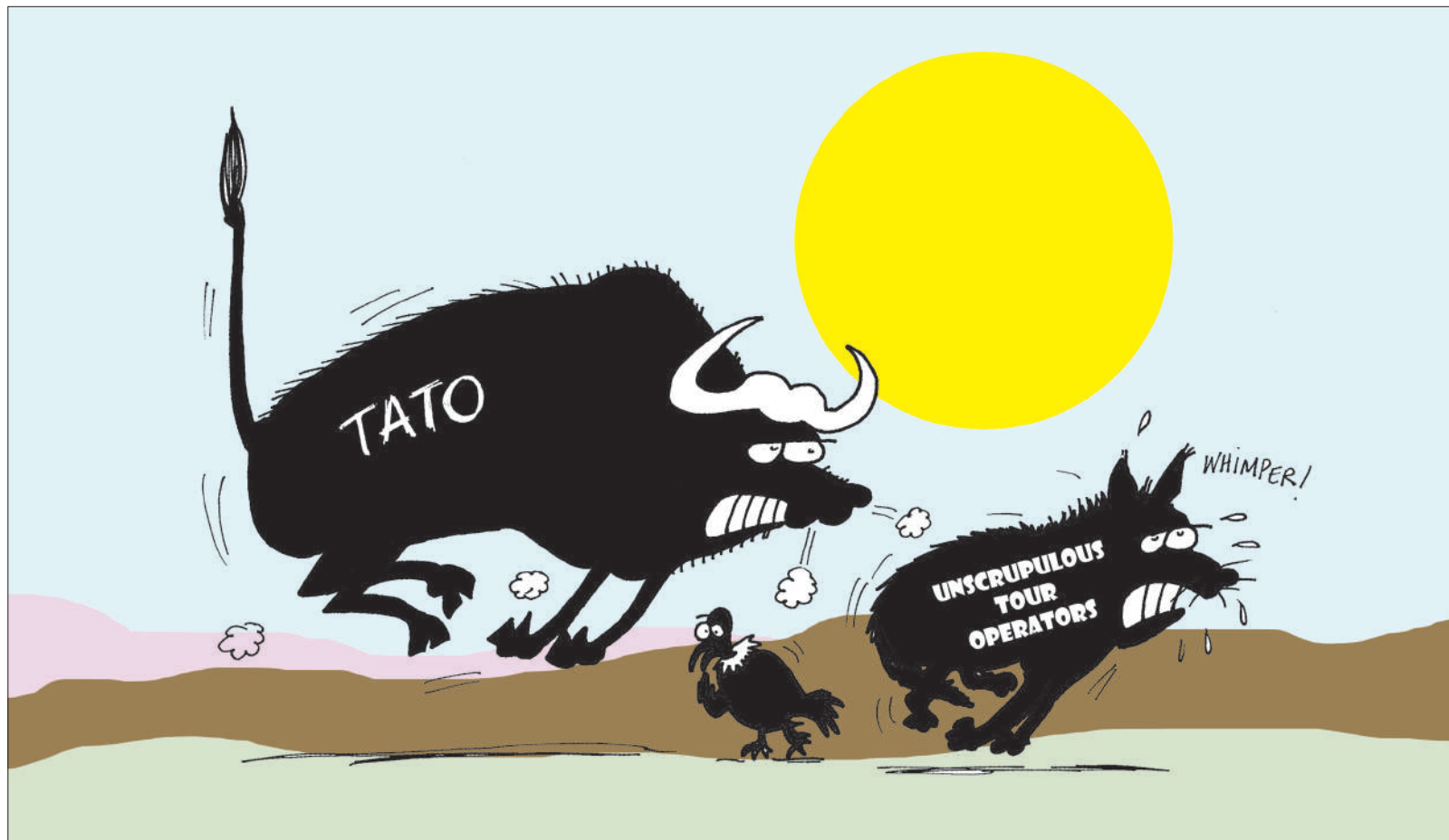
There are situations where a juridical maxim says 'he who brought me to this state is the more guilty party' when it leads to tragedy, irrespective of what the other party could say in self-defence.

In the case of suicide, it is the one who brings to despair the person who tries to commit suicide who then turns around and judges the victim, via law organs.

The moral debate on cases like terminating pregnancy, dumping infants and suicide attempts is complicated, as in all those the people levelling accusations are unlikely to be as close sentimentally as those in the grip of such situations.

In each of these instances the law is designed to protect and even promote social harmony so each of us bears his or her own cross in life and not seek to chicken out by terminating life - even if it is one's own life.

Yet this isn't the horizon of the debate, or even to say that the law is perfect; it lacks room for sympathy, and those arguing for decriminalisation may be seeking nothing more from society than just this.



Is the press 'sanewashing' Donald Trump?

By Jon Allsop

THERE is a hot new term doing the rounds among media critics: "sanewashing". The term itself actually isn't new, and it wasn't born in media-criticism circles, per se.

According to Urban Dictionary, it was coined in 2020 on a Reddit page for neoliberals, and meant "attempting to downplay a person or idea's radicality to make it more palatable to the general public."

The term was deployed in discussions around, for example, "defunding the police". Recently, though, various observers have applied it to media coverage of Donald Trump.

Aaron Rugar, a journalist very active on X, has been credited with coining "sanewashing" in this specific context, but the term appeared to really blow up last week, after Parker Molloy wrote a column about it in The New Republic.

As applied to Trump, the idea is that major mainstream news outlets are routinely taking his incoherent, highly abnormal rants - be they on social media or at in-person events - and selectively quoting from them to emphasize lines that, in isolation, might sound coherent or normal.

That has served to give a misleading impression of the whole for people who didn't read or watch the entire thing.

In her column, Molloy called out CNN for sanitising a Trump rant about what was an upcoming presidential debate and the New York Times for omitting an allusion to a conspiracy theory about vaccines and autism.

Since then, she and others have applied the same analysis to coverage of Trump's incoherent remarks - particularly around the costs of childcare and a proposed Elon Musk-led "efficiency commission" - at an economic forum in New York.

"This 'sanewashing' of Trump's statements isn't just poor journalism," Molloy wrote, adding: "It's a form of misinformation that poses a threat to democracy."

If the word "sanewashing" is not new, neither is the idea of the media masking Trump's incoherence.

Last week, amid all the sanewashing discourse, other critics expressed related ideas without using the word. The Atlantic's Isabel Fattal re-upped Goldberg's column in the context of Trump's economic remarks, noting that when she read some of the coverage, she could "witness in real time the process of trying

to impose sense where there is none".

At the LA Times, Michael Hiltzik argued that media descriptions of another recent Trump appearance - in which he suggested that children are going to school and coming back a different gender - did not "give anything like the flavour of his diatribe," and called for ignoring his own paper's rule that "we shouldn't apply language associated with mental illness to people who aren't known to be mentally ill".

On MSNBC, Mike Barnicle blasted the media for not adequately covering Trump as a "damaged, delusional old man".

As I see it, newsroom policies discouraging remote diagnoses of mental health are generally to be followed, even if they shouldn't curb any and all discussion in this area.

Also, Trump does have (or at least is associated with) policies that merit scrutiny, however incoherently he articulates them, and - as even some critics acknowledge - there has been at least some sharp recent coverage centring the incoherence.

The idea that "the media" as a whole has ignored Trump's fitness for office is very hard to sustain. Nonetheless, I find the sanewashing criticism persuasive, on the whole.

Too often, major outlets clean up Trump's language - especially in shorter formats, like headlines and intros - to the point where it barely resembles what he actually said.

And, if the press hasn't ignored Trump's fitness, Sargent made a compelling case, in his column, that it hasn't subjected his age and condition to anything like the level of focused scrutiny that was applied to President Joe Biden on such grounds.

As I wrote after Biden's disastrous debate performance this June, Trump was incoherent that night, too, but seemed to get away with it because he showed more energy.

If journalists are sometimes sanewashing Trump, why are they doing it? Critics including Molloy and Barnicle have suggested that it has something to do with that old desire to project a false equivalence, or "balance", between the two leading candidates.

Goldberg blamed a "bias toward coherence", whereby Trump benefits from journalists' classic conception of their role as being to make sense of the world around them.

There are other possible explanations. Could it be that elite

journalists think so little of Trump that they effectively condescend to him by cleaning up his speech?

Do they think that picking meaning out of his word salads makes them sound clever or original? Is he held to a lower standard than his opponents because the latter are expected to speak in full sentences and he never has been?

Is Trump sounding incoherent simply old news at this point, in an industry that prizes novelty?

Whichever it is - and all these explanations could, theoretically, be in play at the same time - it's worth noting that the sanewashing phenomenon figures into a debate that is almost as old as Trump's political career itself, and legitimately thorny.

This is whether to expose news consumers more to his rhetoric, or shut it out. Proponents of the former approach have argued that broadcasting Trump's rallies live, for example, offers an unvarnished window onto his incoherence.

Proponents of the latter have meanwhile argued that the first approach exposes audiences to unchecked lies and gives Trump free airtime.

I wrote about this debate earlier in the year and concluded that it has been so circular because there isn't really a satisfying answer - it felt true to me that many people have become desensitised to how Trump talks, but also that journalists cannot expect people to consume streams of raw information all the time.

The biggest problem, I concluded, was not journalists' failure to resolve an unresolvable debate about exposure but their failure to accurately describe Trump's rhetoric - without resorting to euphemism, for example - and to do so with due prominence.

The sanewashing critique speaks to this same problem, at least in part. When I wrote earlier this year, it was in the context of Trump saying, at a rally, that his failure to win reelection would lead to a "bloodbath in the country".

These were remarks which many critics suggested were subsequently sanewashed by allies and pundits who suggested that Trump was talking metaphorically about the automobile industry.

I argued at the time that the furor over the phrase missed the point: Trump said many unambiguously dangerous things at the same rally that got far less attention. This problem is still with us, and it still involves blood.

Over the weekend, Trump said

(again at a rally) that removing immigrant gangs from the US would be a "bloody story" - remarks that got media coverage, but not as much as they merited - given their implications.

Much the same applies to an explicit Trump pledge to prosecute people he believes "cheated" in the coming election. Last night, an Axios newsletter mentioned this threat in its last lines, having opened with "duelling tax-cut promises" by Harris and Trump that amount to "each candidate trying to make Election Day feel like Christmas morning".

If sanewashing the incoherent things Trump says is a problem, then so is failing to proportionately cover his all-too-coherent threats.

To whatever extent journalists show people Trump's unadulterated speech, it will always be part of our job to describe it. At root, the critics of sanewashing are really just asking the media to "report accurately on what we're all seeing in front of us", as Fattal put it in The Atlantic.

Sections of the media, not least those from which the critics hail, are doing this already; if major outlets aren't always doing likewise, the fact that they do it sometimes shows that accurate descriptions of violent and incoherent rhetoric are communicable within the existing linguistic and reportorial codes of elite media.

Viewers will soon get an unadulterated dose of Trump when they tune in for his debate against Harris on ABC. Well, somewhat adulterated; Harris will be there too, of course, and Trump's microphone will be muted when she is talking.

That will surely be to the frustration of Harris's team, which wanted her to be able to grill Trump in real time and also reportedly saw benefit in letting viewers hear Trump acting out.

Ironically, it was Biden - who agreed to the terms for the debate before dropping out - who demanded muted microphones. Even Trump's opponents, it seems, can't agree on whether it's best to shut him up or let him be heard.

Unlike at the Biden-Trump debate in June, a "pool" of journalists will reportedly be close enough to the stage to hear the candidates this time.

It might end up being their job to tell us what Trump said off-microphone. Unavoidably, it'll be all our jobs to describe what Trump said with the microphones on.

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By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast

26-year-old mother of quadruplets sparks debate on quality of social services and family poverty

IN a heartwarming yet challenging story from Muleba District, Kagera Region, 26-year-old Alistidia Kanyamoza has captured national attention after giving birth to quadruplets on August 29 at Rubya Designated Hospital.

Alistidia gave birth to four healthy baby girls via caesarean section, with both the mother and her newborns reported to be in good health.

While this rare and joyful event has brought immense happiness to Alistidia and her family, it has also shed light on the severe gaps and quality of social services as well as broader challenges of poverty that many families in Tanzania face.

Alistidia's story highlights both the joy of new life and the daunting realities that families like hers must navigate when resources are scarce.

The arrival of quadruplets would have presented significant challenges for any family, particularly in regions with limited social support. For Alistidia, raising four newborns will stretch her family's resources to the limit. Local community and regional authorities have rallied to offer support to her, but systemic limitations have hindered their efforts.

Dr Robert Malinzi, who oversaw the delivery process, emphasizes the need for greater public and institutional support saying: "The community, regional authorities, public and private institutions need to come together to ensure that Alistidia and her newborns receive the care they need."

Similarly, Rebecca Gwambasa, Kagera Regional Social Welfare Officer, voiced concerns over lack of a dedicated budget to support families in situations like Alistidia's.

"We often rely on external help due to the absence of allocated funds for urgent needs," she said, underscoring the ongoing challenges in providing sufficient support.

Kagera Regional Medical Officer, Dr Samwel Laizer and a Councilor, Elton Isaya have both expressed their commitment to assist the family, though bureaucratic hurdles and resource limitations remains a challenge.

The family's financial situation is precarious, with Alistidia's husband, Silidion Lucas, conducts small businesses to raise income to support his growing family. Despite the challenges, he remains determined, stating that he will continue to work hard to be able to earn enough money to raise his four children.

The broader issue of large families struggling with poverty is not unique to Alistidia's situation. With the national per capita average of 2.8m/-, many families face severe financial strains, particularly those with multiple children. Lack of adequate social services exacerbates these struggles,



Alistidia Kanyamoza celebrating her children's arrival: Photo: Correspondent Mutayoba Abogast

making it difficult for families to access the support they need. According to a 2022 study by

Nukta Tanzania, Simiyu Regions leads with the highest poverty rate with a per capita income of

just 1,437,357/-. Rukwa follows closely, with a per capita income of 2,329,098/-.

while Songwe is slightly behind at 2,295,728/-. Katiavi and Kigoma also rank low, reporting incomes of 1,992,340/- and 1,913,556/-, respectively.

Tabora's average income stands at 1,852,892/-. Although Dodoma and Pwani fare slightly better, their figures of 1,718,522/- and 1,693,787/-, respectively, remain well below the national threshold.

