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TTB reaffirms 5m tourists goal, 2025

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

TANZANIA Tourist Board (TTB) management has reaffirmed that it expects tourist arrivals to hit the five million mark by 2025.

Dr Gladstone Mlay, the agency's acting marketing director, made this assertion at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) here at the weekend when receiving more than 200 tourists from France.

He said the tourists drive in the French market was part of the government's aim to attain five million tourist arrivals by 2025, alluding to expectations to land one million French tourists by that time.

This compares with 100,370 visitors from that market on the basis of last year's data, he said, noting that with the 160,000 tourists from the US last year, France was next "and what we now want is to make sure this increases, but also obtain more visitors from other nations."

Large numbers of visitors are expected from China, as there are 40 tourist agents from China visiting the country to hold discussions with their local counterparts, he said.

Christine Mwakatobe, the Kilimanjaro Airport Development Co. (KADCO) managing director, said the agency is

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Districts to build 64 vocational colleges

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE government has talked of plans to have 64 more institutions of vocational and technical training completed and operational in financial year 2023/2024. They will be in every district across the country.

Dr Adolf Rutayuga, executive secretary for the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET), said this at the annual vocational and technical education exhibition held here at the weekend.

The institution's director of certification, Dr Geoffrey Oleke, said the past two years, upwards of 120,000 to 150,000 students were being registered.

More young people are opting for technical studies, he remarked as new students joining NACTVET institutions start being registered, and set for closure at the end of next month.

Qualified applicants have been advised to send their submissions directly to their colleges of choice, except those registering for special studies. Students opting for health and allied sciences should apply for the programmes online at the central admission system portal, at www.nacte.go.tz, he specified.

Students and guardians can also access

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LNG project: Host govt accords set for signing

By Guardian Reporter



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured in Dodoma city at the weekend viewing electric stoves distributed by the Tanzania Traditional Energy Development Organisation (TATEDO) in collaboration with Sustainable Energy Services Company (SESCOM) Limited. The items were on display at an exhibition held on the sidelines of a meeting of energy stakeholders. To his left is Energy minister January Makamba and left is Jenista Mhagama, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Coordination and Parliament). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

HOST government agreements for the Lindi liquefied natural gas (LNG) project, widely known as Tanzania LNG, and a production-sharing agreement (PSA) for offshore blocks 1, 2 and 4 are expected to be signed in the coming weeks.

The development was projected in international business media and confirmed by Energy minister January Makamba, who said at the weekend that key negotiations with a consortium of energy companies have been concluded.

He said that part of the natural gas will be exported and part of it will be used locally, with the government satisfied with results of negotiations with an international energy consortium for the long awaited \$40bn LNG project.

Final agreements are set to be signed in the coming weeks, on the basis of reports as well as the minister, who affirmed that the project will be one of the largest in Africa.

It will have a base investment of upwards of \$42bn, with a large part of the amount likely to be spent locally, he stated, expressing satisfaction with "concluding negotiation for a large energy project after many years of negotiations," praising the spirit of the sixth phase government for this achievement.

He said the project would touch off a significant increase in foreign currency,



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growth of national income, direct employment for 10,000 people and indirect employment for 40,000 people.

The consortium, comprising Equinor, Shell and Exxon Mobil, based in Norway, Britain and the United States respectively, will develop an onshore LNG plant in Lindi Region, close to huge offshore gas fields.

Project talks stalled for years before President Samia Suluhu Hassan intervened upon taking office, visited France and the European Union headquarters and met with top executives of interested companies for preliminary agreements.

Increasing the capacity of local experts in the oil and gas sector is another beneficial aspect, along with government income from the sale of gas.

Some of the dividends will flow to the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) as a shareholder for the project, the minister stated, noting that gas-based electricity generation will be scaled up, thus providing greater energy security.

Tanzanian entrepreneurs will supply materials needed in the implementation of the project, starting from transportation, construction of houses, financial services and security oversight.

"The price of gas will be good and many Tanzanians will be able to use it," he said, outlining plans to take gas to households by reviving the National Gas Utilisation Plan.

The LNG project is expected to contribute 7bn/- to the gross domestic product per year, ushering in significant prosperity to sections of the country and wider overall benefits.

Jared Kuehl, Shell vice president presiding over the project for the firm, said in a statement that the Host Government Agreement (HGA), and a Production Sharing

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Govt uplifts cross-channel cooperation on land issues

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has directed the Zanzibar Housing Corporation (ZHC) and its Mainland counterpart, the

National Housing Corporation (NHC) to rapidly enter the implementation stage of a housing development scheme signed between the two agencies.

Dr Angeline Mabula, the Lands, Housing

and Human Settlements Development minister, said at a short signing event in the capital at the weekend that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

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CRDB Bank Plc Board chairman Dr Ally Laay (C) has a quick word with group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela at bank's 28th Annual General Meeting held in Arusha city the weekend. Looking on is company secretary John-Baptist Rugambo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Agreement (PSA) are likely to be signed 'over the coming weeks.'

Charles Sangweni, director general at the Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA) and chief negotiator in the LNG talks, said the proposed HGA was likely to be approved by the cabinet and the legislature in a short while, with total project investment envisaged to hit \$42bn.

Other consortium partners are Indonesia's MedcoEnergi and Pavilion Energy based in Singapore

with a strong local subsidiary, apart from TPDC.

The LNG project could make Tanzania an important gas market player, given that the West is seeking to cut reliance on Russian energy, a situation that eased the president's efforts even in the wake of strong anti-fossil fuels lobby in Europe and North America, observers said.

With recoverable natural gas reserves estimated at more than 57 trillion cubic feet, Tanzania, alongside neighboring Mozambique, could emerge as Africa's new LNG hub, they added.

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for cooperation in the land and housing sectors should be rapidly put into action.

This should be an opportunity for everyone to see how to boost collaboration in the land sector, he said, noting that the signing is among directives for implementation from higher authorities in the two governments.

The Office of the Union Vice President and the Zanzibar Second Vice President directed officials handling non-union institutions to meet and exchange evaluations of their performance.

They were tasked with formulating ways to address various challenges that emerge when implementing agreements reaches by the two sides on various areas of cooperation, the minister noted.

Anthony Sanga, the Lands permanent secretary signed the agreement along with his Zanzibar counterpart, Dr Mngereza Mzee Miraji. NHC managing director Hamad Abdallah signed the pact along with NHC director Mwanaisha Ali Said.

The challenge is that the agreement was overdue, the minister stated, affirming that each side was satisfied with what it was doing.

Despite having those accomplishments, cooperation will be the best way to solve conflicts as well as ensure security in land ownership, she declared, demanding that the agreement reached be taken up by action.

There must also be frequent

follow up meetings for evaluating implementation of the agreement, she said, appealing to Permanent secretaries of the ministries to make sure the agreements reached are implemented through special procedures including the need for frequent follow up meetings.

Rahma Kassim Ally, the minister's Zanzibar counterpart, said in implementing the agreement reached it needs experts to put in place a task plan to bring together priority issues and in case challenges crop up, they should be submitted to the ministers for addressing.

While the agreement provides for exchanging experiences, Mainland agencies are ahead of their Zanzibar counterparts, so efforts must be made to have the two sides move in tandem, she said.

Areas slated in the collaboration agreement involve the collection, processing and exchange of marine reports, exchange of experiences on the use of ICT in the lands sector.

They also include preparing plus implementing policies, laws and various guidelines for the lands sector.

Other areas for collaboration is to exchange experiences in the management systems and development of property ownership for planned housing and other settlements.

The pact also envisages cooperation in research and development in regard to the land sector, solving land use conflicts and exchange of experiences in managing the Zanzibar Stone Town, she added.



CCM national Chairperson President Samia Suluhu Hassan chairs a meeting of the party's Central Committee at Chamwino State House in Dodoma Region yesterday. Photo: State House

Battles rage hours after Sudan rivals agree to ceasefire

KHARTOUM

Residents of Sudan's capital again awoke to heavy clashes yesterday morning just hours after rival generals agreed to an upcoming one-week ceasefire amid ongoing talks in Saudi Arabia.

The ceasefire -- the latest following many successive truces that have been systematically violated -- is set to go into effect at 9:45 pm (1945 GMT) today, the US and Saudi Arabia said in a joint statement.

The ceasefire "shall remain in effect for seven days and may be extended with the agreement of both parties", the statement added after talks in Jeddah.

Multiple truces have been violated since fighting broke out five weeks ago, which the Saudi foreign ministry acknowledged in a statement published by the official Saudi Press Agency early yesterday.

"Unlike previous ceasefires, the Agreement reached in Jeddah was signed by the parties and will be supported by a US-Saudi and international-supported ceasefire monitoring mechanism," it said.

But Khartoum residents -- who for weeks have been sheltering from brutal urban warfare amid desperately low supplies of food and vital resources -- were sceptical that this time would be any different.

"They have announced truces that they have not held to before," said Hussein Mohammed, who remains in Khartoum North, sheltering in place with his sick mother even as their neighbourhood became deserted.

"We hope that this time mediators can monitor that the ceasefire is implemented," he told AFP, adding that his mother has been unable to make her regular doctor's appointments since before

the conflict erupted on April 15.

The fighting pits the Sudanese army, led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, against the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, led by Burhan's former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo.

Around 1,000 people have been killed and over a million displaced throughout the weeks of intense fighting, leaving millions more with sporadic access to water, electricity or medicine.

Along with the capital, the war-torn western region of Darfur has seen some of the worst of the fighting.

"We do not trust the warring sides," said Adam Issa, a shop owner in El-Geneina, West Darfur. "Every time they announce a truce and they go back to fighting. We want a permanent ceasefire, not a temporary truce."

The region is still reeling from a conflict that erupted in 2003 when

former autocrat Omar al-Bashir unleashed the feared Janjaweed militia -- which formed the basis for the RSF -- to crush a rebellion by ethnic minority groups.

In October 2021, the warring generals collaborated to oust a civilian government, derailing a transition to democracy following Bashir's ouster in 2019.

They installed a ruling Sovereign Council with Burhan at its head and Daglo as his deputy, but their marriage of convenience later disintegrated, and their power struggle came to blows.

Burhan officially sacked Daglo from his position on Friday, giving his title of vice president of the council to former rebel leader Malik Agar.

In a statement Saturday, Agar said he was determined to try to "end the war" and press for negotiations.

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the admission guidebook for the new academic year, he said, elaborating that it provides names of all accredited technical and vocational training colleges and their related programs.

Parents and applicants are forbidden to divulge information about their applications to third parties or unaccredited individuals,

lest such details fall into the wrong hands.

Onesmo Laizer, a parent attending the exhibition, said parents and guardians were happy with the new developments in students' enrolment.

In the past some racketeers used to extort money from gullible individuals on the false promise of assisting their children to get places in the colleges.



Daniel John Paul (L), an industrial relations officer with Barrick North Mara gold mine, addresses Iringa University students during a capacity building workshop organised by the Tanzania chapter of AIESEC with Barrick sponsorship. It was held at the university at the weekend. AIESEC is an international youth-led non-governmental and not-for-profit organisation that provides young people with leadership development, cross-cultural internships, and global volunteer exchange experiences. It focuses on empowering young people to make a progressive social impact. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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readying to ensure when tourists land at the airport, the service they get is appropriate, before proceeding to visit various attractions

"We make sure they get fast, excellent services when they land at KIA, treated to traditional dances and as you have yourselves seen. They are well impressed and take selfies with the dancers," she explained.

Two weeks ago, KIA welcomed 250 tourists from Belgium, and late last week 207 French tourists

landed, she elaborated, noting that the visitations are in large measure fruits of 'The Royal Tour' documentary starring President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Wilbert Mbise, host of the French tourists, said they seek to build an impression where visitors coming here return in future holidays, while Mohamed Mchengerwa, the minister whilst in Arusha recently, appealed for greater investments in hotels.

Such investors need to grab opportunities in accommodation as current hotels are already overwhelmed by visitors, he added.

More than half of world's large lakes are drying up, study finds

VIRGINIA

More than half of the world's large lakes and reservoirs have shrunk since the early 1990s, chiefly because of climate change, intensifying concerns about water for agriculture, hydropower and human consumption, a study published Thursday found.

An international team of researchers reported that some of the world's most important water sources -- from the Caspian Sea between Europe and Asia to South America's Lake Titicaca -- lost water at a cumulative rate of about 22 gigatonnes per year for nearly three decades. That's about 17 times the

volume of Lake Mead, the largest reservoir in the United States.

Fangfang Yao, a surface hydrologist at the University of Virginia who led the study in the journal Science, said 56 per cent of the decline in natural lakes was driven by climate warming and human consumption, with warming "the larger share of that."

Climate scientists generally think that the world's arid areas will become drier under climate change and wet areas will get wetter, but the study found significant water loss even in humid regions. "This should not be overlooked," Yao said.

Scientists assessed almost

2,000 large lakes using satellite measurements combined with climate and hydrological models.

They found that unsustainable human use, changes in rainfall and runoff, sedimentation, and rising temperatures have driven lake levels down globally, with 53 per cent of lakes showing a decline from 1992 to 2020.

Nearly 2 billion people who live in drying lake basins are directly affected, and many regions have faced water shortages in recent years.

Scientists and campaigners have long said it is necessary to prevent global warming beyond 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit)

to avoid the most catastrophic consequences of climate change. The world has already warmed about 1.1C (1.9F).

Thursday's study found unsustainable human use dried up lakes such as the Aral Sea in Central Asia and the Dead Sea in the Middle East, while lakes in Afghanistan, Egypt and Mongolia were hit by rising temperatures, which can increase water loss to the atmosphere.

Water levels rose in a quarter of the lakes, often as a result of dam construction in remote areas such as the Inner Tibetan Plateau.

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Kahama district commissioner Mboni Mhita (in glasses) pictured at the weekend presenting a belated International Nurses Day (May 12) gift to a woman who had just given birth at a Kahama Hospital and was admitted there. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njira

EAMCEF dishes out over 15bn/- to save eastern arc mountains in 5 regions

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF) has spent over 15bn/- to finance projects to change people's behaviour to stop invading forests, conservation and research in the arc mountains in five regions and 15 districts countrywide.

The amount has succeeded in changing the habits of communities that depend on forests for human activities including cutting trees for charcoal, firewood and some of them do so for hunting wild animals. Those people are in village which are close to the eastern arc mountains located in the regions of Tanga, Morogoro, Kilimanjaro, Dodoma and Iringa.

Francis Sabuni, executive director of EAMCEF unveiled this over the weekend when speaking to the Norwegian ambassador to Tanzania Elisabeth Jacobsen, who visited the fund in Morogoro Municipality. He said the funds have been used from 2006 to 2023 and have helped to bring back Biodiversity and species that were facing the threat of extinction.

Sabuni said the mountains include East and West Usambara and Nguu (Tanga), Nguru mountains, Uluguru, Ukaguru, Udzungwa, Malundwe, Mahenge and Rubeho (Morogoro), Upare mountains in the North and South (Kilimanjaro), Rubeho (Dodoma) and Udzungwa mountains in Iringa region.

The EAMCEF director said that the mountains are recognized in the world as one of the 34 areas rich in biodiversity and wildlife that due to human activities were facing the threat of extinction.

Sabuni explained that in that period, 50 per cent of the funds have helped social projects by removing them from dependence on forest resources to run their lives and to start projects for economic growth, 35 per cent have been used for the conservation of the forests while 15 per cent have been used for of Research projects.

He said that when they started the projects, they started with a budget of 400m/-, it increased from 600m/- to 800m/- and now they have reached a budget of 1.8bn/-, which they have been looking for themselves and others from donors.

He mentioned one of the donors who supported the projects is the Norwegian government through their embassy in Tanzania who started funding since June 2011 for the projects and operation of the fund which will end this year and that after that the fund will run itself with the invested money in case another donor is missing.

EAMCEF board chairman Prof. John Kessy said the benefits in the community have been seen through the project for those who were relying on getting vegetables as wild game from the forest have started projects to raise goats, goats, chickens and rabbits as a condiment and to increase their income.

Prof Kessy said that the community that depended on forests for firewood and charcoal have been started with tree planting projects in various areas including schools, government institutions and open areas so that they can use that energy instead of destroying the conservation forests.

"We have managed to save our forests, the community used to depend on getting products like wild meat and firewood but we have decided to start projects like raising chickens, goats, goats, rabbits, raising fish and bees as well as planting trees for firewood, charcoal and construction and it has helped to eliminate the use of forests now" said Prof Kessy.

The Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania, Elisabeth Jacobsen, said that the funding they provided has helped to bring about environmental conservation in the mountains of the Eastern Arch as well as develop important policies that will help the community contribute to the conservation.

TBS educates traders on need for safer, quality cosmetic products

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

TANZANIA Bureau of Standards (TBS) Western Zone has provided education to traders in cosmetics in Kigoma, Rukwa and Katavi regions to enable them sell cosmetic products of acceptable standards in accordance with the laws.

The education provided focuses in empowering them to import and sell permitted products in order

to protect the lives of consumers, Tanzanians in general.

Rodney Alananga, Deputy TBS Manager for the Western Zone said here in a statement to stakeholders as he wound up the education programme to cosmetics stakeholders that begun May 10 that if they do not abide by the laid down they will frequently be incurring losses from seizure and confiscation of their products

including fines.

"We also appeal to transporters of passengers not to carry prohibited cosmetic products," he said and stressed that traders must abide by the laid down regulations and procedure when importing cosmetic products.

In regard to views and recommendation given by the stakeholders, Alananga said they have been received and will be

addressed.

Among them include a request to TBS to increase efforts to control the cosmetics market by imposing more controls, frequent inspection at border entry points including the port of Dar es Salaam.

In response Alananga said: "TBS will continue will continue educating the public and conduct shop to shop inspection and all border areas and stern measures will be taken against all violators."

He added that the Bureau is the organ responsible in overseeing the quality and safety of both imported and locally produced cosmetic products.

Tanzania can lose status as pyrethrum leading producers, stakeholders warn

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

STAKEHOLDERS in the pyrethrum crop in the country have cautioned that Tanzania could lose its status being the leading pyrethrum producer in Africa if farmers will continue selling their crop to private firms whilst containing more than 13 per cent moisture content.

They issued the cautioned here at the weekend at the meeting that brought together pyrethrum stakeholders that aimed to provide training to more than 200 agents on appropriate ways to purchase and sell the crop of high quality in order to increase its value chain from farmers to the market.

Mbeya District Agriculture Officer, Gideon Maunda said the practice by middlemen to purchase pyrethrum flowers and sell to firms while not adequately dry threatens the sustainability of the pyrethrum market within and outside the country.

Mapunda added that Tanzania is

the leading country in Africa, and the second globally in the production of pyrethrum but during the last season, the crop was not of high quality due to purchasing flowers that are not dry to acceptable level.

"We have received complaints from seven firms that the toxin has been reduced in the crop because agents (middlemen) buy pyrethrum flowers that are not well dried, this situation is not good at all, these firms who came here to buy the crop can even decide to quit," Mapunda said.

He owned the middlemen doing this that the government will not close its eyes on the deeds, saying the country's laws are clear, as those found to be doing so can face fines and or jail terms.

Ileje District Acting Agriculture officer, Yona Mbugi said among issues that were agreed upon in order to stamp out the problem is to sit together with the middlemen as well as all firms that purchase the crop.

"Since the firma are numerous

and there is stiff competition among them, some of them buy low quality pyrethrum, this is not good at all as it destroys the country's image, even to other firms," he said.

Pyrethrum Crop Controller from Tanzania Pyrethrum Board (TPB), Edwin Margwe stresses that the Board administers the crop to make sure that no side is being favoured due to negligence by a certain side.

He warned that the government will not hesitate to revoke licences of firms that will not abide by the laws governing the crop, especially buying flower thereof whose moisture content exceeds 13 per cent.

Representative of Pareto (PCT), pyrethrum buying company Jerald Joseph said 30 per cent of the pyrethrum flowers they bought in the last harvest season had moisture content above 13 per cent.

He said in the circumstances, the company incurred 1bn/- loss because they had to dry the crop anew, the process that decreased its weight.



Residents of Nkomelo village in Kasharunga ward, Muleba District, pictured at the weekend flipping through posters with information of Marburg Virus Disease - as distributed by public health officials. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Call for Proposals

The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) invites proposals from African cooperatives, producer groups, and enterprises for grant financing and local support for innovative solutions that extend their own capabilities to increase revenues, create jobs, improve farmer incomes, and achieve sustainable market-based growth.

Proposals will only be accepted from registered agricultural cooperatives, producer groups, and agricultural processors in Tanzania working directly in the horticulture, cotton, coffee, edible oilseeds (sunflower and palm oil) and cereals (maize and rice) value chains. Innovative approaches to agricultural and economic development will also be considered. This includes, but is not limited to digitization, information technology, agricultural solutions using renewable energy,

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Govt, LSF launch national women's economic forum

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups in collaboration with Legal services facility (LSF) have launched the national women economic forum (NWEF) in order to reach women in various economic sectors and pool their efforts to help them identify opportunities around them for their economic benefits.

The forum will assist women economically through improvement of policies and laws to enable them engage in equal economic opportunities by enhancing the knowledge within women groups in regard to trade, access to capital country's laws on issues of economy and how to survive economically.

The ministry had already such forums at regional level and formulated guidelines that guide them including the national forum, whose structure involves forms leaders - chairmen and secretaries thereof from all 26 mainland regions.

Speaking at the NWEF launch in Dodoma last week, Dr Dorothy Gwajima, the minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups said the government has continued implementing various zonal and international protocols on enhancing of gender equality and empowering women economically.

"Through resolutions adopted at the 1995 Women conference in Beijing, Tanzania decide to dwell on four areas: women economic empowerment, women legal rights, equality in education, training and employment and women in leadership positions.

In addition, in 2021 Tanzania participated in the generation equality forum held in Paris, France where Tanzania was represented by President Samia Suluhu Hassan," said Dr Gwajima.

She also appealed to forums leaders from various regions to fully

supervise the forums by connecting women to access banks loans, markets and boost expertise in the production of their goods.

