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Subsidised fertiliser: Government warns would-be profiteers

By Guardian Reporter

REGULATORY authorities will take stern measures on whoever will be found to sabotage the government's efforts in providing subsidized inputs to farmers.

Dr Stephan Ngailo (pictured), executive director of the Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) made this affirmation in a briefing to reporters at a press conference in Dar es Salaam at the weekend.

The note of caution comes in the wake of reports regarding village officials in Wanging'ombe District, Njombe Region who demanded that farmers pay a fee for the registration exercise, in violation of procedures for registering farmers eligible for accessing subsidized inputs.

Farmers don't have to pay any fees and registration is a continuous exercise, he said, commending the DC for speaking up against the practice as soon as he learned of it.

He sought to allay fears of the possible misuse of the input by farmers and thus causing shortages, underlining that only registered farmers will get the fertiliser, and at present there is adequate fertiliser in the silos.

At the end of last month a total of 126,000 tonnes of fertiliser was available in warehouses countrywide, he said, noting since then a few other ships have brought in fertilizer.

The ship currently at the port has 23,000 tonnes of NPK fertiliser and on Thursday this week another ship with 30,000 tonnes of DAP and NPK is expected to dock, followed by a September 2 berthing of another vessel with 17,000 tonnes cargo.

More ships will be berthing next month, the director added.

'Mrema sparked in multiparty politics'

By Guardian Reporters

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has said she received with sadness news on the death of Tanzania Labour Party (TLP) chairman Augustine Lyatonga Mrema (born on the last day of 1944) which occurred in a Dar es Salaam hospital yesterday morning.

In her twitter account, the president said she would remember Mrema (pictured) for his contribution to multiparty politics, his patriotism and his love for his fellow Tanzanians.

She conveyed heartfelt condolences to the Mrema family and the public at large.

A cross-section of political actors noted in different forums that Mrema was a long-serving political figure and political party chairman, so his death was a big blow for the nation.

He was a true reformer and would be remembered for his dignified political campaigns, some said.

Grace Kiwelu of the opposition Chadema, a former Special Seats legislator - like Mrema from Kilimanjaro Region, said despite the differences between them in party loyalties, she would remember him for "conducting politics without undermining others".

Seeking to console Tanzanians, Vunjo



Jenista Mhagama (R), Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend bidding farewell to Mama Maria Nyerere, widow of Father of the Nation Mwalimu JK Nyerere, after calling on her at her Msanani residence. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ACT objecting to levies on transacting in banks

By Guardian Reporter

ACT-Wazalendo, an opposition political party, has expressed displeasure at the regulatory procedure where bank transactions

are charged twice, first in direct payments in banks and then in automatic transactions.

Juma Kombo, the party's spokesman on financial and economic issues said in a statement at the weekend that double charges

from a single source on bank transactions is not acceptable as a source of government revenue.

The government has to rethink the correct way to collect revenue instead of burdening charges on a specific category of people, he said, insisting that the government must not impose unnecessary burdens on the people.

Such charges reduce people's enthusiasm in using the formal financial system, undermining past efforts in mobilising the

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Minister stresses accurate information during census

By Guardian Reporter

FINAL preparations for the population and housing census exercise set for tomorrow were marked by a strident appeal by the government that people should be cooperative when receiving census officials and provide accurate information on the questions posed.

Dr Selemani Jafo, Office of the Vice President (Union and Environment) state minister said yesterday that clerks visiting homes tomorrow must be given true information to provide an accurate momentary picture for development plans for the next 10 years.

Officiating at a 2022 census awareness bonanza in Kisarawe District of Coast Region, the minister urged citizens to be ready to be counted and answer questions rightly to enable the government to collect accurate data.

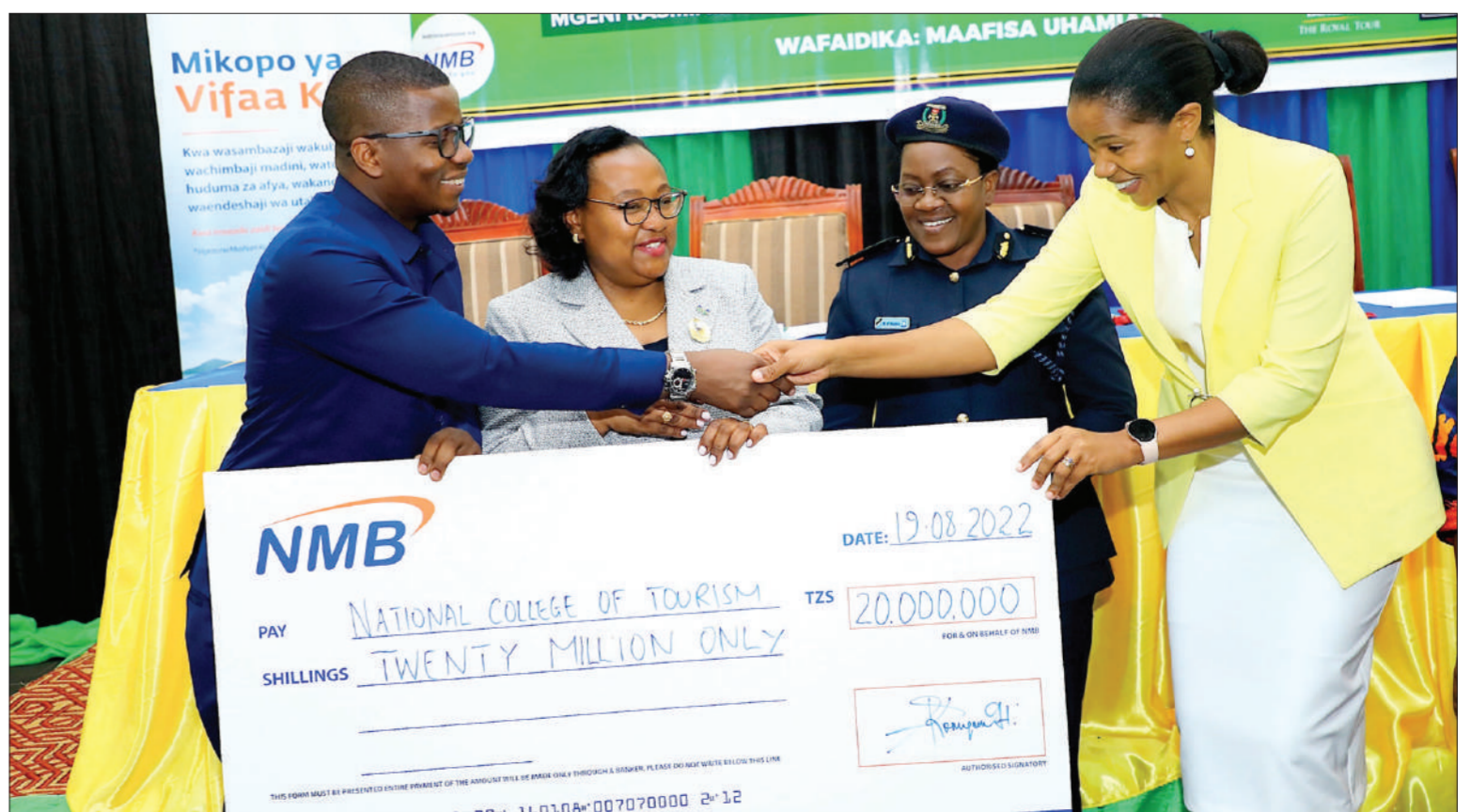
Correct implementation of the census will provide reliable data on people and their housing conditions, helping in planning budgetary expenditure on the population and growth trends over time, he said.

"Your biggest responsibility is to be ready to be counted and to cooperate with the clerks and all census officers. If we do not cooperate, this census will no longer be quite as meaningful," he said.

Preparations for the census have been completed and officials are ready to do the job, where the raw data will be put to scanners that will send the dotted information directly to a major receiving center, he stated.

He figured out that the 2023 census has elicited enthusiasm from the people on account of an extensive awareness drive eclipsing what was done in 2012, as

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Emmanuel Akonaay (L), NMB Bank Plc's chief human resources officer, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting a dummy cheque for 20m/- to National College of Tourism CEO Dr Shogo Mlozi to help the college facilitate training for stakeholders in the tourism value chain. Witnessing the event are Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Pindi Chana (2nd-L) and Immigration commissioner general Dr Anna Makakala. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Mtwara Port acting manager James Mpuya (L) briefs Works and Transport ministry (Transport) permanent secretary Gabriel Migire (C) at the weekend during the latter's visit to a 157bn/- pier which has just been installed at the facility. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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public to use the systems instead of carrying bundles of cash or hiding savings in their homes.

Double charging started early last month via a notice by Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba in the Government Gazette No 478V imposing levies on transactions through banks. It relates to drawing money via ATM, over the counter, banking agencies and mobile banking systems, he said.

The deductions place heavy burdens on bank customers, given the fact that levies already exist on sim banking transactions, which caused a 25 per

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cent drop in the number of cash transfers, he said.

He suggested that the government is not making efforts to initiate alternative strategies for revenue and opts to maintain the burden instead of removing it. The government was focused on looking for new levies upon mobile banking services, he declared.

"ACT Wazalendo joins the people in opposing the implementation of the new deduction procedure as it

stands to reduce money circulation and people using banking services will drop," he further stated.

The levies will create hardships for traders, farmers, food vendors and fishermen as they are an obstacle to expanding the digital economy. Reverting to keeping money at home exposes the savings to robbers, he added.

He revisited explanations from the minister who said in a televised interview that the issue has been

legally endorsed by the legislature and cannot be altered; saying that it gives the impression of an uncaring government.

ACT-Wazalendo calls on the government to suspend the new procedure to provide relief to bank customers, and look into other revenue sources, he said, citing an abundant presence of natural resources like minerals and forests, along with wide ranging business activities and services.

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constituency residents and TLP members in particular for losing their chairman, Kiwelu recalled competing against Mrema in the last polls in the constituency.

"But I remember him engaging in politics without undermining others, other than rather controversially openly supporting the ruling CCM," she said, adding: "He left a mark in the building of thousands of police posts when serving as Home Affairs deputy minister in early 1990s.

Kiwelu further noted that Mrema's contribution to multiparty politics was massive "as he enlivened the race for the country's presidency in quitting CCM in 1995 and helping opposition parties to grow in strength".

Anthony Komu, opposition NCCR-Mageuzi deputy secretary general and former Moshi Rural MP (Chadema) in the past legislature, meanwhile also said Mrema contributed phenomenally to the country's multiparty political system.

"Mrema was an integral part of the first multiparty poll, mounting a strong challenge to the ruling party and wooing many activists to join political parties," he said.

"In addition, he left a unique mark in resolving the long-standing land dispute in Meru District, Arusha Region, in the 1990s that saw many people being killed in the violent wrangles," he stated.

Kiswigu Alipo, West Marangu ward executive at Mrema's Kiraracha home village, said the villagers were in great shock and village leaders were preparing for the funeral procession.

Opposition Civic United Front (CUF) chairman Prof Ibrahim Lipumba described Mrema's death as "a colossal public event in that during his time he made great contributions as a government official and then in fostering multiparty politics".

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challenges surfaced in some regions like Mtwara, Lindi, Tanga, Coast and Kigoma.

In earlier remarks, Coast RC Abubakar Kunenge said this year's census will include people living together, unlike previous censuses that took data simply on individuals.

This census is anchored in laptop technology to facilitate the widest

"The nation has lost a leader who was a great attraction to ordinary people, especially on how he was able to handle people's complaints when he was Home Affairs minister and deputy premier," noted Prof Lipumba.

"His contribution to Tanzania's development will be greatly remembered as he was a star figure in the 1995 elections when NCCR-Mageuzi shook the ruling CCM," he added.

The CUF leader said Mrema was close to the people and was thus able to resolve many disputes, "and that is why people were often pushing his vehicle during the 1995 election campaigns".

Judge Francis Mutungi, the registrar of political parties, said his office received news on Mrema's passing "with great shock". He was a serious politician since the era of the single party, he stated.

TLP secretary general Richard Lyimo said the party had received a great blow in the passing of the chairman, "a teacher of teachers in Tanzanian politics".

The party's flags will fly at half-mast for ten days running while party members figure out how "they will get another Mrema", he declared.

He said Mrema was taken to Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) on Monday upon complications from diabetes, with doctors conducting tests affirming that there was water in his lungs. As he received treatment his condition deteriorated and passed on several days later.

One of NCCR-Mageuzi's founders, Faustine Sungura, said Mrema's death was a big blow "as he was among the few politicians capable of boosting the fortunes of the opposition camp" in all manner of elections.

Mrema's death was announced by the head of MNH's relations and communications unit, Aminiel Aligaesha, who said he died yesterday at around 6:30 am while in intensive



USAID Tanzania Mission Director Kate Somvongsiri (2nd-R) speaks at a roundtable meeting in Iringa municipality at the weekend between the USAID Tanzania and Iringa Press Club members. It was coordinated by Internews Tanzania in collaboration with FHI360 Tanzania. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

India intends to establish a 'world-class' engineering training college in Tanzania

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THROUGH mutual relations with Tanzania, India intends to set up a world class High-Tech Engineering Training Center in Tanzania.

India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Shri Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, said the joint project with the Ministry of Education should take off in the course of next year.

The envoy was speaking in Arusha during the occasion to mark his country's 75 years of Independence.

The event is in line with 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,' the Indian Government initiative to commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements.

At the Kalakendra Cultural event organized by the Hindi Community in Arusha, the Indian Envoy pointed

out that the India-Tanzania Centre of Excellence in Information and Communication Technology is already bearing fruits here.

India helped to establish a Param High Speed Super Computer, IT laboratories, tele-medicine center at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) which is linked to 10 remote regional hubs.

Also, a more powerful supercomputer Param-Kilimanjaro is installed and runs at Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology in Arusha.

The Param-Kilimanjaro of Arusha is essentially five-times more powerful than the Param-Serengeti in Dar-es-salaam.

As it happens, the NM-AIST Param Kilimanjaro at NM-AIST is a 100 terabyte (100,000 gigabyte) machine

compared to the Param Serengeti operating at DIT, which features only 20 terabytes (20,000 gigabyte).

A supercomputer is a computer with a high-level computational capacity compared to a general-purpose computer.

Performance of a supercomputer is measured in floating-point operations per second (FLOPS) instead of million instructions per second (MIPS).

The India-Tanzania education relationship is as old as the 62 years of Independence, with more than 500 scholarships extended to students from Tanzania going to study in New Delhi or Mumbai. "Many Tanzanians went to India for training and were groomed under the country's Education System," pointed out the Arusha Regional Commissioner, John Mongella, adding that he was among

the beneficiaries of India's training.

The global Mahotsav event, observed worldwide, is dedicated to the people of India who have been instrumental in the country's development and its evolutionary journey.

It is also in line with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of activating India 2.0, fueled by the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commenced on 12 March 2021 which started a 75-week countdown to India's 75th anniversary of independence and will end post a year on 15th August 2023.

According to Ambassador Shri Binaya Srikanta, the Indian journey of 75 years was not smooth but against all odds its people managed to make it move forward and they have achieved a lot.

collection of information and sending the data from the residential areas sources to the main servers rapidly.

"It is my expectation that the population and housing census exercise will go well as most areas will be reached in full. In order for us to be successful there must be readiness among the people and government ability to run the exercise properly," he added.

Sponsor health checks for needy, Hai DC appeals to stakeholders

By Correspondent James Lanka, Hai

HAI District Commissioner Juma Irando has appealed to development stakeholders from both public and private sectors to have a habit of sponsoring health examinations for people who cannot afford the costs of such services.

DC made the appeal at the weekend when launching a free health examination camp for testing various diseases at Hai district hospital that was fully sponsored by the Islamic organization called Al Ata'a Charitable Foundation (ACF).

"This service has attracted many people who do not have the ability to pay for their health observations; reliable information show that there are those who have been found to have infectious diseases that would even lead to death for them, but after being diagnosed, they continued to get treatment," he said, adding, the idea of setting the camp by Al Ata'a Charitable Foundation was a good example to emulate by others.

DC Irando said the move by Al Ata'a should be supported by the citizens as well as local and foreign investors especially to think of setting up camps that would reach those in rural areas and that by doing so they will complement efforts made by the Government to improve the health status of its citizens.

He praised Al Ata'a leadership for sponsoring the services whereby he said that health testing and treatment for those who are found to be sick is

a big step taken by the institution in improving people's health.

Al Ata'a institution executive director Ahmed Elhamrawy lauded the government leadership for giving the institution the opportunity to carry out activities meant to serve people's health.

He said: "In addition to giving us the opportunity to do these activities, the Government through its ministry of health, also provided us with statistics concerning the field in which we continue to work; these statistics have been our guidelines in carrying out our daily duties meant to serve the people".

"In collaboration with the Qatar Foundation, we have already done activities like this one in Kigoma, Coast, Dodoma and Arusha regions before the one we are conducting in Kilimanjaro region currently," he said.

He noted that apart from health testing services and other medical related funding, the institution has also made other contributions through the construction of schools, health facilities, Houses of Worship as well as providing various other services, the main aim of which is to benefit the citizens, especially those who need services that they can't afford to finance.

Kilimanjaro Region Chief Sheikh Alhaj Shaban Mlewa called on people to use the opportunity provided by the Al Ata'a institution to examine their health so that when they were diagnosed they could get the required treatment.



Serengeti Breweries Limited staff in a group photo at the weekend after making it to Mount Kilimanjaro's highest point, Uhuru Peak. The feat was meant chiefly to encourage domestic tourism in Tanzania and take the brewer's Serengeti beer brand to the top of Africa's highest mountain and the world's highest single free-standing mountain at 5,895 metres above sea level. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent James Kandoya

Dr Chuwa urges PHC clerks to observe ethics and regulations

POPULATION and Housing Census clerks have been cautioned and urged to observe ethics and regulations which include not disclosing people's information as the country is prepared to conduct its first digital census tomorrow.

Dr Albina Chuwa, Statistician General said this in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when briefing journalists on the preparation of the census exercise.

She said during and after conducting the exercise the clerks are not allowed to disclose any person's information where if found, the clerk will suffer six months in prison.

Dr Chuwa said disclosing someone's information is against ethics and section 351 of the statistics Act.

"During the training, the clerks were taught about ethics and other regulations governing census that they are not allowed to disclose people's information. Any one going against it must face punishment including six months in prison," she said.

The statistician general said, preliminary results of the Population and Housing census will be announced to the public in October, this year.

Dr Chuwa described that an awareness campaign about the census will continue for six days consecutively adding that NBS will train members of the media how to translate the census results.

Zanzibar Commissioner for Population and Housing Census 2022-Zanzibar, Ambassador Mohamed Haji Hamza said that already a total of 205,000 census clerks have been allocated in different places to ensure that the exercise is achieved.

He said the move came after throughout training to equip them with skills and ethics governing the exercise to Ambassador Hamza said the clerks have been stationed in 104,334 centres adding that out of that 103,003 centres are in Tanzania mainland and 4,301 centres will be in Zanzibar. "Our clerks are already in the streets and wards ready for the coming exercise. I call on the community to cooperate with the clerks to make it successful," he said.

He said the exercise will continue for six years consecutively to ensure the questionnaires have been collected.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has declared August 23 the census day to be a public holiday so as to give a chance for the people to participate in the census.

The announcement was made by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa on Augusts 18, when he addressed the 7th meeting of the National Population and Housing Census Committee in the capital Dar es Salaam.

Majaliwa declared the census day a public holiday aimed at enabling Tanzanians to fully participate in the national population census.

"The holiday will enable people to stay at home and be counted by the census clerks on the census day," he said.

He urged all Tanzanians to ensure that they participate and get counted on the census day, saying the exercise was aimed at enabling the government to put in place plans that will help benefit all Tanzanians.

The last Population and Housing Census was conducted in the country in 2012.

By Guardian Reporter

ENERGY minister January Makamba has challenged the private sector to join hands and invest in large scale energy projects in the country instead of leaving them to foreign investors.

Makamba said projects like those of renewable energy, wind and that needing large capital, the private sector is supposed to pool their efforts and invest thereon for the country's development.

The Minister made the call in Dar es Salaam at the weekend when he met with Chief Executive Officers, Round Table of Tanzania (CEOrt) from various companies to discuss on how to involve the private sector in the country's energy projects.

"There are projects requiring big capital such as 2trn/-. The private sector is supposed to merge and invest thereon, right now the government has excellent relations with the private sector and that it has been of great assistance especially in providing employment as well as advising us on various issues," said the Energy Minister.

Makamba pushes private sector to invest in large energy projects

He said in the energy sector especially in regards to the implementation of projects, the government has been utilizing local contractors, and added that for large projects such as the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project, it will depend on investor investors. He also stressed on the involvement of the private sector in the value chain in regard to the country's various types of energy.

CEO Chairman, David Tarimo said the private sector has a big contribution for the country's economic growth; hence it has been collaborating with the government at all times.

He said in energy, the private sector has been making big contributions in investment, and that they have been concentrating in boosting investment and growth hence it has become an important component for depending on strategic contribution and involvement in opening up the country's new opportunities.

He added: "If given the opportunity, we can, because we have been an impetus in the economic growth, many projects in the country are implemented by the private sector, the situation that spurs transformation in the job market."

We are ready for the census... Are you?

TANGA EDUCATION SOCIETY [TES]

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the society will be held on **Sunday, 28TH August, 2022, 10:00am** at the Bhanji Laxman Hall-Popatlal English Medium Pre and Primary School Tanga. Members are requested to be on time.

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19TH ANNUAL ENGINEERS DAY, 22nd and 23rd SEPTEMBER, 2022

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE TO THE EVENT

The Engineers Registration Board (ERB), a statutory body established by the Engineers Registration Act No 15 of 1997, as amended by Act No. 24 of 2007. The Board has responsibilities of regulating engineering activities and the conduct of engineers, engineering technicians and engineering consulting firms in Tanzania as well as promoting and providing opportunities and facilities for the study of and professional training in engineering.

One of the Boards functions is to organize/facilitate conferences, seminars and workshops on matters relevant to the field of Engineering.

The Board is therefore organizing an Annual Event for 19th Annual Engineers Day (AED) that will take place on **22nd and 23rd September 2022 at Dr. Jakaya Kikwete Convention Centre, Dodoma.**

The theme of the event is **"Innovation and Skills Development in Enhancing National Sustainable Economic Development: Engineering Perspective"**.

The major activities during the AED event will include:

Confirmation of participation is through payment of a registration fee as shown below:

Category	Participation fee	Description	Benefit
A	Tshs. 350,000/= per participant	Participants who will attend physically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will be provided with Bags and T-shirts. Practicing Engineers will be awarded 16 PDUs. Capacity building Breakfast, Refreshments, Lunch and Cocktail Networking
B	Tshs. 250,000/= per participant	Participants who will attend virtually with souvenir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will be provided with Bags and T-shirts. Practicing Engineers will be awarded 16 PDUs. Capacity building Video conference subscription for 2 days
C	Tshs. 150,000/= per participants	Participants who will attend virtually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practicing Engineers will be awarded 16 PDUs. Capacity building. Video conference subscription for 2 days.

The deadline for confirmation will be on 15th September 2022. Additional amount of Tshs. 50,000/= will be added to participants when payments are done after the deadline.

All payments will be made by **control number** obtained from Annual Engineers Day online system (www.engineersday.co.tz). All participants are required to **first register for the event and obtain the control number**, then to pay using the invoice / control number obtained. For **group booking**, registration is through the system by opting **"bulk booking"** as well as submitting official letter with names, emails and Mobile numbers via email: info@erb.go.tz.