Singida and Kagera are similarly affected, with incomes of 1,589,073/- and 1,455,864/-, further illustrating the extent of regional economic disparities in Tanzania. Despite Kagera's low ranking, the region is rich in untapped potential that could drive economic growth.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan's launch of Tanzania's strategic clean cooking energy initiative for 2024 to 2034 is one example of government efforts aimed at addressing poverty and promoting social welfare. However, the challenges faced by families like Alistidia's highlight the need for more targeted programs, such as immediate financial aid, subsidized healthcare, and long-term child welfare support.

Programs like the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) could provide essential resources, while broader social services, such as parenting classes, mental health support, and childcare assistance, would help alleviate some of the burdens faced by families.

International examples, such as financial aid programmes in the United States, France, Japan, and Canada, demonstrate that comprehensive support systems are crucial for families dealing with multiple births.

Alistidia expressed her gratitude to the medical staff at Rubya Designated Hospital for their excellent care, stating: "I am thankful for the care I received, which ensured a smooth delivery. This is my fourth pregnancy, and I am relieved everything went well."

As Tanzania moves forward in addressing the challenges faced by large families, Alistidia's story serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of effective social safety nets and comprehensive support for families in extraordinary circumstances. Community's response to her situation will be critical in determining how well she and her quadruplets are supported in the months and years ahead.

Wind turbines target power shortages in rural Nigeria

By Jesusegun Alagbe

A team of five Nigerian researchers have developed an innovation to generate wind power for rural communities - even when wind speeds are low.

Remote communities in northern Nigeria, often disconnected from the national grid, face significant challenges in accessing essential services such as healthcare, due to unreliable power.

And Nigeria's energy landscape has long been dominated by fossil fuels, which account for the majority of the country's power generation.

But there is huge potential in the country for wind energy, which is cost-efficient and sustainable and, according to the International Energy Agency, offers one of the most promising options for renewable energy growth. Abdulsalam Galadima, a researcher from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, in Nigeria's Kaduna State was a key member of the team who developed the innovation, named AirVolt.

He told SciDev.Net: "Our team did some brainstorming and discovered that we could harness the wind energy with vertical axis wind turbines."

Most wind turbines are horizontal-axis and need to point in the wind's direction. But the AirVolt's vertical-axis turbines can capture wind energy from any direction, making them more stable and easier to install and maintain, he explained.

It also means they can operate efficiently even in regions with low wind speeds.

The researchers say the design makes them particularly suited to the challenges faced in northern Nigeria, where wind speeds can be unpredictable - one reason why energy is underutilised in the country.

When wind comes into contact with the blades attached to a vertical rotor, it causes the rotor to spin, generating kinetic energy.

This kinetic energy can then be converted into electricity through a generator, providing a reliable and renewable source of power.

Health impacts

The absence of reliable electricity in many rural communities in northern Nigeria has far-reaching consequences, particularly in the health sector.

Healthcare facilities struggle to store vaccines, operate essential medical equipment, or provide consistent care to patients.

"There are issues with delivering healthcare to people in Nigeria's rural communities due to lack of power," Galadima said.

"In many rural places in northern Nigeria, they are cut off from the national grid because of the difficult terrain." This lack of power contributes to higher mortality rates, particularly among vulnerable populations such as children and pregnant women, studies have found.

Real-world solutions

The team developed AirVolt in February this year. It



Nigerian researchers have developed an innovation to generate wind power for rural communities.

was one of four innovations awarded a US\$250,000 grant on 24 June by the Science Granting Councils Initiative (SGCI), which supports research and development across Africa.

The grant was secured after the team's success at the Research for Impact (R4i) initiative in February, organised by Nigeria's Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

R4i aims to empower researchers to transform their research findings into innovative solutions to real-world problems. It helps researchers commercialise their innovations and ensure that their work has a tangible impact on society.

TETFund, a Nigerian government agency, is responsible for funding higher education and supporting research initiatives in the country and is one of the council members of SGCI.

Hadiza Ismail, deputy director of the TETFund Research and Development Centre, told SciDev.Net: "The R4i initiative is an exposure course that allows researchers to commercialise their research by showing them a systematic approach to identify societal needs and tailor their research towards them."

"We want them to work with technical partners to get proper

mentorship and go through the process of creating prototypes and product commercialisation."

From research to market

Galadima emphasised the importance of the SGCI grant in overcoming the funding barriers that often prevent innovations from reaching the market.

"Most research work ends up on the shelf in the laboratory due to a lack of funding, so we are grateful to the SGCI for the grant. It is not just going to help the researchers, but it will also make a huge impact on society," he said.

The grant funding should support the AirVolt team in developing their project into a commercially viable product by the end of 2024.

The goal is to provide a reliable source of electricity to rural communities, particularly for healthcare facilities that currently struggle to operate without power.

Nicholas Odongo, a research fellow at the African Centre for Technology Studies, in Nairobi, Kenya, and one of SGCI's collaborating technical partners, says more financial support is needed

to ensure that new research and innovation contributes to the economy.

"The actual uptake of innovations and research and development outputs from universities and research institutions is low and therefore the application of science, technology and innovation to impact the economy is minimal," he said.

This article was supported by the Science Granting Councils Initiative, which aims to strengthen the institutional capacities of 18 public science funding agencies in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Britain's limited Gaza action will do little to curb Israel's wider territorial ambitions

By Dahlia Scheindlin

EVEN before the current war, plans to annex West Bank land were clear. Now evidence is growing that Jewish settlements could be forced on Gaza

The announcement last week that Britain would suspend 30 weapons export licences to Israel prompted a predictable firestorm. Critics of Israel's war in Gaza accuse the UK government of being criminally soft on Israel. From the other side, Britain's chief rabbi was outraged. The Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu cleaved to his theme that his country is fighting both Iran and Hamas, whom he regularly compares to Nazis, and his closest associate, the minister of strategic affairs, Ron Dermer, suggested that the policy was like denying Churchill the weapons to fight Hitler.

Others understandably lambasted the UK government for deeply insensitive timing, the announcement coming even as Israel was convulsed in anguish after six hostages were executed by Hamas. The hostages had survived in captivity for nearly 11 months before being shot in the head as Israeli forces approached.

But beyond its critique of the policy announcement's poor timing, the Netanyahu government's caricature of the limited UK embargo won't protect Israel from accelerated international sanctions if its current policies continue.

His claim that Israel alone is battling Iran on behalf of the west fails to note that the UK also announced sanctions against specific members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds force and an IRGC unit for supplying weapons to Iranian proxies including Hezbollah. This rather weakens the claim that the UK is indifferent to the Iranian threat.

Britain's decision was not about Israel's fight against Iran but its policy in Gaza. The legal review of weapons export licences addressed three possible violations of international humanitarian law: Israel's failure to get humanitarian aid to Gaza's civilians; the mistreatment of Palestinian prisoners; and its conduct of hostilities in Gaza. In other words, the review was designed to protect minimum humanitarian standards in wartime. Britain identified likely transgressions in the first two cases, but could not determine conclusively whether Israel was breaking the law in the conduct of the war itself.

But Gaza is integral to the wider Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in the West Bank and Jerusalem as well. In this bigger picture, Israel's accelerated breaking of interna-



Smoke rises over Jenin in the last days of Israel's military offensive.

tional law is too extreme to ignore.

Over the course of six decades, efforts at a negotiated peace foundered, and Israel's occupation came to seem like a juggernaut. A weary international community continued to issue statements condemning settlements as an obstacle to peace; but the words became rote. Global audiences could easily forget that settlements are not simply an unpleasant manifestation of land theft, displacement and sometimes religious fundamentalist violence. From a legal perspective, civilian settlements in the West Bank represent the permanent annexation of land captured in war. This is precisely what the international community has prohibited, in order to remove the incentives for war.

Well before the current war, the government that Netanyahu established in December 2022 ripped the veil off Israel's longstanding efforts at de facto annexation; its public coalition agreements specified the exclusive right of self-determination for Jews in the land of Israel - including "Judea and Samaria". A special ministerial position was created to transfer governing authorities from a putatively temporary

military body to a civilian arm of the state, a bureaucratic, de jure mark of permanent possession.

Since October 2023, the material situation of Palestinians in the West Bank has reached a new nadir. Israel immediately cancelled work permits for about 160,000 West Bankers working in Israel or in settlements - slashing incomes and propelling unemployment up to about one-third. It also withheld tax revenues it collects for the Palestinian Authority; as a result the PA cut public sector salaries in half. All infrastructure has suffered, even the availability of water - an emergency-level crisis in Gaza, but also a pan-Palestinian shortage affecting some West Bank towns and cities, and even Palestinian neighbourhoods of Jerusalem.

As the PA's authority has crumbled, factional militia groups have sprung up, committing violence against Israelis, alongside, and increasing, Israeli military and settler violence against Palestinians in the West Bank - all before 7 October.

After October 2023, it seemed only a matter of time until Israel saw the need for overwhelming force to quell the threat. Finally, last month, a Pal-

estinian man from the West Bank appears to have accidentally blown himself up while preparing a suicide bomb intended to kill civilians in Tel Aviv. On 28 August, Israel forces moved in on several Palestinian towns and refugee camps in the northern West Bank. The army called it "Operation Summer Camps" and it is the most extensive such campaign in more than 20 years.

On Friday, Israel Defense Forces (IDF) reportedly left Jenin after nine days of what some have described as a siege. But there is no telling if and when the operation will truly end. Israel is well versed in letting intense fighting peter out, while maintaining a strong military grip - sometimes for years, like its original 18-year occupation of southern Lebanon after the invasion of 1982, and for the likely future for Gaza. In the West Bank, the Israeli army was already firmly in control of "Area C" - 60% of the territory, based on the Oslo accords. The latest operation seems geared towards pushing forces into areas nominally under Palestinian Authority control, and making partial withdrawal look like progress. But each new push - under the legitimate pretext of routing out terror threats - advances the aim that Netanyahu's government has never hidden: total control and permanent sovereignty over all of the West Bank.

Israel won't stop there. Key ministers relish the prospect of dominating Gaza too. Itamar Ben-Gvir, the minister of national security, has called for the re-establishment of Jewish settlements in Gaza, and for pressing Palestinians to leave for this purpose. A Knesset caucus was established by far-right lawmakers to advance his call; activists are setting up fledgling communities close to Gaza's fence, waiting for the day they can cross. The minister of finance, Bezalel Smotrich, another ultranationalist, has advocated since January for the IDF to take over humanitarian aid distribution, as the kernel of a future military government. Then last week, reports emerged that Netanyahu had instructed the IDF to prepare for aid distribution in Gaza.

Leftwing critics are probably correct that the suspension of a small number of British arms export licences won't be enough to stop Israel's wider agenda. Far more severe sanctions have failed to curb the actions of regimes such as Iran or Russia.

On the other hand, those attacking the UK for taking measures to constrain Israel's most dangerous decisions should themselves challenge the Netanyahu government to abandon its fateful wider strategy.

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Havana loses 15 percent of its population in last three years

By Special Correspondent

DATA on the shrinking population in Cuba continues unabated. Almost two months after it became known that at the end of 2023 there were 10,055,968 residents on the island (down from over 11 million), detailed statistics reveal that Havana lost 15% of its inhabitants in three years and already has fewer than two million residents, a figure it hasn't had since the 1990s. In addition, the other two provinces that exceeded one million inhabitants in 2020, Santiago de Cuba and Holguín, no longer reach that number.

The detailed figures appear in the report "Demographic Indicators of Cuba and its Territories," whose summary was presented in August by the National Bureau of Statistics and Information (Onei) and were published in full this Tuesday on the institution's website.

In the absence of the repeatedly postponed census, Onei experts proposed a model to approach the "effective population" that is based on the accumulation of at least 180

days of stay in the national territory, both for newborns, deceased and, most importantly, migrants.

The result could not be more discouraging. Each and every one of the Cuban municipalities lost population between the end of 2020 and the end of 2023, bringing the total number of residents on the island to figures that have not been seen since 1983, when Cuba reached 9,984,591. A year later, it already had 9,571 more inhabitants than at the end of last year.

In detail, the general panorama confirms that the western provinces lost the highest percentage of population compared to the eastern ones, predictably because the purchasing power - very necessary to emigrate - is lower in the latter. This means that there are fewer family members and acquaintances abroad, decreasing contacts for leaving and the possibilities of obtaining the required sponsorship from family members in the United States to qualify for humanitarian parole program.

Despite this, the decline in population is not a minor thing. Between the dates compared (from the end of 2020 to 2023, although there is



The population flight is increasing the number of homes for sale, but almost no one wants to buy / 14ymedio

data corresponding to each of the intermediate years), Guantánamo lost 5.3 percent of its population, going from 505,606 to 478,328 inhabitants, the province with the smallest decrease. It is closely followed by Santiago de Cuba, falling from 1,045,631 to 988,655. The decrease was 5.4 percent, although the fall to less than one million inhabitants has a strong symbolic effect.

The same thing happens with Holguín, which is in fourth posi-

tion; Granma, with 6 percent, has the third smallest loss of population; Las Tunas lost 8.1 percent, and it loses its status of a province with more than one million residents (1,021,591 in 2020) and remains at only 938,744.

The special municipality of Isla de la Juventud, which at the end of 2020 had a population of 83,625, has lost 8.9% of its population in these three years, ending up with 76,154 residents at last count.

The middle area of the table, with a population loss of 9.2 percent and 9.5 percent respectively, is occupied by the westernmost provinces, Pinar del Río and Artemisa, which currently have around 500,000 inhabitants.

Meanwhile, the group of central provinces loses about 10 percent of its population. Among them are Camagüey and Matanzas (10.9 percent) and Villa Clara (11.5 percent), which, to a greater or lesser extent, exceeded 700,000 in 2020 and is now well below that figure. Sancti Spiritus (10.3 percent), Ciego de Ávila (10.4 percent) and Mayabeque (11.1 percent) range from 415,714 for the first to 341,568 for the latter. Cienfuegos, which fell from 406,244 to 356,641 residents, and is the Cuban province that has suffered the second most demographically.

But nothing compares to Havana, which went from 2,132,183 at the end of 2020 to 1,814,207 three years later, a loss of 15.3 percent. To put it into perspective, the population of Ukraine fell by 16.6 percent between 2022 and 2024 as a result of a brutal

war. In Havana, the average loss in each municipality is about 20,000 inhabitants, except for those with the smallest number of residents (Old Havana, Regla and Cotorro).