For her part, LSF managing director, Lulu Ng'wanakilala said LSF has decided to collaborate with the government in NWEF launch because it directly touches essential areas for the programme's implementation including access to equal rights to all, in particular women and children.

"LSF implements the programme for access to rights in the country by adhering to the four main areas. Also LSF has been engaging itself in economic issues for women, women leadership positions including those for decision making and the fight against gender based violence," Lulu said.

The launching of the National Women Economic Forum (NWEF) has gone in tandem with the appointment of its leaders.

Fatma Kange from Dar es Salaam Region was appointed as NWEF chairperson, Neema Ndossi (from Kilimanjaro Region) as vice chairperson, Dr Regina malima (Shinyanga Region) secretary general and Neema Kajala (Ruvuma Region) assistant secretary general.



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'Mixing tobacco with stones will destroy farmers' market'

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TOBACCO farmers have been warned to stop the habit of mixing their crops with stones to increase weight because doing so will kill the market for their produce locally and internationally.

Collins Nyakunga, deputy registrar of cooperatives said this in Morogoro over the weekend while speaking to tobacco farmers and other agricultural stakeholders, including assistant registrars of cooperatives in the regions that grow the crop and managers of the main tobacco cooperatives.

Nyakunga urged managers to take action against all who will be found destroying the crop by mixing with unwanted materials, saying is to sabotage the market of the produce and instead confiscate their tobacco.

"Leaders have a big responsibility to protect the quality of this product and if you fail, it is better to stay away and let others who will be able to manage this issue do so," said Nyakunga.

He asked the cooperatives to join the Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) systems, in order to simplify their work and promised that they are in the process of establishing a national cooperative bank so that the cooperatives should buy enough shares to get enough to achieve the mission.

He asked the cooperatives to refrain from conflicts that divide the parties, instead they should make more strategies to increase the number of members, keep good records and documents of audit information, work on the arguments of the auditor so that they do not repeat themselves otherwise if the

leaders fail, they will be inadequate in their positions.

Nyankunga also asked tobacco purchasing companies to pay farmers on time as some of them have been taking farmers' crops without paying them for a long time contrary to contracts while he also warned farmers who take subsidized inputs when they do not have fields and do not cultivate instead of selling them.

Stanley Mnozya, Tanzania Tobacco Board (TTB) director general said that the board has planned to ensure that the product's market is available where for this season they have sold more than 25 million kilos where the price of Tobacco has increased to US\$2.26 per kilo compared to the indicative price of two dollars.

Mnozya said the demand for tobacco for this season is 125 million kilos, while they already have a demand of 231 million kilos of the crop which will exceed the government's goals through the CCM election manifesto of 2020 to sell 200 million kilos by 2025.



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Liwale district commissioner Goodluck Mlinga (in blue T-shirt) joins residents of Nangando ward at the weekend in the self-help making of bricks for use at Mbonde Primary School. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt provides 5.6 billion/- for Bahi irrigation scheme

By Guardian Correspondent, Bahi

THE Government has provided a total of 5.6bn/- towards the completion of the 220-hectare irrigation scheme at Kongogo village, Babayu Ward, Mundemu Division in Bahi District, Dodoma Region.

Raphael Laizer, project manager from the National Irrigation Scheme (NIC) revealed in his report on the construction of the dam to Dodoma

Regional Commissioner, Rosemary Swenyamule at the event held at the project site at the weekend.

Laizer said the construction of the irrigation scheme is in the early stages under the Chinese firm, M/s CRJE (EA) as contractors.

For her part, RC Senyamule told residents of the area that the aim of the government is to make sure the country adopts modern farming practices by enabling farmers cultivate crops two or three times

per year, mobilise for fishing and livestock activities without endangering the environment.

"Reliable farming practices all over the world is through irrigation, because it enables farmers grow crops twice or even thrice in a year," she stressed.

She added that the government view is to make sure Tanzania joins other world countries in feeding the world by distributing food within the country and export.

She added that the reason behind the government's hiring more extension officers, purchase of working tools for them including motor cycles, and boost seedling production blocks is to strengthen food security.

The construction of the irrigation scheme started April this year and is expected to be completed after 18 months during which a dam will be dug for livestock's drinking water.



Residents of Mwanza's Kagomu Mahina Street clear garbage at the weekend to pave the way for the construction of a road. Photo: Correspondent Anthony Gervas

Youth to benefit from Toyota-aided training to improve car maintenance

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE Japanese car manufacturing company—Toyota Motors is set to start soon impacting modern vehicle maintenance skills to Tanzanian youth especially those who have undergone technical training.

Speaking in Arusha during the National Technical and Vocational Education and Training Exhibition 2023, the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology, Prof Adolf Mkenda explained that Toyota Motors of Japan has entered

into agreement to that effect with the Jema Institute of Technology which operates from Mwanza City.

"The technology behind the cars we are currently using changes rapidly, with most modern vehicles applying more electronics in their system," Prof Mkenda pointed out.

The Minister maintained that the yesteryear mechanics who dealt with mostly mechanical cars may find modern vehicles full of circuit boards baffling.

"I therefore laud Jema Institute of Technology for the initiative of upgrading the skills of young mechanics to go in sync with modern cars requirement, but

especially through incorporating the car makers themselves," Prof Mkenda stated.

Apparently, Toyota accounts for almost 80 percent of all personal cars and government vehicles on Tanzanian roads.

The state-owned Arusha Technical College (ATC), which is among the participating institutions at the NACTVET exhibitions in Arusha, has also pioneered modern car diagnosis training in conjunction with senior experts from the Netherlands.

Dr Adolf Rutayuga, executive secretary of the National Council for Technical and Vocational

Education and Training (NACTVET) said they were working to ensure that all students come out of their training well prepared to undertake any tasks thrown to them.

"We are so far linking graduates from technical institutions with employers," said Dr Rutayuga

He said the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training was planning to build 64 Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA) centers.

More than 300 exhibitors have set up pavilions at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium, along Col. Middleton Road in Arusha.

The National Technical and Vocational Education and Training Exhibition 2023 went hand in hand with special Symposium, which attracted 250 participants.



M-mama dispatch in-charge Pascal John (L) briefs Mwanza regional administrative secretary Bulandya Elikana (2nd-R) at Mwanza city's Sekou Toure Hospital Mwanza at the weekend on how the initiative facilitates the provision of emergency transport to expectant women and newborns, thus cutting childbirth mortality in the region. With them are Vodacom Tanzania Plc ICT director Athuman Mlinga (R) and Health ministry senior ICT officer Jackson Shayo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

GLAMI mentorship project reaches out to 700 students

By Correspondent James Lanka,

Mwanga

MORE than 7000 girl students in Kilimanjaro and Arusha region have been reached by the Girls Livelihood and Mentorship Initiative (GLAMI), through 'Binti Shupavu' and KISA' mentorship training to the secondary school girls

The idea of the project is to ensure girls complete their education, develop into confident leaders, and transform their own lives and their communities.

Elizabeth Uwoya, programme social worker and community liaison officer from GLAMI organisation told reporters here over the weekend that, her organisation had such a training to the parents and guardians with schooling girls for sustainable protection of children rights among schooling girls.

"Today my organization has provided education on self-awareness, self-esteem, reproductive health issues to high school students at Kiofaru secondary school in Mwanga District, Kilimanjaro Region, and we normally provide the same to other schools in this region and Arusha with the aim of protecting girls to fulfill their dreams talking to parents / guardians of girls studying at various secondary Schools in Kilimanjaro region with the aim of protecting the girl child from early pregnancy and safe menstruation," she explained.

According to her, through GLAMI's KISA and Binti Shupavu projects they have reached

more than 7000 girl students from various secondary schools including 15-secondary schools (KISA project) and 12-secondary schools (Binti Shupavu project) which makes a total of 27-secondary school in Kilimanjaro Region.

She added, GLAMI mentors secondary school girls in Tanzania to complete their education, develop into confident leaders, and transform their own lives and their communities.

"We equip girls to overcome challenges and reach their full potential because educated girls create lasting positive change. The outcome is proactive, resilient, and socially-responsible girls who secure better jobs, raise healthier families, and increase the standing of women in society" the GLAMI's project boss explained.

According to her, Sexual harassment against the girl child is prevalent both in the workplace and at school.

"Child abuse or child maltreatment is physical, sexual, and/or psychological maltreatment or neglect of a child or children, especially by a parent or a guardian," she further explained.

Commenting on the problem, the social welfare officer from Mwanga DC, Alex Kameo said that the problem of CSA rising in his district is a result of some parents/guardians who hides them, or 'finishing' them illegally at a family level after being reported to the legal authorities.

He recommended for strengthened interventions at different levels within the society to address the root causes and different contexts in which child

sex abuse occurs, applauding the role played by GLAMI organization in his district.

"Increased awareness of the root causes should go hand in hand with measures to encourage parents and survivors to report incidents to relevant authorities timely as they occur," he further enlightened.

For their part, Kifaru high school students namely Faith Joseph and Zuhura Athumani explained that, GBVs incidents against young girls including sexual violence against girls, is alleged to have been perpetrated further by close family members.

The further said that, after receiving self-awareness education from the Girls Livelihood and Mentorship Initiative (GLAMI), an organization that mentors secondary school girls in Tanzania to complete their education, develop into confident leaders, and transform their own lives and their communities, they found out through their peers who have experienced the effects of sexual violence, including sexual violence most of their cases are from their close relatives including uncles and aunts.

"There is one of my colleagues who experienced sexual violence from her uncle when she asked for his help on some important school necessities when he (the said uncle) uses the problems of a school girl to perpetrate sexual violence," they explained.

They added that, GLAMI's peer education to them through 'Binti Shupavu Project' has opened their eyes and minds on how to prevent from such gender and sexual harassments as well as spreading the knowledge to other young girls through their awareness clubs famously know as the 'GLAMI Binti Shupavu Clubs'.

'China-Africa expo to drive economic reform and promote industrialisation across Ethiopia'

ADDIS ABABA

THE upcoming China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo will be an impetus for strengthening Ethiopia-China economic ties and advance the East African country's strive for industrialisation, an Ethiopian official has said.

Deputy Commissioner of the Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC) Daniel Teressa said Ethiopia envisaged taking the expo as an opportunity to promote cooperation with China on investment, economy and trade, promising representatives from the Ethiopian government, business community leaders and representatives will use the opportunity to attract more Chinese investments.

The third edition of the expo, under the theme "Common Development for a Shared Future," will run from June 29 to July 2 in central China's Hunan Province. First launched in 2019, it is a major platform for strengthening economic and trade cooperation between China and African countries.

An exhibitor (R) introduces skincare products made in Africa during the second China-Africa

Economic and Trade Expo in Changsha, the capital of central China's Hunan Province, Sept. 27, 2021. (Xinhua/Chen Zeguo)

"In the upcoming China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo, our companies will have good engagement with Chinese companies and we will also encourage Chinese companies to come to invest in Ethiopia," Teressa said at a promotion event held Friday in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital. "The Ethiopian Investment Commission and Ethiopian companies engaged in different economic sectors and businesses will be attending this expo."

Teressa said the Ethiopian delegation will use the expo to promote the ongoing economic reforms that aim to enhance the development of the private sector in the country and attract potential Chinese investors in this regard.

He said the expo, which will be held against the backdrop of global challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic and disruption of the global supply chain, will serve as an important platform to enhance investment and trade relations between China and Africa.

"Ethiopia's economy is majorly dependent on agricultural sectors and now we are working aggressively on transforming this agriculture-based economy into an industry-based and service-based economy," Teressa said. He also said the country welcomes Chinese investments in the private sector.

"The engagement that our domestic companies will have with Chinese companies (at the expo) will enhance this reform of privatisation and opening up of different economic sectors," he added.

Senior Ethiopian officials, representatives of the country's business community, a Chinese delegation group as well as heads of the Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce attended the promotion event.

On the same day, the Chinese delegation presented investment policies and business opportunities to the Ethiopian side. Yang Yingjie, secretary-general of the Zhuzhou Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China, said the expo will be launched within the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation and will yield win-win results.

Morogoro District implements plans to control herders invading water sources

By Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

MOROGORO District Council in Morogoro Region has decided to implement in deeds it plans to control herders not to introduce their livestock to water sources and other people's farms by establishing farms for the cultivation of hay and provide education thereon to the herders.

Other aims of the Council is to control the effects of climate change and eradicate herder-farmers conflicts that have been causing disastrous effects including deaths destruction of property.

Speaking about the projects, Morogoro District agriculture and livestock officer, Ndelisho Moshi said another aim is to assist herders from moving about with

their herds during dry season in search of pasture and water.

"Many farmers-herders' conflicts occur during dry seasons when there is lack of grazing land, hence every herder moves about in search of pasture and water thereby introducing the livestock to water sources areas and farms, hence the project will reduce this and later eradicate completely the problem," said Moshi.

He explained that the plan will also help herders who can now stay in one area and start modern livestock keeping because they will no longer have the excuse to wander with their herds in search of pasture and water.

For her part, the district executive director, Rehema Bwasi said the project to conserve the environment and protect natural vegetation including herders

training centre will cost 100m/-, with the money to be provided by sponsors.

She said so far the project has been able to protect natural vegetation to various land areas, and boost modern beekeeping activities in order to protect forests.

Launching the project, the 2023 National Uhuru torch race leader, Abdallah Shaib Kaim, said its establishment will help in doing away with farmers-herders conflicts and appealed to herders to emerge in big numbers at the centre for education on modern livestock keeping.

He said the main challenge contributing to the conflicts is lack of pasture for grazing and water during dry seasons, hence the education to be provided will reduce the challenges.



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USAID Tanzania Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity.

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Minimum required Education, Experience, Skills & Abilities:

- Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or Procurement with 3 years working experience in project procurement and administration or master's degree in relevant field and 1 years working experience.
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Minimum required Education, Experience, Skills & Abilities:

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Green light for 10-MW Shinyanga solar power project as pact is inked

By Guardian Reporter

TWO companies, SSI Energy Tanzania Limited (SSI) and Sinohydro Corporation (Sinohydro) have signed an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract for the 10 MW solar power project in Shinyanga Region.

The Kahama solar power station, developed and owned by SSI Energy Tanzania Limited, is adjacent to the new special economic zone and will generate electricity to be supplied directly to the Tanzania Electricity Supply Company (TANESCO) substation at Buzwagi, near Kahama under a Standardised Power Purchase Agreement.

The power station will supply TANESCO with renewable energy for homes, factories, offices, schools and hospitals in the rapidly expanding town of Kahama and its surrounding area.

Dr Nancy Shedrack, country manager, SSI Energy Tanzania Ltd said by generating electricity during daylight hours, it will help stabilise the grid 24 hours a day, improving the local infrastructure and making a real difference to peoples' lives.

She said such improvement will lower harmful emissions by reducing the reliance on private generators and mitigating impact on climate change.

"We are delighted at the appointment of Sinohydro to construct our solar power station at Kahama. Sinohydro has a reputation as a world renowned ICP and we are excited to have them as partners throughout the construction process."

She added, "Sinohydro is also a great fit with our key stakeholders, Kahama Municipal Council, EWURA, TANESCO, REA, our financial partners and locals."

Sinohydro country representative Wu Peng said, "The project will provide the foundation of a sustainable low-carbon economy by improving the grid performance and by deploying solar production capacity."

"As one of the world's largest power construction enterprises, Sinohydro is committed to promote

a sustainable and clean source of energy for future generations"

Nick Richardson, SSI Energy Tanzania Ltd, managing director said, "As Tanzania begins its journey towards a green energy transition, the SSI Kahama Solar Power Project marks a significant milestone in providing a solution for a low global carbon economy, creating a reliable electricity network to power industry and local communities.

He added 'achieving this is down to selecting first class partners like Sinohydro, with the experience and technical knowhow to complete projects on time and to budget.

SSI is a specialist developer of solar power stations in Tanzania, established in 2017. The Kahama Solar Project is the company's first project to be constructed and should be completed in December 2023.

SSI is a subsidiary of Solar Securities Limited in the UK; an experienced and successful developer, constructor, owner and operator of solar power stations across the UK and Europe.

Sinohydro is a Chinese state-owned hydropower engineering and construction company, active in Tanzania for 26 years. It is a subsidiary of Power Construction Corporation of China (POWERCHINA), one of the world's largest power construction enterprises.



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Women trade group crusading for inclusion in informal sector

By Kingsley Alumona

THE Centre for Support of Women in Unpaid and Informal Employment in Nigeria (WIEN) has advocated an inclusive working environment and government support for Nigerian women.

Members of the women's trade group made this charge over the weekend in Ibadan during the inauguration of the centre and the maiden edition of their annual conference.

In her address, the executive director of the centre, Alaba Ehindero, lamented the challenges and struggles women and families in the informal work sector - without social protection and employment rights - go through to make ends meet.

She stated that she sees the centre training women to be CEOs, leaders and businesswomen, adding that when you train a woman, you train a nation.

"We are passionate about women," Steve-Ogundipo said. "We want to help them stand on their own and to be able to support themselves, families, and spouses."

The Coordinator of the Women's Research and Documentation Centre (WORDOC) of the Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, Dr Sharon Omotoso, represented by Esther Oloajulo, demanded public support for women in the informal work sector, stating that there is dignity in labour.

Oloajulo said 93 per cent of the economy is made up of informal workers, and out of the 93 per cent, about 90 per cent are women. In light of this, she further said that WORDOC will partner with WIEN in the area of women inclusion.

Lawyer and women rights activist, Olusayo Adeleye, made a presentation titled 'Shattering stereotype: Creating an inclusive environment for women's work in Nigeria'.

Adeleye stressed that there cannot be inclusion without diversity, and enjoined the women to prepare themselves for any work, office, or position they aspire for.

The group head, human resource, Capitalfield Investment Group, John Oluremi, gave a talk titled 'Gender, diversity and inclusion in the workplace: The ILO standards'. Oluremi stressed that diversity and inclusion start with the individual.

He advised women not only to join an organisation, but to also put themselves in the mainstream and prepare themselves for the tasks required for the job.

In the course of the event, Ehindero officially unveiled the logo and mission of the centre and inaugurated the local, state, and national coordinators of the centre.

Present at the event were members of the Ibadan Development Centre, Arise and Win Project, Office of the Human Capital Development and physically challenged persons.



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Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister Dr Angelina Mabula speaks makes remarks at the signing of an MOU between her ministry and Zanzibar's Lands and Human Settlements ministry in Dodoma city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ZHC to build houses for low-income people in Unguja and Pemba islands

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Housing Corporation (ZHC) has said it has a plan to build houses for low-income people in various areas of Unguja and Pemba.

Mwanaisha Ali Said, ZHC director general unveiled this here over the weekend when speaking with journalists at her office. Mwanaisha said that the Zanzibar government has set aside reserve land for development, so ZHC will use the opportunity to build houses to rent and sell to various

citizens in order to bring better housing. She said the corporation has now started building houses for sale in the Mombasa area for Chinese, but even a citizen with a low income can buy due to the good procedure set up to sell the houses. She explained that the houses will be sold to Zanzibari people who are inside and outside the country, it is important that someone follows the purchase procedures set by the organization. According to Mwanaisha, ZHC will sell the houses in three ways, either the way to pay all the money

together, or the way to pay the money in four installments or through the bank (mortgage is not sold). We receive money from the bank, but the customer will sign a contract with the bank to deduct the money for the house," she said.

She also noted that ZHC is ready to receive money for houses being built in Mombasa kwa Mchina as the construction has started since March 2023 and will end after 15 months from that month.

Mwanaisha said the houses will be sold at different prices due to the number of rooms as there are

two-bedroom houses that will be sold for 136m/- and three-bedroom houses will be sold for 153m/-, those prices are exclusive of value added tax (VAT).

She further stated that ZHC will hand over those houses to the Condominium Board which is one of the institutions of the Ministry of Land and Housing Development that will bear the guarantee of keeping the environment clean in the areas of the houses.

Mwanaisha has thanked the Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi for supporting them in the construction costs of the houses because without getting help from the central government the organization would not have been able to.



Airtel Tanzania managing director Dinesh Balsingh pictured on Friday as Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye tabled his ministry's Budget estimates for financial year 2023/2024 in the National Assembly in Dodoma city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TAWA to people near wildlife reserves: Be extra cautious when moving at night

By Guardian Correspondent, Mvomero

PEOPLE living near wildlife protected areas including national parks and game reserve have been cautioned to exercise utmost care during the night as wild animals including elephants roam at night looking for grass.

Mlage Kabange, acting commissioner of conservation in Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) gave the caution in Mvomero District during a debate to find solutions to Human Wildlife Conflicts (HWC) facing Mvomero

district, Morogoro Region.

Kabange said research by TAWA in various areas in the country found out that many people are adversely affected when moving about during the night when fierce animals roam about looking for pasture.

He called on the people to adhere to directives given by wildlife officials, including avoiding coming close to the wildlife, especially elephants.

"We are stressing on the people to continue reporting incidences of invasion by fierce and destructive wildlife in their areas in order to

address the situation," said Kabange.

He also warned the people not to come to close to the fierce animals including taking selfies near them.

For his part, Mvomero District Commissioner Judith Nguli also warned the people to stop the habit of inciting wildlife including elephants, the acts that have been enraging them and later return to harm the people even killing them.