Payments for the event without a reference / Control number **will not be accepted.** Online registration System opened on **16th August 2022.**

Virtual participants will be provided with Meeting ID and Password after registration through online registration system and payment of participation fee.

Registration of Participants and collection of conference materials will be on 21st September 2022 at Dr. Jakaya Kikwete Convention Centre,

Dodoma from 0900hrs. Physical participants will be required to come with Barcode form and payment details.

Engineers are also reminded of their obligations to pay statutory fees in time and renewal of practicing licence which will become due on **1st January 2023.**

For more information on this you may contact the Board or visit Online System or scan the QR Code.

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The 2022 Population and Housing Census

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- What is Population and Housing Census?**
Population and Housing Census is a total count of the country's population, where demographic, social, economic and environmental information as well as information about housing conditions of the people who live in the country is gathered.
- How will census be conducted?**
On the census day, enumerator will visit households with census questionnaire and conduct interview with head of household or any other person entrusted to represent him or her.
- Why do we conduct Population and Housing Census?**
The government conducts census to collect information which will assist in planning, decision-making, monitoring and evaluation of development policies and programs. Indeed, the information collected is also used by private sector, development partners and social institutions in planning and implementation of their day-to-day activities.
- How can I identify an Enumerator**
Enumerator will visit your household accompanied with your local leader wearing special uniform and with identity card.
- Which information is collected during census?**
The information collected includes demographic variables such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, disability status and housing condition as well as economic activities of household members. Other information includes ownership of identity documents such as National ID, Zanzibar Resident Identity Card, Passport, Driving License, Health Insurance Card and Machinga ID card.
- When will Census be held?**
Census count begins on the night of 23rd August, 2022 and enumeration will continue for up to six days through 29th August, 2022. However, all information collected will be referred to the census night; that is 23rd August, 2022
- Who will be enumerated during Census?**
Everyone who will be within the geographical boundaries of the United Republic of Tanzania on the census night irrespective of his or her citizenship status.
- Is it important to take part in census?**
Yes, because government and all other partners including the private sector need accurate information for effective planning and policy making. Census data assist government as well as private sector to establish the needs of different population groups in the society and be able to plan and address them accordingly.
- How will census be conducted?**
On the census day, enumerator will visit households with census questionnaire and conduct interview with head of household or any other person entrusted to represent him or her.
- How can I identify an Enumerator**
Enumerator will visit your household accompanied with your local leader wearing special uniform and with identity card.
- Should I let the enumerator into my house?**
Yes, as the interview is expected to take about thirty minutes depending on the size of the household, and the need to keep the information collected confidential, it is advised to let the enumerator into your house or somewhere within the compound where the anticipated privacy can be assured once you have done all necessary checks and satisfied that the person is legitimate.
- What is my responsibility?**
Everyone is responsible to provide correct and accurate information during the interview. Remember that providing correct and accurate information will result in producing quality census data.
- Am I legally bound to participate?**
Section 351 of the Statistics Act obliges respondent to answer all questions put to him/her by the enumerator.
- Is my collected information safe and confidential?**
Yes, all your collected information is strictly confidential. The law guarantees the confidentiality of your information and data collected, and are strictly used for statistical purposes only. Please, note that all enumerators are signing an oath of secrecy to uphold the confidentiality of the collected information.
- What can I do if I have a question?**
If you have any question, kindly contact our census offices at regional and district level. You can also call our Census Information desk through telephone numbers below.

Call Centre: +255626141515/+255753665491/+255764443873.
www.nbs.go.tz | www.ocgs.go.tz

By Getrude Mbago

THE Ambassador of the Netherlands to Tanzania, Wiebe de Boer, has urged youth to prioritize and take up potato farming due to its numerous benefits as well as the growing demand of the product locally and in the neighboring markets.

He made the call in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, during the commemoration of the World Potato Day, an event which was conducted at the embassy.

The occasion went along with awarding three young Tanzanians for winning in a special challenge dubbed "Potato recipe Challenge" ran by the embassy. They were awarded with certificates of appreciation and other gifts for their outstanding creativity in making various dishes using potatoes.

"I want to encourage the youth and the public in general to take up potato farming so as to increase their income, we at the embassy have been supporting a number of initiatives to help farmers especially in southern

Dutch ambassador encourages potato farming in the country

highland regions to venture into agriculture of various crops including potato and avocados," ambassador Wiebe said.

He said if well grown, potato crops can secure a market inside the country as well as neighboring Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and many others nearby markets.

According to ambassador Wiebe, this is a venture that has enabled many farmers to get millions of shillings in the Netherlands due to quality seeds as well as adhering to modern farming practices and if Tanzanians will make this crop their priority, will also earn a

lot and transform their incomes.

He said the Netherlands has a lot of potato seed varieties that are all disease resistant and some of them are now supplied in Tanzania.

"This a lucrative opportunity which youth and all Tanzanians can pounce on, so the government should increase efforts in researching more areas that are suitable for growing the crop as well as support youth to establish big potato farming fields for the country's development," he asserted.

He said agriculture is the mainstay of the Dutch economy, and its people are heavily and seriously involved

in advanced and highly mechanised potato, dairy, poultry, piggery and horticultural farming.

The envoy further said that the Dutch government will continue working closely with the government of Tanzania as well as the private sector to support implementation of several development initiatives including the agriculture sector.

Elice Lekasio, one of the potato challenge winners commended the embassy for coming with the challenge as it hasn't only helped her improve knowledge on making several dishes of the crop, but helped many other

Tanzanians to understand the health and economic importance of the food.


"I saw the challenge and decided to join it, I thank God that my dish has emerged as a special one than others, potato have a lot of health advantages, we should continue promoting its farming as well as adding value to produce several other products for it," she said.

Other winners are Sophia Abeid and Renatha Edga who also showed their creativity, originality, presentation and execution in preparing different dishes of potato.

The Netherlands is one of seven

European countries that rank among the top ten world's potato producing countries. Despite the fact that there has been continuous decline in potato production in most of the European countries, The Netherlands continues to use almost 25 percent of its agricultural land for potato production and have managed to reach a world record of more than 45 tonnes per hectare in yield. The Netherlands leads in sales of approved potato seeds in the world and sales about 1,000,000 Metric tonnes a year.

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

Leachate Piping and Settling Ponds Upgrade

Pre-qualification Criteria

Reference No.	Description	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	NM52/2022/A Package A: Upgrading of Gokona Settling Ponds at North Mara Gold Mine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Company profile with proven civil works experience, completion certificates of previous projects with reference list of Clients, applicant agrees - without reservation-upon the submission of EOI, that the Company has the full right to contact any of the references provided. ii. Registered Class 4 in Civil Construction with Contractors Registration Board, Tanzania. iii. List of Resources with CVs of all Personnel to be mobilized for completion of works. iv. List of Equipment's to be mobilized required for completion of works. v. Work Completion Schedule - Level II, Method statement for critical works. vi. Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plans and documentation certificates. vii. Experience working with Mining Industry & Barrick Group. viii. Bidders HSE policy & procedures.
2	NM52/2022/B Package B: Supply of HDPE Pipes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Applicants to submit company profile. ii. To be able to supply HDPE pipes of conform with the requirements of TZS 921/ISO 4427. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PN16 355 diameter pipes, length 12 metres – Quantity 815 Nos b. PN16 160 diameter pipes, length 12 metres – Quantity 815 Nos iii. Commercial proposal to be submitted for supply of the pipes. iv. Technical specification for HDPE pipes. v. Support and assistance for installation of piping and pressure testing. vi. Lead time of delivery. vii. Local Content Regulations Compliance viii. To provide proof of statements as necessary regarding financial stability and documents complying with Tanzanian Laws and Regulations.

Expression of interest (Package A)

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

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

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

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of NMGM Submission of Proposals (Package B)

If your company meets the qualification criteria, submit your proposal alongside all supporting documentation to nm.proposal@barrick.com

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

Key Dates


- Last date to submit EOI (Package A) **26 August 2022**
- Last date to submit Proposals (Package B) **26 August 2022**

North Mara Gold Mine Limited

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TANZANIA ZAMBIA RAILWAY AUTHORITY

HEAD OFFICE



JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) is a Statutory Institution owned by the two Governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia on a 50/50 share holding basis, with its registered head Office being in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The Authority has two Regional Administrative Centres, one in Mpika, Zambia and the other in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Tanzanians to fill the vacant position of:

Job Title	: Superintendent
Salary Scale	: TSG 11
Reporting to	: Works Engineer
Location	: Dar es Salaam Workshops
Number of Post	: Two (2) post

JOB PURPOSE

To supervise, control and co-ordinate preventive and corrective maintenance of passenger coaches in order to enhance the life span, available time and reduce maintenance costs.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provides adequate reliable and efficient passenger coaches to traffic to sustain operations.
2. Procures in conjunction with the Supplies Personnel, adequate stocks of spares and materials for the repair and maintenance of passenger coaches.
3. Develops and seeks approval of cost effective maintenance and repair methods and strategies, modifications to passenger coaches etc to enhance efficiency in operations, reduce break downs and control maintenance costs.
4. Reviews maintenance schedules in consultation with superior, basing revision of ages of passenger coaches, quality of spares and materials used, manpower skill levels availability.
5. Maintains high job performance standards in the section to ensure performance effectiveness and efficiency.
6. Initiates stores requisitions for materials and spare parts, submits same to superior for approval and controls their usage.
7. Provides management with information regarding the progress of work being done on locomotives and related problems.
8. Compiles reports related to overhaul work done and cost of the materials and spares used, manpower utilisation etc and submits same to management for costing purposes and other use.
9. Ensures that discipline and company and statutory safety rules and regulations are observed by subordinates during the execution of work.

CORE COMPETENCIES

1. Goal-oriented and able to work independently to achieve results, as well as able to collaborate with a diverse team.
2. Able to write analytical and technical reports
3. Strong interpersonal, communication and leadership skills
4. Ability to manage and prioritize tasks and projects
5. Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills
6. Safe working methods.

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

1. Form IV/VI Certificate
2. Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, /Full Technician Certificate or its equivalent from a reputable College or University
3. Six (6) years relevant work experience, three (3) of which should be at Quality controller level.
4. Not more than 45 years of age
5. Post graduate works at Technologist level, will be an added advantage
6. Registered Member of the engineering registration board (ERB) in Tanzania.

MODE OF APPLICATION

Only candidates who meet the specified requirement need to apply to the address indicated below, enclosing their detailed curriculum vitae, certified copies of educational certificates, names and address of three traceable reference.

The Regional General Manager (T)
Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority
Junction of Nelson Mandela & Julius Nyerere Road
P.O. Box 40160
DAR ES SALAAM

Closing date for receiving application letters is two weeks from the date of the advert issued . Only short-listed candidates will be communicated to. Please note that no faxed or electronic applications will be accepted.

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Stop abandoning mothers with disabled children, men urged

By Correspondent Francis Godwin, Mufindi

MEN have been urged to cooperate with their wives to raise children who are born with disabilities instead of abandoning them and leaving them to women alone.

Trainer and psychologist Anastazia Godfrey made the call recently when wrapping up three-day training to 170 parents living with children and young people with disabilities in Mufindi District, Iringa region.

Anastazia said that there is a misconception among some men when their wives give birth to children with disabilities that they run away from the family and leave the responsibility of raising a disabled child to women, which is not good because a disabled child is same like any other and should be given all rights including his right to be valued and his parents.

She said: "The happiness of the family includes not discriminating against the children and the

family that runs away or hides the child with disabilities should be strongly reprimanded because continuing to turn a blind eye to all those who stigmatize children with disabilities is increasing the magnitude of the problem of children with disabilities lacking various opportunities including education."

"Parents should support the challenges they encounter in the family including raising children with disabilities by seeing the challenges of raising a child with disabilities as normal for him." Added Anastazia

She said that having a child with a disability is a mistake in the family but it is God's plan and a child with a disability has a great potential to be a help in the community around him and the Nation as a whole.

Anastazia added that through the training, it is a great expectation to see more education continue to be provided so that children with disabilities in the Mufindi district continue to be

exposed to get various social opportunities.

Youth Agency Mufindi (YAM) project manager Zilpa Mgeni said that the project is being run in collaboration with the government and so they thank the government for showing a high level of cooperation with their project which in general has a great support for young people and children with disabilities in Mufindi district especially Ihanu ward, Mdbulo and Luhunga where the project works in 16 villages of those Wards.

"My team and I have seen that this project is helping because we have realized that there is a big change since we started identifying them because in the beginning they did not believe that they could do business, but after receiving training in psychology and entrepreneurship they themselves have admitted that they can do something," said Zilpa

She also asked the government to provide more cooperation, especially by helping to obtain loans

for people with disabilities to help people with them start various developmental projects.

On the benefits of this training, Zilpa said the aim of the training is to enable the group of parents and guardians who live with young people and children with disabilities to get education in raising a family without stigmatizing the children.

She said that the project will benefit 770 including 150 children with disabilities and that, the YAM project is for four years from the year 2021/2024 has been funded by the government of Finland under its Deaconess

institution with the cooperation of the government of Tanzania under the district council of Mufindi and the Foxes Community and Wildlife Conservation Institute (FCWC).

One of the parents, Ester Ngolo from the village of Iyegea, said that through the training she has found the light of what to do in a care of her child with a disability because at the beginning she did not have the education to care for her child so now she will go to convey that knowledge to those around her including parents who live with the disabled who have not had the opportunity of training.



Exim Bank Tanzania CEO Jaffari Matundu (l) heads of department serve food to lower-cadre staff in Dar es Salaam at the weekend in marking the bank's 25th founding anniversary. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF Concrete Batching Plant and Concrete Mixer Trucks

REF : ETJ-BB-PE-EI-GEN-SI-001-00.

<p>BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, the CONTRACTOR for the Engineering, procurement and Construction of the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites experienced specialist Companies to express their interest for:</p> <p>Concrete Batching Plant and concrete mixer trucks</p> <p>The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.</p> <p>As part of EACOP project, the Crude oil will be loaded on vessels via a facility located in the near shore environment of the Indian Ocean. The Facility will be located 2 km offshore from the Marine Storage Terminal site located on the Chongoleani peninsula in front of Tanga Port in Tanzania.</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE MATERIALS / SERVICES:</p> <p>1. Batching plant: Looking for companies who can produce around 3500 m3 of concrete in a batching plant</p>	<p>between January 2023 and June 2024.</p> <p>2. Concrete mixer trucks Looking for companies who can rent concrete mixer trucks.</p> <p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An experience list with relevant history, track records of previous projects showing experience in the supply and transport of concrete. • Qualified workers and certified QA/QC; • Certified Batching (European or Tanzanian); • Company profile with prove of sufficient financial capabilities and sufficient and capable resources. • Company's Quality and HSE plans and certification. • Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly recommended. • Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
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Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to procurement@bbnjv.com; (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 5th September 2022, 6PM Tanzania Time.

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will be evaluated and if selected will be invited, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), to participate in the bidding process.

Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.

Z'bar DC warns enumerators of disclosing information on coming census

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

UNGUJA South District Commissioner, Rajab Yusuf Mkasaba has called on clerks of the Population and Housing Census to make sure they do not divulge what members of the households say in line with Statistics Laws.

Mkasaba made the remarks soon after officiating the oath and agreements signing of Content and ICT supervisors and Census clerks at the event held at Mtule Secondary School in Paje, Unguja South Region.

The DC called on the sworn in officials to make sure they will execute their responsibilities according to what they were trained for and that people's details during enumeration should remain secret, according to the National Bureau of Statistics Act, Cap 351.

He appealed to the enumerators to show cooperation to the people in order to get correct statistics needed as intended.

In addition, DC Mkasaba pleaded with the census officials to make sure they use decent language at all times during the exercise.

For his part, the Coordinator of the Population and Housing Census for Unguja south District, Mhuina Khamis Omar called on the officials to abide by directives given by the DC in order to execute their duties for better Census achievements.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) Tanzania is pleased to announce a Call for Proposals from organizations with a track record in human rights, women's rights and gender equality to implement creative and innovative strategies, approaches, and interventions to transform gender norms, discriminatory behaviour and practices to promote women and girls' voices, meaningful participation, leadership, and economic rights at the local level (ward, village, streets, vitongoji, e.t.c) in the selected district councils of Dar es Salaam, Coast, Lindi, Mtwara , Arusha and Singida.

The organizations should have a base and previous experience in implementing projects in the respective regions. If it's a national organization that does not have experience in the respective regions, but plans to expand its projects to the WLER Project regions building on learnings from the implantation of similar projects, it should indicate previous collaboration with other human and women's rights organizations and networks including those promoting the rights of young women and women with disabilities; and duty bearers, including local government actors and community facilitators in the respective regions to deliver on the project objectives. The organizations should also demonstrate experience working with opinion makers such as community and traditional leaders, religious leaders, male gender equality and women's empowerment champions, decision-makers, and the media.

The full Call for Proposal (CFP) may be downloaded from:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/about-us/programme-implementation/2022/08/call-for-proposals-unw-esa-tza-2022-001-transforming-gender-norms>

The Call for Proposals will be open until **31st August 2022 at 23.59 hrs (EAT) (Tanzanian Time)**.

All proposal MUST be submitted through email cfp.tanzania@unwomen.org with subject line REF: CFP No. UNW-ESA-TZA-2022- 001 on Transforming Gender norms and discriminatory behaviours and practices at local levels to promote women and girls' voices, meaningful participation, and leadership.

Only those short listed will be contacted for further screening and consideration.

Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered.

For more information, please email:
agness.hanti@unwomen.org
by **31st August 2022 at 23.59 hrs (EAT)**.

EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT LIVELIHOODS RESTORATION PROGRAMME FOR EACOP PROJECT

REF: 0010007865

EACOP Ltd (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project to design, manage and implement an "Enterprise Development Livelihoods Restoration Programme".

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania traversing eight (8) regions, comprising Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga and 231 Villages located within the mentioned regions.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:
EACOP has undertaken land acquisition with the Government of Tanzania for the project. It has developed several Resettlement Actions Plans (RAPs) for the different components or regions of the project (available on the EACOP website: <https://eacop.com/information-center/other-publications/>) and a Supplementary RAP is currently being finalized for the Marine Storage Terminal site near Tanga. Each RAP includes a livelihood restoration plan and the description of eight livelihood restoration activities (LRAs). LRA 7 - Enterprise Development - aims to support

Project Affected Households (PAHs) living in remote rural communities to:

- Identify opportunities for the development or expansion of viable SMEs
- Attain basic and advanced Enterprise Development skills and capacity to function more effectively (especially for the existing and potential entrepreneurs who are likely to be lacking entrepreneurship skills and business ideas currently)
- Access market opportunities for new and existing businesses
- Identify training and capacity building opportunities for PAH to encourage their ability to access market opportunities
- Identify opportunities for access to finance for small businesses of PAHs

The target population for these activities is the PAHs located in the 231 villages impacted by the EACOP Project land acquisition. Agricultural livelihoods predominate in the Project affected areas. The main source of PAH livelihoods being subsistence farming, with around half of households keeping livestock, with higher rates of livestock keeping in specific Regions such as Dodoma.

The Project is seeking to work with a reputable organization experienced with the design and implementation of similar Enterprise Development programmes. The selected partner organization will be required to be present in the field interacting directly with local stakeholders and PAH under the guidance of Project team

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

1. Proof of registration as institutions whose activities are linked with Enterprise Development / Livelihoods Restoration or Enhancement in Tanzania.
2. Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
3. Brief description of experience and capacity to design and implement enterprise development for rural communities, manage large development programmes and work collaboratively with the private sector and local government. Submit examples of recent and relevant experience within the last 5 years
4. Proposed experienced and qualified personnel.
5. Registration with the EVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended
6. Compliance with Petroleum Local Content Regulations in Tanzania/ Local Company definition.

Interested organizations which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size **20Mb**) on or before **17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT), on **5th Sept 2022**. Email subject should be **0010007865**.

Note: The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.

Experts call for new insurance push to mitigate livestock, farming risks, loss

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

INSURANCE experts and their counterparts in the agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors have called for a fresh national push to convince small scale producers in the three sectors to have insurance covers in order to tone down unforeseen risks as the world grapples with startling losses and destruction associated with climate change.

Sagcot's Mbarali Cluster Manager, Tullah Mlonge, said here that in a continuing drive to educate small scale producers on the pressing need to ensure their produce, the experts made most of the Nane Nane Trade Fair here to hammer the point home to visitors of the pavilions in the Sagcot Square.

"The question of protecting the sweat of small producers is very important. We have made most of the Nane Nane Trade Fair here to educate, especially small producers, on the need to ensure their produce. This year we in the Southern Agriculture Growth Corridor of Tanzania (Sagcot) together with our colleagues from the National Insurance Corporation (NIC) and the Agriculture and Climate Risk Enterprise (Acree) appealed to producers in the agriculture, livestock and fisheries to insure their produce and mitigate the risks and losses they are currently facing, especially small scale farmers," she explained.

Mbarali Cluster serves farmers in Mbeya and Songwe Regions.

Mlonge said efforts of Sagcot and its partners seek to increase productivity in agriculture, livestock and fisheries in order to improve the livelihoods of producers. "So the question of

insurance is equally important in improving the livelihoods of producers and protecting them from undue losses," she explained.

She said this year 30 Sagcot partners had pavilions in the Sagcot Square, a move that attracted thousands of visitors.

"It was great. We were satisfied with the turn out. We think people appreciated our efforts and those of the government in maintaining this annual event," she said.

She praised the work and efforts of the Tamtam Company in popularizing the use of apple seed to farmers in the Southern Highlands Regions, especially in Makete District, Njombe Region. "The latest figures we have now show that 3,000 active farmers are growing apples because they are using appropriate apple seed from Tamtam Company. If these farmers will succeed, we hope they will, Tanzania will drastically reduce apple imports," she assured.

Companies that exhibited the products and services in the Sagcot Square include Guavay, Tamtam, TOAM, Afrifarm, Silverlands, Akm Glitter, SeedCO, and YARA Tanzania.



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The Dutch Ambassador to Tanzania, Wiebe de Boer (L), presents an award to Elice Lekasio, one of the Tanzanian youth winners of a competition dubbed "Potatorecipe Challenge". It was run by the Dutch Embassy. Held in Dar es Salaam on Friday, the event was part of the commemoration of International Potato Day - August 19. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NBI states tasked to develop better strategy to protect water resources

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

SELEMANI Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union, and Environment) has called upon the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) member states to develop a sustainable strategy to protect their resources in order to achieve social economic and development.

Dr Jafo made the call in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking during the NBI Council of Ministers meeting.

He said: "There will be no alternative to development if the Nile river is damaged as it's one of the longest valleys in the world and we have been fortunate to be crossed by the it and hence we should sustain as it's a

blessing and an opportunity that help people's livelihood along the basing which add to our prospect's country economic development."

Dr Jafo noted that as member countries that have been crossed by this river, must first thank the Almighty God for giving us this opportunity to be crossed by this important resource that is used in various issues to our countries economic development.

He stated: "Without the presence of the Nile River, we would not be able to be proud as we are now since the presence of this Nile basin help us in to conducting our day to day livelihood activities such as transportation from one area to another, agricultural and not only that but also the whole issue

of access to energy, livestock and fishing are all successful because of the basin and thus member countries must always be proud and take care of this resources."

"Dear members of this meeting, ministers and various attendees, today it's a great opportunity for the countries, especially to be able to meet and formulate policies, exchange of ideas and mostly work on these important areas that made us meet here today," he noted.