The analysis of the Onei includes, also with year-to-year tables by municipality, the demographic rates, with the data of births and deaths, which have a much smaller impact than emigration in the final balance sheet. In addition, figures of internal migrations appear, as well as the few foreign immigrants who arrived on the island in recent years.

Another table gives the distribution of urban and rural population in each of the provinces and municipalities as well, while the last one has the data detailed by sex. The last tables of the document are dedicated to analyzing the average age of the population, as well as the median.

As expected, since emigration is higher among young people, the population has aged in these three years. In 2020, the average age of Cubans was 41.4, compared to the current 42.2.

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Sci-tech backyard mirrors deepening Sino-African agricultural cooperation

BEIJING

FRANCINA Lerato Kuwali, a 35-year-old international student from Malawi at China Agricultural University (CAU), returned recently with the exciting news that she and her classmates had helped local farmers in her country achieve a maize yield of 9,000 kg per hectare, nearly three times the local average.

Over the past year, they have applied the agricultural techniques learned at CAU to assist 30 farmers in Malawi with maize cultivation, as part of the cultivation plan under the cooperative postgraduate education programme called "China-Africa Science and Technology Backyard."

Launched in 2019, the programme is being implemented by the CAU in both China and Africa. It aims to foster high-quality agricultural talent in African countries through agricultural practice and technical exchanges, leveraging China's experience to support Africa's agricultural development.

Supported by institutions such as the World Bank, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the programme draws master's students in agriculture from Africa, including exceptional faculty and students from partner institutions, young professionals from government, and technical managers from the agricultural industry.

Agriculture is the backbone of Malawi's economy. At the same time, the biggest challenge lies in low yields and unaffordable machinery or fertilizers, said Kuwali, who works as an agricultural extension worker and came to CAU in 2022, in the belief that she might learn from China's excellent exper-

ience in the area.

Given the similarities between African and Chinese agricultural production, such as the dominance of smallholder farmers and relatively low productivity levels, the programme aims to explore and develop a new talent cultivation model for China-Africa agricultural cooperation, according to Jiao Xiaoli, head of the programme and an associate professor at the CAU's college of resources and environmental sciences.

"Our main goal is to create a model that can be shared in Africa, helping local farmers acquire, understand and apply technology, and to explore a new path for the green transformation of African agriculture and food security," he said.

Notably, the programme has proved pragmatic and effective, following a tailored training plan. Students spend the first year in China learning theory and practical skills, the second year applying Chinese agricultural techniques in Africa, and the third year back in China completing their research and thesis.

Since its establishment, the Sci-tech backyard programme has recruited 91 practice-oriented agricultural talents focused on green agricultural development across 12 African countries. So far, 36 of them have completed their studies, and many graduates have returned to Africa to conduct research on the front lines of agricultural production in their home countries.

CAU, in collaboration with domestic partners, has established seven Sci-tech backyards in countries such as Zambia, Tanzania and Malawi.

The deepening Sino-African agricultural cooperation has not only enhanced crop production but also



Francina Lerato Kuwali (L), an international student from Malawi at China Agricultural University (CAU), and her classmates pose for a group photo with a farmer at an experimental field in Quzhou, north China's Hebei Province.

helped achieve several broader goals in Africa, including advancing agricultural technology, improving nutrition and health, and contributing to poverty-reduction efforts.

In 2021, the CAU, in collaboration with the local government of the Morogoro Region in Tanzania, started an agricultural project called "Small Beans, Big Nutrition."

By introducing the maize-soybean intercropping technique and methods for making soy products to local villagers, the project aims to supplement the local diet to improve the nutrition levels of women and children in the region.

Maize is a staple food in Tanzania, but it lacks essential nutrients needed for human growth, such as proteins, vitamins, tryptophan, and lysine. Data shows that in 2023,

30 percent of Tanzanian children under five suffered from stunted growth.

Soybeans are high in protein and rich in vitamins, minerals, and beneficial plant compounds, making them a suitable choice for nutritional supplements for the local population.

Therefore, soy milk – a new addition to the local diet – is gaining popularity among villagers in Morogoro, especially after project members have demonstrated how to make it using soy milk makers purchased locally.

"Soy milk is nice, especially for children to improve their health, and the project should reach as many people as possible," said Rozalia Grayson Rwegasira, an official from the Morogoro regional com-

missioner's office.

Smallholder farmers in Africa are eager for technological advancements and environmentally friendly solutions from Chinese agricultural research institutions to enhance their resilience against natural disasters caused by global climate change, according to Prasanna Bodupalli, director of the global maize programme under International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center.

From the perspective of Tamani Nkhono Mvula, a Malawian agriculture expert, one of the biggest gaps in African agricultural development is the issue of agricultural research and development, while the increase in productivity largely comes from investment in science and technology.

The deepening agricultural cooperation in local communities, exemplified by the Sci-tech backyards, has not only boosted those technologies that are tailor-made for various challenges, including plant diseases, insect pests and climate damages, but also helped cultivate the capabilities of African residents regarding Sci-tech innovation.

"In recent years, we have trained a group of high-quality professionals who understand agriculture, love rural areas and care about farmers in Africa. Through them, advanced Chinese agricultural technology has been implemented in Africa, enhancing the spontaneous development capacity of local farmers, and helping them increase food production and incomes," said Jiao, head of the backyard programme.

Drought forces Kenya's Maasai, other cattle herders to consider fish, camels

KAJIADO

THE blood, milk and meat of cattle have long been staple foods for Maasai pastoralists in Kenya, perhaps the country's most recognizable community. But climate change is forcing the Maasai to contemplate a very different dish: fish.

A recent yearlong drought in Kenya killed millions of livestock. While Maasai elders hope the troubles are temporary and they will be able to resume traditional lives as herders, some are adjusting to a kind of food they had never learned to enjoy.

Fish were long viewed as part of the snake family due to their shape, and thus inedible. Their smell had been unpleasant and odd to the Maasai, who call semi-arid areas home.

"We never used to live near lakes and oceans, so fish was very foreign for us," said Maasai Council of Elders chair Kelena ole Nchoi. "We grew up seeing our elders eat cows and goats."

Among the Maasai and other pastoralists in Kenya and wider East Africa – like the Samburu, Somali and Borana – cattle are also a status symbol, a source of wealth and part of key cultural events like marriages as part of dowries.

But the prolonged drought in much of East Africa left carcasses of emaciated cattle strewn across vast dry lands. In early 2023, the Kenya National Drought Management Authority said 2.6 million livestock had died, with an estimated value of 226 billion Kenya shillings (\$1.75 billion).

Meanwhile, increasing urbanization and a growing population have reduced available grazing land, forcing pastoralists to adopt new ways to survive. In Kajiado county near Kenya's capital, Nairobi, the local government is supporting fish farming projects for pastoralists – and encouraging them to eat fish, too.

Like many other Maasai women, Charity Oltinki previously engaged in beadwork, and her husband was in charge of the family's herd. But the drought killed almost 100 of their cows, and only 50 sheep of their 300-strong flock survived.

"The lands were left bare, with nothing for the cows to graze on," Oltinki said. "So, I decided to set aside a piece of land to rear fish and monitor how they would perform."

The county government supplied her with pond liners, tilapia fish fingerlings and some feed. Using her savings from membership in a cooperative society, Oltinki secured a loan and had a well dug to ease the challenge of water scarcity.

After six months, the first batch of hundreds of fish was harvested, with the largest selling for up to 300 Kenyan shillings each (\$2.30).

Another member of the Maasai community in Kajiado, Philipa Leiyen, started farming fish in addition to keeping livestock.

"When the county government introduced us to this fish farming project, we gladly received it because we considered it as an alternative source of livelihood," Leiyen said.

The Kajiado government's initiative started in 2014 and currently works with 600 pastoralists to help diversify their incomes and provide a buffer against the effects of climate change. There was initial reluctance, but the number of participants has grown from about 250 before the drought began in 2022.

"The program has seen some importance," said Benson Siangot, director of fisheries in Kajiado County, adding that it also addresses issues of food insecurity and malnutrition.

The Maasai share their love for cattle with the Samburu, an ethnic group that lives in arid and semi-arid areas of northern Kenya and speaks a dialect of the Maa language that the Maasai speak.

The recent drought has forced the Samburu to look beyond cattle, too



Musalia Piti, a herder, looks after his camels in Lekiji Village, Laikipia County, Kenya, on July 26, 2024. His family lost 50 cattle during a drought and decided to invest in camels.

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In Lekiji village, Abdulahi Mohamud now looks after 20 camels. The 65-year-old father of 15 lost his 30 cattle during the drought and decided to try an animal more suited to long dry spells.

"Camels are easier to rear as they primarily feed on shrubs

and can survive in harsher conditions," he said. "When the pasture dries out, all the cattle die."

According to Mohamud, a small camel can be bought for 80,000 to 100,000 Kenyan shillings (\$600 to \$770) while the price of a cow ranges from 20,000 to 40,000 (\$154 to

\$300).

He saw the camel's resilience as worth the investment.

In a vast grazing area near Mohamud, 26-year-old Musalia Piti looked after his father's 60 camels. The family lost 50 cattle during the drought and decided to invest in camels that they can sell whenever they

need cattle for traditional ceremonies among the Samburu are used for dowries.

"You have to do whatever it takes to find cattle for wedding ceremonies, even though our herds may be smaller nowadays," said Lesian Ole Sempere, a 59-year-old Samburu elder. Offering a cow as a gift to a prospective bride's parents encourages them to declare their daughter as "your official wife," he said.

BUSINESS

Tanzania's current account deficit narrows about 50pc

By Guardian Reporter

THE country's current account deficit shrunk by nearly half to US\$2,497.5 million for the year ending July 2024, down from US\$4,460.6 million during the same period in 2023.

This resulted from the improvement of external sector performance, driven by the ongoing recovery in the global economy, specifically increase of exports earnings.

The Bank of Tanzania (BoT) monthly Economic Review for August says the global economic recovery was enhanced by export performance and reduced import values, supported by favourable global commodity prices.

This has also boosted the country's foreign exchange reserves, which amounted to US\$5,292.2 million by the end of July 2024, sufficient to cover 4.3 months of projected imports of goods and services.

The foreign exchange reserves level of reserves remains within the country's benchmark of 4 months and close to the East African Community (EAC) benchmark of 4.5 months

According to BoT, during the year ending July 2024, exports of goods and services reached US\$14,673.4 million, up from US\$13,037.3 million during the same period in 2023.

The increase was largely driven by higher service receipts, particularly from tourism, and increased exports of gold, traditional goods such as tobacco, cashew nuts, and horticultural products. Traditional exports reached US\$1,074.4 million, compared to US\$782.5 million in the previous year, with notable growth in tobacco and cashew nuts.

Non-traditional exports amounted to US\$6,454.6 million, up from US\$6,299.1 million in 2023, largely driven by gold exports, totalling



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US\$3,147.9 million, representing 48.8 percent of total non-traditional exports.

Additionally, horticultural exports nearly doubled to US\$437 million, compared to US\$296.5 million in the previous year, driven by increased shipments of vegetables.

On a monthly basis, exports of goods increased to US\$858.3 million in July 2024, compared to USD 760.7 million in July 2023.

The central bank review shows services receipts increased to US\$6,706.4 million in the year to July 2024 from US\$5,541.5 million in the corresponding period in 2023, with much of it

emanating from travel and transport services. Travel receipts increased by US\$531.8 million to US\$3,533.9 million.

The rise in travel receipts arises from the recovery observed in the tourism industry, reflected by the increase of tourist arrivals by 22 percent to 2,026,378.

Meanwhile, transport earnings, predominantly from freight charges, increased to USD 2,609.8 million compared to US\$2,096.9 million in the corresponding period in 2023, supported by increased trade relations with neighbouring landlocked countries.

Month-on-month, services receipts amounted to US\$503.1 million in July 2024, compared to US\$594.8 million in the similar period in 2023.

The BoT review shows that imports of goods and services decreased to US\$16,098.2 million from USD 16,706 million in the year ending July 2023.

This decline was primarily influenced by favourable global commodity prices, especially for refined white petroleum products. Notably, imports of refined white petroleum products, constituting 20.5 percent of total goods imports, declined by 3.7 percent to US\$2,846.1 million.

Other significant decreases were observed in the imports of fertilizers, iron and steel, as well as food and beverages for households. On a monthly basis, imports of goods amounted to US\$1,089.8 million in July 2024, compared to US\$1,025.4 million in July 2023.

Services payments also registered a decline of 9.9 percent to US\$2,248.3 million from US\$2,495.2 million in a similar period of 2023.

This reduction in services payments aligns with the overall decrease in import bills. On a monthly basis, services payments were US\$181.6 million in July 2024, compared to US\$174.6 million in the corresponding period in 2023.

EU-backed programme joins foundation supporting startups

By Guardian Reporter

THE EU-backed UNDP's FUNGUO Innovation Programme and the CRDB Bank Foundation's flagship programme IMBEJU have teamed up to change the trajectory of Tanzanian startups and innovative SMEs.

This strategic collaboration aims at exploring the best ways to boost financing for Tanzanian startups by blending financial instruments offered by the two programmes.

According to a joint statement issued by the programme implementers yesterday, the goal is to amplify means to empower entrepreneurs with both catalytic grant funding and flexible, patient and cost-effective financial solutions.

FUNGUO, supported by the European Union through the Business Environment, Growth and Innovation (BEGIN) programme and the British Government through the Africa Technology and Innovation Partnerships (ATIP) initiative, has been instrumental in providing catalytic funding to impact-driven ventures.

Since its inception, FUNGUO has invested over 3.8bn/- in 43 Tanzania Startups and innovative SMEs, contributing towards creating and sustaining over 4000 direct and indirect jobs for Tanzanian young men and women.

The programme's mission is to increase the number of successfully scaled innovation ventures that contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals in Tanzania.

In a conscious effort to encourage and promote women innovators and entrepreneurs, an increase to 40 percent, from last years' 30 percent budget quota, has been exclusively reserved for women-founded or women-led ventures.

"FUNGUO investees do not only benefit from fi-

ancial support, but also targeted and demand-driven technical assistance, broad visibility and exposure, as well as linkages to other potential funders," the statement said.