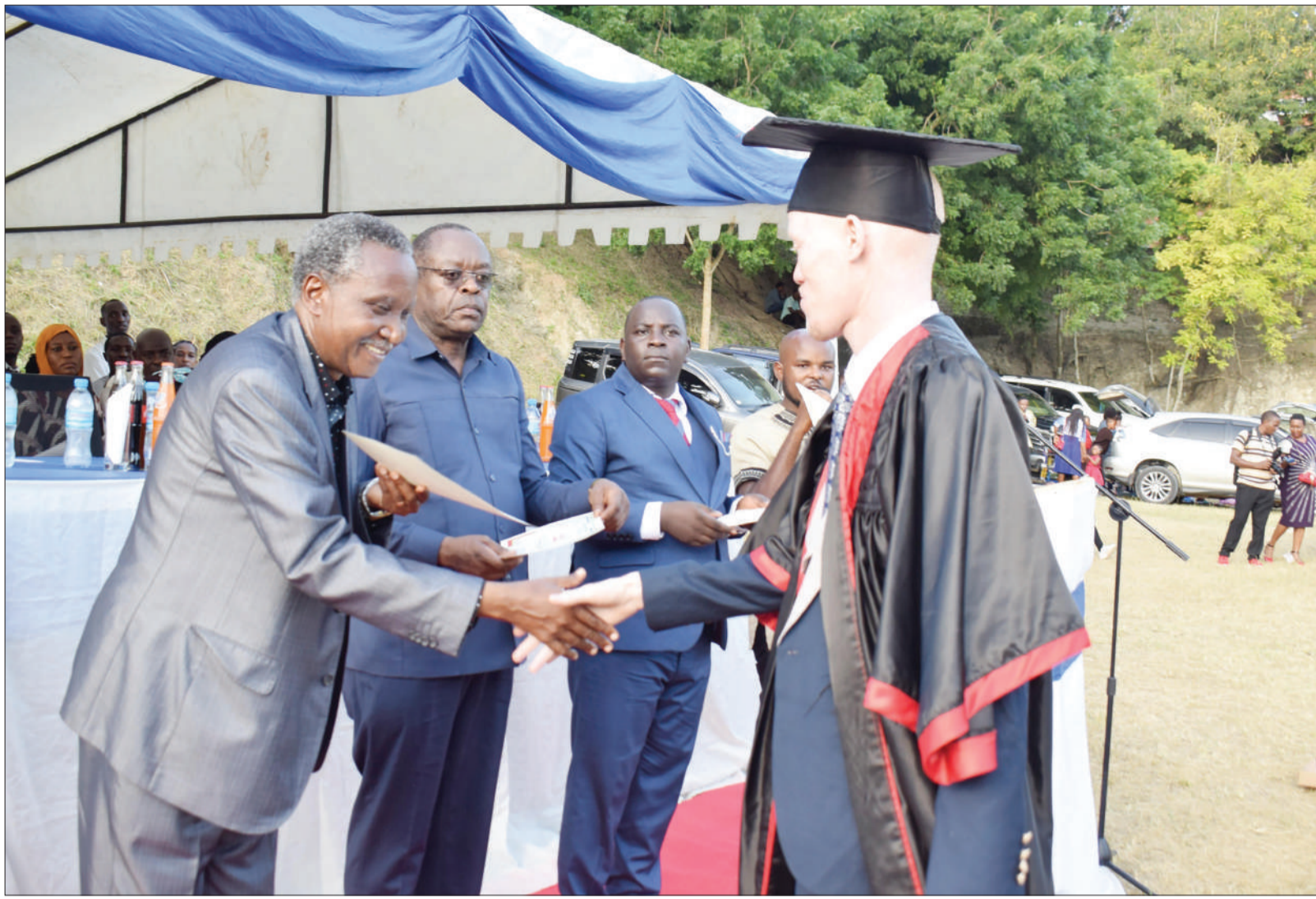
She said some people have the habit of climbing up the trees and hunt game using inappropriate weapons, thereby only wounding them thereby enraging them and

later come to revenge.

The DC advised TAWA and other conservation authorities to boost the wildlife personnel including working tools including weapons in order to reduce or completely eradicate adverse effects from the fierce wildlife.

Mvomero Constituency Member of Parliament Van Zealand advised wildlife authorities to crop the elephant population to reduce their adverse effects on the people including wounding them or even causing death to them.

The debate involved various stakeholders including village officials including those bordering reserve areas, Mvomero District officials and conservation officers from both TAWA and TANAPA.



Dr Lyambwene Mutahabwa (L), Commissioner of Education in the Education, Science and Technology ministry, presents a leaving certificate to an outgoing Form Six student of Dar es Salaam's St Anne Marie Academy at graduation ceremony held at the school's premises in the city at the weekend. Second left is the academy's director, Dr Jason Rweikiza, followed by principal Gladius Ndyetabura. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Tanroads to construct road network totalling 600 kms for Mwanza

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

TANZANIA Roads Agency (TANROADS) has contracted consultants to conduct a feasibility study in depth and design different roads to be built to tarmac level in Mwanza Region with a total length of 652.2 kilometres.

Mwanza regional TANROADS manager Eng. Ambrose Pascal said that contracts whose value is approximately 5.6bn/- were signed between 2014 and 2021.

Eng. Pascal said that roads under the plan with their length in brackets are meant to improve transport conditions and push forward socio-economic development in the areas.

He mentioned the roads as Mwanangwa-Misasi-Salawe-Kahama (Nyiogogo) (150km) located in Mwanza and Shinyanga that cost 798,801,250/- as well as Kamanga-Katunguru-Sengerema (36km) with a cost of 575,919,650/-

Other roads are Magu-Bukwimba-Ngudu-Hungumalwa (71km) 638,486,200/-, Sengerema-

Nyehunge-Kahunda (116km) including Katunguru-Nyamazugo, Bukokwa-Nyakalilo and Nyehunge-Nyamadoke 779,274,725/-

He said that other roads are Mkuyuni-Nyakato (10km) first package and Nyakato Veta-Buswelu-Mhonze (14.2km) second package 219,010,000/- and Mwanza-Nyanguge (35km) 387,410,000/-

Others include: Mwanza airport-Igombe-Nyanguge (46km) 206,845,500/- and the on-going project on Mwanza-Shinyanga Road border (104km) 980,840,000/- that started in 2020 and feasibility study and design is scheduled for completion in May this year.

According to the engineer, also the plan includes the final feasibility study on the Simiyu Bridge with a view to design and construct it that has cost 374,650,000/- as well as Sukuma Bridge (70km) with feeder roads (2km) 612,810,000/-

He said that aim is to ensure roads managed by the agency are in good condition and passable throughout to solve transport challenges among the people in the region.

Govt advised to reduce taxes on private schools

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government has been tasked to reduce taxes for private school owners because it is a burden for many parents and guardians.

St. Marie Academy school director and owner, Dr Jason Rweikiza made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during the 15th Form Six graduation ceremony at the school.

Dr Rweikiza said the owners of the private schools pay 18 taxes, which make the school fees to be high, thus a burden to the parents and guardians.

He said that if taxes are reduced, the fees can also decrease, thus reducing the burden on parents adding that the reduction of school fees will also pave the way for many students having the opportunity to get quality education.

"The government provides free education but we in private schools are charged a lot of taxes, municipal and ward contributions, fire levies and various district council's licenses. We urge the government to reduce it in order to give relief to school owners and parents," said Dr Rweikiza who is the Bukoba Urban MP.

He also promised to give iPhones to all form six leavers who will get division one in the final examinations.

Dr Rweikiza said that the way the students prepared and got good results in the mock examinations, he is hopeful that many students will get division one in their final examinations.

"I have promised iPhones, but due to the way you have been prepared, I am worried that if you all get Division I, where will I get the money to buy iPhones for all of you, but since it is a promise, I will do my best to fulfill it," he said, noting that the school's good results is due to a good learning environment, including good food, reliable water and electricity, modern libraries and talented teachers.


He said the school has continued to ensure that it has good and sufficient classes so that the class stays with fewer students to enable teachers to manage the class well, stressing that the school has a good library loaded with many textbooks and a clean study environment such as air conditioners and reliable health care for students.

Dr Lyambwene Mutahabwa, Commissioner of Education, in the ministry of Education, Science and Technology commended the school for the way it has been doing well in its national exams.

He said the government will continue to create a good environment for investment in education so that they continue to build schools to enable many Tanzanians access primary and secondary education.



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DODOMA CHRISTIAN MEDICAL CENTER TRUST

JOB VACANCIES

The mission of DCMCT Trust is to provide accessible and sustainable quality health care through a Tanzanian comprehensive health system which encompasses community-based prevention and primary, secondary and selected specialized and super-specialized care.

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Job Summary:
The incumbent will diagnose patients and treat various conditions affecting the oral and maxillofacial regions. The incumbent will perform emergency and scheduled treatments, maintaining patient records, as well as providing suitable after-care instructions and recommendations. The incumbent will perform corrective and therapeutic procedures on the mouths and jaws of their patients and often work in conjunction with other dentists, surgeons, and orthodontists.

Qualifications and Experience:

 - Holder of Masters of Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from a recognized institution
 - Must be registered by the Tanganyika Medical Council as a dental surgeon
 - At least two (2) years working experience as a doctor of dental surgery
 - Three (3) years of working experience in a related field in busy and reputable institution preferably religious institution.
- 2. DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY - 3 POSITIONS**

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The incumbent will diagnose and treat diseases, injuries, and malformations of teeth and gums. S/he will treat diseases of nerve, pulp, and other dental tissues affecting oral hygiene and retention of teeth. May fit dental appliances or provide preventive care. S/he will meet with patients, assess their dental health, perform scheduled cleanings, handle complex procedures, such as root canals, extractions, and oral surgery, and work with other staff members, such as dental hygienists and assistants, to provide our clients with quality dental services

Qualifications and Experience

 - Holder of a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from a recognized Institution
 - Must be registered with Medical Council of Tanganyika as Dental Surgeon with one year internship
 - Valid practicing license is required
 - At least two years relevant working experience
 - Basic knowledge in computer studies
- 3. MEDICAL DOCTOR - 4 POSITIONS**

JOB SUMMARY:
The incumbent will be responsible for the provision of quality and compassionate health care diagnosing illnesses or treating injuries in order to restore patients' optimum health. The incumbent will perform health assessments, run diagnostic tests, prescribe medication, create treatment plans and provide health and wellness advice to patients. S/he will be responsible for ordering diagnostic tests and interpreting the results of these tests to determine what illness a patient has or the extent of a specific injury.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

 - Holder of Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree or MBChB or its equivalent from a recognized Institution.
 - Must have completed a one-year Internship at the recognized Health Facility
 - Must be registered by the Medical Council of Tanganyika (MCT) as a Medical Doctor
 - Must have a Valid practicing license
 - At least Four (4) years working experience
 - Must have Computer skills
- 4. PERSONAL SECRETARY TO THE DIRECTOR - 1 POSITION**

JOB SUMMARY:
S/he will be required to be flexible especially organized with personal approach possess a positive in the outstanding problem-solving attitude. The incumbent will primarily be acting as a trusted point of contact for the director's office for all external parties and internal staff and dealing appropriately with correspondences managing directors meeting appointments calls and visitors. Responsible for supporting/coordinating with high-level executives, departments and management.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

 - Holder of Diploma in Business Administration/Human Resources Management/Office Management/Secretarial Studies from recognized institution
 - Must have Diploma/Degree in Secretarial Studies from recognized institution
 - At least 3 years experience as a Personal Secretary for Directors/Senior Management
 - Excellent Diary Management with the ability to pre-empt and look ahead at all times
 - Essential experience in Microsoft Office- Outlook/Word/Excel/PowerPoint
 - Ability to multitask and experience of dealing with a demanding role and high-level workload
 - Ability to prioritise work and manage time effectively and be proactive
 - Excellent Organisational skills
 - Communication skills - the ability to communicate well at all levels
 - Demonstrate a professional manner at all times and possess the ability to remain calm under pressure
 - Self-motivated
 - Ability to maintain a high level of discretion
- 5. SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICER - 2 POSITIONS**

The incumbent will be responsible for ensuring efficiency and timely performance of administrative functions in the Hospital. The incumbent is responsible for the implementation of general administrative and resource management tasks as delegated by the supervisor. S/he will work with an oversight from the supervisor, who will provide general guidance and work plans for identifying work priorities and appropriate approaches; work is controlled for meeting expected results. S/he will establish and maintain efficient administrative control mechanisms to ensure compliance with DCMCT administrative, financial and human resources rules and procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

 - Holder of Bachelor Degree in Nursing from a recognized Institution
 - Full Registration by the Nursing and Midwives Council.
 - One year of Internship at a recognized hospital
- 6. SENIOR DRIVER - 1 POSITION**

JOB SUMMARY
The incumbent will be responsible to provide driving services to the Director and other hospital senior officials. S/he will be responsible for accurate maintenance of the vehicle log books, and daily reporting to the supervisor on mechanical status to ensure efficient vehicle use and fuel consumption supporting accurate accounting and cost-efficiency.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

 - Holder of an ordinary secondary school certificate with passes in English and Kiswahili
 - Driving certificate (Motor drivers' course) from any registered and recognized institution
 - Holder of Trade Test Grade II (Mechanics) Certificate from a registered and recognized institution
 - Holder of Valid Class C driving license with at least five years of Class C Driving licence
- 7. SENIOR LABORATORY SCIENTIST - 1 POSITION**

JOB SUMMARY
The incumbent will be responsible to oversee day to day activities of the Hospital Laboratories including supervision of laboratory personnel, quality assurance, and overseeing the collection, analysing and ultimate use of laboratory data. The incumbent will provide technical support to the DCMCT laboratories in all matters related to laboratory systems strengthening, including implementation of the projects and implementation of the laboratory quality systems.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

 - Holder of degree in Laboratory Science from a recognized Institution
 - Must be registered in Register of Health Laboratory Practitioners as a health Laboratory Scientist
 - Must have at least Seven (7) years working experience as a Laboratory supervisor
- 8. PHARMACEUTICAL TECHNICIANS - 1 POSITION**

JOB SUMMARY:
The incumbent will be responsible for providing patients with medications as prescribed by medical doctors, advising patients the correct administration and dosages of these medications and to record all medication/patient transactions in DCMCT patient management software. The incumbent will provide patients with knowledge and expertise on medications and advise them on any query they have. To interact and communicate with our doctors and medical professionals to provide the best possible medical and financial solutions for the patients

KEY QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

 - Holder of a Diploma in Pharmacy from a recognized Institution
 - Must be registered with Pharmacy Council of Tanzania as Pharmaceutical Technician
 - Valid practicing license is required
 - Basic knowledge in computer studies
 - Additional qualifications in Inventory Management is an added advantage
- 9. MEDICAL/HEALTH RECORD TECHNICIAN II - 3 POSITIONS**

JOB SUMMARY
The incumbent will be responsible to issue and fill back patients' files (in Both Manual and Digital records) and assist in customer queries, while coordinating with other staff in and outside of the registration department, e.g., nurses, doctors, and accounts staff. S/he will collect and fill patients' cards and files and assist in daily, weekly and monthly statistics reports, while preparing file indexes and maintaining registration records and documents. S/he will also retrieve files for specialized clinics, prepare general follow-up patients' files and retrieve and prepare pre-surgical files, and ensure that all required surgical forms are placed in files as per the checklist.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

 - Holder of a certificate in Health Medical Records technology from any recognized Institution
 - Basic knowledge in computer studies
 - Excellent customer care skills
 - Computer Literate
 - Good interpersonal skills
 - Strong communication skills
 - Self-confidence: a team player
 - Excellence in patient service
- EXPERIENCE**
 - Minimum 2 years of experience in a similar role is required
- 10. REGISTRY CLERK - 1 POSITION**

JOB SUMMARY
The incumbent will manage and administer the overall registry functions, develop and maintain proper archive system and ensure the safety and security of files and documents. S/he will screen all incoming and outgoing mail and presents those letters to the concerned

KEY QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

 - Holder of a Diploma in records management from any recognized Institution
 - Basic knowledge in computer studies
 - Excellent customer care skills
 - Computer Literate
 - At least two years working experience
- 11. NURSE OFFICER II - 4 POSITIONS**

JOB SUMMARY
The incumbent would be responsible for providing a comprehensive nursing package that includes preventive, curative and public health education services. Ensure quality of care, medical protocols and universal hygiene standards.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

 - Holder of Bachelor Degree in Nursing from a recognized Institution
 - Full Registration by the Nursing and Midwives Council.
 - One year of Internship at a recognized hospital

12. SENIOR ASSISTANT NURSING OFFICER - 3 POSITIONS

JOB SUMMARY:
The incumbent will be responsible to supervise the junior Assistant Nursing officers in the provision of quality and compassionate health care in order to restore patients' optimum health. The incumbent will perform supervisory nursing care of patients, administering drugs and other treatments as prescribed by medical doctors'

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

- Holder of Diploma in Nursing from a recognised Institution
- Full Registration by the Nursing and Midwives Council.
- Must have a Valid practicing license
- Must have Computer skills
- Minimum Seven (7) years of experience in a similar role is required.

13. ASSISTANT NURSING OFFICER II - 3 POSITIONS

JOB SUMMARY:
The incumbent will be responsible for the provision of quality and compassionate health care in order to restore patients' optimum health. The incumbent will perform general nursing care of patients, administering drugs and other treatments as prescribed by medical doctors'

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

- Holder of Diploma in Nursing from a recognised Institution
- Full Registration by the Nursing and Midwives Council.
- Must have a Valid practicing license
- Must have Computer skills
- Minimum 2 years of experience in a similar role is required.

14. RADIOGRAPHER II - 1 POSITION

JOB SUMMARY:
The incumbent will be responsible for operating CT scanners, Ultra sound machine, X-rays, and fluoroscope to obtain radiographic images of patients. The incumbent will ensure compliance with established safety regulations and procedures when operating radiation equipment in order to prevent ill-exposure to ionizing radiation. The incumbent will explain to patients the details of a radiographic procedure as well as provide answers to their inquiries Duties

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

- Holder of Diploma in Radiography from a recognised Institution
- Must be enrolled in the Register of Medical Radiology and imaging Professionals as a radiographer.
- Must have a Valid practicing license
- Must have Computer skills
- Minimum 2 years of experience in a similar role is required.

15. STORES OFFICER - 1 POSITION

JOB SUMMARY:
The incumbent is responsible for overseeing the ordering, storing, receiving and distributing processes of materials and supplies. S/he is responsible for controlling the flow of Materials, supplies and equipment, tracking and analysing inventory maintenance and developing protocols for loss mitigation. S/he will ensure that all inventory items are properly identified and readily accessible in accordance with the inventory cycle. The incumbent will ensure efficient management of the movement and storage of goods and materials, including when to order and store goods to meet operational requirements

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES:

- A bachelor's degree in logistics, business, management, or similar discipline.
- Comprehensive knowledge and use of Electronic Hospital Management system
- Minimum 2 years of experience working at the hospital setting.

SKILLS AND KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:

- Excellent communication skills
- Critical thinking skills: To come up with revolutionary ideas for the institution's growth and improvement of stores management
- Organization skills: Ability to organize schedules and inventories
- Problem solving skills
- Basic computer skills
- Excellent analytical skills to juggle several contending issues and come up with the best decisions
- Excellent logistical skills to be able to track movement of supplies from the supplier Ability to work under pressure and still maintain ideal disposition towards work

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL POSTS:

- Applicants must attach an up-to-date current Curriculum Vitae (CV) having reliable contact postal address, email address, and reachable telephone numbers.
- Applicants should apply on the strengths of the information given in this advertisement.
- The title of the position applied for should be written in the subject of the application letter/e-mail and marked on the envelope
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 - o Form IV and Form VI National Examination Certificates.
 - o Computer Certificates where applicable.
 - o Professional Certificates/Licenses from respective boards where applicable.
 - o One recent passport size picture and copy of birth certificate.
 - o Form IV and Form VI result slips are strictly not accepted. Presentation of forged academic certificates and other information in the CV will necessitate to legal action.
- Applicants should indicate three reputable work-related referees with their reliable contacts.

Only shortlisted candidates will be informed the date of the interview

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Application letters should be POSTED or HAND DELIVERED to the Following address on or before 04.00 p.m. on 30 May 2023 (i.e., Deadline for receiving applications)

**DIRECTOR
DCMCT Hospital
P O Box 658
Dodoma**

Those using e-mail should submit their applications to jobs@dcmct.or.tz

Human capital uplift just a part of addressing youth jobs challenges

WITH the government launching preparations of the Africa human capital summit in Dar es Salaam late July, brainstorming on what precisely ought to be done to overcome the challenges besieging the continent's rapidly growing population is at a brisk pace. Yet there is already a clearly defined approach to the matter that is implicitly the solution, and the summit will just seek to see how to achieve its tenets. It focuses on training youths, women for own projects.

This approach is beginning to be a global paradigm on the issues, as it is also quite visible in relation to rethinking the curriculums offered at primary, secondary, high school, college and university levels. A newly fangled method imbibes all levels of education with vocational skills training, eroding strict learning as we know it, and turning to working on things. It is altogether different and likely to create a hierarchy of schools, of learners and tillers, etc.

Focus on human capital training hinges on two relatively inaccurate propositions, one being that graduates are not employable as they have poor skills by the time they graduate. The second proposition is that with the right skills upon leaving school, youths can start own income generating projects, now also angled on the use of information technology, as well as micro-lending that Vice President Dr Philip Mpango lately emphasised. It is a solid approach.

Admittedly, under conditions prevailing globally since the turn of the century, not much else can be expected, as the rest of the world failed to follow the post-World War II growth example in Europe. The Far East and parts of South Asia enacted own model and succeeded

in breaking the barriers of poverty with a solid intention of catching up with Europe, Africa and many parts of Asia and Latin America don't have this goal, postulating distributive or similar solutions.

Tanzania is intellectually or ideologically well positioned to host the summit, as its underlying philosophy of development sees people as the centre of the development effort. This idea of learning life skills to use after school is the centrepiece of the paper, Education for Self Reliance, drawn up after the Arusha Declaration early 1967. The wider outlay of a planned economy has since been obliterated but the core issues remain in place, including inability to see how the economy can be opened up and jobs be available for anyone wishing to work.

That isn't impossible and it is really what makes Western countries what they are, and African youths flock by the thousand to these climes. Training them in gardening, woodwork or beauty skills like shaving, sewing shoes will make no difference. The issue is to open up economies to deepen capital, industry, jobs.

Many observers extol Tanzania's experience, for the simple reason that the goals we have set for ourselves are in the first place timid, lacking aspirations like those of the Far East, etc. Still, youth unemployment bode NGOs ameliorate condition of youths, college skills uses well for capital inflows as it provides cheap labour for industries being relocated from the West, while other youths obtain the skills they can muster to do something to make ends meet. It is a workable method and the summit will deepen its prospects further, to unblock much needed targeted assistance.