"It in my knowledge that into today meeting some of the agenda will be discussing the implementation of the financial budget for the year 2022/2023, preparing a strategic development plan for the year 2022/2027 and so this is a great opportunity that if worked

on well will contribute and ensure that our countries continue to develop through this valley," he said.

Céline Robert, head of the water and sanitation division at the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) said: "On behalf of the development partners involved in the water and sanitation in Tanzania are grateful and feel privileged to participate in this fruitful event."

She noted that the Nile River is a resource with immense value to the economic, environmental or social wellbeing of all the riparian countries.

"I'd like to commend and encourage the effort of the Tanzanian government through the ministry of water in that regard."



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NORTH MARA

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

Supply of Electric Overhead Crane and Manual Hoists

Pre-qualification Criteria

Reference No.	Description	Pre-qualification Criteria
1 NM53/2022/A	Design & Supply of Electric Overhead Travelling Crane – Rated Capacity – 20 Tons	i. Experience in design, engineered, manufactured, performance tested, supplied, and commissioned double girder overhead cranes minimum lifting capacity of 50 tons and span more than 20 metres ii. Should have supplied overhead travelling crane meeting above requirement within last 3 years from closing date of EOI and should be in successful operation for a period not less than one year as on the date of closing of EOI iii. Motor make – WEG efficiency IE3 (415V, 50 Hz) iv. Preferred Make – Demag / Kone / or equivalent v. Able to supply commissioning spares & maintenance spares vi. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified vii. Installation and commissioning support and assistance viii. Lead time of delivery
2 NM53/2022/B	Design & Supply of Manual Chain Hoists – Rated Capacity – 1 Ton to 4 Tons	i. Experience in designed, engineered, manufactured, performance tested, supplied manual hoists ii. Preferred Make – KITO or equivalent iii. Able to supply maintenance spares iv. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified v. Lead time of delivery

Expression of interest

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

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

Key Dates

• Last date to submit EOI 26 August 2022

North Mara Gold Mine Limited

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TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY
ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFIED



PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER THE CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority has received application for Licence under the Converged Licensing Framework from the following applicant: -

S/N	NAME OF APPLICANT	TYPE OF LICENCE	SHAREHOLDERS / NATIONALITY	SHARES %
1.	Hebron Media Limited	District Content Services-Free to Air Television	1. Manasse Daniel Martin- Tanzanian 2. Charles Frank Fubusa- Tanzanian	30 30

Pursuant to Section 8 Of Electronic and Postal Communications Act, Cap 306 Of The Laws of Tanzania, written comments are hereby invited from any interested person in respect of the grant of licences to the applicants to reach the Authority, within 14 days of publication of this notice. Such comments will be taken into consideration when the Authority considers the applications.

Comments should be addressed to:

Director General
Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority
P. O Bo 474
14414 DAR ES SALAAM
Tel: +255 22 241 2011-2
Fax: +255 22 2412009
E-mail: dg@tcra.go.tz

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By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

3bn/- to build 3 grape juice processing, storing facilities

THE government has set aside 3bn/- to support a project for the construction of three major and modern factories for the processing and storage of grapes bulk juice in Dodoma Region.

The timely project set for implementation from earlier next month is part of concerted efforts by the government to assist wine grapes farmers overcome the nagging plight of unreliable markets for their produce, the unfortunate move which has often seen grapes rot in the vineyards.

The envisaged plants, according to relevant plan, one will be installed at Chinangali II area in Chamwino District, to occupy at least 6000 acres, the other in Mpunguzi area (3000 acre) and the last to occupy 4000 acres at Hombolo suburb.

Deputy Agriculture Minister Anthony Mavunde has expressed that the three facilities will be used by the farmers to process their raw wine grapes into bulk juices.

"After processing, the farmers will have an opportunity to store their processed bulk juice at the facilities while waiting for possible buyers," he said.

He detailed that the government through

the ministry of agriculture has been well prepared to ensure the facilities are installed technically and with the latest machinery in order to ensure professional processing and storage of grapes bulk juice.

"The focus is to assure the plants process and store grapes wine bulk juice with needed quality to help bottle best wine varieties," he assured.

In more efforts to improve performance of the vital economic sector, Minister Mavunde informed that the parent ministry was planning to review and improve policies related to the country's wine sub-sector, aiming to remove all barriers upsetting the sector from thriving.

"The plan is also to engage the private sector in attracting more investors from across the world to come and heavily invest into the country's wine sector," he unveiled.

For his part, chairman of the Association of Tanzania Grapes Farmers, David Mwaka,

expressed that the development was very meaningful in helping push for professional growth of the wine and grapes sector, as well as the performance of individual farmers.

According to the set plans, he said the farmers will be obliged to join in special producing groups in order to stand a chance to use the services of the facilities to be constructed.

"The factories will be operating under the tutelage of the special formed Agriculture Marketing Cooperation Society (AMCOS) of grapes farmers, and thus, all farmers who need to benefit must seek to be members of the AMCOS," he expressed.

Tanzania is placed second after South Africa for brewing the best wines within the continent, and the country has potential to perform more impressively due to favourable weather that supports grapes to be grown two seasons per year, an endowed climate which does not exist in any other part of the world.

Govt provides 6.3bn/- for new market in Tunduma

By Correspondent Ibrahim Yassin, Tunduma

THE government has provided 6.3bn/- to construct a modern market for small traders (machingas) in Tunduma town aimed at removing them from roadsides and other informal areas.

Tunduma town council, one of the new councils in the country, is growing fast economically with a huge group of youths calling for a formal market in the area, a doorway to SADC countries.

"For a long time we have been experienced running battles with the Council's militia who were chasing us from various informal areas we operated but now we are glad to hear a market is to be built for us," said Juma Zuber, a Tunduma small trader at a public meeting weekend convened at the weekend by the Council Chairman.

Another trader, Suzana Ally said they are forced to display their wares on the ground as they wait for the completion of the market so that they conduct their businesses without bother.

Freng Mponzi, Majengo Councillor in Tunduma

Town, said following the coming of the project, he convened a meeting of small traders and wrote the names for those needing stalls at the new market after it is completed, and added that for now they have decided to let traders continue operating from informal places.

For his part, the Chairman of Tunduma Town Council, Ayout Mlimba said President Samia Suluhu Hassan listened to our plight by endorsing 6.3bn/- for the construction of a modern market in Tunduma Town and already 383m/- has been provided.

He said all procedures have been finalised, no trader will miss stalls as there will be a huge number of stalls, hence he called on them to remain calm and support the government as construction work proceeds.

During the launching of the Nanane Agricultural Exhibition held at the national level in Mbeya early this month, President Samia directed all local councils countrywide to allocate areas for constricting markets for small traders.

TANZANIA ZAMBIA RAILWAY AUTHORITY HEAD OFFICE



JOB OPPORTUNITY

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified Tanzanians to fill the vacant position of:

Job Title	: Foreman Wagon Shop
Salary Scale	: TSG 10
Reporting to	: Superintendent
Location	: Dar es Salaam Workshops
Number of Post	: Two (2) post

JOB PURPOSE

To supervise and co-ordinate activities to wagon shop on Medium, Heavy and Accidented wagon repair to ensure speedy completion and attainment of set Engineering Quality Standards in the interest of efficient traffic services.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Receives medium, heavy and accident wagons requiring complete repairs (as per maintenance periodical repair chart schedules, inspects same jointly with operations representatives to establish extent or nature of the repair work to be done and records all details as required.
2. Allocate specific task to subordinates giving details of work to be carried out and supervises the execution of work to ensure that it is being correct out as per set Engineering Quality Standards
3. Co-ordinates fitting, rehabilitation and modification activities to ensure that all the activities lead to the achievement of set objectives.
4. Provide technical and practical guidance to subordinates as they encounter through practical demonstration. Carried out more complicate and detail work beyond the competence of subordinate.
5. Initiates materials, tools and equipment requisitions and arranges to their collection to ensure that all requisites are readily available at all times to sustain wagon repair work continuously.
6. i) Completes the follow:-
i) Job assessment forms to facilitate job costing.
ii) Work orders for material and wagon parts to be manufactures in other shops.
7. Ensures that subordinates observe safety rules and that they are provided with safety gear to avoid possible/potential accidents.
8. Inspects all complete visually and sometimes measure clearances, side and prior to informing the superior on same for further inspection.
9. Maintain discipline among subordinates and promote team work to ensure achievement of set objective.

CORE COMPETENCIES

1. Goal-oriented and able to work independently to achieve results, as well as able to collaborate with a diverse team.
2. Able to write analytical and technical reports
3. Strong interpersonal, communication and leadership skills
4. Ability to manage and prioritize tasks and projects
5. Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills
6. Safe working methods.

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

1. Form IV/VI Certificate
2. Diploma in Engineering, /Full Technician Certificate or its equivalent from a reputable College or University Three (3) years relevant work experience at this level.
3. Not more than 45years of age
4. Post graduate works at Technologist level, will be an added advantage
5. Registered Member of the engineering registration board (ERB) in Tanzania.

MODE OF APPLICATION

Only candidates who meet the specified requirement need to apply to the address indicated below, enclosing their detailed curriculum vitae, certified copies of educational certificates, names and address of three traceable reference.

The Regional General Manager (T)
Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority
Junction of Nelson Mandela & Julius Nyerere Road
P.O. Box 40160
DAR ES SALAAM

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified Tanzanians to fill the vacant position of:

Job Title	: Senior Mechanical Engineer
Salary Scale	: TSG 12
Reporting to	: Workshop Manager
Location	: DSM Workshops
Number of post	: Three (3) post

JOB PURPOSE

To provide reliable, efficient and cost effective motive power, rolling stock and related equipment to traffic in the Region so as to meet traffic haulage requirements.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Design and implement mechanical operations systems for the provision of reliable, efficient and cost effective rolling stock, motive power and related equipment to traffic in the region in order to sustain volume of passenger and freight traffic.
2. Approve detailed plans and schedules for maintenance activities, determining priorities at locomotive sheds, rolling stock, repair sidings and repair shop in line with traffic requirements, workshop facilities and available labour force.
3. Control utilisation of fuels, oils, motive power and rolling stock to ensure achievement of targets within economic constraints.
4. Review, train schedules taking into account availability of motive power, rolling stock, traffic volume and personnel in order to enhance train movements vis-a-vis traffic haulage.
5. Control and Co-ordinate district mechanical activities to improve maintenances work and reduce work load on central workshops.
6. Analyses train failures with a view to eliminate cases such failures along the line in conjunction with Civil Engineering in order to maximise on locomotive and rolling stock turn round time.
7. Provide train accident statistics to management appraising causes, financial, capital losses and recommending remedial action to forestall future occurrences.
8. Monitor maintenance of motor vehicles to ensure conformance to laid down procedures/schedules and enhance reliability, availability and cost effective running of same.

CORE COMPETENCIES

1. Goal-oriented and able to work independently to achieve results, as well as able to collaborate with a diverse team.
2. Able to write analytical and technical reports
3. Strong interpersonal, communication and leadership skills
4. Ability to manage and prioritize tasks and projects
5. Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

1. Form IV/VI Certificate
2. Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering or equivalent from a reputable University
3. Six (06) years relevant experience as engineer, two (2) of which should be at Senior Engineer level
4. Not more than 45 years of age
5. Post graduate work experience at senior level, will be an added advantage;
6. Registered Member of the Engineers registration board (ERB) as professional engineer in Tanzania.

MODE OF APPLICATION

Only candidates who meet the specified requirement need to apply to the address indicated below, enclosing their detailed curriculum vitae, certified copies of educational certificates, names and address of three traceable reference.

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Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority
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TRC woes and fares show why SGR runs a tall order

STAKEHOLDERS at a meeting of the consumer consultative council of the Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) did not have many kind words for the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) in its recent effort to raise its fares by 15 percent. Objections were being raised all over the place despite that its application is for all intents and purposes quite modest. The matter isn't ended but no impression was vivid that the council was avid about the request.

Stakeholders were arguing that TRC first invests in improving operational systems and service providers before thinking of hiking fares. That position looked bright and even convincing, with the key LATRA official in the meeting seemingly showering data to support claims of an organisation representing passengers. That too is an interesting title, as travellers scarcely stay long enough on their seats to form an organisation and proceed to elect its leaders.

The TRC proposal sought to hike fares for all train classes to meet rising operational costs stemming from rising fuel prices. Stakeholders like passenger rights groups and LATRA officials brainstormed on eligibility for fare hikes and seemed to reach a consensus that this isn't the time for it, but rather improve services before thinking of a fare hike. Surprisingly, that is an argument about a wage hike, not about a fare hike; such investment needs cash.

With all sorts of transportation service providers hiking their fares charges in the past two months, denying this facility to TRC can only be based on presumed government subsidies which cover their costs, including improvement quests like new rolling stock to end shortages of

engines and even wagons. To the extent that operations are conditioned by its revenues to a considerable extent, seeking out service prequalification is a non-starter. Perhaps after those changes are made the fare may rise again; a fare rise is just to operate normally.

When one looks at the litany of complaints the passengers are listed to have made on TRC operations, the question that comes up isn't eligibility for fare rise but sustainability of operations.

The key issue isn't the revenue being collected but the capital base and managerial capacity, especially when one recalls the frequent derailments on 'own fault' scenarios, having nothing to do with bouts rainfall touching off landslides. It was a matter of checking the rails.

It is the sort of situation that won't be helped by higher revenues, even if as a matter of fact the corporation is entitled to a fare hike, like all others. It is a matter of altering profoundly its capital base and capacity for equipment renewal on one hand, and altering managerial capacity on the other hand. New CEO transfers can't cover gaps of this sort but systematic 'restructuring' of old.

When this incapacity to properly run diesel engine trains is the foundation on which the corporation is expected to run electric speed trains running on schedule, the jumps is astronomical. Much of this is taboo at high places as it squarely points at restructuring as a minimum condition to run the new system, but miracles are known to happen, so SGR can be unfurled and operated on a similar framework as the diesel hell runs of the moment. It is a wait and see issue, by and large, outside any new 'will to act' at higher levels.

2013 regional court ruling not alfa and omega of constitutionality in Tanzania

JUST how far a section of democracy activists rely on court rulings rather than perceived consensus within the country, in the current climate of dialogue on the reforming the political system or electoral process in particular has lately come to the clear light of day. The Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) made a far reaching appeal to the government to accept a 2013 judgment by the African Court on Human and People's Rights that scorned the constitutional limitation on independent candidates. Is a court ruling sufficient cause for that?

Nearly each of the key arguments in what the legal aid and advocacy group had to say on that day was tied to the 2013 ruling, which the government never accepted. There was another ruling in a more recent period for which there has at least been some acknowledgement, as it eventually started reflecting some of our concerns on elevating media freedoms, etc. Overhauling electoral politics or constitutional arrangements due to a liberal ruling somewhere is unimaginable.

Nearly all demand made by the LHRC executive director were tied to the ruling and the LHRC and its stakeholders have never heard of the response. President Samia Suluhu Hassan, echoing her predecessors on that point, has often noted that democracy isn't Coca-Cola, the same for everyone. It is tailored to measure.

The idea of someone standing up for the polls and no one knows who is backing him or her, can be an easy path to instability under certain conditions. It is true that

independent candidates often do well in local elections or even at the level of the legislature as they may be well known in a certain area - an indication that independent candidates aren't necessarily destabilising. But those who study constitutional prerogatives know that countries don't experiment with provisions of this sort, like 'let us try and see how it works.' With 15 or more fully registered political parties, why wouldn't a serious contender get backing?

What is faulty and risky about independent candidacy is that it may give expression to a line of dissension at the political level that the ruling party had succeeded to curb, and for tactical reasons it doesn't wish to identify with the opposition. That doesn't hinder party factions from splitting but it is often a last minute proclivity that has little time to organise itself. And quite often it gets the sort of votes that the party adopting the dissident would get, optimally speaking.

In that case it can easily be said that there is room for dissent in the current set up, and dissent that is relevant for determination of the country's future, who is best placed to lead it, isn't supposed to come as if from nowhere. The problem is when negative forces pile up huge amounts of money to sabotage the ruling party while being too shy of joining an opposition party. While it is true that any individual has a conceivable right to contest without acknowledged affiliation with a political party, blocking the channel isn't arguably fatal for democracy. If the court ruling said it was fatal, then the ruling was wrong, and if it said it is preferable, it was right but irrelevant.



Sri Lanka's uprising and lessons for Nigeria

By Special Correspondent

“ECONOMICALLY, the dark clouds are gathering. And only by coming up with right strategies, and fast too, to fix the mess will Nigeria avert a bigger crisis.”

Coming after a year-long lockdown of the global economy, as the healthcare sector struggled to contain the more harmful effects of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19), Russia's invasion of Ukraine earlier this year was always going to be fraught. In the end, by cutting off access to major supplies of wheat, grains and some commodities from the region, it has piled on price pressures globally.

The World Bank has warned of a growing threat of access to food for hundreds of thousands of vulnerable people across the world, but especially in emerging economies. Beyond that, the global response, although not as coordinated as that to the pandemic, has hurt. Across economies, central banks have hiked their benchmark rates precipitously as most try to deal with unprecedented levels of inflation.

Again, emerging and frontier economies have been at the wrong end of tightening monetary conditions. Rising yields on dollar-denominated assets have diverted investment away from them, the same way as it has exerted downward pressure on their currencies, while raising the cost of their debts. It was to be expected, in these circumstances, that a number of countries would tread deep waters.

In Sri Lanka, however, the crisis that has had thousands of protesters invade and occupy major public office and residential spaces is largely of a local vintage. Gotabaya Rajapaksa's (president until he fled the country on a military plane) decision to ban fertiliser imports for seven months to conserve the country's foreign reserves (domestic food production convulsed) and to cut taxes (which cut revenue by \$1.4 billion annually, just as the pandemic choked of tourism revenues) were the immediate causes.

But years of nepotistic rules by the Rajapaksa clan had prepared the country for the crisis. Sri Lanka is an import-dependent country, which had a foreign Reserve of \$7.6 billion as at the end of 2019. The country depleted this buffer to \$250 million. The country's annual import is worth \$3 billion, which outstrips export earnings by far. Currently, it simply does not have the foreign currency to import vital goods and services.

Even without the stigma of his long association with the Rajapaksas, Ranil Wickremesinghe, a six-time prime minister elected to replace the fugitive Gotabaya, has his work cut out for him. He has directed the military to do "Whatever is necessary to restore order." For a country in



dire economic straits, a recourse to strong-arm measures is wide off the mark. The country must first secure an immediate solution to shortages of food items, medicine, fuel and power, which have inflicted untold hardship on its citizenry. Transportation is a big problem and this has forced the authorities to shutdown schools and direct workers to work from home. In June, fuel was rationed, and made available only to essential service workers. Inflation has skyrocketed to more than 50 per cent.

Yet, the bigger item in his to-do tray are the negotiations with multilateral financial institutions such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and friendly donors including the United Nations, India and China, to provide favourable credit arrangements to help the country bridge its immediate balance of payments problems, even as longer term solutions are found to the burden from its \$51 billion debt.

The similarities between Sri Lanka's many own goals and the outcomes from the domestic authority's embrace of unorthodox policy measures for the management of the economy mean that the developments in Sri Lanka should interest Nigeria's leaders: from President Muhammadu Buhari to the 36 states governors. Many governors are out of touch with prevailing economic realities with their 20-car long convoys of exotic vehicles; their retinue of aides, up to a thousand in some cases; wage bills haunted by ghost workers and a large base of unfunded pension obligations; and engaging in projects that could, at best, be adjudged as conduit pipes to their own pockets.

The reality in Nigeria today is that inflation is spiralling out of control. The exchange rate of the naira was N710 to \$1 as of the beginning of August. Our fiscal authorities' revelation that debt services gulped N1.9 trillion in the first four months this year, as against a N1.3 trillion revenue within the same

period, has set alarm bells ringing. More frightening is the recent report that Nigeria's gross external reserves, which the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) puts around \$39 billion has been discovered to be a work of fiction. It is far less. The real figure is now a guarded secret and attempts by this newspaper to get official figures or comments from officials were spurned by the apex bank. The balance on the external reserves has reportedly dropped to \$15 billion due to the implied subsidies on the CBN's preferred method of managing the naira's exchange rate, and non-remittance by the national oil monopoly of oil export earnings in recent times.

Already, many families can no longer feed as a result of food inflation, the devalued naira and a cash crunch imposed by salary arrears in about 33 states in the country. In some states, the backlog is as high as 10 months. The costs of fuel, diesel and gas have compelled businesses to either close or shrink their operations. In the aviation sector, the scarcity of JetA1 and its astronomical costs have enfeebled airlines operations. This challenge and the paucity of foreign exchange for operations have led some operators to temporarily shut down. An economy-class flight ticket, which hitherto cost N25,000, now goes for between N80,000 and N150,000, depending on a traveller's destination.

Since February 14, the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) has been on strike over government's refusal to implement a 2009 agreement reached on improved funding of public universities. Students, who seem to have again lost another academic session, have organised pockets of protests in solidarity with ASUU. The government's adamant posture compelled organised labour too, to embark on what it termed a "warning strike" in solidarity with ASUU recently. Youth unemployment has been growing. A time bomb. According to

the National Bureau of Statistics, youth unemployment at the end of the fourth quarter of 2020 was 53.40 per cent, an increase on the 40 per cent by which it closed the second quarter of the same year. General unemployment stood at 33.30 per cent.

Obviously, a perfect storm is creeping in, given this ominous economic horizon. There is a profound crisis of leadership in Nigeria and clearly, things would not have degenerated to the current level if the country has been able to manage its crude oil economy well. One of the Buhari regime's early discoveries was of undeclared crude export worth \$17 billion by some oil companies, after a diligent enquiry into sales documents, onshore and offshore.

The Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, admitted this much in April 2017, when he appeared before a House of Representatives ad hoc Committee investigating oil and gas theft. He said that government litigation against the concerned firms was being considered.

The chairman of that committee, Abdulrazak Ndamas, said then, "With that money, Nigeria does not need any foreign loans to finance its budget." He was right. According to him, 57,830,000 million barrels of crude were undeclared. Crude oil worth \$3 billion was taken to China and the consignment shipped to Norway was valued at \$839.5 million. "These figures were conclusively ascertained by buyers' Bill of Lading, arrival dates, destination ports, quantity of crude oil and other documented information," Ndamas affirmed. The critical questions Nigerians have been seeking a response to is: where is the money and why has government kept quiet about the affair?

Upheavals, whether of the civil or revolutionary hue, are not what any government would wish to experience. They saw the end of the ancient regime in France in July 14, 1789, a day still observed as national holiday till date. It is the genesis of the Arab Spring that began in Tunisia, which ousted President Zine el Abidine Ben Ali in January 2014 from office without a gunshot. Presidents Abdulaziz Bouteflika of Algeria and Omar al-Bashir of Sudan left office under similar circumstances. Buhari had a taste of this peoples' power in the 2020 #EndSARS movement that necessitated his "your voice has been heard" plea in a broadcast, during which he urged the irate youths protesting impunity and arbitrary killings by the Police special squad, to sheathe their sword as the protest morphed into violence. Economically, the dark clouds are gathering. And only by coming up with right strategies, and fast too, to fix the mess will Nigeria avert a bigger crisis.

By Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

Kunduchi Ruins: 'The most fertile place' endangered by human activity

THE rarely-mentioned but rich ancient historical site hides in the open in Dar es Salaam Region. For lovers of history and archeologists, Kunduchi Ruins is a must-visit as it boasts thrilling and captivating events that happened centuries ago.