On the other end, IMBEJU offers a distinctive sustainability funding approach that integrates capacity building, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship skills development to empower marginalized and unbanked communities in Tanzania.

Through its revolving grants, IMBEJU not only provides financial support but also equips youth, women entrepreneurs, and special groups with the necessary tools to transform their innovative and scalable business ideas into thriving ventures with significant societal impact.

This holistic approach ensures that beneficiaries gain the skills and financial inclusion needed to become economically self-sufficient, driving long-term growth and sustainability in their communities.

Speaking at the Third Call for Applications Launch, Dr. Amos Nungu, Director General of the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), highlighted the government's dedication to supporting initiatives like FUNGUO.



Christine Grau, the European Union Ambassador to Tanzania

"The government of Tanzania is committed to supporting programmes that create employment opportunities for our youth. Over the past 3 years FUNGUO programme and Imbeju have been on the frontline to support our efforts to propel development, by promoting innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dr Nungu further stated "Great entities joining forces through partnerships like the one between FUNGUO and the CRDB Bank Foundation sets a powerful example of how collaboration can drive extraordinary outcomes. The government strongly encourages such

efforts, as they align with our national goals to foster innovation and economic growth. We urge more stakeholders to embrace this approach and work together to support and strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Tanzania."

Christine Grau, the European Union Ambassador to Tanzania, remarked on the significant impact this initiative will bring and the European Union's dedication to supporting Tanzania.

"The European Union is dedicated to developing a business environment that promotes growth and innovation in Tanzania. FUNGUO programme is a testament to our dedication to supporting Tanzanian entrepreneurs in achieving their full potential, and we are excited to see positive results that this new approach will bring to the startup ecosystem in Tanzania," she said.

Shigeki Komatsubara, UNDP Resident Representative for UNDP Tanzania, highlighted UNDP's commitment to empowering young people through diverse initiatives.

Komatsubara stated "UNDP is dedicated to unlocking the potential of young people by supporting and scaling start-ups and innovative MSMEs that subsequently results to job creation for women and youth, increased income generation, and ultimately, sustainable and inclusive development in Tanzania. We are committed to continue our support for the Government in achieving inclusive and sustainable development, and our partnership with CRDB Foundation is one testament to the many efforts we are making and will continue to make as development partners."

Tully Esther Mwambapa, Managing Director of the CRDB Bank Foundation, emphasized the transformative potential of this partnership for youth startups.

"The IMBEJU programme is deeply committed to empowering the next generation of Tanzanian entrepreneurs. By integrating capacity building, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship skills development, IMBEJU is not just offering financial support; we are providing a comprehensive ecosystem that nurtures young talent. This partnership with FUNGUO amplifies our efforts to create a supportive environment where youth-led startups can thrive. We believe that by equipping young entrepreneurs with the tools they need, we are laying the groundwork for a vibrant and sustainable entrepreneurial landscape in Tanzania," Mwambapa said.

While introducing the FUNGUO Programme to the audience that attended the launch, Joseph Manirakiza, the Programme Manager, highlighted its holistic approach to supporting entrepreneurs.

"FUNGUO is not just about funding; it's about providing a comprehensive support system that includes technical assistance, mentorship, and networking opportunities while supporting the Tech and Innovation Ecosystem. Our goal is to empower Tanzanian entrepreneurs to overcome challenges while exploring all means possible to achieve sustainable growth. Strategic partnerships like this one with CRDB Foundation draw us a step closer to unlocking the full potential of the Tanzanian startups and innovative SMEs," he explained.

WTO declares trade alone won't bridge gap between economies

GENEVA

THE World Trade Organization has said that open trade alone was not enough to reduce inequalities between wealthy and developing nations and more was needed to help poorer countries.

The WTO's 2024 report on global trade looked at the role that commerce has played to narrow the gap between economies since its creation in 1995.

"Perhaps the biggest takeaway from the report is its reaffirmation of trade's transformative role in reducing poverty and creating shared prosperity," WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said in the foreword.

This conclusion, she added, runs "contrary to the currently fashionable notion that trade, and institutions like the WTO, have not been good for poverty or for poor countries, and are creating a more unequal world".

"But the second biggest takeaway is that there is much

more we can do to make trade and the WTO work better for economies and people left behind during the past 30 years of globalisation," Okonjo-Iweala said.

The report found that low- and middle-income economies tend to engage less in international trade, receive less foreign direct investment and depend more on commodities.

They also export fewer "complex products" and "trade with fewer partners", the WTO said.

"Protectionism, the report demonstrates, is not an effective path to inclusiveness," Okonjo-Iweala said, warning that it can raise production costs and invite "costly retaliation from disgruntled trading partners".

WTO chief economist Ralph Ossa added: "Less trade will not promote inclusiveness, nor will trade alone."

"True inclusiveness demands a comprehensive strategy -- one that integrates

open trade with supportive domestic policies and robust international cooperation," Ossa said.

The report said domestic policies that are needed to make trade more inclusive include vocational training, unemployment benefits and "education for a more skilled and mobile workforce".

It also called for "competition policy to ensure consumers benefit from lower prices, reliable infrastructure, and well-functioning financial markets".

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WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Kenyan court stops proposed Adani leasing of JKI airport

NAIROBI

KENYA'S high court has temporarily blocked a proposed deal for India's Adani Group to lease the country's main airport for 30 years in exchange for expanding it, court documents showed.

In a joint application, the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), the country's main bar association, and the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) told the court on Monday that the country could independently raise the \$1.85 billion required to upgrade the airport in the capital Nairobi.

LSK and KHRC said the alleged 30-year lease of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), East Africa's largest aviation hub, was unaffordable, threatened job losses, was a fiscal risk and did not offer taxpayers value for money, court documents published by the KHRC on their website showed.

The high court granted the request for leave to file a judicial review to challenge the possible lease of JKIA to Adani, LSK's President Faith Odhiambo wrote on the social media platform X late on Monday.

"The court has meanwhile issued a stay prohibiting any person from implementing or acting on the privately initiated Adani proposal over JKIA pending the conclusion of the court case," Odhiambo said.

The Adani Group did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.

Last month, Kenya's main aviation union Kenya Aviation Workers Union called for a strike over the proposed deal, saying that it would lead to job losses and bring in non-Kenyan workers.

African youths commit to being accountable for food systems

Guardian Correspondent, Kigali

THE young people at the Africa Food Systems summit held recently have committed to remain accountable for the Africa food systems, a commitment set to be presented at COP29.

In their Kigali youth Declaration adopted soon after the Africa Food Summit here, African young people call for various stakeholders to amplify their voice, address the pressing issues of climate change and youth employment in Africa and explore strategies to accelerate youth access to work opportunities in the agricultural and food system sector.

"This year we had over 1000 youths who presented new ideas every day. 40 percent of the young people being women, there was also a good representation of indigenous and differently abled individuals. These young people have today submitted a declaration on climate that they want presented to COP29. These young people are committed to make the food systems work. When the food system works, the world works and for that reason we need 80 percent of this forum



AGRA Board Chair Hailemariam Dessalegn (L), Mastercard Foundation CEO Reeta Roy (2nd L) receive a copy of the Kigali Declaration on Food Systems, Policy and Climate Action from differently abled youth from Malawi and Mozambique. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

to be youths" remarked Dr. Agnes Kalibata President AGRA.

COP is a series of global climate summits where world leaders, scientists, environmentalists, and other stakeholders gather to discuss climate change policies, review progress on existing commitments, and negotiate future steps to mitigate climate change.

The statement issued by AGRA on Monday says African youth face significant challenges in accessing resources such as land, capital, and agricultural inputs, navigating regulations policy constraints, and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

These challenges coupled with gender inequality and inadequate education and training, hinder their participation in the agricultural sector.

"Despite these obstacles, African youth possess an innovative spirit and entrepreneurial mindset, which can drive positive change in the food systems sector," AGRA says in a statement.

However, the growing demand for sustainable food, technological advancements, and potential government support offering op-

portunities for youth to contribute to agricultural development.

Official data and statistics show that 30 percent of African youths are currently unemployed, and another 30 percent are vulnerably employed.

According to statistics, by 2030, African youth will constitute 42 percent of the global youth population, with over 100 million will be seeking employment opportunities.

Official data also show that agriculture currently employs 50 percent of Africa's workforce, offering significant potential for youth employment, while more than 25 percent of youths entering the job market lack basic literacy, hindering their ability to take advantage of opportunities.

However, only 3 million new jobs are being created annually in Africa, while 10 million young people are entering the labor market.

The Kigali declaration provides a roadmap for achieving this goal by addressing the challenges faced by youth and leveraging their potential to transform food systems and build a more resilient future for Africa.

Africa's mobile money accounts grow by 52pc

By Guardian Correspondent

THE number of Mobile Money accounts in Africa jumped from 562 million in 2020 to 856 million in 2023, reflecting a 52 percent growth, according to a report by the GSMA, titled "State of the Industry Report on Mobile Money." This report examines the global growth of Mobile Money services.

Active accounts, defined as those used within 30 days, also increased by 47 percent, from 161 million in 2020 to 237 million in 2023.

In 2023, Africa led the world in Mobile Money transactions, with 62 billion transactions totaling \$919 billion. This accounted for 65.6 percent of the \$1.4 trillion that passed through Mobile Money accounts globally.

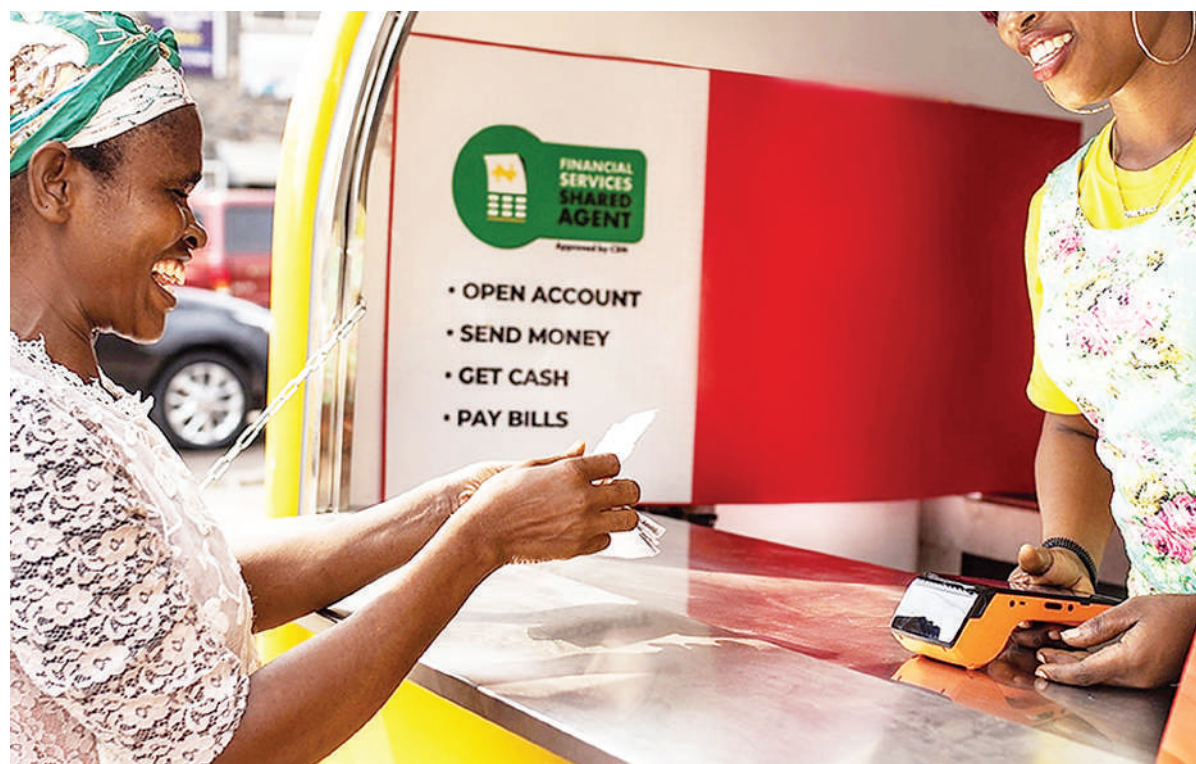
The surge in Mobile Money adoption can be attributed to several factors. According to the GSMA, the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the shift toward digital services, providing a safe and convenient alternative for financial transactions.

In a 2022 report, "Digital Finance Platforms to Empower All," from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), telecom operators Vodafone Group, Vodacom Group, and Safaricom highlighted other factors behind the growth.

Aiaze Mitha, a fintech and sustainability expert, emphasized the crucial role of mobile operators. With their large customer bases, these operators have built strong commercial networks, brand recognition, and marketing power.

Mitha also pointed out that necessity drives Mobile Money adoption. He explained that as people moved from rural areas to urban centers, they needed a way to send money to relatives in remote areas. Similarly, small businesses required efficient ways to receive payments from customers and pay suppliers.

Despite this growth, the Mobile Money sector faces several challenges. Some African governments have imposed taxes on Mobile Money transac-



tions to boost local revenue.

In countries like Tanzania and Ghana, where transaction taxes were in place between 2021 and 2023, many Mobile Money users reverted to cash. This shift reduced taxable transactions and ultimately lowered overall tax revenues.

The GSMA also noted that a lack of financial literacy remains a significant barrier to Mobile Money adoption among vulnerable consumers.

Addressing these challenges carries important economic implications. According to the "Digital Finance Platforms to Empower All" report, coun-

tries that successfully adopt Mobile Money see an average annual GDP per capita growth of 1 percent.

Additionally, the "State of the Industry Report on Mobile Money 2024" indicates that a 10 percent increase in Mobile Money adoption could raise GDP by 0.4 percent to 1 percent.

Morgan Stanley cuts oil target for second time in one month

NEW YORK

WALL Street has turned gloomier on oil prices as signs of weak demand and plenty of supply have weighed on the crude market.

On Monday, Morgan Stanley cut its Brent (BZ=F) forecast for the second time in a month, citing recent price declines that signal the risk of "considerable demand weakness."

The analysts now predict Brent will average \$75 in the fourth quarter of this year, \$5 lower than the prior downwardly revised forecast of \$80 issued in late August.