Cultural Diversity Day should promote harmonious living in a diverse society

THE World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, sometimes abbreviated World Day for Cultural Diversity, is a United Nations-sanctioned observance day for the promotion of diversity and intercultural dialogue.

Tanzania has approximately 60 million inhabitants and over 120 tribes that live together peacefully. It is a safe and politically stable country, with very friendly and relaxed people. Due to the large ethnic differences, the Tanzanian culture is very diverse. There are multiple possibilities to get acquainted with the Tanzanian culture.

The Millennium Development Goals issued by the United Nations in 2000 did not mention culture as an aspect or facilitator of development. Since then, some UN agencies, especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) have worked to encourage cultural diversity as an integral part of development. UNESCO's Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity in November 2001 called for measures to protect the world's cultural diversity from the risk of globalisation.

This document described cultural diversity as the 'common heritage of humanity' and set out actions that member states could take to promote it. It was the first international instrument enshrining the value of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue and led to further international efforts to promote diversity as a shared goal. One such effort was proclaimed unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly on 20 December 2002, naming 21 May as the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Through the Universal Declaration and other activities, UNESCO has

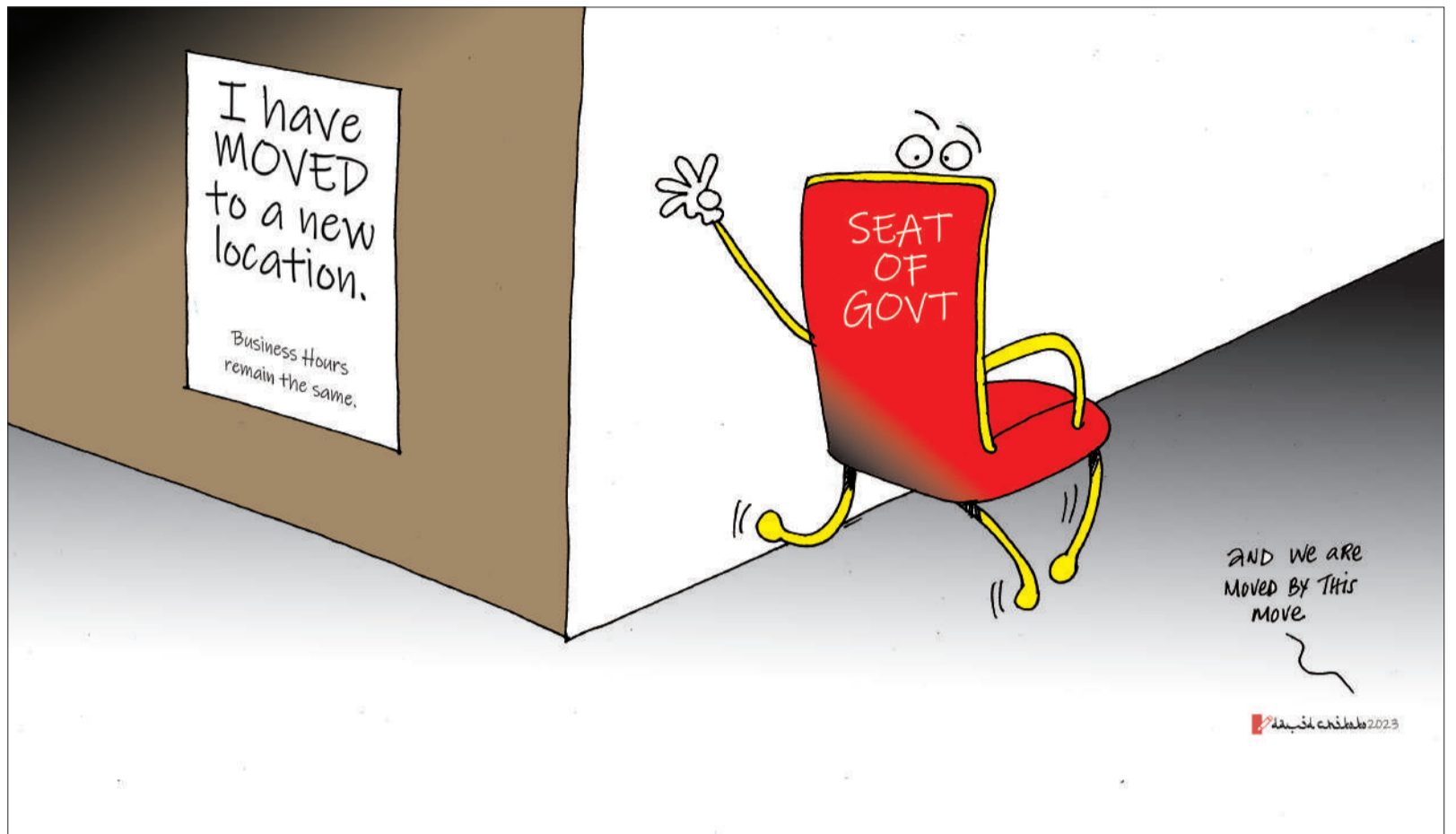
promoted a new interpretation of culture. While cultural diversity was previously understood in terms of the preservation of established cultural material, the new interpretation emphasises an ongoing process of interaction and dialogue. On the 2009 World Day for Cultural Diversity, UNESCO's Director-General Kichir Matsuura specified that the organisation 'believes that cultures are not monolithic but interdependent, resulting from mutual exchanges and borrowings'.

The day is celebrated by events bringing together specialists from many areas of culture as well as representatives of government and non-government agencies. Since 2011, the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations (UNAOC) has run the 'Do One Thing for Diversity and Inclusion' campaign, in partnership with UNESCO and other public and private organisations. This asks people to spend the World Day for Cultural Diversity learning about other cultures or sharing their own culture with other people.

It recommended that cultural institutions and public bodies extend their support for art from diverse cultures and remove barriers to participation for immigrant artists and performers.

The observance day is regularly celebrated in Botswana with national and tribal ceremonies and artistic events. This has helped to raise awareness of the Batlokwa minority ethnic culture, and enabled observers to document and preserve this culture by recording events. The organisation Pink Armenia commemorated the day in 2012 with a diversity parade showing posters of Armenia's ethnic minorities. In 2022 events took place in Cameroon's national museum and at Mankono in the Ivory Coast.

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With the right tech, Tanzania's women in business will stay ahead of the pack

By Mwajuma Hamza

ARGUABLY more than any other East African country, Tanzania has been at the centre of numerous regional and continental trade initiatives with an enormous impact on its women traders.

It is the only country that is a member of both the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC). This is because of not only Tanzania's historical association with the liberation movements in Southern African countries, but also because Tanzania borders non-EAC states such as Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique. It is well known that the country's first president Mwalimu Julius Nyerere swung open the country's doors to support the fight for freedom across Southern Africa, cementing solid relations that continue to this day.

Moreover, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) has expanded the possibilities for trade, bringing together 55 countries and eight regional economic blocs in Africa. This is one of the flagship projects of the African Union's Agenda 2063 - with the potential to foster industrialization, job creation, and investment across the continent.



Of significance, too, is the fact that Tanzanian women have led other womenfolk in East Africa on various fronts, giving them the confidence to excel in business and other fields. Today, President Samia Suluhu Hassan is the region's only female head of state, signalling to every woman and girl child across the length and breadth of the country that there is no limit to what they can achieve.

Indeed, from Mtwara to Mwanza, the story is the same: The women of this great nation are determined to fight poverty, overcome patriarchy, and do whatever it takes to put their children in school and ensure there

is food on the table. It is a strong culture upon which innovations can thrive and even struggling entrepreneurs can overcome the unpredictable tides of business.

Despite these advantages, women traders in Tanzania are far from realizing their full potential, partly because they do not possess the information they sorely need to remain competitive in a rapidly changing world.

This lack of information at the time it is needed is responsible for delays in responding to market changes and demand; poor knowledge of trade regimes and regulatory compliance requirements across

borders; and even the inability to obtain help when faced with harassment at border points and roadblocks.

In an effort to overcome these hurdles and further improve the lot of the country's women traders, the Tanzania Women's Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) in collaboration with TradeMark Africa (TMA) has developed iSOKO, an online women trading portal designed to fill this information gap.

Developed with the support of Global Affairs Canada, the iSOKO platform is an online business portal that targets women traders across the five East African countries - the others being Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. Kenya and Uganda have already launched this mobile and web-based platform, while in Tanzania it will be launched on 24 May 2023.

Once fully operational, the portal will revolutionize trade in East Africa and further cement the gains made by Tanzania's women traders over the years. Registration is free, and it is incumbent upon women everywhere to take full advantage of the new technology to grow their businesses.

Mwajuma Hamza (pictured) is Executive Director of the Tanzania Women's Chamber of Commerce (TWCC).

Beyond corruption within the judiciary

By Othello B. Garblah

IN his 2008 US\$1.4 Million corruption trial, former interim President Charles Gyude Bryant (late), in accusing the government of unfair trial said he was not being tried by "jurors of his peers."

From a legal perspective, a juror of one's peer is a jury whose members are from the same community as the person on trial.

It is also a way of getting a fair jury made up of men and women who could be considered peers of the person who is on trial. This helps in reducing the chances of bias among the jurors.

In the late Bryant's argument, members of the jury who were charged with responsibility of deciding whether, on the facts of the case, he was guilty or not guilty of the offense for which he was charged were men and women outside of his social circle and therefore, not qualified to try him.

In other words, they could not

understand the intricacies of the matter at hand and therefore could not have handed down a fair and unbiased verdict in the trial.

The late Bryant's argument of not being tried by "jurors of his peers" is one of the fundamental problems facing the Liberian Justice System that is most often or not ignored by critics of the local justice system.

Human Rights reports on the Liberian Judiciary have remained focused on bribery and corruption within the local justice system and how the rich and powerful are able to manipulate the system to steer justice in their favor.

But what has not been mentioned beyond bribery and corruption, particularly in criminal trials is the role of jurors. An uninformed jury is totally not aware of the fundamentals of the case at hand and is unable to hand down a fair and unbiased verdict that could be considered a miscarriage of justice as well.

The argument here is that select individuals who are clothed

with the authority to determine the factual questions and final judgment should have knowledge of the matter at trial and not just be hand-picked to sit on a juror panel.

From personal experience, it appears that some jurors are not just abreast of the charges or have no experience in such cases. In such situations, verdicts are most likely to be influenced by emotions, intimidation, etc.

When jurors are far from or not connected to the argument of the case at hand, they remained uninformed and have no idea about the factual question of the case at hand. Therefore, their verdict will not just be unfair and biased, but it will also compromise the entire trial.

This raises the question as to how jurors are selected to preside over jury trials here. In one particular case, I was told, the jurors were selected based on their college experiences and not their experiences on such matters.

Selecting a juror because he or

she is a "college" graduate with no prior experience sitting on a jury panel to preside over a matter of national security speaks volumes.

In most jurisdictions, relevant life experiences as it relates to the case in question are considered an important aspect in selecting or de-selecting a potential juror.

Other things to consider could include but are not limited to the person's ability to withstand social pressure, legal opinions, ability to be impartial, etc. To select a group of individuals in the name of forming a jury panel is a mockery of the intent of the framers of the Constitution.

In the late Gyude Bryant trial, the Liberian government lost the case following a series of prohibitions one of which was a writ of prohibition issued by the Supreme Court. Bryant's lawyers asked the Supreme Court to stop his prosecution on grounds that the late Bryant was a former head of state who brought peace to the country and could not be held for actions he took while he was in office.

Samia's satellite plan means empowerment of more Tanzanians

By Mark Mapambano

OUR country has experienced a substantial growth of the broadcasting sub-sector with latest figures showing that a total of 741 broadcasting and online media service providers are registered. Statistics released in November last year by Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) show that 61 television stations, 390 internet televisions, 65 cable television and 218 radio stations were active.

According to TCRA, there were 3,326,845 active TV set-top boxes as of September 2022. Also, there were 1,656,460 Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) set-top boxes compared to 1,670,385 STBs (Satellite Receiver Box) with Dar es Salaam Region having the highest number of set-top boxes at 1,270,755.

But this is just a drop in the ocean if juxtaposed with the 2022 Population and Housing Census which shows that Tanzania had 61,741,120 people of which 59,851,347 were in the Mainland and 1,889,773 in Zanzibar.

This means that we have a long way to go as a country. And the tested and passed technology that makes broadcasting cheap hence accessible to many all over the world is satellite. Since satellites are located at a certain height above earth, communication takes place between any two earth stations easily via satellite. It overcomes the limitation of communication between two earth stations due to earth's curvature.

Satellite systems offer broader coverage than cell networks currently being used in our country. Constructing a large number of towers can be costly and difficult—even impossible in remote areas. In contrast, satellite beams cover vast areas and no towers are required, so coverage extends to the hardest-to-reach locations.

The latest Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites orbit closer to the earth than geosynchronous satellites. This makes them ideal for voice and data communications. Wi-Fi networks, internet service providers and emergency communications services use them. Satellites are nowadays commonly used for broadcasting applications, including sending radio and television signals to consumers.

That is why I was pleased last week when President Samia Suluhu Hassan made public the government's intention to launch an operational earth observation satellite to boost broadcasting and bring down the cost of communication out of the country.

Speaking at an event to launch digital terrestrial transmission services by Azam Media Group in Dar es Salaam, the president said the technology will uplift broadcasting sub-sector and eliminate the use of towers now proliferating all over the country.

She said the government will set up a space agency to coordinate satellite operations, adding that although the matter is still just a plan; the government has firm intention of launching a satellite.

"We are well prepared. We have started discussions, and rest assured that Tanzania will have its own satellite in the near future," she said and added "This will become a reality." Why not? Last month, Kenya launched its first operational earth observation satellite on-board billionaire Elon Musk's SpaceX rocket from the United States.

The satellite developed by nine Kenyan engineers will collect agricultural and environmental data, including on floods, drought and wildfires, that authorities in the neighbouring country plan to use for disaster management and to combat food insecurity.

The Falcon 9 rocket carrying the Taifa-1 satellite, took off without incident from Vandenberg Base in California, after three previous postponements due to bad weather. "Taifa-1 separation confirmed," SpaceX said in its broadcast when the satellite was released about



President Samia Suluhu Hassan announced her government's plan to launch Tanzania's first operational earth observation satellite last week when she launched Azam Media Ltd's digital terrestrial transmission in Dar es Salaam. File photo

an hour and four minutes after the rocket's launch.

"We have the challenges that have been brought about by climate change, which the satellite, by virtue of being able to capture images (will be able to help monitor)", Captain Alloyce Were, an aeronautical engineer and deputy director of Navigation and Positioning at the government-run Kenya Space Agency, said before the satellite's launch.

After the establishment of Tanzania space agency to oversee the project as the president promised, Tanzanians will be overwhelmed

with joy to witness the launch of our very own Kilimanjaro 1 satellite or any other name picked.

It should be remembered that within the East African Community (EAC), Rwanda and Uganda have already done it after sending their first working satellites to space in 2019 and 2022, respectively.

Three Ugandan engineers teamed up with Japanese counterparts to develop the PearlAfricaSat-1 satellite deployed last November to provide research and observation data for solutions in weather forecast, border security, agriculture monitoring,

land, water bodies, infrastructure planning, disaster prevention and mineral mapping. Across the border, RwaSat-1 satellite, built by Rwandan engineers in partnership with Japanese scientists and deployed in December 2019, was meant to provide internet access to rural schools.

So far, 13 African nations have at least one operational satellite in space and North African nation of Egypt leads the way with nine launched satellites, followed by South Africa with eight, Algeria with seven, Nigeria with six and Morocco with three. The list includes Ghana,

Sudan, Ethiopia, Angola and Mauritius.

As the adage goes, information is power. That is why if you look at it critically, President Samia's satellite plan means nothing but empowerment to more Tanzanians.

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Needed: A guide for natural resources management in Tanzania

By Prof Raphael Mwalyosi

CURRENTLY, natural resources in Tanzania are generally taken for granted with no serious appreciation of their value and contribution to job creation and economic growth. Hence, they remain what they have been for decades—a potential.

Providing decision makers with a support system or simply a guide may: (a) help to assess for example the advantages or disadvantages of different development options in an area; (b) provide decision makers with relevant information in an easily understandable format like comparing different development options and (c) consider the real value of natural resources and the benefits accruing therein.

Also (d) consider mitigation measures not only for large scale investments but also the influence of small-scale activities like shifting cultivation, charcoal production, grazing and other livelihood activities which may subsequently have huge impacts on an ecosystem; and (e) alert beforehand on all development options so that before making decisions, they are examined for the likelihood of any interventions bringing impacts to humans, natural resources or ecosystem services.

Information pertinent to any future guidance of a management area could include an analysis of the resour-



ces of the area, identification of land use suitability and capability, land acquisition and disposal requirements, determination and designation of land use zones, and development of management policies, objectives, responsibilities, guidelines, and plans.

Such guidance is intended to introduce resource specialists to the basic concepts and principles that can be used in a planning effort, such as: the need for public involvement and proper evaluation of public inputs; collection of appropriate resources technical information; proper analysis of the technical information;

need for implementation schedules; need for monitoring and updating information; and providing managers with a road map to wise resource use.

Thus, the overall objective of such a guide would be to ensure that ecosystem resilience is maintained to sustainably provide socio-economic and environmental benefits to local communities in the country. More specifically, the objective would be to ensure improved and enabling environment and strengthened capacities for sustainable management of natural resources linked to an equitable local economic development, resulting in

increased benefits.

In order to analyze the implementation of development interventions in an integrated manner in any given area, population, agriculture and water use constitute the core of simulation models. Population gives insights over the development of a fixed number of people that live in the area and indicates changes in their employment and incomes.

Agriculture can disaggregate the main crop types that are grown in the area and that can be subject to changes under the development interventions. Agriculture production, employment and fertilizer

use can also be estimated and costs compared with the benefits, to gain insight of the economic viability of planned interventions. Water on the other hand should cover precipitation, surface- and ground water stocks, as well as the runoff.

Mining alone in Tanzania is huge and includes metals (gold, iron ore, nickel, copper, cobalt, silver), industrial minerals (diamonds, tanzanite, ruby, garnet, limestone, soda ash, gypsum, salt, phosphate, gravel, sand, dimension stones and graphite), and fuel minerals (coal, uranium).

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Europe sells to Africa and Asia 90 pc of its used clothes, textiles waste

By Baheer Kamal

ONCE the money-making businesses have turned Asia and Africa into their low-cost factories, to produce and market at higher prices their clothes and footwear, obtaining more profits by selling to these two continents around 90% of all their used and textiles waste.

Not only: such a business alleviates the harsh environmental impacts of the lucrative clothing and fashion industry, and the cost of recycling and eliminating the leftovers of these products.

Just know that textiles are on average “the fourth-highest source of pressure on the environment and climate change from a European consumption perspective,” the European Environment Agency (EEA) on 26 April 2023 reported.

Consequently, “Europe faces major challenges managing used textiles, including textiles waste.”

Europe exports much more than textile waste

Lars Mortensen, EEA expert on circular economy, confirms that textile production and consumption in the European Union have significant impacts on the environment and climate.

“Textile consumption causes the third largest land use and water use in the value chain, and the fifth largest material resource use and greenhouse gas emissions. Also, textiles cause pressures and impacts from their chemicals on the environment and climate”.

The poisoning plastic

A 27 January 2023 EEA briefing focusses on another big problem: plastic.

“Plastic-based – or ‘synthetic’ – textiles are woven into daily lives in Europe, in the clothes we wear, the towels and the bed sheets, in the carpets, curtains and cushions. And they are in safety belts, car tyres, workwear and sportswear.”

Synthetic textile fibres are produced from fossil fuel resources, such as oil and natural gas, the briefing goes on, adding that their production, consumption and related waste handling generate greenhouse gas emissions, use non-renewable resources and can release microplas-

tics.

EU consumers discard about 5.8 million tonnes of textiles annually – around 11 kg per person – of which about two-thirds consist of synthetic fibres, according to the briefing.

“In Europe, about one-third of textile waste is collected separately, and a large part is exported.”

Africa and Asia are therefore the largest destinations of these toxic fibres.

Simply put: by exporting European used clothes and textiles waste, their impacts necessarily fall on the shoulders of Africans and Asians.

A highly uncertain fate

Indeed, “as reuse and recycling capacities in Europe are limited, a large share of used textiles collected in the EU is traded and exported to Africa and Asia, and their fate is highly uncertain,” says the European Environmental Agency.

In fact, throughout the past two decades, Africa has been the main continent receiving used textiles from the European Union (EU), importing more than 60% of EU exports.

But while in 2000 Asia received only 26% of EU exports, by 2019 it had significantly increased its share to 41% of EU imports. This is almost equal to Africa, which still imported 46% of EU exports.

Where do second-hand clothes end up?

In the African countries studied, the EEA report says that the import of used textiles seems to be mainly meant for local reuse. This is because there is a demand for cheap, used clothes from Europe, which seem to be preferred to new items.

“What is not fit for reuse mostly ends up in open landfills and informal waste streams.”

In Asia, however, most of the used textiles are imported to so-called economic zones where they are sorted and processed. In the countries studied for this briefing, import for local reuse is restricted.

Instead, used textiles seem to be recycled locally, mostly downcycled into industrial rags or filling, or re-exported either for recycling in other Asian countries or reuse in Africa.

“Textiles that cannot be



“As reuse and recycling capacities in Europe are limited, a large share of used textiles collected in the EU is traded and exported to Africa and Asia,” says the European Environmental Agency. Credit: Shutterstock.

recycled or re-exported are likely to end up in the general waste management system, most of which is landfilling.”

The big figure

According to this European Union (EU)’s agency that ‘delivers knowledge and data to support Europe’s environment and climate goals’:

The amount of used textiles exported from the EU has tripled over the last two decades from slightly over 550,000 tonnes in 2000 to almost 1.7 million tonnes in 2019.