The ruins include the remnants of a late 15th century mosque as well as magnificent graves from the 18th and 19th centuries with some well-preserved pillar tombs. Fragments of Chinese pottery found here testify to ancient trade links between this part of Africa and Asia.

This site has attracted archeologists from within and outside the country for research on its links with the outside world as well as early Swahili civilization along the Eastern coast of Africa.

The site which is located about 25 kilometers from the city of Dar es Salaam city has been preserved as an important place because it was selected to be the most convenient spot for the burial of ancient Arab traders.

Despite its fame, the open 25,000 acre land covering the area in which ruins are protected is yet to be barricaded ever since it was gazetted by the government as cultural heritage site in 1964, three years after independence.

The head of the site which is being managed and conserved by the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) Wilfrida Kapela told this writer at the site recently that this lack of perimeter is a serious challenge as it allows interactions emanating from human activities taking place close to the area.

According to Kapela, there are some unscrupulous people living close to the site who take advantage of its openness to sneak at night and bury their loved ones within the protected historical site in contravention of the conservation laws.

She added that in recent past, there have been a good number of human friendly animals such as monkeys and a number of bird species in the area surrounded by some 54 ancient tree species, but these now face extinction due to increased human activity.

Kunduchi ruins are small structures constructed over the graves of early Sultans, Imams and other affluent African traders of the then Swahili



The protected Kunduchi ruins with its rich history dating back to the 15th century is endangered by increased human activity as it lacks perimeter walls. Photo/Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango



coastal states which dotted the land between Somalia and Mozambique were buried between 15th and 16th centuries.

Although no one can tell why the area was selected as a most convenient site for the burial of these rulers and wealthy traders, the site has become an important tourist destination for research activities as it is said that valuable artifacts such as coins and ancient porcelains were buried there too.

These ruins have become archeological site and had earlier been preserved in the area under Preservation Ordinance Act which was established by British colonial government in 1937.

Tanzanian government inherited the site and built the first office in 1964 and changed the ordinance into Antiquities Act in 1968 with a view to continue preserving and protecting the area as a historical and tourist site.

According to Kapela, an estimated 300 people visit the site on monthly basis, most of whom primary and secondary school pupils organized in groups by the Tanzania Scouts Association (TSA). The pupils come to the site on special tours as part of learning

programmes mostly during weekends.

Other regular visitors are tourists mostly Tanzanians interested in history as well as foreigners. Tanzanians part with a modest fee of 3,000/- while non-Tanzanians contribute USD 3.4 for a guided tour of the site.

The site is located about 200 meters away from the shores of Indian Ocean which form an extended beach of soft sand to the east where one can play, swim, surf, enjoy the sunbath and have lunch quietly before getting back to the hustle and bustle of the city.

Even with sometimes tiresome traffic jams in the city centre, a one hour journey is enough to travel along and reach the point of disembarkation at Kunduchi bus stop. This point is located off the main road heading to Bagamoyo historical town to the north.

The surrounding area is open without perimeter and a visitor can be seen and received by tour guides who keep resting inside a small house that serves as an office with an inscription on top of the entrance Kunduchi Ruins-TAWA.

Seti Manjeche, a middle-aged man is among the tour guides who take visitors around the compound, giving instructions and direc-

tions in order to make visitors understand what happened there centuries ago.

Walking around, one can see small structures which stand over the graves with two open doors. According to the guide, this was because of a belief that there is life for the dead ones buried on the spot. The top of the graves are covered with coral stones which have since withered and turned black due to salty moisture from the Indian Ocean.

There is an array of different graves, built of coral stone and greyish coconut shells all over. Some have entire structures with fascinating roof partially refurbished to prevent further erosion. A visitor with a keen eye can spot plaques with Arabic inscriptions.

According to Manjeche, about 60 graves of rulers mostly of the well-known Al-Hattin and Mohammed Albalawi clansmen from Oman, Iraq and Persian countries as well as Hamisi Shomvi and Rahaji Abubakar from India and Pakistan were buried there.

Among them is the imposing grave of Sultan Jumaa which is decorated with inscriptions written in Arabic. The wife of the Sultan was also buried beside her husband's grave.

The grave is noticeably larger than others

at the site for it is a dual resting place for a couple and it has a pillar. Some white plaster is still in place. The top of the pillar looks like a turban signifying the most outstanding tomb of the graveyard.

There are also fragments of several Chinese potteries on display which have been preserved in the area and these testify that the area was wealthy during the time and had trade links with China and England which implies ancient trade links with this part of Africa.

Among the most attracting features in the area is the old mosque built during the 16th century at the time of Arab influence along the Eastern coast of Africa. The front wall with arched entrance is still standing and there are two rows and the mihrab.

The walls are of coral stones. This is overgrown and in front of it stands a large tree. Only its pillars can be seen standing, showing the scale of magnificent in ancient construction style.

Another structure which has stood in the area for long is this enormous baobab tree standing in the middle of the site. According to the tour guide, the tree is conservatively estimated to be 250 years old.

The guide said that before the coming of foreigners, the area was famous for traditional healing rituals performed by coastal tribes such as the Zaramo, Tumbatu, Dengereko and Wakwere who lived there and called the place Pom-buji, meaning the most fertile place.

War against HIV: We have the drug to stop it, yet the world is at a turning point once more

By Liesl Page-Shipp

AT the time, I was doing my internship as a doctor at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital. Antiretroviral therapy was available in rich countries, but not yet in Africa. It was heartbreaking to know that a simple, yet often inaccessible, intervention was the difference between suffering and relief.

We knew we could make a difference. We could stop the transmission from mother to child. We could turn the tide. We could manage the medical conditions of those who were HIV positive, rendering the sickness chronic, rather than the death sentence it had been with its inexorable progression to Aids - if only we were able to prescribe and dispense those life-saving ARVs.

Ultimately, we were.

Turning the corner on this pandemic has been one of the greatest global achievements in public health. It was something that struck me very hard as I listened recently to the poignant testimony of Ugandan Aids activist Lillian Mworeko. I cried as she cried, telling how she, as an HIV-positive mother, had successfully given birth to her children without transmitting the virus to them. Now they, decades after their parents faced the same threat, may be in danger once more of contracting the same virus - and yet the drug that can stop it is still not readily accessible in African countries.

Concerning numbers

I am a mother too and I feel that same fear that our children are at risk for a virus when the tools exist to prevent it. The recently released UNAids 2022 global update highlighted the imminent danger of losing precious gains in the Aids response. While 28.7 million people were accessing ARV therapy by December 2021, new infections fell by only 3.6% across the world in 2021 compared with 2020.

It was the lowest annual drop in the past five years, thanks in part to the Covid-19 pandemic's interruption of routine healthcare, including HIV prevention and treatment programmes. In 2021, 1.5 million people became infected with HIV - three times more than the global target of 370,000 new infections a year. One young woman is infected every two minutes. In sub-Saharan Africa, teenage girls and young women are three times as likely to become infected as boys and young men.

During the Covid-19 lockdowns and disruption to education, HIV transmission and teenage preg-



If we can replenish the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the world could provide ARV therapy to 28 million people by 2026 - a 91% treatment coverage rate. File photo

nancies spiralled - along with gender-based violence. But they aren't alone. Sex workers, their clients, men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, and transgender people account for 70% of new infections.

Clearly, there is work to be done.

We have many tools at our disposal to bring the HIV epidemic under control, but urgent and intensive work remains to build on past successes. We have the means to prevent HIV. Condoms prevent pregnancy, HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and remain a mainstay of our response. Voluntary male medical circumcision reduces transmission risk. Importantly, we know that effective ARV treatment makes the virus undetectable in the body and prevents onward transmission. "Undetectable = untransmittable" is a critical message as we encourage people to test for HIV and remain on their lifelong treatment.

New prevention tools

One of the most effective prevention tools available today would have seemed fanciful 25 years ago. Back then, working as a young doctor on the outskirts of Soweto, if you'd told me there was a pill that could stop HIV acquisition, I would have been overjoyed. I would have rejoiced that the Aids pandemic would soon be over. But the reality of the drug has not lived up to its promise. There is a daily pill available today, known as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), but we need to ensure all in need have access.

In addition, there are new alternative long-acting prevention methods in the pipeline, including the dapivirine vaginal ring and the cabotegravir injection (CAB-LA), which could be a game-changer. Effective for two months after the date of injection and able to be administered discreetly, CAB-LA could address some of the barriers faced by those wanting to access PrEP, including confidentiality, stigma and

discrimination. We hope that the recently released usage guidance from the World Health Organization will allow governments to expedite the approval and distribution of CAB-LA.

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Ensuring equitable access to life-saving HIV treatment and prevention with new modalities would be no easy task in any era, but it is especially difficult now at a time when the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic continue to be felt, especially in poorer countries where debt repayments in some of them in 2021 were more than 171% of the government's spending on healthcare, education and social protection combined. In a situation like that, there is little reserve to respond to a health crisis like HIV and Aids.

The situation is dire. Bilateral donations, excluding the US, have dropped by 57% over the past decade. And yet, if we can replenish the internationally supported Global Fund to Fight

Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria, we could reduce new HIV infections by 68% between now and 2026, and Aids-related deaths by 59%. We could cut the incidence among adolescent girls and young women, especially in Africa, by 72%. Most importantly, the world could provide ARV therapy to 28 million by 2026 - a 91% treatment coverage rate.

"We can do this"

We can do this. We have proved we can when we have worked as one - all of us - healthcare professionals, activists, governments, civil society and donors. We cannot ensure appropriate levels of funding, advance new drugs like CAB-LA or increase the uptake of life-saving medicines unless we all work together.

In Africa, it is said if you want to go fast you go alone. If you want to go far, you go together. Everyone at the forefront of fighting this pandemic has to have a seat at the table for the world to have a chance to do just that. **DM/MC**

MICHAEL KUGELMAN

What went wrong in Afghanistan?

NEARLY 20 years after United States forces entered Afghanistan, this is what it has come down to: The government has effectively collapsed and President Ashraf Ghani has left the country. The military has lost its will to fight and disintegrated. A brutal and emboldened Taliban advance, already having instituted draconian legal systems and curbed women's rights in areas under its control, has taken over Kabul. The population has been plunged into a new humanitarian crisis. And American soldiers and diplomats are sprinting for the exits.

The al-Qaeda-allied Taliban is now about to assume the lion's share of political power - if not total power.

Many understandably blame US President Joe Biden's withdrawal decision for Afghanistan's current mess. But the reasons are also rooted in the longstanding strength of the Taliban and the fundamental weakness of the Afghan state.

For years, the Taliban had prepared the ground for this final battle. Taliban forces established deep footprints and eventual control in districts around the country, including near cities - thereby positioning themselves for the urban offensives of recent days. They amassed large quantities of heavy weaponry seized from Afghan forces. They diversified their sources of financing beyond the drug trade, making a wealthy armed group even richer. The Taliban's current advances did not come out of nowhere.

Meanwhile, ever since the NATO war formally ended in 2014, Afghan forces - despite training, advising, and dollars galore from Washington - have struggled to lead the counterinsurgency from the front. The Afghan Special Forces - the most effective fighting unit of the Afghan military - were overused, taxing the capacities of the military's best asset.

As Taliban offensives intensified in



US soldiers take up position as they secure the airport in Kabul

recent years, foot soldiers struggled with insufficient equipment and were often not paid. Corruption flourished and morale plummeted. Afghan troops received little support from the government, which struggled to develop a counterinsurgency strategy.

To be sure, Biden's withdrawal announcement contributed to Afghanistan's current crisis. His announcement had an intoxicating effect on the Taliban - and its allies. Foreign military presences have long been an underlying grievance of "Islamist" militant groups. Al-Qaeda was born out of Osama bin Laden's hatred for the presence of US soldiers on Saudi soil.

A US withdrawal was bound to energise the Taliban and prompt it to step up its fight against the Afghan state, which had long hosted US forces. Since April, 20 armed groups - including al-Qaeda - have fought alongside the Taliban.

Biden's withdrawal announcement was as deflating for Afghan forces as it was intoxicating for the Taliban. Already beleaguered, they knew they would lose critical US safety nets, from air power support - a powerful tool to repel fighters from entering cities - to technical expertise to maintain their military equipment. Deprived of strong government leadership and a clear strategy, they melted away in the face of Taliban advances, leading to surrenders and negotiated handovers to the Taliban.

The withdrawal has showcased Taliban strength and exposed Afghan state weakness. But both were entrenched long before Biden's decision. Washington's inability to adjust to these factors much sooner amounts to a major policy failure.

It is worth noting, however, that Afghanistan would

have been plunged into deeper instability even if Biden had chosen not to withdraw. The Taliban would not have reacted well to a US decision to renege on its commitment, framed in a 2020 agreement with the Trump administration, to withdraw forces. They would have launched fresh offensives against Afghan forces, with US soldiers - spared by the Taliban ever since the 2020 accord - in their crosshairs too.

The US military presence was neither a brake on the Taliban nor a broader stabiliser. Even with boots on the ground in recent years, Afghanistan suffered record-breaking civilian casualty figures and a relentless targeted killing campaign against civil society. Even back in March, weeks before Biden announced the withdrawal, the Taliban controlled more territory than at any time since US forces en-

tered the country.

Still, this is not to understate the seriousness of the political, military, security, and humanitarian crisis triggered by the withdrawal.

Afghanistan's mess is also America's mess. Washington owes it to Afghanistan to help clean it up - not for reasons of charity, but of self-interest. A Taliban-dominated government would not in and of itself pose a direct threat to US security interests. But it would provide space to international terror groups, like al-Qaeda, that do. If war resumes and intensifies, regional spillover effects - refugee flows, drug trade, cross-border terrorism - could imperil US stability goals in the broader region.

America, admittedly, has limited policy options. Departing US troops have taken most of America's leverage with them. No longer can Washington threaten to delay troop withdrawals to influence Taliban behaviour. The Taliban is now in control.

US pledges of continued financial assistance to Afghanistan can only be fulfilled if Washington recognises the new Taliban regime. And even if it does - a big if - the departure of most US diplomats will complicate efforts to oversee this aid. And, with no basing agreements with Afghanistan's neighbours, post-withdrawal plans to surveil, and if necessary strike, "terrorist" targets will be constrained by Washington's dependence on military facilities further afield in the Middle East.

Washington's first order of business should be Afghanistan's humanitarian crisis - one on which Washington has been strangely silent. It should ramp up funding for refugee organisations assisting displaced Afghans, and for Afghan women's groups. It should keep expediting evacuations of Afghans who worked for the US military. Images of masses of people literally climbing on and clinging to departing US aircraft are horrifying, and cannot be ignored.

By Ethuzelen Michael M.O

China helps Africa realise its potential

WITH bountiful natural resources to world-renowned tourist attractions, Africa has the potential of transforming from the poorest region in the world into a major economic powerhouse. However, potential alone is not enough to propel the continent's transformation. What would it take for Africa to transition from potential to prosperity?

Over the past two decades, the China-Africa partnership has made remarkable achievements on the road to sustainable development and improved the living conditions of the people in Africa. In many areas, including in economic and political cooperation, this partnership has delivered concrete results beneficial to both Africa and China. As a development partner, no other country has such an extensive commitment to Africa, for China has funded and developed (and is operating) more than two dozen big African ports and thousands of miles of roads and railways.

According to China's State Council Information Office, by 2010, more than four decades after the construction of the Tanzania-Zambia railway, China had assisted in the construction of over 500 infrastructure projects in Africa. Over the past two decades, Chinese enterprises have invested huge amounts to build and upgrade more than 10,000 kilometers of railways, almost 100,000 km of roads, nearly 1,000 bridges and about 100 ports, and 66,000 km of power transmission and distribution networks.

In recent years, thanks to the Belt and Road Initiative, the number of projects to improve con-

nectivity between China and Africa has increased. On the other hand, for African countries which want to industrialize but do not generate enough electricity to do so and yet are rich in renewable energy potential, China's Green New Deal under the Belt and Road framework may be an opportunity for them to establish sustainable, win-win cooperation with China to achieve their goals, as the deal supports African countries' industrialization.

A lot of Chinese investment capital is allocated to infrastructure, because it is one of the areas where Africa has a lot of underutilized assets with enormous investment needs which cannot be met by small domestic capital markets. Since most of China's infrastructure projects in Africa address a desperate need for roads, railways, ports and energy, China's contributions to many African countries' development have become a central aspect of their development policies.

Also, Chinese investment in Africa's infrastructure increases the overall productive capacity of the African economies. For instance, Chinese infrastructure investment can help African countries better integrate with the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), by improving connectivity in free trade and agricultural processing. And the processed products can be sold in AfCFTA markets or other emerging markets, including in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership region and China.

As a matter of fact, African agricultural pro-



cessing products are being exported to China more than 350 agricultural products from Africa have been granted access to the Chinese market. In the past three years, China's agricultural imports from Africa have grown at an average rate of 14 percent a

year, making China the second-largest importer of African agricultural products.

Also, the three-month-long African Products Online Promoting Season, launched in September 2021, was supported by Taobao, the largest online shopping plat-

form in China, in line with the digital innovation program proposed by President Xi Jinping, during the Extraordinary China-Africa Summit on Solidarity Against COVID-19 held in 2020, to promote e-commerce to help African and Chinese exporters to tap each other's markets.

These are some of the factors that have helped increase China-Africa trade by 20 times in the past two decades. In 2021, Sino-African trade increased by 35 percent to \$254 billion, mainly due to an increase in Chinese exports to Africa. And according to the 2021 China-Africa Economic and Trade Relationship Annual Report, China remains Africa's largest trading partner. Notably, China-Africa trade increased despite the disruptions in the global supply chains due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, a main goal of China and Africa is to continue technology exchanges in areas including green and low-carbon industries, clean energy and the digital economy, in order to achieve a sustainable, win-win China-Africa trade cooperation.

As for investment, China can create new production cooperation opportunities, get access to more natural resources and cheap labor, realize the transfer of marginal industries, upgrade its economic structure and boost its high-quality development by increasing investment in Africa. And from the standpoint of Africa, Chinese direct investment will inject new impetus into the continent's economic development.

No wonder China-Africa relations strengthened, despite the crippling impact of the pandemic on the global economy, with Chinese investment in Africa increasing by \$2.96 billion in 2020, up 9.5 percent year-on-year. By the end of 2020, Chinese direct investment in Africa exceeded \$47.4 billion, with more than 90 percent coming from the private sector.

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Agro-processing firm roots for better farming tools, certified seed varieties

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

THE Morogoro-based Mahashree Agro-Processing Tanzania Limited (MAPTL) has called upon Tanzanian farmers to effectively use modern farming tools, and certified improved seed varieties to improve production.

MAPTL's chairman, Kamalesh Maheshwari made the call here over the weekend at a special meeting of livestock, farmers, and fishery stakeholders whose aim was to discuss solutions to increase the production of paddy and sesame which were selected as strategic crops.

Organized by Morogoro District Council and chaired by the Morogoro District Commissioner, Albert Msando and brought on board agricultural stakeholders including Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) Southern Agricultural Growth Corridors of Tanzania (SAGCOT).

Maheshwari said that is set to produce approximately 200,000 metric tonnes of pulses, spices, and oil seeds needed in the factory, noting that the company's target is to support smallholder farmers in Tanzania particularly Morogoro to be the big producers of exported commodities all over the world.

MAPTL exports commodities like pulses including green mung, chickpeas, pigeon peas, beans, soybeans and peanuts while spices include black pepper, cloves and Oil seeds including sesame.

He mentioned exported countries all over the world, currently have already exported in major parts of India, United Kingdom, Indonesia, Middle East, Japan, China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, South Africa, and Kenya but Tanzania produces only 10 percent.

He said, to overcome underproduction, the company has allocated over 500m/- for supportive activity extended to the farm-



MAPTL's chairman, Kamalesh Maheshwari (R) gives a briefing to the Minister for Agriculture Hussein Bashe (L) who visited the firm's premises in Morogoro Region recently. Photo: Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa

ers where farmers were given free seeds and buying their crops.

"Projects which allocated funds as Sesame and spice organic projects in Morogoro, groundnuts

project Mpwapwa district council in Dodoma region and pigeon peas projects Babati district council in Manyara region," he added.

Firm's agro-coordinator, Henry Williard point-

ed out middlemen as among challenges facing farmers not reaching their target of production due to the provision of loans with strong restrictions, hence some farmers are discouraged to produce more.

"We need financial institutions to assist farmers to access soft loans with simple interest as to support them to afford cultivation costs from farm preparation to harvesting," he said.

"Besides from banking services have to be built in rural areas to avoid long walk distance for farmers coming into town to access it. Lacking such services puts MAPTL Company's insecurity during the purchasing season because we transport over 100 million which is dangerous," he added.

The official lauded the government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan for showing interest in supporting smallholder farmers by increasing the budget in the agricultural sector in the financial year 2020/23 situation forced them to do the same.

Morogoro District agricultural, and irrigation official, Chesco Lwaduka said strategies to increase sesame production from

1 ton per hectare to 1.2 ton per hectare by the end of 2025," he mentioned the production areas as Mkambaloni, Mikese, Ngerengere, Gwata, Kidugalo, Kisaki, Bwakila chini, Mvua, Koloro, Tununguoa, Lundi, Kiroka, Tomondo, Kidugalo, and Mngazi wards.

"Before starting the project, a council through my office has started the program of identifying farmers who are ready to cultivate sesame, second provision of training about crop farmers and extension officials, third monitoring cultivation from the farm to market stage," he explained.

Early this month, Former Prime Minister, Mizengo Pinda who was a guest of honor at the enclosure of Eastern zone regions' farmers' day held in Morogoro region, pointed out Agricultural institutions have to question themselves to what extent their papers have solved farmers' challenges.

Pinda said: "It's a shame a region located with a good geographical location, fertile soil, and international agricultural university but its people suffer from malnutrition and low production in their annual harvest."

Strategic nickel mining to continue as planned, say district authorities

By Guardian Correspondent, Ngara

NGARA District Council has pledged to protect and ensure that implementation of the strategic nickel mining project operated by Tembo Nickel progresses as planned.

Nyamihaga divisional officer, Dudley Baham, representing Ngara District Commissioner Colonel Mathias Kahabi, at the launch of the Relocation Working Group (RWG) which took place in Rulenge ward over the weekend said the nickel project was a strategic one for the country and will bring great benefit to the economy in the near future.

"The main emphasis for this important group is honesty and integrity, Tembo Nickel

and the Government have a special partnership, so in order to manage any bad elements that may seek to delay this project, the government is pledging its full protection and support, to guard its share and that of the investor.

In the words of our District Commissioner, it is imperative that we guard this project fiercely," he said

He urged village leaders and councilors to ensure that they are the bridge to educate the community on all the necessary issues including the ongoing land and asset survey and valuations.

"The duty of the RWG is to make sure that you educate and clarify any misconceptions and that you send the correct



Tembo Nickel's occupational health and safety manager, Dr. Kudra Mfaume makes a point at the launch of a relocation working group in Rulenge, Ngara District. Others are Ngara planning Officer Constantino Msemwa (L) and Nyamihaga divisional officer Dudley Baham. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

message to the community. You are the chosen representa-

tive, which means that you are the trusted ones in your com-

munities to be honest, and impartial.

Our responsibility is to ensure that justice prevails and no one will be treated unfairly," he added

Tembo Nickel Occupational Health and Safety Manager Dr Kudra Mfaume, who was representing Country Manager Benedict Busunzu, said the main aim of the project is to deliver the milestones in cooperation with all stakeholders to realize the plan of opening the mine in the first quarter of 2026.