On Monday, West Texas Intermediate (CL=F) rose to trade near \$68 per barrel, while Brent, the international benchmark, was hovering near \$71 per barrel.

"Oil prices have recently followed a path that resembles periods of considerable demand weakness and calendar spreads are already consistent with recession-like inventory builds ahead," wrote Morgan Stanley equity analyst and commodity strategist Martijn Rats and his team.

Despite the recent price trends, the analysts said "demand indicators are concerning, but it remains too early to make 'recession-like' demand the base case." Rats and the analysts pointed to willingness from OPEC+ to balance out the market. Last week, the oil alliance delayed by two months the start of some of its voluntary cut rollbacks, originally slated to begin in October.

Other Wall Street firms have also lowered their expectations for crude prices, driven primarily by weak demand out of China, the largest crude importer. JPMorgan recently cut its fourth quarter forecast from \$85 to \$80, citing "oil's large underperformance" in August.

Last month, Goldman Sachs decreased its 2025 prediction for Brent by \$5 per barrel to a range of \$70 to \$85. Increasing signs of economic cracks in the US and Europe, where the summer driving season has been unwinding, have also weighed on prices. Oil's downturn has helped precipitate a plummet in gas prices in the US, as well, with at least one analyst predicting the national average would fall to \$3 by the end of the year.

Crude recently touched its lowest level of 2024, erasing all of their year-to-date gains.

Despite an overall market rebound on Monday, WTI is down roughly 3 percent year to date and hovering near its lows for the year. Brent crude is down about 5 percent during the same period.

US inflation may soon undershoot Fed's 2 per cent target: McGeever

ORLANDO

AFTER grappling with the strongest US price pressures in four decades, it's hard for investors to adjust to the notion that inflation could soon undershoot the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target.

While traversing the "last mile" in inflation's retreat to 2 percent is proving to be typically arduous, warning signs are flashing that the biggest risk for markets and policymakers is not "higher-for-longer" inflation, but the virtual disappearance of price pressures.

Falling short-term average inflation metrics, slumping commodities prices, a softening labor market, and cooling wage pressures are all pointing one way: disinflation. While the August employment report on Friday added some fuel to this fire - payrolls growth came in under expectations even as wage growth accelerated and the unemployment rate ticked lower - the reaction in financial markets added a lot more.

Bond yields tumbled, the yield curve steepened sharply and oil prices slumped. At one point, rates futures markets were leaning towards the Fed cutting rates by 50 basis points later this month and by almost 250 bps by the end of next year, a sign of the disinflationary forces traders were pricing in.

This response is in keeping with history. The Fed has conducted easing cycles of 250 basis points or more four times since former Fed Chair Alan Greenspan took over as head of the US central bank in 1987. Every one has been associated with a rapid decline in inflation, three of them ending in significant undershoots of the Fed's 2 percent target.

Globally, disinflationary pressures have been intensifying for some time, especially in the euro zone and some key emerging markets, like India and Indonesia. And China is battling against outright deflation.

Meanwhile, crude oil futures have posted their lowest close since December 2021. Remarkably, oil is down almost 25 percent from a year ago - a significant fall that will help depress overall price pressures when imputed into next year's inflation calculations. Oil and commodity prices have less of a direct impact on US inflation than they did 20 or 30 years ago. The economy is more services-oriented and less industry-intensive than it used to be, and the US is now a net oil exporter. Still, US gasoline futures are at their lowest level since March 2021, having fallen nearly 15 percent last week alone.

Price swoons like that cannot be ignored and will put downward pressure



US Federal Reserve

on inflation. So will wages, the biggest single cost for most companies in America, as the labor market deteriorates.

Of course, there are counter signals indicating that US growth is still humming along at a remarkably strong pace considering where we are in the economic cycle.

The dominant services sector continues to expand at a healthy clip, retail sales in July rose more than three times faster than expected, and the Atlanta Fed's GDPNow model is still pointing to GDP growth of 2.1 percent in the third quarter. At the same time, shelter inflation - a proxy for the cost of housing - is still running at a sticky 5 percent. The longer headline and core annual inflation remain above 2 percent, the greater the risk that consumer inflation expectations will stay elevated.

But when considering where the majority of trends are pointing, it is clear the balance of risks is shifting away from inflation and toward growth.

"If it is a 'soft landing,' the return to 2 percent will be gradual. If it is something more damaging, the risk of an undershoot will be significant," says James Knightley, chief international economist at ING.

It is also worth remembering how much the Fed - and other developed market central banks - struggled to get inflation back up to 2 percent in the decade following the Global Financial Crisis. Many of the trends believed to underlie that struggle - like ageing demographics - have not changed. And while spending on technology could spur growth in the years ahead, advancements in artificial intelligence should, in theory, put downward pressure on prices.

So in order to accept that U.S. inflationary dynamics truly have shifted, one needs to believe that globalization is in sharp retreat, energy markets will continue to fracture and protectionism will keep rising.

UK's Starmer to defend spending cuts for elderly ahead of key vote

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Keir Starmer will warn on Tuesday that he is prepared to take unpopular decisions on government spending ahead of a vote over controversial plans to cut payments which help millions of elderly people pay their heating bills.

Starmer is under pressure from trade unions, rival political parties and some of his own Labour lawmakers to reverse a decision to cut payments to the elderly. A vote in parliament on Tuesday to approve it could see his biggest rebellion since he took office, with some Labour lawmakers abstaining or voting against the government.

In a prepared speech to the Trades Union Congress (TUC), Starmer will tell unions, who are also pushing for above-inflation pay settlements to make up for a decade of public sector real-terms salary cuts, that his main priority will be on ensuring economic stability.

Starmer will say he is ready to pass reforms such as the repeal of anti-strike laws passed by the previous government, but will warn them they will have to accept restraint on public sector pay and government spending.

"I do have to make clear, from a place

of respect, that this government will not risk its mandate for economic stability, under any circumstances," Starmer will tell the union leaders. "And with tough decisions on the horizon, pay will inevitably be shaped by that."

Elected in a landslide victory in July on a promise to rebuild Britain, Starmer has recently raised the possibility of tax rises and spending cuts to try to fix a myriad of problems he blamed on 14 years of Conservative misrule.

Labour has close links to unions, which founded the political party more than a century ago to represent workers. But demands for higher pay and maintaining or expanding some benefits clash with the government's attempts to keep a grip on Britain's strained public finances.

The government estimates the move to cut winter fuel payments will save the finance ministry 1.5 billion pounds (\$1.96 billion) a year.

In the speech, Starmer will call for unions and businesses to work together and to accept trade-offs to help the economy recover.

"I make no apologies to those, still stuck in the 1980s, who believe that unions and business can only stand at odds, leaving working people stuck in the middle," he will say.



Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer (2nd-R) attends the knife crime summit hosted by Starmer at 10 Downing Street, in London on Monday. AP

Despite progress, more to be done on unlocking power of refugee education: UNHCR

GENEVA

THE United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said that while remarkable progress has been achieved in global refugee education and enrolment, significant challenges remain with nearly half of the world's 14.8 million school-aged refugee children still out of school.

In this year's refugee education report, the UNHCR stated that Data from 65 refugee hosting countries analysed in the report shows that approximately 7.2 million refugee children are missing out on education due to a host of factors, including insecurity, a lack of inclusive education policies, capacity constraints, and language barriers, risking young people's future prosperity and denying them the chance to fulfil their potential.

The report revealed that average gross enrolment rates for refugees for the academic year 2022-23 stood at 37 per cent for pre-primary, a more encouraging 65 per cent for primary and 42 per cent for secondary.

Global enrolment of refugees in ter-

tiary education, where barriers include high tuition fees and a lack of reliable connectivity, did not change compared to last year's reporting of 7 per cent, the halfway point in reaching the target of 15 per cent by 2030 (15by30).

Despite an increase in the global population of tertiary school age refugees in 2023, this figure remained at 7 per cent due to a real increase in the number of refugees enrolled in tertiary education by nearly 50,000.

The UNHCR affirmed that despite the hurdles, promising progress has been made over the last five years, with the new report indicating that access to education for refugees has expanded in some key hosting countries. Furthermore, although few refugees sit for national examinations, pass rates continue to be high and sometimes even exceed national averages.

UNHCR called on hosting states, governments, donors and partners to continue and accelerate sustainable international cooperation and innovative partnerships to address the education needs of refugees by 2030. **ANI**

Princess Kate says she is grateful after finishing chemotherapy



This photo provided by Kensington Palace on Sept 9, 2024, shows Kate, Princess of Wales and Prince William with their children Prince George (R) Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis (L). AP

LONDON

KATE, Britain's Princess of Wales, said on Monday she had finished her course of preventative chemotherapy for cancer, saying the treatment had given her a new perspective and made her grateful for "simply loving and being loved".

Kate, 42, wife of heir-to-the-throne Prince William, had major abdominal surgery in January which revealed the presence of cancer and has been undergoing treatment since then.

In a personal message accompanying an intimate video of her with her husband and their three young children, Princess Charlotte, 9, and Princes George, 11, and Louis, 6, Kate said she would be carrying out a handful of public engagements later this year.

But she cautioned her path to full recovery would be long, and her focus was to remain cancer-free.

"As the summer comes to an end, I cannot tell you what a relief it is to have finally completed my chemotherapy treatment," she said in her message.

"The last nine months have been incredibly tough for us as a family.

Life as you know it can change in an instant and we have had to find a way to navigate the stormy waters and road unknown."

Kate spent two weeks in hospital in January after having surgery, and two months later she announced in a video message that tests had revealed the presence of cancer.

Her office, Kensington Palace, has declined to give any further details about the type of cancer or other specifics about her treatment, other than to say the preventative chemotherapy began in February.

She made her first public appearance this year in June at the annual military parade to mark the official birthday of King Charles, and then attended the Wimbledon tennis championships.

'Scary'

"The cancer journey is complex, scary and unpredictable for everyone, especially those closest to you," she said.

"With humility, it also brings you face to face with your own vulnerabilities in a way you have never considered before, and with that, a new perspective on everything.

"This time has above all reminded William and me to reflect and be grateful for the simple yet important things in life, which so many of us often take for granted. Of simply loving and being loved."

King Charles, 75, who has also been undergoing treatment for cancer, and his wife Camilla consider Kate's announcement on Monday "wonderful news", a Buckingham Palace spokesperson said.

They will continue to offer all love, thoughts and support to the princess on her continued path to full recovery, the spokesperson added.

In the video, which was filmed last month in Norfolk, eastern England, the princess looked well and healthy.

The film showed the family walking through fields and woods, carrying a cricket bat and ball, and Kate holding hands with William and lying entwined together on a beach. In other footage, she was shown pushing Louis on a swing and being joined by her parents as they played a card game.

She and William were grateful for the global messages of support, she said, adding she was looking forward to returning to public duties when she was able, although her program for the remainder of the year will remain light.

"Doing what I can to stay cancer-free is now my focus. Although I have finished chemotherapy, my path to healing and full recovery is long and I must continue to take each day as it comes," said the princess, often referred to by her maiden name Kate Middleton.

"Despite all that has gone before, I enter this new phase of recovery with a renewed sense of hope and appreciation of life ... To all those who are continuing their own cancer journey - I remain with you, side by side, hand in hand. Out of darkness, can come light, so let that light shine bright." **Agencies**

Lavrov calls for practical steps toward establishing Palestinian State

RIYADH

RUSSIA and the Gulf countries call for taking practical steps toward the establishment of the Palestinian state in line with the United Nations resolutions, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said after a meeting of the Russia-Gulf Cooperation Council Strategic Dialogue.

"Special attention was focused on the international situation, first of all, in the Middle East and the tragedy that is unfolding in the Palestinian territories: both in Gaza and in the West Bank," Lavrov said. "We share the position that it is necessary to immediately



stop violence, resolve humanitarian problems and begin practical work to implement the United Nations' resolution on the establishment of the Palestinian State that

will co-exist with Israel in peace and security."

The top Russian diplomat arrived in Riyadh on September 8 to take part in a meeting of the Russia-Gulf Cooperation Council Strategic Dialogue.

Earlier, Lavrov held bilateral meetings with his counterparts Mauro Vieira Mauro Vieira of Brazil, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar of India, and Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud of Saudi Arabia. Apart from that, he met with Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Hissein Ibrahim Taha and Saudi Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud. **Agencies**

I don't hate PM Modi, but disagree with his point of view: Rahul Gandhi

WASHINGTON

AFTER launching a tirade of attacks at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi (pictured), opened up on his thoughts on his rivals and said he doesn't hate the Prime Minister but only disagrees with his point of view.

The Congress leader was interacting with students and faculty at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, on Monday.

He also said that India essentially, is an idea of mixing and merging, while alleging that BJP and RSS have the "misunderstanding" of seeing India as a bunch of separate things.

"India at heart, is a union of languages, traditions, histories, religion, everything...When you have lunch here, you get first course, second course...we don't get that, we get a thali, and everything placed in it...it's a jumble and every food has the same value...so this idea of mixing and merging is in India," Rahul Gandhi said.

"When Indian people go to their religious places, they merge with their deity. This is the nature of India. The misunderstanding that BJP and RSS have is they think that India is a whole bunch of separate things. So we don't need to redefine anything, it's already there," he added.

Being asked about the idea of 'love' in reference to his 'Mohabbat Ki Dukaan' slogan, the Congress leader said he disagrees with Prime Minister Modi's point of view but doesn't hate him or consider him as his enemy.

"That's more fun, you go in politics, you shout at that guy and that guy shouts back at you, then you abuse him, then he abuses you back. It's boring stuff," Rahul Gandhi said.

"You will be surprised, but I don't actually hate Mr Modi...he has got a point of view, fine, I don't agree with his point of view but I don't hate him. In many moments, I empathise with him. I don't think like he is my enemy. He has a different point of view, I have a different point of view. I have empathy and compassion for what he is doing," he further added.

He further remarked that the Congress party and the Opposition faces two major challenges; first to contest elections and second of "undoing the damage" done by BJP-RSS.

"First, contesting the election, we are confident that we will fight and win the elections against BJP. In the next two or three months we will win these elections. Then, undoing the damage that BJP and RSS have done to our institutions is a much deeper problem and that is not going to get solved so easily and so simply. I still have 20+ cases against me...There is a huge set of structures that are being used to attack the opposition - investigative agencies, the legal system that continues, that has to stop. The real challenge is to make institutions neutral again," Rahul Gandhi further stated.