The fate of used textiles exported from the EU is highly uncertain. The perception of used clothing donations as generous gifts to people in need does not

fully match reality.

Used clothing is increasingly part of a specialised and traded global commodity value chain.

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other Asian countries or for reuse in Africa. Textiles that cannot be recycled or re-exported are likely to end up in landfills.

The big exporting hubs

“Some EU countries, such as Germany, Poland and the Netherlands, have exported more than others and seem to have acted as import-export hubs for used textiles from the EU.”

There is no clear reason explaining why five out of 27 EU Member States and the United Kingdom account for around 75% of all EU used textile exports, adds the EEA.

Therefore, it is likely that the largest exporters have been sending used textiles abroad, collected locally and from other EU countries, says the European

agency.

Thus, another reason for the concentration of exports in a few EU countries could be that these large exporting countries are acting as export hubs.

“In other words, they are importing used textiles from other EU Member States for re-export beyond the EU. Ports/harbours for international shipment in some of these countries make them logical export hubs.”

Belgium, Italy and the Netherlands have large export harbours.

The big increase

EU used textile exports have grown significantly over the last two decades, the EEA reports, explaining that exports of textile waste outside the EU have been steadily increasing

to reach 1.4 million tonnes in 2020.

Still, another problem appears: how to avoid that waste streams are falsely labelled as second-hand goods when exported from the EU and in this way escape the waste regime?

EU used textile exports are characterised by a lot of uncertainty, adds the EEA. First, there is uncertainty around the types of textiles exported as well as their quality.

In other words, it says, if used textiles exported from the EU are of too low quality to be reused, or are not reused for very long or do not replace new clothing purchases, they may not really replace new production or benefit the environment.

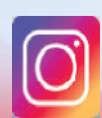
“Instead, the exports will only lead to more textiles ending up in landfills.”

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TMRC sees oversubscription on fourth tranche corporate bond

By Francis Kajubi

THE Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Limited (TMRC) has listed its tranche four corporate bonds on medium term note at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) with an oversubscription record of 12.8 percent.

The listing held last Friday is part of TMRC's 120bn/- executed at the bourse that saw individual retail investors' appetite growing.

Oscar Mgaya TMRC chief executive officer said at the listing event that the fourth tranche was successfully raised 11.28bn/- from an issuance aimed at raising 10bn/-.

According to him, the first tranche had an oversubscription of four percent, tranche two had an oversubscription of two percent, and tranche three 27 percent subscription.

"I'm happy to report that in tranche four there was good participation both

from individual investors and corporate ones. In terms of number of investors 69 percent were individuals and 31 percent were corporates," said Mgaya.

The participation shows that the public is becoming more aware of the product and it is gaining confidence with TMRC since it started issuing corporate bonds in 2018.

He said the oversubscription proves that one can raise funds from domestic capital markets through corporate bonds. The total funds mobilized 1 the four tranches worth 42bn/- alongside private corporate bond issues which attracted 62bn/- in total.

"The country's mortgage market is still struggling to grow. One of the measures of the size of the mortgage market which is the mortgage to GDP ratio shows the size of the market in relation to it is less than one percent," said Mgaya.

In comparison with some of the countries in the East African region, Kenya



TMRC chief executive officer Oscar Mgaya

growth is 2.5 percent, Uganda is less than one percent and Rwanda is 3.7 percent. He said the current performance should motivate stakeholders to collectively strive for higher growth.

"Some policy measures need to be observed to grow the market, especially that differentiates the mortgage product from other real estate sector products;

Most of the mortgage lending is done by banks while in other markets you may find mortgage financing companies only focus on one product," he said.

According to him, in 2021 the mortgage product risk wave rate capital was reduced to 50 percent while other loans maintained 100 percent.

The purpose was to steer

people towards mortgages. Recently, salary loans have also been pegged at 50 percent risk wave and personal loans destined to housing are acquired through this window.

Nocodemus Mkama, chief executive officer Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) said that the appetite from individual retail inves-

tors is likely to boost liquidity of the capital market.

"The bond has been oversubscribed due to the conducive investment environment created by the government. During the financial year ending June 2022 through the Finance Act waived withholding tax corporate bonds issued by companies," he said.

He said the decision has contributed to attracting more participation from corporate and individuals. The minimum corporate bond threshold for individual investors has been reduced to 500,000/- from the previous 1m/-.

The value of total investment on capital markets has grown by 7.87 percent attracting 35.39trn/- as of April 2023 compared to 32.81trn/- in April 2022.

Investments on treasury bonds have grown by 1653 percent to 18.37trn/- compared to 15.76trn/- of the corresponding periods.

Japhet Justin, commissioner of debt at the Ministry of Finance and Planning said that the public need to be sensitized on opportunities available at the TMRC especially when it comes to acquiring mortgage loans from the company.

"Majority of the people have been acquiring loans from commercial banks for building houses under the personal loan window. We need to educate these people on the difference of mortgage loans to personal loans in achieving the same goal," said Justin.

Kigoma farmers issued with weight machines

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Weight and Measurement Agency (WMA), has celebrated the World Measurement Day in Kigoma region by providing 25 weight measurement sets of different volumes to farmers and traders.

The measurements have a volume of 5 liters, 10 liters and 20 liters targeting at encouraging the use of proper measurements in trading palm oil.

The WMA has provided these

sets to protect farmers and traders from applying invalid weight measurements, popularly known as bidoo, which exploit and cheat farmers with inaccurate measurements during trading.

The WMD is celebrated every year on May 20. This year's theme is: 'Measurements in facilitating the food distribution system in the world.'

Measurement Agency chief executive officer Stella Kahwa handed the sets to 24 groups of farmers where she asked the

Kigoma regional councils to allocate funds and buy other weight measuring kits to help the farmers. She said the measurements will help farmers sell palm oil from correct measurements and implement a campaign to end the use of invalid measurements known as "bidoo."

Stella said that the responsibility of managing correct measurement, which is in the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade, is carried out by the WMA which is a member of the International Measurement Or-

ganization (OIML).

She said that the organization provides various guidelines on measurements after conducting scientific studies.

She said 1,875 different countries met in France and agreed that the measure to be used in specific countries should be the same.

"That's why even the measurements we brought and handed over to this celebration have high accuracy and are marked with a special verification mark which is the seal," she said.

On his part, Isack Mwakisu, Kasulu district commissioner on behalf of the regional commissioner Thobias Andengeny, commended the WMA leadership for choosing to hold a National celebration in Kigoma region and for seeing the importance of providing 25 measurement sets.

She said the tests given to various groups of farmers to encourage the correct use of measurement and to get rid of popular invalid weigh machines bidoo will be a great help to farmers.

Mwakisu, said that measurements are used in various ways in daily life and in agricultural activities, measurements are used from field preparation, sowing seeds, irrigation, application of fertilizers in the field to the time of harvesting and distribution of crops.

He said measurements are an important tool that is used when selling even when transporting produce from one place to another, so all farmers should consider the correct use of measurements in the

entire system of food production and distribution.

Amina Mohamed, who is a farmer and seller of palm oil in Buhigwe District in Kigoma, said the measurements they were given will help them sell oil palm using the correct measurements.

She said they will no longer use buckets because buyers were harassing them to fill the bucket with palm oil until it spilled, an act that was causing them great loss and benefiting the buyer.

NBC Bank introduces 'NBC Connect' in the Lake Zone

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has officially introduced its new digital service, known as 'NBC Connect' to its customers in the Lake zone, reaffirming its commitment to supporting the government's inclusive agenda for the delivery and accessibility of financial services in the country through simplified financial services.

The lender's move in the Lake zone regions that include Mwanza, Kagera, Mara, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Geita, is a continuation of its efforts to bring the digital product closer to its customers, following its launch in Mbeya city recently.

The product's introduction event in the Lake zone took place in Mwanza over the weekend and was attended by various stakeholders of the bank, including government officials, customers, and bank of-

officials. Speaking about the service, NBC's Head of International Customer Relations, Wilson Nkuzi, said it was a continuation of the bank's efforts to provide its customers with simplified, reliable, safe, and tailored banking services.

"Through this product, companies and various institutions that are NBC customers in the Lake zone can now experience new innovative digital banking services through NBC Connect. The product provides our customers safe and convenient services anytime, anywhere through online banking," he said.

According to Nkuzi, through the product, customers of the bank are able to use their phones or computers to easily perform various transactions, including local and foreign payments, and government payments without wasting too much time.

"Through NBC Connect, which has been designed with modern technology and high-level security while prioritizing customer data privacy, our customers will also be able to access their transaction information, anywhere, without having to visit our branches," he added.

Further, following the product's introduction in the Lake zone, the bank said it is currently ready to provide personal assistance to its customers through its customer service center in the Lake zone where its managers will be available to help customers according to their needs and provide guidance on how to use the NBC Connect platform effectively.

Mwanza Regional Administrative Secretary, Bulandya Elikana, who represented the Regional Commissioner, thanked NBC Bank for the great and beneficial innovation in facilitating financial services in the



NBC Bank's head of international customer relations, Wilson Nkuzi, speaks to the bank's clients in Mwanza during the introduction event of the bank's new digital service, known as 'NBC Connect,' for its Lake zone customers, held at the weekend in Mwanza city.

country. He urged the bank's customers and the community as a whole to use the new banking product to facilitate their daily financial activities.

"As a region and government, which is also a customer of NBC Bank, we believe that the arrival of NBC Connect, in addition to supporting the government's

efforts to attract more people to use official banking services, will also help us as customers of the bank to conduct banking transactions more easily, especially considering that many government payments are made through NBC Bank. We thank NBC very much and congratulate them on this innovation," he said.

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Korogwe

KOROGWE district commissioner Jokate Mwegelo has hailed NMB Bank Plc for its readiness and willingness in supporting small-scale miners thus attracting growth in their production capacities.

She said the government's intention is to see the small miners economically benefit from the sector by acquiring affordable loans from commercial banks that are willing to support the government's development initiatives.

Mwegelo made the remarks at the meeting that brought together NMB bank officials and small scale miners and other mining stakeholders under the club known as NMB Mining.

She said that the bank leads amongst other banks in extending loans and awareness to small scale miners that helps them to explore financial opportunities thus will put more efforts in achieving the creation of creating more billionaires.

"Small miners are not well informed about market opportunities, sales management and where to acquire funds for purchasing modern mining equipment. Informing them about these opportunities is very important to them," she said.

"In adhering to the government's directives, Korogwe has established its mineral stock. Sensitizing miners can enable them to explore opportunities. It can also be regarded as

DC praises NMB bank for its support to small miners



Korogwe district commissioner Jokate Mwegelo addresses a meeting that brought together NMB bank and mining stakeholders held at the weekend in Korogwe district. Photo: correspondent Cheji Bakari.

a way of facilitating Korogwe residents economically."

NMB northern zone acting manager, Praygod Mphuru, said that linking the gap between small miners and mining stakeholders creates potential for them to access new markets.

He said the bank has been training miners on how to grow their business capitals and how to set up business plans, record keeping, accounting and how to calculate loss and profits.

For her part, NMB Madaraka branch manager who doubles as Tanga NMB branch managers' chairperson Elizabeth Chawinga encouraged

the mining sector stakeholders to explore financial opportunities extended by the bank.

According to her, small miners and other mining stakeholders have all it takes to benefit from the bank's services by opening saving accounts, accessing equipment loans at low interest rates and helping with mineral sales supervision at domestic and foreign mineral markets.

Small miners are not well informed about market opportunities, sales management and where to acquire funds for

CRDB Bank shareholders approves 45/- in dividend

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank Plc shareholders have approved the board of directors' recommendation on a dividend payout of 45/- per share which brings the total value for the 2022 financial year to 117.5bn/-.

In his remarks during the bank's 28th annual general meeting (AGM) held on Saturday at Arusha International Convention Center (AICC), board chairman Dr Ally Laay said the approved dividend per share is an increase of 25 percent compared to 36/- per share issued last year, which signals a strong and progressive growth in earnings per share that stood at 134.5/- in 2022.

"Once again, we are pleased to deliver sustainable value to shareholders. The bank's performance in 2022 produced remarkable results, which is a testament of the success of our five year medium strategy 2018 - 2022. The Group secured a net

profit of 351.4bn/-, an increase of 31 percent compared to 268.2/- recorded in 2021," said Dr Laay.

He further noted that the group continued to bolster its Burundi subsidiary, which led to better performance and the biggest profit recorded since its establishment in 2012.

The subsidiary's post-tax profit increased by 79.7 percent from 12.8bn/- in 2021 to 23bn/- in 2022, contributing 7 percent to the group's profit.

"I am happy to report to you that we have recently obtained a licence and an approval from Banque Centrale du Congo (BCC) to commence our operations. But, our Bank also introduced two subsidiaries this year namely CRDB Bank Foundation and CRDB Insurance where we are the first bank to establish a full-fledged insurance company in the country," he noted while updating the shareholders on the bank's strategic expansion.

Speaking on the Bank's performance, the Group CEO and



CRDB Bank group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela

Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela said in the financial year 2021 the efforts to strengthen income continued to yield

positive results with a growth of 28 percent in operating income to 497.7bn/-.

"Our efforts to enhance the

efficiency of our operations continue to bear results with significant improvements in our cost of business as reflect-

ed in the cost-to-income ratio which has improved significantly from 66.7 percent in 2018 to 49.4 percent in 2022," he said.

Nsekela also noted the improved operational capabilities and enhanced service delivery have enabled the group to scale up its services and deploy innovative solutions that continue to transform the market.

"Today, more than 95 percent of the transactions in our bank are done digitally through SimBanking, internet banking, and more than 28,000 CRDB Wakala," he added.

During the last five years, he said the Group has made tremendous gains in building strategic partnerships which have proven to be instrumental in many ways. Over the period, partnerships have enabled CRDB Bank and its Subsidiaries to marshal capital, deploy new technologies and integrate services that have enriched their customers' experience.

Speaking about the future, Mr Nsekela said at the end of last year the Board approved a new five year medium strategy 2023 -2027 themed EVOLVE which emphasis on building the economy, generating sustainable value, and leveraging partnerships to drive growth and impact.

Meanwhile, the Bank's Board Chairman Dr Ally Laay informed shareholders that during the year, the group received new Board Members namely Gerald Kasato who replaced Rose Metta, representing shareholders owning between 1 percent -10 percent of shares and

School connectivity programme wins Airtel accolades from govt

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has committed to fully support public school's connectivity program which is being implemented by Airtel Tanzania in partnership with UNICEF.

The program is set to boost education in the country by connecting all public secondary schools with SUPA 4G network over the next five years.

A program that shall enable learners' access free digital learning content in all schools across mainland and Zanzibar.

Responding to a question raised by Buchosa Member of Parliament Eric Shingongo while tabling the budget for the Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology for the year 2023/2024 who said the Airtel Africa CEO Segun Ogunsanya promised that Airtel Tanzania will connect all public secondary schools with free data to support Her Excellency agenda to provide free education.

Minister of Information, Communication and Information Technology Nape Nnauye in his response said that the government is fully committed to support the program as it will enable students and teachers to access online learning materials free of charge.

"It is true that while on official visit in Dubai last year, Her Excellence President of the United Republic of Tanzania Mama Samia Suluhu Hassan met with Airtel CEO Segun Ogunsanya who promised that his company through Airtel Tanzania will offer data connectivity to all public secondary schools in the country, a program which is worth over 800,000 USD. However, the connectivity program is yet to kick off as TRA has been reluctant to provide VAT exemption required to implement the program", said Nnauye.

Nnauye added, "The government is fully committed to support public school's connectivity, a program which will be implemented by Airtel Tanzania in partnership with UNICEF. To prove this, my ministry has already met with the Minister of Education Prof Adolf Mkwinda and Finance Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba to resolve the outstanding issue with TRA.

"The public school's connectivity program is a very important milestone and a step closer in reducing digital divide in our country. Quality digital learning is the fastest way of improving learning and equipping our children with the best skills needed to fulfil their potential and live up to their dreams. Honour-



Airtel Tanzania Managing Director Dinesh Balsingh (centre) hands over a home internet device router connected to 4G network to Information, Communications and Information Technology Nape Nnauye in Dodoma over the weekend. The Minister has promised fully commitment of Airtel Tanzania program of connecting all public schools with Airtel SUPA 4G. Looking is Airtel Director of Communications Beatrice Sngano.

able Nnauye added that his ministry will work hand in hand with Airtel in making the program successful.

The Airtel Tanzania digital learning program started way back in 2015 when Airtel Tanzania partnered with the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) to launch VSOMO,

a platform that helps vocational training students to take VETA courses through their mobile phones immediately after registration without physically attending classes.

In addition, Airtel partnered with DTBi in launching digital lab to empower entrepreneurs with ICT computer skills to run their

Company lands deal with S.A university on market research on bee products

By Guardian Reporter

THE Singida based company, 'Kijiji Cha Nyuki has entered into an agreement with the University of Johannesburg School of Business for the purpose of collaborating in the area of market research for bee products.

The two parties will conduct market research on honey and other bee products in South Africa, Lesotho and Eswatin, the aim is to facilitate products to Tanzania to penetrate the markets.

The agreement was reached yesterday during an ongoing visit by the company in South Africa with the aim of exploring more opportunities in bee products.

Speaking to The Guardian yesterday, the CEO and founder of the company Philemon Kiemi said that during his visit in the University of Johannesburg they met with his host Prof Nyankomo Marwa who took them to various faculties with the aim of learning more.

He added that in order to sell any products in markets, the issue of research is important because it will help to understand the type of customers and the products they prefer.

"The management of this university is ready to cooperate with our company in ensuring that we do business based on practical research, the use of the right technology and quality control," he noted.

According to him, both parties have agreed to start the implementation of the cooperation as early as possible, adding that his company responds to the government's agenda to continue opening the country to domestic and foreign investors so that they can expand their business scope.

Rwanda tops profit earnings for Kenyan banks

KIGALI

RWANDA contributed the highest volume of profit earnings for Kenyan bank subsidiaries in East Africa and beyond last year, a new report by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) said.

The CBK said the regional subsidiaries of Kenyan banks posted a combined pre-tax profit of Sh32.51 billion as of December 31, 2022, an increase of 88.65 percent from Sh17.23 billion reported on December 31, 2021.

"Rwanda contributed the highest earnings capacity recording Sh10.16 billion in profits, translating to 31.26 percent of the total profits. Subsidiaries operating in DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo) and Uganda contributed 30.10 percent and 16.11 percent of the total profits respectively while subsidiaries in South Sudan contributed 14.28 percent of the total profits" the CBK said.

Several Kenyan banks have expanded operations in the East African Community (EAC) partner states and beyond in markets such as Mauritius, Malawi, and Mozambique.

These banks include KCB Group, Diamond Trust Bank, NCBA, Guaranty Trust Bank Kenya Limited, Equity Group, I&M Holdings Plc, African Banking Corporation Limited, and the Co-operative Bank of Kenya with a presence in EAC.

Some of the Kenyan lenders such



A view of Kigali

as I&M and Prime Bank Limited have expanded beyond the EAC jurisdiction. For instance, I&M has a 50 percent shareholding in Bank One Limited in Mauritius, Prime Bank has a 10.6 percent shareholding of First Capital Bank Malawi, 6.62 percent shareholding of First Capital Bank of Botswana and 5.0 percent share-

holding of First Capital Bank SA, Mozambique.

The CBK report said that Kenyan bank units operating in Mauritius, Tanzania, and Burundi were the least profitable and contributed 4.50 percent, 2.82 percent, and 0.93 percent of the total profits respectively.

"Three subsidiaries registered a

combined loss of Sh2.4 billion. Out of the three loss-making subsidiaries, two were operating in Tanzania and one in Uganda" the regulator said.

The CBK report said the total assets of Kenyan bank subsidiaries abroad stood at Sh1.61 trillion as of December 31, 2022, compared to Sh1.21 trillion as of December 31,

2021. "A significant contributor to the asset base was Equity Group Plc's subsidiary in DRC, Banque Commerciale Du Congo -BCDC with total assets of Sh442 billion and KCB Group Plc's subsidiary in DRC, Trust Merchant Bank with total assets of Sh212 billion," it said.

The Kenyan banks' subsidiaries accounted for a combined deposit base of Sh1.28 trillion in December 2022 compared to Sh940 billion in December 2021.

The main contributors of deposits were Equity's subsidiary in DRC, Banque Commerciale Du Congo -BCDC, with total deposits of Sh365 billion or 28 percent of the total deposits of subsidiaries in the host countries, and KCB Group's subsidiary in DR Congo, Trust Merchant Bank, with total deposits of Sh180 billion or 14 percent of the total deposits of subsidiaries in the host countries.

The combined gross loans for the subsidiaries in the host countries stood at Sh725.8 billion as of December 31, 2022, an increase of 42.2 percent from Sh510.3 billion as of December 31, 2021.

The Kenyan banks' subsidiaries operating in DRC recorded the highest level of gross loans at Sh.244.5 billion accounting for 33.69 percent of gross loans in all the subsidiaries outside Kenya.

Subsidiaries operating in Tanzania accounted for 20.37 percent of the gross loans. Uganda and Rwanda accounted for 17.16 percent and 16.53 percent of the gross loans respectively. Mauritius recorded gross loans of Sh73.1 billion accounting for 10.07 percent of gross loans.

In March it was reported that the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has handed Equity Group and KCB Group their largest and most profitable operations outside the Kenyan market with the market setting itself apart from subsidiaries in other markets.

An analysis of the bank's most recent set of financial results shows the DRC housed the operations with the most assets for both banks outside Kenya -and the most profitable unit for Equity in the region.

Disclosures by KCB for instance show the Trust Merchant Bank (TMB), which the lender acquired last year, held 13.5 percent of KCB's total assets of Sh1.55 trillion as of December.

Further, TMB is larger than the National Bank of Kenya which is a KCB subsidiary domiciled in Kenya.

NBK ranks as the second largest subsidiary for KCB ahead of BPR Rwanda which also represents a recent acquisition, KCB Tanzania, KCB Uganda, KCB South Sudan and KCB Burundi.