He added that before the operations can start it is necessary to relocate communities and that Tembo Nickel is carrying out this exercise in compliance with Tanzanian legal requirements as well as IFC standards.

He said the launch of the RWG is another milestone in

the project timeline and it is a platform for dialogue on how best to relocate communities in the project area.

He emphasized that by taking into account the Tanzanian legal requirements and additional IFC standards which are even more stringent, the company seeks to ensure that every citizen that is to be compensated, is given their fair dues.

The cut-off date marking the end of permanent development in the project area was announced on July 18th this year.

"Satellite pictures were taken upon announcement of the cut-off date and so the records are clear and only those who qualify for compensation will be considered," he said.

WFP scales up support for millions who jut 'cannot wait' for food aid as drought rages in Horn of Africa

By Sebastian Rich

AS the threat of famine looms in the Horn of Africa, the World Food Programme (WFP) announced on Friday that it is scaling up operations to support millions going hungry who "cannot wait" for assistance.

The region is in the grip of a historic drought, brought on by four consecutive failed rains. The crisis has left some 22 million people across Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia struggling to find enough to eat, with numbers expected to rise.

Livestock are dying, and there are critical shortages of water and food. More than a million people have fled their homes and are now living in crowded camps, where humanitarian aid is scrambling to meet the overwhelming needs.

WFP chief David Beasley on Thursday wrapped up a visit to Somalia, where the risk of famine is high.

More than seven million people there, nearly half the population, are acutely food insecure, and 213,000 are already facing famine-like conditions.

Beasley travelled to the southern city of Baardheere where he met families, including malnourished children and

their mothers, who have been forced to leave home and travel long distances to seek humanitarian aid, amid ongoing conflict.

"People here have been waiting years for rain - but they cannot wait any longer for life-saving food assistance. The world needs to act now to protect the most vulnerable communities from the threat of widespread famine in the Horn of Africa," he said.

"There is still no end in sight to this drought crisis, so we must get the resources needed to save lives and stop people plunging into catastrophic levels of hunger and starvation."

WFP said the drought is expected to continue in the coming months as a fifth poor rainy season is forecast later this year.

The agency is doing everything possible to support the most vulnerable people, but urgently requires around \$418 million over the next six months to meet the increasing needs.

Meanwhile, WFP is focused on using available funds to increase assistance in the worst-hit areas. The aim is to target some 8.5 million people across the region, up from 6.3 million at the start of the year.

Staff are providing food and cash assistance to families, in addition to dis-



A young boy collects what little water he can from a river dried up owing to severe drought in Dollow, Somalia.

tributing fortified foods to women and children as malnutrition rates spiral. Cash grants and insurance schemes are also helping households to buy food to keep their livestock alive, or to compensate them when they die.

So far, \$10 million has been allocated from the UN's Central Emergency Re-

sponse Fund (CERF) to ramp up the drought response in Somalia.

UN Humanitarian Coordinator Martin Griffiths warned on Friday that time is running out for people in the country.

"If we don't step up in force now, it'll run out and the malnourished children are likely to die first," he said.

"This new funding will help humanitarian agencies get supplies and staff in place as soon as humanly possible to help avert a further catastrophe in Somalia. But it is no solution. We need all hands on deck and all resources mobilized to prevent famine."

CERF has so far contributed a total of

\$41 million to the drought response in Somalia this year.

The funding has been used to support food and nutrition interventions, and to deliver healthcare, water and sanitation, protection, shelter, and education to people in need.

Agro-firm opens farm inputs outlets to facilitate fertiliser subsidy scheme

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

ONE Acre Fund Tanzania Limited has supported the government's fertiliser subsidy scheme by opening the region.

The idea is meant to enable the distribution of subsidized fertiliser to farmers through credit through its input stores.

One Acre Fund Tanzania Company's director Amar Khalid Hamad said this over the week-

end during the launch of the One Acre Fund Agro Shop for seeds and inputs like fertiliser at Kalenga Village in Iringa district, Iringa region.

The event was witnessed by Iringa Regional Commissioner Halima Dendego, Iringa District Commissioner, Kalenga MP Jackson Kiswaga, council directors and experts from the Ministry of Agriculture and the fertilizer control authority (TFRA) and among

others.

He said that they have prepared for the new farming season and asked farmers to continue to register for the preparation of the farming season and added that they have ordered 15,000 tonnes of agricultural inputs to be distributed in about 400 villages and 40 shops in the southern highland regions this year.

Hamad also said that along with that they will distribute two

million fruit tree seedlings, wood and improve the soil to increase the farmer's income, noting that the company's mission is to want every farmer to be successful and to help all farmers increase productivity in crop production.

"We invest a lot of effort and time to find the best ways to achieve our mission. We measure success not by profit but by the results of the farmer," said Hamad.

Since they started working in the Iringa region in 2012, they have focused on the basic program to deliver high quality inputs on credit in villages near the farmers' residences and from training in modern agricultural methods to increase productivity in production.

He said that this program of agro shops for inputs was tested for the first time in the regions of Njombe and Mbeya to learn

about the opportunities and challenges of this program before promoting it to other areas.

"When we started the program in 2012, with only 7 villages in Kalenga and Magulilwa wards, while serving 1,148 farmers, today, we're serving more than 160,000 farmers in the southern highlands," said Hamad.

RC Dendego lauded the agro-firm for opening an input store in the Iringa region, adding that

it will go a long way in helping farmers, saying that the program hopes to open nine input shops in the Iringa region in the districts of Mufindi, Kilolo and Iringa in order to speed up services for farmers as well as follow the government's priorities.

Dendego said that the agro input stores will reduce distribution charges to farmers due to the fertilizer subsidy programme.

HARARE

Starvation pounds inflation-hit urban Zimbabweans

WITH inflation at 256.9 percent, 49-year-old Dambudzo Chauruka can no longer afford to buy bread despite working as a civil servant in Zimbabwe.

A father of six school-going children, Chauruka earns 126 000 Zimbabwean dollars monthly, the equivalent of 157 US dollars (USD).

Bread now costs 1.30 USD in Zimbabwe, up from 0.90 cents five years ago when former Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe was toppled from power in a military coup.

But these aspirations tend to marginalise and antagonise the informal sector. The sector encompasses the suite of economic activities by workers and economic units that are - in law or in practice - not covered (or insufficiently covered) by formal arrangements.

Not only that, but the cost of a kilogram of choice beef has risen to 9 USD, while five kilograms of chicken drumsticks now cost 21,000 Zimbabwean dollars, about 22 USD.

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"I can't afford bread every day. If I spend money buying bread every day, I will run out of money to pay rent and buy groceries for my family," Chauruka told IPS.

In May 2022, the Consumer Council of Zimbabwe said a family of five required 120 000 Zimbabwean dollars a month



Rising inflation and the Ukraine war has added to the woes of Zimbabweans, where even the middle class struggle to buy a loaf of bread.

But come July 22, Russian and Ukrainian officials signed a deal to allow grain exports from Ukrainian Black Sea ports. Key witnesses to the agreement, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said the agreement would help ease a global food crisis.

For urban Zimbabweans who have to party with their hard-earned money to put every morsel of food on their tables, the agreement would import smiles as well.

One Zimbabwean, relieved at the news, is 57-year-old Nyson Mutumwa, a senior government employee.

"Now, I'm optimistic the Russia-Ukraine deal to unblock food passages to countries wanting food imports would relieve many nations of food shortages and cause a fall in food prices," Mutumwa told IPS.

Russia and Ukraine are among the world's biggest food exporters, especially wheat, to developing countries like Zimbabwe.

Yet Russia's invasion of Ukraine this year led to a de-facto blockade of the Black Sea, resulting in Ukraine's grain exports sharply dropping.

With the new agreement between the warring countries, even retail shop owners in Harare, like 48-year-old Jonathan Gunda in Mbare, the oldest township in Harare, are in high spirits.

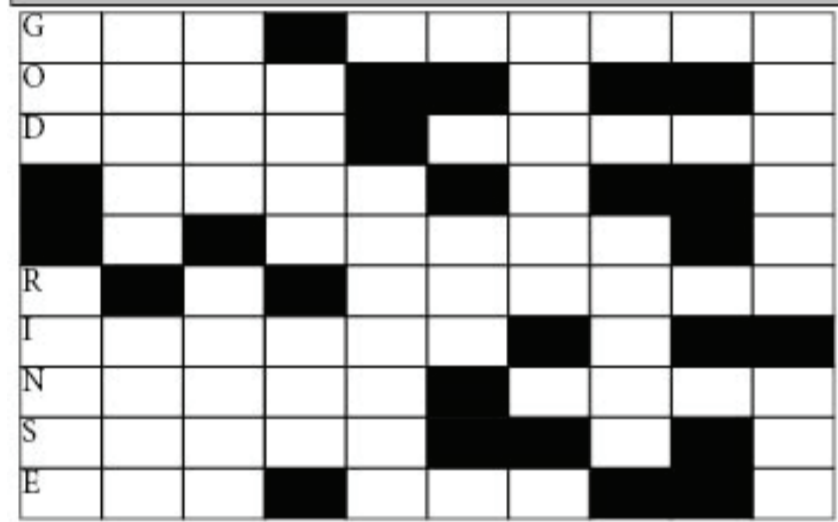
"I had suspended the selling of bread and buns. In fact, I had canceled selling off all wheat products, but with the new agreement between Russia and Ukraine, this may mean I will be back in business," Gunda told IPS.

Yet amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war blamed for causing food shortages and stoking inflation, World Food Program Southern Africa Director Mengheba Haile, in May this year, urged Zimbabwe and surrounding countries to increase food production.

"SADC region has water, has land, has clever people, so we are able to produce in this region. Let's diversify and let's produce for ourselves," WFP's Haile said then.

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- 4 letters: OPAL, DEMI, LINE, NAME, NENE, MONO, DECA
- 5 letters: ELITE, DEMUR, ENDOW, RINSE, MINOR, SCORE
- 6 letters: EVENTS, DECADE, CREATE, ERRORS,
- 7 letters: ELECTED

CLUES: Across
 1. Populous country in the World
 6. Maori hut
 10.fluid made by bees
 11.a position of an object
 12.a posture adopted in hatha yoga
 13.the former Germany state
 15.Yahweh has comforted
 17. an allowance of extra weight made to purchasers of certain goods to compensate for waste during transportation
 19. the technique of allowing tones and colours to shade gradually into one another
 24.a one-pound note
 25.insane
 27.Igbo
 28.Royal Naval air Station
 30.a statute empowering people
 33.joined by having grown together
 34.wheats
 35.past of teach

- Down:
- 1. an Indian dish
- 2. Hosea, abbrev.
- 3. silly
- 4. a member of Nomadic people of Siberia
- 5. a nanny employed by Europeans in India
- 6. balmy
- 7. largest continent
- 8. having a great deal of money
- 9. eth
- 14.expression of pain
- 16.the Christian Eucharist
- 18.Kigali is her mother city
- 20.disgusting dirt
- 21.the condition of being in a definite place
- 22.mum
- 23.container
- 25.the flesh of an animal
- 26.River in Europe
- 29.@
- 31.flexible container with an opening
- 32.grille

WORD-FIT SOLUTIONS

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in local currency to survive, about 300 USD. Still, it could be much higher this time amid ever-rising inflation.

Amidst galloping inflation, petrol price in Zimbabwe has fluctuated, a major determinant in the pricing of basic goods and services here.

From 1.77 USD per liter recently, petrol now costs about 1.60 USD even as it was pegged at 1.41 USD in January before war broke out in Ukraine following the invasion of the East European nation by Russia.

Zimbabwe's inflation shot from 96 percent to 132 percent in May, with food inflation alone climbing from 104 percent to 155 percent. The country's monthly inflation spiked from 15.5 percent in April to 21 percent in May.

As a result, for many underpaid working Zimbabweans like Chauruka, starvation has pounced as they grapple with the country's galloping inflation and subsequent poverty in the towns and cities where they live.

Chauruka and his family are residents of Kuwadzana high-density suburb in the Zimbabwean capital, Harare.

Now with the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war slowing down food exports to many developing countries like Zimbabwe, many urban dwellers like Chauruka and his family have had to contend with starvation amid rising food prices.

Since the start of the Russia-Ukraine war, according to the Grain Millers Association of Zimbabwe (GMAZ), wheat prices have surged from 475 USD to 675 USD per tonne.

As a result, bread for many urban dwellers known for years to afford it has suddenly turned into a luxury.

But these aspirations tend to marginalise and antagonise the informal sector. The sector encompasses the suite of economic activities by workers and economic units that are - in law or in practice - not covered (or insufficiently covered) by formal arrangements

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BUSINESS

Analyst predicts headwinds for domestic equity market

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

ACTIVITIES in the domestic equities market continue to fair well with the Tanzania Share Index (TSI), gaining 9.16 per cent year to date and 1.51 percent on weekly basis, according to Data from the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).

Available data indicates that CRDB, SWISS, TOL, and NMB have experienced the largest gains year to date, dragging up buying and selling activities and turnover at the bourse.

However, analysts expect moments of headwinds due to monetary tightening by the central bank during the end of next month.

According to the Zan Securities Chief Executive Officer Raphael Masumbuko, "the macro-economic environment has paced positively over the past quarter, but there might be a few headwinds as we progress towards September."

Masumbuko said the primary change in the macro backdrop concerns inflation, whereby he expect a marginal

upside risk to the inflation outlook as global fossil fuel prices edge higher prompted by the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

"In line with the rest of the world, Tanzania is also feeling inflationary pressures on its economy. According to the National Bureau of Statistics, annual headline inflation increased to 4.5 percent in July 2022, compared to 4.4 percent in June 2022. Cost push inflation will add pressure to companies' bottom line," Masumbuko added.

Masumbuko said the Central Bank's MPC's pragmatic decision to slow expansionary money supply might balance the risks to the growth and the inflation outlook.

"In light of these developments, we expect fixed income yields to edge slightly higher more, if the central bank deploys amplified borrowing as a tool for liquidity mopping," he added.

Meanwhile, the DSE equity market enjoyed an active week, however slightly down from sizeable trades registered in the preceding week.

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bourse recorded total turnover of 1.72bn/- as compared to 6.2bn/- posted during the previous trading session attributed by a number of pre-arranged block trades.

CRDB and TBL dominated the overall market turnover figure by 74.8 per cent and 13.2 per cent respectively.

Price movement was recorded on six

domestic traded equities this with the TOL stock appreciating the most after registering a 14.75 per cent increase closing the week at 700/- per share.

The CRDB stock registered a 1.27 per cent upside closing the week at 400/- per share while SWISS also continues its rally appreciating by 1.03 per cent to close at

1,960/- per share.

JATU however continued to endure its misfortunes with its stock depreciating by 3.33 per cent to close at 290/- per share while NICO lost its value by 1.41 per cent closing the week at 350/- per share.

Total market capitalization went down by 0.1 per cent to 16.042bn/- while Domestic

market capitalization went up by 0.18 per cent closing at 10.29bn/-

The Tanzania share index (TSI) closed at 3,893.99 points increasing by 0.18 per cent while the All Share Index (DSEI) decreased by 0.10 per cent to close at 1,924.97 points.

YARA rewards winner of its company loyalty programme

By Guardian Correspondent, Lushoto

YARA Tanzania, the leading fertilizer supplying company, has handed over top prize to the winner of the ongoing App reward-based loyalty program-YaraConnect.

Retailer in Lushoto, Mr Hussein Kaniki, who runs Kaniki Agrovet shop, walked home with a brand new motorcycle worth 3mn/-.

Speaking in Lushoto during the weekend, Yara Tanzania digital solutions manager, Deodath Mtei said Kaniki agrovet earned 33,333 points from purchase of Yara products by scanning QR code stickers found on the bags when selling the products to farmers.

The fertiliser retailer used the points to redeem motorbike prize.

The program provides loyalty points to retailers for buying and selling Yara fertilizer products which can then be

used to claim cash and non-cash rewards from Yara.

"Through scanning of the QR code stickers found on the bags when selling the products to farmers, retailers can earn points which they can use to redeem Motorbike and many other prizes including Caps, T-shirts, Thermo Mugs, Dust Coats, Infinix Mobile phones, Water Bottles and cash reward up to 3.6mn/-," he said.

He called on all retailers to take advantage of the opportunity to get more information about Yara products and also win prizes.

"The company has set aside Millions to support the program and we shall continue delivering other digital solutions to ensure our stakeholders succeed," he noted.

Yara Sales Agronomist Novatus Salala said the Yaraconnect App features a section with informative videos and



Yara Tanzania Digital Solutions manager, Deodath Mtei (R), hands over new motorbike worth 3m/- to the winner of the fertiliser company royalty programme dubbed YaraConnect to Hussein Kaniki (3rd L), owner of Kaniki Agrovet. The presentation ceremony was held at the retailer's outlet at Manolo Village, Mlalo Division in Lushoto District, Tanga Region at the weekend. PHOTO/ A CORRESPONDENT

newsfeed on balanced crop nutrition. Retailer can also get tips to assist farmers to solve nutrient deficiency problems which mostly affect productivity but also keep control of their stock.

Speaking shortly after receiving his prize, Kaniki said he was pleased for the reward given and thanked Yara for their support and consideration for retailers.

"This is a great motivation to me, I thank Yara for their continuous commitment to support retailers. I will continue to sell Yara products with zeal, I call on other retailers to sign in to YaraConnect", said Mr Kaniki.

Yara Managing Director Mr. Winston Odhiambo said, the company will continue to ensure adequate, efficient, and affordable supply of fertilizer in the market.

He welcomed the government's subsidy programme which he said will go

a long way to ensure farmers get relief from the current high cost of inputs.

Mr. Odhiambo said; "Yara retailers should be assured of our continued support and cooperation to ensure that all our products are available for timely distribution in the market. The YaraConnect scheme is one of the initiatives by the company to recognize and give back to our valued clients."

Yaraconnect program was launched on July 1, 2021, with the aim of giving technical assistance on agriculture and better use of Yara fertilizers, giving retailers an opportunity to learn and get answers to questions on agriculture and proper application of Yara products and get customer support through the application.

The app is available on both Play store for Android users and Apple store for IOS users.

Mwanga Hakika graduates as fully fledged commercial bank in Tanzania market

By Guardian Reporter

THE Commercial banking family in Tanzania has received a new member, after Mwanga Hakika Microfinance Bank Limited announced the transformation to a fully-fledged commercial bank.

The microfinance bank was formed in August 2020 following the merger of EFC Tanzania Microfinance Bank, Hakika Microfinance Bank, and Mwanga Community Bank.

The born of Mwanga Hakika Microfinance has a long history of over 20 years through surviving Mwanga Community Bank, which was formed way back in the year 2000.

Mwanga Hakika Bank board chairman Ridhiwani Mringo said, "Today we are witnessing another historic event in our journey by graduating to the level of a commercial bank. It is in a class of



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (2nd R) receives a souvenir from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Mwanga Hakika bank Ridhiwani Mringo (C) to symbolize its inauguration as a commercial bank. Others are the bank managing director Jagjit Singh, (2nd L), Vice Chairman of the bank's Board of Directors Raymond Thadeus (L) and Kinondoni district commissioner Godwin Gondwe. PHOTO/GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

itself achievement in banking history of Tanzania and must make the whole country proud".

The Chairman said currently, Mwanga Hakika Bank has outstanding loan portfolio amounting 72bn/-, Customer Deposits amounting 71bn/-, seven ranches including Kijitonyama, Dar-es-Salaam-Main Branch, Tegeta, Dodoma, Arusha, Moshi, Mwanga and Same, with 106 employees.

"Mwanga Hakika Bank's with total assets of 111bn/- aims to achieve "Excellency in service" imbedded with empathy, creativity transparency and affordability," he said.

"By attaining the role of fully-edged commercial bank, Mwanga Hakika Bank underscores its responsibilities towards all Stakeholders including our valued Customers, and we are promising to keep on giving our customers quality and assured services, always."

The bank's managing director Jagjit Singh said, "To be a fully-fledged com-

mercial bank, the services that we will be providing are many compared to the services provided when we were the microfinance bank. Through this transformation, our customers will get huge loans, use visa cards and we will be accessible everywhere".

He said the vision is to be amongst the leading and competitive bank inside and outside the country, supporting contractors implementing various infrastructure projects of national importance.

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Turkey central bank unveils credit availability measures

ANKARA

TURKEY'S central bank unveiled new measures meant to address credit availability including higher reserve requirement collateral for lenders, days after it shocked markets with a 100 basis-point interest rate cut to 13 percent.

It said the steps were meant to support financial stability and strengthen the monetary transmission mechanism after citing the need to address the widening gap between its policy rate and lending rates when it cut rates on Thursday.

The central bank replaced an existing 20 percent reserve requirement ratio for credits with a higher 30 percent Treasury bond collateral requirement.

Turkish authorities including the central bank and BDDK banking regulator have previously taken steps to limit loans to compa-

nies except those that are net exporters, as part of an economic plan that seeks to flip the big current account deficit to a surplus.

Last month, business groups complained over regulations and said manufacturing firms are not able to access financing with low rates.

As part of the central bank's new measures, the banks need to keep 20 percent in securities for commercial loans extended with an interest rate over 1.4 times the current reference rate of 16.32 percent.

The lenders need to maintain 90 percent bond collateral if a commercial loan extended will have an interest rate more than 1.8 times the reference rate.

Timothy Ash at Blue Bay Asset Management said the new central bank rules to lower banks' lending rates makes banking very complicated.



ICT stakeholders call for enhanced investment on infrastructure, skills

By Francis Kajubi

STAKEHOLDERS in the information and communication technology (ICT) are calling for more investments in infrastructure development, bridging the skills and knowledge gap among ordinary Tanzanians to enable them to fully participate in the digital economy.

Speaking at the fourth innovation and technology forum held in Dar es Salaam recently, stakeholders also called for friendly laws and regulations to guarantee security from cybercrimes, adoption of digital currencies and data protection.

"Further infrastructure development will ease connectivity to the last consumers of digital services and products in line with bridging the digital skills and knowledge gap especially in rural areas. This should be the key priority for both private and public sectors," said Jones Mrusha, technology executive and founder of Innovation Hub255.

Mrusha said it is crucial that private and public sector should collaborate in funding startups and conduct research projects.

"Investment in infrastructure will pull down costs in accessing digital services and provide a wider room for low income earners to benefit from innovations," he said.

Vodacom Tanzania Plc director of digital and value added service Nguvu Kamando said that innovations should target at creating digital solutions for common people.

"We need to transform people's lives through technology by setting up policies that favours growth of innovation players and preventing social inequalities in digital space," said Kamando.

According to him, investment in innovation in 2021/22 globally topped 6bn/- while in Tanzania stood at \$150 million.

Peter Kisa Baziwe, technology auditor and president of Information Systems Audit and Control Association



Dr Jim Yonazi, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Communications and Information Technology

(ISACA) Tanzania Board, said for Tanzania to realize full digital space developments the government and stakeholders have no other option but to invest in extending knowledge about cryptocurrency and blockchain

technology so that people knows the opportunities that comes with it and how to go about them.

"We need to look at digital trust and assurance. In this case, data protection laws and regulations are needed in

place to cater to cybercrime incidents that scare away people from being part of the digital economy," said Baziwe.

Responding, Dr Amos Nungu Director General COSTECH said that the commission is working with researchers and innovators in creating solutions that will give people confidence to invest in cryptocurrency and blockchain spaces.