Rahul Gandhi who is on a visit to the US, will be in Washington for two days. Earlier in the day, he addressed the Indian diaspora in Virginia.

Gandhi, who arrived in Dallas on Sunday, also interacted with students and teachers at the University of Texas. He also addressed the members of the Indian diaspora in Dallas.

The Congress leader called the Indian diaspora in the US a 'vital bridge' between two nations.

ANI

RIYADHI Saudi Arabia

Global AI Summit kicks off in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

MORE than 300 Artificial Intelligence leaders are expected to participate in the Global AI Summit 2024 hosted by the Saudi Data & Artificial Intelligence Authority (SDAIA) to be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from yesterday to 12 this month.

The summit is set to be one of the most important gatherings in AI this year and yesterday announced its line-up of headline speakers. The summit, which aligns with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 to diversify the economy, is designed to

foster global collaboration and explore the transformative potential of AI across industries.

The deliberations of over 300 speakers, including innovators, academics, executives, regulators and decision-makers from 100 countries worldwide, will be centered around the summit's theme: "Now, Next, Never".

The said sessions will discuss technology's transformative impact on people and communities, the real world benefits of AI, the technology's future

trajectory and the ethical considerations necessary to ensure responsible AI development across all sectors.

"As we approach the third edition of the Global AI Summit, we stand poised at the threshold of a new era, where AI's transformative power will be harnessed to explore AI through the lens of 'Now, Next, Never' examining the current state of AI, its future trajectory, and the ethical considerations necessary to ensure a desirable future. A future where the need

for international collaboration to fully harness AI's potential and manage its impact responsibly has never been more urgent."

The summit will feature an impressive line-up of global speakers including Cristiano Amon (President & CEO, Qualcomm Incorporated), Nick Studer (President & CEO, Oliver Wyman Group), Dr. Marc Raibert (Chairperson, Boston Dynamics), Marcelo Claure (Founder & CEO, Claure Group), Julie Sweet (CEO, Accenture),

Amandeep Gill (Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, United Nations), Kathleen Kennedy (Executive Director, MIT Center for Collective Intelligence) and Alex Smola (CEO, Bion AI).

Others are Andrew Feldman (Founder & CEO, Cerebras Systems), Dr. Chris Miller (Director, Greenmantle), Caroline Yap (Global Managing Director, Google Cloud), Stefan Schnorr (State Secretary, German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport), Charles-Edouard

Bouée (Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Adagia Partners), Jonathan Ross (Founder & CEO, Groq) and Dr. Deepak Chopra (Founder, Chopra Foundation).

Meanwhile, SDAIA's official spokesperson Eng. Majed Al-Shehri said the Global AI Summit will be a landmark event in shaping the future of AI-Shehri said the theme 'Now, Next, Never' is especially pertinent as it challenges them to consider the immediate implications, future innovations, and the ethical responsibilities that come

with the rapid advancement of AI technologies.

He added that this is a technology that is hugely promising, but as they innovate, they also cannot afford to get it wrong. He said it is essential that AI integration is sustainable and for the betterment of society.

"The strong presence of global leaders, especially from the consulting industry, highlights AI's pivotal role in business transformation and global innovation, and their commitment to collaboration as we seek to resolve the many questions that this technology raises." He said. **Agencies**

China-Africa cooperation mutually beneficial in essence, says former S. African diplomat

JOHANNESBURG

THE Africa-China partnership is a mutually beneficial endeavor with huge potential for further growth, a former South African senior diplomat has said.

Gert Grobler (pictured), a former South African ambassador to Spain, Japan, and Madagascar, and currently an honorary professor at the Institute of African Studies at Zhejiang Normal University in East China, made the comments during a recent interview with Xinhua.

"The essence of Africa-China cooperation is mutual benefit and common development. Their cooperation has never been and will never be a mere talk shop," Grobler said. "While bringing tangible benefits to the African and Chinese peoples, Africa-China cooperation has also created more favorable conditions for international cooperation."

Grobler noted that this must be seen against the background of today's world, which is facing increasingly multiple and complex challenges. "As a result, Africa and China are striving to strengthen unity and cooperation with other

Global South countries, with a view to jointly tackling challenges and pushing for a more equal, just and rational international order."

Grobler pointed out that the remarkable accomplishments of China's social and economic transformation have served as an inspiration for numerous African countries. They have shown a keen interest in learning from and adopting the best practices employed by China. This is largely because the experiences and development model of China have proven to be highly relevant and influential for many developing countries, particularly those in the Global South.

"Furthermore, Africa has accepted and stands ready to work with China and other developing countries to jointly implement China's Global Development Initiative, Global Security Initiative, and Global Civilization Initiative, among others," Grobler added.

Grobler further said these initiatives are aimed at improving global economic development, practicing true multilateralism, increasing the representation and voice of the Global South in global governance, and safeguarding the shared inter-



ests of developing countries toward the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

"When China-Africa cooperation thrives, Global South cooperation will also flourish," said Grobler.

Grobler underlined that the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) remains the flagship collaborative platform between China and Africa. He further emphasized that the FOCAC has continued to deliver wide-ranging, tangible economic and social results.

In his view, since the inception of the FOCAC 24

years ago, China-Africa relations have grown ever closer, and cooperation has produced fruitful results. The success of the FOCAC lies in the commitment of both sides to the purposes of increasing understanding, expanding consensus, strengthening friendship, and promoting cooperation through equal consultation.

In the interview, Grobler also talked about the reason why he, together with 63 African scholars, sent a joint letter to Chinese President Xi Jinping.

"As African scholars, we are deeply encouraged by President Xi's dynamic leadership and strategic contribution, as illustrated at the third plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, which strongly reaffirmed an unwavering commitment to China's modernization through reform and opening up while mapping out a clear path for China's continuous high-quality development," said Grobler.

"We believe it is vital to strengthen both Africa and China studies which would provide intellectual support to bilateral relations. Enhanced collaboration between African and Chinese think tanks and media would allow for an increasing collaboration on the sharing of the common vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind." **Xinhua**

Kiev seeks more terror while weakening on battlefield, says Foreign Ministry

MOSCOW



KIEV'S desire to engage in criminal activities is increasing as its positions on the ground are weakening, and Russia will give a corresponding political assessment of Kiev's attack on the Moscow Region, Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova (pictured) said on the Solovoyov Live TV channel.

"I would like to express my support for the residents of Ramenskoye, who have been subjected to a terrorist attack by the Kiev regime. We will certainly give an appropriate political assessment. We are preparing a commentary, a statement. We will also address international organizations. Everything is unfolding exactly as we said before: the weaker the Kiev regime becomes on the battlefield, despite receiving massive financial and military support, the more it seeks revenge by engaging in criminal terrorist activities," the diplomat emphasized.

Earlier, Moscow Region Governor Andrey Vorobyov reported that apartment buildings on Sportivnyy driveway and Vysokovoltnaya Street were damaged during an overnight UAV attack. Three people were injured, a 46-year-old woman died. A total of 43 people have been settled in temporary accommodation centers. They are provided with hot meals.

Overnight, air defenses shot down 14 drones in Podolsk, Ramenskoye, Lyubertsy, Domodedovo and Kolonna. **Xinhua**

Israeli strikes on central Syria draw regional condemnations

DAMASCUS

ISRAELI airstrikes killed 18 people in central Syria overnight, Syria's health minister said on Monday. This is the deadliest attack of its kind since the Gaza conflict began last October and has drawn criticism of Israel from regional countries.

The strikes hit military sites in Hama province, including a scientific research center in Masyaf city, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitor. The group reported that both civilians and military personnel were among the casualties.

Syria's foreign ministry strongly condemned the strikes, calling them Israeli "aggression" that risked destabilizing the region. In a statement, the ministry accused Israel of seeking to escalate tensions through repeated violations of Syrian airspace.

"These actions are pushing the region towards dangerous instability with unforeseeable consequences," the statement said, attributing Israel's actions to "unlimited support" from the United States and other Western nations.

Iran and Oman also denounced the attacks. Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani called them

a "brutal and flagrant crime", while Oman urged international action against what it termed Israeli "war crimes".

"The international community must put a definitive end to these aggressive Israeli practices," Oman's foreign ministry said in a statement.

Local officials reported significant damage to infrastructure, disrupting telecommunications, electricity, and water systems. Syria's transport ministry said a key road connecting Hama and Tartous provinces was damaged.

The strikes also sparked fires in forested areas along the Masyaf-Wadi al-Oyoun road, with explosions heard across the region, local sources said.

The United Nations said on Monday that Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was worried about further escalation in the "volatile" region.

"The Secretary-General continues to be worried and even more worried about the prospect of further escalation of violence in what is already a very volatile region," UN spokesperson Stephane Dujarric told reporters in New York.

Israel has carried out hundreds of strikes on targets in Syria in recent years but rarely acknowledges them. An Israeli military spokesperson declined



People attend a funeral for victims killed in Israeli airstrikes in Masyaf, central province of Hama, Syria, on Sept. 9, 2024. The death toll from the Israeli airstrikes on military sites in the city of Masyaf in Syria's central province of Hama has risen to 18, including four civilians, according to updated reports. **Xinhua**

to comment on the reports.

Syrian state media said air defenses had responded to "Israeli aggression" in the Masyaf area.

The attack comes amid heightened tensions in the region, with Israel engaged in

a war against Hamas in Gaza since October 7. That conflict began after Hamas militants attacked southern Israel, killing about 1,200 people, according to Israeli tallies.

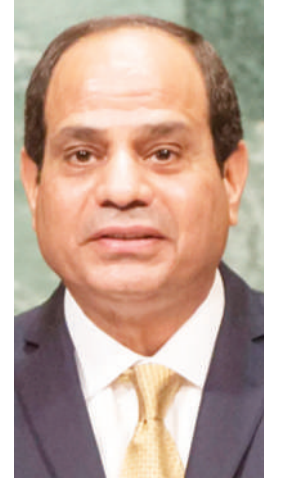
Israel has intensified its

strikes in Syria since the Gaza war began, targeting sites it says are linked to Iran and its allied militias, which support the Syrian government.

Xinhua

El-Sisi emphasises utmost urgency to prioritise reaching agreement on ceasefire in Gaza, exchange of hostages

CAIRO



EGYPTIAN President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi received, separately, on Monday, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Lars Lokke Rasmussen and High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, Egypt's State Information Service reported.

The meeting was attended by the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Badr Abdelatt.

During the meeting, President El-Sisi emphasised the utmost urgency to prioritise the path of de-escalation and reach an agreement on a ceasefire in Gaza and the exchange of hostages and detainees, to alleviate the dire and miserable living conditions endured by Gaza's residents.

President El-Sisi reiterated that this shall take place in tandem with a serious and decisive approach to enforce the two-state solution and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, fulfilling the aspirations of the peoples in the region for justice, security, stability, and development. **ANI**

Australia plans social media minimum age limit, angering digital advocates

SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA plans to set a minimum age limit for children to use social media citing concerns about mental and physical health, sparking a backlash from digital rights advocates who warn the measure could drive dangerous online activity underground.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said his center-left government would run an age verification trial before introducing age minimum laws for social media this year.

Albanese didn't specify an age but said it would likely be between 14 and 16.

"I want to see kids off their devices and onto the footy fields and the swimming pools and the tennis courts," Albanese told the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

"We want them to have real experiences with real people because we know that social media is causing social harm," he added.

The law would put Australia among the first countries in the world to impose an age restriction on social media. Previous attempts, including by the European Union, have failed following complaints about reducing the online rights of minors.

Meta, owner of Facebook and Instagram, which has a self-im-



posed minimum age of 13, said it wanted to empower young people to benefit from its platforms and equip parents with the tools to support them "instead of just cutting off access". YouTube owner Alphabet

did not respond to a request for comment and TikTok was not immediately available for comment.

Australia has one of the world's most online populations with four-fifths of its 26 million

people on social media, according to tech industry figures. Three quarters of Australians aged 12 to 17 had used YouTube or Instagram, a 2023 University of Sydney study found.

Albanese announced the age

restriction plan against the backdrop of a parliamentary inquiry into social media's effects on society, which has heard sometimes emotional testimony of poor mental health impacts on teenagers.

But the inquiry has also heard concerns about whether a lower age limit could be enforced and, if it is, whether it would inadvertently harm younger people by encouraging them to hide their online activity.

"This knee-jerk move ... threatens to create serious harm by excluding young people from meaningful, healthy participation in the digital world, potentially driving them to lower quality online spaces," said Daniel Angus, director of the Queensland University of Technology Digital Media Research Centre.

Australia's own internet regulator, the eSafety Commissioner, warned in a June submission to the inquiry that "restriction-based approaches may limit young people's access to critical support" and push them to "less regulated non-mainstream services".

The commissioner said in a statement on Tuesday it would "continue working with stakeholders across government and the community to further refine Australia's approach to online harms" which can "threaten safety across a range of platforms at any age, both before and after the mid-teen years".

DIGI, an industry body representing social media platforms, said the government should listen to "expert voices such as the eSafety Commissioner ... mental health experts, as well as LGBTQIA+ and other marginalized groups who have expressed concerns about bans so that we're not unintentionally pushing our kids into unsafe, less visible parts of the Internet".

SPORT

JKT Tanzania coach praises team's progress amid international break

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

JKT Tanzania head coach, Ahmad Ally, has expressed satisfaction with the team's performance and development during the ongoing international break.

The coach emphasized that their focus during training has been on achieving a balanced approach to both defense and attack.

Ally, who joined JKT Tanzania this season after leaving Tanzania Prisons, acknowledged the challenge of integrating new players into the squad.

Despite the team still working to build chemistry, he is optimistic about their potential, as shown in recent matches.

Reflecting on the team's opening match in the Tanzania Mainland Premier League - a goalless draw against Azam FC - Ally was pleased with the defensive effort but highlighted that individual errors prevented them from securing a win.

"We played defensively well, but individual errors cost us a potential win. I'm pleased

with the team's resilience and determination," he stated.

Despite a recent 2-0 defeat against Simba SC in a friendly match, Ally remains satisfied with his team's defensive progress.

He acknowledged the mistakes that led to both goals but stressed that the team is working hard to rectify those lapses and build a more solid backline.

"The first goal came from a penalty due to instability in our defensive area, and the second was due to individual errors.