Kenya offers 100 dams to private investors in Sh1.7trn project deal

NAIROBI

KENYA has offered private investors a chance to invest in 100 dams and unveiled a set of land incentives as it seeks Sh1.7 trillion to address the country's water scarcity challenges.

Addressing investors at a pre-bid meeting, Water Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome said some of the dams are on public land, including forested areas, and will not be sold to them to ensure the project retains its status as a national endeavour.

"The government plans to partner with private investors by offering land, as some of the dam sites are on government land, especially in forests. It is important to note that the government will not be selling land as the land and the entire project will remain under the jurisdiction of the national government," said Ms Wahome.

She said water scarcity has been a pressing issue, particularly in peri-urban, rural and marginalised areas, adding that through the adoption of Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiatives, the ministry intends to ensure that sustainable and reliable water services are accessible to every citizen.

She added, however, that with an investor on board, it will function as a joint venture during the construction and payback periods to ensure the investor's return on investment.

"Once the project is completed, it will be taken over by the national government. The government will implement this initiative through its Water Works Development Agencies, which will cover all nine regions of the country as a matter of priority," she said.

The 100 PPP dams initiative seeks private sector capital and technology through a design, build, finance, operate, maintain and transfer model.

The programme aims to provide safe drinking water to an additional six million households, bring one million hectares under irrigation and generate 554MW of hydropower.

"The Ministry of Water and Sanitation recognises the urgency of this challenge and understands that collaboration with the private sector is critical to effectively address it. Through PPPs, the Ministry can leverage the expertise, resources and innovation of the private sector to improve water infrastructure and service delivery," said the CS.

Investors have always shied away from the water sector due to low returns despite being capital-intensive.

President William Ruto said in September that private firms will be allowed to invest in water and sell to the national government



Kenya's Cabinet Secretary (Minister) for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Alice Wahome addresses the 100 public-private partnership initiative with investors in Nairobi in mid-March 2023.

in a deal similar to that with electricity producers, as the government moves to attract new capital to bridge the funding deficit.

He said his government would turn

to the private sector to increase access to clean water alongside other capital-intensive projects that it cannot immediately afford.

Under the proposed arrangements,

private firms will build dams and drill water to sell to State-owned water agencies which will supply it to homes and other public entities at lower charges. Water purchase deals with

the private sector will help the government to pursue capital-intensive water projects without relying on loans as the country moves to ease the debt burden that has squeezed funds available for development expenditure.

The PPPs will promote the adoption of innovative technologies and sustainable water management practices, including the implementation of efficient irrigation systems, rainwater harvesting and conservation.

By integrating technology and sustainable approaches, the ministry aims to optimise water use, reduce wastage and ensure long-term water security for the nation.

"The PPPs will prioritise the provision of affordable and equitable water services to underserved areas. By adopting innovative financing models and optimising operational efficiency, the Ministry aims to ensure that water services are accessible and affordable to all Kenyan citizens, irrespective of their socio-economic background," said Ms Wahome.

Amendments to the Water Act, she said, provide for public-private partnerships in dam construction, bulk water sales, a groundwater centre and asset transfer.

"Our target is three million acres; we have a total of about 670,000 acres, which is not enough to give us the food security that our country needs. The aim of the PPP programme is to provide water to six million households, doubling the current number," said the minister. End.

The Buhari Legacy: Killings without end, N77 trillion debt, 22pc inflation

LAGOS

IT may be wrong to assume President Muhammadu Buhari's legacy would be a subject of controversy.

No, it won't be like the bequest of many leaders, who had superintended over the affairs of nations for years.

That might be a break from tradition as the legacies of national leaders have always been subjects of critical argument for analysts and scholars.

In Nigeria, to date, the Yakubu Gowon, Ibrahim Babangida, Olusegun Obasanjo, Umar Yar'Adua and even Murtala Mohammed years are often issues of robust debate, especially on national development, unity and growth.

In matching his promise with performance, historians and analysts may have an easy consensus on many aspects of his scorecard.

Put differently, it's unlikely the President's record would be open to more than one interpretation.

Buhari, who, in his inaugural address in 2015, had said, "Nigerians will not regret that they have entrusted national responsibility to us. We must not succumb to hopelessness and defeatism. We can fix our problems," is leaving behind an inheritance fraught with many puzzles.

Record-breaking

As his tenure ends at noon next Monday, the nation Buhari leaves behind is in sharp contrast with Nigeria he inherited from former President Goodluck Jonathan in 2015.

Observers believe Buhari's is a more divided, unsettled and impoverished Nigeria.

The President, who had premised his campaign on security, economy and anti-corruption, is believed to have failed on the promises eight years after.

He didn't resolve Nigeria's age-long socio-economic challenges, but under his watch, the nation witnessed record-breaking regression on several Human Development Indices, HDI.

His staunch supporters and the President himself had severally scored the administration high, but statistics say something different on the economy, security, anti-corruption, infrastructure and national unity among others.

ECONOMY: From 9pc inflation to 22pc

At the time Buhari came to power on May 29, 2015, Nigeria's economy wasn't the best of it as crude oil earnings had plummeted.

A barrel of oil sold at \$65 against the \$100 it attained under the Jonathan administration.

The country's GDP was \$493.3 billion but it declined to \$440.8 billion in 2021.

Growth rate in 2022 stood at 3.10 per cent, from the 3.40 per cent recorded in 2021.

On Foreign Direct Investment, FDI, at the time Buhari came to power, Nigeria had attracted \$98 billion in the previous administration, but got \$89.4 billion in Buhari's eight-year reign, according to data from Nairametrics.

A breakdown showed that of the \$89.4 billion inflow, \$22.1 billion came from equity investments while \$67.3 billion was debt-linked securities and repayable loans.

Before his election, the President had boasted that the Naira would have equal value with US dollar. But under his watch, the exchange rate rose from N197 at the official rate to N745 at the parallel market in 2023.



ITV PGM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 24 May

5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:30	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto wetu
10:25	Kipindi maalum: TMDA rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Dakika 45 rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Kipindi maalum: NSSF rpt
14:15	Chetu ni chetu rpt
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	Music: The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Kipindi maalum: Nyota Rays
18:20	Utalii Popote
18:30	Jarda la wanawake
19:00	Kipindi maalum: BOT
19:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
20:00	Habari
21:05	Albu yako
21:10	Kipindi maalum: Maisha ya Hayati Mh. Benard Membe
21:40	Ripoti maalum: Pesa Fasta
22:00	Ripoti maalum
22:30	Soap: Uzalo
23:00	Habari
23:30	Music: The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

FRIDAY 26 May

5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Soap rpt: In Love with Ramon
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10:00	Watoto wetu
10:30	Utalii Wako
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
11:15	Jungu kuu
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Kipindi maalum rpt: Our Earth Mto P1 2
13:00	Habari za saa
13:55	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Maisha ni Nyumba rpt
14:00	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ
14:30	DW: Afrimax rpt
15:00	Meza huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base (DJ Show)
17:30	Kisiam
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Kipindi maalum: REA
18:45	Kipindi maalum: Soka Bet
19:00	Shamba lulu
19:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
20:00	Habari
21:05	Kipima Joto
23:00	Habari
23:30	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

SATURDAY 27 May

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
9:00	Watoto wetu
10:00	Kipindi maalum: FAO
10:05	Shika Bamba 5
10:35	Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:15	Chetu ni chetu rpt
11:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
12:50	Utalii Wako
13:20	Art and Lifestyle
13:50	Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt
15:45	Igizo: Mizengwe
16:10	Igizo: Slay Queen
17:00	Shamsham za Pwani
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	ITV Top 10 rpt
19:00	Jungu Kuu
19:30	Shika Bamba
20:00	Habari
21:05	Kipindi Maalum: Tatu Mzuka
21:15	Igizo: Slay Queen
21:40	Art and Lifestyle
22:10	ITV Top 10
22:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
23:40	Soap: Uzalo rpt
01:15	DWTV

SUNDAY 28 May

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
9:00	Watoto Wetu
10:00	Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt
11:50	Bongo Movie rpt
14:00	Tamasha Michezo
15:30	Mwanga
16:30	ITV Top 10 rpt
17:20	Kipindi cha kikiristo
18:00	Jiji Letu
21:45	Mjue Zaidi
22:20	Bongo movie:
23:30	Soap: Uzalo rpt
02:05	Al Jazeera

CAPITAL

Sun 21 May

08:00	Al Jazeera
09:00	In good shape

MON 22 May

10:00	Capchat rpt
11:30	Sports Gazette rpt
11:30	DW
12:00	Jagina rpt
12:30	Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
13:00	In good shape rpt
13:30	Dw
15:15	Albu yako
15:30	Rev rpt
16:00	Dakika 45 rpt
16:45	Mizengwe rpt
17:00	The Decor rpt
17:30	Meza huru
19:00	EcoAfrica
19:00	Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
20:00	Jagina
20:30	Out & About rpt
21:00	Dw News Africa
20:00	Capchat live
22:15	Telenovela rpt: The Three Sides Of Ana rpt
00:00	Al Jazeera

Tues 23 May

06:00	Al Jazeera
07:00	Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
07:00	Dw
11:00	Al Jazeera
11:30	Business edition
12:00	Out and About
12:30	Our earth
13:00	Telenovela rpt: The Three Sides Of Ana rpt
14:00	Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00	Tomorrow Today
16:30	EcoAfrica
17:00	Dw News Africa rpt
17:30	Meza huru
19:00	The Decor rpt
19:30	Shamba lulu
20:00	Innovation rpt
20:45	The Monday Agenda
21:30	Capital Prime News
22:00	Kipima Joto
00:00	Al Jazeera

Wed 24 May

06:00	Al Jazeera
07:00	Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
07:00	Dw
11:00	Al Jazeera
11:30	Spots gazette
12:00	Innovation
12:30	Culinary
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20:45	Telenovela: The Three Sides of Ana
21:30	Capital Prime News
22:00	Capchat rpt
23:00	Al Jazeera

Thurs 25 May

06:00	Al Jazeera
07:00	Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00	Dw
11:00	Al Jazeera
11:30	Spots gazette
12:00	Innovation
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WORLD

'True COVID-19 death toll estimated at 14.9m'

BEIJING

COVID-19 has directly or indirectly killed 14.9 million people globally in 2020 and 2021, the World Health Organization said in its latest annual world health statistics report released on Friday.

As of March 11, 6.9 million deaths have been reported to the WHO. But the figure is seen by the global health agency as a significant undercount, as disruptions to healthcare services during the pandemic could lead to indirect life losses.

The WHO's analysis used mathematical modeling to calculate "excess mortality" for 2020 and 2021 – how many more people died than would normally be expected based on mortality in the same area if the crisis had not happened.

The true death toll includes deaths directly attributed to COVID-19 that were reported to the WHO, deaths directly

attributed to COVID-19 that were not counted or reported, and deaths indirectly associated with the pandemic due to the wider impact on health systems and society.

Over 80 percent of WHO member states show a higher excess mortality rate than the reported statistics, implying the impact of COVID-19 is "far-reaching", as the WHO put it.

Dramatic finding

The 14.9-million figure also indicates that a total of 336.8 million life years have been lost in 2020-21 due to the pandemic.

"The world has lost staggering millions of life years in just two years. It's like losing 22 years of life for every excess death in 2020 and 2021," Dr Samira Asma, WHO assistant director-general for data, analytics and delivery for impact, said in a news conference that presented the



Residents wait for their turn at a COVID-19 vaccination center in Quezon City, Philippines on, Jan 11, 2022. AP

report.

For the first time, this year's report added a dedicated section on how climate change, such as extreme weather events, can affect human health. Under a high emissions scenario, there could be over 9 million related deaths each year by the end of the century, with the WHO citing research by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Underprivileged countries bear the heaviest burdens, despite contributing the least to global emissions, the WHO said.

Based on the new findings, the WHO called for urgent action needed to meet health-related Sustainable Development Goals, or SDGs,

as progress on key health indicators has been stagnating since 2015 and the pandemic has dealt another blow.

"The message is clear. The world is off track to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals. And unless we pick up the pace, we risk losing countless lives that could have been saved as well as failing to improve the quality of life for all," Asma said.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is an important reminder that progress is neither linear nor guaranteed. To stay on track toward the 2030 SDG agenda, we must act decisively and collectively to deliver a measurable impact in all countries." **Xinhua**

World Intelligence Congress focuses on generative AI issues

TIANJIN

INCLUDING technological innovation and safe development, issues stemming from the rapidly growing generative artificial intelligence (AI) technologies have captured global attention and aroused widespread discussion.

At the ongoing seventh World Intelligence Congress held in north China's Tianjin Municipality from May 18 to 21, experts, scholars and entrepreneurs are sharing their insights on these issues and brainstorming on how to strengthen international cooperation to tackle the potential challenges posed by such fast-developing technologies.

Speaking to Xinhua, John Edwards, Britain's HM Trade Commissioner for China, said that countries around the world need to work together and talk to each other to address the challenges and risks stemming from this new technology.

"Now, global AI development is ushering in a new era of rapid progress. The groundbreaking advancements in large-scale pre-trained models represent a historic milestone in the field of artificial intelligence," said Wang Zhigang, China's minister of science and technology.

Liu Liehong, chairman of China United Network Communications Group Co., Ltd., remarked that generative AI has demonstrated extensive potential for applica-

tion and significant integration capabilities, resulting in notable improvements in efficiency and direct economic benefits.

"As a fundamental technology and inherent capability of the digital era, generative AI is becoming a pivotal factor in reshaping global resource allocation, restructuring the global economic landscape and transforming the dynamics of global competition," Liu added.

For China, AI technology is a crucial tool for optimizing and upgrading industries, boosting productivity and enhancing the welfare of its people, while strategic plans and deployments have been formulated at the national level, with 18 national pilot zones established for next-generation AI innovation and development in cities like Beijing and Tianjin.

According to data released at the event, China has secured the top position globally in terms of the number of patent applications filed for AI technologies by 2022, with the scale of the core AI industry surpassing 500 billion yuan (about 71.07 billion U.S. dollars), while more than 4,200 major enterprises operated, comprising approximately 16 percent of the global total.

The minister also acknowledged that the advancement of AI technology encounters technical challenges, including biases in underlying algorithms, limited availability of high-quality data and the



People visit an intelligent technology exhibition during the seventh World Intelligence Congress in North China's Tianjin, May 18, 2023. XINHUA

necessity to enhance model efficiency, as well as social concerns encompassing personal privacy, public safety, education and employment. "It is crucial for countries worldwide to unite and cooperate, fostering the continuous and sound development of AI."

In recent years, China has gradually strengthened its regulatory guidance on the development of AI and issued relevant guidelines and principles.

China proactively tackles the potential risks and challenges associated with AI and advances ethical governance of AI, with a commitment to developing responsible artificial intelligence, Wang stated

at the event. Echoing many social concerns about employment slashed by AI technology, Robin Li, chairman and CEO of China's internet giant Baidu, said he is not worried about the development of generative AI leading to reductions in human job opportunities and living standards.

Taking coachmen and typists as examples, he noted that the introduction of new technologies will not only take away traditional professions but also bring emerging professions. "For humanity, the most significant form of unsustainability is not the uncertainty caused by innovation. Instead, it lies in the diverse and unpredict-

able risks resulting from stagnation, the absence of invention, creation and progress," Li said.

On Friday, the 2023 Global Generative AI Industry Report was released at the event, suggesting that generative AI presents both challenges and opportunities for employment.

"On one hand, generative AI will facilitate the automation and intelligent upgrading of certain job positions, potentially rendering them obsolete.

On the other hand, generative AI will also create new professions, such as 'Prompt Engineers' who use natural language as prompts to interact with AI systems and generate information or creative works. Additionally, the field of AI is expected to create a substantial number of new professions," wrote the report.

Wan Gang, chairman of the China Association for Science and Technology, said at the event that AI systems are intricate, covering diverse fields and posing research difficulties.

"Exploring and developing AI technology is a collaborative undertaking that transcends national boundaries and academic fields. The international community must uphold the principles of openness and collaboration, working together to establish a shared, cooperative and mutually beneficial path forward," said Wan. **Xinhua**

Greeks living abroad vote in general elections

ATHENS

GREEKS living abroad started casting their ballots for the general elections on Saturday, a day earlier than voters living in Greece.

It is the first time ever that Greek expatriates can vote from their place of residence, based on criteria set out in a recent law.

In previous elections, Greek expatriates who wanted to participate in elections had to return to Greece to vote.

A total of 22,816 expatriates registered to vote in places where they are living, according to the Interior Ministry. They can vote at 99 polling centers located in 35 countries, as a minimum of 50 registered in an

area was required to set up a polling station. Most have registered in the United Kingdom, Germany, the United States, Belgium and Cyprus, according to the ministry.

Their ballots will be sent back in sealed bags by planes and the votes will be sorted when the polls close in Greek territory, Greek national news agency AMNA reported.

A total of 9.8 million Greeks are eligible to elect the 300 members of parliament. All recent opinion polls indicate that the ruling conservative New Democracy (ND) party leads, with the Leftists following second and the Socialists third.

According to political analysts, due to the way the Greek electoral system works, it will be difficult for

any single political party to secure a clear parliamentary majority in the first round. If a second election round is required, it will take place at the beginning of July at the latest, the government has said.

The second round would be held under new electoral rules, which provide for extra seats for the winning party. **Agencies**

Historical city makes progress in integrated development of culture, tourism

GUAN Yu, a famous general serving in the Three Kingdoms period (220-280 A.D.) of China, has long been respected as a symbol of loyalty. Today, he becomes an icon that contributes to the tourism of his hometown Yuncheng, north China's Shanxi province.

A digital museum of the deified historic figure, who's also known as Guandi, was established near the Guandi Temple in Yuncheng in September 2022. The two-story red building, equipped with holographic projection and virtual reality technologies, aims to better tell the stories of Guan Yu to more people.

Near another temple commemo-

rating Guan's family in Yuncheng's Changping village, a Guan Yu-themed pedestrian street was also built, where hot pot, traditional noodle dishes, fried dough twists and other local food are sold.

The pedestrian street is also home to a number of crosstalk theaters and shops of cultural products. Plays themed with the Three Kingdoms are often performed on the street.

"We do our best to promote local tourism," said Wang Peng, an employee of the company that manages the pedestrian street.

According to him, the pedestrian is home to some 70 architectures built in

accordance with ancient styles—from the materials to the carving and paintings on them.

The pedestrian street aims to demonstrate the culture related to Guandi, Wang noted, adding that five plays about Guandi have been designed and relevant cultural experience activities have been introduced on the pedestrian street.

Yuncheng was named "Hedong", meaning "East of the Yellow River," in ancient times. It is a city that enjoys a profound culture and long history. It is home to 102 major historical and cultural sites protected at the national level as well as more than 6,000 pieces

of immovable cultural relics

Over recent years, Yuncheng has been working to promote the integrated development of culture and tourism. The renowned historical city is brimming with new vitality.

The city has completed reforms of institutional mechanisms of three major state-owned tourist sites in the past couple of years, including the Guandi Temple and the Yongle Palace, which has brought new growth points to traditional tourist attractions.

Yuncheng is currently exploring more opportunities in the integrated development of culture and tourism.

For instance, a grand stage play tell-

ing the impacts of Hedong on the formation of the Chinese civilization is always in hot demand. The Yongle Palace, notable for its Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368) murals, has hosted a series of exhibitions of cultural relics to attract visitors.

Tourist attractions are emerging in Yuncheng. A highway along the Yellow River, connecting 24 national-level tourist sites, has witnessed the emergence of a number of tourist destinations, including a Yellow River-themed ecological park and the B&B cluster. A tourism belt with the unique features of southern Shanxi has taken shape.

"Yuncheng, working to optimize its tourism layout and improve its tourism

services, will strive to build the highway into a superior tourism route in three years," said Chen Xiaoguang, head of Yuncheng's culture and tourism bureau.

"It's important to expand the economy in accordance with local features. The development of the culture and tourism sector must be advanced as a part of urban development, so as to meet people's expectations for better cultural lives," said Wang Zhifeng, head of Yuncheng's publicity department.

Over recent years, the city has built a number of tourist sites themed with historical figures and stories. **Agencies**

India's forex reserves almost touch USD 600 bln, hit one-year high

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S foreign exchange reserves continue to rise and are edging towards USD 600 billion, hitting a nearly one-year high.

In the week that ended on May 12 for which data is available, the reserves rose by USD 3.553 billion to USD 599.529 billion. Prior to the May 12 week, they rose by USD 7.196 billion to USD 595.976 billion, RBI data showed.

Coming back to RBI's latest data, India's foreign currency assets, the biggest component of the forex reserves, rose by USD 3.577 billion to USD 529.598 billion.

Gold reserves during the latest week rose by USD 38 million to USD 46.353 billion.

In October 2021, the country's foreign exchange reserves touched an all-time high of about USD 645 billion.

Much of the decline since then can be attributed to a rise in the cost of imported goods in 2022.

Also, the forex reserves had fallen largely because of the RBI's intervention in the market to defend the depreciating rupee against a surging US dollar.

Typically, the RBI, from time to time, intervenes in the market through liquidity management, including through the selling of dollars, with a view to preventing a steep depreciation in the rupee.

The RBI closely monitors the foreign exchange markets and intervenes only to maintain orderly market conditions by containing excessive volatility in the exchange rate, without reference to any pre-determined target level or band. **ANI**

UN appeals funding to help people fleeing Sudan to Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA

THE United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs appealed for additional funding to address the needs of people crossing into Ethiopia due to the ongoing security situation in Sudan.

The UNOCHA, in its latest situation update issued Friday, said some 85,000 people are projected to enter Ethiopia from Sudan, with humanitarian needs forecasted to rise steeply in such a scenario.

"Additional financial resources are required to meet the current needs and the ongoing flow of arrivals expected in the weeks ahead," it said.

Figures from the UNOCHA show that between April 21 and May 16, more than 22,600 arrivals have been recorded from more than 64 nationalities at Metema crossing point in Ethiopia's northwest Amhara region. Metema crossing point is now receiving the largest share of people fleeing conflict in Sudan.