"People are still not confident to go for cryptocurrency and blockchain technologies because they are worried of fraud. In creating people's confidence the commission has plans of funding research projects that bring answers on how to go about the technologies at the local market," said Dr Nungu.

He said the commission has already submitted a proposal to the International Development Research Corporation (IDRC) to raise funds that will be extended to research projects that target at strengthening innovation ecosystem.

Dr Jim Yonazi, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology said the government is keen at creating a safer space for people to participate

in the digital economy by laying down necessary infrastructure targeting to easy internet accessibility in rural areas.

He said during the 2022/23 financial year, the ministry targets at improving the National Information and Communications Technology Broadband Backbone (NICTBB) with a 2.4billion/- project to extend internet accessibility.

The project includes the construction of fibre optic network, power and transmission equipment, and is expected to improve the quality of internet connectivity and penetration.

According to him, the ministry will also construct 150 telecommunication towers with an internet speed of 3G, upgrading 350 telecommunication towers to access 3G and 4G from 2G.

"The ministry targets at constructing 15,000 kilometers of the NICTBB network as of 2025. Almost 8,030 kilometers have been constructed so far. In the current fiscal year the ministry targets at constructing 4,442 kilometers," said Dr Yonazi.

Sergia Valdini, Deputy Resident Representative UNDP Tanzania said "It is very encouraging to see the government and the private sector holding discussions on digital transformation.



The company started the programme in 2012 with seven villages in Kalenga and Maguilwa wards, serving 1,148 farmers. PHOTO/FILE

One Acre Fund opens inputs distribution outlet in Kalenga

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

ONE Acre Fund Tanzania Limited has joined the government initiative to ensure smooth distribution of inputs to farmers after opening input distribution outlet on credit.

Director of One Acre Fund Tanzania, Amar Khalid Hamad said during the launch of the new outlet at Kalenga Village in Iringa district said this will ensure available inputs in a time when new season is about to start.

The One Acre Fund Agro Shop will be responsible for distributing seeds and

subsidized fertilizers.

He said the company has ordered 15,000 tons of agricultural inputs to be distributed in about 400 villages and 40 retail shops in the southern highland regions this year.

Hamad also said the company will distribute two million fruit tree seedlings.

"The company mission is to ensure that every farmer is accessing inputs to improve productivity," he said. "We will invest a lot of efforts and time to find the best ways to achieve our mission. We will measure success not by profit but by the results of the farmers."

He noted that the company started the program, in 2012 with 7 villages in Kalenga and Maguilwa wards, serving 1,148 farmers and today, they are serving more than 160,000 farmers in all regions of the southern highlands zone.

He added that this program of agro shops for inputs was tested for the first time in the regions of Njombe and Mbeya as pilot study to determine opportunities and challenges.

Iringa Regional Commissioner Halima Dendego congratulated the company for opening an input store in Iringa, saying will support President Samia Suluhu Has-

san to

She said that the program hopes to open nine input shops in Mufindi and Kilolo districts, Iringa region in order to smooth supply of inputs to farmers on credits, whereby payment is made upon harvesting.

Dendego said that the agro input stores will reduce distribution costs for fertilizer issued through government subsidy program.

The government recently announced 150bn/- fertilizer subsidy this farming season, which lowered the prices of the inputs for nearly half of the market costs

Leading firms invest US\$6bn in blockchain September to June '22

WASHINGTON

FORTY of the world's largest companies invested about \$6 billion in blockchain companies between September 2021 and June 2022, according to a study by Blockdata that looked at the investment activity of the biggest 100 public companies by market cap.

Blockdata used the size of the funding rounds as a proxy for total investment, saying it isn't possible to determine the amount contributed by each participant in a round.

Samsung was the most active, investing in 13 companies.

In a blog published by Blockdata, revealed that the tech company has participated in funding rounds for climate tech venture Flowcarbon, Bored Apes Yacht Club issuer Yuga Labs, blockchain gaming company Animoca Brands, and Axie Infinity owner Sky Mavis.

The post, however, does not detail how much the tech corporation invested in each of the blockchain companies, noting only that the total size of funding rounds for the 13 companies aggregated to \$979.26 million.

The corporation is likely to have done most of its investing efforts through Samsung Next, a multifaceted innovation group within Samsung Electronics, investing in blockchain, artificial intelligence, and the Metaverse.

Google parent company Alphabet (GOOGL) participated in four funding rounds that raised \$1.5 billion for blockchain and crypto-related companies, the largest value.

Speaking to Cointelegraph, an Alphabet spokesperson clarified that "While the small number of Blockchain related companies we've invested in have raised \$1.5 billion in total, we have only invested a small fraction of that ourselves."

The study highlights the mainstream acceptance of blockchain technology and the crypto industry. BlackRock (BLK), the world's largest asset manager, took part in rounds valued at \$1.2 billion, and Morgan Stanley (MS) participated in \$1.1 billion of fundraising activity.

Alphabet invested in four companies, including crypto custody technology provider Fireblocks, Flow blockchain developer Dapper Labs, Bitcoin network infrastructure provider Voltage and investment firm Digital Currency Group, the parent company of CoinDesk.

The study was reported earlier by Blockworks.



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Africa cyber security regional hub to be built in Togo

LOME

TOGO will soon host a regional cybersecurity hub namely the African Cybersecurity Center.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) will help the country build the facility.

Both parties have already signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to this end, according to a joint release.

"The Togolese Republic and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) are pleased to announce the signing of a memorandum

of understanding for close collaboration to build the African Cybersecurity Coordination and Research Center in Togo," reads the release.

Cina Lawson, minister of the digital economy and digital transformation, welcomed the news, saying: "We are pleased to partner with ECA, to bolster our commitment to making cybersecurity a top priority for our states. Our ambition is to make our country a true digital hub in Africa. Our partnership model with the private sector is an innovative approach we want to put forward, to inspire other countries, and foster safer



cyberspace on the continent."

The African Cybersecurity Center will be built in Lomé to provide expertise in cybersecurity, promote this discipline, and investigate cybercriminal activities.

The Center's currently-known missions include building capacity and supporting established cybersecurity agencies in African countries, working with African governments, policymakers, law enforcement, and security experts.

Overall, the hub aims to develop effective frameworks for assessing and tackling cyber threats, while promoting

cybersecurity in the region.

It will also provide highly specialized technical and research skills to boost cybersecurity, in West Africa, and Africa in general.

Last March, Togo co-organized with UNECA in hosting Africa's first cybersecurity summit, which brought together Heads of State and governments, as well as leaders of the private sector and civil society.

On the occasion, the "Lomé declaration on cybersecurity and the fight against cybercrime," or the Lomé Declaration, was adopted.

Informal sector urged to utilise tech to plan for retirement

KAMPALA

THE Uganda Retirement Benefits Regulatory Authority (URBRA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Martin Nsubuga has observed that with technology, the Authority has enhanced its supervisory capabilities.

Considering the rising cost of key commodities, it is no brainer that it has become so difficult to save.

With inflation eroding purchasing power, there is little or even nothing that can easily be put aside for a rainy day – particularly at that time when you are no longer at the peak of your powers – old age.

Therefore it makes a lot of sense that at this period in time you should be self-sustaining. For this to work out, you must be able to save some money or have investments that will see you through your old age.

Mr Benjamin Mukibi, manager research and strategy, (URBRA), said that saving across generations is a profound challenge especially since you have to save for two generations.

However he notes that in order to bridge the generation gap, there is need to adapt to technology, support innovations and improve various designs with an aim of having a retirement income.

“The major innovation that URBRA has come up with is widening the scope of coverage looking at informal sector workers because of the challenges we have been having with the system at the moment does not take care of labour informality and yet most of the Ugandan workers are in the informal sector,” Mukibi noted.

Speaking during a symposium in Kampala dubbed “Re-thinking the scope of retirement for old security”, he noted that URBRA is adopting technology and proposing a national pensions scheme.

“All these members that are non-salaried yet transacting should be able to make nominal contributions for their retirement easily and conveniently. We think if we started early to incentivize



Uganda's First Deputy Prime Minister, Rebecca Kadaga (4th L), and URBRA CEO Martin Nsubuga (3rd L) pose for a photo with other dignitaries during the symposium last week. PHOTO/MONITOR

non-salaried workers or those that are in the informal sector to plan for retirement, they will have a better value proposition in life,” Mukibi added.

The URBRA CEO Martin Nsubuga observed that with technology, the Authority has enhanced its supervisory capabilities.

“We are not on the ground all the time to oversee the sector. We can in real time detect the risks and follow where the money is invested and what is happening in the scheme,” Nsubuga said early last week.

He further admitted that URBRA has been lagging in ICT for the last three months but with the onboarding of supervision, they will be able to improve services.

“In order to help the public leverage on technology, we have started a discussion with all the telecom providers to see that we can leverage on their platforms and be able to interface them with different schemes,” Nsubuga disclosed.

Congo-China friendship ‘is not empty words’, says ex-minister

BRAZZAVILLE

FOR Basile Ikouebe (pictured), former foreign minister of the Republic of the Congo, the day when he inaugurated a Congo-aided school on China's Qinghai-Tibet Plateau 10 years ago remains fresh in his memory.

In April 2010, a 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in northwest China's Qinghai Province.

As locals were struggling to rebuild their homes, Congo, a country on the other side of the world, decided to reach out. When attending the Shanghai World Expo in 2010, Congolese President Denis Sassou Nguesso announced that the country would help rebuild a primary school in the quake-hit area.

“The friendship between our two countries is not empty words,” said Ikouebe. Friendship between Congo and China has always stood the test of time with solidarity and a heart of gold.

“To see our partner dealing with such a difficult situation, we should express our compassion and solidarity,” explained Ikouebe in a recent interview with Xinhua, underlining that Congo has “the heart to honor its commitments and solidarity” with China.

“Simply expressing our compassion is not enough to demonstrate our solidarity with China. There should be concrete actions,” said Ikouebe, now the high representative and head of the African Union Liaison Office to Chad.

Considering the huge economic burden to rebuild a school on the Qinghai-Tibet plateau, known for its altitude and cold weather, China has advised Congo to dial it down by helping rebuild a school library. Though Congo appreciated China's consideration, the country still insisted on rebuilding a whole new school, noted Ikouebe.

“Although our economic capacity is limited, we should extend help. We need to honor our commitments and promises to the children,” he said.

On July 22, 2012, the restoration of Wenle Central Boarding School (Orphan School) was completed under the new name of the Sino-Congolese Friendship Primary School. Ikouebe, who attended the ceremony on behalf of the Congolese government, said that he remembered it just like yesterday.

Though the ride to the school was full of twists and turns amid harsh weather, Ikouebe said the experience was one of the “highlight moments” not only for his diplomatic career but also for Congo-China relations.

“It was raining during the ceremony,” recalled the Congolese diplomat. “I remember saying that the rain was not a bad sign. In our culture, the rain usually means happiness.”

Also in 2012, nearly two years after the earthquake in China, the annex of a munition depot exploded in the eastern part of the Congolese capital Brazzaville, killing about 300 people and injuring thousands.

“Soon after the explosion, China came to our assistance,” said Ikouebe, noting that China offered to restore the explosion-torn streets. “This is just another shining example of the solidarity shared by our two countries.”



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MONDAY 29 Aug 06:00 Al Jazeera 08:00 In good shape rpt 10:00 Capchat rpt 11:00 Sports Gazette rpt 11:30 Korean Drama rpt: Hwarang 12:00 Jagina rpt 12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt 13:00 In good shape rpt 13:30 Series rpt: Lies that Bind 15:15 Abu yako 15:30 Rev rpt 16:00 Dakika 45 rpt 16:45 Mizengwe rpt 17:00 he Decor rpt 17:30 Meza huru 19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt 19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights 20:00 Korean Drama: Hwarang 21:00 De News Africa 21:30 Capchat live 22:15 Telenovela rpt: Laws of love 00:00 Al Jazeera

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WORLD

Floods, landslides kill dozens as monsoon rains lash northern, eastern India

FLOODS and landslides triggered by intense monsoon rains killed at least 50 people in northern and eastern India over the last three days, officials said yesterday.

The rains overwhelmed hundreds of villages, sweeping away houses and leaving residents stranded as rescue crews have been racing to evacuate survivors.

Earlier this month the federal weather office had predicted that India was likely to receive an average amount of rain in August and September, pointing to overall good crop yields in Asia's third-biggest economy that relies on farming to boost growth and generate jobs.

Farming contributes around 15% to India's \$2.7 trillion economy while sustaining more

than half the population of 1.3 billion.

Heavy showers followed by landslides and flooding in the Himalayan state of Himachal Pradesh over the past three days killed at least 36 people, a state government official told Reuters.

In the neighbouring mountainous state of Uttarakhand, an official government release said that four were dead and 13 were missing due to continuous rainfall.

"We have deployed choppers to rescue people who are stuck in remote areas due to rain related incidents. The rescue operation is happening on full swing," said Ranjit Kumar Sinha, an official in Uttarakhand's disaster management department.



A general view of a flooded bridge following heavy rains in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, India on Saturday in this screen grab obtained from a video. REUTERS

In the eastern state of Odisha, at least six people were dead amid ongoing torrential rains, a state official said.

Floods have affected nearly 800,000 people and displaced thousands from their homes in Odisha, with rains disrupting electricity and water supply, and damaging road infrastructure.

The state has evacuated 120,000 people so far from the affected areas.

Authorities in the Ramgarh district of the eastern state of Jharkhand said five people had been swept away by the waters of the swollen Nalkari river on Saturday.

Four bodies have been recovered so far, said Madhvi Mishra, a district official in Ramgarh.

Russian diplomat blasts US media for trying to discredit Moscow's activities in Africa

MOSCOW

US media outlets seek to launch another campaign to discredit Russia's activities in the Central African Republic, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a statement on Friday.



"We have taken note of recent reports in the US media, which appear to be trying to launch another campaign to discredit Russia's activities on the African continent, particularly in the Central African Republic," the statement reads.

In this regard, Zakharova pointed to a Bloomberg article titled "Russian Mercenaries Seek Gold, Sow Chaos in Central Africa."

According to the diplomat, the article "claims, citing 'artisanal miners, rebels and humanitarians,' that fighters from the Wagner private military company, 'alongside the national army, have killed scores of people, looted communities and displaced thousands as they increase their control of gold-mining areas in the war-torn country.'

We have to point out once again that such articles are purely unfounded and involve unscrupulous methods such as the fabrication of facts. The goal clearly is to tarnish Russia's image, demonize Russia and harm our close and friendly relations with Bangui," Zakharova noted.

She reiterated that Russia's assistance to the Central African Republic was part of the international community's efforts to strengthen the ability of the country's law enforcement agencies to maintain security, law and order.

Agencies

It's time for Taiwan authorities to rethink their separatist ploys

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan has angered Beijing as well as Chinese people around the world.

In response, the People's Liberation Army conducted live-fire drills in six specific locations around the island of Taiwan, and a new white paper on the Taiwan question.

"The Taiwan Question and China's Reunification in the New Era" was issued by the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council and the State Council Information Office on Aug 10.

History always unfolds in unexpected ways. Pelosi's Taiwan trip is intended to egg on the separatists on the island to go further down their path of secessionism. Yet in a sense, it has helped accelerate the process of China's complete reunification, which has never been so urgent before.

The issuance of the new white paper and the PLA's largest-ever live-fire drills around Taiwan Island are widely seen as a reminder to the separatists and their foreign patrons that there is a clear red line.

The Chinese government's stance on the Taiwan question is crystal clear and has remained consistent over the past decades. It will strive for peaceful reunification but will not rule out reunification by force.

The new white paper is the third on the Taiwan question, after the previous ones in 1993 and 2000. It demonstrates the resolve of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese government to achieve the nation's complete reunification, saying "the fact that we have not yet been reunified is a scar left by history on the Chinese nation".

The document further elaborates on China's basic policy on the Taiwan question and lays out the blueprint for its reunification process.

The white paper points out that reunification is a shared responsibility for all Chinese people, including Taiwan patriots, declaring that any attempt to separate Taiwan from China is a serious crime of secession.

The Democratic Progressive Party authorities under the leadership of Tsai Ing-wen have spared no effort in employing various ploys to promote "Taiwan independence" over the past decade.

Beijing's responses have been broadly restrained. It keeps on demonstrating goodwill by rolling out numerous measures benefiting Taiwan's economy, businesses and individual residents.

In the past decade, there has been no lack of criticism by mainland residents who prefer a more



US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

hard-line approach toward the separatists in Taiwan.

It seems that the more economic benefits the mainland offers Taiwan, the more determined the DPP authorities are to walk further down their separatist path, judging by their stepped-up efforts in pursuing so-called "de jure independence" over recent years, including their maneuvers facilitating Pelosi's Taiwan trip.

Some people have argued that meting out punishment, rather than engagement, should be the key strategy toward those secessionists in Taiwan.

It is particularly disappointing that the leader of the Ku-

mintang, which is supposedly against "Taiwan independence", said that Pelosi's visit was a "welcome move".

The KMT should seriously review its history of governing Taiwan in the past three decades. It was clear that Taiwan achieved much stability and prosperity when the KMT authorities adopted a friendly attitude toward the mainland.

The 1992 Consensus had remained the largest common denominator of both sides of the Straits and a guarantee for peace during the KMT's reign. What has happened in Taiwan since then? Obviously, it is the DPP authori-

ties' relentless attempt to change the Taiwan Straits status quo, egged on by the US-led external forces, that has caused the current strained relations between the two sides.

It is unwise for the DPP authorities to leverage external forces and walk further down their path of secession, which is a hopeless endeavor. And it is evil for the US to interfere in other countries' internal affairs.

Under the guise of democracy, humanitarianism, or anti-terrorism, wars and conflicts initiated by the US in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria have caused tremendous human losses, economic collapse and painful suffering to local people and jeopardized global security and stability.

Chinese people are peace-loving, and China has not engaged in any war for decades. The reunification with Taiwan by force would definitely be the last resort if push were to come to shove. But Beijing's restraint and tolerance should not be misinterpreted.

Hong Kong and Macao returned to the motherland in 1997 and 1999 respectively. The nation's complete reunification is key to the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and no State leader would allow Taiwan to be separated from China.

Agencies

More than 10 people killed in hotel attack in Somalia

MOGADISHU

MORE than ten people were killed and several others wounded after al-Shabab militants stormed a hotel in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, Friday evening, the police and witnesses confirmed on Saturday.

A police officer who declined to be identified told Xinhua that the extremists armed with rocket-propelled grenades detonated two explosives outside Hayat Hotel before storming inside the building and engaged the security forces in an hours-long siege which ended at around 11 a.m., local time, Saturday.

Witnesses said the first car bomb rammed into the perimeter wall of the hotel, causing a huge explosion followed by extensive gunfire exchanged between the attackers and hotel security. "A second car bomb was heard a few meters away from the corridor of the hotel, shortly after the first bomb was detonated," an eyewitness told Xinhua on the phone.

A special police unit later came in and rescued several guests including businessmen and staff from the popular hotel frequented by government and lawmakers. The police officer told Xinhua that the security forces managed to neutralize the militants who were holed up inside a room on the top floor of the hotel.

More than ten people have been confirmed dead and several others wounded, according to him. The government has not released official figures on the number of casualties and it was not clear how many al-Shabab fighters participated in the attack.

The police officer said two security officials, including the Mogadishu intelligence chief, were among those wounded in the hotel attack. He said the government forces have ended the hours-long siege by regaining control of the Hayat Hotel after reaching the top floor from where al-Shabab gunmen were firing during the night.

"The death toll is likely to rise since hospitals were still receiving victims of the attack and most of the casualties are in critical condition," the police officer added.

Al-Shabab, which has been fighting to topple the Somali government, claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement, saying its fighters managed to take over the hotel after storming their way into the building.

Abdikadir Abdurahman, director of Aamin Ambulance Service, said the wounded have been rushed to the hospitals in Mogadishu as rescue efforts were underway amid a standoff between the security forces and the attackers whose number could not be established.

The deadly attack, the first since President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud was elected in May, caused total turmoil in the capital of Somalia with many worried about the rampant spread of insecurity in recent months.

The attacks continue across Somalia despite the security forces backed by allied forces having stepped up operations against the militants in the country. The militants have been targeting military bases, hotels and other public places in Somalia.

Xinhua

UN chief salutes aid workers on World Humanitarian Day

UNITED NATIONS

UNITED Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Friday saluted aid workers in his video message on World Humanitarian Day, observed annually on August 19.

The hundreds of thousands of aid workers globally who dedicate their lives to assist people in need represent "the best in humanity," said the top UN official.

"Far from the spotlight and out of the headlines, humanitarians work around the clock to make our world a better place," he

said.

Against incredible odds, often at great personal risk, they ease suffering in some of the most dangerous circumstances imaginable," he added.

The UN General Assembly designated World Humanitarian Day in 2008 to commemorate the anniversary of the 2003 bombing of the UN headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, which killed 22 aid workers.

This year's theme -- "It takes a village" -- highlights the fact that whenever and wherever people are in crisis, there are others

who will help them.

"This village includes affected people who are always first to respond when disasters strike -- neighbors helping neighbors. It includes a global community pulling together to support them as they recover and rebuild," the UN chief said.

"And it includes hundreds of thousands of individual humanitarians -- volunteers and professionals alike. Delivering health care and education. Food and water. Shelter and protection. Help and hope."

The number of people who need human-

itarian assistance has never been higher, due to conflicts, climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, poverty, hunger and unprecedented levels of displacement. World Humanitarian Day is an opportunity to celebrate humanitarians everywhere, said Guterres.

"We salute their dedication and courage, and pay tribute to those who lost their lives in pursuit of this noble cause. They represent the best of humanity," he said.

Xinhua

Chinese cultural products grow popular overseas

AT an audiovisual intelligent science and technology exhibition center of Soundking Group Co., Ltd., a manufacturer of sound equipment based in Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang Province, domestically developed devices present an audiovisual feast to visitors.

The center exhibits more technological devices including an immersive sound system, an intelligent classroom sound reinforcement system, a multi-functional digital cinema featuring panoramic sound and an intelligent LED touch screen.

As a key foreign cultural trade firm in China, Soundking Group receives a large number of orders placed by overseas clients during various foreign trade exhibitions each year. Providing design and debugging services for clients from countries such as Italy, the U.S. and Germany, the company has reached more than 1,000 clients. In 2021, the group took the

16th spot in a list of the top 225 professional audio product and musical instrument industries in the world, according to Music Trades, an international authoritative magazine.

In recent years, China's foreign cultural trade has made remarkable progress thanks to policy and funding support.

China is the world's largest trading country in goods, and made-in-China goods have long become a part of people's lives all over the world. Nowadays, Chinese cultural products are also going global at an accelerated pace. Chinese publications, TV dramas, games, animations, design services, advertising services and copyrighted products and services are seeing increasing popularity among companies and citizens from foreign

countries.

China's export of cultural products has ranked among the top in the world for many years. Last year, the country's foreign cultural trade grew 38.7 percent year-on-year to hit \$200 billion for the first time. The import and export volume of cultural products reached \$155.8 billion, an increase of 43.4 percent over the previous year, and the volume of cultural services increased by 24.3 percent to \$44.22 billion.

Digitalization plays a vital role in pushing for the innovative development of China's foreign cultural trade. While the export of traditional cultural products keeps expanding, the export of online games and e-sports is also gaining steam in overseas markets.