"However, we have made great strides in defense and continue improving daily," he added.

JKT Tanzania will next face Kagera Sugar on September 16 in their second Premier League fixture of the season.

Last season, the team narrowly avoided relegation, finishing with 32 points and securing their spot in the league with a 4-0 playoff win against Tabora United.

Ally's focus remains on fine-tuning his squad's performances as they aim for a successful season.

US Open champ Jannik Sinner is a young man in a hurry. He is 23, is No. 1 and has 2 Slam titles

NEW YORK

NEW U.S. Open champion Jannik Sinner is making big strides in a short amount of time.

And that, he figures, bodes well for what's to come.

Just 23, Sinner already reached No. 1 in the ATP rankings a few months ago and, on Sunday, collected the second Grand Slam trophy of his career - and of the year - by defeating Taylor Fritz 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 in the final at Flushing Meadows.

Add that to his Australian Open championship in January, and Sinner is the first man since Guillermo Vilas all the way back in 1977 to pick up major titles No. 1 and No. 2 within the same season.

"I've gone through a lot things quickly," said Sinner, Italy's second U.S. Open singles title winner, joining 2015 women's champ Flavia Pennetta. "I'm still young. That gives me confidence I still can get better, because at 23, you haven't perfected everything. So my team and I know we have to improve."

In what ways? He pointed to the match against Fritz.

"Today, I played well from the back court. I felt good there," said Sinner, who was exonerated in a doping case the week before the tournament began in New York. "But could I do more? Yes. Could I serve better? Absolutely."

That aspect of his game is considered a relative weakness, but check out this stat: Sinner won 88% of points when his first serve went in.

What the 6-foot-4 (1.93-meter) Sinner did best Sunday is what he does as well as any other man in tennis right now: control the baseline, using his instincts and considerable wingspan to get to nearly every ball and whip it with serious force. He's also an elite returner: Fritz had lost just nine of 107 service games across 22 sets before Sinner broke him three times in the first set alone and a half-dozen times overall.

"Credit to Jannik. He returned well at some of the big moments and got some serves back that a lot of guys don't get back," said Michael Russell, Fritz's coach. "He creates a lot of unique challenges, because he's so dangerous off both sides, the forehand and the backhand, and he moves really well, too."

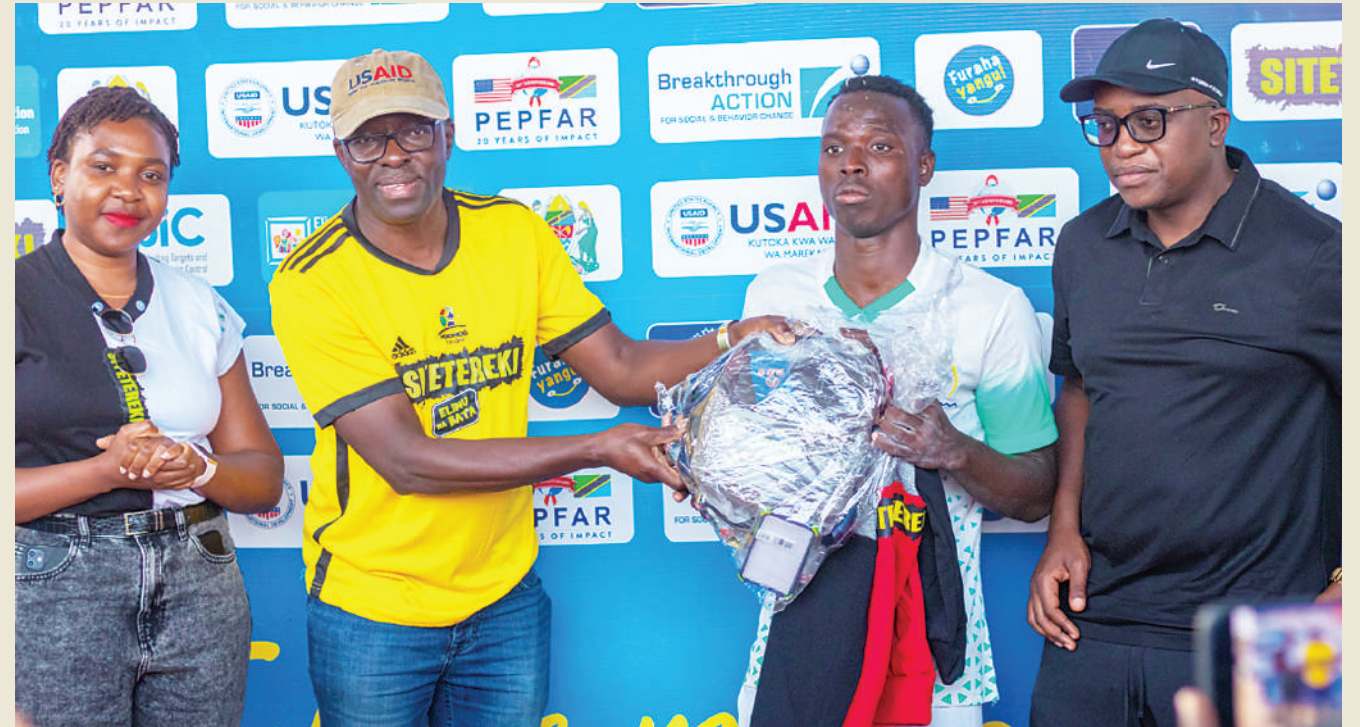
AP



Jannik Sinner, of Italy, holds the championship trophy after defeating Taylor Fritz, of the United States, in the men's singles final of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024, in New York. (AP Photo)

SPORTS

Government leads bold counter-attack against HIV at Ndongdo Cup 2024 with SITETEREKI youth campaign



Moses Bateganya, a USAID representative (2nd L) awards Kassim Hussein who was named the player of the match during the opening of Ndongdo Cup tournament in Dodoma between Kikuyu FC and Nkuhungu Terminal FC. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent

IN a groundbreaking initiative to combat HIV, the U.S. Government, through USAID and PEPFAR, is spearheading a strategic "counter-attack" during the Ndongdo Cup in Dodoma, which kicked off over the weekend.

This grassroots soccer tournament is being transformed into a powerful platform for health intervention, particularly targeting young men and boys who are often underserved by traditional health services.

Building on the impressive success of previous Ndongdo Cup events in Dar es Salaam, Iringa, Mbeya, Mwanza, and Ruvuma - where tens of thousands of football fans accessed HIV testing and vaccination services - this event in Dodoma marks a continuation of the U.S. Government's proactive efforts.

The "counterattack" approach

integrates essential public health services into a widely celebrated community event, ensuring that critical HIV prevention and treatment resources reach those who need them most. At the heart of this initiative is the 'SITETEREKI' youth campaign, designed to engage individuals aged 15-24.

This campaign empowers young people to take charge of their health by providing key information about HIV, addressing the stigma attached to it, and facilitating access to essential HIV services, including HIV testing, antiretroviral therapy (ART) for those who test positive, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), and condoms.

Additionally, the U.S. Government employs the 'Kuwa Bingwa' campaign, encouraging men to prioritize vaccinations for themselves and their families, reinforcing the message that vaccinations are a vital step toward health and well-being.

Moses Bateganya, a representative from USAID, emphasized the innovative nature of this strategy, stating: "We believe that

sports can be a powerful force for promoting behavior change and improving access to services. Our partnership with the Ndongdo Cup and the Government of Tanzania reflects a commitment to innovative strategies that yield real health outcomes." Through the Breakthrough ACTION project, the U.S. Government and Tanzania's Ministry of Health focus on shifting the narrative in favor of public health.

The Ndongdo Cup stands as a testament to the effectiveness of innovative, community-centered strategies in the ongoing battle against HIV in Tanzania, showcasing the U.S. Government's leadership in utilizing sports as a vehicle for health intervention and youth empowerment.

Five Tanzania's sailors to participate in African Optimist Championship 2024

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Tanzania Sailing Association (TSA) is sending five young sailors, aged between 11 and 15 years, to represent the country at the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) African Optimist Championships.

The event will take place in Mahé, Seychelles, from September 14 to 21.

According to a press release from the association, the young sailors have been training at Msasani Bay. Four of them have previously participated in the African Championships, and TSA expressed its gratitude to the association for its continued support of the young athletes.

The sailors selected for the competition hail from the Dar es Salaam Yacht Club and the Kigamboni Sailing Center.

"Optimist sailing is specifically designed for younger sailors between the ages of 7 and 15 years. The competition is organized in collaboration with the International Optimist Dinghy Association

(IODA)," the press release stated.

The IODA has been actively promoting the development of the African Championships to enhance sailing across the continent. While the world championships are the pinnacle of the annual sailing calendar, the African Championships and other continental events play a crucial role in fostering competition and talent development.

Since 2005, Tanzania has participated in these events across different African countries. Notably, the country hosted the African Optimist Championships twice - in 2005 and again in 2012 - where 12 nations were represented, and the Minister of Sports officially opened the event.

Each member country in Africa can send up to 10 sailors, who qualify through national trials.

To promote gender inclusivity in sailing, IODA encourages each team to include at least three female sailors among the 10 participants to support the growth of the girls' fleet in the sport.



Tanzania young sailors who will represent the country at the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) African Optimist Championships which will take place in Mahé, Seychelles, from September 14 to 21. Photo: Correspondent

Martin Odegaard limps off injured for Norway to hand Arsenal scare ahead of north London derby

LONDON

MARTIN Odegaard limped off with an apparent ankle injury in Norway's 2-1 win over Austria on Monday night in what could be a major blow to Arsenal ahead of the north London derby.

The Gunners visit the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Sunday to face their fierce rivals as they look to get their title bid back on track, following a surprise draw with Brighton at the Emirates ahead of the international break, when Declan Rice was controversially sent off.

Rice will be suspended for the Premier League showdown and Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta could now be without his captain too. Odegaard was treated on the field by physios before being helped from the field, looking in some distress.

He was consoled by teammate Erling Haaland, who scored the game's winning goal, though Haaland's Manchester City could be the beneficiaries of any injury crisis at the Emirates Stadium as they chase an unprecedented fifth straight title.

"Martin is doing quite well now," Norway team doctor Ola Sand said. "He got a small ankle sprain. We will see throughout the evening and tomorrow what happens next and what we will do about it."

"Ankle sprains are difficult to deal with straight away, so we almost

have to see how things go forward. We will examine him when we are back at the hotel. Maybe we use ultrasound to look at it. If we are unsure, there will be an MRI."

Arsenal's problems are compounded by an injury to new signing Mikel Merino, who joined from Real Sociedad at the end of the transfer window for an initial £28.4m with a further £4.2m in additions. Merino, Odegaard and Rice were meant to form a new title-winning triumvirate in the centre of the pitch, Merino suffered a fractured shoulder after teammate Gabriel Magalhães fell on him in his first training session.

Odegaard's injury did not prevent Norway from winning the game. Haaland had to wait and wait, after a two-minute video review check, for his 32nd career goal for Norway in just his 35th international as he sealed victory.

At 1-1 in the 80th minute, the ball rebounded to Haaland near the penalty spot and the striker held off two defenders before poking in a low shot. The VAR check for a possible offside went on and on before the goal was confirmed.

Norway and Slovenia each have four points at the top of their second-tier group ahead of meeting in Oslo on 10 October, after Slovenia beat Kazakhstan 3-0 thanks to a Benjamin Šeško hat-trick.

THE INDEPENDENT

Endrick's surprising tribute to Charlton has Brazilians calling him 'Bobby'

SAO PAULO

AFTER Endrick scored the only goal for Brazil in a win over England at Wembley, he revealed a player he unexpectedly idolised.

Bobby Charlton.

Ever since that March night, his Brazil teammates have never let him forget it.

They started calling him "Bobby" and it has stuck.

Last Friday, as Endrick warmed up before the World Cup qualifier against Ecuador in Curitiba, fans were yelling "Bobby Charlton" at him. He was seen smiling and waving.

On Sunday, Brazil striker Rodrygo confirmed it. "Now he is Bobby, he is no longer Endrick. The banter is on," Rodrygo told ESPN. "There's nothing he can do. If he gets angry it will be worse."

Endrick, who turned 18 in July, wasn't used against Ecuador but he looks set to start on Tuesday against Paraguay in Asuncion in his first appearance since the Copa America in July, when he failed to shine and Brazil bowed out in the quarterfinals.

That was in stark contrast to March when Endrick ended a goalless friendly with England 10 minutes from time with his first goal for Brazil and became the youngest male scorer at Wembley. He paid surprising tribute to Charlton, the England and Manchester United great who died last October.

"I am a fan of Bobby Charlton's, he played a lot in this stadium. To play and score at a stadium where he scored so many goals is very important to me," Endrick said.

Journalists at the match had the impression Endrick was instructed to pay tribute to Charlton, which he never confirmed. Later, Brazilian media reported Endrick played a video game that included Charlton.

When memes exploded on Brazilian social media featuring the striker as a fan of antiques, Endrick went quiet about it. An old interview in which he said his father initially wanted to name him after Real Madrid great Alfredo di Stefano added to doubts about whether Endrick was being truthful or just trying to pander to an international audience.

But last month, he again named Charlton, a 1966 World Cup winner, as one of his favorite players in an interview with a social media influencer. No Pelé, no Diego Maradona, no Lionel Messi.

Endrick's list of five also included four past or present players from Real Madrid, which he joined in July.

His Brazilian teammates at Real Madrid – Éder Militão, Vinicius Júnior, Rodrygo – were already on the "Bobby" train but others came aboard after the striker scored his first goal for Madrid on Aug. 25.

"Bien Bobbyyyyyy," goalkeeper Thibault Courtois wrote on social media. Midfielder Jude Bellingham added, "Bobbiiigol."

There seems to be no stopping "Bobby" now.

AP

Bellamy proud of Wales win in 'toughest conditions'

By Dafydd Pritchard

CRAIG Bellamy spoke of his pride after celebrating his first Wales victory in a match in Montenegro played in what he described as the "toughest conditions" he had ever encountered.

Early goals from Kieffer Moore and Harry Wilson secured a 2-1 Nations League win in Niksic, where torrential rain ruined the pitch and made it difficult for players to simply stay on their feet, never mind play football.

However, Wales dug in to earn Bellamy a maiden victory to go with last Friday's promising goalless draw with Turkey in his opening match.