According to the UNOCHA, arrivals have been observed to have largely come from the city of Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, representing 76 percent of the total arrivals. Some 18 percent of them are said to be from the city of Omdurman.

On Wednesday, the International Organization for Migration had launched a response plan appealing for \$209 million to provide humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the crisis and outbreak of violence in Sudan.

The UN migration agency said the deteriorating situation in Sudan is also having dramatic implications on neighboring countries, many of which are grappling with their own protracted crises.

Sudan has witnessed deadly armed clashes between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces in the capital city of Khartoum and other areas since April 15, with the two sides accusing each other of initiating the conflict.

Iran's Khamenei warns of foreign bids to cause tensions

TEHRAN

IRAN'S Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei said on Saturday that some foreign sides seek to cause problems in the country's relations with its neighbors, calling on Iranian officials to prevent the implementation of such policies.

The leader made the remarks in a meeting held in Tehran with the Iranian Foreign Ministry's officials as well as the country's ambassadors, elaborating on Iran's foreign policy principles and priorities, according to the leader's website.

He said Iran has long borders with different countries, and the current Iranian government has been pursuing a "important and correct" policy in expanding relations with neighbors.

The Iranian leader said it is "important" to pursue the policy of developing relations with Muslim states, no matter how far they are from Iran, and friendly countries with similar positions. **Agencies**

US-manipulated G7 rips world apart, creates tension

All working sessions of G7 summit in Hiroshima over

HIROSHIMA

AT the Group of Seven Summit starting in Hiroshima on Friday, the US-led clique is again hyping up their so-called "law and order," whereas political observers have precisely debunked the essence of their lies – a scheme to play small-clique politics and dictate to the rest of the world.

US undermining free trade

The G7 on Saturday issued a statement concerning economic resilience and security, threatening to counter "economic coercion," which will de facto divide the world into two markets and two systems in such areas as semiconductors and critical minerals under the pretext of reducing dependence on China.

As reported by the Financial Times, "the co-ordination on China follows two years of efforts by the Biden administration, helped by Japan." The United States is the main culprit in lulling its allies into unplugging from China, which constitutes a serious violation of the principles of free trade and market economy and will harm global economic development.

The longer-term cost of trade fragmentation could reach up to 7 percent of global output and some countries could see losses of up to 12 percent of GDP in case of additional technological decoupling, the International Monetary Fund said in a report in January.

The United States has been trying

to jeopardize the Chinese economy through various means including trade wars, but the ever-growing China-US trade in itself demonstrates that US businesses and people need trade with China, Kazuteru Saionji, a visiting professor at Higashi Nippon International University, told Xinhua in a recent interview.

"By dragging the G7 bloc to suppress China under the pretext of de-risking this time, the country is conducting an atrocity deliberately undermining free trade and the world economic division of labor system," the professor noted.

Recent years have seen the G7, also known as "the rich club," suffering an irreversible decline of national power. The Japanese newspaper Nihon Keizai Shimbun reported that the G7's share of the global economy has fallen from nearly 70 percent in the 1980s to currently about 40 percent, which shows no sign of ceasing to decline.

The G7, with significantly weakening economic heft, is unable to represent the world, yet they have failed to face up to the general trend of the times and fixated on Cold War mentality, said Japanese political observers.

"The G7 has descended into a group of old-fashioned countries clinging to the so-called established international political order," said Atsushi Koketsu, emeritus professor at Yamaguchi University of Japan, adding that with the international community moving forward to pluralism, the G7's relentless efforts to



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky (center) joins G7 leaders at a working session during the G7 Leaders' Summit in Hiroshima yesterday. AP

go against the trend of the times will undoubtedly cause imbalance and injustice in the international community.

Efforts to divide world doomed to fail

The G7 also vowed to heighten sanctions against Russia and intensify diplomatic, financial, humanitarian and military support for Ukraine, and condemned Russia in the strongest possible terms in the G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué issued Saturday.

Kumiko Haba, professor of Kanagawa University, pointed out that the United

States has benefited tremendously from the Ukraine crisis, which has consolidated its hegemony by taking a favorable position in international military, economy and politics during the crisis.

On the Ukraine issue, China has always been promoting peace talks while the G7 has been impeding China's efforts, said Koketsu, adding that apparently, as long as the G7 is bent on providing military aid to Ukraine, the conflict and tension will linger on.

Prior to the G7 summit, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said in an interview with local media that China and Russia should not be allowed to unilaterally change the status quo, a stance that was widely questioned and refuted by scholars and analysts.

Kishida added that he takes the summit as an opportunity to

send this message to the international community.

The Japanese leader's claim that "Taiwan contingency is a contingency for Japan" simply follows the US military policy of encircling China unconditionally, as Japan is pushing for military integration with the United States, said Koketsu.

His opinion was echoed by Saionji, who pointed out that such a crisis-inciting statement will increase tensions in East Asia and hinder regional peace.

As East Asian countries oppose inciting confrontation and creating regional tension, the United States and Japan's ploy of using the Taiwan question to attack China is doomed to fail, said Saionji.

HIROSHIMA

THE leaders of the G7 and the countries invited to the summit in Hiroshima yesterday completed all the scheduled working sessions, the organizers of the event reported.

Over the three days, the countries held ten sessions during which they discussed the situation around Ukraine, relations with China, global economic problems, nuclear disarmament, co-operation with partners outside the G7, and other issues.

On May 20, the leaders of Australia, Brazil, Vietnam, India, Indonesia, the Cook Islands, the Union of the Comoros, and South Korea joined the G7 summit.

In addition, Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky, who arrived in Japan on Sunday, participated in two sessions on Ukrainian issues, including an expanded session with leaders from countries outside of the G7.

At the first session with Zelensky, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to continue providing diplomatic, financial, humanitarian and military assistance to Ukraine. According to the Japanese Foreign Ministry, the Ukrainian president was initially scheduled to participate in the summit online. The agreement was reached during Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's visit to Kiev in March. **Agencies**

G7 summit's hyping up of China-related issues slammed

BEIJING

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson on Saturday made remarks on G7 Hiroshima Summit's hyping up of China-related issues, urging the countries to stop ganging up to form exclusive blocs.

According to reports, the G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué and other documents adopted at the G7 Hiroshima Summit contain comments on the situation in the Taiwan Strait and accusations regarding the East China Sea, the South China Sea, Hong Kong, Xinjiang, Tibet and China's nuclear power, professed G7 opposition to any unilateral attempts to change the status quo and claims about "economic coercion" that allude to China.

The spokesperson said the G7 makes high-sounding claims about "promoting a peaceful, stable and prosperous world," but what it does is hindering international peace, undermining regional stability and

curbing other countries' development. That simply shows how little international credibility means to the G7.

Despite China's serious concerns, the G7 used issues concerning China to smear and attack China and brazenly interfere in China's internal affairs. China strongly deplores and firmly opposes this and has made serious demarches to the summit's host Japan and other parties concerned, the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson stressed that resolving the Taiwan question is a matter for the Chinese, a matter that must be resolved by the Chinese. The one-China principle is the solid anchor for peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.

Noting that the G7 keeps emphasizing cross-strait peace, and yet says nothing about the need to oppose "Taiwan independence," the spokesperson said this in effect constitutes connivance and support for "Taiwan independence" forces, and will only



Anti-G7 protesters march down a street in Hiroshima on Saturday, as world leaders meet on the first day of the G7 Summit Leaders' Meeting nearby. AFP

result in having a serious impact on cross-strait peace and stability.

Affairs related to Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Tibet are purely China's internal affairs, the spokesperson said,

stressing that China firmly opposes interference by any external force in those affairs under the pretext of human rights.

China is a firm defender and con-

tributor to international maritime rule of law, the spokesperson said, adding that the East China Sea and the South China Sea have remained overall stable. Relevant countries need to respect regional countries' efforts to uphold peace and stability and stop using maritime issues to drive a wedge between regional countries and incite bloc confrontation.

On "economic coercion", the spokesperson said the massive unilateral sanctions and acts of "decoupling" and disrupting industrial and supply chains make the U.S. the real coercer that politicizes and weaponizes economic and trade relations, urging the G7 not to become an accomplice in economic coercion.

Noting that China is firmly committed to a defensive nuclear strategy, the spokesperson said China has honored its pledge to "no first use" of nuclear weapons and always kept its nuclear capabilities at the minimum level required by national security.

China is the only one among the five nuclear weapon states to have made those pledges. China's position is above board and should not be distorted or denigrated, the spokesperson added.

The international community does not and will not accept the G7-dominated Western rules that seek to divide the world based on ideologies and values, still less will it succumb to the rules of exclusive small blocs designed to serve "America-first" and the vested interests of the few, the spokesperson said, urging G7 to reflect on its behavior and change course.

"We urge G7 members to catch up with the trend of the times, focus on addressing the various issues they have at home, stop ganging up to form exclusive blocs, stop containing and bludgeoning other countries, stop creating and stoking bloc confrontation and get back to the right path of dialogue and cooperation," said the spokesperson. **Xinhua**

It's PM Modi, Ukrainian President Zelenskyy all over Japanese newspapers today

HIROSHIMA

THE Japanese newspapers yesterday were flooded with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during the G7 Summit.

They also extensively covered Zelenskyy's visit to Hiroshima amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine that started on February 24 last year.

"Democracy needs more, I think we need clear global leadership of democracy. This is the main thing that we provide with our cooperation," the Ukrainian president said.

Earlier on Saturday, he invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to join the Ukrainian Peace Formula initiative and also thanked him for supporting the country's territorial integrity and sovereignty.

Taking to Twitter, Zelenskyy said, "Had a meeting with Prime Minister of India @narendramodi in Japan. I briefed the interlocutor in detail on the Ukrainian Peace Formula initiative and invited India to join its implementation. I spoke about Ukraine's needs in humanitarian demining and mobile hospitals. I thank India for supporting our country's territorial integrity and sovereignty, in particular, at the platforms of international organizations, and for providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine."

In the meeting, PM Modi assured that he will do whatever is possible to help in resolving the Ukraine conflict.

"India and I will do whatever we can for resolving the conflict," PM Modi said.

Zelenskyy said that he believed that India will participate in the restoration of the rules-based international order that all free nations clearly need.

Taking to Twitter, Zelenskyy shared a video where he said, "I spoke with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I gave an update on the progress of our peace formula. We



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy attends Working Session 8-Toward a Peaceful, Stable and Prosperous World' at the G7 Summit, in Hiroshima on Sunday. ANI

have already passed many stages of presenting the formula to leaders and countries from different parts of the world.

The day before the formula was successfully presented to the participants of the Arab League Summit.

"I believe India will participate in restoring the rules-based international order that all free nations clearly need," he added.

Notably, this was the first in-person meeting between the two leaders after the Russia-Ukraine war started on February 24 last year.

Since the Ukraine conflict began, PM Modi has spoken to Russian President Vladimir Putin as well as President Zelenskyy a number of times.

Group of Seven talks culminated Sunday with a dramatic, in-person appeal from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who is pressing leaders gathered here to remain united against Russian aggression.

In a striking morning photo-op, leaders in suit jackets lined up alongside the Ukrainian president, dressed in his usual military

green, to show their sustained support for his country moving ahead, reported CNN.

As they convened behind closed doors, it was almost certain Zelenskyy would continue his appeals for more powerful weapons and tougher sanctions on Russia.

"Together with all of our allies and partners, we have achieved such a level of cooperation which ensures that democracy, international law, and freedom are respected. There have been attempts to ignore and disregard what we value.

But now it is impossible. Now our power is growing. Anyone who might want to wage aggression against a democratic country sees what the response will be.

And the more we all work together, the less likely anyone else in the world will follow Russia's insane path. But is this enough? Democracy needs more. I think we need the clear global leadership of democracy. This is the main thing that we provide with our cooperation," tweeted Zelenskyy. **ANI**

Decisions of G7 Hiroshima summit aimed at containing both Russia and China – Lavrov

MOSCOW

THE decisions adopted at the G7 summit in Hiroshima pursue the goal of dual containment of Russia and China, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at the 31st Assembly of the Council for Foreign and Defense Policy on Saturday.

"Could you take a look at those decisions which are being debated and adopted at the G7 summit in Hiroshima and which are aimed at dual containment of Russia and the People's Republic of China?" he said.

Lavrov pointed out that the Western track has "completely outlived itself" in the form it had been developing in the Russian foreign policy until recently, as



Russia embarked on the path "of most dramatic confrontation with the aggressive bloc comprising the United States, the European Union and the North Atlantic Alliance."

"The objective was announced loudly and frankly, which is to defeat Russia on the battlefield,"

and without stopping at this, to eliminate it later as a geopolitical rival, so to speak, along with any other country that claims an independent place in the world, they will be suppressed as opponents," the minister added.

The top diplomat also pointed out that the Western countries' expert community is overtly discussing the order to work out scenarios aimed at Russia's breakup, and "they do not conceal that the existence of Russia as an independent center is incompatible with the goal of the West's global domination." **Agencies**



SPORT



St Anne Marie Academy students dance to a Bongo flavor song during their 15th Form Six graduation ceremony held at the school's premises at Mbezi Kimara kwa Msuguri in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MWENDAPOLE

Nuggets on brink of NBA Finals with 119-108 win over Lakers in Game 3

LOS ANGELES

NIKOLA Jokic was far from his usual dominant self while mired in foul trouble, and Jamal Murray cooled off after his scorching first half. The Denver Nuggets' big early lead disappeared entirely in the fourth quarter of Game 3, and the Lakers' home crowd was in a frenzy.

The Nuggets weathered every setback and calmly, methodically took control with a poise worthy of champions.

With one more victory, they'll finally get the chance to play for their first rings.

Murray scored 37 points, Jokic added 24 points and eight assists and the Nuggets rolled to a 3-0 lead in the Western Conference finals with a 119-108 victory over Los Angeles on Saturday night.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 12 of his 17 points in the second half against his former team for the top-seeded Nuggets, who have never been this close to the NBA Finals in 47 years in the league. Denver is making its fifth straight playoff appearance, and the ultimate stage is now just one win away.

"I learn a lot about this team every time we play," Caldwell-Pope said. "We have that dog mentality where no matter if we're up, down, we're going to continue to fight and play our game, and do it at a high level. We're going to continue to do that for the rest of these games."

Denver blew a 14-point lead in Game 3, but made a decisive 13-0 run in the fourth quarter to snap the Lakers' nine-game home winning streak since March 26, including seven straight victories since the regular season ended. The Nuggets excelled down the stretch with Murray and Jokic repeatedly running a two-man pick-and-roll game suggested by "Coach Jokic," according to coach Michael Malone.

"This group is capable of doing great things, and they believe," Malone said. "Belief is a very powerful thing."

No team has rallied from a 3-0 playoff series deficit in NBA history. Game 4 is Monday night in Los Angeles.

"I can't speak for the guys right now because I don't know what's going through all their minds, but I still (believe)," said LeBron James, who had 23 points, 12 assists and seven rebounds. "So it's time to go right back home and start to refuel and start the treatment process and recovery process and get ready for Monday. My mindset is always locked in."

Anthony Davis had 28 points and 18 rebounds for the seventh-seeded Lakers, who hadn't lost three straight games since early February. Los Angeles' prolonged, desperate surge ever since the trade deadline has finally run out of steam

against the powerhouse Nuggets, who have won five consecutive playoff games.

"They've been at the top of the food chain for a reason, and has a plethora of guys that can hurt you, as was on full display tonight," Lakers coach Darvin Ham said. "But you know, circumstances are what they are. Difficult, but not impossible."

James hit three 3-pointers after starting the series 0 for 13 from distance, and Austin Reaves added 23 points and seven rebounds. But Rui Hachimura was the only other Lakers scorer to crack double figures with 13 points, and they couldn't counter the Nuggets' balanced effort down the stretch.

"Our backs have been against the wall (for) probably about the last two months, maybe more than that since the trade deadline," Reaves said. "Swinging, throwing punches to fight to get to this opportunity... We can either come out Monday and go home, or we can fight for another day. And with the group of guys that we've got, I know what that answer will be."

Jokic's streak of four consecutive triple-doubles ended in a fairly quiet game for the two-time MVP, who got his fourth foul in the third quarter. But Murray scored 17 points in a dynamic first quarter following his 23-point fourth quarter two nights ago, and he had 30 points by halftime of Game 3.

Bruce Brown scored 15 points and hit a key 3-pointer down the stretch for the Nuggets before Jokic all but iced it on a 3-pointer with 3:17 to play.

The Lakers' passionate fans turned out in force for the 17-time champion franchise's first conference finals games at home since 2010. Los Angeles tried desperately to get back in the series, with James playing 43 minutes after spraining his left ankle in Game 2 on top of his already sore right foot.

But the Nuggets' flight to the coast didn't cool off Murray in the slightest: The Canadian guard poured in 17 points in the first quarter and had 26 midway through the second. Reaves racked up 15 points, three assists and three rebounds in the second quarter alone to keep LA in it.

Hachimura's 3-pointer early in the fourth gave the Lakers their first lead since the opening minutes, but the Nuggets took charge again in a rally highlighted by Brown's 3-pointer with 7:02 to play, after which he taunted the Lakers' bench with Los Angeles' own "Freeze" 3-point celebration.

D'Angelo Russell had another rough game for the Lakers, scoring three points on 1-of-8 shooting in 20 minutes. The Lakers' biggest addition in their trade deadline transformation has just 21 points in the series.



NIKOLA Jokic

SPORTS

'Benefit of doubt' for Simba SC with Sundowns loss to Wydad Casablanca

By Correspondent John Kimbute

AS the two continental tournaments veer to a close, results of upper rounds of the competition will reverberate on the local scene, as the manner in which a team is defeated is also evaluated by the prospects of the side which beat it. In that case a preliminary comparison makes Simba SC still the better side at the moment, much less owing to its recent derby win, but the continental run. Despite the awe about Young Africans SC reaching the final of the second tier tourney, questions abound.

For once, the local champions were edged out of the top tier tournament on identical results in home and away ties, losing 1-0 to Al Hilal, the Sudanese champions. Al Hilal then proceeded to exit at the group stage where Al Ahly and Mamelodi Sundowns were the two top sides, taking up the quarter finals, to be grouped with other winners, where for once Simba and Raja Casablanca had both qualified. That was a net difference, as Al Hilal didn't survive in the later stages.

Plenty of hay has been made out of the fact that the local champions, once they relocated to the second tier tournament, proceeded to do wonders there. Part of the reason is that the format of the tourney favours early losers of the Champions League who are then 'relegated' to the Confederation Cup. Noticeably, later losers in the top tier tourney are no longer included in the later stages of the second tier tournament, which favours early losers; the bigger competitors are then excluded.

This method of doing things is in a way inherited from the upper organisations of global football, like the UEFA circuit and in a sense, FIFA itself. Draws are made where top teams face one another in lower stages of a tournament, like Paris Saint Germain encountering Bayern Munich in the round of 16 stage, while two Italian sides, AC Milan and Internazionale Milan met in the semifinals. They had floored less imposing opposition like Benfica of Portugal, Italian champions Napoli, etc.

Simba comes in good mention in relation to upper-level results of the top-tier tournament because the side which eliminated it on penalties has survived up to the final. That implies the Msimbazi Street side had what it really takes as those



Midfielders Jalal Daoudi (L) of Wydad Casablanca and Sphelile Mkhulise of Mamelodi Sundowns collide during a CAF Champions League semi-final second leg in Pretoria. Mamelodi drew 2-2 with Wydad. (AFP)

who removed the side from the top tier competition have proved a hard nut to crack for the teams that remained. Mamelodi Sundowns have lately attested to this rule, which hands plaudits to the local contenders - in having contested with the best.

Some reflections at the end of the second semifinal tie between the South African and Moroccan sides were interesting as to what they may also tell or imply for the way Simba went out of the top-tier tournament. The Mamelodi coach talked at some length or say repeatedly on the experience that their opponents have in the competition, which comes to saying that they knew how to govern their time and their energy. They knew how to spot weaknesses and appropriately use them.

A supplementary illustration of the need for evaluation of opponents for realism as to a team's performance in the respective tournament is the way in which Yanga tossed out Marumo Gallants. The side then proceeded to lose 0-2 against Moroka Swallows and officially exited the DSTV Premier League, which suggests that Yanga winning by that margin at home, and then 2-1 in away encounter was no miracle. Encountering Wydad could hardly have produced that kind of outcome.

What was somewhat surprising was that the side which Simba found hardest to play with actually failed to demonstrate that ability at the upper round. It is Raja Casablanca which won 3-0 at 'Estadio Lupaso' and conceded a goal at the King Mohamed V Stadium back home, toasting a 3-1 win. The local side was definitely more comfortable playing Wydad than Raja, despite that it is Wydad which stood the quarter final grip, Raja losing against perennial Egyptian champions Al Ahly.

To the fans in the Msimbazi Street club rank and file, it is Raja who ought to have come at the top in the semifinal stage, as they were definitely a better side for the home team compared with Wydad. Yet soccer is not fully predictable, so Raja were not in a position to kick

against Al Ahly, where this experience argument may be somewhat handy. The defending champions who are in the final and the perennial finalists and more often the winners, know how to find their way there.

Directed at the city rivals, this series of results tell something as to the relation between quality and experience, where quality determines the stage a team reaches, and experience enables it to handle a particular contest. Team quality provides the premise for readiness for tasks, ability to discern an opportunity and making use of it, while experience decides some tactical moves at a given moment. Where such moves involve the use of the last ten minutes for at least one more goal, it may as well be the proverbial 'last straw that broke the camel's back,' even with quality.

Thus the local champions had quality for the second tier despite lack of experience.

Yanga threatens Gor Mahia's 36-year-old record



Yanga

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AS per ethics allow me to grudgingly congratulate Young Africans SC for making their first ever CAF Confederation Cup final.

Yanga beat South African strugglers Marumo Gallants 4-1 on aggregate last week to sail through to the two-legged final set for the end of May and early June.

It's no mean feat for a club from Sub-Saharan Africa, and East Africa for that matter, to scale such heights in a competition known to be dominated by North Africans, like all others under CAF.