Chinese companies are adopting digital technologies to continuously create new cultural products with original IP. Chinese-made games Genshin Impact and Honor of Kings have gained popularity in overseas markets and many online games with Chinese cultural elements are seeing robust sales on well-known international online game platforms such as STEAM.

The actual sales of China's independently developed games in overseas markets approached nearly \$9 billion, an increase of 6.16 percent year-on-year in the first half of 2022, according to a report on China's gaming industry released by the China Audio-video and Digital Publishing Association.

Chinese cultural products have become globally competitive in digital culture. The standards formulated by the country in the fields of mobile animation and digital art display have been designated as international standards, said Li Jiashan, associate dean of the China Institute for Service Trade at the Beijing International Studies University.

To further vitalize China's foreign cultural trade, the Ministry of Commerce and other departments recently issued a guideline to promote the high-quality development of foreign cultural trade. The guideline chartered the course for Chinese foreign cultural trade enterprises to expand overseas markets and push for high-quality development of foreign cultural trade.

It said that efforts should be made to steadily enlarge the scale of China's foreign cultural trade, optimize the structure of the sector, and steadily increase the proportion of high value-added services in the overall foreign cultural trade.

The guideline also pointed out that several cultural trade service platforms will be built across the country and a batch of digital cultural platforms with global influence and leading enterprises will be established by 2025.

The platforms are expected to provide a variety of services for enterprises in such areas as policy advisory, market information, legal services, technical support, and talent recruitment, guide relevant companies to healthy and innovation-driven development with global influence, and drive the export of cultural products and services.

People's Daily

Rwanda to name 20 endangered mountain baby gorillas in conservation ceremony

KIGALI

RWANDA is set to give names to 20 endangered mountain baby gorillas born over the last 12 months in an annual gorilla conservation event, the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) announced on Friday.

The event, commonly known as "Kwita Izina," will take place in Kinigi, Musanze district of Northern Province, on Sept. 2, 2022, two years after the last in-person event was held.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the flagship annual ceremony was held virtually over the last two years, said Ariella Kageruka, head of RDB's Tourism & Conservation, at a press conference in Kigali, the Rwandan capital.

"We are excited to return to Kinigi this year for the 18th Kwita Izina ceremony after holding it virtually for the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic," she said.

The event will ensure a safe return of participants to the foothills of Volcanoes National Park, joining the communities living around the home of the endangered mountain gorillas in the ultimate celebration of nature and conservation, said Kageruka.

"This year, we are celebrating the gains made in our conservation efforts, notably the increase in our gorilla population and the partners and communities who actively participate in the daily conservation and sustainability efforts to ensure a harmonious human-wildlife coexistence," she explained.

According to her, RDB will next week embark on activities including Rhino Velo Race in Akagera National Park, countrywide familiarization tours for international tour operators and travel media, Rubavu lakeside brunch, Kwita Izina concert, business conservation conference and com-

munity-led conservation exhibition at Kinigi to pave way for the naming ceremony.

The baby gorilla naming event has become a major tourism ceremony in the small central African country. It has boosted efforts to conserve the endangered mountain gorillas which have enabled Rwanda to tap tourism revenues hinged on conservation. Since the inception of this annual event in 2005, 354 baby gorillas have been named in the gorilla conservation event.

Revenues increased by 25 percent from 131 million U.S. dollars in 2020 to 164 million U.S. dollars in 2021.

This year, the tourism sector is showing signs of going back to pre-pandemic levels, with the sector generating over 168 million U.S. dollars between January and June compared to 55.6 million U.S. dollars that were generated during the same period last year, said RDB.

Responding to a question from a Xinhua journalist about Rwanda and China partnership in tourism marketing and promotion, Kageruka said that Rwanda has been promoting tourism products and packages through China's e-commerce giant Alibaba.

"We have been working with Alibaba for the last few years. We have been engaging China virtually through webinars due to the COVID-19 pandemic which restricted travel. We have also conducted press trips in Rwanda of Chinese travel media," she added.

According to her, Chinese tourism and travel influencers produced content that has helped RDB to promote tourism packages and products on the Alibaba platform.

This year's baby gorilla namers will include notable partners, conservationists, international celebrities, dignitaries and friends of Rwanda, according to RDB.

Cooperation with China helps promote connectivity, poverty alleviation in Africa

NAIROBI

WHEN the Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) was launched on May 31, 2017, Grace Wambui, a middle-aged Kenyan trader, could thus transport her goods seamlessly to earn profit.

Constructed by the China Road and Bridge Corporation, the 480-km modern railway line, linking Kenya's port city of Mombasa to the capital of Nairobi, has been at the heart of the country's socio-economic transformation. During a recent interview with Xinhua, Philip Mainga, managing director of the Kenya Railways Corporation, underscored China's contribution to Kenya's infrastructure modernization, citing the SGR as a telling example. "The SGR is a successful project, a project with a future, and a project that has transformed the country," said Mainga.

INFRASTRUCTURE BOOM

In recent years, connectivity between China and Africa has expanded at a faster pace and Kenya has benefited from the infrastructure boom under the Belt and Road Initiative.

Since the founding of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), Chinese companies have helped African countries build and upgrade more than 10,000 km of railways, some 100,000 km of highways, nearly 1,000 bridges and 100 ports, and 66,000 km of power transmission and distribution, according to a white paper titled "China and Africa in the New Era: A Partnership of Equals."

Modernization of critical infrastructures like roads, railways, seaports and airports has been a central feature of China-Africa cooperation, spurring the continent's economic rejuvenation, said Abena Oduro, a trade economist at the department of economics at the University of Ghana.

Oduro stressed that China-funded infrastructure development will be key to realizing the fruits of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which was established in 2018 to foster the cross-border movement of goods and services.

As inadequate infrastructure remains a major obstacle for Africa to achieve its full economic growth potential, improved infrastructure will facilitate domestic and international trade, reduce the cost of doing busi-



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ness and enhance Africa's competitiveness both as an exporter and a destination for investors, according to the African Development Bank (AfDB).

"China attaches particular importance to infrastructure because it is a critical enabler for productivity and sustainable economic growth; as we say in our region, 'when the road passes, development follows,'" said Jimmy Yab, president of the China-Africa Francophone Observatory.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Despite abundant resources, a large population and a vast market, Africa remains the world's least developed continent, beset by persistent poverty and hunger.

China's successful fight against poverty has created a pathway to be followed by developing nations seeking to lift a large portion of their population out of poverty within a stipulated time, said Sheriff Ghali Ibrahim, head of the department of political science and international relations at the University of Abuja, Nigeria.

In Burkina Faso, Chinese experts are helping farmers acquire quality seeds, fertilizer and equipment to boost rice production.

"Based on the actual needs of the Burkina Faso people, our mission is to develop rice cultivation, increase rice production while expanding the cultivation area and promoting new technologies," said Hu Yuzhou, head of a Chinese agricultural technical assistance team in Burkina Faso.

Gaoussou Sanou, national coordinator of the Burkina Faso-China agricultural coop-

eration program, said that rice production had tripled compared to previous years, thanks to assistance from Chinese experts.

Guinea-Bissau and Madagascar are also among African countries that have benefited from Chinese expertise and technology to boost rice production.

In Tanzania, the government has leveraged funds from China to develop the Juncao technology for livestock fodder and mushroom production.

The Juncao technology, which literally means fungi and grass literally, was invented in the 1980s by Lin Zhanxi, a professor at China's Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University.

"The Juncao technology will increase mushroom production and consumption, which will contribute to food security in the country," said Tanzanian Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Mashimba Ndaki.

Cavince Adhere, a Kenyan international relations expert, said that China's success in alleviating rural poverty by leveraging technology-led farming methods inspires developing countries.

"Contrary to many countries where development is often associated with investments in cities and other urban centers, China prioritized rural areas in its poverty reduction efforts where agriculture played a major role," Adhere said.

INCLUSIVE GROWTH, SHARED PROSPERITY

In November last year, the 8th Ministerial Conference of the FOCAC was held in Da-

kar, Senegal, during which China announced its decision to jointly implement nine programs with African countries, demonstrating its consistent commitment to Africa and the sustained momentum of China-Africa cooperation. At Thursday's coordinators' meeting on the implementation of the outcomes of the 8th ministerial conference held virtually, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that China and Africa had jointly implemented the outcomes with good progress and brought tangible benefits to the African people.

Peter Kagwanja, chief executive of Kenya's Africa Policy Institute, a pan-African think tank, said that FOCAC demonstrates the strong partnership between Africa and China as well as China's sincerity and actions in helping with Africa's development.

China has now emerged as Africa's biggest trading partner, one of the continent's biggest lenders, and one of its biggest foreign investors. In the face of COVID-19, China and Africa have enhanced solidarity and strengthened friendship. China is strategically aligned with the continent's quest to achieve the goals of Africa's Agenda 2063 and the UN Agenda 2030, said Kagwanja.

The year 2022 marks the beginning of the implementation of key outcomes of the 8th FOCAC ministerial conference, which is expected to reinvigorate the economy in Africa.

Donald Rushambwa, a researcher at Harare-based China-Africa Economic and Culture Exchange Research Center, said that Beijing has defied skeptics to become a sincere partner and enabler of the continent's economic renewal.

Xinhua

Peru withdraws recognition of Polisario's self-proclaimed SADR

RABAT

THE government of Peru has announced its decision to withdraw its recognition of the Polisario Front's self-proclaimed Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR).

The decision comes following talks between Peruvian Minister of Foreign Affairs Miguel Ángel Rodríguez Mackay and Morocco's Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita, Peru's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a press release.

The ministry said that it notified the UN of its decision, citing its official endorsement of Morocco's Autonomy Plan as the only credible and serious basis to end the dispute over Western Sahara.

The statement further emphasized Peru and Morocco's determination to strengthen bilateral ties through a multisectoral roadmap that will include cooperation in different fields -- including economic, commercial, energy, and agriculture.

Many Peruvian MPs have been emphasizing support for Morocco's territorial integrity. In 2021, Peruvian MP Martha Chavez Cossio reaffirmed Peru's support for Morocco's sovereignty over Western Sahara, stressing the need for a compromised-based political solution in line with UN resolutions.

In October 2017, 21 members of the Peruvian Parliament expressed their support for Morocco's Autonomy Plan

for Western Sahara.

Peru restored relations with Polisario in September 2021, a move that was highly criticized by many former Peruvian officials.

Peru first withdrew its recognition of Polisario's self-proclaimed SADR in 1996.

Morocco has enjoyed growing international support for its Autonomy Plan as the most serious and credible basis to end the dispute.

Spain was the latest country to officially endorse Morocco's Autonomy Plan. Germany and the Netherlands have also recently emphasized the importance of the Moroccan initiative as an important contribution to end the dispute.

In 2020, Morocco welcomed the US decision to recognize the country's sovereignty over its southern provinces in Western Sahara. In addition, many countries from Africa and other parts of the world opened diplomatic representations in Morocco's southern provinces in the Western Sahara region, reflecting their support for Morocco's territorial integrity.

The number of countries who opened consulates in the region has reached 24 to date. The latest opening was in July, when Togo officially inaugurated its diplomatic representation in Morocco's Dakhla.

Agencies

US statement sanctions don't prevent Russia from New START inspections misleading

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON'S position that sanctions do not prevent Moscow from conducting New START Treaty inspections in the United States is misleading, the Russian embassy to the US said in the statement published on Saturday at Newsweek's request to comment on the arms control situation.

"The inspection activities under the New START Treaty have indeed been suspended since the early 2020 by mutual agreement due to COVID-19 pandemic," the Russian embassy said in the statement.

"We are working closely with our American colleagues within the framework of the New START Bilateral Consultative Commission to remove organizational and technical obstacles to resume inspections," the embassy said adding that "some issues have been resolved but by no means all of them."

"The remaining problems stem from the anti-Russian restrictive measures imposed unilaterally by the United States. The State Department statement that the sanctions do not prevent our inspectors from conducting verification procedures on the US territory is misleading," the Russian diplomats stated.

Cooperation on matters of arms control should be conducted on an equal basis and with consideration for mutual concerns and interests, the Russian embassy to the United States said. The Russian embassy recalled that Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Joe Biden "reaffirmed their countries' commitment to the New START in the August 1 messages to the participants of the 10th NPT Review Conference."

Intelligent connected vehicle industry picks up pace in E China's Suzhou

AN industrial chain of the intelligent connected vehicle (ICV) industry featuring smart vehicles, intelligent roads, and flexible networks, has begun to take shape in Suzhou HSR New Town in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province.

In the new town, which is of strategic significance to the overall development of Suzhou, cars with antennas on top of them are seen everywhere on the streets; sensors are installed on light poles at regular intervals; and massive amount of data are being crunched on cloud platforms.

ICV represents a high level of autonomous driving enabled by the combination of Internet and intelligent technologies. Since 2017, Suzhou HSR New Town has made a forward-looking plan for the development of the industry and regarded it as the most important industry in the new town.

Suzhou HSR New Town, where Suzhoubei Railway Station is located, enjoys exceptional geographical advantages and industrial clusters in the Yangtze River Delta region. Today, the area is home to more than 100 ICV-related companies, with their businesses covering over 30 fields of the industry, including software algorithms, environmental sensing, simulation testing, infrastructure, travel services, and communication networks.

At a bus station in the new town, passengers can have the experience of a free ride on an autonomous minibus developed by QCraft, a Beijing-based leading self-driving technology company, after scanning the QR code on the vehicle with their mobile phones.

The person in the driver's seat of the minibus is not the driver,



A smart autonomous sanitation truck works on a road in Suzhou HSR New Town in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, March 21, 2021. File photo

but the safety officer. When a vehicle in front of the minibus suddenly stops, the bus can immediately brake as the telescreen inside it captures the scene. All these operations are completed autonomously.

Equipped with laser radar, millimeter-wave radar and a camera, the minibus of QCraft features L4 autonomous driving capability, which is attributed to the company's Gigafactory for Autonomous Driving system with data utilization and efficiency improvement at the core.

Besides minibuses, various other types of autonomous vehicles, such as taxis, sanitation trucks, intelligent vehicles for patrol inspection, food delivery vehicles, as well as express delivery vehicles, are also running in Suzhou HSR New Town.

"Smart cars cannot run well without intelligent roads. We have chosen the technical route of a cooperative vehicle-infrastructure system (CVIS), which can reduce the operating cost per vehicle," said Ding Shengyi, deputy head of the administrative committee of Suzhou HSR New Town.

The new town has been built to high standards with an industry-leading 5G network and roadside infrastructure that can

meet multiple needs of vehicle-road collaboration, according to Ding.

The total length of road sections designated for ICV road testing in the new town has reached 63.4 kilometers, Ding said. The figure is expected to exceed 140 kilometers in 2022, when the road sections will cover an area of 28.9 square kilometers and extend into all the areas of the new town, the official added.

In addition, a multitude of platforms, including public service platforms for the smart driving industry, smart driving-related operation and maintenance service centers, and cloud control platforms, have been gradually built in the new town.

At the operation and maintenance service center, service providers of different brands of ICV provide customized services for vehicles, such as testing, charging, cleaning and maintenance. The center now has seven open functional areas and eight professional service areas, which can meet the needs of companies in the ICV industry for project benchmarking, vehicle modification, technical testing, equipment testing, operations support, and cultivation of technical professionals.

"By 2024, we will have built 30 digital infrastructure facilities, increased the number of ICVs to 3,000, established 20 research and development (R&D) institutes, cultivated 10 featured areas for industrial clusters, attracted more than 300 ICV-related companies and over 5,000 R&D talents, obtained 200 technical patents, and formulated 30 sets of national and industry standards," Ding said.

The new town will also have won wide recognition for creating ICV-related application scenarios, offered a unique solution to the development of the ICV industry, and turned its strength in operating such application scenarios into an irreplaceable advantage for the ICV industry by 2024, Ding noted.

People's Daily

SPORT



Simba SC defender Henock Inonga (R) defends the ball against Yanga's talisman Fiston Mayele when the outfits met in a 2021/22 NBC Premier League clash played in Dar es Salaam last year and ended in a 0-0 draw.

Tanzania can generate income through foreign players' policy

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's foreign players' registration rule now allows each club to register a maximum of 12 players.

The country's soccer governing body that has drafted this law says its goal is to protect talent and employment for indigenous players.

I hardly want to discuss its advantages or disadvantages, I want to open a bracket to show how the country can protect talent without having a limit on foreign players while each club benefits.

When discussing the protection of talent, it means local sides are compelled to give local footballers opportunities so they can develop and turn into useful footballers.

However, there is another strategy that will convince clubs to give opportunities to natives or develop local talent.

Instead of forcing the clubs to comply with the law and weaken them, the outfits should have an environment to make full use of it.

The federation ought to make a law that will encourage clubs to invest in young footballers and give them a chance, instead of making a law that either threatens them or restricts them to a limited number.

There should be neither law nor regulation that limits the number of foreign players, instead, there should be a law that provides criteria for the club to have a certain number of foreigners.

The law says the club that will nurture junior footballers and promote at least three of them to the senior team and gives them at least 15 percent of the season.

They should not be domestic footballers, they have to come from the youth team. A club that will have local players recruited from other sides will not get a single chance.

This will make clubs struggle to develop young players and garner opportunities to increase the number of foreign players.

In doing so, domestic footballers will be getting a chance and improve.

Popular sides like Simba SC and Yanga this season have not allowed a single youthful footballer from their respective youth squads to move to the first squad, this means they should not be allowed to register a single foreign player.

Azam FC, which this season has promoted goalkeeper Twalib Noor, giving him at least 15 percent of the match time, next season should get a chance to rope in one more foreign player.

In that case, clubs must seek a balance of game time for foreign performers and their domestic counterparts, especially from their youth squads, to continue to get these opportunities to sign foreign players.

Foreign players are important in the development of local players, when Tanzania has many foreign footballers, it means that many youthful domestic footballers are learning.

When Shomari Kapombe won the TASWA award for the Best Player in 2011 (the awards were handed over in 2012), he said those who

helped him achieve success were Ugandan Emmanuel Okwi and Patrice Mafisango, Rwanda's player of Congolese origin.

How many young players today would like to be like Zambian Clatous Chama, Zimbabwean Prince Dube, or DR Congo's Fiston Mayele?

The country cannot develop junior footballers by limiting the number of foreign performers. The foreign footballers should be allowed to come to help to improve local junior footballers, there should be a law that will make the foreign players come while the locals benefit from the club.

Due to this law, some clubs will find themselves completely unable to sign foreign players due to their failure to give junior footballers time to play.

Since foreign players are important, these clubs should be allowed to rope in foreign players from clubs that do not want them.

Ruvu Shooting, for instance, promoted five young footballers and used them for more than 15 percent this season.

This decision will allow the Coast Region club to register 15 foreign players next season.

Ruvu Shooting nevertheless does not want to register foreign players, it may be resorting to the approach because of either its policy or because it does not have money to sign foreign performers.

The club should therefore be allowed to sell their places to teams that want foreign performers but have missed the opportunity because of failure to either develop or give domestic players opportunity.

If Ruvu Shooting sells one space for 10m/-, that means it will get 150m/- for its 15 spaces.

This is a lot of money that will help the club operate and increase competition in the league.

Many clubs will struggle to produce players and use them because they will have the opportunity to increase their income by selling positions.

Popular clubs, Simba SC, Yanga, and Azam FC are financially stable and an opportunity should be created to see to it the sides share their money with other clubs.

The three outfits participate in CAF inter-club tournaments and need many foreign players to compete with prominent sides in the showdowns.

Now, this is an opportunity for the three to find players who will help them excel in the continental assignments, as well as help modest sides earn an income and operate efficiently.

Then junior footballers from youth squads will get the opportunity to grace the pitch and the clubs invest in youth squads.

The current law requires every club to have a youth team, but many clubs are making a living without assembling youth teams.

But with this rule, teams will focus on their youth squads and the goal will be achieved.

When laws are made, they should see to it that they protect domestic players on the streets and create business opportunities for those who enforce such laws.

SPORTS

Better refereeing illustrates Premier League becoming more professional

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

CITY sports chroniclers have begun noticing a change in behaviour among premier league referees in matches involving the two city giants, perennial bigwigs Simba SC and current champions Young Africans SC, alias Yanga.

There seems to be a net reduction in negative refereeing habits directed against the two sides when playing other premier league sides in the regions, that is, a net proclivity against them in away matches.

There is a newfound sentiment that these habits aren't visible this time.

That doesn't mean those actions won't be there absolutely, but rather that the league has kicked off in a more competitive environment where no visible trade-offs are being arranged between the regional sides and referees when the city giants are on away matches.

This used to be a habit, whose most pointed symptom was the freedom of defenders to foul Simba SC players in the penalty box without worry that a penalty would be awarded.

Those who keep records were giving a sort of testimony that this time legroom to foul a Simba SC player and stay relaxed is gone.

Such a situation can't be accidental, that the regional sides all of a sudden forget their range of options in handling the city giants, or that there is less cooperation on the part of referees or greater stringency expected from the federation.

This habit was visible last year and the federation leadership is the same, even though one or two measures involving referees may have been taken during the past season.

Still, there was no season in which organs for seizing up refereeing lack of probity were not there, and still, the double standards in away games were evident.

The question is hence the source of enhanced impartiality on the part of referees, what kind of pressure they usually face and its thinner distribution this time, so to speak.

This supposition presumes that the pressures will be there but their expression is different, that they aren't being observed or taking shape at the early stages of the season, such that a few records are being reset.

One indicator is when the perennial champion side last obtained a penalty on an away game, etc.

Whether there is hidden potential that the clubs start again to pursue



Tanzanian football referee, Ahmed Arajiga.

shoddy home advantage by linking up with referees and the connivance of administrators at the regional level can't be said for sure.

It depends on how far current strategies work for each team, or the sort of pressures they will be facing as the league rounds are counted out one after another. It may still be on the horizon, as a fallback option.

Arranged foul play is a substitute for old-time sorcery as it proved to be unreliable and often dangerous for the perpetrators, for instance in the 1990s when a top club leader released three pigeons during a major league tie.

Two of the birds flew while one remained on his hands or dropped on its attempt to fly, and as if by direct implication, his side scored two goals (and won) but he died that same night.

It implies that the goals came from 'pigeon energy,' but the other energy quantity took a reverse direction and claimed an offering that wasn't billed for in that event.

To that extent, foul play and biased refereeing after the match officials have been paid to do the necessary - partially owing to their habitual pittance offered as match allowance, which may have now improved with substantial and transparent sponsorship deals.

In addition, experience may have dawned that skimpy wins by foul means and bringing officials lead to unsavory situations later, as the country sends unqualified sides in continental competition.

Often they aren't even ready to put up the travel costs, largely wishing to take fame locally, not

crossing borders.

In a sense, regional club sides are beginning to have elevated ambitions including featuring in continental competitions, largely on account of the good work that Simba SC put up in the past few years. Instead of just the club clinching the Premier League title and the Confederation Cup winner, two more clubs become eligible at least for the preliminary run, which makes continental competition largely within reach.

This way the clubs are in a position to earn substantial amounts of money if big clubs outside notice their players, the way the city giants noticed the likes of either Fiston Mayele or Stephane Aziz Ki, as such transfers pay back much of their investment.

When one examines the ability of Simba SC to put up a good continental show, and the visible impression that Yanga is in the same direction even if they lack experience in that aspect, and they don't have it easy in the local premier league, it means that more clubs are ready for continental competition.

Whether they are indeed prepared or they are punching above their weight is one thing, but it alters their league perspectives.

They focus not on survival but on real achievement, which presumes actual win by tactics and physical fitness, not bribes.