"I'm extremely proud. I love this group, I really do," said Bellamy.

"These are the toughest conditions I've been in. Nothing about coming here has been easy. You could have had a lot of excuses about this trip. The change of venue, the travel here, a bus driver who took his time, the conditions, but sometimes you learn from it. "There is a reason why this group have qualified for major tournaments. It wasn't a football match. The conditions weren't going to allow it. I couldn't even wear trainers here. My summer bomber jacket is gone!"

"We saw after five minutes the pitch tore up and then it becomes about who can win the battle. It was close at times. If it was a boxing match, there were two teams out on their feet and we came out on top. Sometimes you take more pride from these wins."

BBC

France rests Mbappé and beats Belgium while Haaland is decisive in the Nations League

GENEVA

EVEN after leaving star forward Kylian Mbappé on the bench, France handed Belgium yet another loss in the Nations League on Monday.

Two of Mbappé's former teammates at Paris Saint-Germain, Randal Kolo Muani and Ousmane Dembélé, struck with powerful shots either side of halftime in a 2-0 win in Lyon.

The latest win helped France make up ground in the top-tier Nations League group after losing to Italy 3-1 in Paris on Friday. Italy beat Israel 2-1 on Monday with goals from Davide Frattesi and Moise Kean and leads the four-team group.

Also, Erling Haaland scored a decisive 80th-minute goal in Norway's 2-1 win over Austria and Slovenia star Benjamin Šeško scored a hat trick in a 3-0 win over Kazakhstan. Haaland and Šeško once were clubmates in Austria at Salzburg.

Mbappé was rested from the start despite France seeking to avoid a third straight loss, two months after a European Championship semifinals exit against eventual title winner Spain.

Real Madrid's new star had little preseason preparation after Euro 2024 and played a full game against Italy. He was eased in against Belgium by coach Didier Deschamps, who sent on his captain in the 67th minute to replace Kolo Muani.

France extended its winning run over Belgium to four games in the Mbappé era. Starting in the 2018 World Cup semifinals, Les Bleus also eliminated Belgium in the 2021 Nations League semifinals and in the Euro 2024 round of 16.

Monday's game was 43 years to the day since France lost a competition game against Belgium, in 1981 in Brussels in a World Cup qualifier.

Belgium started with fierce intent and France survived a wave



France's Kylian Mbappé, left, controls the ball as Belgium's Zeno Debast tries to stop him during the UEFA Nations League soccer match between France and Belgium at the Groupama stadium in Decines, outside Lyon, France, Monday, Sept. 9, 2024. (AP Photo)

of early attacks in an increasingly testy atmosphere. Belgium forward Lois Openda was at the heart of most of the action and confrontations.

"Belgium created plenty of problems for us, especially in the first 25 minutes," Deschamps acknowledged.

France led in the 30th when Kolo Muani lashed in a shot from close range after goalkeeper Koen Casteels pushed out a weak bouncing effort from Dembélé.

Dembélé was more purposeful in the 57th, cutting in from the right side of the penalty area to score with a rising left-foot shot. A smiling Mbappé was among the substitutes who went on to celebrate with Dembélé and lifted him to his feet.

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Norway and Slovenia each has four points at the top of their second-tier group ahead of meeting in Oslo on Oct. 10.

Norway captain Martin Odegaard limped off with an ankle injury in the second half, causing concern for his club Arsenal, which faces three tough away games in an eight-day spell at Tottenham, Atalanta in the Champions League, and then English Premier League titleholder Manchester City.

"Hat trick for Aktürko lu

Turkey leads its second-tier group from Wales on goal difference with both on four points after wins.

Kerem Aktürko lu scored a hat trick for Turkey, starting in the second minute, in a 3-1 result over

Iceland just days after his move from Galatasaray to Benfica restored his chance to play in the Champions League this season.

Wales scored twice in the first three minutes in Montenegro and hung on for a rain-soaked 2-1 win. The second goal was a dipping shot from 25 meters by Harry Wilson.

"Scoring early and often On a night for early goals, Romania took a fourth-minute lead in a 3-1 win against Lithuania in third-tier Group 2. In the same group, it took Kosovo until the ninth minute to open the scoring in Cyprus, and Vedat Muriqi also added a second soon after in a 4-0 win.

Cyprus faces a possible disciplinary case from UEFA after images circulated of fans displaying a pro-Serbia political banner. Cyprus does not recognize Kosovo's declaration of independence in 2008 from Serbia.

AP

Mauricio Pochettino's pending arrival looms over US soccer friendlies

MILFORD, Ohio

MAURICIO Pochettino's pending arrival looms over interim coach Mikey Varas and his players.

Coming off a dismal performance in Canada's first win over the U.S. on American soil in soccer since 1957, players say they realize more intensity is needed when the team faces New Zealand on Tuesday night.

"All we can do is put ourselves in the best position so that if an announcement is made in the near future that we're ready, that we're confident going into the next step for this federation," U.S. midfielder Christian Pulisic said Monday. "We need to show that no matter who is the coach is that we're willing to fight and willing to give the best for this country and that we want to win games."

Varas and players criticized the team's effort in Saturday's 2-1 defeat, the first U.S. match since first-round elimination at the Copa America led the U.S. Soccer Federation to fire coach Gregg Berhalter.

"Anybody who plays, they will have earned it," Varas said, "and at the same time this is a September window with a new coach coming in so it's also my responsibility to make sure that multiple players get a chance of showcasing themselves as long as they have also shown that they can earn it."

Pochettino (pictured), a former coach of Tottenham, Chelsea and Paris Saint-Germain, has been in negotiations with the USSF since mid-August. He appears likely to take over for friendlies against Panama on Oct. 12 at Austin, Texas, and at Mexico three days later.

"Sometimes when someone new comes in, yeah, it gives everyone a bit of an extra push and say, you know what, I need to show a little bit extra. I need to give a good first impression," Pulisic said. "It can change a little bit of the mentality, a little bit of the culture."

Pochettino would become the first foreign-born coach to head the U.S.



since Jurgen Klinsmann from 2011-16.

"It's better to almost go in not neces-

sarily blind to who you're going to be working for but with an open mind

to understanding that just because they've done things a certain way previously doesn't mean that they're going to do that the same coming in," defender Tim Ream said.

goalkeeper Patrick Schulte started against Canada in his second international appearance and had five saves in a strong performance. Varas chose the 23-year-old over Matt Turner, the No. 1 pick the last two years, Ethan Horvath and 18-year-old Diego Kochen, a Barcelona youth player.

"The decision was, again, to balance the long-term vision and the short-term vision," Varas said. "We need to move the program forward. It was an open competition. And then we were looking for matchups based on the opponent."

The U.S. is missing regulars Sergiño Dest, Antonee Robinson, Tyler Adams, Weston McKennie, Tim Weah and Gio Reyna.

New Zealand is coming off a 3-0 loss to Mexico on Saturday in a friendly at Pasadena, California. The All Whites, whose last World Cup appearance was in 2010, start World Cup qualifying next month against Tahiti.

"Once game time hits," Pulisic said, "it's who's going to go out on the field and who's going to step up and who's going to not be afraid to get into a hard tackle, to show that they're there."

AP

Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

France rests Mbappé and beats Belgium while Haaland is decisive in the Nations League

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Kiwalani and Majani ya Chai primary schools' pupils pictured on Monday during a hockey training session at the Jakaya Kikwete Sports Park in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Fountain Gate eye historic win in first Premier League match in Manyara

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FOUNTAIN Gate FC will be looking to extend their winning streak as they host KenGold FC in today's Tanzania Mainland Premier League match at the Tanzanite Kwaraa Stadium in Babati.

This clash marks a historic moment as it will be the first-ever Premier League match played in the Manyara Region, offering local fans a special occasion to celebrate.

Fountain Gate, currently ranked fifth in the league with three points, began the season with a 4-0 defeat against Simba SC but quickly recovered with a 2-0 victory over Namungo FC in their second match.

Under the leadership of head coach Mohamed Muya, the team has adopted a possession-based style of play, focusing on measured build-ups and calculated attacks.

Muya has praised his team's ability to bounce back from the initial setback against Simba, emphasizing the importance of maintaining momentum.

"The victory over Namungo showed that we can capitalize on our opponents' weaknesses and stay focused," Muya said.

KenGold FC, on the other hand, continue to search for their first Premier League win, and Fountain Gate aim to capitalize on this opportunity to further solidify their position in the standings.

Muya expressed excitement about playing their first home game at Tanzanite Kwaraa Stadium, urging local fans to come out and support the team.

"It's a momentous occasion for the fans in this region. We want to make history and become the first team to secure a Premier League win in Manyara," Muya said.

The match is significant for Manyara, a region that has long awaited the chance to host Premier League football.

Despite being rich in natural resources and tourist attractions, the region has lagged in football development.

However, this season, both Fountain Gate FC and Dodoma Jiji FC have chosen the Tanzanite Kwaraa Stadium as their home venue, marking a new chapter in the region's football journey.

Local fans and football enthusiasts in Manyara are eagerly anticipating the match, hoping to witness their team make history with a victory over KenGold FC.

Confident Simba SC set for CAF Confederation Cup clash in Libya



Simba Sports Club players pictured on Monday during a training session. Photo: Courtesy of SSC

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

SIMBA Sports Club head coach Fadlu Davids has expressed confidence in his team's preparations as they get ready to face a challenging away match against Al Ahly Tripoli in the CAF Confederation Cup.

The two sides will meet in the first leg of the second preliminary round on Sunday, September 15, in Libya, with Simba aiming to secure a favorable result ahead of the return leg in Dar es Salaam a week later.

The stakes are high as both clubs vie for a spot in the group stages of the CAF Confederation Cup, and Davids acknowledges the difficulty of the task at hand.

Speaking ahead of the clash, the South African tactician emphasized the importance of solid preparations and maintaining composure in what is expected to be a hostile environment.

"We have a tough match against Al Ahly Tripoli, especially considering we'll be playing in front of their home crowd. Their fans will be fired up and eager to support their team, so it's important that we remain focused and execute our game plan," Davids said.

He added that his coaching staff had gathered key information on Al Ahly Tripoli, which they have

been using to devise their strategy for the match.

"We've had time to analyze their strengths and weaknesses, and we've worked on a tactical approach that we believe will give us the best chance of success in Libya," he added.

Despite the challenges, Davids expressed confidence in the readiness of his squad, particularly following their recent friendly matches, which allowed him to assess the team's fitness and sharpness.

"At the moment, I am pleased with the physical condition of my players. This is a significant improvement from earlier in the season, during the Community Shield, where many of them lacked the fitness needed to sustain a full 90 minutes of competitive football," he explained.

Simba's preparations have been boosted by a strong start to their domestic campaign in the Tanzanian Premier League.

The club has already registered back-to-back victories, beginning with a dominant 3-0 win over Tabora United, followed by a resounding 4-0 triumph against Singida Black Stars.

These commanding performances have not only demonstrated Simba's attacking prowess but also showcased their defensive solidity, a trait that will be crucial as they face the North African giants.

Davids acknowledged the confidence that his team has gained from these early victories but cautioned that the CAF Confederation Cup presents a different level of competition.

"Domestic success is important, but continental football is always a different challenge. We have to approach this match with a winning mentality and ensure that we get a positive result away from home," he said.

The tactician is well aware of the tactical acumen required to navigate such tough encounters in North Africa, a region known for producing some of the strongest footballing sides on the continent.

Al Ahly Tripoli, in particular, is a formidable opponent with a rich history in continental competitions. Their experience, coupled with home advantage, will make the match a stern test for Simba.

Simba's technical staff, led by Davids, has spent the past week meticulously preparing the squad.

Key players like Jean Charles midfielder Debora Fernandez, and goalkeeper Aishi Manula have been working on fine-tuning their tactics and fitness ahead of the crucial fixture.

Additionally, new signings who have recently integrated into the squad are expected to play an important role, with their presence adding depth and versatility to the team.

Simba were scheduled to depart for Libya either yesterday evening or today, giving them ample time to acclimatize and finalize their preparations before the Sunday showdown. The team is focused on securing a positive result in Tripoli to bring back home, where the return leg in Dar es Salaam could prove decisive for their ambitions of advancing to the group stage.

Kagera Sugar aim for first Premier League win against Tabora United

Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

KAGERA Sugar head coach, Paul Nkata, is optimistic about his team's attacking potential as they seek their first Premier League victory against Tabora United at the Ali Hassan Mwinyi Stadium today.

The Bukoba-based side enters the match following a 1-1 draw in a friendly against Geita Gold over the weekend.

Nkata believes the performance in that game will give his team a boost as they prepare for the domestic league clash against Tabora United.

The Ugandan coach is keen to turn things around after two consecutive home defeats to Singida Black Stars and Young Africans.

After a series of intense training sessions and the friendly match, Nkata praised his team's defensive organization but acknowledged the need for improvement in finishing.

He highlighted that the draw against Geita Gold has instilled greater confidence in his squad.

"In both matches we lost, we weren't completely outplayed. Our team has good ball possession and fighting spirit, but we struggle to create scoring chances.

"I'm working on addressing this issue, and I believe we can build a strong team," Nkata said.

The gaffer also found hope in their recent performances, stating: "Scoring against our opponents in the friendly match was a positive step.

"I hope my players continue this momentum, and we can achieve our objectives in Wednesday's match. We respect our opponents but will focus on executing our game plan."

Looking ahead, Nkata believes this season's league will be more competitive than the previous one.

"The league will be tougher this season. Teams have prepared well, invested heavily, and addressed their weaknesses, ensuring they don't repeat past mistakes," he said.

In his first season at Kagera Sugar, Nkata emphasized the need for his team to step up in order to compete effectively.

"Given the high level of competition, I will ensure that my team is well-prepared to challenge for success," he remarked.

Their opponents, Tabora United, come into this fixture riding high on confidence after a 2-1 victory over Namungo in their previous league encounter.

However, Tabora United also experienced a heavy defeat in their opening match, falling 3-0 to current league leaders Simba SC.

As both teams look to make a statement, Kagera Sugar will be eager to secure their first win of the season and avoid further setbacks in their quest for domestic success.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

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A BODY IN MOTION WILL BE IN MOTION UNLESS AN OUTSIDE FORCE STOPS IT. AND A STATIONARY BODY WILL REMAIN STATIONARY



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