To hard-core Simba SC, Yanga's arch rivals, and Gor Mahia fans, it's a bitter pill to swallow, yet, there's only one known reward for proper planning and hard work; success.

Yanga has grown in leaps and bounds, and without a doubt deserves this moment of glory. You can't take it away from them.

Should they win the second-tier continental club championship against USM Alger of Algeria, then Yanga, or the

Wananchi as they are fondly referred to, will become the first Tanzanian club to do so.

What's more, they will shutter Gor Mahia's 36-year-old record of being the only East African club to have won a continental trophy.

K'Ogalo, as Gor Mahia is nicknamed, bagged the 1987 African Cup Winners' Cup, then known as Mandela Cup, a bragging right they've worn with pride and cherished for over three decades, but which is now under real danger.

To rub salt into the wound, up to very recently, Yanga was no match for the record 19-time Kenyan champions.

In the 2018 Confederation Cup group stage, K'Ogalo hammered them 7-2 on aggregate.

Yet, a series of structural and managerial moves a few years later, which saw them bring on board a strategic partner, has had Yanga morph into a local and continental juggernaut.

Meanwhile, sadly, Gor Mahia has regressed over the same period and is still steeped in maladministration and

backwardness. The most you hear about the fallen giants lately are cases of players taking them to FIFA over contractual breaches.

However, Gor Mahia is just a reflection of how bad Kenyan football has become. Juxtaposed to Tanzania's Premier League, the Football Kenya Federation Premier League (FKFPL) is a far cry of what a proper league should look like.

Since 2016 when Supersport, the South Africa-based pay television behemoth, unceremoniously left the scene, FKFPL has operated without a broadcaster. On the other hand, NBC Premier League has enjoyed world-class coverage courtesy of Azam TV.

Azam recently gave Kenyans a taste of what they are capable of in terms of marketing a league and quality production when they acquired media rights for the Mashemeji Derby.

To say the least, they left many fans of Kenyan football, both local and abroad, who managed to catch the games using Azam TV mobile app, yearning for a permanent deal.

Haaland's appetite for goals fuels Man City's title triumph

LONDON

ERLING Haaland inspired Manchester City's Premier League title triumph with a record-breaking goal spree fuelled by his voracious appetite for success.

Haaland has taken the Premier League by storm since arriving from Borussia Dortmund last year in a £51 million (\$63 million) deal that already looks a bargain.

After scoring twice on his top-flight debut at West Ham in August, the 22-year-old striker maintained an astonishing goal pace that left a trail of broken records in his wake en route to clinching the title on Saturday.

He shattered the Premier League's single-season goal record, netting 36 times in 33 matches to move beyond the 34 scored by Alan Shearer and Andy Cole in the 1990s. "If you were building a centre-forward from the ground up, Erling is what you would be left with. He's a goal machine," Shearer said.

The Norwegian has scored 52 times in all competitions, including one five-goal haul and five other hat-tricks.

While rival managers endure sleepless nights at the prospect of trying to subdue him, Haaland leaves no stone unturned in the pursuit of excellence.

Obsessed with staying in peak physical condition, Haaland claims his daily diet of heart, liver, milk and lasagne amounts to a whopping 6,000 calories.

Haaland even wolfed down a tray of nutrition-rich beef liver after scoring in City's recent win at Everton, declaring the meal "bloody lovely" after fans reacted with surprise to an Instagram post of his dinner.

"People say meat is bad for you but which? The meat you get at McDonald's? Or the local cow eating grass right over there? I eat the heart and the liver," Haaland said in a documentary about his move to Manchester.

Haaland has also created a "magic potion" milk smoothie, featuring kale and spinach, that forms a key part of his diet.

Haaland's father Alfie helps by milking cows back home in Norway and delivering the pints to the striker in Manchester.

There is no detail too small for Haaland to control as he aims to maximise his natural talent.

He installed a cryotherapy chamber in his house to help recover after matches and wears special glasses to reduce the sleep-depriving effects of screens.

"Best professional" - Despite his blistering form, there was speculation earlier in the season that Haaland might not be entirely happy after City coach Pep Guardiola admitted the striker was still adapting to the Spaniard's tactics during an inconsistent spell for his side.

Guardiola's men won successive league titles playing largely without an attacking focal point and when Arsenal stormed ahead in the title race, there were claims City had been thrown off course by Haaland's arrival.

But Guardiola soon found the solution to balance the side as Haaland's deluge of goals never stopped.

"I love to play under Pep. I'm enjoying every single game," Haaland said. "It's hard, he demands a lot, but I try to do my best to develop."

Haaland's impact on City has been felt not just in the goal charts but also in the dressing room, where teammates have embraced his single-minded dedication to his craft - even if it means missing a night out with Jack Grealish.

"He is the best professional I have ever seen," Grealish said.

"He does everything. Recovers. In the gym. Ten hours of treatment a day. Ice baths. Diet. I swear I couldn't be like that."

"We have a great friendship but he will point at me after a game and say: 'Hey, Don't you go out tonight partying'. I just tell him to shut up and go and sit in his ice bath."

Although he relishes rewriting the record books, Haaland has made clear his desire is for trophies rather than personal milestones.

Having secured the Premier League title in his debut season, Haaland has his sights set on firing City to the treble.

They face Manchester United in the FA Cup final at Wembley on June 3 before heading to Istanbul to meet Inter Milan in the Champions League final seven days later.

City are looking to win the Champions League for the first time.

Yet even leading City to their European holy grail would be unlikely to sate Haaland's hunger to feast on opposing defences for years to come.

AFP

Wydad claw back twice to reach CAF Champions League final

PRETORIA

HOLDERS Wydad Casablanca of Morocco equalised twice to draw 2-2 with Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa on Saturday, and book a second straight CAF Champions League final against Al Ahly of Egypt.

Captain Themba Zwane and later Peter Shalulile put the home team ahead in a semi-final, second leg thriller watched by a 45,000 crowd in Pretoria.

But Ayoub el Amloud cancelled out Sundowns' first goal and an own-goal by Mthobeni Mvala levelled the scoreline again, and gave Wydad an ultimately decisive aggregate advantage through away goals after a goalless stalemate in the first leg.

Record 10-time champions Ahly had a much more comfortable passage to the final, defeating Esperance of Tunisia 1-0 in Cairo on Friday to complete a 4-0 aggregate triumph.

Set to make a record-extending 16th final appearance in the premier African club competition, Ahly will host the first leg on June 4 with the second leg on June 11.

The 2022 final involved a single match and a couple of goals from Zouhair el Moutaraji gave Wydad a 2-0 victory over Ahly in a match controversially staged in Casablanca.

Ahly wanted the final played at a neutral venue, but an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) was unsuccessful. The drama led to two-leg finals being reinstated.

Recently-hired Belgian Sven Vanderbroeck - the fourth coach of Wydad this season - said the experience of his players pulled them through in pursuit of a fourth Champi-

ons League title.

"Experience told"

"Sundowns were probably the better team over the two legs, but our greater experience and mental strength told," he said.

"Wydad against Ahly is going to be a beautiful final and I am hoping for the same outcome as last season."

"There is little to choose between two great teams, but I think playing at home in the second leg may give us a slight advantage."

Sundowns coach Rholani Mokwena agreed with Vanderbroeck, saying: "The experience of Wydad was crucial - they were smarter in some big moments."

"I am bitterly disappointed, but the compliments I received from the Wydad coach have eased the pain a little. "You cannot buy experience - you have to learn from sad occasions like this. I cannot say when, but Sundowns will win the Champions League."

Moroccan Mohamed Ounajem and Shalulile had the best chances of a cagey first half before the match came alive on 50 minutes at a stadium Sundowns share with the Bulls rugby team.

Wydad were dispossessed in their half and Zwane took advantage to beat goalkeeper Youssef el Motie, who stood motionless as the ball hit the net.

El Amloud crept unnoticed into the box to level on 72 minutes with a header off a Yahya Jabrane cross only for Shalulile to put Sundowns back in front via a deflected shot seven minutes later. The tie-deciding goal came with seven minutes of regular time remaining as Mvala, attempting to clear a free-kick, headed into his own net.

AFP

Manchester City has proved unstoppable once again

LONDON

A third straight Premier League title, and a seventh in 12 seasons, was clinched on Saturday thanks to Arsenal's loss at Nottingham Forest and represents one of the most dominant spells by a club in the history of English soccer.

Here's a look at how Pep Guardiola's juggernaut hunted down Arsenal and captured the biggest prize in the English game with three games to spare.

HAALAND'S GOALS

It's surely the most astonishing debut season in Premier League history. Starting with the two-goal performance against West Ham on the opening weekend, Haaland has taken English soccer by storm. A mind-blowing 36 goals, four hat tricks (including three in successive home games), scissor-kick acrobatics and a bunch of scoring records including the most goals in a 38-game or 42-game season. And Haaland could easily have gotten more had Pep Guardiola not chosen to bring the fearsome Norway striker off early at times to manage his fitness. Haaland has added a new dimension to Guardiola's attack, given he can play as a target man when City has possession and as a counterattacking weapon on the rare occasions the team is not dominating the ball.

TACTICAL SWITCH

Guardiola, the deep thinker and master tactician, has evolved his formation this season from a 4-3-3 to an innovative and fluid 3-2-4-1 lineup, essentially to accommodate the arrival of Haaland and make better use of City's dominance of possession. The change came midway through the season, with Guardiola first using Rico Lewis - an 18-year-old full back from the academy - as an inverted center midfielder in possession and a regular defender out of it. Eventually that hybrid role was



Erling Haaland

passed to John Stones, a ball-playing center back, and he has excelled in it. Indeed, City hasn't lost a match since Stones took up the role in late March. Joao Cancelo appeared to be the defender with the best skill-set to fulfill the hybrid position but, unhappy at dropping out of the team because of poor form and after reportedly clashing with Guardiola in training, the Portugal full back was allowed to join Bayern Munich. It was a brave call by Guardiola, given the importance of Cancelo in City's buildup play in recent seasons, but it has been justified. The tactical switch also saw central midfielder Ilkay Gundogan and Kevin De Bruyne play further forward, ahead of Stones and Rodri, and they have prospered by going on scoring runs.

GREALISH EMERGENCE

Jack Grealish was something of a letdown in his first season at City when he was, at the time, the most expensive player in the history of English soccer. His second year has been much, much better, to such an extent that he is now one of Guardiola's key players in adding an element of control to City's attacks and generating space for City's other offensive players to flourish. Grealish acknowledged it has taken time to get used to City's style of play compared to that of boyhood club Aston Villa, where he was the main man rather than one of many star players. "I came into City, having been at Villa my whole life, and I'd never had to change," he said. "I didn't realize how hard it is to adapt to a different team and manager." With five goals and seven assists, his numbers have

improved as well, and should continue to.

RODRI'S RELIABILITY

The reliability and consistency of Rodri as the holding midfielder and Guardiola's brains on the field cannot be overstated. In fact, he has proved once again this season that he might be City's most important player because of the way he shields the defense and starts attacks. The dependence on Rodri has increased because the guy City signed to be a backup anchorman in midfield following the departure of former captain Fernandinho appears to be out of his depth, for now anyway. Kalvin Phillips, who joined in the offseason from Leeds, hasn't been trusted to start a league game this season and only comes on when wins are secure and to give Rodri a breather. Guardiola might need to find another backup this summer.

ANOTHER STREAK

Once again, City has picked its moment to produce an end-of-season burst that blows away a challenger for its title. In recent years, it was Liverpool feeling the force of a long winning streak by City to close out a league season. This time it was Arsenal, which has buckled under the pressure of a fast-finishing City and ahead of the prospect of capturing a first league title since 2004. Arsenal was five points clear with a game in hand after City's 1-0 loss to Tottenham on Feb. 5. Since then, City has won 13 of its 14 games, only drawing the other after conceding a late goal at Nottingham Forest, to slowly and almost inevitably reel in Arsenal, whose young team started to falter. The 4-1 win over Arsenal on April 26 was a reality check for the long-time leaders and a muscle flex by City, highlighting the gulf between the two title rivals. City, as ever, has powered over the line.

AP

Jose Mourinho is at it again: winning trophies and upsetting people

By Sam Wallace

TWENTY years now since a Uefa Cup final in Seville in which the victorious Porto side rewrote the book on tactical time-wasting - from extensive treatment on injuries that mysteriously cleared up, to goal celebrations that seemed to go on forever.

The opposing manager Martin O'Neill would later say of the time it took to treat Vitor Baia that he was surprised a helicopter was not called to fly the goalkeeper to hospital. The defender Jorge Costa was alleged to have hit the Celtic goalkeeper coach. The Celtic fans chanted that Porto were cheats as they went to get the trophy. "You know the way people get to a certain age and say 'Listen, I wouldn't change a thing'. Well, there's lots of things I would change," O'Neill said recently. "First of all, the Uefa Cup final of 2003."

Jose Mourinho, on the other hand, was very happy with the way it went. The young Porto manager's career was on an extraordinary upwards trajectory. All systems Jose.

Two decades later, he is back at the same place. The Uefa Cup final is now the Europa League final. The 2003 Porto, who would shock Europe by winning the Champions League 12 months later, are a skint 2023 Roma. They sold one of their best players to Galatasaray this season, but only because Nicolò Zaniolo did not fancy Bournemouth. Mourinho won the Europa Conference League last season and at 60 he is gloriously at it again. Winning trophies and upsetting people.

At Roma he has the power. At the Trigoria training ground, he is the biggest name in the building and his word is the law. If he says a player's Roma career is over, the club falls into line. In the case of the Dutch full-back Rick Karsdorp, there has been a reprieve - but only on Mourinho's terms.

Tactically he still goes uber-Jose when required. The goalless draw in the Europa League semi-final on Thursday night, defending a one-



AS Roma Manager Jose Mourinho kisses the trophy following his teams victory at the end of the UEFA Conference League final. (Agencies)

goal lead from the first leg, was sensational in its negativity. Roma had no attempts on target, and only one off-target, as opposed to 23 from Bayer Leverkusen. Less than 29 per cent possession. An xG of 0.03. That, as Mourinho would doubtless say, is football 'eritage.

The question now, as his hair goes snowy white, and his stubbornness endures, is: where next? His dance with the possibility of the manager's job at Paris Saint-Germain will be a fascinating end to the season. Of course, Mourinho must feel the pull of being at a club that is capable of punching others in the face for players, prestige, trophies. Yet for all Roma's unsuitability for doing that, they have a strange compatibility with Mourinho.

Roma has reminded us of something else too: Mourinho can make something of whatever raw materials are presented to him. As long as all involved are prepared to subject themselves to pure Jose-ism. It might not always be fun, but it does work.

Roma's US owners spent around €1 billion in the first three years on the acquisition of the club, investment and the salary of Mourinho and his technical team. Having done so they switched to a strategy of cheap - or free - signings and development players. Indeed, it was a goal from Edoardo Bove, 21, Rome-born and club-developed, that decided the semi-final. He started both legs and others like Ebrima Darboe, 21; Cristian Volpato, 19; and Benjamin Tahirovic, 20, have played games this season.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Haaland goals and Man City tactical switch the keys to winning Premier League title

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CAF set Afcon 2023 draw date as they approve WC 2026 qualifiers calendar

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AFRICA Cup of Nations, Côte d'Ivoire 2023 draw date will be conducted on October 12, three months before the continent's flagship football event is held in the West African country, Confederation of African Football (CAF) has confirmed.

The decision to grant Ivory Coast the tournament's hosting rights comes after Morocco withdrew its bid to host the event in support of the West African country's candidacy.

The date was decided during the latest CAF Executive Committee meeting in Algiers.

Senegal, Tunisia, Burkina Faso, South Africa, Algeria and Morocco are the teams that have already qualified, joining the host, Ivory Coast.

The remaining group matches are set to be played during the June and September FIFA international breaks.

The tournament is set to kick off on January 13, next year and will culminate on February 11 at the Alassane Ouattara Stadium in Abidjan.

It will be the second time that the Ivorians are hosting the tournament, having staged the 1984 edition when Cameroon were crowned champions.

Meanwhile, the CAF Executive Committee noted its satisfaction with the progress and the level of preparedness by the host nation, seven months before the tournament starts.

CAF President Dr. Patrice Motsepe expressed his gratitude to the President of Ivory Coast, Alassane Ouattara, and the Prime Minister, Patrick Achi, for their cooperation and commitment to ensuring the successful hosting of the tournament.

Also, The Confederation of African Football (CAF) announced that its Executive Committee (EXCO) has approved the FIFA 2026 World Cup qualifiers schedule.

The Executive Committee also approved the format and dates for the continent's 2026 World Cup qualifiers. Aligning with FIFA's expanded World Cup format, the qualifiers will involve all 54 CAF member associations divided into nine groups.

The winners of each group will automatically qualify for the global tournament. Meanwhile, the four best runners-up from the groups will participate in a CAF Play-Off tournament, with the winner advancing to the FIFA Play-Off Tournament.

The official draw for the World Cup's African Qualifiers is scheduled for July 12, 2023, in Cotonou, Benin.

Matchdays 1 and 2 of the World Cup qualifiers will take place between November 13 and 21, 2023, followed by matchdays 3 and 4 between June 3 and 11, 2024.

Meanwhile, matchdays 5 and 6 are scheduled between March 17 and 25, 2025, followed by matchdays 7 and 8 later in the same year between October 6 and 14.

Matchdays 9 and 10 are scheduled between October 10 and 18, 2025, while the CAF Play-Off Tournament will take place between November 10 and 18, 2023.

Meanwhile, the FIFA Play-Off Tournament is set to take place in March 2026.

Huge CAF prize money increase for Simba, Yanga

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE Confederation of African Football (CAF) announced on Friday that the prize money for the CAF Champions League and Confederation Cup will be increased by 40 percent.

CAF confirmed that President Patrice Motsepe has stuck to his promise of a "new prize money structure", which resulted in a 40 percent increase.

"The announcement saw prize monies for the two competitions increase by 40% - in line with Dr Motsepe's commitment to making African football competitions globally competitive and self-sustaining," CAF explained.

"In the CAF Champions League, the winner will receive \$4 million, an increase from the previous prize of \$2.5 million. In the CAF Confederation Cup, the prize money for the winner has increased from \$1.25 million to \$2 million," the statement added.

As a consequence, Tanzania's Young Africans, who play USM Algiers in the final of the CAF Confederations Cup, have secured \$1 million (Tsh2.3 billion) already but that amount could double to \$2 million (Tsh 4.6million) should they manage to lift the trophy.

Young Africans made it to the final for the first time in their history after seeing off South Africa's Marumo Gallants in the semi-final on a 4-1 aggregate score.

On the other hand, USM Alger punched their continental final ticket after beating ASEC Mimosas from Ivory Coast.

Nasreddine Nabi's charges finished on top of the Group D with 13 points after they secured a 0-1 away win against TP Mazembe of DR Congo while Rivers United finished runners-up behind ASEC Mimosas of Cote d'Ivoire to reach the last eight of the tournament.

They qualified for the semi-finals of the CAF Confederation Cup, beating Nigeria's Rivers United on 2-0 aggregate.

On Saturday they will host USM Alger in the CAF Confederation Cup final first leg at Benjamin Mkapa National Stadium before travelling to Algeria for the return leg on June 3 as they aim to lift their maiden continental title.

Simba, meanwhile, have secured \$900,000 (Tsh2.1 billion) for their run into the CAF Champions League quarter-finals.

They advanced to the quarter-finals for the third time in a row after finishing second in Group C behind Moroccan giants Raja Casablanca.

A 7-0 mauling of Guinea's Horoya and a double over Uganda's Vipers ensured Simba finished with nine points to confirm a place in the last eight with one game to spare, before being knocked by defending champions Wydad on a penalty shootout in Casablanca.

The runners-up in the CAF Champions League category are set to get \$2 million, while the semi-finalists are assured of getting \$1.2 million.



Atiki Ally Atiki, a Tanzanian who studies and plays basketball in the United States at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, standing among the students of High View Secondary School at Gongo la Mboto in Dar es Salaam after talking to them when he visited the school recently. Atiki studied at the school until when he was in Form Two in 2020 before moving to Canada and then to the United States. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

TFF extends NBC Premier League season

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans' CAF Confederation Cup commitments have led to the Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) to postpone their fixtures and therefore extend the 2022/23 NBC Premier League season to June 9.

Young Africans are set to face Mbeya City on Wednesday and Tanzania Prisons on Saturday, but these penultimate and end-of-the-season fixtures have been postponed to allow the Tanzanian representatives ample time to prepare and also honour their CAF Confederation Cup final.

After their last weekend Federation Cup semi-final clash with Singida Big Stars at Liti Stadium, Young Africans will shift focus

back to the CAF Confederation Cup final when they host USM Alger in the first leg on Saturday before travelling to Algeria for the return leg on June 3.

"The Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) informs you that all teams participating in the NBC Premier League for the 2022/2023 season will play their last games (round 30) on June 9, 2023 to allow Young Africans a chance to play its two final games of the Confederations Cup in Africa on May 28 and June 3, 2023 against USM Algiers," the TPLB statement said.

"According to the schedule of the NBC Premier League sent to the club recently and announced to the public yesterday, the last games for all clubs (excluding Tanzania Prisons and Young Africans) were scheduled for May 28, 2023 but the Board has had to make the change after discussions internally focused on ensuring the presence of justice and equality in sports by removing the environment that may lead to match-fixing.

"The change goes in line with the change in the date of the 29th round games where all teams will now play on June 6, 2023."

The statement added: "The board is aware that the clubs started preparing for the games based on the previously announced dates and regretfully understands that these changes may affect the preparations in one way or another.

"However, the Board would like to inform the public that it has had to make these changes in the wider interest of the League and our football in general. The board wishes all clubs good preparation for the remaining games and all the best in completing the 2022/2023 season."

The league campaign is scheduled to end on June 9, with the curtain coming down on the campaign a week later with the Federation Cup final on June 7.

The new schedule automatically also shifts the promotion and relegation playoffs.

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