Tanzania set to host All Africa Challenge Trophy

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA is for the first time set to host the All Africa Challenge Trophy, a unique golf tournament that will bring together more than 20 countries.

Speaking at a press conference in Dar es Salaam last weekend, Tanzania Ladies Golf Union (TLGU) president Sophia Viggo said it was a pleasure for her union and Tanzania in general to host such a big tournament that has been consistent for the last 30 years and is held after every two years.

She stated: "We have been participating in all the past competitions and we are delighted to have this time won the bid to host this one."

"We sincerely thank the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports for all the cooperation it has accorded us through the National Sports Council," Sophia said.

She said the All Africa Challenge Trophy will be held at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club course from September 6-8, 2022 with the presentation ceremony taking place on September 8, 2022.

She added participants are expected to jet into the country from September 2, 2022, and there will be practice rounds on September 4-5, 2022 before the opening ceremony that will be held on the eve of September 5, 2022.

According to Sophia, participating countries include Tanzania, Nigeria, Botswana, Malawi, Uganda, Togo, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Kenya, Namibia, and Senegal.

Ghana, Burkina Faso, Morocco, Tunisia, Mali, Zambia, Ivory Coast, Mauritius, Gabon, Egypt, Sierra Leone, and Cameroon complete the list.

"We are looking forward to defending the showpiece's trophy that we won during the last Challenge in Ghana in 2018 where our own Madina Iddi, also the TLGU secretary-general,



Tanzania Ladies Golf Union (TLGU) president, Sophia Viggo (seated C) is pictured with the union's officials and All Africa Challenge Trophy sponsors' representatives during the showdown's launch at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

emerged top," she said.

The veteran golfer revealed that in 2020 the All Africa Challenge Trophy was supposed to take place in Namibia but did not due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In another development, the TLGU president noted that after the All Africa Challenge Trophy, the union will also host the Tanzania Ladies Open showdown from September 10-12, 2022, and will be preceded by practice rounds on September 9, 2022.

The TLGU boss revealed: "This is a national event but we decided to combine it with the All Africa Challenge Trophy to allow participants of the challenge to also take part in the Tanzania Ladies Open."

The veteran golfer pointed out it is going to be weeklong of golfing activities.

She thanked all sponsors for both events including Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), Great Lakes, Pepsi, Oryx, Prima Afro, National Internet Data Centre (NIDC), Garda World, Mohamed Enterprises Tanzania Limited (METL), Wadsworth, Freight & Transport, Capital Finance Ltd, Cornerstone Solutions Ltd, and Savvy FM.

Sensational Modric strike helps Real Madrid see off Celta

MADRID

A STUNNING strike by Luka Modric helped Real Madrid on their way to a 4-1 victory at Celta Vigo on Saturday as the reigning Spanish champions made it two wins from two in La Liga this season.

Modric curled home from outside the box just before half-time to put Carlo Ancelotti's side back in front after Karim Benzema's early penalty had been cancelled out by Iago Aspas, who converted a spot-kick at the other end.

Vinicius Junior and Federico Valverde added further goals in the second half while Eden Hazard had a late penalty saved as Madrid built on their La Liga season-opening 2-1 win at Almeria and joined Real Betis and Osasuna on six points at the top of the fledgling standings.

"He is a fantastic leader for us. He scored the most important goal of the game because he put us back ahead and after that the game was a bit more simple for us," Ancelotti told Onda Cero radio of Modric, who received an ovation from the home crowd in Galicia.

"That is something very special, when fans of other teams acknowledge you and applaud you. It's lovely," the Croatian told Real Madrid TV.

Real took the lead inside the opening quarter of an hour at Balaidos, Benzema slotting in a penalty after the referee penalised Celta's Peruvian midfielder Renato Tapia for handball following a VAR review.

Yet Celta won a penalty of their own midway through the first half as Eder Militao blocked a Goncalo Paciencia header with his arm, and veteran striker Aspas -- who scored 18 times last season -- made no mistake from the spot.

Franco Cervi then crashed a shot just wide as Celta threatened to go in front against a Real side playing their first game since agreeing to sell midfielder Casemiro to Manchester United.

However, Modric was back in the starting line-up and made it 2-1 three minutes before the interval, collecting possession in space 25 metres from goal and advancing before curving a tremendous shot high into the net from the edge of the D.

Real's class told after the break, as

Modric sent Vinicius away to round goal-keeper Agustin Marchesin and slot in the visitors' third goal in the 56th minute.

It was 4-1 before the midway point in the second half, with Vinicius trying to pick out Benzema only for the Frenchman to slip, allowing the arriving Valverde to plant a low first-time shot into the far corner.

It could have been worse for Celta as Madrid won another penalty late on when Benzema was fouled in the box by Hugo Mallo.

Benzema left the spot-kick for Hazard, who had come on as a substitute, but the Belgian's kick was saved by Marchesin.

- Penalties galore -

That, remarkably, was the seventh penalty in three matches in La Liga on Saturday, with Borja Iglesias scoring twice from the spot as Betis won 2-1 at Real Mallorca earlier.

Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr was among the crowd watching as Iglesias gave Manuel Pellegrini's Betis a ninth-minute lead in the Balearic Islands after a handball by Mallorca's Rodrigo Battaglia was penalised following a VAR review.

Kosovo striker Vedat Muriqi headed Mallorca back level early in the second half from a Lee Kang-in cross, only for Betis to win another spot-kick when the unfortunate Battaglia blocked Nabil Fekir on his way into the area.

Iglesias, who also scored in last week's season-opening 3-0 defeat of Elche, again made no mistake with his 73rd-minute penalty, and Betis held on for a 2-1 win as Lee hit the woodwork from a late free-kick.

Osasuna beat Cadiz 2-0 in Pamplona thanks to two more penalties, with Chimy Avila converting the first late in the first half and Kike Garcia slotting in the second late on after Cadiz had Tomas Alarcon sent off.

After Osasuna defeated Sevilla last week they have now won their first two matches of the season in La Liga for the first time since 1981.

Betis, who won last season's Copa del Rey, host Osasuna next weekend.

Barcelona go to Real Sociedad on Sunday evening, while Atletico Madrid entertain Villarreal.

AFP

Inter stroll past Spezia on Lukaku's San Siro return

MILAN

INTER Milan made it two from two in Serie A with Saturday's comfortable 3-0 win over Spezia on Romelu Lukaku's return to the San Siro, while Domenico Berardi fired Sassuolo to a 1-0 win over Lecce.

Lautaro Martinez, Hakan Calhanoglu and Joaquin Correa struck in front of a large and enthusiastic home crowd to ensure a perfect six points for Simone Inzaghi's Inter as they bid to reclaim the league title from local rivals AC Milan.

Champions Milan make the short trip to Atalanta on Sunday in the weekend's headline match.

Lukaku might not have scored in front of his adoring fans before being substituted in the 68th minute, but he was key to Inter's first two goals.

His perfect knock-down from Nicolo Barella's clipped pass allowed Martinez to break the deadlock 10 minutes before half-time, lashing home his opening goal of the season.

It was the first sign of the rebirth of a partnership which devastated Serie A during Lukaku's first spell at Inter before his disastrous big-money move to Chelsea last summer.

"We're happy because we played well. We have six points," said Martinez when asked if he was pleased the combo nicknamed 'LuLa' was back in action.

Belgium forward Lukaku then began the move which led to Calhanoglu doubling the hosts' lead seven minutes after the break.

His charge towards the Spezia area ended with a cool low finish past Bartlomiej Dragowski from Turkey international Calhanoglu.

Marseille win as Monaco humbled by Lens

PARIS

MARSEILLE continued their unbeaten start to the Ligue 1 season after a late Nicolas Pallois own goal gave them a 2-1 win over Nantes at the Velodrome on Saturday.

Alexis Sanchez made his home debut following his recent arrival in Marseille but the Chilean had been substituted by the time the game came to life in the final quarter.

An attempted shot by Jonathan Clauss broke to Chancel Mbemba in the box, and the Congolese former Newcastle United defender prodded home to put Marseille ahead 20 minutes from time.

Yet the home side, who had already seen Brazilian international midfielder Gerson hobble off with an apparent calf injury, then had Samuel Gigot sent off for a second

Also involved in Inter's second was Milan Skriniar, who according to Italian media is no longer for sale after a summer of speculation that the Slovakia defender was on his way to Paris Saint-Germain.

Correa completed the scoring in the 82nd minute with a simple strike, brilliantly set up by fellow substitute Edin Dzeko.

Italy forward Berardi celebrated his new contract with Sassuolo by crashing home a winner against Lecce which left their promoted opponents on zero points.

The 28-year-old committed his future to the club on Wednesday by signing a three-year extension until 2027.

"I have to say that it's been a good week," said Berardi to DAZN.

"For me Sassuolo is a big family, I've stayed because they've taken care of me since I was a child and in the end the heart wants what the heart wants."

Berardi ensured Alessio Dionisi's side, thumped by Juventus on Monday, got off the mark when he met a clearance from a corner with a volley which arched into the net.

It was the 102nd Serie A goal by Berardi, who has played his entire professional career at Sassuolo and was part of the team which got them into the top flight for the first time in 2013.

Sassuolo will need Berardi on top form after losing centre-forward Gianluca Scamacca to West Ham and Giacomo Raspadori, whose move to Napoli was confirmed just after the end of Saturday's matches.

The early games passed off without much incident, with goalless draws between Torino and Lazio, and Udinese against Salernitana.

AFP

yellow card for hauling Mostafa Mohamed to the ground and conceding a penalty.

Ludovic Blas smashed in the spot-kick to equalise for Nantes with 12 minutes left, only for Marseille's 10 men to score the winner in the 82nd minute.

Sanchez had gone off, but Dimitri Payet had come on and his shot deflected off Pallois and looped up into the air, falling for fellow substitute Luis Suarez to head towards goal.

The ball then went in off the face of Pallois to make it 2-1, and Marseille -- whose new coach Igor Tudor has been jeered by supporters before both home matches so far this season -- have seven points out of a possible nine.

"For sure it was not a boring game," former Croatia defender Tudor, speaking in English, told broadcaster Canal Plus.

Pride of Ukraine: Usyk beats Joshua, keeps heavyweight belts

KING ABDULLAH SPORTS CITY, Saudi Arabia

OLEKSANDR Usyk kissed the blue-and-yellow flag of Ukraine and looked to the Saudi Arabian sky as he waited to discover if he had honored his war-torn country by retaining his world heavyweight titles.

When he heard the winning words "and still," an emotional Usyk raised his left arm and pulled the flag over his face.

Six months ago, he was patrolling the streets of Kyiv with an automatic rifle and defending Ukraine from the invading Russians.

Here, inside the ring at King Abdullah Sport City arena, the still-undefeated Usyk had lived up to his billing as the sporting pride of Ukraine by beating Anthony Joshua in a closely fought rematch on Saturday to keep his WBA, WBO and IBF belts.

"I devote this victory to my country, to my family, to my team, to all the military defending this country," the 35-year-old Usyk said through a translator. "Thank you very, very much."

After a gruelling five-month training camp, Usyk entered the arena in a blue-and-yellow top carrying the words "Colors of Freedom" and supported by words of encouragement from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in his nightly video address to the nation.

"We stick together," the president said. "We help each other. We restore what was destroyed. We fight for all our people. And we cheer for those who represent Ukraine, today -- definitely for Usyk, our guy!"

And Usyk started as the favorite after outclassing Joshua in the first fight in London in September last year.

However, the British challenger, a former two-time champion, came into the rematch with a new game plan from his new trainer Robert Garcia: Attack Usyk's body and keep the pressure on.



Britain's Anthony Joshua and Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk, right, exchange punches during their world heavyweight title fight at King Abdullah Sports City in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022. (AP)

And it nearly worked, with Usyk taken to the limit in the ninth round as he was chased around the ring by Joshua, who landed combinations and targeted Usyk's ribs.

Usyk took a deep breath at the bell, then came out hard in the 10th round, hurting Joshua with an early right hook and forcing him onto the ropes for the first time in the fight.

The battering of Joshua was sustained in the 11th while the 12th was evenly fought, the fight ending with both fighters -- clearly exhausted -- falling to their knees in front of each other on the canvas.

They embraced and Joshua appeared to offer his help to the plight of Ukraine.

Then, in an expletive-laden speech inside the ring after grabbing the microphone, Joshua -- who moments earlier was seen picking up two of Usyk's belts and throwing

them to the canvas -- hit back at his critics before praising Usyk for fighting so well in the circumstances.

"I was studying Ukraine and all the champions from your amazing country," Joshua said. "I've never been there. What's happening there, I don't know but it's not nice. For Usyk to be champion, under those circumstances, please raise your hands." Usyk was complimentary about Joshua, too.

"This is already history," he said. "Many generations are going to watch this fight, especially the round when someone tried to beat me hard. But I stood up to it and turned it in a different way."

Usyk also claimed the Ring Magazine belt with the win. There's only one heavyweight title that Usyk doesn't own -- the WBC one that is about to be vacated by Tyson Fury, who says he is retired.

When asked about Fury, Usyk said: "I am sure Tyson Fury is not retired yet. I am sure Tyson Fury wants to fight me. If I'm not fighting Tyson Fury, I'm not fighting at all."

Two judges gave it to Usyk, one 115-113 and the other 116-112. The other gave the fight to Joshua, 115-113.

Joshua, a two-time heavyweight champion, fell to his third loss in 27 fights and his career is at a crossroads.

Where Usyk goes from now appears to depend on Fury.

Saudi state television published photographs showing Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman attending the fight. The 36-year-old son of King Salman, the crown prince has pushed for sporting events to come to the kingdom even as U.S. intelligence agencies believe he ordered the beheading and dismemberment of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi.

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Arsenal power into 1st place, Kane makes history

LONDON

ARSENAL swept to the top of the Premier League with a 3-0 win at Bournemouth that extended their perfect start to the season, while Harry Kane made history in Tottenham's 1-0 victory over Wolves on Saturday.

Just 12 months ago, Arsenal lost their first three league games in the club's worst start to a season for 67 years.

This year the Gunners sit in pole position after opening the campaign with a third successive victory.

"Compared to last season we are a little bit ahead," said Arsenal midfielder Martin Odegaard, who scored twice in the first 11 minutes.

"But we have to stay calm, stay humble, keep working hard and see where it takes us."

It is too soon to declare Arsenal the finished article, but the decision that accompanied Mikel Arteta's men when they squandered a golden opportunity to qualify for last season's Champions League has been erased by their strong start this term.

After scoring four against Leicester last weekend, this was another swash-buckling display from the north Londoners.

Arsenal went ahead after five minutes as Gabriel Jesus' superb run and pass found Gabriel Martinelli whose shot was pushed into the path of Odegaard for a simple finish.

Odegaard netted again six minutes later when Jesus' heavy touch fell kindly for the Arsenal captain to fire home from 10 yards.

William Saliba's 54th minute goal, a superb first-time curler from the edge of the area, epitomised the confidence pulsing through Arsenal as the French defender claimed his first goal for the club.

Second-placed Tottenham have also made a strong start after backing Antonio Conte heavily in the transfer market in his first full season in charge.

After snatching a place in the Champions League from Arsenal in May, Tottenham have kept the momentum going with seven points from their first three games.

However, Conte was still displeased with a sloppy first-half performance that could have been punished by more potent opponents.

Tottenham improved markedly af-



Fulham's Aleksandar Mitrovic scores his side's third goal, during the English Premier League soccer match between Fulham and Brentford at Craven Cottage, in London, Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022. (AP)

second attempt after his penalty was saved by Emiliano Martinez.

Jean-Philippe Mateta made the points safe 19 minutes from time. Fulham remain unbeaten on their return to the top flight as Aleksandar Mitrovic's powerful header won a thrilling West London derby against Brentford 3-2.

Everton secured their first point of the season thanks to Demarai Gray's late equaliser to cancel out Brennan Johnson's goal for free-spending Nottingham Forest in a 1-1 draw at Goodison Park.

Meanwhile, Mikel Arteta said Arsenal are determined to make amends from a painful end to last season after climbing top of the Premier League with a 3-0 win at Bournemouth.

Newly-appointed captain Martin Odegaard struck twice inside 11 minutes and William Saliba's stunning strike in the second half continued Arsenal's perfect start to the new campaign after three games.

At the same stage last season, Arsenal were without a single point and off to their worst start in 67 years.

However, it was a run of five defeats in their final 10 games that ultimately cost them a return to the Champions League as north London rivals Tottenham snatched a place in the top four.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Yanga's Tunisian head coach, Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Nabi makes players' protection plea after Yanga victory

By Correspondent Michael Mwebbe

YOUNG Africans (Yanga) head coach Nasreddine Nabi wants to see players given more protection after watching his side beat Coastal Union 2-0 in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash which took place at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha on Saturday afternoon.

Goals netted by winger Bernard Morrison and striker Fiston Mayele in either half secured the points for Yanga against a battling Coastal Union.

But after the game, Nabi made a point of calling for players to be offered more protection.

Nabi said he was expecting Coastal Union to be physical but believed his players should have been afforded more care.

According to Nabi, he believes that officials did not do enough to protect his players, with several excessively forceful challenges by Coastal Union players posing a threat to the safety of his squad.

Speaking after the game, Nabi said he was pissed off, especially by the nasty challenge on his defender Yannick Bangala.

Coastal Union midfielder Mtenje Juma appeared to have intentionally gone for a nasty hit on Bangala who retaliated and was cautioned by referee Raphael Ikambi.

Nabi noted: "Firstly, we send our sincere condolences to the family of our sister who passed away, we wish compassion and courage to her family and all of the injured."

The tactician added: "In our match preparation meeting, the technical staff and players were very touched and decided to fight for our fans and this family and we dedicate this victory to our injured fans and the deceased."

The gaffer revealed: "For the game, we knew that it was going to be difficult, especially with the coaches who have massive league experience. It was a good Coastal Union side despite the fatigue who came at us to attack."

Nabi pointed out: "We were up to the moment when it was very physically demanding, I think in the last 20 minutes it was a little bit easier, I thank the coach for a good game."

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Nabi said: "Also the referees need to protect the health of players, the players win and feed their families with this job."

The tactician revealed: "They must be protected from each other, the referees must help them, we have to fight for three points fairly and cleanly."

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Choki predicts rosy future for dance music

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

POPULAR Tanzanian dance music artist, Ally Choki has said that he is sure the music is now back on the charts, claiming that fans have started showing up in large numbers at shows.

He pointed out that the current state of the music genre though can hardly be compared to the way the genre fared several years ago.

According to the singer, apart from fans showing up at shows, the genre has begun getting many opportunities on music programs on radio and television stations.

"That situation has motivated us to compose new songs including my compositions titled 'Chombo ya Fundi' and 'Dr. Ruby', 'Mbea' composed by Khalid Chuma 'Chokoraa', and 'Shobo' composed by young singer Joshua," Choki, now working for Dar es Salaam's African Stars Band, noted.

"Our band is preparing to set strategies to ensure that dance music remains on track after facing many challenges, as the signs show that dance music is now bouncing back," he said.

Choki insisted that the strategy is to continue composing more songs that are attractive to fans and coordinate more shows.

"We will moreover give fans a chance to comment on our songs if there is a need to either make changes or anything that aims to improve the band," he said.

He has said that dance music has gone through many obstacles, adding that the band has confidently faced them and continues to remain strong.

Choki was adamant that the genre will not go down because it is the one with the most fans in the country.

The singer had recently called on local radio stations to look into the possibility of restoring music programs that existed in previous years, which contributed to making dance music hold sway in music circles.

Choki disclosed that the music is still loved by many but it struggles to stay afloat because of a lack of programs to promote it as was the case in the past.

"If you monitor closely, you will find out that dance songs are scheduled for late-night sessions when most people are already tired and asleep, they cannot listen to the songs at night," the musician noted.

Choki disclosed some radio stations, which were the catalyst in developing the genre, should look at the possibility of bringing back the dance music programs so that there is a strong passion for the music as was the case in the past.

"For dance fans, they remember the top ten episodes and many others that played regularly, our songs while launching new ones, and causing great enthusiasm among musicians," he said.

The veteran artist revealed the situation no longer exists today, although he believes that if the radio stations decide to restore such programs they can do so to ensure the genre's lovers have entertainment.

Choki noted that he believes dance music still exists and has followers although it is hindered by some people who wish to destroy it, a situation that he sees as a hindrance to the genre's development.



Dance music singer, Ally Choki.

Coach Zoran Maki happy with Simba SC's victory over Kagera Sugar



Simba SC fullback Mohamed Hussein negotiates his way past Kagera Sugar defenders when the sides locked horns in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League duel which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebbe

KAGERA Sugar was comfortably swatted aside as Simba SC romped to a 2-0 home win on Saturday evening, climbing to the top of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League campaign, coach Maki was in a buoyant mood as he sat down for his post-match press conference, happy to tell all he was happy with the performance of his squad.

Maki disclosed: "I congratulate my players. In my opinion, it was a good match, we controlled the 90 minutes, only that our conversion today was very low because in the first half we had eight or nine opportunities and another six in the second half, two balls on the post, many one-on-one chances but we only scored two goals."

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Serbian import Dejan Georgijevic produced a fine finish in the 81st minute, sweeping home a shot with his left boot to score his first goal for Simba SC.

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Dejan his first goal, it is important to give them morale but more important is to win without conceding."

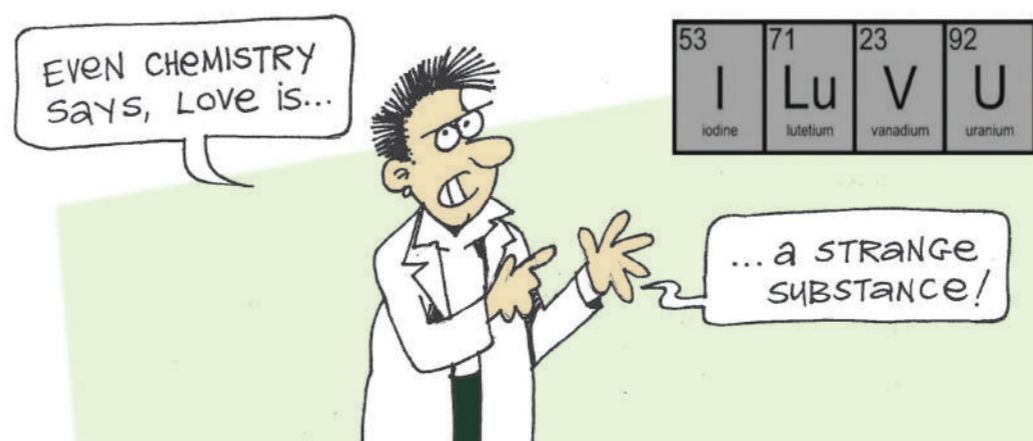
Maki stated: "The strikers live with the goal not passing, giving them more confidence, Moses has two goals, two games two goals, that is good. I hope he now becomes better. We had two strikers on the bench, Habib Kyombo, and Dejan Georgijevic, but many times if you play with three strikers you don't score."

"When we played with a nine-and-a-half, because Moses Phiri is a nine-and-a-half, in the two games we scored five goals."

He pointed out: "Georgijevic is a new player, he must work hard, it is good he scored today, it gives him morale, he played better than the last two games."

The tactician disclosed: "Also Moses played well today, similar to Okwa, we must work on our finishing because if we play in the Champions League like today, fifty opportunities it is difficult to get more."

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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15:30 Akili & Me
15:55 Dondoo Za Michzo
16:00 Zote Kuntu
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